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Tar Heel Topics

We suggest that while they are repairing Memorial hall they install an automatic bell which will ring when the speakers finish their spiels, so that we'll know when to wake up.

If these senators continue to denounce the prohibition enforcement policies of the government they'll have us believing that somebody actually wants the 18th amendment enforced.

Reports from Columbia indicate that the Gamecocks are depending upon psychology to beat the Tar Heels. We're glad to hear that they have something to depend upon besides the ability of their football team.

Teachers, Scholars And Mere Professors

Many of the University's most renowned—and conceited—faculty members would be quite disagreeably surprised to hear themselves discussed by a group of their students. For the average undergraduate, despite his multitudinous deficiencies, is a rather capable judge of the true worth of his professors as teachers.

Numbered among the members of the University faculty are quite a few illustrious scholars, men who have attained national reputations by writing books and participating in various forms of activity that are not in the least concerned with their abilities as teachers. Yet every person who has had classes under these men know that comparatively few of them are really capable of teaching a college course. On the contrary, far too many of these noted scholars are so occupied with their outside activities that they have lost all interest in their classes, all regard for their students as seekers after knowledge. They impart the impression that they regard their teaching duties as distasteful, necessary but none the less to be disposed of with as little trouble and attention as possible.

On the other hand, it is evident to the thoughtful undergraduate that there are many men in the faculty who have no widespread reputations outside of their state or even beyond the ranks of those who have taken their courses, but who are among the few real teachers

that the University has to offer. They have genuine enthusiasm for their classes, real interest in their students as human beings. Probably they never write anything, never conduct exhaustive research or complicated experiments. Many of these men have not attained the rank of professor, or even of associate professor. Yet they are far more valuable to the University and to the students than their highly touted faculty brothers.

There are a few faculty men here who combine a widespread reputation as a scholar with real teaching ability and interest in their classes. But these scholar-teachers may be enumerated upon the fingers of one hand. Under the modern faculty system at institutions of higher learning, those who gain national recognition because of extracurricular activities are far more likely to receive the advancements and rewards bestowed by the institutions than the real teachers, who do not find time, or perhaps do not have the ability, to compete for widespread scholastic fame and honors. Of the two groups of professors, the teachers who are not real scholars and the scholars who are not real teachers, the former are far more valuable from an undergraduate point of view.

Of course, the ideal faculty type is the teacher-scholar. But unfortunately such men are rare indeed. Many professors who would perhaps make good teachers if they were not so immersed in the writing of their books or the conducting of their research, are utterly incompetent as instructors.

More recognition should be given to the teacher, a greater share of the rewards of professorial labor should be his. Pedants there are in plenty here, and some of them even achieve renown, but small salaries and obscurity fall to the lot of the man who aspires to be a teacher first, and then a scholar.

Undergraduates are sometimes swayed by narrow personal prejudices and are deceived by popularity-seeking instructors, but their estimates of the true worth of the faculty members are likely to be more accurate than those of the powers that be in the academic world. It's too bad that student opinion is not taken into consideration when faculty promotions are made and honors bestowed.

The Curriculum Question

There is always room for difference of opinion regarding the curricular problems of any school, college, or university. Consequently, the content of the curriculum is an unstable matter dependent upon prevailing opinion. The deans and teachers of the various departments of this University are constantly attempting to meet the needs of the greatest possible number of students through the medium of an up-to-date curriculum.

Since the system of mass education is in the experimental stage as yet, new suggestions regarding the content and nature of the curriculum should be given careful consideration. There are at least a few members of the faculty here who join the writer of this editorial in the belief that the first two years of work should be the same in all departments of the University. At any rate such a suggestion is worthy of consideration.

Very few of the large number of freshmen who enter Carolina each fall have fully decided upon what line of study to pursue. True it is that most of them have given the matter some thought and have a passing idea about their life's work. The majority of them, however, are not certain enough about the matter to resist persuasion from friends who are preparing them-

selves for different professions. Furthermore, a student often discovers during his first two years that his ideas about the profession that he intended to pursue when he entered college were wrong. This statement is substantiated by the large number of transfers, which take place between the various departments of the University before the junior year.

A uniform curriculum for the first two years of work in every department would almost entirely eliminate this transfer grievance. After having been here two years, a student knows what he is going to do (if, indeed, he ever does know). Furthermore, the same fundamentals are needed for any and all professions.

We firmly advocate a uniform curriculum covering the freshman and sophomore years.

—J. C. W.

Vilbrandt Speaks To Frosh Chemical Engineering Class

Dr. F. C. Vilbrandt, head of the chemical engineering department of the school of engineering, spoke before the engineering freshman class Wednesday as the fourth of a series of speakers who are giving a course of orientation and motivation lectures.

Dr. Vilbrandt presented the subject of chemical engineering to the group, telling what it is and its relation to the other branches of engineering. The different fields of specialization in this branch of engineering were discussed, and an outline of the course in chemical work given at the University was presented.

Dr. Vilbrandt stated that the chemical engineering department gives a four-year course in general chemical engineering and that the faculty of the department advises a student to take four years of work here, and then to go to some other school for his special work. The University of North Carolina has neither the faculty nor the equipment to teach specialized forms of chemical work, and students are urged to go elsewhere for work of this nature.

