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## THE TWO CANDIDATES

Several days ago it was suggested to the two candidates for the editorship of the TAR HEEL that they prepare editorials to be run in this issue of the paper for the purpose of furnishing the students with a means of comparing their ability through specimens of their work.

Below are printed these editorials.

### New Era in Athletics

The reorganization of the University's coaching staff is one of the most significant events in the athletic history of the Institution. It is doubtful if the State is as yet fully aware of its far reaching effects. There is no escaping the fact that the University is on the threshold of a new era in athletics.

What that era will bring no one can foretell for a certainty. But there is sufficient cause for optimism. There is ample ground for making prophecies. There is reason to believe that this new era in athletics is going to be thoroughly in keeping with the enlarged program of progress made by the Greater University in other fields of endeavor. In the 131 years of this Institution, athletics have always kept pace with phases of its development. This is no time for backsliding. Nor will there be any.

The coaching committee has gone about its task in a business-like way. It has secured the country for the best men available. It has received applications from hundreds of candidates. It has interviewed scores of them. It has met time and again for several months—and the meetings have not been short. It has faced the problem of elimination. It has faced the problem of finding right combinations. It has faced the task—and there is none harder—of trying to please hundreds of shades of alumni opinion. It has been a grueling sort of a job.

We believe the Coaching Committee has performed well. That may or may not be the unanimous verdict now. But we are confident it will be in due time. An impressive group of men have been chosen to aid coach Bob Fetzer in carrying on the enlarged program of physical education inaugurated under his guid-

ance. "Chuck" Collins and "Buck" Cerney come to the University with impressive records. They have already achieved both as players and coaches. So have Ashmore and Belding.

After all is said and done, however, the most encouraging thing about the whole situation is that Coach Bob Fetzer is going to continue to direct University athletics. Coach Bob has achieved in the past. He will achieve in the future.

J. T. M.

## The Secret Ballot

The liveliest issue facing the campus at present is the election of men to fill the student body and class offices during the coming year. The annual election puts squarely up the individual students the most important problem they have to face in their college life. That is the choosing of their leaders in the various fields of activity, and that problem is only a miniature of the one they will face when they succeed to the duties of state and national citizenship after graduation.

The student election being held today is of more than ordinary importance in that it tests for the first time a system of voting that is new to Carolina's elections. The Australian Ballot makes its debut today, and its success or failure depends on the attitude the individual students take. If they resent the necessary formalities and refuse to cooperate, it cannot succeed as it should.

It is clearly for the betterment of election conditions here and merits the full support of all Carolina men. It means simply that each Carolina student will vote as he believes, subject only to the dictates of his own conscience and not to the persuasive tongues of election workers. Under the old system the candidates whose friends possessed the most silvery tongues won out, but with the secret voting system it is the candidate who possesses the merits who will win.

The voting today, according to President J. B. Fordham, will be done as follows: The student must check his name on the register before receiving a ballot, and after receiving his ballot he will enter a private booth and mark it. Every man must vote for himself, and stuffed ballot boxes and absentee votes will be a thing of the past. This will work for cleaner, straighter elections, and the standard of the men elected each year will rise accordingly. Clearly the right-thinking members of the student body must support the new system.

L. N. B.

## OPEN FORUM

To the Editor:

I have been asked to help secure books for the High Point College library. We not only need but must have 3,000 volumes in order to hold our rating as an A grade college.

We are asking the faculty, the student body, and all residents of Chapel Hill to help us out all they possibly can on our new library. We need books of all kinds and will appreciate both quality and numbers.

These books will be credited to the University, and, as I grew up under the sound of that old college bell, I am proud enough of my native town and its college to be very anxious that it be the best and largest collection in High Point College. I am calling on all I can in person, but cannot hope to reach all.

The Y. M. C. A. is receiving and caring for the books; and Miss Ames, the secretary, will keep a record of all names and the number of volumes donated.

Be a friend to High Point College.

Mrs. J. J. Crawford.

To the Student Body:

Due to an unforeseen and entirely regrettable turn of events in chapel on Monday morning in connection with the nomination of Mr. L. N. Byrd for editor-in-chief of the TAR HEEL for next year, I was robbed of an opportunity to speak any word of recommendation for my candidate for the position. In view of the circumstances, I would like to get my message across to all lovers of square play among the Carolina students through the medium of the Open Forum.

