

"The First Year" Will Be Presented By Playmakers

DOMESTIC PLAY Represents "The First Year" of a Married Pair.

FRANK CRAVEN AUTHOR

It is the First Play by a Professional Playwright to Be Given in the Playmakers Theatre.

Frank Craven's *The First Year*, which will be presented by the Playmakers Monday and Tuesday evenings, is the first and evening performance, is the first play by a professional playwright to be given in the Playmakers Theatre. Commenting upon this fact and upon the play in general, Professor Koch has issued the following announcement:

"Besides producing their own Carolina Folk-Plays, the Playmakers have presented each season plays representing different types of dramatic literature. "The most enjoyable comedy of the year" observed the critic of *The New York Times* in reviewing the New York premiere of Frank Craven's *The First Year* at the Little Theatre on October 20, 1920.

"The author, Mr. Craven, is himself an actor. In the original production of the play he created the part of Mr. Livingston with refreshing reality. He knows his people and his theatre. With him character is dialogue. It is in his observant phrasing that he proves himself a wooer of the homely chuckle,—the sort of humor that Booth Tarkington has called the 'promptings' of memory."

"Here is an authentic domestic comedy—a representation of American middle-class life. The naturalness of its humor and its pathos will appeal to any audience. Here is the first year of the married life of Grace and Tommy Tucker in Joplin, Missouri. But it might well be the first year of any wedded pair in your own home town.

"To those who have had their first year, and to those who still look forward to theirs,—and surely this includes all of us—the play speaks with undeniable truth. You two are just suffering from matrimonial measles," Dr. Anderson wisely avers, "troubles that look terrible but don't amount to anything. Everybody has them and, like measles, it's better to have them young and get over them. Years from now you're either going to laugh at this or cry over it. If you let it take you apart, you're going to cry—so let's laugh at it. What do you say?" And of course we all choose to laugh."

In order of their appearance the characters of the play are: Mr. Livingston, taken by C. T. Hawkins; Mrs. Livingston, by Margaret Ellis; Grace Livingston, by Helen Leatherwood; Dr. Anderson, by M. L. Radolf; Dick Loring, by Tom Rollins, Jr.; Hattie, by Thelma Moody; Thomas Tucker, by Harold G. Gabriel; Mr. Barstow, by James King; and Mrs. Barstow, by Sarah Boyd.

The scenes are as follows: Act I, *Training Quarters*—at the Livingston home, Reading, Illinois. (The lights will be lowered in Act I to indicate a lapse of a few hours). Act II, *The Ringside*—at Tommy's apartment, Joplin, Missouri. Act III, *The Knockout*—at the Livingston home.

PHI ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS MERGER

Proposition Will Be Thoroughly Debated Tonight.

SPEAKERS ARE PREPARED

Heated Arguments Are Expected From Both Sides of Question.

The regular meeting of the Phi Assembly will convene at seven o'clock tonight. It cannot be said that the meeting will be held, for all indications point to the most bombastic meeting of the year.

The most important of all propositions, that of the merger of the two societies, will be fought from start to finish. In the prepared speeches nobody's feelings will be spared; so anyone who cannot take must be prepared to give. When the motion is read, the discussion will begin at once since the introduction was completed last meeting.

The motion was discussed to some extent on last Saturday night, and at that time the affirmative seemed to have the edge on the negative. Inflamed by this and the very move itself, the negative will fight tonight for all that it is worth. The motion will in all probability read the same as the one on last Saturday which ran as follows: *Moved*—That each society elect a committee of five, which with a like committee from the other shall draft a detailed plan by

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83 Delegates at Alumni Gather

