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#### Tuesday, May 23, 1933

#### Education:

Yesterday and Today

R. D. McMillan, Jr...

In the days of medieval universities, a candidate for a degree was subjected to a thorough nearer to the subject, allowing them to take an testing of his knowledge by his professors. For active part in the class-room, yet guarding hours at a time he sat in the august presence of those learned men and submitted to a grilling. If satisfactory answers were forthcoming, the doctors recommended granting a degree to the candidate. During the past few years collegiate last longer than until the next exam period .educational methods have been returning to this method of testing a student's knowledge. The modern comprehensive examination is a descendant of this medieval institution.

It seems to be looked upon with great disfavor by many students who never think of correlating any of their knowledge until they are Antagonists brought face to face with these notorious exami- No Longer nations. Perhaps one of the greatest difficulties | A good many years have been necessary to in the modern educational system is this lack stamp out the "student versus the teacher" attiof correlation between different fields of knowl- tude in college, but the present unusual circumedge. It is only by taking a comprehensive view stances in which these individuals find themof the whole field that one is able to see the com-selves are accomplishing what otherwise might plete pattern of one's education. The student never have been changed. It is rather difficult who has taken each course of study simply as for the instructed and the instructing to be hosan entity has lost the true sense of educational tile to each other when both are fighting to keep values. It is the power to fit together the edu-themselves and the educational system on solid cational units that makes an education worth- ground. while in later life,

soon-to-be-graduated senior the opportunity of and secondary school days. The pre-college stutackling new problems which will bring into play dent takes for granted that his teacher will inall of his acquired knowledge covering a four- variably line up against him. In more ways than year period. This is the real test of his ability that of discipline, the student and teacher are to marshal facts, attack real problems. It is on opposite sides of a barrier that is not surthe test which shows his capacity for using his mounted despite daily contact between the two. university education to meet the coming prob- Growing up with such an idea, is it strange that lems of life.-L.M.J.

### Mussolini's

Plan

Il Duce's peace proposal has been ratified. The governments of Great Britain, France, Germany and Italy have announced their formal acceptance of his plan to keep the peace in Europe for a period of ten years. This pact is presumably the result of Prime Minister Mac-Donald's Italian visit of two months ago. During his stay at Rome, MacDonald conferred with Mussolini at great length upon the pressing problem of removing the ever-present fear of armed conflict (France being apparently the most fearful of the lot).

The treaty contains, among other things, the statement that revision of the Versailles Treaty is possible. This is an exceedingly interesting course, their jobs indirectly are based. The givpoint: it panders to the desires of Germany and ers cannot be accused of sacrificing for selfish ' Italy, and yet it is negative enough in implications to suit France and Great Britain. One is greatly if they chose not to aid the undergrad- Berkeley institution, it seems, struck once again by the alignment of opposing uates. national interests which is manifest in this newest of diplomatic brain children: Italy and Germany on the one hand, Britain and France on the other.

pose of guaranteeing that there shall be no war unceasing efforts of the same group. Their con- students hoped to lower the in Europe for a period of ten years. After that, tributions to funds for students have been gen- class average enough for them what? The psychological effect of such a pact erous and frequent, despite the cuts taken from to pass the course. is to place the interested parties in an attitude the salaries of a class that always has been similar to children made to toe a mark for a notoriously underpaid. definite period of time. At the expiration of the We shall not embarrass these often anonymous this definition of a kiss, offered allotted period there is an almost overwhelming givers by offering our profuse thanks for their by a Haverford student: "A tendency to "let go," to cut extraordinary capers. aid. We do offer them our lasting gratitude for kiss is a noun, though generally In the field of international politics the "cutting having made more students know that no longer used as an interjection. It is of capers" is not a harmless, childlike game. is there a basis for thinking it is still "student never declined; it is more com-Unless extremely vigorous action for world-wide versus the teacher."—Syracuse Daily Orange. disarmament is taken soon this new Ten Year pact will not only be a fruitless gesture but a hindrance to peace as well.—V.J.L.

grade "A" for a course at the end of the first Three hours of hard work pays a five dollar fine! four weeks do not have to continue the course We don't suppose the city officials have any great and get a five dollar refund on their tuition .- difficulty keeping the "hoose-gow" presentable! Connecticut College News (NSFA).

