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## College For War Training To Be Maintained To Aid Vets Summer Term Closes With Final Exams Underway Monday

### New Freshmen Due Friday; Orientation Program Opens With Gerrard Hall Meeting

The first session of the University summer semester will come to a close next week when approximately 3900 students, including civilians, Navy V-12 trainees and Pre-Flight Cadets, undergo final and mid-semester examinations.

The second session of the summer semester will begin with an orientation program for incoming freshmen on Friday, August 31, with an assembly in Gerrard Hall.

The orientation is designed to acquaint newcomers to the University with physical surroundings and to give them an opportunity to take physical and placement tests before classwork begins.

The orientation begins with the Gerrard Hall assembly, after which students will meet their faculty advisers. Also on Friday English and Math placement tests will be taken. On Saturday the students take physical examinations and foreign language placements.

#### Coe Program

A special orientation program for coeds will be offered by the Office of the Dean of Women, assisted by the vocational adviser. Approximately 225 new coeds will transfer here September 3.

Registration for all students will take place Monday, September 3, and class work resumes on Tuesday, September 4. Courses will be offered on an eight-week basis along with the 16-week courses.

The civilian dormitories will be completely filled during the coming term. Some 175 freshmen are scheduled to begin work in September. Also 225 women students have caused an early waiting list for rooms in the coed dorms.

#### Special Plans

Special plans are being made for a large number of returning veterans who will enter at this time. Applications are growing every day, and the University schedule has been arranged to take care of their needs, along with those of the civilian and Navy V-12, NROTC, and Marine students.

### Pre-Flight Runners To Report Monday

The Pre-Flight cross country team will officially open their 1945 practice season Monday afternoon with some 10 to 12 boys reporting, it was learned yesterday.

Pre-Flight's Cloudbuster runners won six of seven meets last year, losing their lone contest to the Naval Academy. The slate for this season has not been announced and still is in the tentative stage, but it is expected to be released soon.

Lt.-Comdr. Brunson and Lt. Charlie Beetham are coaches of the cross country crew of the Pre-Flight School, which was victorious over the Carolina Tar Heels in their meet last season.

## Gimghoul Stands Atop Scene Of Love, Grief And Murder

By Elly Craig

Gimghoul Castle, the impregnable private fortress of the secret organization of the Order of Gimghouls, is located half a mile east of Chapel Hill on Pine Prospect, a knoll towering several hundred feet above neighboring hills. Covered with ivy, it represents in detail a stronghold of pre-Norman England and is as weird as its name would indicate, with a beauty that rain and wind and night enhance. The romantic appearance of the spot does not belie its history. It has been the scene of love and murder and grief, if one is to believe the myth of Peter Dromgoole. A native of Brunswick County, Virginia, Dromgoole entered the University in 1831, reckless, unsteady, fond of card playing and wild company. He did not matriculate. One day he took offense at a professor's remark and refused to submit to further interrogation. A few days later he disappeared and was never traced, although his uncle, George C. Dromgoole, of



MEBANE

### Mebane Leaves Tar Heel And Di Senate Post

Banks Mebane resigned as Assistant Editor of the Tar Heel yesterday following his passing the Army's pre-induction examination at Fort Bragg. Mebane will also submit his resignation to the Dialectic Senate, of which he is critic. Other campus positions from which he is also resigning include memberships in the YMCA Cabinet, YMCA Board of Directors, and the International Relations Club.

During the illness of Bill Hight, Mebane served as Associate Editor of the Tar Heel. For some time he was editor of the Wesley Worker, a publication of the Wesley Foundation at the University of North Carolina.

In the recent elections, Mebane was a candidate for Debate Council. Since his arrival on the campus last September, he has taken an active interest in forensics.

"Smoker's Hack," a column which has been currently appearing in the Tar Heel for the past several months and bringing much comment, was written by Mebane.

His activity in extra-curricular work and interest in campus affairs have made him an outstanding figure on the campus.

Mebane will finish out the present term before reporting at Fort Bragg in September. He plans to return to Carolina to complete his education.

Virginia, also an alumnus of the University, and a reputable lawyer, conducted a three weeks' search which proved futile.

But the myth of Peter Dromgoole says that Peter and an unidentified rival for the hand of Miss Fanny, a pretty young woman, met on the hill where the castle now stands, following the annual commencement ball. They had words; they decided to have a duel, the winner to have Miss Fanny. An old slave heard the argument and raced to Miss Fanny's home with the news. Clad in ballroom slippers and her nightgown, she hurried to the hill in time to hear the pistol shots and find Peter dead. Looking at the victor, she said nothing, only raised her hand and pointed in the direction of the dirt road which led away.

In 1892 L. B. Hamberlin wrote a three page poem for the Carolina Magazine in the dialect of the old

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### Two Admitted By IRC During Summer Term

#### Bryan And Johnson Join Ranks; Club Planning For Fall

During the summer term the International Relations Club admitted two members to its ranks. They are Sally Bryan from Oxford and Russell Johnson from Conway. These candidates were accepted on the basis of their interest and knowledge of current events displayed in an interview with the IRC Membership Committee.

This summer the Club continued its programs of discussion and presenting speakers on timely subjects. The officers for the summer were Buddy Glenn, Pres.; Lee Silverstein, Vice Pres.; Betty Graybill, Secretary; and Ed Davenport, Treasurer.

