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PARAGRAPHS

"Teach college students the method of co-operation," advises Secretary of Agriculture Jardine. If one should pass by secluded spots on the campus at night, he would believe this advice is being followed to the letter.

The Raleigh Times reports that some young men have been taken in hand by John Law for stealing State College girls and bringing them to a University summer school dance. In the terms of the burglar's jargon, it must have been a good haul.

HOWLING DOGS INSPIRE NO ONE

Elsewhere in these columns appears an open forum letter decrying the practice of keeping dogs, howling and violently noisy, in the basement of Caldwell building. As the communicant points out, the dogs are barking early, late and in between times, which disturbs at once study, sleep and such comfort as one may presume to enjoy at this season.

These howling canines have not always had the mean opportunity to disturb students. Some have been, may be now, corraled in a lot at the southwest end of Emerson Field. Whatever purpose the medical school has for keeping the yelping pack so near the summer students domiciled in five buildings within whispering distance of Caldwell is not known. The TAR HEEL does not purpose to instruct the medicos as to what to do with their clinical material. But we rise to join the harassed occupants of the buildings grouped so near Caldwell, and demand relief for them from incessant yelps of the dogs.

It is hard enough, as has been observed before, to study during this hot weather. For disturbing study, the malefactor should be taken to task. It is difficult to gain that quiet peace which brings comfort these sultry and hectic days. For perturbing the quietude as it may be, the evildoer should be punished. It is labor in itself to win the comforts of Morpheus these torrid times. For denying sleep by the process of howls, yelps and ceaseless barking, the felons should be condemned to banishment.

The dogs in the basement of Caldwell building should be exiled as once from the environs of the dormitories nearby.

Miss Nell Bowden went to Warsaw last week-end.

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THE OLDEST UNIVERSITY

By the way of the Montgomery Advertiser comes word that "in the course of an article dealing mainly with Mercer university, John T. Boifeuillet, writing in the Atlanta Journal, makes the incidental remark that may re-open—and we hope it does—an old controversy. He says: 'By the bye; recently, a prominent American magazine, in answer to a correspondent's question, which is the oldest chartered state university in the United States, replied that this distinction belongs to the University of North Carolina. Of course, all Georgians proudly know that the University of Georgia has this honor. The University of Georgia was chartered by the legislature in 1785, whereas the University of North Carolina was not chartered until 1789.'"

The Adviser continues for the better part of a column:

"Mr. Boifeuillet says nothing more than this, discussing the matter by giving the foregoing dates. All Georgians, he says, proudly know that the University of Georgia is the oldest. At any rate, it is true that they believe the University of Georgia holds this distinction. But all North Carolinians proudly know, or at least believe, that the University of North Carolina is the oldest. North Carolinians have said repeatedly that there can be no doubt about it. But the people of Georgia have more than a doubt about it; they have a firm belief that the honor belongs to the University of Georgia.

"Now, which is correct? . . . If the University of Georgia represents itself as the oldest and the University of North Carolina does likewise, there is plainly a misrepresentation somewhere . . . Again, we propose a commission to decide the question. We suggest that the commission be composed of the Governors of Georgia and North Carolina, the heads of the two state institutions and a fifth member who shall be an impartial person . . ."

Thus from Alabama comes news of a strange war now raging between North Carolina and Georgia which we in our ignorance had not heard of. If anybody in this state has torn his shirt and is waving the tails in the proud boast that this commonwealth has the oldest chartered state university in the United States nobody else is paying attention to him. Curious boasts are made by those who are honorary keepers of the sacred list of firsts, and nearly anything is apt to be said by some of them. But that does not mean that they speak the truth; it does not even mean that anybody takes them seriously.

Certainly there is no such word from the University of North Carolina itself. The catalogue of that institution contains this succinct statement:

"The university was established in obedience to the first constitution of the state, which was adopted in December, 1776. A clause of section XLI declared that 'all useful learning shall be duly encouraged and promoted in one or more universities.' The charter was granted by the general assembly in 1789, the cornerstone of the Old East building was laid in 1793, and the university was opened in 1795."

That and nothing more. If the University of Georgia was chartered in 1785, which is the date given everywhere we have ever seen, its charter is clearly older than that of the University of North Carolina. If the University of Georgia was not opened as early as 1795, then the University of North Carolina was opened first, and that has always been the understanding,

OPEN FORUM

DOWN WITH THE DOGS!

