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THE TAR HEEL ELECTIONS

Monday between the hours of nine in the morning and six in the afternoon the annual Tar Heel elections will take place, and the men who will run the campus newspaper next year will be elected by the student body.

At a meeting of the Tar Heel board held last Monday night nominations were made by the newspaper organization. Men were recommended by this group to the campus as the best fitted on the campus for these offices. They are announced elsewhere in this issue.

Today in chapel the nominations were thrown open to the student body. This piece is, of course, being written before this morning's chapel period, and we do not know at this time whether there will be any other nominations coming from the student body for these offices. We rather doubt that any other men will be nominated, since it seems quite obvious to us that the most promising candidates available are included in the list submitted to the students by the Tar Heel board.

Such should not be the case, however, and other nominations made by the student body we would like to remind the students who are to do the voting of this one fact. The men nominated by the Tar Heel board have worked hard on the paper and distinguished themselves in the past for their ability and faithfulness. The Tar Heel board knows who among its own number and who among the entire student body are best fitted for the positions to be filled. They know who have done the work in the past and who are capable of doing the work in the future. They have named the men. The campus should think a long while before putting into these offices men not recommended by the Tar Heel board.

Dr. W. C. Coker delivered a lecture at the organization meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science held at Williamsburg. His subject was "The Scope and Aims of a State Academy of Science."

MEETING OF ELISHA MITCHELL SOCIETY

The 265th meeting of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society will take place in Phillips Hall, Tuesday evening, May 8, at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. C. F. Lewis, of the University of Virginia, will lecture on "The Age and Area Hypothesis."

This is to be a very important meeting of the society, as it is the last meeting of the session 1922-23. Only the one paper by Dr. Lewis will be presented, in order that there may be time for the election of officers for the coming year.

Anyone interested is invited to attend, and especially are the members urged to be present at this meeting.

PUBLICATIONS UNION A SURE REMEDY

The situation of the student publications at the University has grown acute during the past few years. Chief among the perplexing problems that have come up and gone for the most part unsolved are those of finance. With the phenomenal growth of the size of the student body, however, and the general enlargement of the entire University plant and system, there have been other problems of various kinds to be faced by the publications of equally as serious nature, and with affairs being run in the old antiquated outworn way the solutions for these problems have long been wanted. Now comes forth a proposition called the Students Publication Union as a remedy for the situation. The question is whether this will turn the trick. The Tar Heel is convinced that it will.

For many years the Magazine has been in the hands of the two literary societies, and on several occasions when the Magazine failed to come out on top in a financial way the societies were held responsible. The Yackety Yack has been the official product of the societies and fraternities combined, and for all of its activities these two groups have been responsible. Both of these publications have been known as general student publications and practically they have been such. If the publications union is voted through they will be released by these groups only too willingly because the responsibilities are too large and inappropriate.

The theoretical publication of the magazine by the societies and the Yackety Yack by the societies and fraternities combined are examples of the haphazard manner in which the student publications have been published. There has been absolutely no sign of any supervision, system, or any well ordered method of running the student publications. The method employed of choosing the Tar Heel business manager has been unsatisfactory, and is old and obsolete. The elections of some of the other officers of the publications, due to the peculiar and undesirable circumstances concerning the manner in which the publications have been run, are equally as unsatisfactory, and a new plan has long been needed. Each publication has heretofore run on its own hook, with its business dealings never checked up or known by the student body, and with its entire management a sort of mystery to the undergraduates who have let things idly drift on, scarcely paying any attention at all to the conditions. A number of embarrassing situations have come up and been faced by the different publications and those said to be responsible for them; and the inevitable result has been somewhat indifferent and irregular quality and a standard sometimes considerably off and not in keeping with the high plane of our other student activities.

The Publications Union plan, explained fully in the constitution printed elsewhere in this issue and which goes for a vote of the students Monday, will put the student publications here on their feet for all time and will remedy a situation that is now unhappy and promising to become more and more unhappy as the years go by. The Tar Heel guarantees that if this plan is voted through the quality of all the publications will be improved a hundred per cent. The Tar Heel will increase in quality and quantity, and will be a real student newspaper, eventually becoming a daily similar to those published at the large eastern and western universities. The Magazine will take on new life and fill its mission with pep and vigor heretofore impossible. The Yackety Yack will be a book to be proud of, akin in its size, make-up and content to such masterpieces as the Lucky Bag published at Annapolis. We say this with the utmost confidence, because we can readily see that with the funds guaranteed by the Union to work with, and the supervision of the board to see that the funds are properly used, there can be no other result. And what, of course, will eventually occur will be the construction of a students publications building, such as is found at Yale and Harvard.

CONSTITUTION OF PROPOSED PUBLICATIONS UNION

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of the respective editorial boards, except as otherwise provided in this constitution.

