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Speaking the Public Mind On the Budget Question

If the sentiment expressed through the editorial columns of the more important newspapers of the state are at all indicative of public opinion in those sections of the state in which these journals are circulated, it is quite evident that the majority of citizens of North Carolina have the interest and welfare of the University and other state institutions truly at heart. On few occasions before has the state press been so outspoken in its praise of the work of higher education in North Carolina, or so condemning of the budget commission for advocating such pronounced reductions in education.

All of the liberal, progressive newspapers within the borders of this state, including among others the Greensboro Daily News, the Raleigh News and Observer, and the Raleigh Times, have eagerly upheld the position of the higher educational institutions. And only the Charlotte Observer, termed by Dabney in his book *Liberalism in the South* as the most conservative newspaper in the state, has failed to take up the cause of education.

Not only have the newspapers of this state diligently plead the cause of higher education in North Carolina, but some of the New York papers have voluntarily taken up the fight. Both the New York Times, and the New York Evening Post have come out with editorials emphasizing the place the University of North Carolina has made for itself in the educational circles of the nation, as well as the set-back it must undergo if the budget commission's proposed reduction goes into effect.

The nation's educators are watching with keen interest what action the Legislature will take, realizing the strong possibility of the University's losing her present prestige and standing in university circles if she receives this financial reduction.

Education in North Carolina will go through a grave crisis within the next two weeks, for in that time the Legislature will have taken its vote, and the fate of the state educational institutions will have been determined. The importance of the Legislature's action can not be too greatly emphasized. It calls for slow and deliberate consideration, tempered with unrestrained leniency.

American cows gave twelve percent more milk in 1932 than in 1918, according to the report of a governmental committee on social trends. Maybe the bovines haven't been told that overproduction is causing this depression.

Academic Conservatism at The Center of Liberalism

Any theory advocating the complete withdrawal of all restraint from around the college student would reveal a lack of reason and forethought on the part of its author, for college work is supposed to carry with it a certain amount of training, and training always presupposes the application of at least the rudimentary principles of discipline. It seems necessary that certain requirements and regulations be set up by which to evaluate the student, but the tendency in recent years has been to confine these regulations to a few basic ones, and to allow the student a large range of freedom in the matter of how he shall conform to the standards

set up. With regard to compulsory attendance upon class, several of the leading educational institutions of the country have found, by experiment, that this once indispensable requisite may be eliminated from the legal code of the college with, not only a great saving of time and labor to the instructor, but also without any appreciable decline in the standard of scholarship set by the student body as a whole.

The student who is interested in his, or her, work very seldom plays the part of a truant, under the system of optional attendance, and then only when the lecture is considered to be of little import to him. The sluggard, on the other hand, if not interested in the class discussion, will usually be led to attend by the pressure which examinations exert, and by the evil consequences resulting from failure to pass.

A system of optional attendance would preclude the necessity of calling the class roll, and would, thereby, add several minutes to the time granted for lectures, or open class discussions, and would render the class period much less formal, more enjoyable and less free from the "martyr" attitude so often displayed by the disinterested members of classes, as they are now constituted.—W.A.S.

With Contemporaries

The University of North Carolina

The Old North State has no greater, no more powerful and no more effective factor for the diffusion of knowledge, for the spread of light and truth, and for encouragement of a spirit of freedom, than the University of North Carolina. It is more than a pile of stone, brick and mortar. It is more than libraries, laboratories and classrooms. It is a vibrant, pulsating, living thing. It was chartered in the first year of George Washington's administration. It struggled along through the earlier days of the nation's trying life. It endured the vicissitudes of the war between the states. It lived—it carried on—through the hardships and perils of the reconstruction. During the last quarter of a century it has taken position in the front ranks among the oldest and the greatest universities in America. It is a factor that trains the minds and develops the characters of men and women who leave its portals by the hundreds every year equipped to take positions of leadership all over the state, in other states, in other nations, and in the far-flung outposts of civilization. Our forebears have left us no greater and no more noble heritage than the great seat of public education in the classic shades of the great trees in the picturesque village of Chapel Hill.

The University of North Carolina, like the other units of the state's educational system today, is facing the cross-roads. It must advance, or retreat. There is no standing still. What is the pleasure, what is the command of the people of North Carolina? Theirs is the last word: Is it "Fall back"? God forbid! It was not so at Alamance. It was not so at Gettysburg. It was not so at the Hindenburg line. It cannot, it will not be so in the capitol at Raleigh when the life of the University is the stake. The eyes of many states today are focused on North Carolina to see what she will do to keep the torch of education aloft in the present financial crisis. What is the verdict? Will America's oldest university be crippled, perhaps killed, for lack of financial support? Or will the command be "Advance!"—"Move up!"