Educators. Not Teachers

The professor in a college should be an eduof the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill cator, not a teacher. He should be more pro-where it is printed daily except Mondays, and the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Holidays. En-tered as second class matter at the post office of Chapel be capable of and willing to deviate intelligently from his subject and discuss in an interesting manner things of value.

> The student pays money, much money, to buy text books from which he is supposed to learn the set and required work for a certain course. Business Manager He should not have to sit in class and hear the whole of it repeated. Should there be difficulty encountered it is only natural that the professor should explain it.

But it is the professor who does nothing but explain the studied subject, go over it and over it, talk constantly without heeding student comments that becomes boring and disliked by his Thompson, Donoh Hanks, Nelson Robbins, Phil Ham- pupils. Naturally it is somewhat up to the pupils to learn their work outside of class so that it won't have to be taught to them by the profeseditors, Jack Bessen, Morrie Long, Crampton Trainer, sor, but they are more apt to do this if the professor doesn't over-emphasize the work on class.

> There are many ways through which the study of a course may be eased than by merely harping on that particular subject constantly. Telling anecdotes, not jokes, but interesting anecdotes which have a direct or indirect bearing on the course relieves classroom monotony and increases the student's interest in the course and the professor. By bringing all the subjects against boisterousness or frivolity, the professor may find that his popularity is on the increase and the number of flunks on the decrease. At least he would be giving knowledge which would

## With Contemporaries

Traditional "antagonism" between the two in The comprehensive examination allows the college has been, of course, a relic of grammar the concept of "teacher vs. student" has been carried over into the higher branches of edu-

> The freshman has many adjustments to make, but the hardest for him to discover when he matriculates that his new teachers will accept him as a responsible adult, as a social, and frequently intellectual, equal. It takes him some time to realize the difference from high school ing the fiscal year ending June in faculty-student relations as made evident by 30, 1931, the accounts of 49 the friendliness and the interchange of opinion between the two groups, but he soon cannot avoid recognizing the existence of a difference.

More important than this observation, however, are the convincing illustrations of interdependence revealed by the unadvertised aid that members of the faculty and the administration have been rendering the students on whom, of ends because it is doubtful they would suffer

A number of faculty members and students tive basis. Two students made can cite innumerable instances where students a contract with a third to flunk have been taken into the homes of University his exams with compensation in people to live, where essential jobs and financial the form of dates and refresh-The irony of the pact lies in its avowed pur- aid have been secured for students through the ments. By this method, the two

Students at Stanford who plead "no money" when fined for speeding, are being required to wash the windows and generally clean up the University of California students who have a Palo Alto jail and courthouse in lieu of fines. -Wheaton News (NSFA).

### College Clippings

By Irving D. Suss

According to the California Daily Bruin, Jack Oakie has again crashed through. It seems that Oakie, when he found out that Sari Maritza was known as ately questioned: "Vas you dere, Shahli?"

Up Cornell way, they seem to go in for spring carnivalling in a big way. The feature of this spring's shindig will be a duck race on Beebe Lake. We venture to say that the race will be duck soup for the contestants.

The Cornell Daily Sun also prints the one about George Bancroft, intercollegiate wrestling champion in 1931, who threw the strong man at the Bausch carnival in 30 seconds. Following this feat, he was challenged by a farmer "with a reputation, an ego, and a loud voice." The farmer was just twice as good as the strong man; it took Bancroft a full minute to throw him.

At Nebraska a brown derby is awarded to the freshman law ed. An investigating commit-awkward. But this need tee reports that no clue has as yet been discovered.

"once-over" revealed a water- of the play. pistol and a tear gas bomb. ternity house where he lives.

"Sigma Chi has pledged the editor of the Oregon Daily Emerald." This report was that editor Neuberger had merely borrowed the coat of his room-mate, a Sigma Chi pledge.

