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The Abernethy Case Again

This morning the case of Milton Abernethy, State College student, charged with "misrepresenting" the facts in the Hicks thesis dealing with cheating among students, will again come before the student council of State College. This time the case will be in the form of an appeal. Abernethy was convicted last Saturday morning, and his suspension from the institution for two years has been recommended to President E. C. Brooks, who has the final say-so in the matter. According to the press reports, Abernethy, whose conviction was "rather surprising," was "found guilty of reflecting on the college students" and "was adjudged an offense unto the people of the college."

Yesterday's press also carried a statement by Professor Hicks, author of the thesis. The question asked him was whether he thought Abernethy had misrepresented any of the facts concerned with cheating. To this, Hicks answered, "I don't think he did." It was also stated by the professor, however, that Abernethy did not give due consideration to a certain preface contained in his thesis.

Yet in the face of these things—the expectation of the public that Abernethy would not be convicted (and we think this expectation must have been founded on some basis of sentiment in favor of the accused), and the statement of Professor Hicks that there was no misrepresentation of facts—the student council of State College dared to con-

vict a man for expressing his own opinion about a very delicate matter of student conduct. By its action last Saturday the council has made a ridiculous spectacle of itself. Its decision already has invoked the censure of believers in the right of free speech, and it is apt to give the impression to the public that the atmosphere of State College is one of extreme narrowness. Today the council has the opportunity of undoing, partially at least, a personal injustice it has wrought and a stand it has taken which we hope is not typical of the attitude of the institution as a whole. It remains to be seen whether the council avails itself of this opportunity to right itself.—B. M.

What Price Silence?

If an idea is worthy of being passed through the brain, it is worthy of being expressed in public, either by word of mouth or through the press. An individual who is too timid to voice his sentiments usually has not much of an opinion anyhow. There is no greater factor in the realization of improvement than criticism, even though it be of the severest variety. It is impossible in any language to say just how utterly foolish one is to keep silent when he really has something to say. Such a practice is even more foolish than the proverbial error of talking without saying anything.

Freedom of speech and freedom of the press are the very foundation-stones of the great American nation, the like of which is yet to appear. The writer is firmly convinced that the underlying cause of all differences, brawls, fights, wars, et cetera, is nothing but misunderstanding. Misunderstanding is the very root of hate. What the student body of the University of North Carolina, and the world for that matter, needs is understanding. If one student calls another one a rascal, a fight is apt to occur. The truth of the matter, however, is apt to show that the assailed is guilty of being a rascal, or even worse. The accused would not get mad if he were to consider the accusation in its intended light; that is, endeavor to understand just what prompted the accuser to level the charge against him. Likewise, the student who states that there is something wrong with some branch of the University (or any attachment thereto) is usually merely attempting to ferret out the truth and to arrive at a condition of understanding.

We are attending this University for a definite purpose. We are sojourning in a liberal center, in a community which has claim to existence on no other premises than those of intellectualty. Education makes for understanding. What good is education if it is to be stored up within a brain? What good is an opinion hidden from the public by timidity? The price of silence is synonymous with the penalty of ignorance.—J. C. W.

Nazareno Speaks

The junior-senior cabinet of the Y. M. C. A. was addressed by Alfredo Nazareno of Manila, Philippine Islands, at its regular meeting in the Y last night.

Nazareno recently returned from the Y conference in Winston-Salem and he spoke on the personalities and impressions he received there. Being of a foreign nationality he also mentioned the present closer relations between different races and nations.

Linker-Coffin Party

Mrs. J. Burton Linker and Mrs. O. J. Coffin will be joint hostesses at a card party to be given at the Linkers' home this afternoon.

"Apple-plexy"



"S' matter wid de kid?" "Oh, he just eat some apples an' they don't fit."

SAYS STATE HAS FARMING FUTURE

Colonel J. W. Harrelson Tells N. C. Club That State Has All Factors Necessary.

"In North Carolina we have all of the factors and qualities necessary to make this the leading agricultural state of the Union, with the possible exception of California," Col. J. W. Harrelson, director of the North Carolina department of conservation and development, declared here Monday night in an address before the regular meeting of the North Carolina Club.

Colonel Harrelson's address was the second of a series dealing with the problems of agriculture to be given before the club this year. New officers of the Club were elected. They were John Slater, of New Bern, president; J. M. MacLachlen, Jackson, Mississippi, vice-president; and Professor S. H. Hobbs, Jr., of the University faculty, secretary.

"We have the advantage in climate, which includes rainfall, sunshine and temperature; in the quality of the people who inhabit the state; in the quality of the soil and its adaptability to a great variety of crop growing; and the accessibility to the near-by eastern markets," Colonel Harrelson said.

"Citizens of this colony and state exploited the natural food producing resources and as the lands became less productive they failed to enhance the quantity production by artificial methods of land improvement. The shortage caused by consumption demands over production was made up by imports."

