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### PARAGRAPHS

Exams are with us.

And also spring is come. But exams and spring just don't mix very well.

Yesterday morning in chapel President Chase explained what the Legislature did.

We are very grateful to the President for considerable enlightenment. We were beginning to wonder what the Legislature did do.

And so Cameron Avenue will be paved. We are wondering whether or not our contributor, Mr. DePuyster, had anything to do with the decision to pave the road.

The intra-mural department closes an active quarter's work. The way in which interest has been aroused in intra-mural sports is indeed worthy of praise. The office has done excellent work.

Shortly after exams are over many of those freshmen now wearing pledge buttons will be given the secrets and mysteries of their fraternities. It will be a big day (or night) for the frosh.

The stage managers of the "Torch-Bearers" displayed some of the best scenery that has been seen in Chapel Hill in quite a time. The settings showed that the production class of Mr. Denny is fully capable of designing and making scenery.

With the definite announcement of the spring elections campus politics will receive a considerable boost. Already there have been rumblings and grumbings of political activity. We expect to see some highly organized politics this spring. May the best men win!

Horseshoe pitching, unlike many other out-of-door sports, is not limited to the time just before examinations is range the enthusiasts of the barnyard golf game continue their pitching until late into the night. We have always contended that the lamp posts that were recently installed on the campus were needed.

Of all the times to call meetings of organizations and special committees, the time just before examinations is the worst. And yet with that point fairly well in mind it seems that some heads of organizations and committees persist in calling meetings, if for no other reason, just to show their power to do so.

### THE PLEDGING SYSTEM PROPOSED

The Pan-Hellenic Council has now worked out a revised plan of rushing and pledging to present to the fraternities and the University administration for their approval. The plan proposed by the committee of the Pan-Hellenic embodies points that we consider to be a much better system than the one in use at present.

The plan calls for five weeks of rushing at the beginning of school and then a week of silence in which no rushing is done. At the end of the sixth week bids will be mailed out by the Pan-Hellenic secretary and the

freshmen will indicate the fraternity of their choice by going to the house or hall of that fraternity.

This plan should be much more desired by the authorities as well as the fraternity men. In the first place it is a shorter rushing period, and will thereby give the freshmen and rushers more time to devote to their studies. Not only that but the freshmen will not be given quite as much opportunity for acquiring cases of conceit and big-headedness.

The week of silence will allow the men being rushed time to look around them and to consider all angles of the situation. They will have more time to attain a basis on which to judge the values of the different organizations.

The fraternity situation here is greatly changed from conditions of a few years ago, and problems affecting the fraternity covers a much larger portion of the student body. To get an insight into the changing conditions it will be interesting to note that there are at present nine locals who are planning to petition or who are actually petitioning national organizations. With this in mind it should be considered by the several fraternity units of the Pan-Hellenic that the change of conditions will require a better rushing and pledging system. The one proposed by the Pan-Hellenic offers advantages that are certainly not contained in the present system. It is desirable in that it will greatly help the situation here along all lines. We hope that it will get the unanimous approval of the fraternities and the administration of the University so that it will be placed in use next year.

## NEW COURTS ARE NOW BEING USED

### Turned Over to Students On Thursday.

### BIG FIRST DAY RUSH Constant Playing Will Improve the Surface.

The new tennis courts on the eastern end of the campus were thrown open to the students last Thursday. There are something over thirty new courts in this group, which, with the others already in use on the campus, will make in all 40 courts available to the students.

The surface of the new courts is still rather soft and rough, but the use of them will make it harder and smoother as time passes. Those familiar with the construction and maintenance of tennis courts say that it is necessary to use a court for some time before it gets into first class condition. The ground must be given time to settle and playing on the courts as well as the daily rolling and sprinkling which they will receive will soon get them into good shape.

All of the courts were in fairly good shape when they were placed at the disposal of the students. They had been lined off and new nets were placed on each court.

By three o'clock all of these courts as well as the old ones were full of ambitious students who took advantage of a fine day to come out in full force. Even the abundance of courts did not suffice, for most of them were being used for doubles matches and all along the sides of the courts waiting couples were sitting.

These courts are laid out directly north and south, so as to eliminate the handicap of the sun as much as possible no matter on which side one is playing. The backstops are very well built and are at a reasonable distance from the back line. Being constructed of heavy steel wire, the balls drop dead when they strike it and do not roll back into the courts as when the backstop is constructed of springy material. All of the fittings on the court are of galvanized iron, except the nets, which are the best obtainable and are made of heavy canvas and cord. All of the courts were lined off accurately and clearly.

During the past years it has been increasingly difficult to get on a court at all and almost impossible to get to play any singles games. Two of the six courts on the center of the campus are reserved for the varsity team and the other four were very overcrowded.

### 279th Meeting of Elisha Mitchell Society

The 279th meeting of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific society was held last Tuesday night in Phillips hall. Papers were presented by Prof. T. F. Hickerson and Prof. A. H. Patterson.

Professor Hickerson's topic was "Vertical Curves of Greater Flexibility for Highways and Railways." He discussed the design of curves for grade crossings of railroads and approaches to highway bridges. According to the conclusions reached, the present parabolic curve could be modified to great advantage with a possible saving in the cost of construction.

The title of Professor Patterson's paper was "The Structure of the Atomic Nucleus." The recent work of de Broglie was reviewed and facts were brought out which tended to show that the nucleus of the atom is possibly composed of a series of potential shells of protons somewhat similar to the Bohr shells of energy found in the extra-nuclear structure of the atom.

