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PARAGRAPHS

Graham Memorial building, honorable members of the class of '31, will be ready for occupancy when your sons matriculate.

"Law School Faculty Has Three New Men to Open Fall Term," headlines our favorite leading southern college tri-weekly newspaper recently. And if they weren't able to do the job as it should have been done, we suggest the use of dynamite.

Greensboro has just passed through a recall election. We would assure all concerned that there is no recall movement underway in regards to the Carolina football eleven.

"Freshman Stand Series of Tests," headlines the Duke Chronicle. But the tests present are not like those of the days of razor strops and barrel staves.

Dick Reynolds, who won his wealth by people walking a mile for Camels, has been located in St. Louis. After consuming space on the front pages of various dailies equalling that given non-stop fights, he nonchalantly states that he was merely on his vacation and traveled incognito so he would not "be bothered."

A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT

It was announced at the termination of the spring quarter of the past scholastic year that the plan of optional class attendance for juniors and seniors would be continued through the fall quarter of this year.

Optional class attendance is simply the shifting of emphasis from attending classes to that of doing the work required by the instructor, regardless of whether classes are attended regularly. The penalty of being dropped from a course because of a definite number of "cuts" is removed. If the nature of a course requires class attendance to accomplish the work to be done, then it is obvious that optional attendance is of little worth to the student on that particular course.

This plan of optional class attendance was experimented with during the last spring quarter. Scholastic averages for that quarter of the members of the junior and senior classes show that grades of the students were as good, even better in some cases, as those when the plan was not in operation. The plan was introduced through the instigation of Dean Addison Hibbard of the college of liberal arts with the view of making mere class attendance secondary to doing the work required by the various courses in the curriculum. Such a plan is to abolish the "must" of going to classes and substituting thereof the option. It is replacing quasi-discipline with the choice of voluntary attendance. This is nothing more than the reliance on the manhood of the University student. The taskmaster who stands over the students and directs, orders, is eliminated. In his stead the student attends classes, or does not, according to his own judgment and free will. Which is simply the use of the axiom that states 'one may be coaxed into doing, but not driven.'

The continuance of the optional plan of class attendance during the

fall quarter is a vote of confidence by the members of the faculty in the University students of the two upper classes.

SCENES FROM THE PRESS BOX

By "Mutt" Evans

"Jinx" Superstition is a funny feeling and we always have sort of resisted its depressing advances, but since those baptists marched off with their fourth consecutive victory Saturday—well we've started paying a little more attention to black cats and number "13" and walking under ladders.

Legalities

Some guy up in the stands announced that he was going to instigate a law suit against the whole damn Wake Forest team. He claimed that when the Deacons held the Tar Heels on the one foot line, five years of his life were aged away. Wonder how much damages the Wake Forest student body could collect from Billy Ferrell for catching that forward pass over the goal line?

A Suggestion

We hate to criticize the lord high men of the football rules committee, but it seems to us that they have overlooked a few mighty essential points in figuring out their scoring system. Carolina gained 305 yards from scrimmage against Wake Forest's '96, and also made thirteen first downs to Wake Forest's three. It looks like any sensible referee ought to allow us at least one point for out-playing the Deacons that much. And one point was all that we needed. Dumb Dora suggested that the score-keeper ought to be able to cheat at least one point. But he didn't and for the third time in four years Carolina has tasted defeat by the same gigantic one point.

Bad Business

Judging by the activities of the Chapel Hill police force during the game, the Carolina student section had more "fight" than both football teams put together. No bluecoats were called out on the field to settle any disputes while up in the stands they ended at least three fistic battles. All humor aside, that fighting business gives a mighty cheap impression to outsiders, and ought to be cut out.

Old Reliable

When Harry Schwartz picked up a loose football and galloped over the line, only to be called back by an unsympathetic referee, a bystander was heard to remark: "Who's that sitting on the ball back of the goal line? Schwartz? Well if he did it, everything is all right. The referee don't know what he's talking about." Must be great to have people place that much confidence in you.

A Newcomer

This Earl Donahoe played a neat game at guard and got so many tackles that we thought he was playing about three different positions at one time.

