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One Last

Fighting Chance

Having come to the aid of the University so effectively in the postponement of their usual spring holidays, the students now have the privilege of doing an even greater favor for the institution by soliciting their parents' support in pleading the cause of education to the members Week or at least substitute some new system of the Legislature. If the members of the student body in their letters home this week will urge upon their parents the effect that the Bowie-Cherry bill is likely to have on the future of North Carolina's education, and point out to them much weight with the older men of the fraterthe influence they can bring to bear by personal nities, on whom rests the continuance of the letters and wires to Legislators in bringing about a sane and lenient consideration on this measure, the students will possibly be able to help avert an untimely death to the cause of higher education in this state.

ish move on their part. But when they stop and Week. The Daily Cardinal comments: "... The consider the effect that even one or two votes effect of 'Hell Week' is great, even of isolated might have in the final roll call on the bill in the Senate, they will realize that anything that they can possibly do to help in these times will be well view." The Michigan Daily is less drastic in its worth trying. It is a critical moment for North Carolina's education, and nothing should be left undone in attempting to avoid what appears to be a certain catastrophe for the Greater University as well as the entire educational system of this state.

fight on the floor of the House of Representa- Daily Nebraskan remarks: "Where remnants of tives. Yet their rivals still have a long road to these dangerous practices exist they should be travel before they can claim victory. If the squelched by the most vigorous means." friends of education in the state will but come to the aid of these Legislators who have been fighting for the educational cause, and use their power in bringing other members of the Legislature into the folds of the education group, the proponents of the Bowie-Cherry bill will certainly taste defeat before the smoke of battle has cleared away. And, what is more important, the Greater University will be saved from certain disaster.

## Of Defeat, Love,

Mate, and Fear The fate of the Greater University and the vast system of public and secondary school education that has made North Carolina famous in the southland, having already felt what Mr. Tom Bost describes as the "Bowie knife," will be thoroughly scalped, skinned, and hung up to dry tomorrow afternoon in the Senate, unless the breaking ranks of the sympathetic rally to the flag. In their efforts to save North Carolina from a sales tax, Messrs. Bowie and Cherry feel that Gabriel has sounded the golden horn of individualism. The old order, led by these two gentlemen, yields not to the new. The efforts of the younger and apparently more conscien-

But there are some people in North Carolina who seem to share the nervousness of Mr. Bowie and his esteemed colleague whenever such a politically sacrilegious term as "Sales Tax" is breathed abroad. An open forum letter in yesterday's edition of the Raleigh News and Ob- gineering student, who spends his idle hours server expresses these sentiments: "The Governor in his address to the Legislature made reference to Bairnsfeather's famous war cartoon, perated, he finally appealed for help over the air son, Senator J. W. Bailey said 'The Better 'Ole,' implying thereby if the legislators knew of a better way out of the tax dif- tated by a student at the University of Texas. ficulty to go to it.

"Nothing can be done about the present hole. STUDENT BODY TO It is already dug. The present problem is to keep it from getting bigger. The most sensible thing of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to do would be to invite everybody into the whole where it is printed daily except Mondays, and the with us Covernor legislators officeholders with us-Governor, legislators, officeholders, highwaymen, pedagogues, and even the fond parents of the dear little children, everybody and then lie quiet for a spell waiting for the compared with the peak figures sunrise or the deluge. . . . Honorable Sheriff, when you come to get your money don't bother Managing Editor about going through our pockets. Just throw Business Manager dirt on us where we lie-in the hole."

This is characteristic of the defeatism of a too large portion of the citizenry. It is apparently the sentiment of a large group of those who represent the people in Raleigh. It personifies the whipped dog attitude that pervades and ison, W. R. Eddleman, J. D. Winslow, T. H. Walker, stagnates the social mind of many North Carolinians, once impervious to degradation.

> The administration of the University does reach the senate Tuesday. "It handicapped in the performance not point to any particular solution for revenue. It merely presents its needs and rests its case. But speaking independently from the standpoint paign. of editorial policy, it is apparent to us that a sales tax is inevitable. "I loathe sales taxes," said Governor Ehringhaus in a special message to the General Assembly several days ago that must go down in history as a fearless declaration in the midst of a yapping pack. The Governor loathes the sales tax, but his love for the state in his charge transgresses hate.