## SPORTOGRAMS

By C. R. JONAS

It is funny how we people go headlong from one thing to another. The tournament is barely over, the papers have hardly stopped singing the team's collective praises, yet the campus has forgotten!

We have not forgotten; we have merely quit thinking about basketball. In a day the campus idol has switched from the court to the diamond, and until June every bull session will center around baseball. On all sides the cry is heard inquiring about our prospects, who will make the pitching staff, who first base? And on . . .

The suddenness with which our interests change brings up the question of the permanence of athletic hero worship. We cheer and cheer when they are winning but how we do fall down on the boys when they lose! The collegiate idea of success today has developed into a mania for scores and championships. We all forget that when a man gives all that he has he has won, even though the long end of the score board is on the side of the opponent.

Already our neighbor, Old Buck, and the Raleigh Farmers, are staging a hot pre-season battle of propaganda, vying with each other in claims for the state title in baseball.

Every year about this time the State daily papers are swamped with news stories from the colleges proclaiming the bright outlook for a wonderful team. After the season the same colleges send in gobs of dope proving that each has a splendid record, a successful season.

The same thing occurred after the close of the basketball season. Every college newspaper in the state came out with headlines announcing successful seasons. It's a new angle to the athletic game when all the teams can have successful seasons. Nobody is disappointed then, and probably that is better.

State's optimism has suffered a setback during the week with the announcement of the ineligibility of "Red" Johnston and "Dutch" Holland. They played summer ball in a league which had six games a week scheduled, which is forbidden by a conference rule.

"Rabbit" Bonner is eligible. Current gossip has it that he too had been ruled off, but he played according to conference rules, which forbid playing in a league with more than three scheduled games a week.

With Captain Bonner on hand, an experienced pitching staff, a wealth of new material, which if not experienced at least has the "pep" and fight, which is so essential to a winning team, our season should be an improvement over last year's.

"Mule" Shirley got four hits and a walk out of five trips in an exhibition game a few days ago against a team of Cuban all-stars. The Washington papers have always complimented the Mule on his fielding, and if he can keep up the batting average he'll go good.

"Red" Johnston, another former Carolina famous one, the property of the Brooklyn team, has been farmed out to the Providence, R. I., team of the Eastern League. That "Red" is held in high esteem by Brooklyn is evidenced by the fact that strings were kept to him.

As we mentioned above SPRING IS HERE, and still there is no water in the swimming pool. The reason our pool always is dry until along about Easter remains a mystery. No explanation is given, and the boys are forced to walk a mile or so for a swim.

Virginia is at present in the midst of a successful first year swimming season. Duke is putting out a team for the first time this year also. It is true that they each have up-to-date gymnasiums, but that does not excuse the director from allowing us to use what we have.

Water must be terribly high priced in this town.

Examination season, the time a year for the great indoor sport, is on. The coaches of the various teams are urging the men to get down to work and pass their courses. Nothing is more exasperating to a coach than to work for a long time developing some promising man and then have him flunk out.

In the past we have had some distasteful experiences along this line, and at present we have a good track team on the ineligible list because of deficiency in class work. It is well for the men to realize that passing the work is a pre-requisite to athletic competition. The policy of the University is definite in that regard.

The following clipping taken from "Sky" Robson, a well known writer of sports, is to the point: There's a dashing, slashing fullback who's a bearcat in the game For he's shown the way so often that he's won a lot of fame; He can lead the interference as it goes around the end

And, when called upon to do it, 'tis the other line he'll send— He is powerful and skilful and can hurl a forward toss, But a University professor sometimes throws him for a loss.

Then the hurdler who is working in the gym most every day And who's a comer with ability that makes Coach Fetzer say That he'll set some collegiate record if he stays upon the team Which will cause the cheering sections to let off a lot of steam— He can take the timbers easily and set a dizzy pace 'Till a University professor sets his hurdle in its place.

Take the speedy centerfielder, as example if you will— He's a dandy on the bases and he sure can throw the pill; He's a terror to the pitcher as he goes up to the plate, For he often knocks the pellet far into another state. His triples with the bases full can make the rooters shout, But a University professor has been known to strike him out.

So you see we're worrying and wondering what's what And whether some scholastic blow will reach some vital spot; For professors have a cruel way of wrecking teams that're built When the papers of the athletes with mistakes are sometimes filled. But what is more alarming us and filling us with fears Is whether they will flunk the boy who's leader of the cheers?

### TRACK MEET MARCH 28TH

Plans are being rapidly completed for a campus-wide outdoor track meet on March 28th and will be released to the students as soon as they are finished. It is planned to stage all field track events with the possible exception of the two mile run, depending upon the demand for this event. All men are eligible to compete with the exception of the letter track men. As the meet is only two weeks off from today, it is urged that training for the meet start at once.

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**Tuesday Morning**  
All 8:30 o'clock classes except Engineering 50b and Philosophy 14. These examinations will be announced by the instructors.

**Tuesday Afternoon**  
All 1 o'clock classes.

**Wednesday Morning**  
All 9:30 o'clock classes except Chemistry 81, which will be announced by the instructor.

**Wednesday Afternoon**  
All 2 o'clock classes and Philosophy 8.

**Thursday Morning**  
All 11 o'clock classes except Philosophy 8. (See above.)

**Thursday Afternoon**  
All 3 o'clock classes and all 4 o'clock classes.

**Friday Morning**  
All 12 o'clock classes.

**Friday Afternoon**  
Open for any examinations that cannot otherwise be arranged.

Courses in Engineering, including drawing and engineering mathematics, are scheduled in Phillips hall. Classes in accounting will have examinations as announced by instructors.

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