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THE SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

As announced in the last issue the TAR HEEL is carrying a series of articles and editorials to introduce the nine schools and one college and at the same time trying to pick out the foibles and virtues of each one. A feature story about one of the ten divisions and an editorial concerning it will be run each week until the series is ended. The survey of the School of Commerce appeared in the last issue.

The School of Commerce has enjoyed a phenomenal growth since its establishment here in 1919. Endowed with the perspicacious ability of its dean, the school has taken ranks with the College of Liberal Arts, which has been a vital part of the University since its beginning. In equipment and teaching facilities the school easily stands out as the best in the South and ranks well with the best in the country. The school is almost unique in that it combines a business training with a cultural education. Many students of the University who are not in the School of Commerce have the impression that commerce and economics are the only subjects offered in Dean Carroll's school. Adding machines are believed to be the greater parts of the equipment. Few students have made the investigation to find that 26 of the required subjects are accredited A. B. courses—if that means anything. English! Such a course is sometimes thought to be almost entirely obsolete in the commerce school, while, in reality, four courses are required—beginning next year—and in the College of Liberal Arts only three courses in English are required. Dean Carroll has shown that he believes that four

courses in one modern language are sufficient for the average student.

Courses in English, mathematics, history, geology, commerce economics, psychology, government, and any of the modern languages and sciences make students in the School of Commerce broader and more cultural than many of the A. B. students are, under the system of majors and electives.

Beginning next year Dean Carroll will require a student to pass 37 courses before he will present his name to receive a diploma at commencement. Time will tell whether he will be able to enforce this new rule. In the past the dean has crowded several extra courses on his proteges and about 25 percent of those who graduated had between 38 and 40 courses. Dean Carroll has insisted that the commercial faculty give the students a plenty to do and they have not failed to do it. Industry is a prime requisite.

The 12 divisions of the school are planned about as well as can be with the limited number of courses offered by the University which are designed for the divers divisions. The courses of one division are almost identical with those of another division. It is rather peculiar that the catalogue has the two courses in Business Law listed in every division except the divisions entitled "Business Law" and "Combined Courses in Commerce and Law."

All kinds of hypotheses, theories, and laws are crammed down the throats of students by professors who believe it is as necessary to know that a certain theory will not work in practice as well as to know that that a law is practicable. Assignments consisting of a hundred pages or more are oftentimes handed out and the student labors for hours on some economic theories that the professor frankly says will not work in practice. Students in the School of Commerce like those of the other schools complain that certain courses are required which appear absolutely worthless. The course a student is to take is outlined from the time he enters until he has completed his work, and therefore does not have the opportunity or privilege of selecting courses which he deems best. Modern economic conditions have almost antiquated the subject matter of some of the required courses. The theories of Business Cycles have received severe jolts during the past few years, and it looks now as if the whole course will have to be altered or wholly changed. Several other courses are in the same predicament.

One of the sore spots of the School of Commerce is the library. While housing a fairly large collection of books, there are very few which can be taken out except from 10:30 o'clock at night till 9:30 the next morning. This rule applies to graduate students as well as to all others connected with the school. The main library lets the reserve books out at 5:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoons, but the Commerce Library gives this fact no attention at all when dances are held in the Gymnasium, which is only about 25 yards from the Commerce Library, studying in Saunders Hall is well nigh impossible.

The School of Commerce is not trying to turn out men who expect to be financial wizards or step into the executives' chairs immediately after leaving the University. Dean Carroll has arranged the curriculum so that the students neither get a suicidal smattering nor suicidal specialization. He has devised ways and means of insuring both the advantages of broad cultural background and the advantages of intensive specialization later.

COMER IS BACK FROM ATTENDING CHICAGO MEETING

Harry F. Comer returned Monday from the annual meeting of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A., held in Chicago October 23-29, which he attended as one of the nine delegates of the 12,000 Y. M. C. A. members in North Carolina. This annual Council is the legislative body of the entire Y. M. C. A. organization, and passes annually on all rules and regulations governing the National and International, State and Student Departments of the organization. Three hundred and sixty delegates attended the meeting, elected from electoral districts in respect to membership.

The most important business of the Council was the question concerning the control of the Student Department by the State Department, under which organization the Student Branch has been greatly restricted. The Student Y. M. C. A.'s in the South threatened to withdraw from the National Organization and from under the control of the State Department if they were not given more freedom in their programs, and as a result of the protest of the Student branches the proposal brought the National Council to restrict and limit the Student Department was rejected by a large majority on its first reading. This marks the first step of the Student Branch in its fight for an organization of the College Y. M. C. A.'s separate from the State Department. The Student Department in the South desires to have a Regional Organization in which the College groups will be brought into closer contact.