More than four score alumni have come from all parts of the state to take part in the alumni conference and school. The complete list of delegates runs thus: Luther H. Hodges, Spray; James C. Holmes, Spray; J. Y. Jordan, Jr., Asheville; Maxey L. Johns, Laurinburg; W. M. Andrews, Jr., Greensboro; J. Dewey Dorsett, Siler City; W. P. Stacy, Raleigh; R. A. Doughton, Raleigh; Francis D. Winston, Victor Young, E. B. Lewis, William B. Umstead, Durham; Foy Roberson, Durham; B. H. Miller, Durham; Marion Bowles, Durham; A. T. Allen, Raleigh; John L. Harriss, Raleigh; Henry M. London, Raleigh; J. W. Bailey, Raleigh; O. S. Thompson, Raleigh; Daniel L. Bell, Roxboro; W. R. Thompson, Pittsboro; J. W. Umstead, Jr., Durham; E. Earle Brim, Greensboro; J. O. Harmon, Chapel Hill; Allan Weil, Goldsboro; A. K. King, Chapel Hill; A. R. Newsome, Chapel Hill; Perry E. Seagle, Raleigh; N. W. Walker, Chapel Hill; O. J. Coffin, Raleigh; C. P. Spruill, Jr., Chapel Hill; G. H. Leonard, Hickory; J. O. Hester, Oxford; Allan J. Barwick, Raleigh; John R. Carr, High Point; W. F. Carr, Durham; Louis Graves, Chapel Hill; W. N. Everett, Jr., Rockingham; C. T. Woollen, Chapel Hill; F. F. Bradshaw, Chapel Hill; Robert F. Phillips, Raleigh; Robert Madry, Chapel Hill; E. R. Lowe, Winston-Salem; W. Grady Pritchard, Chapel Hill; L. R. Johnston, High Point; J. Ralph Weaver, Chapel Hill; J. Frank Wilkes, Charlotte; T. B. Turrentine, Greensboro; Jas. B. Patton, Jr., West Durham; R. D. W. Connor, Chapel Hill; R. E. Coker, Chapel Hill; R. H. Lewis, Oxford; O. G. Caudle, Oxford; J. Legrande Everett, Jr., Rockingham; J. C. Rengar, Wilfred B. Shaw, University of Michigan; W. V. Howell, Chapel Hill; Ira M. Hardy, Kinston; R. B. House, Raleigh; Julian S. Mann, Middleton; J. Y. Joyner, Raleigh; and Leslie Weil, Goldsboro.

GRAPPLERS MEET CONCORD TONIGHT

Coach Quinlan's Team in Second Meet of Season.

FIRST MEET SUCCESSFUL

New Men Got Baptism of Fire Against State Outfit.

Concord Y. M. C. A.'s grappling team will come to the "Hill" tonight to furnish the competition for Coach Quinlan's Tar Heels in their second meet of the 1926 season. The Tar Heels started their schedule with a win over the Techmen from Raleigh by a heavy score, and the prospects for the remainder of the schedule are much brighter than at the same time last year.

The Concord team may prove a surprise to the Tar Heels in their meet tonight, for they have several former college stars on their roster this year and put up a classy brand of wrestling. The Concord outfit has appeared on the Tar Heel schedule for both of the last two seasons, and always the matches have been hard fought. The Carolina matmen have won each time by large scores, but the individual matches were always close and won by the Tar Heels only after an interesting scrap.

Just who Coach Quinlan will start in each of the weights is not known. He follows the policy of holding new try-outs before each separate meet and no man who wrestles in one meet is sure that he will get into the next meet. All of the men in the N. C. State meet showed well for the opening encounter, and they will give any rival for their place a tough time.

Headner, a regular from last year, will probably get in against Concord in the 119 pound division. He lost to the State light weight man, but only after a close decision. Molsinger and Thompson are very near evenly matched in the 129 class. Thompson wrestled against the Techmen, but Molsinger, a veteran from the 1925 team, will be scrapping for his old place in the coming meet.

Abbott and Clemmons, in the 139, and

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SHAW ADDRESSES ALUMNI INSTITUTE

Brings Stirring Message To The University Men

OPENING BANQUET AT INN

University Faculty Are Hosts At Dinner Thursday Night.

