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PARAGRAPHS

Exams only two weeks off.

The pen is mightier than the sword.

WE MAKE OUR BOW

Flattery is one of the best weapons ever devised. It always gives us great pleasure to see or hear of commendatory criticism of our work. There appeared in the *Crimson-White*, student newspaper of the University of Alabama, last week an editorial which is enough to make us cocky, and for which we make our best bow. We are reprinting about one-third of the editorial which appeared under the caption, *Journalistic Autonomy* in "The Old North State." "One of the innumerable suppressed desires of this journal has for some time been that of paying tribute to the *Tar Heel*, the student newspaper of the University of North Carolina. It receives our ballot for the best college paper in the South; and a main contributory factor to its success is the frequency and vigor of clashes of opinion within the student body of the institution.

"Forthright statements of belief, a hungry intellectual lust which fastens upon outside thought, and perhaps most important of all, a consistent faculty policy of non-censorship are not matters of chance; they are the event of one of the soundest state educational systems in the country; and it is because of this system, which has its beginning two decades ago, that North Carolina is probably the only southern university that approaches the old scholarly ideal of a battle-ground of ideas, a teeming incubator of thought."

THE SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCE

(Note: This is the second and last part of the editorial on the School of Applied Science.)

In this school a certain number of courses in English are required, and the instructors in these are just about the average. If a student is lucky, he gets a good instructor. Sometimes he is lucky enough to get a real professor, but it is not often. Men like Paine, McClamrock and MacMillan, however, very often destroy any joy that the average student might have received in his studies of English grammar and literature.

In the German and French departments, in which several courses in one are required, one runs afoul of many good and mediocre professors and instructors. All of the scientific students unite in trying to avoid Dr. Brown of the German department and seeking Dr. Toy. Most of the French professors will pass in a rush. But on the average they are liked or tolerated. There is very little enthusiasm held for any of them unless it is a man like Dr. Dey or Dr. Holmes. It is only fortunate students who draw these men.

It looks as if a good change could be made by cutting off French six as a required course and substituting in its place Physics twelve which is a study of X rays and X ray photography. This course would be of far more value to the student after he is out in life than that study of French plays which is boring to science students. The requiring of one course of Sociology would do a great deal towards showing the future citizen the broader side of life. It seems as though the scientific literature is written in a style that is rather different from the ordinary run of the literature studied. Since this is so, one or two courses, like the Scientific German IV that has been given once or twice, should be included in the courses required, in place of the strictly literary courses. This would render the translation of scientific works in the foreign language a great deal easier.

One contributor says: "It seems to me that in some of the science lecture rooms some sort of apparatus might be set up like a traffic signal system and when the instructor reaches those points in his lecture that should be outstanding a red light might appear, or he might blow a whistle, just by way of letting the students know that what is being said is really worth remembering. Many a professor goes over these points in his lecture in a perfectly even voice and with the best poker face in the world; so how are we to know that the discovery he is telling us about heralded a new day in his particular field of knowledge?"

We will next take up the Geology department, the only department of the University which can boast at present that it is housed in four different buildings, and has three rooms and the world as its laboratories. This is the condition which the Geology Department has been confronted with since the middle of last summer and seems, at present, that this condition will continue for at least another quarter before the new building will be completed and the department moved back to its original and permanent home. The department regrets that it will be unable to offer to the student who wishes to follow the lonely but interesting path which leads into the wonders of the world the same old dirty delapidated laboratories which their fathers studied in some twenty or thirty years ago as it has been able to do in the past. The old laboratories which were decorated with an unlimited amount of cob-webs, screaming floors, and makeshift tables will be replaced with modern laboratories and equipment. When the building is completed it will be one of the best, if not the best, equipped and strongest Departments of Geology in the South.

It would not be fair to speak of the merits of the department without giving due credit to the teaching staff for it is through this staff that the department has made the success that it has. Dr. Cobb, the father and founder of the Department, is the one to whom most credit must be given, for it is through his persistent efforts that the department has grown to be the best in the South. Dr. Cobb is one of the best known men in the University and one of the most interesting lecturers. His lectures are composed of scientific facts mixed with enough jokes to make them interesting and enjoyable. He has traveled through or has been in most every continent on the globe and knows the world and its inhabitants as well as he knows those of his own native county.