The Cadet reports that prob ably a new record has been set in the state of Virginia. Durcounty officials and the treasurer of one state institution showed a shortage of \$1,138, 875.02. Of this shortage, over 50 per cent was due to misappropriation of funds.

The Stanford Daily runs an editorial under the caption, "The Kept Man Rears His Ugly Head at Berkeley." At the grades are given on a compara-

The Michigan Daily prints mon than proper; used in the plural, and agrees with all gen-

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### THE THEATRE

(Editor's Note: The following review is one of three presented in competition for the position of dramatic critic for the DAILY TAR HEEL. This review was judged the best of the Shahli Mahli in China, immed- three and the writer has been named as the official critic for the coming came from full line apprecia-

By Robert Barnett

Shakespeare wrote "A Midsummer Night's Dream" twenty nine. When Mendelssohn wrote the music for the pearean revivals. Special menplay he was still in his early tion should be made of Misses teens. The Carolina play-actors Rawls and Tatum for excepare young actors. The Carolina tional performances as Hermia Salon Ensemble is composed of and Helena. Mr. Fitz-Simons young musicians. And Profes- captured nicely the romantic sor Koch is and always will be ardour of Lyander's character. a youthful spirit.

The production of "Midsummer Night's Dream" taking place in the evening in the Forest theatre possessed youthful bouyancy, a light romantic flavor, and sustained lyricism which grew largely, of course, from the nature of the play, but also from the propriety of surrounding and the excellence of presentation.

After seeing "A Midsumstudent who makes the "dumb- mer Night's Dream" once out of est" retort on class. Three doors, an indoor production weeks ago the derby disappear- must now seem stifling and have been the case. Had the change of scene been clumsy and slow the outdoor setting Two Northwestern students would have accentuated its were stranded on a lonely road heaviness. But by ingenious at 5:00 o'clock one morning lighting the progress of the when the motor of their car re- play, scene by scene, was made fused to function. One of them swift and graceful. The Athenhailed a passing car. The car ian colonnade and the fairies' stopped, and two officers of the bower were beautifully designlaw stepped out. The duty-ed and together with the forest chestra, WEAF (NBC). bound, suspicious policeman de- set, for which the theatre stage cided to search the students be- needed no embillishment, were chestra, WEAF. fore aiding them. A careful the three settings for the action

Generally, audiences expect WABC. The owner of the bomb said to find adults taking the parts that together with a gas mask, of Oberon and Titania and the Fire Chief Band, WEAF. it "served to create conditions fairies. Professor Koch gave conducive to study" in the fra- the play a charm and naivete his orchestra, WEAF. which added inestimably to its effect when he selected children le, tenor, WABC. for those parts. The children's voices were astonishingly clear, and his orchestra, WJZ. strong, and natural, and were spiked when the paper revealed projected successfully into the chestra, WEAF. large amphitheatre.

The pageantry of Mr. Koch's production owed much to the color of Miss Dirnberger's scenery and lighting, but equally to the color and grace of Mrs. Davis' costuming. The transparent foam of the fairies' dresses, the rich satin purple of Oberon's attire, and the loose vivid gowns of Lysander, Demetrius, Hippolyta, and Her- Hope Creek bridge, Hat Box conmia were notable for their var- taining brown hat and other artiety and loveliness.

fairy scenes found a design in Point, Md.

the dances under Mrs. Barr's direction.

And now for a word about the acting. Shakespeare's drama has been frequently lost in deluges of lyric verbosity, padded and static. This interpretation of his work has often destroyed much of its beauty. In Friday night's production we found a freedom of line delivery which tion by the actor and skillful expression of their meaning. This gave the action and conversation vitality and interest too often lacking in Shakes-Mr. Holmes gave a roistering, thoroughly comic interpretation of Bottom, and though he took a minor part deserves com-

The Carolina Playmakers made a peculiarly happy selection when they chose "A Midsummer Night's Dream," for their Forest theatre production, They realized its possibilities and offered their audiences an entertaining and polished pro-

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