Editor of TAR HEEL:

We the undersigned parties, dwellers in the Carr Building, of the University of North Carolina, do hereby appeal to the summer school officials, to eliminate from our environment, the Canine Glee Club and Orchestra, whose quarters are on the earth floor of a nearby edifice known as the Caldwell Hall. We feel sure that the medical students have not realized to what extent these individuals annoy the nearby pedagogues.

We realize that most people have an instinctive satisfaction for the melodies of music, from the chirping of the hearth cricket to the sweet toned nightingale of the far away Italian hills. But it is annoying to listen to the long practice periods which the canine classes conduct. These classes usually range from nine to eleven o'clock in the evening and from four until the rise of sun in the morning, each day in the week, Sunday included. There are no holidays throughout the entire first session.

Not knowing the duration of time for these individuals to pursue their course (chorus) before going out into the practice world, or from the hands of the "medici" are given a passport to the happy hunting grounds beyond the Elysian fields, we shall be glad to have their domicile moved to some distant hill where the vibrant chords, if heard at all, will only come in a melodious echo that will not disturb the peaceful slumbers in the early morning hours, nor re-echo with the college chimes when the lights are growing dim.

DWELLERS IN CARR BUILDING

Name Committee to Prevent Athletic Schedules Clashes

An attempt is being made to prevent clashes in the athletic schedules of North Carolina colleges, according to N. W. Walker, Director of the University Summer School and secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina College Conference which met in Durham Saturday.

A special committee, composed of Deans D. B. Bryan, of Wake Forest, E. L. Cloyd of State, W. H. Wannamaker of Duke, Dr. A. W. Hobbs of the University, and the Dean of Elon College, was appointed to confer with a standing athletic commission with a view to a better correlation of the athletic schedules.

Members of the executive committee are President W. A. Harper, of Elon, president; N. W. Walker, secretary-treasurer; President C. F. Brewer, of Meredith; President W. P. Few, of Duke; President E. C. Brooks, of State College; Dean D. B. Bryan, of Wake Forest.

The next meeting of the committee will be held in Durham October 25 and 26. A special feature of the meeting will be a banquet in the Washington Duke hotel at which the University Glee Club will sing.

here—kindly historians will correct us if we are wrong.

Meantime the Advertiser might try to start a war in Pennsylvania where the state university writes "founded 1740" on its seal. Tar Heels are more interested in the present and future scholarship and service of their institution. Want to start a war about that?—The Greensboro Daily News.

RUSSELL, ALUMNUS OF U. N. C., WRITES NEW BOOK

Phillips Russell, member of a distinguished North Carolina family and an alumnus of the University, has written a biography of John Paul Jones. Brentano's will put it out in August. This follows closely upon his book on Benjamin Franklin, which was acclaimed by the critics as one of the best pieces of biographical writing ever done by an American.

Mr. Russell passed through Chapel Hill on his way to his home in Rockingham, where he will take a short breathing spell after his completion of the sea fighter's biography. He has already arranged with his publishers to edit a volume of biographical sketches of famous Americans. The opening sketch, on Emerson, will be written by Mr. Russell himself. The authorship of the others has not yet been announced.

Saratoga School Boss Is Victimized By Greedy Rogue

There must have been a three wheeled Chevrolet in Chapel Hill Sunday night because the man who owned it probably was the person who stole the spare wheel, rim, tire, and cover from the Chevrolet coach of Mr. W. B. Barnes of Wilson. The coach was parked in front of Pickard Hotel Sunday night. When Mr. Barnes got up the next morning his spirits were considerably dampened to discover that he had been relieved of his Kelly-Springfield balloon spare-tire. The cover bore the name "Susman Motor Co., Washington, N. C."

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are here attending Summer School.

He is the principal of Saratoga high school.

CARNEGIE MAN VISITS UNIVERSITY FOR WEEK

M. W. de Laubenfels, who has been appointed by the Carnegie Institution of Washington to carry on research work on sponges in the Tortugas, is spending a week in Chapel Hill in consultation with Dr. H. V. P. Wilson, of the University Department of Zoology, regarded as the greatest authority on sponges in the county.

Mr. de Laubenfels is loud in

his praises of Dr. Wilson, whom he speaks of not only as the greatest authority in this country, but as the greatest in the world—equalled only perhaps by Topson of France.

Mr. de Laubenfels has done research work along these lines at Sanford, and leaves today for the Tortugas—a small group of islands southwest of Florida—to continue his work.

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