I have been connected with publications work on the "Hill" for four years, and am in position to judge the qualifications of a man for any position in the publications field. I have known Mr. Byrd and watched his work on the TAR

HEEL, and have found it excellent and in every way up to the standard demanded of an editor of that organ.

Mr. Byrd has been Sport Editor of the TAR HEEL this year, and in that capacity has put in from two to six hours work on practically every issue published during the year. He has, in addition to his duties on the TAR HEEL staff, handled sports for the News Bureau.

His work has been consistent, of the finest quality, and at the same time he has been able to run out more work than any man on the staff. A record has been kept of column inches of copy turned in by each writer on the TAR HEEL board, and Mr. Byrd leads the second man by more than 300 inches, and has nearly doubled the amount of copy turned in by the third man on the records.

Besides being an active man in the publications field, Mr. Byrd has taken part in other lines of campus life. He was a member of freshman track team, and of the varsity track squad during the early part of last season, being forced to give up running due to injuries. He is the president of his dormitory club and is intimately acquainted with all phases of campus life.

I believe he will make an ideal man for the position, and I recommend him heartily to the student body.

Signed

A. C. SUMMERVILLE.

Editor-in-Chief of the Yackety Yack.

## Debate Schedule

The debate council announces the following events for debaters during the Spring quarter.

1. The preliminaries for the selection of the representatives of Carolina against Tulane University will be held in the Phi Hall on April 13, 1926, the query being Resolved: That a department of National defense should be created, with separate branches for the army, navy, and air. The finals are to be held at Tulane University late in April. The fact that those making this debate will enjoy the privilege of a very good trip should bring many participants into the preliminaries.

2. The preliminaries for the dual inter-collegiate debate with Davidson will also take place immediately after the holidays. This debate is open only to Freshmen and takes the place of the regular freshman inter-collegiate triangle debate, Wake Forest having been dropped this year. The query for the freshmen is Resolved: That the military forces of the United States should be consolidated into a department of national defense with sub branches of the army, navy, and air forces. Two teams of two men each are to be picked for the finals which are to take place about the first week in May.

3. The peace oratorical contest participants also are to be chosen in the near future, and it is hoped that much work will be done before the preliminaries.

## LEHIGH FIRST ON BASEBALL JAUNT

Pennsylvanians Carded For High Point Saturday Afternoon.

DAVIDSON AT SALISBURY  
Five Other Games in Virginia and Maryland During Holidays.

Following their season opener with the Dartmouth Greens here Wednesday afternoon the Duncanites will meet the Lehigh University tossers in High Point at the Piedmont League Park in the first game of the long Easter trip through western North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland. The Lehigh engagement was originally carded for today on Emerson Field, but to accommodate the visitors from the North the date was changed to Saturday. A shift of the Guilford game enabled the Tar Heel authorities to make the change of dates.

The game with the Pennsylvanians comes on the next day after the University closes for holidays, and many of the students from the western part of the state will stop over in High Point for the game. The Lehigh outfit will present powerful aggregation, and the game will furnish a good line on the strength of the Tar Heels for clashing during the remainder of the northern invasion.

On Monday afternoon the Tar Heels will meet Davidson's slugging wildcats in the second game of the trip. The annual Easter Monday classic between the Tar Heels and Wildcats has become a fixture on both schedules and always draws a crowd of supporters from the alumni and students of both teams. The Wildcats have been met in Gastonia for the past two years, but the Carolina alumni of the Rowan County metropolis made a strong bid for the contest this year.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute will be the next outfit on the cards, entertaining the Carolina nine there on Tuesday of Easter week. The Gobblers were beaten soundly last spring, and they will be fighting for revenge. They have most

of their veterans from last year back and will be dangerous competitors.

Catholic University furnishes the opposition for the Downhomers in Washington on Wednesday, April 6, and they too will be out for revenge for previous defeats at the hands of North Carolina athletic teams. Maryland University is carded for two games on Thursday and Friday on the trip, and the Tar Heels conclude the invasion with the first of the annual three game series with the Virginia Cavaliers. The Cavaliers will be met at Charlottesville on Saturday, April 10.

