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## PARAGRAPHICS

We expect the Faun or Yellow Journal or both to appear soon, and of course we must have our usual amount of free publicity from those estee

Carolina has never had as many political "machines" as she had yesterday. They numbered about one dozen and included everything from Cadillacs to Fords.

Several papers have come from the press recently carrying stories about a certain young Raleigh lady being "elected editor of the Carolinian, student publication of the University of North Carolina." One dispatch further stated that "this year she was business manager of the magazine." We knew that "Louise" McPherson had been business manager of the Magazine this year but we are unable to verify the rest of the story.

These victorious politicians are get ting blisters on their hands from shaking so much. Some of them go about the campus with a hand sticking out in front just waiting for you to grab it and say, congratulations!

Turning back one year ago one of our first paragraphics ran thus: "The belated vernal awakening is at last at hand, Winter has lost its grip on Mother Earth for another year, we hope. Grass is springing from terra firms while the stalwart oaks are taking on a verdant hue. If spring is here, can barnyard golf be far be hind?" Better than we can do today!

In our initial and policy editorial last spring we said that "there is no place for iconoclasts on the paper, but we reserve the right and privi-lege to be as radical as a Russian or as conservative as Coolidge." We believe that we have kept the faith.

With this issue the present staff goes out of office and turns the keys wer to the new editors and reporters. after putting out 90 issues of our favorite tri-weekly, or almost daily. We came on with issue number 78 last spring and went through number and go off with number 78 this r. Bon Soir, Buenos Noches, Bone

(Dave Carroll)

The elections will be over when this editorial is printed. And many glee ful grins or lumps in the throat will bear testimony to the triumphs or the defeats. All in all, elections are indeed tragic comedies.

But a problem, long existent and avoided, now faces the campus: How shall we free next year's election from that exploitation of freshmen which has inevitably characterized all our political successes or fiascoes?

No doubt many students wonder why they are not allowed some peace on the subject of politics. But they must remember that any progressive measure must be executed while our memory of the evil to be remedied is fresh. And we now have a freshman class baptized in the perils of politics. If we postpone action until next year, the coming class of 1931, naturally jealous of its importance, will howl at the idea of passing regulations concerning its participation and while we have with us no new informed freshmen of the future.

First of all, are the freshmen eximpossible for them to know the best electing offices. It is folly to consi records of these older men.

appearances in deciding this question. executives simply because of these often politicked into stampeding an figure heads and as a means for let otherwise sane election.

Surely every student wishes to see a safer discipline of the ballot. And why should we not discuss this problem with a view to insuring more intelligent elections in the future-if we can devise a scheme which will be acceptable and ratified before next year's onslaught of new men occurs? The fairness of certain freshmen whom the writer has been privileged to know would seem to indicate a willingness in the class of '30 to favor some new plan of suffrage for the host of freshmen.

Our proposals are: Let the freshmen of next year dis charge their own class elections as usual. But prohibit them from voting in the campus-wide elections on the grounds that their short residence here has not quite qualified them for the exercise of this voting power, which, we must remember, it not a natural right but a distinct privilege given every student. They would have the same status as a twenty year old state citizen-that is, they would admittedly have general intelligence, but not quite enough experience in local affairs.

Or, perhaps better, a selective drafting of a fractional part of the freshman class might be made. By this method, the names of all first-year men could be dropped in a box and a certain number drawn out and placed on the registration books. Since these chosen men would necessarily realize the uniqueness of their position, they would most likely have pride enough to investigate candidacies, steer clear of these button-holing campaigners, and vote judicious-

No doubt the same selective draft might be applied to the senior class. It is hardly fair or logical that men who will not return for the next year are allowed so prominent a share in the choice of officers under whom they will never live. In fact, senior wis-dom and experience frequently control the machines on the campus. However, this point is negligible, for the seniors are usually too few and uninterested to constitute a menace to sound elections. And we really need voters who are familiar with candidates' records, although these

voters may not return next year. We can see no reason why the new elections committee could not announce some progressive measure for next year's politics. It should realize that this is a year of issues and that its predecessor committee set s

good pace. If there should be any objection to the committee's rule, this opposition could be made through the Open Forum. These leaders would be glad

to submit the question to a student referendum, if necessary.

