

STUDENT COUNCIL ORGANIZED THE DANVILLE CONFERENCE

PUBLIC INAUGURATION IN PRESENCE OF STUDENT BODY

Talks By Dr. Venable and Messrs. I. O. Moser and W. A. Dees on the Work of the Council

The University Student Council held its first meeting Thursday night. The organization of the council has been delayed on account of the illness of the president, Archie Dees. It was the object of this meeting to elect a senior representative. G. W. Thompson was chosen in this capacity. The council now consists of the following men: Archie Dees, president of the senior class and of the council; G. W. Thompson, representative from the senior class; A. B. Folger, president of the junior class; R. W. Scott, president of the sophomore class; C. B. Ruffin, representative from the law class; F. J. Hunnicut, president of the second year pharmacy class; and G. A. Wheeler, president of the second year medical class.

The public inauguration of the council took place in Gerrard Hall Tuesday morning in the presence of the entire academic student body. In opening the exercises Dr. Venable said that it was considered a fitting thing that the council, representing the student body should assume its office before the assembled students.

Our effort here, he said, is to form strong men, men who govern themselves and govern others. In the progress of self-government at this institution the need of such a council was felt. It is a means of giving concrete expression to the free and democratic life of the University. However, the power which you delegate to the council in no way relieves you of your own personal responsibility. You must work together if you are to succeed.

Dr. Venable then introduced Mr. I. C. Moser to speak for the student body.

Mr. Moser said: I have been asked to say a few words about the relation of the student body to the University council. What I shall say I trust will be an expression of the thought of those for whom I speak.

These men have been chosen for their character and broad-mindedness. The purpose of this council, created by the student body, is one with the purpose of the student body. We owe a duty to this council. They owe a duty to us. We are working together in a common cause, namely, the upbuilding of a greater University and the purifying of our campus life. If this council is to be effective the student body must uphold and support it in its efforts to uproot those things that injure us and prevent our growth.

Mr. Archie Dees, the president of the council was next introduced. We, he said in substance, are your representatives, elected by you, and we have a right to expect your cooperation as you have a right to demand our loyalty.

The faculty has delegated to the students, in a large measure, the responsibility of government. We are, as your council, a court of justice.

We represent the student body in a judicial and an executive capacity. Through us, as an instrument of your power, you hope to uplift the student life of the University, to punish offenses against the best interest of the institution, to cultivate and keep the right campus spirit. With your aid this can be done, but without your cooperation our hands are tied. We hope and believe that you are with us and that you will remain with us through the year.

Dr. Venable explained the dual nature of the government here. The

ATHLETIC INTERESTS IN VIRGINIA AND CAROLINA DISCUSSED

Dr. A. H. Patterson Chairman of Organization Which Is to Draw Up Constitution of Association

The athletic conference called to meet in Danville, composed of representatives of North Carolina and Virginia colleges, was held at the Burton Hotel, in Danville, on October 7. There were present at this conference: Professor A. H. Patterson, from this University; Dr. L. W. Smith, from Washington and Lee; Professor C. P. Niles, from Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Branch Boccock, head coach at the same institution; Professor Lawrence, from Elon; Wilson Hobbs, from Guilford; W. C. Riddick, from A. and M.; R. L. Flowers and F. C. Brown, from Trinity; J. A. Crozier, from Wake Forest. Favorable replies were received from the following colleges: Davidson, Eastern, Hampden Sidney, William and Mary, Roanoke, and Randolph Macon. No replies were received from Georgetown, Virginia Military Institute, and Atlantic Christian College. The only institution which refuses absolutely to be concerned in the movement was the University of Virginia.

Professor Patterson was made temporary chairman of the conference. Various matters were discussed pertaining to the athletics of the colleges of Virginia and North Carolina. Before adjourning, a committee was appointed, consisting of Professor Patterson, chairman, Dr. Smith, of Washington and Lee, and Branch Boccock, of V. P. I. This committee is to ascertain the views of each college on questions of athletic eligibility, compile and digest them, and draw up a tentative constitution, which is to be submitted to each college for its consideration and criticism. Later, another conference will be held to effect an organization.

