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Pledge Day Brings Relief

The pledging of several hundred freshmen by fraternities this afternoon will create widely different emotions in the two principals—the rushers and the rushees. Relief will be expressed by the rushers; regret by the rushees.

Rushing here tends to create illusions in the minds of first year men. Finding themselves the object of simultaneous interest among several fraternities causes freshmen to over-estimate their importance. When they discover that fraternity men are concerned over their choice of fraternities, the freshmen feel that their decisions are worth a great deal more than they really are.

These ideas are dispelled shortly after pledge day. Popularity doesn't help the new men to pass examinations, and certain pledge buttons mean less than nothing to professors. They discover that although they were of importance to the fraternities they meant nothing to the life of the campus. Their decisions did not alter the trend of events here.

But to the fraternity men pledge day brings relief. During the two weeks they have neglected their work, and refused their responsibility. Mid-terms approach and their time may be devoted to more profitable pursuits than rushing freshmen.

The freshmen will do well to remember much they learned

during freshman week, and forget all they've heard during rushing season. The fraternity men settle to the routine of college life without advice.

Purging The Dialectic Senate

The present membership of the Dialectic Senate is to be congratulated upon its recent decision to drop the roll members who fail to attend a reasonable number of meetings. Another wise ruling regards the matter of Yackety Yack statistics. Officials of the senate are to place in the hands of the Yackety Yack editor a list of men whose activities in the society have been sufficiently potent to make them eligible to list under their picture the words "Dialectic Senate."

The above ruling is designed to eradicate a grievance of long standing; namely, the appearance in the Yackety Yack of some three hundred claims of membership in the senate, when the active membership seldom exceeds thirty-five. The carefully edited list which the year book editor will be given will exclude men who have attended one meeting in three years, for example. Such persons will have to go out for football or boxing for a day or so in order to swell their statistics by such imposing (and falsely pretentious) terms as "varsity football," or "varsity boxing."

Along with the influx of an unusually large number of new members, has come a determination to make membership in the senate something to be sought after, rather than a medium through which fraternities can add to the activities of their freshmen.

Such rejuvenating policies as those already referred to indicate that the Dialectic Senate is hitting a new stride.—J. C. W.

Co-Edna Comments

By Edna Morisette

Now that rushing is over, the active members of the two sororities can live a life of comparative ease. It has suddenly been discovered that pledges have the very nicest kind of voices over a telephone and it's so convenient not to stop all conversation when the phone rings because you know some sweet little pledge will come and knock quietly on the door and tell you that someone wishes to speak with you. It's so much more lady-like than yelling at the top of one's lungs.

One member of this column's admiring public has asked for something original. Since someone has said that nothing is original we hope that last week's column satisfied that request.

At last the common hue and cry that is raised at the co-ed shack about dinner time of, "Honest I'd love to but I've got so much to do, I'd better to to the library"—or, "I'm going to be awfully busy, I have 500 pages to read at the library tonight," has been varied. One blue-eyed darling made the remark last night over her dessert that "If I didn't have so much work to do I'd go to the library." Well, you know the one about the honest confession.

On the recommendation of "Chips Off the Old Block," two of the fair element tried the Waffle Shop's famous coffee at chapel period yesterday morning. They not only agree that the coffee is excellent, but that one need not fear that he will be kept awake by its effects on the two classes following 10:30.

And now, just before we have the final hymn, may we say that there are a large number of students (and co-eds) who are not going to the Georgia game.

It Seems To Me, Too

By Phil Liskin

I saw a tiny black and white kitten sitting forlornly on a porch the other day, and I suddenly realized that up to then I had seen no cats in Chapel Hill. Dogs, there are in plenty: dogs that walk about the campus with nonchalance and I've seen-it-allness of seniors. They have a possessive air about them, as though the campus inherently belongs to them alone. So they have banded together and driven the felines to other fields.

I am sorry that this has happened. I like cats. They are noble animals. You never see a cat fawning at your feet, wagging its tail, and begging to be petted. It is you who must make the first advances to a cat. If she likes you, she will let you have the satisfaction of stroking her back, all the while maintaining her dignity with a lofty reserve. And if she isn't pleased with you, she will walk quietly away, and not growl peevishly like a dog.

