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## The Jehovah Complex

old grumble that The Daily Tar Heel does not reflect student opinion," like his predecessors, doesn't know what he's talking about. No one knows what "student opinion" is; and we defy even the students in the Di, who seem to' have a private wire from Heaven, to tell us what it is-on any issue. Listen to a conversation in the nurses' dorm, in Stacy or McIver, the Beta Theta Pi House, the Goody Shop, and around the greasy tables of the Pine Hoom and you might find a majority opinion, which would undoubtedly be momentary. But a majority opinion or a trend in opinion is not "student opinion." "Student opinion," alone, implies that the million fragments of thought always coagulate While this is not an infallable into a neat, tangible mass. That would be tragic if it happened; but it never will, short of force, because there will always be dissenters.

The students who rise in public meetings and presume to represent a wholesale "student opinion" belong to a potentially dangerous element. In the words of a favorite professor, they have a Jehovah Complex. They do not tolerate disagreement because they always feel right, and not just right but absolutely right. If they could have their way, we suspect they would herd the fragments of thought into a narrow stall, geld them of meaning, and codify them. Others would abide by the mass monolith they created of divergent opinion or suffer the consequences. quences.

The Daily Tar Heel and its editors, unlike the boys in the Upper Room, do not know what "student opinion" is. If we knew, it would make no difference. The editorial column of this or any other newspaper never has made, doesn't now, and never will-barring the interference of the campus absolutists-make an attempt at concensus. The newspaper will always act in what it feels to be the interests of the students and the Uni-, versity. But the editors' interpretation of those interests will be theirs and will never, as long as the newspaper has integrity and freedom, derive from anyone's-even the Dialectic Senate's-idea of "student opinion."

## **Carolina Front** The Di Senator who added his voice to the No Grid Coach Gets 'Fired' At Carolina Louis Kraar

SHOUTS IN the Kenan Stadium stands, after last week's football game, indicated that many students and alumni are som what less than satisfied with the present football coach.

The security of a football coach in a college today is directly proportional to the number of games his team wins. formula, UNC's current wonand-lost record portends gloomy things for Barclay.

Partisans in the Saturday spectacles clamor for new coaches (or scholarships or referees) everytime they lose a game. But few realize just how a new football coach is picked at the University.

TO BEGIN with, so the officials will tell you if you have enough brass to inquire, no one will ever "fire" coach Barclay. His contract will merely not be renewed.

This talk of renewing contracts is, to this reporter, so much gobbledy-gook. What chemistry professor has his contract renewed on the basis of successful research experiments, or what English professor holds h.s job on how many A students he turns out.

At any rate, just for the sake of furthering this discussion, let us suppose that the powers-thatbe (or would like to be) decide to terminate (err, I mean, not to renew) coach Barclay's contract. What would happen then?

These powers would make known their views to the Athletic Council and the Faculty Committee on Athletics. These two bodies, one of which even tolerates two students to sit in its midst, would recommend to



From The Yale News:



Conversation Piece Money Needed For Classics

## & The Library Bill Ragsdale

Charlie Henderson made a re-

mark last week, in a lecture de-

livered to a roomful of Classics

61 students, to the effect that if

the Classics Department had the

money to fill holes in the depart-

ment's book and periodical col-

lection in the library, we would

have one of the top schools for

Classics is a field in which Car-

classical study in the world.

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the Tar Heel m Before I wind on this matter to be quite clea at that recent me At the time I w cell endeavoriss soul with a higher I know about the debate in the

NOW THEN. First of all, Sena

in The Daily Tar

olina holds a comparitive advantage over every school in the South, due largely to the faculty, which is headed by Doctor B. L. Ulman, considered by many to be charged The Daily Tar Heel with a the world's foremost classical to public opinion." This is an inferen scholar. It would take relatively little to make our Classical Department equal to any in the world. We are on the brink of the best; this is what it would take to get it:

Thirty thousand dollars, with which the gaps in the periodical and book collections in the library could be filled, so that the men in the Classics here can continue and expand the research that brings them, and our school, to prominence. It is a difficult job to get hold of specialized Magazines and pamplets and other works that were published twenty years ago; to get them one must buy whole collections, trace through war-muddled circuits, advertize, corespond and haggle. It is a difficult business, but the fact is that it is necessary. Without the proper material at their disposal there is very little that the men in Murphy can do. This money is not to give us a material advantage over other schools in this department, but rather to put us on par with them. Our great advantage lies with the men; this columnist wants these men to have enough to work with, so that their abilities will not be wasted. It is research that makes the scholastic world go round, and research that keeps the Oldest State University gleaming in the eye of educators all over the country. Dr. Ullman summed up the situation in a letter:

