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English Students And Their Politics

Ed Hudgins, former president of the student body here and new Rhodes scholar at Oxford university, said recently in an interview that the English student took a greater interest in national affairs and politics than his American cousin did. At the Oxford Union, a forum for the University students, national politics and national affairs showed the interest of the students along with local topics.

Over here we exhibit only a slight interest in either. Some students take the trouble to vote, but the majority continue their efforts to condemning the conduct of officials, not realizing that either they acquiesced their selection or did nothing to prevent it.

Other than taking a cursory interest in national officials when the action of one is likely to affect the stock market or a problematical tour of Europe, most students hardly know who hold the higher positions in the national government. As to the State government the ignorance of the average student is pitiful. Actually, a student, discovering he was eligible to vote this fall, asked who the candidates for the United States Senate were. Some have read that Mr. Bailey was nominated; few know that Mr. Pritchard is a candidate.

Sports, social affairs, and other similar interests occupy the students' attention. They have no time for government. And then those who display the least knowledge of the government and its operation are the loudest in condemning it.

England, however, knows that in the universities future statesmen, politicians and diplomats are being trained. They have discovered that this college training has given them a fine group of national leaders, shrewder diplomats, and clearer cut political issues. And they have learned that an English gentleman may engage in the game of politics without soiling his hands. That is another lesson Americans are yet to learn.

Progress In Music

The University in the past has been sadly lacking in the matter of music facilities. Such a need has extended not only to those students interested professional-

ly in the art, but also to the many interested in the thing solely for its own sake. Recognition of the need of both instruments in music and necessary equipment was made by the University in a gesture in the direction when a small department of music was instituted. From that time to the present the department of music has progressed steadily.

Despite the lack of facilities those, such as Weaver, Dyer, and McCorkle, who have been most intimately associated with the work have done remarkably well. The glee club was once in institution of national fame and still occupies a prominent place among collegiate clubs; the orchestra and the band are also well known. Likewise, the department itself has a reputation which is admirable, as the courses which it sponsors are considered to be of an exceptionally high quality. These things are mentioned in order to show what music has accomplished on this campus, though hampered by a need of adequate equipment.

But it now seems that these needs, or at least many of them, are to be met. With the music building and its auditorium and organ nearing completion, with plans for the Morehead-Patterson tower of chimes definitely under way, lovers of music rejoice in the vision of a Southern center of music here in the University. No longer must the department be hindered in expansion by lack of space and facilities; no longer must prospective students in music seek other institutions because the University is poorly equipped in this field. The music department has accomplished much. What can it not achieve properly equipped?
B. M.

Condition Of Dormitories

We have heard much comment lately about the condition of the college dormitories. Many of the buildings, still comparatively new, bear marks of wear far beyond their years. Railings have been torn down in the stairways, fixtures demolished in the rooms, and walls marred with pencil marks and other disfigurements. It seems to us that each student should take the utmost care not to deface the dormitories, not only because of personal pride, but also in consideration for the later occupants of the room. If all students had taken this care of the buildings, these dormitories would now be much cleaner inside than they are.

The fault, however, does not lie entirely with the students. It is much harder to take the proper care of a dirty dormitory room than a clean one. If the University would use a little paint and kalsomine, matters would be helped immensely. Once clean, the dormitories could be kept so with little yearly expense.—J. D. D.

The Critical Month

Many students do not seem to realize just how lucky they are to be coming to what we will simply call, for the sake of modesty, one of the best universities in the South. A college graduate has a big advantage over others, and we hope we will be pardoned for thinking that a Carolina graduate is more fortunate than any other college graduate.

Carolina, well-known for her athletic teams, professors, equipment, and other things, is still more noted for the character and ability of the men she sends out into the world; this should be an incentive to make each student strive to build up his mind, body, and character.

The most important years of a man's life are his four years at college; of these four years, his freshman year is most important, and of his freshman year, this first month is the decisive

one. College and running a mile race are not at all alike. In a mile race, a runner may start off slowly and still have a fine chance to win; in college, a man must start off right, or he may not start at all. If he does finally start, he will probably find himself so far behind that it is useless to attempt to catch up.

Now is every freshman's big opportunity, the time when he will decide, consciously or unconsciously, whether he will be a success or failure in life. If he starts right now to really study, to make the right kind of friends, and to take part in athletics and other extra-curricular activities, he is laying a good foundation for a happy and successful career in life.

Nobody is your boss here; it's up to you yourself to show that you have the guts and courage to start off like a man and not a loafer. In the future, if not at the present, you will be repaid many times for what hard work and clean sport you accomplish now. Show old man Opportunity that you hear him knocking, that you appreciate his generous offer, and that you are going to take advantage of it at once. You owe it to your friends, to your parents, and to yourself to do this.
—C. A. P.

