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## "Even The University May Be Saved."

Gerald Johnson, former professor of journalism here and now editorial writer for the Baltimore Sun, sums up his view of the North Carolina legislature with the statement, "even the University of North Carolina may be saved."

And in the same comment he places the responsibility of saving the University squarely up to those who are its friends. As he says, above all, the fine University of North Carolina is facing the possibility of extinction as a really important seat of learning. President Graham is making a grim and determined fight for the life of the institution, but as the proposed budget now stands he is to be subject to a cut of 34 per cent below the appropriations of two years ago. The salary schedule is already absurdly low for a university of respectable rank and a cut of 34 per cent unquestionably would sink it. Carolina would promptly drop into the class of the one-building "universities" that are the scandal of American education.

Perhaps some of us underestimated the immediate danger to the University of late, relying too much on the great appeal of President Graham to pull us through. But the danger is present and the time for action is now. President Graham's appeal is the greatest brief for the University and for education in North Carolina presented to any legislature since the early days of the century. And that appeal will save the University, we believe, if its force and strength could be presented to every legislator and every constituent in this state. President Graham has sounded the warning; Mr. Johnson

has given the cue; now it is for us to go into action. "Even the University of North Carolina may be saved."

### Prohibition And The Democrats

From the statements of several southern Democratic leaders, among whom is Cordell Hull of Tennessee, candidate for the Democratic nomination in 1928, it appears that Southern Democracy wishes to avoid Prohibition as an issue in the 1932 presidential campaign. Prohibition is to remain under cover, an unmentionable subject, while the party leaders generalize on the tariff and farm relief.

Such an attitude is deplorable. There is no one issue which has been in the mind of the American people so constantly in the last ten years as the Prohibition problem. To shunt such a vital issue into the background, as far as the political parties are concerned, would be political cowardice. The Southern Democrats fear that this question will split the Democratic party and bring about its ultimate collapse. Well, let it. If, after facing this issue squarely, the antagonistic elements in the Democratic party, the wet, industrial, East, and the dry, agricultural West, cannot come to an agreement on Prohibition without resorting to hypocrisy and pretense, they should separate.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that a battle to the finish on prohibition, ending definitely one way or the other, is imminent. The Democratic party should not resort to political cowardice and hypocritical evasion to carry it through the storm.—H. B.

### We Will Conquer The World!

Josef Stalin, in a recent address to the Russian people, made a statement to the following effect: "If we wish to climb out of our backward position among the nations of the world, we must gain knowledge. Knowledge is power; and only by knowledge can we advance." He is only one of the world's leaders who has said this. For it is the opinion of almost all the great men in history that knowledge is the greatest power man can have.

Here in the University we stand before a mine of knowledge. Ambition, courage, the will to win, are the tools that can clear our way into the mine. If we have them, we have gotten off to a good start. But only a start. For the knowledge is hidden within the far recesses of the mind. Before us lie great, thick walls of stone to bar our way. We must hew them down before we can find anything. A year of the most heartbreaking effort will yield us only a shred of the mine's store. Four years of effort, and we have only a handful of knowledge to reward our work. And we wonder if it is worth it.

It is. For this mere handful of knowledge is the most valuable ore we can ever find. In the years it has taken us to get this handful, we have learned the method of working the mine. When we leave the University we are no longer greenhorns at the work. We have learned how to dig for knowledge. We have found some—not much; for we delude ourselves if we think we have found all there is to be found. And with the bit we have found, and the knowledge we have gained, we can leave the University and conquer the world. For the world is not so hard to conquer, and many men and women have done it, each in their own way.

People will say we are foolish and vain to think we can conquer all. But it is those who have failed who say this. They have failed to make the grade, and they have grown sour. But

we have only to say that with knowledge we shall conquer the world, and we will conquer the world!—P. L.

## With Contemporaries

### In Defense

#### Of Fraternities

In the last few years there has been much criticism of the fraternity system. Last week a Federal report was issued after an investigation of fifty-two of the country's largest colleges. This survey of undergraduate life recommended and approved of the existence of Greek letter societies.

At Minnesota the presence of fraternities is a decided aid to the school. These organizations have been most valuable in solving the housing problem. In the past there have been no men's dormitories. Men have been forced to live in rooming houses or fraternities. Perhaps chapter houses at Minnesota are not the finest in the country. But they offer much more desirable places to live than local rooming houses do. And the expense of boarding at one of these societies is no greater than the cost of living in a rooming house or dormitory.