The Alumni Conference School received its send off for "the greatest and most successful gathering of alumni in the history of the association" at the Opening Meeting, at dinner, in the ballroom of the Carolina Inn, Thursday evening.

More than four score alumni from every nook and corner of the state have gathered here for the three-day University Alumni Conference "to reconsecrate themselves to the welfare of their alma mater." The meeting, beginning Thursday evening, will terminate this afternoon.

University faculty were hosts at the dinner at the Inn, Thursday evening, and Pres. W. P. Stacy, of General Alumni Association, presided. President H. W. Chase, welcoming the former students, stated that the alumni came not with the view of rushing to the rescue of the University, as they have done many times in the past, but with the purpose as Pres. Chase expressed it, "Of getting a sympathetic touch and understanding of what is going on at the University and to witness at first hand some of the new ways in which the institution is branching out."

"Gathering like this," President Chase declared, "make for a common basis of understanding because they are based on facts and a frank interchange of opinion. It is to be hoped that there will come out of this conference a firmer bond of understanding, and the feeling that we are driving forward a single great objective. If the University comes to a fruition of its power it will be because its alumni understand it. There never has been a time when University alumni have not rallied about the institution in absolute loyalty and devotion."

The principal address was delivered by Wilfred B. Shaw, alumni secretary of the University of Michigan, and in point of service the "dean" of his profession.

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WINTER PRACTICE IS GETTING UNDER WAY

Lectures Are Given In Murphy Hall When Weather Is Not Suitable For Outdoor Work.

Under the tutelage of coaches Bob Fetzer and Runt Lowe the winter football practices have been progressing regularly.

Lectures are held in the Murphy Hall auditorium on days when the weather is not suitable for outdoor work. It is planned to illustrate the lectures with pictures, and to invite coaches and authorities from other institutions to deliver addresses. On days when practice is confined to the lecture room candidates are expected to report at five o'clock.

Recently the weather has permitted the coaches to drill the men on the freshman field. Especial emphasis is being placed on punting, passing, and the elementary fundamentals of the game.

The percentage of attendance has increased appreciably during the last few days of practice. The coaches expect to attain a considerable degree of success in moulding the rather inexperienced material into varsity prospects during the winter and spring months.

On days when the weather is fair practice begins at four o'clock on the freshman field.

Di Senate To Refuse To Die--Will Act Tonight

The Dialectic Senate will refuse to die when it meets tonight in its weekly session. Not only will it refuse to surrender the ancient Dialectic fort in New West building, but it is expected to refuse by a unanimous vote.

The outcome of the merger project in the Philanthropic Assembly is considered as problematical. Some say it will pass; others say no. Certain Di Senate men are sure it will never get by in the "rival" organization and some even say that impeachment on the grounds of treason is probably awaiting the speaker-elect of the Phi Assembly who started the campaign for a union.

In case either the Dialectic Senate or the Philanthropic Assembly should fail to agree to a union of the societies, the plan as now suggested will automatically fall through. In such an event, the oc-

PHANTOMS DOWN ELON 40 AND 25

After Listless Start Tar Heels Come Back Strong.

COBB AGAIN HIGH SCORER

Kelly and Bock, Old Durham High Players, Elog Stars.

The Tar Heel basketball team kept their point-a-minute record Wednesday night when they romped over the Maroon and Gold quintet from Elon to the rollicking tune of 40 to 25. The Christians came to the "Hill", fresh from a hard fought game with the Techmen at Raleigh, and with their reputation built up by that close defeat proceeded to show the Phantoms that someone else besides Carolina's Southern Champions could toss the old basketball around. They proved this point so well that during the first half the score was none too encouraging to the Tar Heel adherents.

For the second consecutive contest the Tar Heels started the game without the services of Captain Bill Dodderer, and whether that was the cause or not, the white-jerseyed outfit played a listless brand of basketball during the entire first half. Elon took advantage of their opportunity and tallied goal for goal with Coach Sanburn's men, knotting the score at half-time at 14 to 14.