He then gave a comparison of the value of the state's production of eight leading commodities and of the consumption of the same commodities. "In these eight items," he said, "our imports are valued at \$137,044,000. This point alone casts an undesirable reflection on the educational forces in the field of agriculture of a state to whose climate and fertile soil equal those of North Carolina."

Blame for the present depressed situation in the State's rural communities was laid to failure to practice a more intelligent use of natural resources. He suggested as a remedy the establishment of schools of conservation in our leading colleges and universities.

"After all," he said, "the major function of education is to prepare the student for living a fuller life and contributing to the public good. The establishment of such courses, to guide the students into unoccupied or incompletely occupied fields, will tend toward building a citizenship more serviceable to mankind and better equipped to attain success in their struggle for a livelihood."

Infirmiry List

The following were on the infirmiry list yesterday: J. Holton Lynch, W. L. White, H. P. Chamberlin, Kenneth Byerly, and W. V. Sheperd.

CASE NEWSPAPER NOT IN FAVOR OF COUPLING TEAMS

News Organ of Ohio School Wishes To Limit Grid Activities To Ohio Conference.

Cleveland, O.—(IP)—Spurning a pointed suggestion of the Reserve Weekly that the Case and Reserve football teams be combined, in keeping with the spirit of academic co-operation recently announced for the two institutions, whose campuses join here, the Case Tech couched its reply in the following terms:

"If football is first and last a municipal spectacle, let's merge and be quick about it. If it is a campus sport, part of a program of 'every man play his own game,' why not stay in the Ohio Conference, where some good friends—Oberlin and Wooster among them—are working with us to advance these ideals? Why not?"

Reserve, a traditional enemy of Case on the football field, has practically deserted the Ohio Conference of late years, in an effort to bring "big time" football to Cleveland. As a consequence she has taken terrific wallpings from Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh, and similar teams of national strength.

OPEN FORUM

"WE PACIFISTS..."

To the Editor: I suppose V. A. D., whom I guess to be Virginia Douglas, will feel not a little pride to find that her editorial, "Acceptance and Praise of Man," has drawn forth comment from her readers; for evidently, its daring theme was intended to be (and to her credit I will say that it succeeded in being) unique and individualistic, and was designed to attract attention.

But, I am a pacifist (because I don't want my head shot off and because I don't want to shoot off anybody else's head), so I take mild offense at her statement that we pacifists are fools because we do not realize the innate selfishness of man. As a matter of fact, we do recognize that selfishness in individuals—but not in nations.

Wars are started by individuals and fought by groups. The individuals—greedy, mercenary national leaders—are the selfish ones. Through propaganda, extolling the glories of war, they "educate" the masses to fight for the accomplishment of their own selfish ends.

We pacifists know perfectly the futility of trying to thwart such an attitude. Our purpose, while not ignoring selfishness, is to counteract the force of militaristic propaganda with an educational campaign of our own, endeavoring to point out the ultimate futility of war, to develop a saner point of view from which to consider the subject, and to create a world fellowship which will be opposed to armed conflict between nations.

We are so certain of our future success that we now dismiss her editorial with a "pooh-pooh," and that's that. PAUL VON MILGRAM.

AMERICAN BOOK MARKET NOW IS MUCH UNDERSOLD

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publishers and booksellers do not have any such security; they have to depend on their receipts from sales to pay their bills, and they are able to continue in business only so long as they are able to continue doing this.

"The comparative unimportance of solid reading matter in this country is not due to the failure of publishers to meet demands; it is due primarily to the failure of our schools to create demands. The evidence of this failure may be seen on all sides.

"Those of us who are engaged in the business of publishing and selling books know that the great majority of the members of the professional groups—lawyers, doctors, teachers, preachers, public officials, corporation officials, and others—make very little effort to keep up with the more important literature of their respective subjects; and much less are they interested in reading and developing personal libraries of general cultural value.

"The task of educating public officials and professional groups to the idea that books are necessary tools for their work is an enormous one, and cannot be accomplished by the unaided efforts of any one group: whether schools, libraries, publishers, or booksellers.

BUDGET ALWAYS NECESSARY SAYS TELEPHONE MAN

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ply the additional capital required unless they are assured of the protection of their investment and an adequate return thereon.

In conclusion, Mr. Craft said, "From simple beginning the provisional estimate has been developed along with the growth of business until it has become one of the indispensable adjuncts to successful administration and operation of the national system."

The Taylor Society will meet again next Monday evening. Dr.

C. L. Holmes, chief of the division of foreign management and costs, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, will talk.

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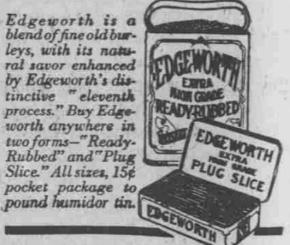
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