Beginning in September the IRC will resume its regular program under the leadership of new President Gloria Chapman. The International Relations Club presents to the student body weekly discussions, faculty and radio forums, and outstanding speakers from outside the campus on topics of current interest.

### Smith Elected UVA President For Fall Term

#### Jim Booth Resigns Position; Meeting Slated Next Month

Bill Smith, former vice-president of the University Veterans' Association has assumed the presidency of the organization upon the resignation of Jim Booth. Smith will serve out the term which expires next November.

"I hope to carry on the work started by my predecessor," Smith stated. "In order for us to be effective in helping the veterans which will be returning we need help from a greater number of veterans than are now taking part in the association. We really can accomplish a great deal of good for the veteran if we can get a little more support."

Both found the pressure of his studies and his position in the Grail taking up too much of his time for him to satisfactorily carry out the duties of the president of the association. He was elected to the post at the regular election held by that group last April, succeeding Jenks Tripp who was the UVA's first president.

Smith has announced that the association will not meet again until the September term.

### Agency Ready For Speed-Up Education Program Suited To Ex-Servicemen's Needs

The University administration has just announced that the College for War Training would be maintained as a coordinating agency for veterans' aid and to administer their speedup education.

According to President Frank P. Graham and Chancellor Robert B. House, the University is "deeply conscious of its obligation and opportunity in working with all veterans who come to Chapel Hill.

Carolina is ready and eager to help those who have completed their training and victory in war to develop further their powers for the achievement of peace.

"The veterans will be regular members of the student body, and all programs and activities of the University will be open to them," continued Director of Admissions Guy B. Phillips. "We are determined to do our best for them but without letting them feel that they are a separate group apart from the rest of the campus."

#### Costs Covered

The Director of Admissions also stressed the fact that the costs of tuition, fees, and books at the University will be covered and then some by the \$500 figure set by the government for this purpose. The student's room and board, of course, will be provided by his monthly allotment for living expenses. President Graham and Chancellor House pointed out, special provisions are being worked out for the returning veteran, such as credit for studies comparable to college work which have been completed in Army, Navy, and Marine Corps service schools and for courses completed with the Armed Forces Institute.

Veterans 21 years old or older who wish special, intensive programs of study which the University offers may qualify for registration as special students on the basis of their records—that is, an honorable discharge from the service, their former

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### Flagler Quits Yack Post On Leaving UNC

Fred Flagler, president of the Publications Union Board and editor of the Yackety Yack, in a letter to Walt Brinkley, chairman of the elections committee, tendered his resignation as editor of the annual.

Flagler left school last week because of illness. In his letter to Brinkley, he stated that he was resigning because of the uncertainty as to when he would be able to return to Carolina. He said, "The Yack needs a good start, so if you can arrange to fill this post immediately it will be for the best welfare of the Yack and all concerned."

As to his position as president of the PU Board, Flagler is undecided. Until a definite answer is received from him, the office will remain as it is. In case of his resignation, an immediate election will fill the position.

Flagler expressed the hope that there was a chance that he might be able to pick up his position on the PU board when he returned.

Active in many campus activities, Flagler has been president of the Kappa Alpha fraternity, sports editor, managing editor, and acting editor of the Tar Heel. He has been a member of the campus cabinet as well as a contributor to the Carolina Magazine.

A veteran journalist, Flagler has worked on the High Point Enterprise and has been active on campus publications for the past two years.

### Season Tickets On Sale In Gym

Tickets for the home Carolina football games of this season are now on sale in Woollen gym, and the season tickets for the members of the Navy and Marine units here are also being sold.

A ticket can be purchased by the servicemen for \$2.25 for admission to the Georgia Tech and Cherry Point games, and then after November the regular fall and winter season tickets for all home sports events can be bought for \$6.00. However, both can be obtained now at the student's request.

The total of \$8.25 ticket allows the holder to attend four football and 10 basketball games, and two wrestling and two boxing meets.

## Gus Says We're Crazy And Proves It In News Column

By James Sanford

That Americans are crazy seem to be the opinion of most of the peoples of the world, but Gisli J. Asthorsson, from Rykjavik, Iceland, is one of the few foreigners who has had the chance to express the fact in an American newspaper.

Known to his fellow students here where he is majoring in journalism, as "Gus," he has conducted for several months a column in the Orange County News entitled "Americans Are Vitlausir," which is Icelandic for "Americans Are Crazy."

Professor Roy Parker, publisher of the News and one of Gus' teachers here, first started him writing about what he found strange in America, but Gus thought that some of the more notable differences were stronger than strange, so he tabbed them "Crazy" and has been amusing readers of the News ever since.

Some of his more amusing columns have been written on the singing radio commercials, highway billboards, and the "advice to the lovelorn" columns found in American papers.

When he returns to Rykjavik, he expects to use some of his columns in Iceland newspapers to give the home-folks the low-down on "Vitlausir Americans."

Gus arrived in the United States in December, 1942, and enrolled at Chapel Hill as a freshman. He was started on the road to the University by Porter McKeever, an alumnus, who was press attache at the American embassy in Iceland's capital. Gus met McKeever while he was employed by the Americans to translate the Iceland newspapers and McKeever, when he learned of Gus' plans to attend college in the United States, promptly sold him on the University.

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