The University finds itself threatened with a reduction of nearly one-half in the amount asked for next year, though that amount was less by twenty-two and one-half per cent than the legislative appropriation for 1929. The actual expenditure in 1928-29 was \$894,000, while that proposed by the budget commission for the ensuing year is \$390,000. This further cut would mean a 56 per cent reduction, a reduction that would deal a staggering, if not a mortal blow, to the University.

Unless there is speedy and heroic action, unless the legislature and the people come to the rescue, it must follow that North Carolina will blight, or kill, by neglect or through failure to support, an institution which has been more than a century in the making. It is hardly conceivable that North Carolinians, even in the present period of financial adversities and vicissitudes, will stand idly by and witness the wreck or the slow starvation of so vital a part of the state's organism as the University of North Carolina.—Greensboro Record.

A survey at the University of Oklahoma reveals that thirty men and thirty-four women at that institution claim they never swear. Evidently professors don't spring surprise quizzes at Oklahoma.

What we would like to know from Professor Piccard (who went so far in the air) is whether the clouds, viewed from the other side, showed any silver linings.—U. of S. C. Gamecock.

OUTSTANDING RADIO BROADCASTS

Wednesday, February 1, 1933

8:30 The Shadow, mystery drama. WEAf (NBC).
 9:30 Lombardo, Burns and Allen. WABC (CBS).
 10:30 The Human Side of the News—Edwin C. Hill. WABC (CBS).
 12:00 Ben Bernie's orchestra. WJZ (NBC).

Depression Is Socked On Chin

Playmakers Tour, And Davy Crockett Sets New Flight Record Across Stage.

By Marion Tatum and Foster Fitz-Simons.

Returning from a week-end of strenuous spreading of Playmaker doctrines in eastern North Carolina, our campus Thespians entered the home portals Sunday afternoon yelling triumphantly from the top of their red Carolina bus. The three days of their tour were marked by everything from frantic females to fateful safety pins; and the coastal plains rang with "Drinks, Davy Crockett!" liberally mixed with "Christ! I got ideas" The depression is officially buried; the Playmakers tour again.

Following the first performance before E. C. T. C.'s 1,000 girls the janitor and two policemen George Brown and Bob Novins held an "At Home" in their dressing room for 999 of the dear damsels (the 1000th had Red Rankin's back to the wall pleading for an autograph)

Item: Proff and Eugenia Rawls sold four copies of the *Carolina Folk Comedies* to the unsuspecting, between acts.

After sending out searching parties for George Brown and other searching parties for the searching parties the company proceeded to Wilmington to be wined, dined, and feted by the Thaliens in a really Charlestonian manner. Before the performance, they broke the ice and went wading in the s-sun k-kissed Carolina waters; afterwards they broke the ice and attended a Country Club formal in their much begrimed traveling clothes, plus shoulder corsages of gardenias courtesy of the Wilmington P.-T. A.

Item: Proff and Eugenia going strong sold eight books. Goldsboro was another revelation, with more and more southern hospitality. The high spot of the evening was when the tempermental safety pin, sole support of Davy Crockett's trousers, gave way in the midst of a violent political speech on the stage. From then on the action speeded up noticeably cut two-minutes fifty-three seconds off the former running time. Following the show, the Barrymores and Duses were

regaled with pretzels and cocolas in the lobby, and an informal dance, not in the lobby.
 Item: Total sale of Folk Plays brought up to twenty-one.

There was much hilarity in the theatrical chariot on the last lap home: Jo Orendorff and Bill Bonyon gone Hollywood in a touching love scene; Sam Selden singing sentimental ballads in Jo Orendorff's hat a performance which moved the gathering to such lengths that Harry Davis was forced to pass Betty Barnett's hat for contributions. So home came the conquerors, seasoned troupers, and oozing greasepaint and enthusiasm from every pore.

Item: Betty Barnett has sworn off cigars.

Item: Mr. Fitz-Simons is now writing the third chapter of his memoirs entitled, "Suspence or Suspenders."

Five Thousand Citizens Protest Budget Slash

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are not here for condemnation but for presentation . . . to lift and hold high the light of truth. If we cannot be constructive, we must not be destructive."

A group of seven designated speakers and a number of citizens arising from the floor echoed his sentiments and declared emphatically for a re-valuation of the essentials of government.

