

The Ballad Of Barnum The Brute

By Carlos Copy

A bunch of boys were whooping it up,
In the Mercer U. Co-op.
The radio was sputtering out
The strains of "Freshman Hop"
The mail had just come.
There was laughter galore
The stove was a cherry bright red.
There were Eskimo Pies being
dropped on the floor
And all present had cut chapel dead.

The pre-meds were having a heated debate
O'er the harmful effects of white noise,
And the law studees were orating eloquently
On the participle criminis rule,
While off to one side, in a checker game,
Sat Terrible Barnum the Bot
And watching him over his shoulder stood
The lady that's known as Dot.

The siren announced the eleven-ten class
And the crowd began to thin.
'Twas a good thing they did
for after a while,
A strange looking studee came in.
The North Wind had reddened his nose and ears
(I could see he had come from afar)
And his voice was gruff and hearty enough
As he pounded his fist on the bar.

"Dopes for the house, and cheese crackers, too
And give me the check," cried he,
"And if anyone here doesn't like the idea
He'll have to answer to me!"

As he spoke a throbbing silence fell
And a co-ed came out of a trance
For everyone there knew that Barnum the Bot
Woudn't stand for such "damned arrogance."

The Terrible Barnum arose from his chair
And the checkerboard fell to the floor.
"Them's fightin' words, stranger," he growled thru his beard,
"But you'll take 'em all back. I feel shore".
The newcomer turned and saw Barnum the Bad
With his hand on the butt of his gun.
So he reached for his own, and I'm forced to confess
That 'twas all I could do not to run.

Then the lady that's known as Dot spoke up,
And her voice was far from mild:
"Now, see here, Barnum, you can't creak this guy.
He done it for me and the child!"

At this point I saw an opportunity to dash out the back door, so I didn't see the rest of the drama. However, I have it on good authority that there was a scuffle, in which Barnum the Brutal received a few minor injuries, and the stranger got beat up something awful.

(Author's note: As I didn't see the end of the affair, I didn't think it was worthy of putting in to rhyme. Sorry to disappoint you.)

President Hoover's spacious mansion overlooking the Stanford University Campus is for rent.

Seventy percent of the English speaking people of the world live on the North American continent, and the rest of them is the U.S.A.

Mercer's Fraternities

PI KAPPA PHI—founded at College of Charleston S. C. Dec. 10 1904 by Andrew Alexander Kroeg, Simon Fogarty, Lawrence Hary Mixson. No. Alpha Alpha established at chapters - 40 Members 5000. Alpha Alpha established at Mercer Feb. 6, 1923 by J. T. Ross, Jr., J. A. McClain, J. L. Buchanan, and N. L. Felder. House - 1223 Oglethorpe; Phone 5416.

Phi - Diamond black; a star, a lamp and a scroll bearing the Greek letters Pi Kappa Phi, all in gold.

Pledge Button - Diamond in white; across it a scroll in gold. Chapter Roll - Phil Etheridge, R. U. Harden, H. B. Gilbert, W. C. Askew, R. W. Courcy, R. E. Cole, E. O. Connell, J. B. Freeman, J. T. Cash, B. C. Teasley, F. O. Evans, J. E. Cox, J. L. Barnes.

THE FUNNEL

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de Valvert. As a work of art his letter could have stated his message in one of the following ways.

Ponderous: Sir, contempt of your inanity is beneath me.

Friendly: My dear fellow you should be more careful in public print.

Angrily: Square yourself to receive a lusty blow on the snout.

Remonstrative: Tak, tak. Really you should not write such things.

Professionally: Your knowledge of constitutional law is entirely inadequate.

But you merely said I was unsagacious. What a chance for witty repartee you missed.

Further, in the manner of Joseph Addison you might have said "All of my works serve as an incentive to small fry who make their livelihood be criticizing or emulating what I write."

To that I would have answered that I took Dean Swift as my example. Perhaps you remember that he would compose an article with a theme like unto that he was condemning but utterly preposterous. He would defend that article with all seriousness. Now if you could agree to use such terms, we should at least carry our debate to a higher plane.

In defense of my method of refuting the proposed constitution I will relate a little story with a moral.

"In olden days there lived a group of wise men in the city of Gotham. On hearing of an impending attack by a neighboring king they devised a strategic plan to avoid war.

A spy entered their midst, but they were ready to receive him. He glanced around and saw the people of the country do several peculiar acts. On observing a man trudging down the road with a door on his back he asked the reason.

The man replied thusly, "I was afraid thieves would break down my belongings while I was absent from home so I took the door with me."

Another time the spy saw a ring of people joining hands around a bush. He questioned them and they replied, "We have a bird in the bush, and we are preventing it from escaping."

"But don't you know it can fly out?"

"Oh, we never thought of that!"

The spy returned to his king and related what he saw. The king answered, "The men of Gotham are such fools that they are not worth fighting."

Moral: It is sometimes sagacious to be unsagacious in order to win your point.

In conclusion if the assumption that "reading maketh a full man" is true, Mr. T. Whorin said is both hungry and thirsty.

OPEN FORUM

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Evidence In Chapel

that Dr. Harrison could have used better tact and judgement. The speaker must have been embarrassed, and I know the students were.

