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PARAGRAPHS

The Old Tar Heel quint did some high stepping Saturday night and made championship tracks—with the Blue Devils mighty close behind.

Best thing about the game was that both Carolina and Duke students decided to show that they were gentlemen regardless of who was winner.

How times do change! Smith Dormitory, once noted for its absolute lack of shaving cream and tooth paste, now houses a full-fledged cotillion club.

"Women Drink Tea" headlines our favorite soon-to-be-a-daily. That sounds innocent enough to dispense with any possible liquor investigations as far as the dear co-eds are concerned.

Last night the Carolina debaters met Marquette University's team on the question of public ownership of hydro-electric power plants. That is an appropriate subject for a Carolina-Duke debate sometime.

The appearance of sunshine, kodaks, and that inevitable feeling of mental lassitude heralds the approach of another springtime. The symptoms are unmistakable; only two more things are needed now—the blossoming of the Arboretum and the birth of several new campus romances.

Dr. W. C. Coker gives more land to the Chapel Hill golf course—creating a sort of faculty Arboretum, as it were.

Still Sits the Stadium, But Why Let It Merely Sit?

The Kenan Memorial Stadium is a beautiful structure. In the autumn when it is filled with a cheering, enthusiastic crowd of football fans it is a happy and colorful sight. Swept away by the mob emotion of the moment one might even feel that full value was being received for the vast investment of some \$325,000. What matter that it be used for only five or six games a year? argues the college youth. Surely the glamor of those few games more than compensates for long months of idleness!

But does it? Is there any reason why so much money should be tied up in a stadium whose period of active service is limited to the football months of the fall? Basketball, wrestling, and boxing ignore the sta-

dium during the winter months and shelter themselves in the doubtful warmth of the Tin Can. Baseball and track in the spring still stick to the old faithful, Emerson Field. And Kenan Memorial Stadium is left to bask, lonely and neglected, in the springtime sun. Is such a procedure sensible?

Since athletics do not demand the use of the stadium at this period of the year, why does not some other phase of activity seize upon the opportunity?

The location, size, and structure of the stadium are all ideal for some huge dramatic pageant. While the Forest Theater is no doubt spacious enough for producing Playmaker plays out-of-doors, the stadium could be utilized for a production on a much larger scale.

If the Playmakers are ambitious, let them parade their talents in the stadium. Or let the Bureau of Community Drama, which spreads dramatic art all over the state, essay a pageant of North Carolina. Or let the University set aside a place on the commencement program yearly for some entertainment in the stadium other than athletic.

With a seating capacity of 24,000 Kenan Memorial Stadium could accommodate the entire student body and hosts of visitors from out in the state. If the idea of dramatic presentations should be taken up by someone with the necessary knowledge and initiative, the Carolina Stadium might be made the center of a dramatic and artistic movement as well as an arena for athletic contests.

Taking Meals in The Oxford Manner

Oxford University has long been the model looked up to and followed by American universities. The Oxford system makes an educated man of a mere gentleman, and makes a gentleman of the scholar. There is something about the atmosphere which mellows a man, according to those enthusiasts who have been there and were able to tear themselves away and return home.

One definite part of that system is a specific effort to have Oxford men know one another. The first year man, upon arrival, is required to visit a number of upper classmen. A card is slipped under his door, which may read "Thomas Q Brown" and penned beneath the name, "Come to my rooms for breakfast tomorrow at 8." There is no questioning of that summons. The first year man is there the next morning as a matter of course, and meets a number of his classmates and friends-to-be. Thus is the matter neatly handled at Oxford.

Here at Carolina there is no such tradition. The Freshman meets the men on his floor in the dorm, and perhaps a number of fraternity men who may be interested in him. He associates in the usual casual manner with a special group of three or four friends, goes to the movies with them, and has an occasional bull session with them.

Of all the means of meeting friends and making new acquaintances, perhaps the most pleasant is meeting them at dinner. Mealtimes invite confidences. People are more natural, and certainly more friendly. Swapping meals is a pastime too rarely indulged in hereabouts. Invite your friend to eat with you, and note results. Try it with your fraternity brother, or the fellow in the room next door. You'll get a different slant on him, know him better, feel more intimate with him.

Why go all the way to Oxford for the Oxford spirit, especially when the all-important Rhodes Scholarship is lacking? Swap meals, and bring Oxford to Carolina.

—H. J. G.

What's Happening

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
7:00 p. m. Venable hall. Moving Pictures. "The Story of Bakelite" and "Viscosé Silk."
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22
8:30 p. m. Tin Can. Basketball—Davidson College.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
8:30 p. m. Tin Can Basketball—V. P. I.