Dr. Prouty is a thorough and practical scientist as well as a perfect gentleman both on class and off class. His lectures are pure scientific but practical. His quizzes are deep and searching and the student who makes an "A" on his final has something to be proud of. If any student wishes

to learn science in a practical way he will do well to take Dr. Prouty's courses, but if he is not interested in science he had better avoid the searching quizzes or he will be taking them the next quarter.

Dr. Swartz, we take off our hats to one of the most thorough and best trained scientists in the University. His hobby is "Detail and more Detail". Often his students ask, "What is his profession? He seems to know as much about one thing as another." The student takes a course under him and is able to survive at the end of the quarter will feel that he has learned the most facts and scientific theories that he has ever received in one course and will be glad to take the second course under him. The student who wishes to learn Dr. Swartz and his method of teaching scientific facts and theories will do well to take his advance course in Palaeontology or Historical Geology, for in these courses he will find him at his best.

Dr. MacCarthy is a critic of science, a student of high standing, and a teacher who believes in letting the student do part of the work. His lectures are scientific and delivered with an undertone of sarcasm which impresses the facts upon the student's mind. He is always willing to help the students and especially to offer constructive criticism. His hobby is Mineralogy. Any student who does not know Dr. MacCarthy will learn him most intimately by taking his courses in mineralogy, and following him through the systems and inner souls of the crystal.

Mr. Bynum, instructor of Geography is well known among the students who have taken Geography 5. Those who do not know Mr. Bynum have missed a lot and those who do know him have learned a lot.

In conclusion, judging from the criticisms of this symposium, one would say that the School of Applied Science is above the average school in the University. The courses offered are above the average both in the class of instruction afforded and professors offering the work. It needs very few changes, only the ironing out of superfluous courses, courses which have nothing to do with the preparation of the student for his chosen work in life or which exert a broadening influence on his outlook of things. Psychology is useless. It is considered so in the Medical school, and has no business in the curriculum. As a science it ranks low in the minds of the undergraduates who are required to take it. It and Dr. Wheeler's chemistry, which is necessary of course, are the chief spots in an otherwise instructive course in applied science. Some of the courses are good but have professors who aren't. But the courses cannot be blamed for this. It is the usual thing in colleges. But on the whole the courses of the school of Applied Science are not filled with two-by-four teaching fellows who crowd some of the other schools, the student never has them to contend with in his science courses; it is only when he branches out in his electives and in English that he becomes aware of them. This is not a fault of the school but of the other departmental heads.

Epworth League Will Discuss Modern Youth

Open Forum Discussion at Regular Meeting Tomorrow Evening.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will conduct an open forum discussion Sunday night on the subject of: "What is the religion of youth today? What was it yesterday?" Bob Hardee will lead the discussion.

The following four points will be brought up:

1. Be it resolved that the Epworth League go on record as favoring the abolishment of the old idea of everlasting brimstone and fire as Hell, and pearly gates and golden streets as Heaven, and that there is no everlasting punishment or eternal rest.
2. Be it resolved that we believe Sabbath observance is degenerating in North Carolina.
3. Be it resolved that we think the ideals of marriage and divorce are falling.
4. Be it resolved that we go on record as saying that the old superstitious ideas in religion are fading out and that present ideas are more scientific.

Religion of modern youth has been presented at two previous meetings of the League and tomorrow's open forum discussion will bring this topic to a close.

Temperance is the bridle of gold.—Burton.

OPEN FORUM

Editor of the TAR HEEL:

Those engaged in important business correspondence out of Chapel Hill realize all too well that we are more isolated from effective lines of postal communication that even the smallness of the village or the ten-mile railroad quarantine can explain—because of slow mail service, particularly out-going, we are often driven to the more expensive means of correspondence, the telegram, when under normal service a two-cent letter would serve every purpose.