The dog can never hope to attain the dignity and poise of the cat, and I suppose this is the reason for his eternal hostility towards her. The cat can point proudly to her ancestors, the tiger, leopard, and the lion—lord of the jungle. But the dog—? Well, he would rather not have it mentioned that his forefathers were the wolf, the jackal—the petty thieves of the animal kingdom.

Construction is already under way on a huge dirigible, the Akron, to be delivered to the U. S. government by May, 1931. This will be faster than all previous airships; will carry five airplanes in a hanger built within the hull; and will have mounted at strategic points sixteen rapid-fire, high pressure guns. It will be inflated with helium, the non-inflammable gas, and experts predict that it will be almost invulnerable to gun fire. In other words, it will be the most powerful and most deadly fighter that ever cruised the skies. It will also be the most expensive.

This extravagant expenditure of money on war machines will lead to one result. England will become incensed at her loss of supremacy in the air, and will build an even larger, faster, and more deadly airship than the Akron. France, Russia, and Japan will accept the challenge and enter the race for the domination of the air. Millions of dollars and much valuable labor will be wasted in the construction of these air machines whose sole functions are to destroy.

There can be only one outcome to this mad race for supremacy in armaments—war. It will come and when it does, the civilian population who stood aside meekly while the military brains of their governments feverishly carried through their programs, will bear the brunt of the war's punishment. When the people of the world stop supporting all military preparations, then only will war become a myth of the past. But so long as they continue to maintain their present indifferent attitude, just so long will war continue to be inevitable.

MORE DOPE FOR SOUTHERN FOES BY SPOTLIGHT

(Continued from first page) play against Yale similar to the one Maryland used against Carolina with such good results last Saturday. Cerney reported that from the beginning of the game, which Tennessee won from Mississippi, there was no doubt as to the outcome. Tennessee led through the whole game, completely crushing Mississippi with Tennessee's two star ends and

one flashy backfield ace out of the fray. Cerney rates the Vols as in a class by themselves, and picks them to be near the top when the curtain rings down the football season.

Each year at some principal city of the United States, there is a meeting of the prominent football coaches of the country. This year the meeting is to be held in New York City, December 29. At each meeting several coaches are selected to deliver talks on different aspects of football. The coaches who have this honor bestowed upon them have to merit this honor by coaching some team up to a point of distinction in the previous football season. Collins has done exactly that, having introduced the Notre Dame system at Chapel Hill, and has put the Carolina team among the best in the country. No doubt, Collins was selected because of the fine work he has done at Carolina, and as a result of Carolina's victory last year over the "Golden Tornado," 1928 National champions.

After answering many and varied questions sent in by enthusiasts, Collins finally wound up his radio talk by giving the impression that Carolina would use every trick known to them in order to whip the University of Georgia at Athens tomorrow.

SERVICE GROUPS PLAN TO STUDY FARM PROBLEMS

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Gardner; Livestock and Dairying Opportunities, T. L. Gwynn, Springdale; Forestry by and for Farmers, Dr. Graeber, State College; Regional Farmer's Federations, J. G. K. McClure and E. W. Gaither; Rural Education for North Carolina, Rural Welfare Work, Rural Health: Facts, Preventive and Curative Mea-

sures, Lindsey Russell, Wilmington.

These club meetings will be open to the student body. The first of them will probably be within the next two weeks.

STATE MUSICIANS WILL MEET TODAY

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o'clock with short discussions led by Dr. Redman and Professor Carey.

A business meeting, at which plans for the 12th annual state contest in music for high schools will be discussed, comes at 10:30 o'clock.

The business meeting is to be followed by the annual luncheon of the conference, at 12:30 o'clock. That event will take place at the King Cotton hotel.

Those who attend the conference will be guests of the College and of the Greensboro Civic Music association at a recital to be given Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock in Aycock auditorium. The artist is Alexander Brailowsky, Russian pianist. Those who expect to hear the recital are requested to notify Dr. Brown before the evening of the recital.

More than 100 people attended the first conference of state teachers and supervisors, held last year at North Carolina College.

The Anglican church in China is considering the closing of all its schools there because of the animosity of the new government.

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