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**A Financial Brain Tackles Athletics**

Rumblings which have been heard along the eastern front since the close of the past football season burst into loud roars as President Thomas S. Gates, who resigned as a partner in J. P. Morgan and company to become president of the University of Pennsylvania, reorganized athletics at that institution. Athletics will be placed on the same basis as other activities and will be given the same emphasis.

As a result of the changes which are the most drastic in the modern history of intercollegiate athletics a ten-thousand-dollar-year coach loses his job, spring football and pre-season training become taboo, and student and alumni athletic board members are given the gate. Proselyting and "scouting" of prep school athletes are expected to be ended. And the authors of the Carnegie Bulletin 23 will probably twiddle their thumbs in glee as they read the statement of President Gates.

The statement says: "Coaches will be members of the faculty of the department and will have suitable academic rank. All coaches will be employed on a full-time basis and will receive compensation in accordance with their rank and with the salary scale provided for all members of the university faculty. In no case will the compensation of coaches be in excess of such provisions.

"The academic eligibility of students to participate in intercollegiate athletics will be determined by a committee of five members of the university faculty to be appointed annually by the president, and the decisions of this committee will be final.

"Provisions for financial and other aid for needy students en-

gaging in intercollegiate athletics will be placed upon the same basis as provisions for aid to all other needy students.

"There will be a definitely stated policy with respect to the participation of students in more than one sport, the wishes and the welfare of the student being the principal guiding factor instead of the desires of the coaches, as is too often the case."

Just how the plan will work out in practice we will not venture to say but we are of the opinion that Pennsylvania's students are learning something of big business' methods of dealing with those little businesses which are irritating but not serious. The students are the ones affected and unless student sentiment is in accord with the reorganization program then it seems that President Gates will find his Utopian athletic scheme just another of those theories.

**The Entertainment Program**

We notice that Carola Goya, the Spanish dancer, will appear in the first presentation of the entertainment committee this year.

The notice of the first presentation of the entertainment committee brings to mind its presentations in the past. The first year of the existence of this committee was a very successful one from the point of view of both the type of presentations and the manner in which they were received. There seemed to be a general feeling of enthusiasm among the students as to the future possibilities of the entertainment program. However, during the next year the program apparently decreased in interest and consequently was not so successful from the student point of view. Therefore, in order to remedy this, students in the college of liberal arts were given the opportunity of expressing their choices for future entertainment presentations. We are wondering how much their desires have been followed in the selection of this year's program.

The student entertainment program is financed largely by students and exists primarily for their enjoyment and benefit and if the program is not of a type pleasing to them it defeats its purpose. We are very much in agreement with the idea of an entertainment program, but think that the choice of the students should determine the presentations on the program.—J. C. S.

**With Contemporaries**

**Government Says**

Morals of college students are not as bad as some stories would indicate, investigation of undergraduate life at fifty-two of the largest universities in the country, including the University of Minnesota, revealed in a survey by the federal government, disclosed yesterday.

Congress appropriated, in 1927, a sum to be used to investigate all land grant colleges. 164,000 resident students are enrolled in these universities.

The report gives a grudging approval to fraternities and sororities, but urges better cooperation with university officials.

"On every campus," the report is said to state, "there are activities which the college does not sanction. But organizations of mystery and secrecy no longer operate.

"Some organizations are formed to foster revolt against custom, but these groups are usually loosely arranged, and are soon discontinued without harm

to the institution where they were founded.

"Gamblers and drinkers often tend to form societies of their own. These usually are broken up without harm to anyone except the participants. University routine is too strenuous for a person who cannot concentrate on studies."

Attitudes shown by college authorities towards fraternities and sororities ranged from hearty commendation to absolute indifference.

Fraternity "rushing" systems are condemned for selling the fraternity to a prospect, rather than making it attractive by merit alone.

The pledge method of rushing sorority candidates, used by many universities at the present time, was given the approval of the investigating committee.

Under the system generally used, all sororities turn in bids to one officer who asks each woman to state her preferences. She is given a bid from the sorority whose name appears first on her list, providing that group has a bid for her. If it has not, she is given a bid from the sorority of her second choice. Only one bid goes to each woman.

Scholarship of fraternities is showing marked improvement. The idea that poor scholarship and success in life are directly related is disappearing.

Universities and fraternities should cooperate, it was said, in keeping up standards of the institutions. "Institutions frequently reported," quotes the survey, "that students' rooms were unclean and disorderly, that sleeping quarters were crowded and unsuitable for group life, that the fire hazard was great, and that the storage and preparation of food was unsanitary."

Drinking, improper dancing, discourtesy to chaperons, and other difficulties were listed in the report as common social troubles of universities.—Minnesota Daily.

**OPEN FORUM**

**Wants More Education**

The Chapel Hill Movie Guild, "started with the view of putting on educational and artistic pictures Sunday afternoons for the benefit of various charities around Chapel Hill," is presenting regularly to its members such entertainment as the "Krazy Kat" and "Our Gang" comedies.

In the opinion of the humble writer, these are not exactly educational and show no artistic touch. The most gracious directors should consider the fact that the majority who attend these Sunday afternoon attractions are either college students or townspeople, and that they have long ago put aside their childish ways and become men and women. Anyone who expects the average college student to enjoy an "Our Gang" comedy must have a warped imagination.