For the Tar Heel there shall be a managing editor and two assistants, the former chosen from the rising Senior class and the latter from the rising Junior class.

8. Membership Fee: For the next two years every member of the Publications Union shall pay an annual membership fee of \$5.50, to be paid in three quarterly installments as follows: Fall \$1.84, Winter \$1.83, Spring \$1.83. At the expiration of this period this membership fee shall be discontinued unless re-voted by the student body at that time.

In return for this fee every member shall be entitled to the privileges of membership and shall receive annual subscription to the Tar Heel, the Carolina Magazine, and the Yackety Yack.

The total amount paid as membership fees shall be deposited to the credit of the Student Publications Union and shall be distributed according to the decision of the Student Publications Board.

9. Powers of the Student Publications Board: Except in so far as expressly herein limited the Student Publications Board shall have complete and discretionary powers in the management of all student publications.

10. Amendments to this constitution shall be considered legal and adopted when made in the following manner:

Upon petition signed by twenty-five members of the Union the president shall announce in the Tar Heel a meeting of the Union on a date at least one week later than the date of the issue in which the announcement is made. The purpose of this meeting shall be for the consideration and discussion of the proposed amendment to the constitution and a copy of the same shall be printed with the notice of meeting. At this meeting the submission of the amendment to a ballot shall be decided by two-thirds vote of those present.

In the event that a ballot is decided upon the president of the Union shall have ballot printed and vote held within two days. A majority of two-thirds of the ballots cast shall be required to enact the amendment, except that in case the amendment provides for an increase in the membership fee a majority of four-fifths of the ballots cast shall be required for enactment.

Hisses have been banned in the theaters of Rome, Italy.

Spanish Fraternity Is Installed Here

Sigma Eta Upsilon Spanish fraternity of the University of Virginia recently installed its Beta chapter at Carolina, thus forming a national organization. Sigma Eta Upsilon is the first and only Spanish fraternity in the country, and the present two chapters at Virginia and Carolina plan an extension policy over the entire country.

COMMUNICATIONS

NOTE.—This column is for the free exchange of opinion among our readers. Use it if you have anybody to kick or anything to praise. All articles must be accompanied by the name of the author; no anonymous communications will be published.

THEFTS IN THE LABORATORIES

To the Editor of the Tar Heel:
About a year and a half ago I had the department purchase some table lamps for the use of students working in the upper zoology classes. They are good reading lamps and are also of great use on dark afternoons in dissection and in microscopic work. Mr. Burch told me that on the arrival of the lamps, before they could be sent over to the laboratory, one was stolen from his office. We have had so many thefts during the past years that I wondered how long these lamps would stay with us. Now one has been taken. It has been removed since the last checking up, November 3, 1922.

Thefts like this occur every now and then. Once in a while a book goes, or a lens. An entire microscope was stolen about two years ago. All the small movables in the photographic dark room were taken about three years ago. Dissecting instruments are picked up from work tables. Electric bulbs are continually stolen. These are thefts. Men perpetrating them might not perhaps steal money, but they are not to be trusted. If pushed they would, I believe, steal anything.

Hitherto I have only passed about a notice of the loss among those working in the building—in the case of the microscope a circular letter was sent to every one (over 200). I have felt reluctant to make such losses public—they shame us. I am afraid now that this attitude is wrong. The persons, doubtless very few in number, who perpetrate such thefts seem to need a different treatment. I believe the public attention of the University body should be called to concrete case of theft in the hope that the perpetrators may be discovered and sent away or put in jail.

Thefts like this probably occur in all colleges, certainly in many. They are frequent enough here to begin to influence

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our behavior with respect to equipment. It may be necessary to keep everything under lock and key—this would hamper our teaching and study greatly, and the level of our work would inevitably drop. Yours very truly,
H. V. WILSON.
April 26, 1923.

X = ?

Wanted—men to find the answer

THIS is written to the man who loves to seek the unknown quantity. He is the kind of laboratory worker who ventures into untried fields of experiment, rather than the man who tests materials.

Industry has need of both types, but of the former there is a more pressing demand.

College men may have been discouraged from pursuing pure research. In this highly practical age it may seem there is little room for work which does not have an immediate dollars and cents application. But such is not the case.

The pure research man is the pathfinder. Without him our fountain of knowledge would dry up. His findings in themselves may be uncommercial, but they establish a field for others to develop.

Volta worked out the crude voltaic pile—unimportant until other men improved and applied it. And so with Papin in the field of steam, or Lavoisier in chemistry.

Men of the inquiring slant of mind, stick to your last. In post graduate study, on the faculty, in the laboratory of some industrial organization, there will always be an "X" to baffle other men and call for the keenest thought of you blazers of the trail.

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