What I would like to know is why one speaker is allowed unlimited time and another is cut short. I refer in particular to the Rev. Lake. The entire school was detained for nearly half an hour over limits. Personally, I think the student body would be benefited more from a discussion of the work of a juvenile court than to hear a mild paranoiac relate at length his intimacy with every one in Clifton from the President to the lowest brigand.

I can see very little difference in the actions of Dr. Harrison and that of the student body at a certain chapel session. Both halted the speaker in rather ungentlemanly ways when it was very evident that both wished for the speaker to stop.

A Student.

Dining Hall Manners

thought they belonged at the head of the line. It happens every day, and evidently the ones who do it have no intention of stopping.

Beside being a show of very poor manners, it is an evidence of little thought for others. If it were hi school boys who did such a thing it might be excusable, but college men have no alibi whatever. We are in college, supposedly to learn how to live, but if we go on acting like grammar school kids, what is the use of spending (our) hard earned money in college? We might just as well be out spending it for a good time somewhere else. A regard for the well-being of others is one of the first lessons one should learn. And if a fellow has not learned it by the time he is a junior or senior in college his chance for success in life are very slim indeed. Falling in line in the regular order at the cafeteria, instead of dashing to the front, will at least give one the outward appearance of having some home training.

Sincerely yours,
XYZ

The Constitution Again

of well over four hundred: The one thing that the framers of the constitution had in mind while writing the constitution, was--how can we best write a constitution that will answer the need of the great mass of the student body.

The first criticism implied by the noble editor was that the constitution was written only for the purpose of allowing a certain limited group to gain control of the administrative power of the student body. I wish to take this opportunity to brand that insinuation as a contemptible and unmitigated falsehood. You will note that the editor's observation is only an assertion unsupported by factual proof. It is a striking illustration of his cynical reaction to everything that is attempted which will enhance the welfare of the student body.

For lack of some criticism, the first portion of the constitution is characterized as childish. It ought to be sufficient if I remind you that two of the prerequisites to every constitution are that said constitution should have a preamble stating the reasons for and the purpose of such treatise and second that the constitution should enunciate the name of the organization which it purports to govern. Who has ever heard of a constitution that didn't have a preamble or which failed to name the organization to which it referred?

The portion of the bill of rights which gives the student the privileges of having matter pertaining to the personal interest and welfare of the student body printed in the Cluster is criticized on the score that such proposal would

necessitate the printing of any drive or twaddle, without reference to cost and that such practice would require assessment from the student body. The criticism from the editor is not deserved. It will be remembered that the matter is to be published only if it relates to the personal interest of the writer and the welfare of the student body. Can it be said that the drive and twaddle of every student would be of interest to an intelligent student body or for their welfare? Certainly, there would be no place for such nonsense under a common sense interpretation. Let us suppose for a moment that some one did want to publish something that was uninteresting in the Cluster. Should not be enjoy the privilege of having such matter published, if the Cluster staff be content to allow the publication of such unsagacious rabble as that written by one alias Ted E. Baer? In reference to the cost, I would remind the editor that the students are already making contribution in a financial way to the support of the Cluster. Does not the Cluster receive its pro rata of the Student Activity fee assessed at the beginning of each term?

Clause B of Article 4, Section 1, does not, as the author suggests, mean the abolition of the Student Tribunal. He appeals to your love for precedent in opposing the change. In the first place, it will be admitted without hesitation that the Student Tribunal in the past has been for the most part a failure. It was the purpose of the framers of the constitution, to bring about a change in the machinery of the court in an effort to get more efficient results, and forget for a moment the miserable failure of the past.

The rest of the criticisms made are just as foolish as those hereinbefore referred to and could be easily refuted. I have taken the first few merely as examples. I do not deem the residue worthy of serious consideration.

I can guess only three reasons for this biased critique, which contains so many unjustified assertions. First, make the editor is griped because he was not appointed by the president to draw up the provision of the constitution. Second, it may be that the criticism is a retaliation of well deserved criticism that I made about the Cluster in my presentation of the constitution. Third, is it possible that the editor has a grudge against the framers of the Constitution?

In closing I would like to suggest and recommend to the president of the student body that a committee be appointed to investigate the affairs of the Cluster and find out why it is that we may not have a Cluster more often than once every six weeks. If the present personal of the Cluster represent efficiency, then deliver me from efficiency. In short, I think the members of the student body are entitled to an explanation and upon failure of a satisfactory explanation that a new board be elected to edit the Cluster.

Sincerely,
Charles M. Cox.

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less intolerable - that is if you win the pot.

—M—

Four hundred gallons of water and thirty-four sacks of lime were used to whitewash a huge 'M' cut in a rock cliff at the Montana College of Agriculture. Could this have been a gesture to whitewash themselves of the charge of subsidizing?


—M—

"Cigarettes are Coffin Nails for Co-eds," reads a headline in the Boston University News. The story appearing under this heading carried an account of a lecture advising co-eds of the evils of the tobacco habit. Tut, Tut.

Imported farm assistant: "There was a mouse in that bucket of milk."
Farmer: "Did you take it out?"
Assistant: "No, sir; but I put the cat in."—Goblin.

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