The noticeable point of slow service is that there is no overnight mail. A letter written to Raleigh or Greensboro in the afternoon does not reach its destination in time for handling within less than twenty-four hours. We are greatly in need of relief.

H. F. COMER
Secretary, Y. M. C. A.

Editor of the TAR HEEL:

In reply to your inquiry, I should like to say that it would greatly facilitate the service throughout the business organization of the University if a mail left here in the early evening. The situation now is that the mail closes as 2:40 P. M., which means that accumulation at the close of business each day, 5 o'clock, is held over until the following morning, causing delays in delivery of from sixteen to twenty-four hours. Other departments of the University and business houses and individual residents experience similar inconvenience and loss of time.

CHAS. T. WOOLLEN
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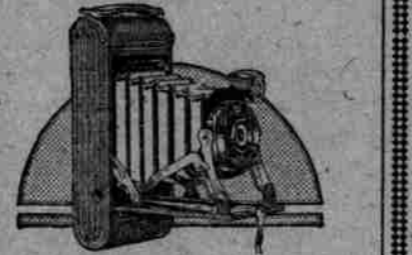
NORTH CAROLINA CLUB WILL HEAR BROUGHTON

Senator-elect J. M. Broughton, progressive young lawyer of Raleigh, will speak before the North Carolina Club Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. His subject will be "Primary vs. Convention as a Means of Nominating Candidates."

Mr. Broughton is a native of Wake county and a graduate of Wake Forest College, where he studied law. He is progressive and Liberal, and has been active in a number of plans of social uplift. He is a new senator; this will be his first term in office.

After the address the usual period of informal discussion will extend for the remainder of the hour.

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Representative of Di and Phi Will Discuss Abolition of the Direct Primary in the State.

The annual Mary D. Wright debate between the Dialectic Senate and Philanthropic Assembly will be held Monday in Gerard Hall at 8:30 p. m., on the query, "Resolved, That North Carolina's Present System of Nomination by Direct Primary Should Be Abolished."

The Di will uphold the affirmative side of the query, their speakers being Ben Eaton, of Winston-Salem, and H. B. Parker, of Monroe. A. M. Covington, of Linden, N. C., and Nash Johnston will defend the negative for the Phi.

The Mary D. Wright debate will be the first held under the auspices of the debate council at Carolina this year, and is considered the most important of the Inter-Society debates. The Mary D. Wright Memorial Medal, a \$25 gold medal, given by Mr. P. E. Wright of Landis, will be awarded to the best speaker on the winning team.

Much interest has been taken in this annual debate held in December in the past. A few of the most recent winners of the medal have been Victor Young, now practicing law in Durham, N. C., Malcolm Young, and J. F. Cooper.

Henderson Children Have Feyer
Barbara Henderson and Archibald Henderson, Jr., are both down with scarlet fever. Barbara was seized with the malady before her brother, and so is further on the road to recovery.

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11:00 a. m.—Morning Sermon: "Life Invested."
6:45 p. m.—B. Y. P. U.
7:45 p. m.—Evening Sermon: "The Angel of Smyrna."
CHRISTIAN
B. J. Howard, Pastor
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Sermon.
7:00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p. m.—Evening Service.
ROMAN CATHOLIC
Mass held on the first and third Sundays of the month in the Y. M. C. A. at 8:30 a. m.—conducted by Father O'Brien, of Durham.
METHODIST
Walter Patten, Pastor
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Sermon, "Man's Responses."
6:45 p. m.—Epworth League: Open forum discussion.
7:45 p. m.—Evening Sermon, Dr. H. W. Odum: "Freedom from Social Injustice."
PRESBYTERIAN
W. D. "Parson" Moss, Minister
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Sermon.
7:00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p. m.—Evening Sermon.
CHAPEL OF THE CROSS
A. S. Lawrence, Rector
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.
10:00 a. m.—Men's Bible Class, conducted by "Andy" Milstead.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Service—Corporate Communion for students.
6:45 p. m.—Young Peoples League.
7:45 p. m.—Evening Service.

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