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## OUR BALLOTING SYSTEM

Last spring during the various elections that were held on the campus it became startlingly apparent that not only was there room for fraud in the system of balloting but that advantage was being taken of such loopholes. In at least two instances clear cases of ballot box stuffing were established. Students who had been away from college for months voted in the elections, co-eds who had never taken advantage of their suffrage voted, fictitious persons cast carefully marked ballots.

All this dirty work was carried on without the conviction of a single person though one man was called before the council and exonerated. The matter has been brought to such a careful degree of science that it is practically undetectable and unquestionably many of the votes that were counted in the elections of last spring were fraudulent.

Under the system now in use, too, certain venemous souls religiously went over the ballots after they had been counted to see who had and who had not voted for them. Such a system encouraged and abetted bitterness.

One of the most pressing needs of the government of the campus is a new method of voting in the various elections, that time and again throughout the years tear our campus into numerous political camps.

By virtue of a new ruling passed by the Athletic Association last spring, the manager, assistant managers, and sub-assistant managers of football will be elected immediately after the football season. The new rule is a good one but a greater need is a better plan of electing them.

Since plans must somewhere originate we would like to offer one for the consideration of the student body.

The ballot boxes should not be promiscuously placed about the campus with the ballots held down and guarded only by paper weights, but should be under the supervision of authorized poll holders.

The ballots should not be signed but all voters should be required at the time of voting to register under the supervision of the poll holder.

We believe that if this system were adopted not only would ballot box stuffing be entirely done away with but also the shoulders of aspiring politicians would be relieved of the burden of carrying heavy loads of vindictiveness against the men who did not vote for them.

## ANOTHER CHAPEL SUGGESTION

Apropos of our challenge to the Chapel committee we would like to make one more suggestion.

Singing is a thing that will give life to anything from a Baptist revival to a beer party. There is nothing under the high heavens that has a more depressing effect than bad, uncertain singing.

In all the phases of the Chapel programme there is nothing quite as weak as the music of the men's voices. This is a defect that could easily be remedied by the song leaders and others in charge of the service.

We would like to suggest what seems to us to be a feasible plan for the improvement of this part of the service. We are not acquainted with the plan and method of distributing Chapel seats but it would be a good idea, we believe, to place near the front and at other points of vantage men who are connected with the Glee Club who by singing well would draw into the rhythm of the song men whose mouths have remained closed or else open with adenoids during the singing period of the Chapel service.

### TRINITY COLLEGE HAS INAUGURATED NEW SPORT

Durham, Oct. 18.—Trinity College has inaugurated a new intercollegiate sport in North Carolina by scheduling cross-country runs and road races for this season. Thirty Trinity men are each afternoon puffing around the three-and-one-half mile course in preparation for meets scheduled for early November. Assistant Coach Steiner, of the Trinity training staff, has the new sport in charge. He formerly coached the cross-country teams of two Northern colleges.

### POISON CANDY SENT TO NURSES; SIX ARE VERY ILL.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—An exhaustive search for the sender of a box of poisoned candy, responsible for the critical illness of six nurses at the West End hospital, was being conducted by postoffice inspectors. The box came through the mail and was addressed to Miss Helen Rosenfield, a 17-year-old student nurse. It contained home made "fuge" analysis of which was said to show that the deadly poison permeated all of the candy. Miss Rosenfield came to America nine months ago from Austria and has been a student nurse in the hospital since that time.

## Pungent Paragraphs

Speaking of geniuses who can't see one devise an index to the dictionary?

It has been said that you can tell a Freshman a long way off. Yes, but it's a cinch you can't tell him much.

Senators in a Western state came to blows over the Anti-Cigarette bill. Go to it, boys—if the liquor forces hadn't been too proud to fight we wouldn't be now in this artificial Sahara!

We wonder why the French registration took such a marked upward trend the day after a copy of "La Vie Parisienne" was in some mysterious manner left in the library reading room?

Conjecture again forces its way into the column, this time wondering why it is that of all the numerous tailoring representatives who visit the Hill there has as yet been observed but one who was really nattily attired.

A glance at the Y. M. C. A. bulletin board shows that there are quite an unusual number of typists in college this fall. What a relief to the Litterati who were formerly wont to peck out their own in their peculiarly laborious and uncertain style.

"The character of a man is shown by the socks that he wears." If some Carolina men would exhibit a little more discretion as to trouser lengths there would be no need of universally exposing their inner selves.

## FACTS AND COMMENT

The electric fixtures for the Steele building were installed Monday, and the radiators are here and will be installed within the next few days.

Prof. P. H. Daggett, head of the electrical department, attended a meeting of the Council of State Boards of Engineering Examiners in St. Louis last week, as a representative of the North Carolina State Board of Engineering Examiners. He left yesterday, attending a meeting of the Board in Raleigh, to make his report of the meeting.

Prof. E. W. Knight attended the teachers meetings in New Bern and Vanceboro last week and made addresses before each body.

C. E. Cowan, who fell from the transfer operated by the University on Tuesday, October 4, and fractured his hip, is doing as well as can be expected, but will probably be unable to leave the infirmary for a month yet. An X-Ray was made of the fracture in Durham the day of the accident.

### WAKE FOREST TRAINING DAILY FOR GAME SATURDAY

Wake Forest, Oct. 18.—Although Wake Forest won from Davidson College Saturday, which victory is regarded here as one of the most gratifying of many years, Coach White is not letting up in the least in daily training of the team that will meet William and Mary in Norfolk Saturday of this week.

## STUDENT FORUM

### You Know Him.

There is a condition which obtains at the postoffice which clearly should not be. It is this: A walks up to a friend (or stranger), B, who has patiently waited in a waiting line 20 minutes, "Will you please call for my letters, magazines. See if you can get this registered letter and this package for me."

B, the patient, the philanthropic, hesitates a minute then: "Yes."

This is not an act which happens infrequently, but one which happens a dozen times in every line.

When A asks that favor he does so without consulting the other fifteen or twenty men behind B in the line. The two of them are flinching about one minute from each of 20 men. The theft repeated ten times in a line makes two hundred minutes.

Should President Chase or "Dean" of the Med school, ask me to call for their mail, I would, out of veneration and love for them, gladly surrender my place in the line to them. But I would not out of kindness steal the time of the men behind me.

I write this from purely selfish motives. For, tho my time is not so valuable, I hold it to be as valuable as that of the 22 caliber class who ask such a "favor," and the waiting in line is as irksome to me as that of any other second-year freshman in a rush to get back to Pattersons.

A very little though is required to arrive at this conclusion; so you think on it. Paul Trotter.

### MISS LOUISE BUICE TO BE MARRIED OCTOBER 26

The following invitations have been received by friends of Miss Louise Buice of this city, who is to be married to Mr. Robert Dunn of Raleigh on Wednesday evening, October 26th:

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon D. C. Buice request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Louise,

to Mr. Robert Edwin Dunn on Wednesday evening, October 26, at 8 o'clock

Methodist Episcopal Church Chapel Hill, N. C.

Accompanying the invitations the following cards were enclosed:

Will be at home after November the second at Nine Hundred Newbern Avenue Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon D. C. Buice request the pleasure of your company on Wednesday, October 26th at nine o'clock at home.

### INSURANCE CONCERNS ARE FINED \$9,500,000

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 19.—Chancellor V. J. Stricker today issued a decree in the Hinds county chancery court imposing fines on the fire insurance companies formerly doing business in this state aggregating nearly \$9,500,000. Thirty-three companies were fined \$195,875 each. Others were fined from \$1,000 upwards.

### W. B. Sorrel, Ref. D.

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