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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The fact that a form of government is intended to make a Democracy is not enough to make it one.—Richard S. Childs.

A Matter of Student Pride

The work being done by a committee selected by the president of the student body to form a North Carolina Federation of Students should be a matter of pride for every Carolina student. It is the first constructive work yet done to bring together in a compact organization the senior institutions of this state, and with 19 such institutions the committee has faced no easy task. Those interested in the work know that little will be realized in the first few years of the organization. There are too many problems which the federation must face for any real benefit to be realized this year.

But it is for the future that the organization is being perfected. Those of the freshman and sophomore classes will realize far more than those of the upper classes the benefits to be derived from a student federation; and it is for them to learn what it is all about. Too many are inclined to scorn the efforts of those fostering the movement. They, perhaps, realize that student enthusiasm is short-lived and that too often in the past such movements have been born only to be prematurely sent to the grave because of disinterestedness and scorn.

We think it is to be different this year. Those interested have not played with the idea as a new toy but have devoted their energy and time to it as with a great task. And it is a great task. Unifying the student bodies of 19 North Carolina institutions into a student federation is a task seldom undertaken without forethought. But re-

sults are showing. The preliminary work is near completion. It is now the time for the student body to demonstrate its interest and its pride in the magnificent work of the committee.

There Should Be An Honor System Vote

Many of us are doubting the advisability of retaining the honor system in the University. We see many students violating their pledges during quizzes without feeling any the worse for it. To them the honor system is an old custom, dear to their predecessors, which has been handed down to them. They do not feel the pride in it which every student in the University should have. The honor system has been forced upon them without their consent and they have no scruples about violating it.

An honor system should spring from the desire of the student body itself and should only be kept when students feel they want it and will uphold it. At present, most of us feel we have been given the system and that we have nothing to do with keeping it here. The honor system should be put to a vote of the student body each year as to whether it should be retained. The students of the University would then take greater pride and enforce it better if they knew it was they, themselves, who decided to keep it. Let us have a vote on the question next fall.—A. V. L.

Exodus From The Faculty

Hardly has the announcement been made concerning Dr. Chase's resignation when a flood of further announcements appear concerning the resignation of several prominent members of the faculty, and especially of the department of English. First, Professors Howard Mumford Jones and Russell Potter hand in resignations to take effect after this quarter; and now, Professor Norman Foerster announces his acceptance of the position of head of the English department of the University of Iowa. And with all this Dr. Vilbrandt of the department of chemistry tenders his resignation.

A great deal has been said already about the laxity of the legislature in not providing for such situations. The University of Virginia pays her faculty members much more than Carolina, whose faculty seems to be greatly underpaid in spite of the prominence the University has achieved, in recent years especially. The legislature, controlling the money bags of the state, does not seem to have taken into consideration the fact that in letting slip from the faculty these men, who have assisted greatly in building up the reputation of the school, the prestige of the institution is seriously affected.

No institution has such a supply of eminent figures on hand that other and more liberal colleges can continue to attract them without some effect being obvious. The University of North Carolina should be finding this out already; with three of the outstanding members of the English faculty gone, the work of that department is seriously crippled. The question remaining is simply: What is the state going to do about it? The matter rests with the state; everyone knows the University is extremely loath to part with faculty members of such high quality,—yet there the matter stands. Newspapers discuss the situation; people say they "hate to think of all those good men leaving." The legislature comes in for a temporary roasting, then all is forgotten, including the fact that nothing

has been done and that the matter is far from remedied.

The only way to put a stop to this general and easily understood exodus of men from the faculty is to make some provision to hold them here. There is no need to talk about putting a premium on brains; teachers do not expect to become millionaires, but they do expect, and rightly so, sufficient financial remuneration for the years and years of preparation they have served to be followed by more years of service. If the state is to remain proud of the position and importance its university has achieved, then it must put a stop to this practice of false economy. No educational progress can be made when parsimony stays the hand of those in control.—R. H.

REMINISCENCES

From the Tar Heel Files

By Howard M. Lee

25 Years Ago This Week—

For the first time in the history of the University, Carolina played Virginia here in tennis.

Mrs. Collier Cobb, wife of Dr. Cobb of the University and niece of the late Hon. K. P. Battle, died in Watts hospital, Durham.

Carolina lost to A. & M. by a score of 3 to 1 in baseball.

The annual debate between the sophomore-freshman members of the Phi and Di was held in chapel. The query was: "Resolved, That trusts are detrimental to our Industrial Development." The Phi upheld the affirmative side and won.

10 Years Ago This Week.

Surrounded by a notable gathering of distinguished educational leaders, Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase was formally inducted into the office as the tenth president of the University of North Carolina. Seated on the same platform with Dr. Chase were the presidents of Princeton, Harvard and 100 other universities and colleges.

John C. Whitaker, employment manager of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, spoke to the student body on the difficulties existing between capital and labor.

The Y. M. C. A. announced that Sophie Braslau, eminent contralto of the Metropolitan Opera, would appear in Chapel Hill on May 10.

5 Years Ago This Week

The cornerstone of the new Methodist church on Franklin street was laid amid much ceremony. Those attending were: President Few of Duke, representatives of the University, town, and church. The contents of the box were a Bible, a hymnal, copies of Chapel Hill and University publications, student directory, and other documents.

Carolina defeated Washington and Lee on the child labor question.

The second Grail dance of the spring quarter was staged in Bynum gymnasium.

The Order of the Gimghouls announced that they would make a memorial in memory of Dr. Battle out of the "freshman rockpile."

Limited Number Of Scholarships Open

Among the schools to which applications may still be made for graduate scholarships and fellowships are Vanderbilt University and the University of Oklahoma. The closing date for receiving applications for fellowships has already gone into effect in most of those schools from which bulletins have been received.

Vanderbilt is offering for the year 1930-31 twenty fellowships

Chapel Hill Actress



Miss Frances Stratton, pretty and attractive Chapel Hill girl, pictured above, is playing one of the leading roles in "Thorns and Orange Blossoms," a play being presented by a group of University faculty members and townspeople under the direction of Paul Green and Wilbur Daniel Steele in the Playmaker theatre tonight and tomorrow night at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Orange County Relief Fund for the poor. Miss Stratton was originally from Danville, Va.

to the value of \$500 each and 20 scholarships valued at \$300 each.

The University of Oklahoma offers a number of industrial and special fellowships amounting to between \$500 and \$700. There are also a number of graduate assistantships, the value of some being \$500 to \$800 and of others \$250 to \$1,200 dollars depending upon the training and experience of the applicant.

President Brown Names Assistants

Theron Brown announced the appointment yesterday of 12 men to serve on the rising junior class executive committee, which will aid him in the government of the class.

Appointment to class executive committees is made on the basis of service to the University, character, and trustworthiness.

Reed Perkins of Greensboro will serve as chairman of the committee. The membership of the committee other than the chairman will be: John Phil Cooper of Raleigh, Jack Dungan of Chapel Hill, Ed French of Statesville, McBride Fleming-Jones of Chapel Hill, Hamilton Hobgood of Bunn, Steve Lynch of Asheville, Casper Austin of Winston-Salem, Harlan Jameson of Winter Park, Fla., Jimmy Bunn of Battleboro, George Barber of Asheville and W. R. Taylor of Wilmington.

Eugene Wilson was employed by the University in 1879 as a singing instructor.



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