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Something ought to be said. We hardly know what that something is that should be said or how we should say it. We do know that conditions demand action. The subject is one upon which one would much prefer to remain silent for the sake of the good name of the student body; but the unceasing theft of the money and valuable articles of the students in the college buildings has passed the point where passive endurance is demanded by the proprieties of the situation. These thefts have gone on until they have reached a number scarcely dreamed of by those on the outside. One struggles against the idea that a student or students are concerned in the matter, but one cannot help feeling that there is ground for the suspicion. Somebody should take the matter in charge and see that the malefactor or malefactors, whoever they be, are punished. If they are students, they should be cast out from our midst in short order.

The naming of a college annual! Did you ever think what a task that must be? Unbroken custom and sacred tradition, don't you know, demand that no name which has the slightest meaning to it shall be adopted. If it suggests to you without at least a half hour's research the institution from which it comes, it is a dead failure as a name. It simply won't do at all.

Here for instance are a few names chosen at random: North Carolina, Yackety Yack (sounds all right to us, of course); A. and M., Agromeck; Leland Stanford, Quad; Tulane; Jambalaya; West Virginia, Monticola; Western University of West Virginia, Murmurmontis; Syracuse, Onondagan; Ohio State, Makio—and so on, not ad infinitum perhaps, but at least ad finem.

Moral? We're not pointing a moral. We're simply at our old game of looking on and wondering at the things which happen "as the busy world spins 'round'" (with apologies to Col. Fairbrother for infringement of his copyright).

Our exchanges for the past weeks have been bringing to us as from afar off the echoes of examinations. One can see as he reads, the crowded examination room, the blinded

student feverishly racking his brain for a forgotten date or an unremembered formula; the days of "spotting" and the nights of "cramming."

More institutions than one on the outside would suppose have their examinations not at the end of the term just preceding Christmas, but in the latter part of January or the first of February. The reason for this is not quite clear, the only perceptible effect being to prolong the agony, and to cast, in some cases, a foreshadowing gloom over the holidays. But the best part of our lot is that they are having them and we are through with them. One paper, recently established, and which has got out five issues pats itself on the back, saying, "Thus far, we have not missed an issue."

Others can take them when they wish, but as for us, we'll take 'em the same old time and in the same old way.

In the faculty room of the Alumni building is a table and in the table is a drawer. This drawer is known as the press drawer and an ancient myth has it that news items are dropped in it from time to time for the benefit of local newspaper men. The writer has heard this myth and has often pulled open the drawer when in search of news—only, however, to gaze into empty vacancy.

The purpose for which it was instituted was that persons who happened to have rather exclusive possession of a bit of news might impart it to others. For instance, if a professor is invited away to deliver a lecture, this is a matter of general interest, but it is quite often the case that his going and coming is unknown to any one save himself. The purpose of this article is to urge a more extensive use of the press drawer. If one's innate modesty (and this is often the case) causes him to hesitate in such a matter, he can steel his nerves with the reflection that "the others do it." It is but just to himself as well as to the University that his work should be made public.

The V. P. I. 'Tech in announcing that an event is to take place "tonight" adds parenthetically "We are writing on the supposition that the 'Tech' appears Friday."

Judging from the doubts which appear to lurk in the editor's mind there must be either a stringency in the copy department or a strike on in the 'Tech' print shop.

THE TAR HEEL is far too modest to boast, but we don't mind saying that the latter cause will never bother its head. It has never had a strike to contend with, but the members of the board, on more than one occasion, have had opportunity to show that they can do something besides merely reeling off copy and have proved equal to the emergency. So if the paper should ever fail to show up on Thursday morning its readers can rest assured that it will be because there is no press in any reasonable distance to print it. It wouldn't wait an hour for a speech from President Roosevelt.

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debate, March 9, on private ownership of street railways." At the first glance it looks as if there would have to be three sides to the question, an affirmative, a negative and a compromise, for instance.

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