What, may I ask Mr. Whitehead in public opinion? Kowtow slavishing Use it, perhaps, to brighten the nin newspaper about which or against cerned or directed? I suggest in that the latter is the most sensible question. What shall we do with To a newspaper, public opinion in the form of letters to the editor or talks in corners and over cups of collare printed in the Tar Heel in the ten, and the latter, while not are print, are, to my knowledge, taken tion by the editors. The fact that festations of public opinion do not "Tar Heel to its very roots is due quality of the opinion itself, or the the opinion does not represent a t opinions currently extant and it r enough to warrant its being utility minority.

NEXT INTO the bloody lists we the news story. Senator Moss, who he didn't think the editors reflected ions. This is saying much the s Whitehead said, and again raises How does one reflect student opin we are on the subject, perhaps it a ent to question whether or not a meant to 'reflect' opinion at all. newspaper's job is primarily to it seems to me that a newspape: intended to stimulate opinion amor To reflect opinion suggests to me phrasing of other people's though is not a paraphraser. The editor shapes the paper with his own thou suggests to the people how they may they agree with the editor; the peop selves on the basis of their agreem ment with the paper I wonder if Mr. Moss doesn't thin more sensible a newspaper policy gives him a chance to have his o all over the place so that it glares in

The Roundabout Papers

FRIDAY, NOVEMEN

## Just A Matter Of Coordination

The University, we have discovered of late, is a many-solutioned place. Even the most casual reading of vesterday's campus paper would have revealed the multitude of questions for which .... can "ind answers-just by attending ine right meetings.

Not able to attend the meetings ourselves, we sat and enthused vicariously over the written accounts. And here is what we found:

Mrs. Bessie Buchanan counseled dorm and sorority housemothers on what to do with coeds in "emergency situations." (Perhaps the coeds should have attended the meeting, too, as a preventive measure against possible "emergency situations.")

University Party politician Charlie Yarborough told his group of partisans to "keep any mean things that might be said about the opposing party" to themselves. ("We shudder to think of all the frustrated UP members during the campaign, as they smile about the campus harboring pent-up "mean things" about the opposition. They will no doubt be so neurotic by the campaign's close that it would have been more healthy for them to say the "mean things" and get them out of their systems.)

Then there was the ocular problem of Bob Cox, Dr. James E. King, and Lib Moore, who had to pick the most beautiful of many armfuls of coeds at the Yack contest last night.

We propose an end to this amazing lack of campus coordination. Here separate groups in the same University struggle with individual problems, neglecting to aid each other.

With proper coordination: Mrs. Buchanan would be telling University Party members about what to do with coeds in "emergency situations" when they are campaigning; Charlie Yarborough could orate to beauty contestants about the evils of saving "mean things" about their opponents; and Dr. King, Mr. Cox, and Miss Moore could pick the prettiest housemother and campus politician to rule jointly.



The official student publication of the Publiations Board of the University of North Carolina,



Chancellor House that the contract be ended, (that is, not be renewed, as they say in the bigtime athletic business).

Then Chancellor House-and only Chancellor House would have the full responsibility of deciding what to do. The Athletic Council (the group with two whole students on it) and the faculty committee act only in

an advisory capacity. SHOULD THE chancellor decide to fire, (err, I mean not renew the coach's contract), he would make his suggestions known to the Consolidated University President, who in turn would pass it on to the trustees, who would make the official

decision.

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At that time the Executive EVERY AREA

Committee made this statement. In nearly every area of study and action the intion belives that the 60-year- in the American culture the theories of such pragold tradition of seeking excel- matic philosophers as John Dewey have virtually lence in intercollegiate athletics revolutionized our conceptions of art, education,

sity integrity or ignoring the At Yale, the social sciences are perhaps most dictates of honesty or creating directly conditioned by the pragmatic thesis. During an unbalance in the use of in- the past fifty years, psychologists have continually stitutional resources can best be altered their theories from one extreme to another kept by administering and to meet the challenge of new experimental discovcontrolling athletics in the same eries-from the pure physical determination of the manner in which other depart- behaviorists to a degree of self-determination accordments are administered and con- ing to moral principles. The psychologists, the sociotrolled."

