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## PARAGRAPHS

With the exam schedule published again it's mighty hard to persuade ourselves that examinations are still far off in the distant future!

But then—if winter exams are come, can spring elections be far behind?

That reminds us—we've been wondering whether this sudden epidemic of friendly speaking about the campus is for the purpose of creating a cheerful frame of mind for exams—or for elections.

It is reported that a goodly number of Carolina's *He and She's* attended the performance at the Playmaker Theatre last night.

Judging from the uproarious noises emanating from Memorial hall every night this week, the famous "Mum's The Word" is not so mum after all.

We read somewhere other day that Durham, N. C. is soon to be known as a suburb of Duke University.

But then of course both Duke and Durham have long been known as suburbs of the thriving city of Chapel Hill!

## A Man Is Known By The Path He Treads

The latest improvement to the Campus Beautiful is the re-grassing of that pitiful-looking, student-cut path from New Dorms diagonally across to Old East. Work by lazy feet on their tardy way to class or by careless feet in a vain hurry to go nowhere, that bare streak stretching across the main part of the campus has been a constant eyesore for months. Now at last it, too, has been given a new spring suit which—time and students being willing—will soon grow green and grassy.

At each end of the path stand small "Please Keep Off the Grass" signs, mutely pleading to each potential short-cutter that he give the young grass at least a fighting chance for survival. Dr. Coker and his ground hands have done their share; the grass has been planted and the path marked off. But whether this attempt can be successful depends upon the attitude of those who habitually wear down paths where no paths should be.

We all agree, no doubt, that such unsightly paths should not be manufactured—at least not by anyone

else! The plea that just one person walking across the grass does not make a path is all very well in theory, but the cumulative walking of just such theorists is what destroys the beauty of our large grass plots.

"This is a free campus," we are proud of saying, "and I'll walk anywhere I please." Fine enough—walk where you please; but let a man be judged by the paths he treads. Let the man who has an interest in maintaining a standard of beauty for the campus use the regular gravel walks—surely there are plenty of them. And let him who insists upon asserting his individuality and unlimited freedom by destructive short-cutting stick to the paths whereon he feels at home—and trudge across the campus in the newly scattered manure!

## The Alumnus And the Athlete

With the University debating team discussing the question of the over-emphasis of College Loyalty with Harvard, there is increased interest in the statements of President William W. Comfort of Haverford College.

"Wild-eyed alumni" are charged with being responsible for developing "this ridiculous over-emphasis on college athletics," in a recent address by Dr. Comfort. "Of all modern absurdities in connection with higher education, the greatest is this ballyhoo of athletic contests as stadium spectacles and the adulation of college athletes as heroes. Undergraduates, I am glad to say, are more sensible on the subject than their alumni brothers."

Not always is this true. Pep meetings have been known to wield undue and unwholesome influences over undergraduates. Adulation in the ranks of the undergraduates is not entirely missing. But for some reason, the further away from college a graduate gets, the more childish his attitude toward Alma Mater generally becomes. A mist of sentiment clouds his vision, and the rah-rah spirit takes the place of cold common sense, coming to the surface most forcefully on the days when big games are played.

The alumnus will gladly contribute his hard-earned shekels for the maintenance of an athletic star or so, or equipping a team with championship possibilities. But when it is a question of contributing to a fund to increase professor's salaries, or getting a needed building erected, there is another story to be told.

The Carolina alumni are not immune from these charges. Turn over the pages of the monthly Alumni Review, and see how much space is necessarily given to the activities of the teams and elaborate cuts and layouts of the captains and stars.

There are few so foolish as to decry the presence of athletics in the colleges. It is when they are overdone and other important things are neglected because of the sports that something must be said about it.

Dr. Comfort said it. We need a greater measure of concentration on real problems and less on athletics which are in a healthy state among our alumni. —H. J. G.

## Clipped

### Commercialized Athletics

We have indeed fallen upon sorry times when it becomes necessary to debate whether we shall have sport for all at a cost of about twenty-five dollars or sport for perhaps twenty at a cost of about twelve-hundred unavailable dollars. I have never had the slightest sympathy with the principle of vicarious exercise whereby I pay several dollars to watch nine men develop their physique. It is too bad that we cannot even play any longer except in terms of dollars and cents, stadiums and coaches, gridirons and diamonds and - victories. We take our organized athletics too seriously when it is considered how little they do for the non-participants who would much better be playing somewhere themselves than contracting rheumatism in a grandstand—and getting fleeced to boot. Nine-tenths of the students of this university are having the play side of their lives starved by the institution which dis-

courages all those below professional ability from responding to the simple, human, wholesome instinct which ought to find expression in spontaneous sport for the sake of sport alone. It would be no more absurd to give scholastic training only to fifteen or twenty of the best students who would engage in intellectual combat with representatives from Boulder while the other students paid two dollars, shouted hoarsely, and didn't understand half of what they knew about it.