If the crowd that saw the Sunday shows were mainly children, or even high school students, there would be some reason to present a "Krazy Kat" comedy or an "Our Gang," but for University students and college professors it is absurd. College students should at least be given credit for having grown up, even though sometimes they do not act it.

To show such a picture as educational is the height of a joke. Perhaps the directors can't secure beneficial films and make a nice size profit, we'll say for charity; if so, why not say so, and cut the whole thing out. At any rate, we hope we will not have to face "Our Gang" any more.

B. H.

**Why Hit University**

To the Editor: In our worthy, though somewhat blind, desire to cut state appropriations we should be guided by at least a sense of fairness to the educational institutions of the State. I refer in particular to the University of North Carolina.

No well informed North Carolinian doubts the great usefulness of the University at Chapel Hill and its magnificent record of one hundred and thirty-seven years of service and devotion to the State and nation. Every well informed citizen of this state is proud of Chapel Hill's high standing in educational circles of the nation, and is particularly proud of the fact that the University of North Carolina has been admitted to the very select American Association of Universities, which has only twenty-seven members and to which only three institutions in the south have been considered sufficiently developed to have been admitted.

Yet, today we are apparently doing our level best to lower the standards of the University and to curtail its usefulness to the State. In 1929 the General Assembly appropriated \$875,000 to the University for each of the next two fiscal years. The Governor, as director of the budget, cut this ten per cent the first year; the second year he cut this twenty per cent—in a justified attempt to balance the budget. Now the proposed appropriation for next year is \$563,000—more than \$300,000 less than the appropriation of two years ago!

This cut is far greater than the average cut for state departments and institutions; why is the University singled out?

MRS. D. F. HARRIS  
Jonesboro, N. C.—Greensboro Daily News.

**WAR BLAMED FOR ECONOMIC SLUMP**

(Continued from preceding page) goods, for we have too many of our own. Germany must sell these goods to get money, and when she seeks new markets, she runs into American competition, which largely controls these markets. This is merely an example of what other European nations are facing to-day. Europe is in the same state of industrial depression as the United States.

"There has been, and is at present a technological revolution going on in the world. The machine has displaced a large number of workers. It is true that other industries spring up to use some of these workers, but there is a steadily increasing efficiency in the industrial output of our country per worker, and our unemployment figures have been steadily mounting for the last few years.

"There have been marked shifts in the demands of the consumer, such as wagon manufacturing giving away to the manufacture of automobiles. This change calls for a new type of workman, thereby throwing many old craftsmen out of work.

"Another cause of our present economic depression is the recent stock crash, and with it the crash of our credit system, which resulted from high inter-



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est rates on call money. This caused many companies to use surplus and even merchandise money on the market, thus removing it from industrial use.

"Our economic machinery has broken down. The old system of laissez-faire has been discarded in favor of mergers and monopolies. Someone must modernize our present industrial system. But how? And by whom? No one knows, but it will certainly have to be done before industry gets back on its feet and before we again become prosperous."

**Decent Pay Necessary For Better Instruction Says President Graham**

(Continued from preceding page) not be made to pay for those who have. To tear down is a wasteful way to build up. Let us pay off our debts by a development of our power and resources, not by throwing away our investments."

As a conclusion to his speech, President Graham cited several instances to show that previous cuts in educational appropriations have seriously retarded educational progress in the state institutions. It was pointed out that more than a score of talented men have left this University because cuts in appropriations made it impossible for them to expand and to give of their best. President Graham concluded with the statement that the state may save a few dollars on the yearly budget but they lose significantly in the life of a generation.

**MASONIC ORDER DEDICATES LODGE**

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exterior, but have devoted their attention to beautifying the interior of the building. No improvements have yet been made on the grounds but plans are underway to level off the yard for a lawn, to plant shrubbery, and to trim the trees.

Forty-three years have seen a tremendous growth of the local lodge. Its membership at present is 204, including townspeople, students, and faculty members. University Lodge Number 408, as it was chartered, has probably done more courtesy work than any other club in the state. Outside members who have come to Chapel Hill as students have been gladly transferred into this lodge. A part of the present membership is composed of students of the University. The largest part is made up of Chapel Hill business men, with a few faculty men included.

N. B. Henry was the first master of the local lodge. He has been followed by twenty-one others down to, and including, the present master, John W. Humphreys. They were: D. McCauley, 1890, deceased; W. N. Pritchard, 1891-1900 and 1908, deceased; Jno. C. Hocutt, 1901, deceased; M. C. S. Noble, 1902; N. M. Watson, 1903, deceased; E. S. Merritt, 1904-1910 and 1916-1917; R. H. Sykes, 1905; Eric A. Abernethy, 1906-07; R. B. Lawson, 1911-12 and 1924; W. F. Strowd, 1914-15; L. A. Williams, 1918; R. L. Strowd, 1919; H. D. Williams, 1920; D. T. Neville, 1921; R. C. Andrews, 1922-25; N. H. Merritt, 1923; J. W. McCauley, 1926; J. Burton Linker, 1927; Sol Lipman, 1928; and W. M. Pugh, 1929.

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