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## PARAGRAPHS

The student that tried to swallow part of the freshman banner to keep the sophomores from getting it evidently believes that where there is a will there is a way.

Students at McGill University were recently accused of violating a university rule in a most flagrant manner. Seniors were wearing gowns modestly trailing the floor. The university calendar said, "Undergraduates shall wear a plain black stuff gown, not falling below the knees, with round sleeves cut above the elbow." We don't blame the seniors at all. A strange costume without a doubt.

The reviewer of the Duke Archive, literary publication, says "the Archive of this year is really a humorous publication." Now Duke doesn't have to worry about getting a comical magazine. It has two in one combination.

Married men are cowardly kissers in the movies, reports Pauline Starke, heroine of many "clinch fade-outs." "It's their subconscious fear of the jealousy of their wives," she explains. "They don't put any spirit into it." We suppose that is one of those "believe it if you want to."

Carolina has another "first" that an outsider had to tell us about. The write-up of the Carolina-George Washington debate in the G. W. student paper announced that "Harry McGalliard, first speaker for the Carolinians, is the youngest collegiate debater in the country, being only fifteen years old."

## GLARING INADEQUACY

The destruction of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house by fire early Thursday morning brought a fire loss for Chapel Hill to approximately \$22,000 in the same week. Mrs. McRae's loss, when the two upper floors of her home was gutted last Saturday night, is estimated at \$12,000; the cost of the Thursday conflagration approximates \$10,000, partly covered by insurance.

In both cases of these fires the buildings were structures of wood, and a fire with any headway usually makes short work of wooden buildings. Despite the good work of the Chapel Hill volunteer fire company in each case, one could not help but see the lack of better trained firemen.

Chapel Hill is a village of 3,000 population. The student body of the University augments that number by 2,500, making around 5,500 population. Taxable property of the town, the University plant and property excepted, is valued at \$3,150,000. The University holding values over six million dollars, which isn't subject to local taxation. Coming back to the local firefighting equipment, the LaFrance fire truck is owned jointly by the town of Chapel Hill and the University. Its original cost was \$12,000, which was borne equally by the town and University. However, the municipality bears all cost for its upkeep and the maintenance of the fire company. There are no full-time, paid members of the department. Twenty-four volunteers and a chief, drawing an annual salary of \$180, comprise the fire squad. None of the volunteer members draw a salary or call-answer fee, but they receive the benefit of a \$1,500 insurance policy, which the town carries on each fireman.

The facts speak for themselves. In a town of nearly six thousand population (approximately half of it "floating") with a property valuation of over nine million dollars, there is not even one full-time, paid fireman. The volunteer members of the company acquit themselves well at a fire, but their lack of training is egregious. With over nine million dollars of property, much of that including collections of the University that are irreplaceable, it is obvious that there is a glaring inadequacy of fire protection for the town and institution.

The result of this inadequacy and the increasing loss by fire in the village is resilient upon the property owners. It falls upon the insurer to pay higher premium rates upon property subject to destruction or injury by fire.

## Tar Heel Boxers Will Clash With Florida Team Monday

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fight, Petree, a Sophomore, will be sent in in his place. Boxing was recognized this year for the first time by the Southern Conference officials in their annual meeting, held at Jacksonville, Fla., in December. Although a number of leading Southern institutions have had boxing teams, this action of the Conference puts it on a sound basis. This sport was made a monogram sport only last year and it is hoped that the leather-pushers will be rewarded with letters this year.

The list of men who are to fight follows:  
Bantam weight: Farn Carpenter  
Feather weight: Sydney Shaw  
Light weight: Nash Johnson  
Welter weight: Ed Butler  
Middle weight: Charlie Brown  
Light-heavy weight: K. O. Warren.  
Heavy weight: Captain Shuford or C. L. Petree.

## OPEN FORUM

Editor of TAR HEEL:

I fail to see the significance in all the literature that has flowed from the pens of our campus citizens on the subject of an organization called Golden Fleece. Golden Fleece, as it appears to me, is an organization of a more or less degree of secrecy whose membership is made up of men who have shown their ability and integrity on our campus. It does not call itself the highest honor obtainable, as most think, but others have placed this significance upon it after observing the material that makes up its membership.

There exist, at this time, many fraternities on our campus. Although the majority of these are of a social character, many are honorary. Among these are law, journalistic, commerce, medical, debating, and other fraternities. Each of these may be called unnecessary. But as long as they do no harm, and do one good I see no reason for them to be condemned. And it is very evident that all of these organizations do at least one good. They supply a demand. The demand is evinced by the very fact that they all exist, and can find members that wish to join. The Fleece is to be included in this group.

All of these organizations are secret, private, and aristocratic. Each has certain limitations on membership; one requires a pocketbook or family, another a record as a debater, and still another a record in the law school. Any of us can get some boys around us, say we are Alpha Alpha fraternity, an organization of the best crap shooters on the campus, and take our place among the other organizations. Soon we are known as the honorary crap shooters fraternity, and our members as eminent crap shooters.

