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There is no antagonism existing between the faculty and the students of the University. We see very little of "faculty government" at Carolina, and in addition, all the members of the faculty are friendly in their contact with the students—some of them are quite cordial—as a result, there is no general friction between students and teachers. at the same time, there is very little intimate connection or relationship between the faculty and students. The faculty is not an object of hatred, but most certainly it is not a body whose members are close personal friends, even acquaintances, to the average undergraduate. A very few students come here, become intimate friends with some members of the faculty, and receive the stimulus that comes from association with men of wider reading, deeper understanding and kinder sympathies. But the majority of the undergraduates here never know their teachers save in the class room. About four hundred of the five hundred academic students never know a teacher save as Dr. So and So. And about four hundred of us never make any effort to know the members of the faculty.

A good many reasons cause this lack of intimate relation between teacher and student here. Quite a number of the faculty are frat men, and naturally the frat men in college have an easier access to the professor than the non-frat men. After all, however, this is no real barrier. The men in the faculty are too broad-minded to bar the friendship of any decent undergraduate—if they aren't, they are not fit to be here. This reason, then, although it may be potent to some oversensitive students, is unimportant. The fear of being charged with "booting" is a more important reason. Most serious of all, however, is the undergraduate indifference. Not because they are not welcome at the homes of faculty members, not because they fear to go to the homes, but because they don't know and don't care, is the reason why the majority of the students have so little to do with the faculty. The students are indifferent to their opportunities.

This is possibly the penalty we must pay for the University's growth. It is because the University is growing too large for

the students to have many ways of meeting professors other than in the class-room, that the students do not push their rather formal acquaintance. Many students feel that the class-room is a place where professor and students meet for business purposes, that when the class is over, the relation between professor and students ceases. Besides this, life at the University is much too diversified for the student to know until too late what he is missing in his lack of faculty friendship. The students simply do not know the members of the faculty. Not until their sophomore year do they know even by name more than one half of the faculty. The daily chapel hour, the hour at which all undergraduates meet together as one body, is one of the best possible means of letting a student see and learn to know the members of the faculty. The daily talks made at chapel are a splendid means of introducing the members of the faculty, especially to the freshmen and sophomores. Students see that the professors are something more than beings loaded with book-lore.

Chapel often becomes dull and uninteresting to the wise men in the junior and senior classes. But even for us it becomes a pleasure when different members of the faculty take enough interest in us to make short talks on topics of the day. It does even an all wise senior good to have his intellectual curiosity aroused by these talks, and to feel that the friendship of the professors is after all more or less worth while.

The year is drawing to a close. To the members of the faculty who have taken enough interest in us to make chapel interesting and profitable, the undergraduates are most grateful.

Another intercollegiate association has entered the field. The initial impetus, indispensable to anything new, came from the other Carolina to the south of us—the University of South Carolina. The name of this proposed intercollegiate affair is the Southern College Press Association. Charter membership is limited to the South Atlantic States, as is nothing but just in consideration of the added pinch of prestige enjoyed by we ancient and honorable originals. Later, the whole South will be embraced.

The Committee on Formation, composed of Messrs. Broadus Mitchell and Sam Latimer, Jr., is sure some live committee. Not to be outdone by our Virginia rival to the north, we have come into the association, and stacked on the shelf the bales of typewritten matter received giving us reasons why we should come in. We felt our way cautiously, however, before committing ourselves, feeling that just as North Carolina came along about last in entering the Union and later the Confederacy, and was also last at Appomattox, the Tar Heels could afford to be last to join the proposed intercollegiate association.

The only excuse for an intercollegiate press association, as for any organization whatever, is a definite purpose in view. We do not believe in organizing merely to join something. But we believe the Southern College Press Association has a definite purpose in view. Such an association is coming sooner or later, with the expansion of Southern universities and colleges. It is to the other Carolina's credit that she has taken the lead. As in the old days of secession, they are starters in South Carolina.

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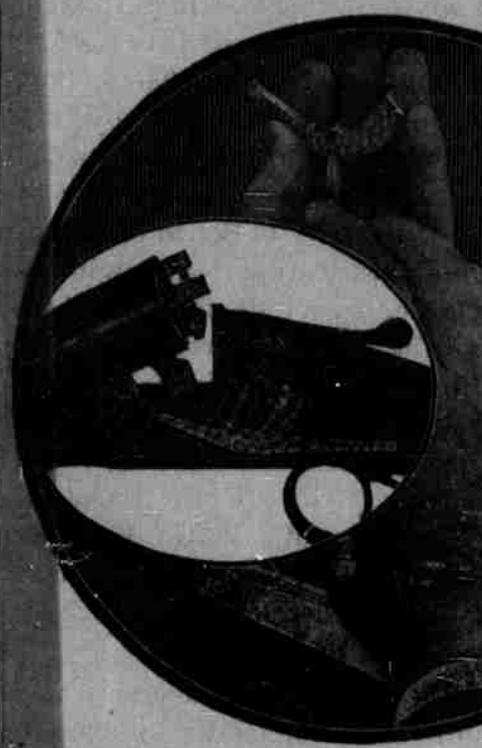
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