Graham Speaks

Dr. Graham, in characteristic manner, brought forth the case of higher education after Clyde Erwin, Rutherfordton, president of the North Carolina Teachers' Association and Colonel Sanford Martin, editor of the *Winston-Salem Journal*, had presented the case for general education.

Said Dr. Graham, in part: "We take our stand as North Carolinians, grimly aware of the conditions of the country, but endeavoring to share the facts with our governmental forces. The cut in salaries of our University faculty is already below their peers in business."

He pointed out the fifty-six per cent cut in University appropriations since 1929, revealing that in the face of a salary scale less than one-half of that offered elsewhere, sixty-one members of the faculty refused ninety offers totalling over one hundred thousand dollars.

"It is proposed," stated Dr. Graham, "that in 1934 all divisions of the Greater University will receive less than the appropriation realized by one branch in 1929." Standing with the secondary schools, he pointed out that the effect of the University cut is felt as directly on them as is the planned slash of their appropriations felt by the University.

Advocated Sales Tax

The most significant point of the afternoon's discussion came from Kemp Battle, a member of the class of 1909. His address advocated a sales tax in answer to the question of "Where will

the money come from?" He urged that the merchants of North Carolina who wield the weapons for defeating such a measure in the legislature release their representatives from an expression against such a measure and join with the citizenry in preserving the educational institutions of the state.

Also striking was another point. Admitting the qualities and public benefices of the State's Confederate Womens' Home, Caswell Training School, Sanatorium and similar institutions, he advocated that they be scrapped in preference to what appears to be the ultimate disbanding of the University faculty.

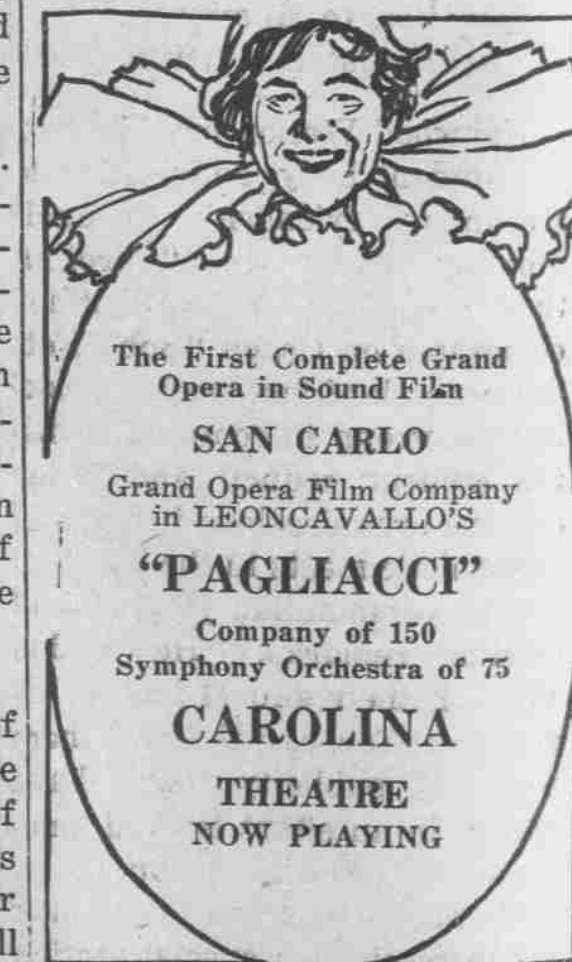
"It would be better to close the doors of these four than to cut the University . . . a blow beyond our capacity. For the proposed full professorial salary of \$170 a month, we cannot obtain the type of men who must lead the youth of our University If the faculty is disbanded we could not replace it in a generation. The University is the heart of the state."

Other speakers included Silas Lucas of Wilson, Mrs. J. M. Hoppgood and Mrs. McKee, former senator, whose eloquent and bombastic plea brought forth a thunder of applause. The floor was thrown open to a series of one-minute speeches from members of the assemblage who elicited numerous interesting angles of the educational question.

Tickets To Engineers' Dance Are Available

Invitations to the engineers' ball are not available to those students in the engineering school who have paid their dance fee. These tickets may be obtained from the secretaries of their respective societies.

The ball will be staged Friday night in the gymnasium, which will be decorated with a color scheme of black, white, and red. The decorations were designed and will be put up under the supervision of T. L. Timmons of the U. C. S. P. The engineers have secured Jelly Leftwich to furnish the music for the affair, which will last from 9:00 to 1:00 o'clock.



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