—Denver Clarion

## Says "Collegiate" No Longer Applies To College Boys

Origin and Originator of Word "Collegiate" Is Unknown.

According to a recent article in the Daily Trojan the word "collegiate" is the most misused word in the English language. It seems that no one knows for sure where this word originated or who originated it. The dictionary says "collegiate" means "of or pertaining to a college."

The Trojan, declaring that the word no longer has this meaning, says: "Nine-tenths of the people who have collegiate Fords, wear collegiate clothes, and do collegiate dancing are not connected with a college in any way, and many of them never expect to have anything to do with them. How many students in this school have collegiate Fords with writing all over the body? How many students are seen doing the varsity drag at a school dance? It is true that supposed collegiate clothes are worn by students, but this is because they are the style and are handled by all the clothing stores. It would be rather hard to find a suit with narrow pistol-leg breeches in a clothing store today.

"To be really truthful about it, collegiate clothes are introduced by clothing manufacturers, collegiate dances are given to the public by stag dancers and all collegiate Fords College students do not have a thing to do with the creation of these new fads, and hardly any of them have anything to do with the fads, but they are still given credit for these ideas.

## Poteat Will Give An Organ Recital Sunday Afternoon

As one of the outstanding features of the series of Sunday afternoon programs given at regular intervals throughout the quarter, Dr. Hubert McNeill Poteat will play an organ recital at the Chapel of the Cross tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The program will be by far the most familiar of any that has been presented here this quarter, and the public is cordially invited to attend. It will include one of Dr. Poteat's own compositions, and will be presented as follows:

- Minuet ..... Beethoven
- Chanson Triste ..... Tchaikovsky
- Liebesträum ..... Liszt
- The Swan ..... Saint-Saens
- Meditation (from Thais) ..... Massenet
- Scotch Melody ..... Poteat
- Fiane, Act II, Butterfly" ..... Puccini
- Minuet ..... Paderewski
- Entrance into Vahalla, "Rheingold" ..... Wagner
- Symphony ..... Dvorak

## Plans to Organize Scholarship Frat Are Underway at N.C.

Greensboro, Feb. 7.—The recent publication of the names of 180 students at North Carolina College who made the honor roll for the past semester by securing average grades of 90 or better, has brought attention to the fact that there are six members of the senior class who have been on the honor grade list during their entire time in college.

These six seniors are Mary Alice Culp, of Gastonia, Lois Dorsett, Greensboro, Clara Guignard, of Lincolnton, Dorothy Long, Tobaccoville, Elizabeth McCombs, Gastonia, and Elizabeth C. Smith, Greensboro.

North Carolina College has no scholastic honor society as yet, but the announcement of the names of these six who have made honor grades for three years and a half of college work has brought a serious discussion of the desirability of forming an honor society group this spring and of admitting to it at the close of the spring semester all members of the junior class who have made honor grades for each of their three years.

It is pointed out that in course of time such an honor grade organization would be the basis for the establishment at the college of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the national scholarship fraternity, and that such a college organization is necessary before the national fraternity will consider the establishment of a chapter at any college.

## Ritchie To Address Lutheran Students

The Rev. Ritchie, pastor of the Lutheran Church of Faith, North Carolina, will deliver the weekly sermon in Gerrard hall tomorrow morning at 11.00 o'clock being sponsored by the University Lutheran Club.

T. R. Karriker, membership secretary, announces that Sunday school will be taught at 10:00 o'clock in the same building.

## Dark Horses Are Favorites in Cage Tourneys

Dark horses are coming to be favorites in the Southern Conference basketball tournaments. Last year the Old Miss team went to Atlanta unheralded and came away with the title. This year it was the N. C. State team which did the dark horse stunt.

Funny things happen when dark horses get to roving around in these tournaments. In 1926 the N. C.

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State team won the North Carolina championship, but lost out in the tournament race which was won by the Tar Heels, a team that State had defeated. This year the Tar Heels defeated State in both their games and won the North Carolina title, but Carolina was defeated in the second game of the tournament and State went all the way.

The Kansas State Teachers' College at Emporia has secured a loan of \$15,000 with which to complete the student union building.

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