Open Forum

THOMPSON DEFENDED AGAIN

To the Editor:

It seems that there has been some discussion of late concerning an article which recently appeared in the Tar Heel about Gene Thompson, captain of the wrestling squad. I am sure that whoever wrote the article had not the slightest intentions of slandering Thompson—nor could he if he really knew the facts of the case. Thompson would have been foolish if he had kept on wrestling every day while he was sick and while he was studying for his bar examinations. Thompson, it seems to me, showed very clearly by his actions that he placed his health and his chance to make good in the preliminary test of his chosen profession above any momentary flash of glory which some people call athletic prowess. He was perfectly right in doing so.

That he has worked steadily on the squad has been shown by his election to the position of captain. Certainly, there ought to be no censure for him on account of his neglecting the team while he was preparing to make his debut in professional life and while he was physically unable to participate in the squad's contests. He may have to fight a little harder to get back to top place in the meets, but he has previously shown his real ability in this sport of wrestling and there should be little difficulty for him to regain his former place.

The student body is still unanimously behind him, even as they are behind every athlete who works for the pushing ahead of the University in the field of athletics, and I, personally, think that no harm was intended by the article which has caused the discussion. Neither do I think that he has any cause whatsoever to worry about what the student body will think about his necessary absence in the middle of the season.

DONALD WOOD

EXAM EXEMPTION

To the Editor:

We should like to suggest that students averaging "A" in daily grades and tests, in any course, be excused from the final exam in that course. The fact that a student can average 95 per cent, or better, on a course, is proof that a final exam would be a waste of time for him and for his professor. Moreover, if students had this chance to be excused from an exam they would do their best to average "A" in daily work instead of idling during the term and "cramming" the night before the exam. Thus they would learn the subjects more thoroughly.

We believe this plan would work well if given a trial.

C. M. '29
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THE DAY'S BEST EDITORIAL

Dr. Chase and the U. of N. C.

The report that Dr. Harry W. Chase, president of the University of North Carolina, will before the year is over resign his post, rests on the admitted fact that he has been offered the directorship of one of the Rockefeller research foundations at a salary practically double his pay at the university. It is not the first time that he has had under advisement calls to other educational enterprises at substantial increases in salary. It is also true that one or two of these offers came to Dr. Chase at a time when withdrawal from North Carolina would have freed him from a pestiferous situation—when the obscurantist storm that culminated in the short-lived anti-evolution bill was roaring about his head and his university because of his outspoken opposition to this and cognate attempts to hobble scientific teaching.

But because he refused to leave North Carolina when he was beset by the fundamentalists, reactionaries and right-thinkers, is no good reason to believe that he will refuse to leave now that the atmosphere has become clearer and the battle for a liberal and generously-supported university has been won. Dr. Chase has given nearly 20 years of his life to the University of North Carolina, the last 10 years as president. At the end of this time he finds himself, at the age of 47, receiving \$10,000 a year with only slender prospect of higher pay and with no prospect of a pension when he has reached the retirement age. At this juncture comes a \$20,000 a year offer from a foundation which opens to him the opportunity of directing original researches in a field that greatly appeals to him, and of exchanging the burdensome task of university administration, with all that implies of politics, diplomacy

and salesmanship, for more congenial work in the social sciences. It will be a miracle if Dr. Chase is not lured away by this opportunity. No one could hold it against him if he decides to leave.

Dr. Chase, confronted with the report of the new offer, has deplored its premature publication and has indicated that he will make no early decision. The prematurity of the publication may yet serve a useful purpose. If North Carolina desires to retain this gifted and resourceful educator, its legislature, now in session, can take steps that may contribute to that end. It can move to make the presidency of its university as financially attractive a post as was the presidency of one of its smaller cotton mills. Under Dr. Chase's leadership, the University of North Carolina has grown from a provincial southern college of ancient lineage but no particular distinction, to a university recognized the country over for its pioneer work in social research and for the breadth and thoroughness of its graduate department. What is equally important, and perhaps more important, the University of North Carolina under Dr. Chase has been a citadel of liberal thought in an era plagued with assorted movements to fence in the human mind for the greater glory of a mediocrally-defined God. It is worth keeping an educational leader of this type in North Carolina. It is worth keeping such an educational leader in the south even if it involves paying him a salary as large as that earned by the executive manager of a first-class tobacco factory.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

University Students Try for Scholarships

Six students of North Carolina U., F. M. Scroggs, H. M. Wright, E. D. Blakensy, Jr., G. B. Lockhart, Wm. Rietland, Philip Liskin, and William Jack, are attempting to win a 4-year university scholarship in aeronautics, or Eaglerock airplane, offered this spring by the Alexander Aircraft company to the American undergraduate who reveals the deepest insight and practical imagination in aeronautics.