A Missed Opportunity

"Oh mother I could kiss him for that," screamed a fair representative of the opposite sex when Pat Patterson caught the long forward pass that paved the way for Carolina's touchdown. Guess about 2000 students echoed those sentiments but they didn't pronounce themselves so vulgarly! We tried to find out the young lady's address and send "Pat" around to collect, but to no avail.

Tennessee

The Tennessee game is only two days off. We've already started praying for a victory, and in case ye olde Varsity can squeeze out on the long end of the score Saturday, we promise faithfully that we will forget all about that 9 to 8 thing that the Baptists took home with them. Gosh, it certainly would feel good to sorta make up for that terrible 34 to 0 entertainment that the Vols greeted the Tar Heels with last year.

Blind Preacher To Address Baptists

Beginning Wednesday, October 5th, Dr. Louis B. Warren, well known blind preacher from Atlanta, will preach twice daily at the Chapel Hill Baptist church. Services will be held at three o'clock in the afternoon, and at seven forty-five in the evening.

Dr. Warren became blind fifteen years ago but he has memorized whole chapters of the Bible, and has overcome his handicap in this way. He is rated as one of the south's most effective preachers.

Dr. W. L. Poteat, former president of Wake Forest College, will speak at this church Sunday morning, October 2nd, at eleven o'clock, and at the evening services Dr. Francis F. Gaines, now President of Wake Forest will also speak.

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MAKING PLANS FOR THE COLLEGE STUDENTS

The president of what is called the student council of the Intercollegiate Prohibition association announced yesterday from Washington plans for carrying the story of the evils of liquor into the colleges of the country and instructing the growing generation on conditions that obtained on conditions that obtained before its day. "A new generation has come already that knows not the saloon," says the announcement. "But it has gained the impression that conditions are as bad, not better than they used to be." Hence the two eras will be compared and the gains made under prohibition will be set forth.

Whether the movement is serious enough to carry out its plans it is impossible to say. But they can be carried out, no doubt, with advantage to everyone concerned! College students hear a surfeit of messages, but they can probably hear one more.

Before the movement starts, however, somebody ought to take the leaders aside and talk to them earnestly on the kind of audiences their speakers will face. By and large they will be as critical audiences as can be found in this country. Not directly critical of this particular message, but critical of all messages; willing to offer the bringer a fair chance but insistent that he give them a high proportion of real stuff and a low proportion of blah, and openly and frankly and severely condemning him who over-steps the bounds of reason and becomes lost in his own enthusiasm and verbosity.

It is the one thing that virtually all colleges give, and it is incidentally one of the most valuable things that they do give: this willingness to hear the argument but this overwhelming condemnation the moment he who argues ruins his own case by going too far. We cannot imagine a college audience in the country, for instance, before which Dr. A. J. Barton could make the statement credited to him in Asheville—"Any man who drinks liquor either in public or in private is an anarchist"—and get away with it.—The Greensboro Daily News.

SHOULD BE CHANGED

The suggestion has come forward again that the date of the Carolina-Wake Forest football game be changed. That is a suggestion worth considering. But, it will not do any good this year.

However, there is a conflict on the football schedule of the state this year that can be eliminated, and should be. That is the Duke-Wake Forest and the Carolina-State games, both booked for Saturday, October 29. Not only are they booked for the same day, but they are to be played in about 17 miles of each other, one in Raleigh and the other in Wake Forest. There are several thousand people in the central part of the state who would like to see both of those games. If one could be played on Friday and the other on Saturday, it would mean probably \$3,000, possibly \$5,000, more gate receipts for both games. There are hundreds of people in Raleigh, Henderson, Oxford, Rocky Mount, Durham, Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Burlington, Sanford, Goldsboro and other places who want to see both games. If one could be played on Friday and the other on Saturday, many of those people would take in both games, thereby enriching the treasuries of the athletic departments of the four institutions. A thousand dollars or so more would be welcomed by the athletic councils of all four institutions.

While the financial side is important, it is not all. The followers of football, those who pay to see the games, and whose support makes it possible to maintain athletics, are entitled to some consideration. Every effort should be made to please them, and it certainly would be pleasing to them to arrange the two games mentioned on such dates as to enable the most people to see both of them.