This bit of prose simply means that the chancellor-like in relations with other departments University's athletic setup.

asked Chancellor House what he thought about the present athletic siuation on campus, and he told me that he saw "no particular crisis' at this time in this field."

However, the weeks (and foot-

# In An Age Of Pragmatism

### **Ed Kent**

Sometime in the future when the historians have had sufficient time to collate the mass of data currently being gathered, they will probably char-

acterize our present period with some descriptive phrase or another. To preguess the historians by a few decades we would like to nominate for the twentieth century the title, "The Age of Pragmatism.

Very briefly pragmatism denotes the philosophic school which derives principles and values from experience and tests them by their practi-

cal, coherent solution of problems. Pragmatism parallels closely the scientific method or common sense approach to problems and their solution. However, it differs from the traditional assumptions of science in that it accepts no final, universal natural laws; it rejects the necessity of the conception of an ordered universe. The pragmatists do not deny that the universe may, indeed, be ordered, but rather suggest that man cannot determine final laws on the basis of his present

This system of administering knowledge. Change, new scientific discoveries may University athletics is a rele- at any time revolutionize man's theories of knowtively new thing. The Execu- ledge. The best man can hope to do is to keep tive committee of the Board updating his theories and values in accordance of Trustees, on Jan. 1954, put with his discoveries in order to achieve the greatthe chancellor in full control est possible coherence in his theories, values, and of administering the athletic set- actions. Thus, pragmatism underlies our present tendency toward relative values.

"The University Administra- fluence of pragmatism may be noted. Particularly without compromising Univer- and even religion.

logists, the economists, and the political scientists,

all seek the general principles based on experience which will bst enable man to solve his problems (reduce conflicting tensions) and reproduce the controls and administrates the species. No principles are considered to be absolute, universal, or necessary; all are tested according to

> their pragmatic use in resolving the problems of experience. This decade we may believe in selfdetermination, free enterprise, democratic government. By 1970, new experience may have taught us that there is no self-determination, that planned government is more practical than free enterprise.

In the arts, we may note the same pragmatic

themes. "Form follows function" seems to be the

that communism is a more effective means of government than democracy. A few decades later addiball games) to come can bring tional experience may have caused the pendulum

system varies from that of continental nations in that it emphasizes social indoctrination, good citizenship, rather than theoretical knowledge.

Of all the absolutes, religion has suffered most seriously from the influence of pragmatism. The Book of Wob and Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac are impractical, irrelevant except for the existentialists. The Norman Vincent Peale "positive thinking" approach relates religion to "what works in practice." Religion becomes a set of ideals to be employed relative to their practical success. If religion works for you, you've got it: the use of Christian principales in business is good business.

Moral values, the integrity of the individual as well; tend to become relative to practical success. An article in Fortune magazine recently suggested that college graduates are "yes men." they are unwilling to commit themselves to intellectual positions. They would rather wait and see what events, experience, will give in the way of answers. If the majority of the people say it is right, then it must be so because they are basing their judgments on experience. END RESULT

The end result of pragmatism, then, seems to be that no one wants to commit himself very definitely either on matters of factor of opinion As the old New England weather proverb, "if you don't like it, wait a minute, its sure to change," so applies the pragmatic principle: Don't take a stand on issues, new data may prove you wrong.

Obviously pragmatism is valuable in that it criticizes shallow beliefs, forces the individual to test his principles and values against experience. No one would deny that experience is a valid factor in determining our values, solutions to problems, our philosophy of life. However, at least in our present stage of development, this challenge against inadequate values and principles has overwhelmingly undermined the certainty of any and all values. It is little wonder that Riesman describes our present society as the "other directed." How can anyone take a stand on the basis of principles, when all principles are open to doubt?

The most crushing criticism that can be leveled against a thinker today is that he is "idealistic." The implication of this adjective is that the individual criticized is somehow out of touch with the facts, that his position is, therefore, irrelevant for the solution of "practical problems. However, this condemnation of ideals carries with it the denial of man's freedom. If man can only be guided by "the facts" how can he be other than a physically determined creature; the slave of the facts rather than their master?

### MUST IMPOSE IDEALS

stand.