OPEN FORUM

MAN VS. INSECT

A dormitory room normally serves the purposes of a "home" and all that the word implies. However, a dormitory room without screens installed in the windows becomes something entirely different. A veritable zoological garden often springs into being during the nocturnal hours when the occupants are in the midst of concentration and deep study.

Notable, among other outstanding examples, is a room in Steele, the occupants of which have become so attached to their nightly visitors that an interesting galaxy of specimens is being collected. These specimens are mounted and placed in a conspicuous position in the room as a constant reminder of the endless struggle of man against pest.

Just another hint that dormitory occupants would be proud to boast of the possession of a set of screens in their windows.
—W. T. L.

REMINISCENCES

From the Tar Heel Files

By Jack Riley.

15 Years Ago Today

One thousand eighty students had registered for the year. Of these five were co-eds.

Football scrimmage was to start soon.

At Wake Forest 415 students had registered.

The total enrollment at Trinity was 500.

10 Years Ago Today

Twelve hundred students had enrolled for the year 1920-21.

D. Reid Hodgkin of the Phi society won the first prize in a national contest of peace orators.

5 Years Ago Today

The University grid team had twelve days of training for the first game with Wake Forest.

The enrollment for the fall quarter was two thousand.

Registration in the Law school this year has dropped to 104, last year's number being 120. Freshmen enrollment, however, exceeds that of last fall by six students, making a total of 48 new men in the first year class.

CHIPS Off the Old "BLOCK"

By Moore Bryson

Well, well, the little boy with the hatchet (not George Washington) once more starts his hunt and peck system and attempts to knock off a few more chips for the "Daily." I really haven't had the opportunity to observe very much since I arrived, so as my fellow columnist, Will, would say, "All I know is what I see in the papers."

I have seen a great many new faces on the campus this fall especially in the neighborhood of Spencer. The old place is beginning to pick up rapidly. Why, soon we won't even consider going to Greensboro or Raleigh for a date. That is if we are fortunate enough to get into the good graces of one or more of the local belles.

I know of one organization on the campus which has taken a new lease on life this year because of the bright galaxy of feminine pulchritude which is everywhere apparent, namely the "Wigue and Masque." With a new auditorium under construction and such a host of girls from which to pick the chorus, there is ample reason for the otherwise sombre countenance of Wex Malone to be wreathed in smiles.

Went down to see the Freshmen and varsity scrimmage the other day and sat with Virginia Turner and Jack Ward. They were so enthusiastic over a freshman marvel from their home-town, that I almost wished that I came from a locality where men are men and shave their heads.

Which reminds me, did you as a Carolina spectator keep in training during the summer months for the games this fall? If you were in summer school that is "Fool Question Number 99,999."

I, with the rest of the campus, regret to learn of the departure of Mr. Hubert Heffner from the campus. He has done a great work in the Playmakers. The one consolation is that his place will be taken by Mr. Sam Selden who was here as technical director two years ago. Everyone who has worked under Mr. Selden recognizes his ability and appreciates the charm of his personality.

Back to football, I sincerely hope that this year's cheerleader will be able to organize a section that will compare with the famous "Cheerios" of a few years ago. I am not a great one for the "Rah, Rah" collitch spirit, but a good cheering squad does add greatly to the color and atmosphere which make football the super-sport that it now is.

I agree with former cheerleader Chandler that the athletic association or the University should in some way recognize and reward the efforts of the man who works to see that the team has the organized support of the student body.

RUSHING SEASON TO START TODAY

(Continued from first page) are allowed to accompany freshmen off the Hill for any purpose whatsoever, and freshmen who knowingly leave Chapel Hill with fraternity men will be held equally culpable.

Rushing will be limited to the hours between 2 and 9 p.m., except on Fridays and Saturdays, when rushing must cease at midnight. No fraternity man is allowed to spend any money for a freshman.

Bi-Lingual Star

Claudette Colbert, Paramount film star featured in the Carolina theatre attraction today, "Manslaughter," is bi-lingual—she speaks English and French with equal fluency.

The feminine lead of "Manslaughter" was born in Paris, but when only six years old, her parents brought her to the United States. At that time, she did not speak a word of English. The public schools of New York soon taught her.

However, so that she would not lose the use of her native French, Miss Colbert's parents insisted that she speak French at home.

Intramurals To Begin

With the beginning of intramural athletics close at hand, a few words of explanation concerning the significance of this part of the University's activities means should be of worth.

In the past seven years intramural athletics have come to play an important part in the school life of Carolina. Director Shepard, with the help of Mac Grey and Wallace Shelton, have done serviceable work in providing "athletics for all" on the campus.

The schedule will be conducted much the same as in previous years and with the new equipment that has been added, indications point that this year will be highly successful. Director Shepard states that the management is rushing things into readiness, and by the first of next week the intra-mural program will be under way.

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