It is realized that it is late in the year to talk about making a change. But, if the officials of the four institutions could get together and agree to such changes as would enable the fans to take in both games, it would be greatly appreciated by hundreds of people.—The Durham Morning Herald.

FOOTBALL'S POPULARITY

The first games in the North Carolina football season indicate that this year will smash all records for interest and attendance in this popular college sport. The largest crowd attended the opening game at Duke that has ever been on that field for a football game except possibly a Thanksgiving contest. The first game at

Carolina broke all first game records there, in fact it measured favorably with that of the Thanksgiving game of only a few years ago. This too, in spite of the fact that the admission charges are higher this year than usual. We remember only a few years ago when only about 100 paid the sum of 75 cents to see a game at Trinity college. The other day, the attendance was several thousand, the estimates averaging about 4,000. At Carolina last Saturday the estimated attendance was 12,000. Five years ago those crowds would have been almost inconceivable. Five years ago, the price of admission was much less than this year. All of which goes to show that the interest in football has been growing at a wonderful rate in this state. Carolina has built a great stadium which has seating accommodations for 24,000. That was considered an ambitious undertaking, and a few years ago none would have predicted that a North Carolina game would attract anything like a crowd of that size. But, unless the signs are fooling us, the first game in the new stadium, set for next Thanksgiving, will fill it to capacity, and by 1929, additional seats will have to be placed to take care of the Thanksgiving crowd.—The Durham Morning Herald.

COLLEGE NEWS SERVICE

Newspaper offices in this state are being well supplied with material describing the activities of various colleges in the state. Perhaps there is greater concentration on supplying usable matter this year than ever before, at least more stories are being mailed out than we can well remember having seen another year.

Doubtless if we should call the men who write for colleges just plain press agents, they would resent the insinuation, however, the volume of practically all the matter coming out of the five leading institutions, with the exception of the University of North Carolina, has no great amount of news value. Occasionally there are stories which are of considerable interest, but if sports were not included in the correspondence of the several colleges little of the matter could be utilized to any advantage by the papers.

The University of North Carolina News Bureau appears to be organized on a business like basis, employing men who have had news experience,

and who furnish news of an attractive sort. The Carolina bureau is as quick to send material unfavorable to the University as it is to send matter which is of a more rosyate quality, provided the story has news value. But this would hardly apply to another college in the state.

Should one form his conclusions of North Carolina institutions from stories the average copy reader must trim down, they certainly would be meccas of a grand sort. And after a while the blah-blah becomes monotonously tiresome.

One of the greatest troubles is that men employed to write for the colleges are not allowed to send out what they might consider news, but are censured by professors, deans, secretaries, and presidents, until any initiative he might have had for news gathering is dissipated. In many cases the college press agent is a student and knows little about the requirement of newspapers. Furthermore, he is paid very little for his efforts. Generally he is a student who devotes what time he may spare from his studies to supplying newspapers with the latest accounts of something which newspapers certainly have little need for.

Occasionally excellent stories come from all of the big five institutions in the state, but with the exception of the University of North Carolina bureau, the correspondents frequently fail to appreciate the value of a good news story.—The Rocky Mount Telegram.

You can't expect a professional politician to make up his bed and then lie in it. He's more likely to make up his bunk and then lie out of it.—Atva (Okla.) Record.

TAR HEEL STAFF WILL MEET TONIGHT AT SEVEN

All members of the reportorial staff of the TAR HEEL are requested to be present at a meeting in the office, Alumni 104, at seven o'clock tonight.

This is the first meeting of the staff of the year and with new 'beat' assignments to be made, it is imperative that every member of the staff be present.

Sub-editors are requested to meet at 6:55 p. m.

EDITOR.

As a result of the recent rise in the stock of the New York National bank, George F. Baker is reputed to be \$7,500,000 richer than he was 10 days ago. This shows what hard work will do for a man.—Mobile Register.

Every day, in every way, Europe gets nearer and dearer to the United States.—Chicago Daily News.

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