Just who will make the trip has not been announced, but Coach Duncan will pick his men from the following list: Captain "Touchdown" Jones, Bill Doderer, Bob Sides, Don Jones, "Moose" Tenney, "Bear" Webb, Bill Sharpe, "Monk" Green, Tom Young, "Hat" Hatley, Ed Mackie, Bill Poyner, "Lefty" Westmoreland, and "Red" Whisnant.

## Calendar

### Thursday, April 1

2:00 p.m. Geology Club Meeting, New East Building.

7:30 p.m. Deutsche Verein Meeting Parish House.

### Friday, April 2

10:30 a.m. Dr. Chase speaks in chapel.

3:30 p.m. Freshman Baseball, Fresh vs. Mars Hill, Freshman Field.

3:30 p.m. Varsity Track Meet, Carolina vs. W. & L., Emerson Field.

### Saturday, April 3

1:00 p.m. Easter vacation begins.

3:30 p.m. Freshman track meet, Fresh vs. Charlotte H., Emerson Field.

### Monday, April 12

8:30 a.m. Easter vacation ends.

8:30 p.m. Y. M. C. A. Cabinet meets.

### Tuesday, April 13

8:30 p.m. Freshman Friendship Council meets, Y. M. C. A.

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The time is near at hand when the vernal awakening will cause sporadic outpourings of pinned-up sentiment; bursting forth in verse, seldom in poetry; and the children of men do strange and foolish things. For March is the month when Nature does strange things for her young. It is a month when mystery and yearning come on the night wind; when April is near, a period of promise and hope, when quickened aspirations start in the mind as well as the sap from the roots in the ground. Only things and souls that are dead fail to begin life anew in the Spring. And the Gardener does not thrill at a dead seed or a dead soul.

It would take nothing short of a cataclysm to crack the armor of smug, ignorant self-sufficiency which has covered the average college student from head to foot. So thick in this armor that the mass mind of collegians has become something of a vast, inert, almost nerveless body encrusted with parasites. Sybarites, youthful hedonists, atheists, slang artists and what not—the world calls us. And we are not interested enough to answer back. The few who do crack the armor of smugness and take any sort of stand are victims of young cynicism—the bitterest thing there is. If one will conform, college becomes a most admirable place to spend four years in escape from reality.

While the process of enlarging the colleges has gone on, many of the "finer things of college life" have suffered from fatty degeneration at the heart. Out of such a situation has arisen "new student" sentiment—the spirit of revolt that is seen on campuses here and there. It is like some God-given desire for freedom—a call to this generation of college students to emancipate themselves, that they be allowed to participate in their own education. Stands are taken against compulsory chapel; certain rules and

regulations are forcibly abolished by student vote; and compulsory lectures are coming to be tacitly tolerated as a necessary incentive to early rising, or in some cases even condemned by student vote as an unbearable nuisance. Such are hailed as healthy signs.


The "new student" charges the faculty as being a group of stilted, pompous, academic, sentimental idealists who are usually old fogies, sticklers for trivial details; at best a type of intelligent machine whose boring function is to dehumanize the students under its charge. The faculty comes back with the challenge that the "new" students get out and come nearer making the world safe for democracy, or for decency, or for beauty, than they have done so far as teachers.

We may be in the Golden Age of American literature. Certainly the monetary side of it bespeaks this. On every side there are prizes for novels, awards for short stories, poetry prize contests—clinking sound of golden coin urging all to write, write, poetry, prose, balderdash, flappoodle, rhyme, true stories, photoplays, confessionals and what not. Write that the great reading public may read. The public whose tastes run more for popular sentimental magazines and pornographic periodicals than for literature. It may be the Golden Age. If so, may the age prove to be short-lived.

Word artists, whose literary background is seldom more than a clever brain and a typewriter, run hog wild over the prim laws of literary production, and wax flat on the demand for quantity production. Their work is mainly a prostitution of words and tricks of rhetoric for immediate gain. It may be literary effort; but literary effort that walks the tight-rope, stands on its head, pirouettes wildly on its toes, then goes ripping and zigzagging skyward in a blaze of pyrotechnic glory is not art. It is an orgy, and is usually followed by a penitential headache. Certainly it makes no contact with art or life that is genuine.

Education, the bait by which many normal and well-meaning young people are lured to college campuses, is not automatically attained, like some object to be grasped at the end of four years. Each of us may hold but a small portion of it; the quantities varying; diplomas are but symbols. But even that small portion is enough to enrich existence.

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