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Not Too Late

With the University's appropriations being constantly diminished, teachers forced to exist on mere pittances and the entire state in the throes of a great want it is the grossest sort of bad taste and wanton extravagance for the two upper classes to give a dance that calls for the enormous expenditure of \$1,600. Spending over a thousand dollars for an orchestra when there are several others available almost as good and willing to play for less than half that price is inexcusable. The possibility that members of the two classes who have already paid their assessments will be taxed further means that many will be unable to attend and that the dues they have already paid are lost to them entirely.

It is not the wish of the upper two classes that their dance be conducted in this way. Too many feel the pinch of the times and have too keen a sympathy for families and the state which are straining every effort to give them an education at untold sacrifice. There are many who rightly feel that such an outlay in the face of the student body's late attempt to prevent the legislature from further cutting us would put the University in a very bad light. Others would be glad to see a state orchestra patronized when there is such a need to keep our money within the state.

But the hundreds in the senior and junior classes are apparently helpless. Once the executive committees swing into the saddle they set about to gain for themselves the empty distinction of having thrown the "biggest and best" dance the school ever saw even though the worst of conditions stand in the way. For months the committees have been busy contacting for expensive orchestras and decorations with few being allowed to know until too late what they had done. Only when the possibility arose that the juniors and seniors were to be charged admission to their own dances did campus opinion become aroused, and probably action will result. The class executives have gone too far for even apathetic student opinion and it is not too late for the classes to take a real voice in the management of their own dances.

There is still time to procure a far more reasonable orchestra within the state and save some half a thousand dollars. There is still time to reduce the outlay for decorations and avoid the chance of additional expense to members of the two classes. There is still time to free the University from the apparent hypocrisy of crying for alms and expending huge and profligate sums on unneeded luxuries. There is still time to show the executive committees that there are limits to which their abuse of power and trust may go. Immediate action is demanded on the part of the upperclassmen and in this time of necessity and emergency they will not be found wanting.—J.F.A.

The Milk of Human Kindness

A system strongly reminiscent of the old English debtor prisons of the eighteenth century is in use now at the business office. The arrangement is as follows: if a student who has signed a note for his tuition, etc., does not pay his bill by May 1, a five dollar fine will be imposed upon him. In other words, because he is unable to pay, a student will have to pay five dollars more—a sort of practical application of "easing the forgotten man's burden," perhaps.

Thus the University continues its policy, glibly quoted in a bulletin sent to parents last year, of not allowing a single student to leave the University because of lack of funds.

No doubt the imposition of this fine has its good points. After all, if a student cannot meet his obligations precisely on time he should be punished, bank failures notwithstanding. But why only a five dollar fine and suspension? No sympathy should be shown these miscreants—line them up against a wall and shoot them if they can't pay their bills on time. This suggestion is tendered with all due deference and respect to our estimable business office.

In case this idea is not accepted, we suggest an alternative. Any student who declares himself unable to pay his bill by May 1 should be allowed an extension of time until no later than the final examination period. The first suggestion may solve the problem of temporarily insolvent students more completely, but the second despite, its good points, may be a trifle too simple and humane for intelligent consideration.—M.K.K.

Cheerleaders and Cheerers—Why Not Cheerers?

In the midst of the great show of interest and enthusiasm over the past elections, one man was elected unanimously. This was a rather strange event in an election which saw majorities as close as eleven votes. Either the new cheerleader was a man of such extra-ordinary ability as to discourage any competition, or the student body took such little interest in cheering that it offered no other candidate.

It takes but very little research to determine which of these is the truth. Fortunately the new cheerleader is a very able and conscientious one, but the real reason for the unanimity of his election was a lack of interest on the part of the students. Not one of more than two thousands students had enough interest to get out and oppose Hunt.

This is not the only incident which has portrayed the calm and serene attitude of the student body toward cheering. One has only to attend a football or basketball game to see other indications. The only real cheering that this writer has heard here recently was during the V. M. I. basketball game last January. A small group of V. M. I. students supported the Cadets so well that the students of this University were shamed into giving their team some very boisterous and noisy encouragement.

This nonchalant attitude is not entirely the fault of the students. The cheerleaders of recent years have done little but follow the old hum-drum methods of high school days. It is essential that the cheerleader devise novel and attractive ways of cheering. The greatest part of his work lies in making the students want to cheer. Originality and energy are a primary necessity.

