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Penn State's M. Mangum Relinquishes Chin-up Title To Carolina's Kernodle

Kat Hill Writes No. 1 Chinner Of New Record

• Not long ago while Kat Hill was editing the TAR HEEL, the Associated Press circulated a story about one Marvin Mangus from Penn State who was being tabbed the "number one chin-up boy in the nation." Now Miss Hill joined heads with Wayne Kernodle and challenged Mr. Mangus' right to hold that title.

rehearsed chinning score went as far as North Carolina," he said. Your candidate Mr. Wayne Kernodle would have little trouble defeating me if he can do 42 chinups at the present time. I went the limit in obtaining 35 chinups after no practice in the specific activity. But I feel certain that if I were to train for such a contest say for over a period of one year, I would have little trouble obtaining 70 or more.

I would be willing to meet him in a straight chinning contest providing he would meet me also in a contest of chinning up a 20 foot rope against time.

Sincerely,
Marvin Mangus
Member of Penn State Gymnastic Team

Mangus, who is a member of the gymnastic team at Penn State, had registered a total of 35 chinups and Mr. Kernodle here just knew he could do better than that. And he did. He went down to Woollen and pulled himself up 42 times.

"Now last year our gymnastic team won the Eastern and National titles, and on that team were members (now in the armed forces) who would have easily obtained 50 or more chins within a short time. Two boys were such terrific chinners that they both broke the world's record on the 20 foot rope climb doing 3.8 seconds at the Eastern Intercollegiate. Two other boys did it in 4.2 and several in five seconds flat. So you see just about the time one thinks he has the best one boy in some activity, another suddenly comes up a distant state and news is spread that a better man exists.

Now it looks like the boys have something to go to work on. Maybe arrangements can be made whereby Mr. Mangus and Mr. Kernodle will be able to get together and vie for the title of the number one chinup boy. However, Mr. Mangus has already relinquished his hold on the chinup title to Kernodle and will have to better 42 pullups to reclaim it.

Thus on April 10, Miss Hill and Mr. Kernodle wrote Mr. Mangus and told him that he was no longer the number one chinup boy in the nation and that his title was now being held by one Wayne Kernodle of the University of North Carolina.

But all that is not belittling the fact that 42 chinups is a good record and something to brag about. But now if your Mr. Kernodle wants to,

Printshop

• The estimated costs of an engraving plant and printshop that we promised to present today were unavailable at press time. Letters written to several firms have not been answered. The estimate will be presented as soon as the questioned enterprises answer.

Recently Mr. Mangus answered that letter. Your letter of April 10 was received with a great deal of interest. I am surprised to learn that my un-

German Club Rebuttal

IN REBUTTAL

• The German Club and its endeavor to bring Don Redman and his orchestra here next weekend was slapped pretty hard with editorial comment last week, and the executive committee thinks it is only fair that the other side be presented to the students.

Some say the spirit of the law is being broken although technically we are in the right in bringing this outside orchestra to Chapel Hill. We don't think the spirit is being broken at all but that it will bring entertainment to the students more fairly and cheaper than the series that has come here under the entertainment committee sponsorship. The expense figure for bringing Draper and Adler here was \$1250, and the money was collected through compulsory fees from the students. The dance and concert that is coming calls for no compulsory fees from any students other than the members of the nine fraternities who are backing the events.

Portia Patter

by M. E. Richter

The unexpected attack which appeared in the newspapers on Saturday morning demanding the immediate return full time of President Frank Graham has caused a storm of protest around the campus of Chapel Hill. This was not surprising because many of them, particularly those in service, knew the difficulties involved in Graham's position and sympathized and revered him for his continual efforts on their behalf and the nation.

WELL

By Bill Howard and Fred Loeffler

• Well, the Durham papers finally hit the jackpot. During the past week they were able to print news that was actually known to but few people. With each succeeding episode more bizarre than the one before, the local gas-jets unveiled the gruesome details of the Jewett Murder Case, Durham's Case of a 1000 Clues. With the excitement of the local citizenry up to a fever pitch, the speculation of the journalistic geniuses did not do much except to add to the already general confusion. While all the amateur Philo Vances were busily engaged in speculation on the murder, they, in true tabloid fashion, were giving out with the lurid details of people sniffing of trunks and the like. This siphoning of the lake in question brought raised eyebrows from many different quarters including a delegation from Old West that practically live there on Sundays. Friday when confusion was at its height, the Durham journals were bringing up clues faster than a magician can pull rabbits out of a hat. F. Carlton Sage, former head of the Bertillon Bureau of the Burlington, Ia., police force and now a V-12 student on the campus, was busily engaged in feverish speculation as to the whereabouts of grandma. This little gem gave Chapel Hill its greatest and most exciting moments in many a moon. Commenting on the fate of the murderer, Martin, Uncle Phil Rossfield said that things were tough all over. Saturday, they found the body, the papers came out with the whole works done over, and by now the story of the Eastwood corpse is all over but the execution. Life in Chapel Hill has returned to its usual slow pace.