Devin Draws First Blood

Newcomb, Carolina's lanky sub-center, tipped the ball over the visiting pivot man to Cobb, and Billy Devin dashed down the sidelines clear to take a swift pass from "Sprodie" and arch a beautiful goal through the netting without touching the rim. Devin rung this point within ten seconds after the first whistle, but the Tar Heels could not hold the lead for long.

George Kelly and Garnett Bock, former Durham High School stars, took the warpath and rung up three goals in quick succession that gave their team a four point lead. Then Artie Newcomb found out where Carolina's basket was and decided to take a hand in the game. Three times in almost as many minutes he came down the floor and found the goal for long shots.

Between halves Coach Sanburn dosed

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SEVERAL FIGHTS ARE PENDING FOR BOXERS

Negotiations For Matches Are Being Made With Some of the Leading Schools in the South.

Coach Crayton Rowe is putting his squad of boxers through a stiff workout every afternoon in preparation for the first meet of the season which will probably be held sometime within the course of the next two weeks. Rowe has a fairly large number of candidates out for his team but is very anxious for a larger number to come out, especially freshmen.

No meets have as yet been definitely scheduled but Manager Wilson announces that several matches are pending with some of the leading schools in the south, among them being the University of Virginia, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, University of Georgia and Georgia Tech.

There is keen competition between the men who are fighting for a berth on the team and it is going to be a rather difficult task for Coach Rowe to pick out the fighters in each weight. Among the outstanding men are: Heavyweight G. Shuford, Sapp; Light Heavyweight, Warren, Black; Middleweight, Proffit, Jenkins, Twiford; Welterweight, A. Shu-

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Students Will Ballot On Change In Council Friday

Freshman Society To Meet Monday

The Freshman Debating Society is successfully underway again with H. N. Brown, of Chapel Hill, as President. The second meeting of the winter quarter was held last Monday evening.

At the meeting last Monday evening two questions were discussed. They were: (1), the advisability of making Governor Al Smith of New York the next Democratic nominee for the presidency of the United States; and (2), the advisability of levying a property tax in order to support the eight-month school term in the public schools throughout North Carolina. The last topic was of especial interest to Phi freshmen, as it is the query for the Phi inter-society debate.

Discussions in the Freshman Debating Society affords practice for Phi and Di debates as well as for inter-collegiate debates. The resolutions to be discussed at the next meeting are: *Resolved*, That the Freshman Debating Society go on record as favoring the governing of the United States under the present constitution; and *Resolved*, That the Freshman Debating Society go on record as favoring the passage of an act that would require a small levy of taxes from the present tax-exempt bonds.

The next meeting of the Society will be held Monday evening, February 1, at 6:45, in the Phi Assembly Hall. Not only are old members urged to be present, but new members are extremely desirable. If any members of the class of '28 are interested in debating, they are urged to attend the Monday meeting.

BASEBALL SQUAD WORKING INDOORS

Tar Heel Pitchers Training Daily in Bynum Gym.

LEGRANDE IS COACHING

Remainder of Carolina Tossers Will Start Practice in March.

Baseball talk is again in the air, for "Cap" LeGrande, who has coached the Tar Heel batterymen for the past two years rolled in the first of the week and started the candidates for the 1926 Tar Heel mound crew to working daily in Bynum Gymnasium. While the weather and conditions of the ground will not permit outdoor work for some weeks, Coach LeGrande is conditioning his men to stand the grind of hard work when outdoor practice starts the first of March.

The Tar Heels will feel the loss of three veteran hurlers when April issues in the opening games of the 1926 season. Bill Perebe, who has turned in his share of the victories during the last three seasons will be gone, along with Homer Coletrane and Herman Holshouser. The old Carolina men will not soon forget that May day four years ago when Bill Perebe turned in his first big victory over Virginia. The game was played on a mud soaked field in Greensboro, but Perebe carved that wet ball around the Cavalier's necks with all the ease that the ordinary hurler handles a perfectly dry and new ball. The score was 2 to 1.