Although some women can be accommodated at Sanford hall, this building could not begin to house all the out-of-town co-eds. Sorority houses are necessary to take part of the surplus of women coming from outside the Twin Cities.

Raisons d'être of fraternities at other universities are various. But at Minnesota the service performed in rooming students alone would justify their existence. If the seventy-five Greek societies were removed would the thirteen hundred men and women in these houses find as satisfactory places to live as they now occupy.—Minnesota Daily.

### Honor System

For the past year and more college newspapers in the United States have been full of dissertations on the honor system. Being student organizations, they have been uniformly in favor of the scheme, devoting columns to expositions of the finer points and editorials to the castigation of violators of the code.

However, the idea seems to have fallen on deaf ears north of forty-nine. No Canadian university has adopted the honor system nor is there any widespread agitation for its introduction. The old regime of vigilantes seems to be good enough for us. We feel no burning pangs of outraged honesty as we look at the sleepy gentleman who sits before us while we write.

The whole thing began when some college editor was hard pressed one night, desperately looking for something with which to fill his column. He cast about for ideas, failed to find any, remembered a recent examination, thought that it might have been a good idea if the vigilator had remained outside, worked the thought up and wrote an editorial about it, just nicely filling the column with the three hundredth word.

He was taken seriously and before he realized the value of his effort it had been reprinted and commented upon all over America. The next step was to put the scheme into action and in a very short time a great number of universities were conducting their examinations without official supervision, leaving the matter of honesty to the students themselves.

With the honor system in action an elaborate schedule of rules and regulations grew up

## The Musical University

By Wex Malone

The third of the Vesper Series of organ recitals was given by Professor Kennedy Sunday afternoon in the Music Building Auditorium. There were seven selections in the program: *Meditation Serieuse* (Bartlett), *Variations de Concert* (Bonnet), *Ave Maria* (Bossi), *Fugue in G Minor* (Bach), *The Squirrel* (Weaver), *Traumerei* (Schumann), and *Hosannah* (Dubois).

The *Ave Maria* had probably the most striking and immediate appeal. The melody is simple but firm, and in its initial statement stands in effective relief against a background of arpeggios. To use the phrase of a friend who heard the *Ave Maria* Sunday, there is a maximum of effect from a minimum of material. The florid effect of the old Italian lyricism is attained apparently through suggestion rather than display.

*Variations de Concert* demands great versatility from the player. It is introduced by a glittering *sforzando* movement, followed by the theme which the program aptly describes as being in the Doric mode. There is, in

turn, a brilliant pedal study which is skillfully manipulated in chords using the feet alone, this followed by the finale on the full organ. This awe inspiring selection, although it is sure to demand the listener's attention and admiration, is likely to have the effect of a three-ring circus, with its segregated themes, each more impressive than the last.

The *Squirrel* represents more descriptive modernism. The musical *Sciuridae* hops around and picks up nuts all over the keyboard. The number was very clever, and was nicely executed. The registration was exceptionally interesting. *Hosannah* made an excellent concluding number. It abounds in surprising resolutions of impressive texture, and is substantial in effect.

Kennedy played well. He differentiated well the spirits of the numbers, constituting the rather diversified program. The pedal work in *Variations* was perhaps the most ostentatious display, but the entire execution was concise and nicely effected.

around it. In many cases students' councils constituted themselves courts to try cases of violation of the code. Sometimes they recommended expulsion to the governing bodies, sometimes they extorted fines, but more often they contented themselves with cancellation of whatever privileges the delinquent may have enjoyed in virtue of his membership in organizations or his official positions.

At McGill the honor system is not in force. A vigilator sits in every examination room. But as yet there have been no protests and no one imagines himself insulted. Everyone knows that there is a certain amount of cheating although in four years we have never seen any personally. The claim that there would be less dishonesty if supervision were relaxed is absurd; and the little good which might ensue would be more than counterbalanced by the greater evils brought into being. On the whole, then, the honor system seems to be more or less a farce, as a professor is reported to have brought out in speaking to his class:—"Gentlemen," he said, "I will give this examination under the honor system. Please take seats in alternate aisles, three desks apart."—McGill Daily.

Scientists have achieved some wonderful results, and maybe in time one of them will succeed in producing a cigarette the ashes of which will match the color of the rug.—Louisville Times.

