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THE COUNCIL HEADS

The proposal of President Berryhill of the Senior class that the entire student body choose the man that is to head the Council, we hope will be accepted. To our mind it is only another step in the complete realization of our ideal of a self-governing student body.

In the first place: It seems to us that the argument, from the standpoint of the President of the Senior class, who now heads the Council, that the present system throws too much work on this man, is genuine. And if so, it will be well to make some change which will scatter responsibilities. And incidentally, if the proposed plan is adopted, the student body should refuse to allow its president to serve in any other position. This one position is big enough to challenge the capabilities of the best of our students.

But the deeper and more vital reason for favoring this change is because the man who heads the Council should be the selection of the entire student body, rather than of any particular group. If we are going to have student government in a manner that opens up the way for the highest and finest achievements in self-government, it seems to us that it is imperative that this change be made. It is the only logical way in which to handle this question.

The Student Council is the least important thing that we have in our system. In fact, its very existence is a violation of the honor system. The success of our system depends upon constructive leadership, and not upon negative action. You can't lead this campus by the Student Council, for then you would be leading the campus by its tail. But the beauty of our present system is that in this negative force—the Student Council, we have the leaders of the several classes which make up the Student body. The same men see both ends of the situation. If the positive end of leadership fails, then they bring in the Council for action. This is the last resort.

By having a man to lead student government who has been selected by the entire student body, you have a man who is free to go to any group on the campus to engage in the work of leadership. He is everyman's own representative. And as we understand it, the problem of councilmen is the problem of leadership. And so give us a man from the student body who should do this.

Too many safeguards can not be thrown around the election of such a man. This, however, is a matter of detail and can be handled. The important thing is the need for a change in system.

FACT AND COMMENT

At the regular meeting of the Centro Hispano held in the Co-ed room on April 11, the names of students who had attained the necessary qualifications for membership were presented and it was voted to invite them to join the club. The president then gave an account of the political situation in Cuba and the complications resulting therefrom and a lively discussion, led by Fernando Llorens, followed.

At the last meeting of the faculty a ruling was passed doing away with all night examinations.

Dr. E. W. Knight of the School of Education will give a lecture on "Consolidated Schools" at Effand, N. C., Friday night.

In the recent rifle competition between R. O. T. C. units of the Fourth Corps Area, the rifle team of the N. C. State College won first place. Entering the competition were many teams representing the leading universities and colleges in the South Atlantic States.

At a recent meeting of the North Carolina Drainage Association in Elizabeth City, Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt, professor of Economic Geology in the University and State Geologist, was unanimously elected secretary and treasurer for the coming year. Former Congressman John H. Small was unanimously re-elected president of the association. Goldsboro was named as the next meeting place of the association.

Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke Wednesday night in the high school auditorium before the Chapel Hill parent-teachers' association. In his speech he urged strongly the spirit of co-operation between parents and

teachers, declaring that "the purpose of all parent-teachers' associations should be to place them on a basis on which they can co-operate with the schools."

Edgar W. Knight left Friday afternoon for Winston-Salem, where he delivered the address at the closing of the Forsyth County Schools Saturday, returning to Chapel Hill Saturday night.

Among the alumni who were visiting on the Hill during high school week were General Julian S. Carr, Frank Webb and Dr. Foy Roberson of Durham, John Unstead of Tarboro, Charles M. Hazelhurst of Wilmington, Fred Archer, W. M. York and Guy Phillips of Greensboro, Claude Teague of Sanford, J. H. Workman of Maxton, J. T. Hatcher and Roy Homewood of Durham, Pat Cummings and Earle P. Hole of Oak Ridge.

Dr. Chase and Mrs. Chase are still in the president's home town, Georgetown, Mass., where they have been visiting relatives and friends. Dr. Chase intended returning to the Hill the 15th but owing to a slight attack of la grippe his return has been delayed.

CONSTRUCTION CAMP TO BE ERECTED SOON

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within the next month.