Another picture that will not fade for some time is that of the lanky Holshouser standing out in the middle of Emerson Field last year against Duke and turning back man after man by way of the strike-out route. He struck out 11 men in the first five innings and held them to one hit in the same time, but it was not writ that he should win that day and he gets credit for a loss, but he made a great sight just the same during those opening innings. But both of these men are gone and with them the ever dependable "Cole" Coletrane. Now the task of "Cap" LeGrande is to unearth some likely successors.

Several Good Prospects

Although the old men will be missed there are several good prospects out for berths. Bill Poyner, who wears a letter and a star for service on the mound will be putting them over again this year, and two or three new men look good to come through. Mackie and Westmoreland, of the 1925 Tar Babies, and Routh Whisnant and Brown, of last year's scrubs, may deliver the goods this spring. Ed Mackie, diminutive south-paw hurler

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ACTION MONDAY

Plan to Be Explained—Both Sides to Present Views

GIVE MORE CAMPUS OFFICES

Vote of Student Activity Group Tuesday Night Explained As Having Been 6-5 Against Change.

The question of a change in the present method of appointing class presidents as representatives on the student council will be voted upon by the entire student body next Friday. The affair will be threshed out during chapel period Monday morning and speeches will be made in favor of and against the proposition.

It has been proposed by a group of students that the offices of class presidency and student councilship be made distinct and separate. Under the present custom, a man is elected class president and is automatically given a place on the student council. The plan to be passed on next week requires each class to elect one of their number for the council duty and thus entirely separate the office from that of class president. Agitation for its adoption by the student body was commenced by the principal exponents of the plan, Taylor Bledsoe, S. G. Chappell and Jim Williams.

At a meeting of the Student Activity Group held Tuesday night the matter was subject of a lengthy discussion. According to J. B. Fordham, President of the Student body and chairman of the group, the official vote of the group was 5-5 against the change.

The men sponsoring the plan claim that under the existing system a class president is overworked. According to their idea a man cannot be expected to do his best on two equally important offices; if too much time is placed on one the other is bound to suffer and if an attempt is made to divide the time the results will be mediocre in both phases of his work. The basis of their argument is that a man can only be a good class president, a skilled organizer and a worthy maintainer of class spirit by devoting his entire time to it. He should not assume any other duties, especially any duties that are as important and exacting as those of a student councilman. They also make a point of the fact that a class president is usually a man who is prominent in athletics, debating or some other form of outside activity which serves to keep him busy. To keep the presidents from being swamped in work and to obtain more efficient organization they insist that a man of judicial ability who is not otherwise tied up should be chosen from the class at large to serve on the council.

Those opposed to the plan object principally on the ground that such a change would be altogether contrary to past custom and would be a needless flouting of long established precedent. The point to the fact that student government at the University of North Carolina has had a lengthy and wholly successful career. The student council has always handled student affairs in a

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MONOGRAM CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Interesting Meeting Is Held by Wearers of "N. C."

ELECT JONAS PRESIDENT

Program Is Filled With Speeches from Members and Coaches.

A meeting of the Monogram Club was held in the University Cafeteria Wednesday night at 6:15. Forty-six members of the organization were present.

The first event on the program was the serving of an elaborate feed prepared by the Cafeteria cooks. In a short space of time the last morsel had disappeared, and Jack Cobb, retiring president of the club, arose and announced that nominations were in order for a new set of officers.

Charlie Jonas was elected president for the ensuing term by unanimous ballot. The vice-presidency was conferred on Mr. Red Whisnant. The office of secretary and treasurer fell by unanimous vote to Red Barber.

The first speaker on the program was Coach Bob Fetzer. Activities of the Monogram Club on the University campus was the chief subject of the address. Mr. Fetzer called attention to the fact that among the wearers of the "N. C." are found representative leaders in every form of campus activity. He urged the men to make the organization

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