

Knight Attacks Graduate Practices

NASHVILLE, TENN., July 26—Recent years have witnessed a marked increase in "so-called graduate work by institutions not qualified to give it," Dr. Edgar W. Knight, Kenan professor of the history of education in the University of North Carolina, asserted in an address here last night.

Speaking before the faculty and students of George Peabody College for Teachers, Dr. Knight declared that the "increasing tendency to fill positions in the public schools with degrees rather than with well educated and cultivated men and women is a serious threat to public education in this country.

"So long as free enterprise and competition and laissez-faire are allowed to go unchecked in education, the public schools cannot hope for protection against non-standard academic degrees, from which the people should be protected just as they are from impure foods and dangerous drugs," declared Dr. Knight, who was introduced by President Henry Hill of Peabody College. He said that "a thorough examination of the condi-

tions in graduate work is long overdue," and he praised the efforts of a committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, of which Dean W. W. Pierson of the Graduate School of the University of North Carolina is chairman, "which is trying to bring some order out of the obvious chaos in graduate work in the Southern states.

"The famous Flexner study of medical education in the early part of this century worked healthy reforms in that field by turning the searchlight on and driving out spurious practices," he said. "Studies of legal and engineering education brought about reforms. There is hope in the work of a committee on graduate instruction, set up by the Southern Association.

"Feverish promotional ambitions of teacher-educational institutions, which are generally in keen competition for students, and the close relationship between advanced degrees and increase in salaries for teachers help to explain this extraordinary phenomenon. But a disturbing result of this activity is that holders of

good degrees in professional education from reputable institutions are more and more confused with holders of less reputable degrees. Gresham's law in economics, that bad money drives out good money and that the worst form of currency forces all other kinds of currency from circulation, is a rule that can operate as viciously in the educational as in the economic world," he said.

The possession of a master's degree, for example, Dr. Knight said, "has rapidly become a requirement primarily for increased salaries of teachers and managers of the public schools, but the source of this degree is not always a serious concern to those who give it or to those who get it or to those who engage its holders for work in the schools. Nor is the content of the degree inquired into by those who give it, get it, or by employers. The mere possession of the degree of whatever kind is sufficient to command an increased salary, whether the degree is had from a member of

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His successor, Captain John S. Keating, USN, has already arrived in Chapel Hill and assumed his new duties. He comes here from the Great Lakes (Ill.) Naval Training Station where he has served as commander for the last three years.

Captain Cooper will go to the Naval Base at Coronado, Calif., where he will report to the commander, Amphibious Training Command, Pacific Fleet. He is scheduled to assume a sea command of the amphibious force upon completion of this temporary duty.

Captain Keating, native of Woburn, Mass., was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1923, and in 1930 received a master of science degree in Marine Engineering from Columbia University.

During World War II, he commanded the destroyer, Nicholson, the Fleet Sonar School at Key West, and Destroyer Squadron 17. In 1945 he commanded the destroyer squadron which escorted President Roosevelt to Yalta and was then designated to transport King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia to meet the President at a port in the Suez Canal.

From 1945 to 1947 he was charged with training and organizing the new Chinese Nationalist Navy at Tsingtao, China.

In 1947 he commanded the light cruiser Manchester and in 1948 was ordered as Commander, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Captain Keating is married to the former Miss Anne Burns of Waterbury, Conn., and they have

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Medical Center Plans Progressing

N.C. College Will Expand Grad School

Trustees of the University and North Carolina College for Negroes have agreed to support a plan for the Durham school to give graduate courses leading to the degree of Ph.D. in education.

The two boards will join in asking the State to make the necessary appropriations for the proposed expansion at N. C. College.

The agreement is the result of several weeks of study by committees from the two boards of trustees.

If the plan goes through, the Durham college will be the only Negro institution in the nation conferring the Ph.D. degree.

The agreement provides that the trustees of the two institutions will ask, from the Council of State, an emergency appropriation of \$114,000 for the present fiscal year and \$157,000 for the next fiscal year.

Under the plan agreed upon, the N. C. College will be able to provide facilities and training for the large number of Negro students who otherwise would be obliged to seek their Ph.D. degrees at out-of-state institutions or at the University here.

(About 400 Negro students are presently taking courses in education in out-of-state institutions with the help of funds which the State supplies.)

In the N. C. College expansion plans the trustees feel that emphasis should be given to graduate work in education. In other fields, there exists now no "pressing demands" by North Carolina Negroes, but demands can be foreseen now in English, French, and history.

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Game Protectors Attending School

Fifteen successful applicants selected from a field of 90 would-be wildlife protectors are now undergoing a three weeks training course here under the direction of the Institute of Government.

The pre-service training program which is now being given is a part of the new policy of



DR. C. H. BURNETT

New Med Dept. To Be Headed By Dr. Burnett

Dr. Charles Hoyt Burnett, professor and chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine, Southwestern Medical School of the University of Texas, has accepted appointment as professor and head of the Department of Internal Medicine in the medical school here.

The announcement was made this week by President Gordon Gray and Chancellor Robert B. House.

Dr. and Mrs. Burnett and their two children will move to Chapel Hill next month, and he will assume his duties here at the opening of the fall term.

"This is one of the major appointments as we enter the initial stages of our four-year medical school," Dean W. Reece Berryhill and Dr. Henry T. Clark, Jr., administrator of the Division of Health Affairs, said in comment.

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Obstetrical Clinic Bids Asked For Today; Cost Estimated \$300,000

Plans for the University's new four-year medical school and teaching-hospital moved ahead this week with the announcement of several new construction projects for the Medical Center.

The University will open bids* for the construction of the obstetrical section of the new teaching hospital of the medical school here today. Cost of the construction is expected to be approximately \$300,000.

This section of the hospital will consist of the present third (top) floor of the Infirmary and a new fourth floor with corridor connections with the main hospital.

At a meeting in Raleigh last week, the Advisory Budget Commission, approved the construction of a south wing to the University medical school building at an estimated cost of \$350,000.

Contract for the wing at the north end of the building has already been let for \$325,000. The two wings will extend west from the present building toward the Pittsboro highway forming a court.

The contract for the dental school building, to be erected south of the medical school building with which it will be connected by a corridor, has been let for \$823,000.

The teaching hospital now under construction is expected to be completed and ready for opening by April 1 of next year, Dr. Robert R. Cadmus, director, stated recently.

If the present construction time-table is adhered to, the hospital will have been in operation for about six months when the medical school, which now provides only two years of training, begins to operate on the standard four-year basis in the fall of next year.

Work on the addition to Venable Hall, the chemistry building, has been slowed down because of difficulty in laying the foundations. Masses of rock have been encountered at some places on the site; at other places the contractor has run into the opposite kind of trouble—soft, spongy soil.

UNC Is Rated 2nd In Survey Of Colleges

The University ranks second to Johns Hopkins in the number of its liberal art departments selected as "among the best departments in the country," according to a rating survey made by 49 colleges and universities composing the Southern University Conference.

The results of the survey, which did not include professional or technological departments, were recently announced by Dean Logan Wilson of Tulane University at New Orleans. Dean Logan is chairman of the special conference committee which made the survey.

The survey covered the academic year of 1949-50 and the rating was based on graduate work, both research and creative.

Enrollment

Enrollment for the second term of summer school will be about 80 per cent of the 3,548 figure for the first six weeks, Dean Guy B. Phillips, director of the summer session, has estimated.

Several institutes and short courses are scheduled to begin this week as features of the second term program, he said. Among them are the Management Institute for Young Businessmen, an Institute in CPA Problems, the High School Radio Institute, and weekly institutes for public health nurses and house parents of child care agencies.