A remarkably close understanding of the new industry characterizes papers submitted by students of 183 colleges and universities. Several novel sales ideas are being used to advantage by the Alexander Aircraft Co. The response indicates that thousands of undergraduates seriously consider the new aircraft industry as their intended vocation.

As an added incentive, seventeen Eaglerock distributors will award 10 hour flying courses, worth approximately \$300 to the college students in their respective territories who make the best efforts to win the awards. Flight instruction manuals will be given other students who place high. The competition closes May 1.

The Alexander Aircraft company is conducting the contest as a means of interesting more young men and women in flying and in the aero industry as a field of future activity. Within the last year commercial aircraft factories have virtually scrambled for the services of college trained aeronautical engineers and aeronautical executives. The shortage has forced a number of new companies to import engineers from Germany and England.

Duke Offers Number Of Fellowships To Prospective Grads

Announcement has been made by the Duke Graduate school of a number of fellowships and teaching assistantships available there for the coming academic year. The appointments are open to graduates of colleges and universities holding the bachelors degree.

One Anger Duke Memorial fellowship carrying a stipend of \$1000 is available along with three University fellowships of \$800 each, four University fellowships of \$700 each, and fifteen carrying \$600 each. Holders of these will be required to give a limited amount of assistance in reading papers, in laboratories, and in other departmental work.

Fourteen scholarships carrying \$300 each are available. These carry part time work in the department of which the holder is a member. A number of teaching assistantships with half time work are also open for appointment.

Applications for these places must be filed with the Dean of the Graduate school of Arts and Sciences of Duke not later than March 15.

President Lucian A. Peacock of the Johnston County Club announces that there will be a meeting of that organization tonight at nine o'clock in the club room on the second floor of the Y. M. C. A.

Merely Meandering by John Mebane

Reflections

Winter mornings purple quivering lips, nip fingertips with spiteful bitterness. Air is heavy with cold. Teeth chatter, shoulders convulse, elbows seek warmth of ribs. Drab classrooms absorb cold.

Lying abed is delightful. Watches tick with exaggerated regularity. Hands fly around under glass cases, but multitudinous covers are too heavy. Eyes are heavy. Air is heavy. Questions arise in dull minds. Conclusions formulate slowly. Rise precisely at seven, attend classes, assume intellectual gestures, manipulate gargantuan vocabularies, acquire innumerable A's.

Monotony of work is excruciating. Too-hot rooms behave giddily before dancing brains. Fettered minds jangle chains, strain madly, tug endlessly. No languid nights loom before enchanted visions. Moons are cheese. Clouds are blots. Stars are blemishes on a black breast. Fierce shadows promenade corners of poorly lighted rooms. Rows of figures behave improperly on numbered pages. Stomachs grow hollow, minds tired, fingers tortured, eyes larger. Feverish efforts earn tomorrow's irony. Cigarettes burn glib tongues. Scott is tedious. Dickens is tedious. James is tedious. Matches burn fingers. Fire is hot. Hell is hot. Work is hell.

Lights flicker and are dissolved in blackness. Cold air surges ferociously through cracks near bottoms of window-sills. Pupils in eyes grow immense, stare intently into nothingness, close. Nights are mad. Alleycats offer serenades with gratuitous willingness. Windows bang shut. Shadows surge across disconnected brain cells. Grotesque shapes make thunderous sounds. Stark faces stare stupidly into stark faces.

Sunlight is cheerless. Days have no end. Inane mouths utter incomprehensible soliloquies vaguely. Dull faces yawn respectfully at pre-digested platitudes. Ill-timed bells bong through thick silences splitting, monotonous syllables with impolite ferocity. Endless print makes eyes water, pencil tap, bad tempers.

Library opens at eight. Shelves are filled with books. No books are in. May not be taken from building. Assistants disguise disgust behind pleasant countenances. Pages of enormous volumes turn slowly. Pencils cut capers on call cards. Blondes titter; brunettes titter; titans titter. Savants take refuge behind spectacles.

Sunday offers no rest. Stillness gulps down turbulent students and grinds its teeth on their flesh. Rooms breathe vertiginous insanity. Daydreams cauterize flesh. Red leaves of books turn slowly. Laughter is agelastic; it hides behind tables and chairs. Night spills itself into the sky.

