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THE SENIORS AND THE LOYALTY FUND

The Alumni Loyalty Fund, as outlined in the November Alumni Review, after having met with hearty approval from the alumni, has, in turn, been endorsed by the trustees. The plan is, by this time, familiar to most of the students. The purpose is to establish a fund "separate from all other University funds," to be supported by gifts from the alumni, both great and small, and to be "administered by a group of alumni trustees, appointed by the President."

The proposed fund was clearly treated by President Graham in his recent report.

"It is fully recognized that the University is a State institution, of and for the State, and that the support of the State, and that alone, can make it adequate to the rapidly growing demands of the State. The alumni fund proposed would always be auxiliary to this State support, and proportionately small; but there are many things that might be added to the beauty and usefulness of the institution that never will be added from the State funds, and there are now thousands of loyal sons of the University, and there will be thousands more in the years to come, who will delight to contribute to its upbuilding, and who will be better University men for contributing. These men do not contribute because they haven't a sufficient sum to contribute in the large way necessary to make an individual contribution count. They cannot give fifty thousand dollars, nor five thousand dollars; but they would eagerly grasp the opportunity to give five dollars, or fifty dollars, or a hundred dollars a year."

The discussion of gifts is timely not only because the devising of this plan has brought the subject to the attention of the campus. Anyway, it would be a timely matter for the consideration of the Senior class. The question has already expressed

itself: What shall the class give the University?

"Classes with efficient class organizations can continue, as they do at present, to contribute directly to their class funds; and the classes can continue, as in the past, to vote their gifts to purposes as they choose, but they may, if they choose, vote to add their class fund to the alumni fund."

The suggestion is worthy of consideration. At Vanderbilt there is a Ten Dollars a Year Club composed of one hundred members of the Senior class. Each member has promised to contribute ten dollars a year for ten years, the entire amount to be turned over to Vanderbilt University.

We do not, necessarily, advocate such liberal donations. A much smaller sum would be of vast service to the University. If, as was suggested at a class smoker last fall, each member of the Senior class should agree to give two dollars his first year out of college, three dollars his second, and five dollars his third, the class would have no small sum to give the University at its five year reunion. The present Senior class would have the privilege of being the first class to endorse the loyalty fund and the first to subscribe to it.

TRACK TROUBLES

The Manager of the track team states that there is a shortage in the number of track candidates this year, particularly among the freshmen. Ordinarily this is to be deplored, but this year, when we have a schedule of some difficulty, it is particularly to be regretted. But regretting is not a specific for the trouble, insists the manager. Interest, alone, is the remedy,—interest which expresses itself in action.

Every afternoon practice is held on the track. Every student in college, particularly freshmen, is urged to come out. Captain Patterson will welcome any one desiring a position with his decollete squad.

THE UNIVERSITY MILITARIZED

Capt. John A. Parker is a Charlotte member of the board of trustees of the University and by reason of his long-time interest in military affairs, his views are of interest. When seen by an Observer representative yesterday Mr. Parker expressed himself freely, declaring that as yet he had not come to any conclusion on the subject, in so far as it related to the University nor would he, until he had studied the proposition more fully.

"As a general proposition," remarked Captain Parker, "I am doubtful as to the value of a military department as an adjunct to any large university or college where the literary feature predominates in the curriculum. From the standpoint of the individual student, I don't see how any great results can be achieved for only three hours a week can be taught and that limited effort where the student has other studies that take up four-fifths of five-sixths of his time and energy can do much. The average soph-



omore or junior can learn drilling in close formation with reasonable proficiency in 15 days and as for the study of war problems, tactics, etc., that requires a world of effort.

"The better plan, in my estimation, from the standpoint of the Government, is that of 30-day training camps, similar to the one in Asheville two summers ago, where college men, other than those from military schools, can be given intensive training in all military matters. They can get it for 15 hours a day for 30 days and this to my mind was better than three hours a week for eight or nine months.—The Charlotte Observer.

Three cheers for the two men in college who all one's in the recent examinations, J. B. Linker, '18, and J. C. Eaton, '19.

DR. MOSS MAKES TALK

Discusses at Tuesday Y. M. C. A. Meeting Three Views of Life

"What is Life?" was the theme discussed by Mr. Moss to a group of students at the regular Tuesday evening meeting in Gerrard Hall.

He explained that there are three views of life from God. "The first, and one that looks mighty nice on the surface, is passive; we will call it Idealism. The idealist would take things easy; if it suited him to retire early and sleep late, that is the thing he would do, or if he found more pleasure in staying away from a lecture than attending it, then he would stay away. Being passive doesn't get a Christian very far."

"The second view is explained by the hundred and twenty-first Psalm: 'Behold! he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.' Here we have an example of the very active Christian, and we can call this Behaviorism. We have behaviorism in every thing that interests man. Look at the mountains, they seem active, look at the plains, they seem passive; we read passive and active poetry, some texts in the Bible are active, others are passive.

"The active Christian is all well and good, provided we don't act just for the acting, or because we think we have it to do; but rather let it be the outcome of a great spiritual power. And if it be from an innate desire to glorify God, then we have the third and real view of life exemplified through the source, Jesus Christ. Then let us by reading good biography, especially the New Testament, keep ourselves linked to the source."

Dr. Booker Away Next Year

Dr. J. M. Booker has secured a leave of absence for the coming year in order to devote especial study to contemporary literature. If political conditions in Europe permit, he hopes to spend some time both in England and France,

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