Midget golf, suggests a doctor, will not help people who play games in order to keep slim. But in that game, as it happens, the whole object is to get round as quickly as possible.—The Humorist.

**Free Movies**  
The weekly free movies will be shown tonight in Venable hall. The first is entitled "Dry Cleaning," and deals with the dry-docking of the Leviathan. The second is a story of beef-steak and is called "From the Texas Trail to the Table," and the third is "The Voice of Business" and tells of papermaking.

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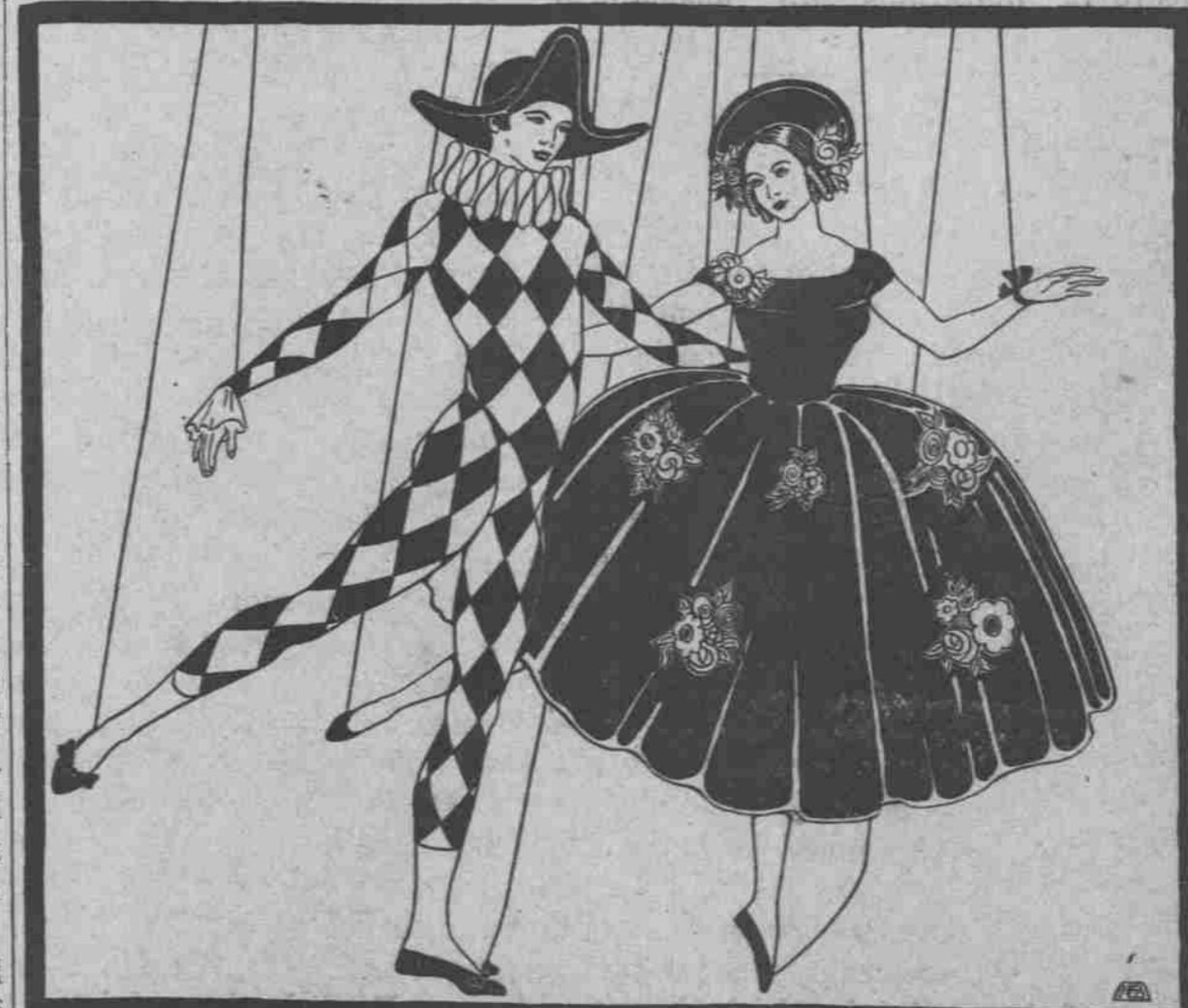


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