Holidays reinstate youth. Laughter is hypergelastic; it bounces against the ceiling. Pedants feel their youth, press it gently around the sides, hold it before them and examine it, toss it from them with delirious joy. Poised before cracked mirrors, they delight in the quivering of flesh. Youth unfolds, staring into the colors of a prism.

Fires in grates are bright. Images loom and disappear in flames. But fire hurts eyes; it makes them heavy. Fires die out like dreams. Charred wood is ugly. It has a bad smell.

Towns are human. Each morning they awake, bathe, brush teeth, don morning garb. They cry out with hunger and pain. Their empty stomachs rumble.

Nights are inkpots.

Professors resemble human beings. They talk endlessly at gaping faces. They say that Tolstoi wrote "Anna Karenina," that Rossetti was a poet, that lead paragraphs should contain the five W's, that the logarithm of a root of a number is the logarithm of the number divided by the index of the root, that the unit of behavior is the stimulus-response bond. They answer students' questions sometimes. They eat and drink normally often. They complain of headaches and wet weather.

No Chapel Today

The next chapel exercises will be held Friday morning, it was announced yesterday during chapel period. Freshmen will have no chapel today, but all are expected to attend the meeting Friday, according to Dean Bradshaw.

FIND WOMEN IN TOMB OF KING

British Archaeological Expedition Uncover Bodies of Thirty Women in Tomb of Ruler of the Chaldees.

As a result of an expedition of the British Museum into the Ur of the Chaldees the remains of thirty women were found in the tomb of a certain king of the Chaldees. This has been revealed by a report from the archaeological expedition under the auspices of the British Museum.

The report told of discoveries in Ur where the expedition has its headquarters this winter.

Digging vertically into the burial chambers the excavators found the remains of human sacrifices to the glory of the dead ruler and evidences of an elaborate burial and funeral feasts.

In the tomb of "Mess-Kalam-Dug," the king, the archaeologists found the remains of thirty men and in the tomb of his queen they discovered the skeletons of four men-servants and a serving maid. Judging from their work the excavators believed that the bodies had been buried and that then subsequent layers of offerings had been made to the dead ruler. Finally as the last tribute was to be made a wall was built and the final offering was placed in the room.

Among the more important implements found near the king's tomb was a wooden box containing two daggers with gold blades and gold studded handles and a cylinder seal inscribed "Mess-Kalam-Dug the King." Below the box was a coffin containing stone and copper vessels.

Dean Bradshaw and Henry Johnston To Go To Cleveland

Dean Francis F. Bradshaw and Henry Johnston, Jr. will leave this morning for Cleveland, Ohio, where they will attend the meetings of the National Association of Appointment Secretaries. Dean Bradshaw is president of the organization. The meetings will be held February 21, 22 and 23.

There will be a series of discussions at Cleveland on personnel guidance and placement by the College Personnel officers, National Association of Deans of Women, National Committee of Bureaus of Occupations, National Vocational Guidance Association, and the Personnel Research Federation which will be in session at the time.

An effort will be made to correlate the work of these organizations in an effort to bring about co-operation along the lines of vocational guidance in order to prevent overlapping in research work and discussions. Plans are all tentative and many of them will be worked out after the meetings start, according to Dean Bradshaw.

There will also be representatives at the meetings from the American Association of Collegiate Registrars, the American Council on Education, American Management Association, American Vocational Association, Annual Industrial Conference Group of Penn State College, and Deans of Men. These will aid in the efforts to bring about a new organization.

Dean Bradshaw will preside over the meetings of the National Association of Appointment Secretaries and will lead the closing discussion of the Personnel Research Federation on the Coordination of efforts of Organizations interested in Personnel, Placement, and Guidance.

Henry Johnston will stop at New York on his return to confer with business men there in an effort to secure employment for members of this year's graduating class of the University.

High Latin Scholars Prepare for Tests

Entrances have been completed and the tests are being mailed out for the annual state Latin contest conducted in the state high schools under the auspices of the University extension department through the high school union. The test will be given to the students March 2.

The Latin contest will consist of a selection from Caesar's Gallic Wars to translate, a question on syntax, and a sight translation. Three hours will be the maximum time allowed for the completion of the papers. Each school will select its three best papers. As they are sent in they will be graded by the members of the University Latin department.

The school claiming title to the student submitting the best paper will be awarded a trophy cup by the Extension department. The award will be made during the high school week on Awards Night. Those schools having the next best papers will be given honorable mention.