Other students will help to pay expenses by going to the concerts and paying their 55 cents at the door but no money is being collected compulsorily from students as the entertainment committee programs do.

Dr. Graham is one of the only two members that were kept from the now defunct Defense Mediation Board to become part of the War Labor Board, and he is one of the most beloved and respected members. An admirer once remarked "If Frank Graham is a historian, then Kelly is a Chinaman. He doesn't teach history, he makes history." . . . That applies to his work on the board too, for he has been intrusted with the highly explosive 'maintenance of management clause' and he has said that this single policy is "basic to the whole." From it was culled the more involved versions known as the Little Steele formula and the others and his recent decision in the Humble Oil Case brought editorial comment from the New Republic that it was a "masterful opinion."

• There is fast approaching that period occurring twice a year, when the V-12s have a chance to get some work done. It is that week which lies between the end of the winter quarter and the beginning of the summer sessions. The campus will assume a most austere and masculine appearance, and the grade curve should describe a brief rise. We're sure that spirits will take a corresponding drop, however, and that sorely missed will be the patter of bare feet and the swap of gingham clad hips. Yes, we who remain will be a wee bit lonely for a few days until once more the July sun shines or beats upon the Carolina co-ed in her natural habitat. • We have a feeling that the movie situation will improve this week, or at least we hope so. The attraction for Thursday, "Knickerbocker Holiday," which was a good show on Broadway, may produce some good entertainment. Friday comes "Up

Furthermore, the dance that is to be held is a private affair and costs only \$400. The concerts will cost the German Club \$1100, making a grand total of \$1500.

President Graham is not the type to run out on a difficult situation and in the face of the adamant plea of the chairman of the WLB Davis and the President of the United States that he remain through this crisis, no student that I talked with would want him to follow any course but the one he has chosen.

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We are bringing the orchestra here in good faith. We think it will offer students some fine entertainment. Two concerts will be put on in an effort to give all students here an opportunity to attend. We don't think it is contrary to the spirit of student desires nor the law. We think that in order to violate the spirit of the law, the program must be carried out in bad faith. This plan was not instituted in bad faith, and we, least of all, wish to see any harm done to student government through our sponsorship of this dance and the concerts.

Contrary to the complainers, the University has not declined since Graham has been with the board. Instead many honors have come to us in the form of tremendous military programs during the war that have filled our school to capacity rather than caused it to shrink to skeleton proportions for the duration, as it has to other schools.

On the other hand, John Dickson of

Executive Committee German Club

Every student on this campus is proud of that dynamic man, Frank Graham, and decry the bad taste of the publicity engendered by the public statement to the press. Off the record it is known that at a board meeting last week, Graham had stated that he was taking steps to return to the Hill as early as possible in response to the requests of the Governor, the Board, and his administrative associates . . . but there was never any mention of confusion. . . . No one would think of asking President Roosevelt to resign each

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To Dr. Frank, A Vote Of Confidence . . .

Should the President Evade "Hot Situation," Throw Up His Hands and High Tail It Home?

• A timely and well organized attempt to oust the liberals from key positions in the University of North Carolina administration brought the big guns to bear on President Frank P. Graham this weekend. The famed squeeze play has been put into motion in an effort to force Dr. Frank to publicly withdraw from national responsibility with the War Labor Board or give up the University Presidency.

Reportedly, there has been a movement for some time to force out liberal minded faculty and administrative officials; thus leaving the reactionary members in full control. For a time it seemed as though this movement had been quashed, but one liberal staff member after another has left in defeat or joined the military forces. Now an attack is being launched against Dr. Frank, based upon the only possible weakness in his regime, his occasional absence. Unable to attack his administration directly and aware of his keen sense of loyalty to the President of the United States, a campaign is being forced to make him reach a hasty decision and bring him into disrepute nationally.

