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## PARAGRAPHS

"Faculty Wives Write New Plays," headlines the favorite tri-weekly. Not adding another extra-curricular activity?

Latest reports say that Lejeune is confident that Sandino's forces will be overcome. Not a bad guess with ten to one odds.

"Brooks Off in Sky Flea for Capital," headlines a daily, as if there aren't enough pesky fleas up there with Congress in session!

Papers say that South Americans greet Lindbergh. Wouldn't it be a more appropriate greeting if they started a revolution down there?

"Country Judge Puts Speed in Hickman Trial," runs another headline. Thought was all along that these city judges are responsible for most of the crimes.

President Chase made no statement in his proposal of larger loan funds as to whether a student would be advanced anything to take care of the week-end contingencies.

Cosgrave honors unknown soldier. Has there ever, in the last eight or nine years, a foreign dignitary come to this country without putting a wreathed bouquet on tomb of the unknown soldier?

## NAILING A MISSTATEMENT

The letter written by President Chase in the last issue of the TAR HEEL clarifies a situation that had been badly misinterpreted due to distortion and wrong impression gained at the hands of newspapermen. It had been stated that the President of the University favored restricting out of state students. Such a statement would naturally draw widely variant comment and misunderstanding.

There has not been, and will not be, a movement to restrict out of state students and to limit enrollment to North Carolina students, Dr. Chase declares. Ament this he states:

"It would be as absurd to limit the student body to North Carolina as to limit the faculty by geographical lines. No representative university like our own could possibly consider either.

"Nothing could be further from the University's real attitude. There is no sentiment, in the administration, faculty, or trustees, toward limitation of the University student body to men from the state. Men from other states are welcome here. They have contributed, and will contribute, much to our life?"

This clear statement coming from the head of the University should set right any rumors or statements to the contrary. President Chase is everlastingly right when he declares that the University should have some

control over the quality of students admitted. He states that such machinery to consider the quality of the applicants was what he had in mind when he presented the proposition to the executive committee of the trustees. It is a matter of vital importance that the quality of the student body remain high. Hence it is necessary to take steps that will look towards methods in keeping the quality of out of state students as high as possible.

## WE APPLAUD—

It has been announced that the town aldermen in the session Monday evening voted to employ a full-time fireman, who will remain on duty at the firehouse during the majority hours of the day. This action is an important step in eliminating fire losses in Chapel Hill.

For a long time there has been the danger of heavy fire losses among the townspeople and the University. At the Pickard hotel (which the Raleigh Times cocksurely states is not the Old Pickard) fire, it was declared that none of the local firemen heard the firealarm for some minutes. Imagine one hearing the alarm four blocks from the station, then having to rush to the station to drive the fire-truck to the scene of the blaze! It is little wonder that more serious fires have not brought heavier losses with such a state of unpreparedness to cope with fires.

The employment of a full-time fireman will raise the Chapel Hill rating to a class one step higher, it is said, and thus save the citizens of the town between \$3,000 and \$3,500 annually on insurance premiums. The town also expects to install larger water mains and a better alarm system, which will serve to raise the insurance rating.

The TAR HEEL believes that this belated action should be applauded as one which is a forward step in securing better protection for the community against the menace of fires.

## OPEN FORUM

Editor of TAR HEEL:

The concert in Person Hall Tuesday evening by Miss Gertrude Henneman was a vivid reminder to the few music lovers on the campus of a very pertinent fact: that this is the first musical concert of any nature whatsoever (excepting one lone faculty recital) which has been given at the university this year. Two organ recitals have been given, independently of the university, at the Episcopal church. Then there has been Mr. Weaver's series of illustrated lectures on the symphony, which a small handful of students and a larger number of people from the faculty and town have attended. But that is all.

I do not think much of the blame can attach to the music department. Doubtless they are handicapped by a lack of funds. And certainly only one with a penchant for the grotesque can watch with any interest the constantly dwindling audiences which have greeted the cheerful faces of the music department at each succeeding concert in the past. Two years ago a world-renowned pianist faced an almost empty Memorial Hall; but now no one even dreams of bringing a Levitzki here. Miss Henneman had an audience of about thirty. It is true that the weather was inclement; it is true, also, that some who went might quite justifiably have stayed away had they known that the concert would be spoiled by "interpretations" for grammar school students who did not know what a gavotte or a Punch and Judy show is, or for TAR HEEL reporters who even yet, after a careful explanation for their benefit, do not know that Golliwog was not the composer of *Cake of De-Bussy*. But the point is, that here was a long-heralded concert—the first of the year—by an excellent pianist, and some thirty students and faculty members and townspeople attended.

There is one other factor which may have contributed to the lack of musical entertainment here. Last year the Chapel Hill-Durham Opera Association was formed and had a very auspicious beginning. This year it has not been so successful. Two concerts have been given in Durham, but they were less attractive features than the opera season of last year, and prices were higher than those customarily charged here. Let us hope that the university does not resolve itself of all responsibility for providing an occasional musical entertainment because some are sometimes given in Durham.

To conclude these rambling remarks, then, I should like heartily to endorse the idea expressed in Dav(e) Carroll's editorial in Thursday's issue of the TAR HEEL and, if I remember correctly, in the *Fawn* of last year. If a compulsory fee is charged for athletics, for publications, for class dues and *Yackety Yack* space, and the uni-

versity takes upon itself the task of collecting back dues for the Phi Assembly, there is certainly no logical reason why the same plan should not be extended to cover the cost of musical entertainments, which are at least as cultural and worth while as any of these. This plan was used quite successfully in summer school a few years back, but for some reason was unfortunately discontinued. By providing adequate funds such an arrangement should make possible more frequent concerts, none of which would need to be advertisements for the Ampico. There is also the important aspect that students, having paid for the concerts, would attend in larger numbers, and some of them might acquire some slight appreciation of good music in spite of themselves. Perhaps it would not be too wild to hope that eventually even the TAR HEEL would not report that Miss Henneman played Golliwog's *Cake of De-Bussy*.