It is up to the new set of cheerleaders to unlimber their heavy artillery and set to work on the problem. The students should and will give their support if a new and efficient program is offered. We have the students; we have the cheerleaders. There is no reason why the quality and quantity of Carolina cheering should not return to the standard of the days of Norman Boren, Scrubby Rives, and Kay Kyser. All that is necessary is a little cooperation.—N.A.T.

A Little Wheat With the Chaff

If any one were asked to describe briefly the conditions through which the world has passed, it is doubtful if a truer picture could be given than the three paragraphs quoted below:

"It is a gloomy moment in history. Not in many years—certainly not in a lifetime of most men who read this paper—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension. In our country there is a universal commercial prostration, and thousands of our fellow citizens have been turned out against the approaching year without employment.

"In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty. Russia hangs like a cloud dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe, while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more severely, in coping with the deadly Indian situation, and with the disturbed relations in China.

"Of our own troubles no man can see the end. If we are to lose money only, and thus by painful poverty to be taught wisdom, no man among us need seriously despair. Yet the very haste to be rich, which is the occasion of widespread calamity, has also tended to destroy the moral forces with which we are to resist and subdue calamity."

The remarkable thing about these paragraphs is that they were written seventy-five years ago! They appeared in *Harper's Weekly* for October 10, 1857.

Out of the bitter experiences of the last few years will and have come to those who deserve, a finer and richer life than they ever dreamed was possible. The only thing that most of us haven't as much of as ever is money, or its equivalent. In calculating our depleted resources we are prone to forget the many precious things we love and possess that money cannot buy. Too much money like too much liquor create a false sense of well-being, a deceptive feeling of security and ability. It makes us feel independent and inconsiderate of the rights of others.

Thanks to the depression Mr. Average Citizen has learned more about true neighborliness and the vital necessity of mutual happiness than he did when prosperity was at high tide. "I can take care of myself—let the other fellow take care of himself," has proven to be a treacherous dictum. He has learned the painful lesson that unless his neighbors prosper he can not long prosper.—L.M.J.

Membership in Phi Beta Kappa has been awarded to Harold M. Finley, who will graduate from the University of Chicago in June at the age of 17. Young Finley's work prompted President Walter D. Scott to experiment with students under average college age by the foundation of a class of prodigies this year.—*Temple University News (N.S.F.A.)*.

STUDENTS LEAVE FOR CONFERENCE

Seven Delegates From University to Attend Annual Y. M. Y. W. C. A. Congress.

Seven delegates from the University will leave this morning for the Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. students conference at Duke University today, Saturday and Sunday. Those who will attend are John Acee, Bill McKee, Russell Mickle, Jesse Greer, J. D. Winslow, Simmons Patterson, and B. S. Smith.

The theme for this year's conference will be "The Spiritual in Our Lives and its Application to the Work of the Association." The main speaker of the meeting is David R. Porter, executive secretary of the students division of the national council Y. M. C. A., who will address the group on three occasions, discussing "The Spiritual Adjustment and Growth in the Individual," "Spiritual Adjustment and Growth of the Group," and "The Wider Spiritual Implications of the Association Objectives."

One of the important subjects to be brought up at the business session will be the formation of a state Y.W.-Y.M.C.A. cabinet. Officers will be elected and all colleges represented will decide on the other colleges to be invited.

The officers of this year's conference are Bill McKee, president, Fannie House Scoggin, vice-president, Rosanelle Cash, secretary, and Sam Wiley, treasurer. The other members of the executive committee are A. V. Poe, Curtis Spence, Lucy Cherry Crisp, Mrs. Hazen Smith, E. S. King and Harry F. Comer.

Barrymores Battle In New Movie Drama

The most famous brothers on the screen staged one of the most spirited fight scenes ever filmed—and neither had so much as a scratch as a result of the encounter.

John and Lionel Barrymore, who appear with their sister Ethel in M-G-M's "Rasputin and the Empress," which is featured today at the Carolina theatre, figured in a knock-down and drag-out in a cellar, and even went through glass windows in this latest drama. The sequence is that leading up to the death of Rasputin in the dramatic picture of the fall of the Romanoffs in Russia.

John and Lionel, as Prince Chegodieff and Rasputin, both give superb characterizations,

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and Ethel, as Czarina, contributes her usual brilliant performance. The cast includes Ralph Morgan, Diana Wynyard, Tad Alexander, C. Henry Gordon and Edward Arnold.

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