Professor Patterson is a member of the executive committee of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States, and has the hearty endorsement of this organization in his efforts to form a local league.

This national organization is doing a great work toward the gradual purification and improving of athletic conditions in American colleges by setting up an ideal towards which to work. This national association is doing its work mainly through the formation of local organizations, such as now contemplated in this State and Virginia. To quote from an address of President Palmer E. Pierce of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States. "It was soon seen that there was a lack of organization of colleges in many parts of the country. The advisability of having local organizations was early felt. Every encouragement, therefore, was given to the formation of local leagues among the colleges and Universities, for mutual benefit. As a result, a number of such have been formed, and I wish to urge upon the representatives of the college present here today, the advisability of local combination to secure the ideals for which we are striving. Organized effort in all forms of activity is now recognized as essential to success. It is as much so here as in other things."

"A distinct effort has been made to form minor leagues of colleges whose interests are similar. Many of these trustees last spring granted the petition of the students to be allowed to elect three members of the faculty as a court of appeal when such a court is deemed necessary. This faculty committee will be chosen by the seven men who now compose the student council,

are in existence, but I hope to see more formed in New York, in Eastern Pennsylvania, in the Southern Atlantic States, and wherever else such organizations are lacking."

Professor Patterson stated that there are three kinds of athletic associations namely; the mandatory kind, such as the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, whose decrees are absolutely binding upon the colleges composing it, and the advisory kind, such as the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States, which merely recommends certain improvements to be made and finally, a third class that is a sort of combination of the other two, mandatory as regards a few fundamental rules, and advisory otherwise. It is this last kind of organization which is contemplated being formed at present. It is not the purpose of the promoters of this movement to form an Association absolutely binding upon the colleges composing it, but which shall be advisory except on two or three fundamental principles agreed upon, such as the limiting of the number of years a man may play, the requiring of a certain previous length of attendance, and other like provisions, most of which are already in force at the important colleges of the two States.

EXCHANGE CLIPPINGS

From the Cadet, (V. M. I.).

The V. M. I. football team met defeat at Chapel Hill last Saturday, but when all the story is told it appeared to be more of a victory than a defeat. To all those who saw the game there is no doubt of the fact that V. M. I. outplayed Carolina. The chance that gave them their touchdown would not come twice in one season, and the fact that there was no scoring done until one minute and forty-three seconds before the game closed will bear witness that the game was a good one and one that was well played. The Tar Heels were certainly shaking in their boots and this shaking did not stop until the game closed.

From the Charlotte Observer:

New York, Oct. 7.—Announcement is made here of the formation of a new national athletic organization to be called the cash prize league. The object of the league will be to revive professional athletics in this country. While reviving that game, it is hoped that the movement will at the same time tend to purify the amateur ranks.

"When our league is running properly," says preliminary announcement, "it will prevent professional athletes from competing among amateurs. At present there are many athletes registered in the A. A. U. would quit the amateur sport to-morrow if there were any other kind of a meet in which they could compete. Our meets will take them from the amateur ranks."

The intention is to effect an organization which will be represented in every city in the whole country. The league has the endorsement of James E. Sullivan, president of the Metropolitan district of the A. A. U.

"It's a good thing and I welcome it," he said in an interview printed to-day.

"The A. A. U. has always looked favorably upon honest professional sports, no matter what it might be. There are a great many clean, honest men in this country who are professionals. An out and out professional is a much more respected person than the person who competes in the guise of an amateur. I believe the new league will help us to keep the A. A. U. free from so-called professionals."

Messrs. G. A. Hackney, I. F. Witherington and W. A. Wakely have been initiated into the Junior Order of Gymnasts.

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