It will take about a year and a half to complete the building program that has been decided upon. The use of this camp and spur will save the University a large amount of money that would otherwise be expended for hauling and labor. It is expected that two or three of the buildings will be completed and ready for use next fall.

STUDENT FORUM

A CAMPUS CONSTITUTION

R. L. Gray, Jr.

Apropos of the recent disturbances in favor of open politics and earlier elections a timely word or two might not be misplaced.

For the student body of Carolina as outgrown its present system of government just as effectively and as fully as it outgrew faculty control several years ago. Communities have a funny little way of outgrowing systems. The cries for earlier elections and open politics are merely symptoms of the fact that the system due a change. They are merely forerunners of radical reforms which must come sooner or later either as a result of level-headed legislation or riding in as an after effect of an orgy of lawlessness and contempt for authority.

It is to prevent our methods of self-government from becoming objects of contempt and ridicule that we must make the honor system both systematic and honorable. It has ceased to be either.

Now we must not think that it is the fault of the student council that these conditions have come about. They have faced a serious situation this year and have acquitted themselves nobly. All the dissatisfaction has been caused by the "system" and not by the council.

Why can't we, as averagely intelligent persons, get together and organize a system, a written system, a constitution if you please which will set forward in cold print the right of student and let each one of them know how far he can go and where the line will be drawn. And then draw the line THERE.

Let's make the student-council representative of the students' desires in fact as well as in theory. Let's have the student body interpret the honor-system and not put that responsibility on the shoulders of a few men.

Let the publications, the literary societies, the athletic council and the pan-Hellenic council appoint representatives to meet, confer, and draw up a constitution for the students. Let them put the best interpretation they know of on the honor system and then, when the spring elections are held, let their work be put before the student body for their ratification.

This will be both systematic and honorable.

Every student entering the University shall then affirm in writing his intention of abiding by the laws embodied in this constitution. If he does not, let the student council act in accordance with the definite rules governing the specific cases. This will give the students government of, for and by themselves (if Abe will pardon a little plagiarism.)

I do not want my use of the word "honorable" to be misinterpreted. It is not my purpose to do any muddling either at the present council or any past councils. It is the so-called system that is a disgrace. How any civilized or even semi-barbarous people, such as we, can live under such a flimsy and ramshackle makeshift is a monument to the genius of the administrators we have chosen to run our little campus for us. Now we shall kick over the traces and run it ourselves some.

R. O. T. C. UNIT HERE HOLDS FIRST SMOKER

"Babes of Harmony," "Pantomime Poker Game," and "Mystery of the S. A. T. C. Features"

The R. O. T. C. unit gave its first smoker at "Stagger Inn" on Monday night. The entire unit was present in uniform. The room was decorated and the tables placed around three sides of the room with an appropriate red, white and blue design across the whole. One side of the room was kept free as a stage. The program started with everybody puffing away on the "smokes." "The Babes of Harmony" offered two songs which were widely cheered. A pantomime paper game was given the last "pot" of which included most of the clothes of one player who finally set part of his wearing apparel which caused the rest to faint while he walked off with the money. J. V. McCall then performed on the accordion, after which more songs were presented. Murdock followed with a speech offered in place of his published rendition of "The Psalms." Stories and an "if" tale sent the group into roars of laughter. While the dramatists were acting themselves for the final act food was

brought on and everybody fell to. Then came the play—"The Mystery of the S. A. T. C.," involving "Kid" Rounds, a boy lieutenant as played by Eaton C. Astor Oile, a soda-water magnate, and Belinda, his daughter, and the hero, Bohunkus Hicks, from Podunk, N. C. P. Y. Mathews as Belinda was a huge success especially when "she" wound her arms around Faucett as Bohunkus and murmured in sweet tones, "Oh, my darling Bohunkus."

Food kept mysteriously appearing and the program continued with individual speeches and stories. Everybody stood at the end and sang, "Hark the Sound of Tar Heel Voices" followed by "I'm a Tar Heel Born," after which the meeting broke up unanimously voting for another such in the near future.

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