A general declaration regarding freedom in religious and academic circles was passed by the Council.

Methodist Student Stewards to Raise \$700

At the recent meeting of the Methodist Sunday School the student budget of \$700 and the plans for raising this amount were discussed. A committee was elected to nominate the officers of the student board of stewards who will handle the subscriptions for the needs of the church. The board of twenty students was elected recently at the quarterly Methodist conference.

The capacity of this board is stated in the budget which reads: "To follow the example of the local congregation by providing for the budget through individual subscriptions paid in monthly installments to the Student Board of Stewards." The needs are: general budget \$250; furnishings in student rooms \$200; and social organizations \$250.

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TAR BABIES PLAY WOLF CUBS NEXT

Clash to Occur in Raleigh Saturday Afternoon

The Carolina freshmen are going through their steady grind of daily practice with renewed zeal in anticipation of their annual clash with the State College freshmen at Raleigh Saturday. This contest will have a direct bearing on the freshman State football championship, hence the unusual enthusiasm.

Last year the powerful Tar Baby eleven defeated the Wolf Cubs at Raleigh by the score of 22 to 6 in a game marked by liberal fumbling on the part of the State College aggregation. This year the Wolflets boast their strongest team in years and they are all prepared to avenge the defeat received by their varsity brothers in the State-Carolina classic five days ago, and at the same time to get even for the Tar Babies' win last season.

The Carolina team will line up without the services of three of its regulars who either through injuries or other causes will not be able to play. Green and Atkins are still out—the latter suffering with a sprained shoulder. Frederick, the fullback whose line plunging has featured every game to date, received a broken nose in the game with the Fort Bragg soldiers last Friday, and will not play for quite a while. The rest of the squad is nursing minor bruises as a result of the fracas with Fort Bragg, but should round into shape by Saturday.

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EX-EDITOR OF TAR HEEL IS AUTHOR OF FRANKLIN BIOGRAPHY

A new book entitled *Benjamin Franklin, the First Civilized American*, is the latest literary success of Charles Phillips Russell, graduate of the University of North Carolina. A reviewer of the work says, "The next statue in the Hall of Fame to be taken down and dusted is that of Benjamin Franklin who comes to us rejuvenated by Phillips Russell." The book tells many tales of the American patriot which are not in the official biographies.

In writing the fascinating biography the author compared Franklin's own autobiography with the old letters which are preserved in Philadelphia and documents in France and England. By this method he has added many new lights in connection with the human factor of Franklin's life. Some entertaining features of the book tells of the friendship between Franklin and Frenchwomen when he was ambassador at the courts of Louis the 16th.

Mr. Russell has been actively

associated with many of the largest newspapers in England and America since he graduated from the University in 1904. While here he had the honor of being editor of the TAR HEEL and *Carolina Magazine* at the same time. His work now is that of feature writer for numbers of English periodicals on American viewpoints and British and American relations.

In explaining why he calls Franklin the "first civilized American", Mr. Russell says: "In a period eminent for narrowness, superstition, and bleak beliefs, he was mirthful, generous, open minded, loving, tolerant, and humor-loving."

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HAVE become for most of us that very short space between going up and going down. We do not travel much on the surface these days. If our minds were a reflection of our trip through a modern city, we should be at once the most profound and the most ethereal race in the world.

The escalator and elevator carry us from the subway to the surface, from the surface to the elevated subway. The baggage hoist lifts our trunks from level to level. We enter a building and mount to the fiftieth story. Indeed, we have almost abandoned the horizontal, and the force of gravity seems just a bit old fashioned. The Otis Elevator Company has placed at our disposal an entirely new direction.

THE OTIS ELEVATOR must accept a great deal of the responsibility for the crowding of New York's sidewalks in the congested district. This seems fanciful but nevertheless it is true. Newspapers and magazines continually deplore the increasingly over-crowded condition of these sidewalks, due to the ever-increasing height of buildings. If it were not for the developments in the elevator industry made by the Otis Elevator Company as a pioneer, it would not have been possible to erect buildings of the stupendous heights which are now in vogue. It is the high speed Gearless Elevator, now culminating in the 800 ft. speed automatic signal control elevator, which has made the fiftieth floor almost as available in point of time as the twentieth floor, and that has, therefore, made it feasible to pile office on office high into the air.

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