Dr. Graham had said some time ago that he was coming back to Chapel Hill in July of this year or by fall at the latest. BUT that was before the present Montgomery Ward case arose. He said he was trying to do his job according to his own sense of justice and that the President of the United States had asked him to remain with the WLB during the current crisis before it. The "maintenance of membership" policy is now endangered more than at any time since labor problems arose at the outbreak of the war. The recent Ward fracas engendered the opposition to it and to the "Little Steel Formula."

Last Friday at a Board of Trustees meeting he talked with the Governor of the State and that number one North Carolina executive conceded Graham's national responsibility but urged his return to Chapel Hill as soon as possible. Instead of accepting this agreement, the visiting committee of the University Board of Trustees issued a statement to the press totally without warning Saturday morning and caused him, the University and the WLB the embarrassment of private affairs injudiciously aired.

To the charge of "confusion in the administration," Dr. Frank has said that he knows of none. He spends every weekend here and all of every third week, and he has felt that things are running along smoothly. He knows of no members of the faculty or the administration who have made the claim that a state of "confusion" exists.

Dr. Frank has always been available and accessible to faculty and students, more so than any other official of the University. Even with his split duty now, he is by far the easiest administrator to find. He felt that there has never been any difficulty in reaching him, and that he knew well what was being done at the University. It would seem that since his return was imminent, the attack upon him need not have been made without warning and in the manner in which it was.

Dr. Graham is decidedly not the kind to run out on a "hot situation" and certainly not the man to let his nation down now when he is most needed. There is not a University student who would want him to do it. They have always had complete access to this great though modest man at his office and at his home where he holds open house every Sunday night. Here the lowliest freshman can rub shoulders with the highest collegiate official or any Washington functionary that may be Dr. Graham's guest without the slightest discomfort, for his host is sure to give each the equal attention he seeks.

Thus, students agree wholeheartedly with President Graham's present attitude about the quality of his obligation to his University and to his nation.

But, nevertheless, he is being forced into the squeeze play. A small group of ultra-conservatives want to discredit him in Washington and push the showdown. Dr. Graham's withdrawal now would cause the nation to question his reasons and suspect that he "was running away" because the board was under attack now with the Ward case. Others, too, are turning on the pressure because elections are drawing near and Dr. Graham is too friendly with the President for some contingencies.

And also there is a group right here in the University that would like to oust him and fill his President's chair with some one more conservative or to be more exact, more reactionary. The entire movement now is part of the well laid scheme.

Others are also pushing the plan, namely certain members of the board of trustees whose business interests may suffer as a result of Dr. Frank's continued service on the War Labor Board.

Dr. Graham is one of the only two members of that board who were held over from the now defunct Defense Mediation Board to become part of the WLB, and he is one of the most beloved and highly respected members of the present board. To him has been entrusted the strategic disposition of the "maintenance of membership" policy which has been said to be the single policy that is basic to the whole.

Why the sudden move to make Dr. Graham decide between two all-important organizations? Why demand his immediate return to Chapel Hill instead of a judicious withdrawal at a convenient time in the near future? To demand him to do this is tantamount to admitting that those who have been designated as his assistants here in the University are inefficient and incompetent, which is not the case.

Shouts of inefficiency and neglect are being aired by the trustees. But why? There is not an important administrative official who will say it. There is not a student who will even think it.

In each age the leaders, the individualists, the people who have the courage to attempt something which seems new must bear the brunt of the criticism of the conservative. This is again true with Dr. Frank. His broad vision and humanistic views punch certain factions deeply.

He has led the University through some of its most trying days. For ten years he has served as its President, all this time serving above reproach. Outstanding military programs have flourished here, and the Pre-Flight school is one of the four in the nation of equal size. Furthermore, the V-12, ASTP and Pre-Meteorology units were all brought here under his Presidency and possibly resulted from the prestige which came from his national eminence along with the University's growing fame as "a liberal institution in the South."

Many members of the University cannot serve the nation by donning uniforms. Some are either too old or of no technical value. If they have nothing more to give this country than our brilliant President for the space of a little while, out of the long years he has served and will serve this University, it is little enough to give and every faculty member, every administrator and every student should be gracious.

We say down with the attackers regardless of who they are. Down with the zealots. But up with Dr. Frank, forever the President of this consolidated University of North Carolina and for as long as he and the President of the United States see fit, a member of the War Labor Board.

This is a student vote of confidence.