W. J. O.

## CLIPPED

Editor's Note. Below are given reprints from the editorial pages of state dailies. Although these clipped editorial articles are reprinted in full here, it does not necessarily mean that these are the views and opinions held by the TAR HEEL on the matters concerned.

## SHOULD KEEP FEES LOW

The University of North Carolina is now confronted with the problem of how to secure more income, and is looking toward tuition as the place to get it. It is understood that the trustees are seriously considering a plan which would increase the fees, but to offset that, would establish a loan fund to help students.

The trustees are men who are loyal to the university, good citizens of the state, and men of good business judgment. They, of course, also have constantly in mind the educational advancement of the youth of the state. It is reasonable to expect that those men will eventually do what in their collective judgment is for the best interest of all parties concerned. They have the advantage over the general public in that they are more familiar with the details of the operation of the university as an institution. They know more of its needs, and are also acquainted with the demands made upon it by young men and young women of the state.

But they must be sure of their ground before they put into effect increases in fees. An increase is not going to receive a quick favorable reaction throughout the state. There is a sentiment that the state is putting its dollars into the university, and the other educational institutions, for the purpose of affording the boys and girls an opportunity to secure a college education. If the state is going to make high charge for all of those privileges, why have a state-supported institution, they will ask.

It is understood that the plan to offset the increased tuition costs is to provide a loan fund. The tuition is only a part of the total cost of getting a university education. There is need for both a low tuition and a loan fund. If the young men and young women have to assume heavier obligations for tuition, as well as get help for securing board, clothes and other expense items, it is going to have a deterrent effect upon the ambition of quite a number of deserving young men who are financially unable to attend the university. While our references here are to the university, they apply to the Women's college at Greensboro and the A. & E. college at Raleigh, and any others of like kind supported by the state.

The general idea among the people, we believe, is that instead of raising tuition, it should be lowered. The ideal situation, the one the framers of the state constitution had in mind, was that there should be no tuition if possible to avoid it. How is the state to justify its taking of tax money for the support of its institutions and at the same time those institutions increase the costs to the students?

There, however, is another element involved. The other colleges not having the advantage of state support, are in serious need of more funds. They are almost at the end of their row. They probably would like to increase their tuition charges, and would do it if the state institutions increased. The denominational schools would be at a disadvantage if the state institutions had low tuition costs, while the non-state schools had higher rates.

The situation presents probably as difficult a problem as has arisen to confront the state schools in many years. No remedy yet devised is fully satisfactory. Any course pursued is going to present serious objections. We believe, however, that a mistake would be made if there is an

increase in tuition. The reaction will eventually result in making it more difficult to secure increased appropriations for the state institutions. If the tuition were held low, or wiped out, there would be a much better argument in behalf of large state appropriations. If the state of North Carolina is going to undertake to provide educational opportunities for its young men and young women, it should make it at as low cost as possible. The tuition is a comparatively small item in the total cost of a college education. If the state wants to help students through a loan fund, there will be enough demand for all it can provide to take care of the costs other than tuition.—The Durham Morning Herald.

## HIGHER STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS RATHER THAN RAISE IN TUITION

University Trustees do wisely to make haste with extreme slowness in the matter of the proposal to raise tuition and fees of students to a level better approximating the benefits received. At the University at present, as at practically every college in the land, higher education is a financially losing proposition for the institution. Endowment funds, once ample in some cases, are no longer sufficient to meet the deficit. As the number of students increase, so rises the expense per student. In this particular student bodies are like telephones. In the educational plant large dealings and quantity production mean the reverse of economy, as would obtain were the campus a packing house.

But there is the provision of the Constitution which makes it the clear and settled policy, so far from making University students pay for what they get, to give them, when possible, an education free of charges for tuition and fees. It will not be easy to get around that declaration without distinct trouble. Meanwhile, more and more students are pouring in, a large percentage unprepared and aimless, and the facilities of the institution are being overtaxed. What to do? A State loan fund is suggested, but once more constitutional

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inhibitions seem to stand in the way.

It would seem what is needed is not higher fees at the University for the students who would continue to swarm there, not easier loan funds to enable the crowding students to continue to pour onto the campus, but a higher standard for "admittance," which would keep out hundreds of misfits now capable of buying their way into the institution, no matter what the tuition and fees.

The University now has several hundred students by way of excess baggage. They should not be there. They are doing themselves no good and they are embarrassing the University no little. They are causing the State several dollars expenditure for every dollar they pay, and they are getting nothing for themselves while they create extravagance for the University. The method by which this swamping of the University plant with unhealthy growth may be curbed is to be found not in a matter of dollars or loans, but in a scrutiny of student personnel through raised and impartially enforced stan-



## Weekly Style Hint For The Well Dressed Man

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dards.—Raleigh Times.

## Detroit Delegates to Give Program Tomorrow

Four of the delegates who represented the University of North Carolina at the world-wide Student Volunteer Conference held at Detroit during the Christmas vacation will give a report on the convention at the Christian Endeavor of the local Presbyterian Church tomorrow night at 7:00 p. m. The four students who will address the group are Wyeth Ray, Miss Vance Thompson, Mac Gray, and Aubrey Perkins. Nash Johnston and Walter Crissman also attended the meeting but will be unable to present talks.

A pair of gray gloves left in Dean Carroll's office during registration will be returned if the owner will call.

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