We would suggest that although man must test his ideals against the facts, if he is to escape physical determination, he must also impose his ideals, then they should receive the ues, principles upon the circumstances, Perhaps the idealist is fighting a lost cause, perhaps it is impossible for him to impose his ideals upon the stubborn, brute facts. In the areas of science, we certainly would not ask him to impose irrelevant ideals. However, in the realm of moral values, we would suggest he does have the freedom and opportunity to impose values upon the factual situation. Even the pragmatist suggests ideals, that man adapts himself to circumstances in order to achieve the greatest possible happiness and the reproduction of species. Thus, we would support the idealist who attempts to impose moral values upon experience politics, economics, education. Perhaps we may not agree with his ideals, religious, humanistic, communist, fascist, but at least he has grasped man's only possible source of freedom-he has taken a

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"The high esteem in which the Department is held the country over justifies demand for a comparable library situation. We are regarded as the top department of Classics in the South. The demand for our Ph.D.'s from Vermont to Washington, from Wisconsin to Texas, shows that we rank with the best institutions anywhere, but our library facilities, good as they are, do not match those of the institutions with which we are classed."

This situation of "almost" not, clearly, the fault of the library, whilh has been very generous to the needs of the Classics Department; the fault lies with the legislature in Raleigh, which cut twenty-five thousand dollars from the library's budget on the last appropriation. All of that money wouldn't have gone to Classical research, but a part of it would have, and the rest of it would have gone other places where it is also acutely needed. perhaps the English or Philoso-

phy departments of the library, or maybe to buy more of the reserve books everyone seems to need at the same time. North Carolina is a sort of cul-

tural desert in which Carolina and Duke form oases. The two Universities have an

enormous obligation and we can not sustain our part of it with measly appropriations. If the biggest thing in North Carolina is the people of North Carolina

SENATOR SHAW has a go at it two has been misquoted and slandered. shame because his life will undou affected by such slander. Don't get don't think slander is admirable at a has been slandered and misquo nice to have some examples cited so ter can be corrected and the proper ! Of course it might be pertinent to Shaw can't have been slandered by slander is verbal only. Mr. Shaw The Daily Tar Heel has blased is as two-faced a remark as I've time, considering the fact that opinions of The Daily Tar Heel H result of his having been slandered l Mr. Shaw finally makes a stab at that gag about the Tar Heel only PF that fits. This is original. I have a before anywhere at anytime

"THE EDITORS think of themsel protectors of justice," says Senal would, I feel sure, be contested by even if it weren't, what editor does tain amount of galling self-right his veins? Ever been an editor. Mr. you have can you honestly say that . any time leapt on your typwriter righteously?

And as for this business of the staff members," I can find nothing which to reply to this staggering jui the loudest and most uncouth of ga evidently wants more columnists wa editors, because the present co brainwashed into line with the thinking. May I suggst to Mr. Relo write a column himself, since he a with the editors to just about as mild as any right-thinking dissenter could (b) refer to the issues of the Tar He weeks ago which concerned

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present password in architecture. In literature, the And then there's that professor new critics judge literary works according to coin the Chemistry Department, or herent metaphysical or metaphorical ideals. If these maybe it was physics, who has principles fail to apply to 18th and 19th century yet to perform a successful re- literature, they may well swing back to an emperisearch experiment. I also have cal evaluation of certain literary periods. We may the facts on an English prof. who even see the revival of moral criticism in literature, turned out only one or two A its evaluation as a moral influence on society.

students last semester. Particularly in education there is an ever in-But that was in the classroom, creasing emphasis on "learning by doing." At Yale not on the playing field. And Directed Studies sociology projects and extracurricuthe classroom is a different type lar activities provide the experience from which place in the University. ideas, theories, are derived. Our whole educational

best, and the best is the highest question of freedom of the press. Heel's being barred from the Pat quality of education available for meetings, and observe that the column any North Carolinian who wants self was writing at the time took the it. Whether we like it or not our ously to task for what I considered in state is poor, so we have no ly incorrect, interpretation of the right choice; ours must be the best of the press? University, in every way possible. Gordon Gray said it this way:

. ". . . The question today for North Carolina is no longer 'Can we afford to have this kind of university?" The question is indeed, 'Can we afford not to have such an institution'."

EXCEPT FOR another hysterical Mr. Shaw about the "second floor ham Memorial," this, according 10 in the Tar Heel, constituted the but rantings about the campus press. Now what they think. I wonder if they " follow up their condemnations will a tive suggestions? That seems to be only thing the whole argument lacks P

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