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CONCERNING MUD

A two-day rain in most places is a blessing, but in Chapel Hill it means mud and misery. The gentle rain falleth steadily and the campus is converted into a great swamp, dotted here and there with a few lakes. Mud is rather hard on newly polished shoes, long skirts, and frail constitutions, and is not pretty to look at.

We don't know enough about Engineering, Geology, or whatever the situation calls for to suggest a plan for a mudless campus, but we are confident the University could provide a drainage system. If money is to be spent for campus beautiful purposes, a slice of it could well be spent in eliminating an ugly nuisance. At present there is a healthy, young lake near Murphey building, the result of a two day rain. If something isn't done to drain this lake, some day an unfortunate student will slip from the board walk and be drowned. With continued rain, the board walk will break up into a number of rafts, float away, and Murphey building will be isolated. If a drainage system is impossible, we demand a bridge.

CAPTAIN MATTHEWS

In the final fade-out of the football season, Pierce Matthews, of Asheville, was entrusted with the leadership of the 1924 football team. His election by the men who have played with him and have come to know his qualities for the captaincy is the best recommendation he can receive. Under the Fetzer brothers he has developed into an aggressive, slashing tackle with a thorough knowledge of the fundamentals of football. Not a heavy man for a lineman, he has more than held his own against bullier opponents by his speed, grit, and headwork. Especially this season has his work stood out prominently, and has attracted the attention of leading sport writers in the state who unanimously chose him for the all-state team.

When all is said and done, there is no office on the campus so envied and respected as the captaincy of the football team. Phi Beta Kappa students, class presidents, student body presidents, and editors of the publications, if given the opportunity to swap places with the football leader, would undoubtedly accept. We'll wag-

er that even many methodical and pedantic professors would sacrifice their knowledge and position for the glory and physical development that the football captain possesses. Football captains are not perfect—often they are weak on grey matter, poor church members, and of erratic temperament, but they are bound to possess the three qualities most admired by men—strength, courage, and leadership ability.

Matthews has fought his way up persistently for three years, and has won his position through merit. With the wealth of material available for next year, he should be the strong leader of a strong team.

SHERWOOD EDDY DR. SHEPHERD

The University is rarely favored with two prominent speakers in one week, both outstanding men in their particular fields. Sherwood Eddy and Dr. Shepherd present a striking contrast in appearance, delivery, and the messages they bring here. The former is a dynamic, forceful orator, who sweeps his audience with his eloquence and passionate appeal. He is a practical idealist, presenting a gripping picture of the chaos in Europe and Asia, urging rich America to assume the moral leadership in the international problems by joining the League of Nations.

Dr. Shepherd is the true scholar, calm, precise, a master of his subject due to his years of research and study, with an easy, impressive delivery and a delightful dry humor. His speech brought to light conditions in that part of the globe Mr. Eddy left out—South America. In discussing a union of nations, he pointed to the results of the recent war, and stated that such a union is "too nebulous for discussion."

Both men, however, hit upon the same theme, approaching it from different angles—that the United States, the most powerful of nations, is satisfied with its own power, and does not want to become involved in entanglements that might lessen its strength. Mr. Eddy and Dr. Shepherd brought surprising facts in their individual way to the students, facts that promote thought, and that made them realize that there is something going on beyond the little world of Chapel Hill.

CHARLOTTE-SANFORD MEET

The final high school football championship game will be played on Emerson field Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock between Sanford, eastern champions, and Charlotte, western champions. There will be an admission charge of fifty cents.

One stand will be given over to Sanford supporters and the other to Charlotte rooters. The Sanford team has played consistent football throughout the season and has won all of its games on hard hitting straight football. Charlotte has piled up unusual scores and evidently has one of her old time championship teams. One of the coincidents of the series is that last year's champions were both defeated in the semi-final games. If Charlotte wins the championship tomorrow, this will be third time that they have won it, besides being western champions in 1915.

Out of the nine contests held in previous years, six state championships have gone to eastern teams and three to western.

When the series were started in 1913, Raleigh High school won the championship, defeating Wilmington and Washington in a triangular series. Raleigh repeated in 1924 and took the final game from Asheville, western champions. Raleigh won the championship for the third time in 1915 when they beat Charlotte, western champions. In 1916, Charlotte won the state championship for the first time, defeating Chapel Hill in the final game. For the second time, Charlotte won the championship in 1917 by licking Chapel Hill again. Due to world war conditions, there was no series in 1918. Chapel Hill won the championship twice in succession as soon as the series was resumed, taking the honors from Greensboro in 1919, and from Monroe in 1920. Fayetteville won out in 1921, defeating Winston-Salem, western champions. Asheville high school beat New Bern in 1922 and clinched the championship. In the game Saturday Billy Gooch will act as referee, Blount as umpire, Pritchard as head linesman, and Lawson as timekeeper.

By virtue of her victory over Davidson and the resulting clear-cut claim to the State Championship, Carolina receives the silver football trophy awarded by the Schiffman Jewelry Company to the State Collegiate Champions. The ball has been on display in Pritchard-Patterson's window for the past several weeks and has attracted much attention on account of its beauty.

MASS ATHLETIC PROGRAM PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

Intra Mural Athletic Committee Pleased by Interest Taken by Students

WILL CONTINUE PROGRAM

The Intra Mural Athletic Committee has had success this quarter in all that it has undertaken, and in view of the significant results it will have basketball, soccer, and boxing and wrestling leagues, during the next quarter.

During the fall quarter the Intra Mural Athletic Committee had the cross-country run on November 3 as its first event. The "run and eat" proved a great success, and much interest was aroused in it, the one hundred cakes being not among the least of the factors tending toward creating interest in it. In the meantime, however, the tag football league has been going on and will continue until a date in December. The games have developed quite a rivalry among the various teams; and although Grimes dormitory has not lost a game, it has been in nowise yet definitely decided who will get the handsome silver loving cup offered by the Book Exchange to the team that has the highest percent at the end of the series. The championship game of the pushball series that was played between halves of the Virginia-Carolina game, and which resulted in a tie, will be played off to decide whether Ruffin or the New Dorms gets the attractive silver loving cup offered by the Laundry Department to the winner.

The Order of the Grail is offering a silver loving cup to the

group winning the basketball series. Trophies will also be awarded to the dorms winning the soccer series and the boxing and wrestling series. The points determining the highest individual scorer in all intra mural athletics or the year will be kept in order to determine who shall win the sweater offered by Pritchard-Patterson Co. to the highest scorer.

About one hundred forty men ran in the cross-country. There have been six games a week in tag football. Due to the various changes in the personnel of the teams it is estimated that at least two hundred and fifty men have taken part in tag football. There have been ten teams in the pushball series, so that something like two hundred or two hundred and twenty-five men have taken part in pushball. This makes a total of somewhere around five hundred, counting out all the second counts of men who took part in more than one series, and who have taken part in intra mural athletics during this quarter. It is thought that an even larger number will take part next quarter, due to the absence of so many other activities.

In order to retain the trophy permanently, it is necessary that a college win it three times, although not necessarily in succession. This is the first trophy ever awarded in North Carolina for the collegiate football champions.

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