Now to get to the point. Have I, have you a right to uphold or condemn any of these above organizations? I say no! None of us have any license to argue about something that is none of our business. The Fleece is not our business, because it is not our organization until we become members. Of course we have a perfect right to our opinions, and can class the members of Golden Fleece as men of whatever type we wish. But when it comes to discussing the utility of the organization I believe we should keep our mouths shut, and let the members take the floor. The only time that the campus should stick its mouth in the matter is when the Fleece calls for a vote, if it ever does. But I see no reason for the Fleece to do such a thing.

A STUDENT.

Editor of TAR HEEL:

The various men, who insist that write-ups under the pictures of seniors in the Yackety Yack are foolish, are undoubtedly right. The only reason write-ups have been used before is that it was the custom. As the cool, hard, clear, deep-thinking Intelligentsias, we should eliminate it for this reason, if for no other—that it was or is a custom. Everything must be done differently—all customs must be changed. A new order is come—we must break with the past. "Give us Liberty and give us Death." No more senior write-ups—no more clothes—no more of anything that has the faintest connection with any custom. Never again let us be offended with such silly things. Never again let anyone be praised for heroic, pseudo-heroic, or illustrious deeds or accomplishments. Such things as these belong to some remote barbaric or

prehistoric age and are but vain flattery such as appeals to only the "common herds." We, "the Intelligentsia," the advanced thinkers are not to be "Bamboozled" by such silly "relics of high and prep-school days."

The only men who deserve any honor or recognition on the campus are the men who abolish something, edit something or are elected to some campus office by "machine politics."

The clarion call is sounded—down with everything that has the faintest tint of custom. Three "Louzzy cheers" for anybody who is opposed to anything.

On the other hand, these write-ups might possibly be the last "praise" that some of these men ever get. It is only just, fitting and proper that they should be deprived of it if possible. The fact that these men ever came here and did anything could be even more obscured if the pictures were left out of the Yackety Yack or the Yackety Yack were not even printed. What is the Yackety Yack for, anyhow, if not a place for write-ups and pictures of seniors?

R. L. D.

## Engineers Meet

Senior Electric Student Talks on Operation of Watt Hour Meter.

The Carolina student branch of the American Institute of Engineers met in Phillips Hall Thursday night and heard a talk delivered by J. L. Cantwell, a senior electrical student. The "Watt Hour Meter" was his subject. He had lantern slides to illustrate the intricate details of the instrument which he described.

The society has in store other meetings at which will be shown moving pictures of Railway Electrification.



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## Social Activity Blazes Strong Next Week-End

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dance as it will be for those who trip the light fantastic in gayest abandon. Kike Kyser and His Orchestra which needs no introduction to Carolina enthusiasts has been engaged and will be on hand to furnish music and entertainment. Special features have been arranged for entertainment in addition. The early announcement of the dance before the holidays has enabled a larger number of girls than usual to make plans to attend and the number of invitations that have been accepted points to this fact. Indications are that it will be a goodly collection of damsels that grace the Gym next Friday night. The dance will be informal and will be free of charge to all third year men in good standing and who have paid their class dues. No one will be admitted to this "classy" affair except Juniors.

The Grail dance next Saturday night should open the Order's winter social schedule with characteristic success. Coming on a week-end with the Junior Prom it should profit by the attractions of this and the basketball game to augment the number of visiting girls and heighten the enthusiasm. Next week-end will bring an abundance of social events to the campus and should prove a delightful introduction to the winter social whirl.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Royster and their daughter Martha have come back home after an absence of several months in Europe.

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity announces the initiation of Odell Sapp, of Winston-Salem, N. C.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### TODAY

8:30 p. m.—Varsity basketball, Carolina vs. Hampden Sidney, Tin Can.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 p. m.—Gerrard Hall, University Sermon by Doctor W. Aiken Smart of Emory University.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 17

8:30 p. m.—Meeting of Y. M. C. A. Cabinets, Y. M. C. A.  
8:30 p. m.—Boxing Meet, Carolina vs. Florida University.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:15 p. m.—Phi Assembly, Manning Hall.  
7:15 p. m.—Di Senate, Di Hall.  
8:30 p. m.—Phillips Hall, illustrated lecture on Michel Angelo, by Edgar Wind.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30 p. m.—Varsity basketball, Carolina vs. University of Georgia.  
7:00 p. m.—Venable Hall, moving pictures, "Fruits of the World," and "Romance of Coffee."

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

6:00 p. m.—Supper for Religious Workers Council, Episcopal church Parish House.

## Employment Bureau For Graduate School

All graduate students interested in obtaining positions for next year should file their application with the Dean of the graduate school. The Bureau of Appointments, conducted by the Graduate School, is now open, and about three hundred requests were received by this bureau for teachers last year.

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