Something needs to be done. Up-perclassmen especially are disgusted rith the treatment accorded inexp

FRESHMEN AND ELECTIONS ienced first-year men. What do you think about it?

Tell it to the Open Forum.

BOSSES

J. R. DeJournette

The cry for clean politics, so diligently made by self appointed guardians of campus honor, has again the first place. The only difference been used as a futile subterfuge. The candidates running on the basis of that would be spent in party pribetter moral codes and promises for maries, should parties be formed. new "regimes" lost out on the whole. The good fortune of the winners in being among "Carolina's honored" fell to those men who were backed by chines hold their place in student the "strongest machine." There were some exceptions, but included in the "strongest machine" were some of the highest offices.

Some begin to wonder if there will ever be hope for better conditions. It predominant number of placid Sunwould seem that with all the crusading that has overflowed the Driftwood column in the TAR HEEL, that their backs upon such evil efforts of the frame-up bosses would begin to in campus-wide politics. Therefore, lose their hold on the campus this while we yet recall the unfair gossip year, if they ever will. But the ansof the recent election (and probably wer to this, is the questionable charit was mild for such a heated and acter of the columnist's self-affirmed openly-talked contest) and the general | non-biased mind. He has filled colmisinformation of the freshman class, umn after column, saying that he would uncover obscene politics; but first-year men-but instead an initi- never giving out information that ated class of voters, we should cer- really informed the student body of tainly consider some measure for the anything new; yet making quite conprevention of election-stampede by un- spicuous the names of certain candidates.

Obviously then, the crying reformploited by politicians? Obviously ers who have "stood up with the they are dependent on politicians or flaming torch of honor in their so-called "friends" for instruction on hand" have merely lighted the way many campus-wide candidacies It is for a more exciting responsibility of men for the various positions, for they this election as having ultimately have no acquaintanceship with the failed or succeeded in maintaining campus honor. It has probably suc-But we do not have to depend on ceeded in that hundreds of precocious members of their bosses' organization politicians will readily admit that have gone through that ego-satisfy freshmen can consistently elect poor ing process of swaying votes their way. That is the extent of the immen's athletic prowess. During the portance of politics, except in the last two years the writer has sat in case of publication editors, in which several caucuses which have looked the elected officer serve in greater upon innocent first-year men as easy capacity than usual for campus ofpicking. And so huge a class, atways ficials. The remainder of the eleceager to share in campus duties, is tions is a process of gaining honor as

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ting off the superfluous steam from the W. J. Bryan-type politicians.

In regard to the "strongest machines" it is not a secret that there are machines on the campus The candidates who pleaded against this kind of organization in favor of open political parties have made empty efforts to reconcile two things that were never opposed to each other in would be the longer amount of time

The candidate advocating such a policy, however was defeated and the diabolically dubbed frame-up magovernment affairs. The strongest one, of course has triumphed. The machines will be defeated whenever the ingenious glory-loving individuals that are here now are replaced by a day Schoolers. The only hope for the present malcontented element to turn his Satanic majesty's subjects.

#### Dr. Glenn Frank Will Speak Here

(Continued from page one) was borrowed from this University a year ago to reorganize and build up the department at Wisconsin. Whether Dean Snell will remain at Wisconsin or return here next fall, as is his option, is a matter of considerable speculation. He has indicated that he will announce his decision while he is here this month to attend the meeting of the association.

Msis Pattie Morgan left yesterday for her home in Wilson.

Miss Ellen Melick is at her home in Elizabeth City, recuper. ating from her recent illness. She will not return to school until after the Eastter holidays.

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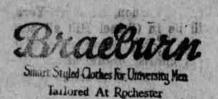


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