'Rio Rita' Is Coming To Carolina Theatre

The famous "Kinkajou" stomps into town Wednesday when "Rio Rita," the all-talking all-musical film extravaganza Radio Pictures has made from the Ziegfeld show opens at the Carolina theatre.

The "Kinkajou" is but one of the numerous dances that feature the brilliant show, which played for 62 weeks on Broadway and for extended runs elsewhere throughout the country.

Bebe Daniels and John Boles head the large cast of stage and screen favorites who transferred the songs and comedy of the stage hit to the screen. Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey play their original comedy roles. Dorothy Lee, the "Syncopeation" girl; Helen Kaiser, former "glorified" girl of the "Follies"; Georges Renevant, French stage star; Don Alvarado; Eva Rosita, Mexican dancer, and Nick de Ruiz, former tenor of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Company, are among the featured players.

Much of the great feature was photographed in technicolor and the sets and costumes of the million-dollar show are said to outdo in color and richness anything yet viewed on the sound screen.

Others of the features of "Rio Rita" are the dancing chorus of 100 Hollywood beauties, the Cimini Grand Opera chorus of 80 voices and the RKO symphonic orchestra conducted by Victor Baravalle.

Forks were first used in 1220.

DR. GRAY SPEAKS ON CHRISTIANITY

Says Most People Misunderstand Religion by Overlooking New Testament.

Dr. A. Herbert Gray, addressing part of the freshman class in chapel Thursday morning, presented a graphic conception of the highest type of life as one having grown out of Christianity. Dr. Gray, whose visit here has been looked forward to for some time, was introduced by H. F. Comer of the Y.M.C.A. as the "parson from London." Dr. Gray combined interestingly in his talk in chapel references to religious principles and to more material affairs of political and social life.

Introducing his theme, the English minister said that he considered Christianity the most important of all subjects. In spite of its importance, however, many people misunderstand the Christian religion because they fail to seek their information regarding it in the New Testament. Dr. Gray stated that, though the belief was incorporated in no church creeds, he saw the central theme of Christianity embodied in the expression "the kingdom of God" which occurs numerous times in the Gospels.

Then Dr. Gray stated that Christianity should find an application in world politics. He prescribed its principles of universal brotherhood as the best remedy for such evils as war and as a basis for a new world civilization.

In personal life, Dr. Gray urged Christian unselfishness as the finest thing. "Any kind of life of which you are the center is a poor kind of life," he cautioned his hearers, "to find the most satisfactory kind of life, one should follow the example of Christ in living unselfishly."

National Secretary Of Phi Alpha Visits University Chapter

The local chapter of Phi Alpha fraternity was host last night at a reception and meeting to Alexander Goodman, national administrative secretary, who is making his annual official visit to Chapel Hill.

The object of the visit here is to stir up interest in the fifteenth annual convention of the fraternity to be held in Washington December 29, 1929, to January 2, 1930, and to awaken interest of the local fraters in the campaign to dispose of \$50,000 of bonds in the order's endowment fund campaign.

Mr. Goodman was guest at a reception Wednesday night by the Mu chapter at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. After leaving Chapel Hill, he will visit the Psi chapter at the University of Tennessee and complete his tour with a visit to the chapter at the University of West Virginia.



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ADVANCE BAND AGENT PLEASED WITH PLANS

Mr. Chas. A. Horr, advance agent of the United States Marine Band, is very satisfied with the arrangements for the band. He stated, after seeing Kenan stadium where the afternoon performance will be held: "I have never seen a place in which nature and the work of man have combined with such marvelous results." He was very enthusiastic about the idea of having the afternoon concert in the stadium.

Mr. Horr also stated that the Tin Can, where the evening performance will be given, is a much more desirable place for the concert than Memorial hall. It is better not only because Memorial hall is condemned, but also because the spaciousness of the "can" is better suited for band music.

ILLINOIS PROFESSOR TO TEACH HERE IN SUMMER

Harry S. B. Jones, professor of renaissance literature in the University of Illinois, has been engaged to teach here next summer. Mr. Jones is the author of a large number of articles and is a recognized authority on the subject of renaissance. He is one of the editors of the Journal of English and Germanic Philology. While here he will be special assistant to the graduates and advanced students in the English department.

Mergers are just trusts that no longer are wicked because almost everybody has a little stock.

Some people are cheerful losers and others can't act.—Raleigh News and Observer.

SPANISH CLUB MEETS AT PARISH HOUSE TONIGHT

The November meeting of the Spanish club will be held in the Episcopal parish house tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A very attractive program has been arranged, a speech by J. J. Slade, Jr., and several songs by Professor Urban T. Holmes being on the program. Mr. Slade's subject will be "Los Tarascos de Michoacan."

DR. HENDERSON GIVES DINNER FOR MAJ. CAIN

Dr. Archibald Henderson entertained at an informal dinner last night at his home in honor of Major William Cain, professor emeritus of mathematics in the University. Major Cain was injured in an accident sometime ago; this dinner was given by his nephew, Dr. Henderson, as a welcome back to Chapel Hill.

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