> In the Assembly both hate and love give way legislators with whom students we should allow them to begin to fear. They yield to the fear of that group which has sold its birthright for a defeated complex.—D.C.S.

#### Abolishing Hell Week

In a few days "Hell Week" will be in full swing at Carolina, as the various chapters attempt to unify their freshmen, or try to make their neophytes more receptive to their formal initiation The new more mature attitude of college men will slowly bring about the discarding of an institution whose validity has been disproved many times. Carolina, which often prides itself on its sophistication, would do well to rid itself of Hell which would be more constructive to both the pledges and the members. Other college papers have annually decried the present theory practically unanimously, a fact which should carry present tradition.

At Wisconsin the Daily Cardinal has been waging a commendable campaign against the tradition, both because of a sincere feeling against it and because of injuries which two To many students this may sound like a fool- freshmen received during the process of Hell cases where little harm is done. Continuance of Hell Week is suicidal from every point of comment, although fully as convinced as to the worth of the custom. This middle-western paper says: "What is needed now is a movement to abolish entirely this outworn affair in favor of a system that will mean more to the neophytes and will not subject them to the barbarities they The champions of education lost their first are put through at present." In agreement the

The Green and White suggests a sensible sub stitution for Hell Week activities, in commenting: "If we must have them then let the fraternities accomplish some useful improvements in their property during the . . . period of humiliation." Our neighbor in Raleigh, the State Technician, definitely states that "The college and the fraternity would be on a better plain if it were known that this outworn pastime is no more." In New York state the Syracuse Daily Orange sums up the situation on the Syracuse campus remarking: "Insofar as it goes, Hell Week most certainly does not justify itself. Its redeeming qualities, if any, are meager and rare, despite aged rationalization." Perhaps one of the most pertinent remarks and one that drives home the insignificance of Hell Week as a constructive measure is the comment of the M. I. T Techs "Hell Week, like conversation on the depression, is becoming unpopular."-G. R.

## A Noble Experiment

A scientifically minded Winnepeg student, while attending a lecture, was desirous of noting the effect of fire upon brilliantine and promptly applied a lighted match to his neighbor's hair with a flaming result. In an interview the victious solons have been repulsed and beaten back tim of the experiment remarked in crisp tones, take place tomorrow at 1:00 "Vell, I should worry. I saved two bits, the price o'clock in Graham Memorial. All of a singe." The miscreant announced ardently, "It was in the interests of science. I would do it again if I had to."—McGill Daily.

> (NSFA)-An enterprising Carnegie Tech entinkering with a short wave set, received a cal- dered as great service to North culus problem which was too difficult. Exaswaves. The solution promptly came back, dic- Friday in commending an edi--Michigan Daily.

## TOMORROW FOR CONVOCATION

(Continued from first page) the appropriations of the Greater University 64.4 per cent as of 1928-29.

It is the belief of students now in charge of the student- Message 1909: body University defense campaign that "the parents and in- you ascertain the legitimate urfluential friends of students gent needs of our institutions, whom they can enlist will be charitable and educational, and bill before it passes the senate." them, taking care that no back-But, immediate action is neces- ward step is taken and that they sary. This bill will probably be not crippled or unjustly of state higher education. must not pass." That is the of their duties to the public. tenor of the student-body cam-

suggested ten-word telegrams name let there be no stint in for students to send to parents education or religion." and friends and senators. President Haywood Weeks urges students to send these telegrams at once, or, what is more desirable, learning must be sustained in go to Raleigh Monday to call on their full vigor and efficiency. If page of this edition is printed a its vitality and power." petition which all students are requested to sign and mail at once to their legislators in Raleigh.

yesterday, the student council C. W., the Teachers Training classes discussed future meas- tutions for higher learning; ade- the proceedings as being about ures through which the students quate to discharge the glorious the rawest business he had ever could combat the intolerable opportunities which our prog- observed in the legislature. Bowie-Cherry bill. A decision ress places before them. We ial meetings of the Interfraternity Council, with presidents of all the fraternities, and of the Dormitory Council to enlist all possible students in a campaign of petitions, letters, and telegrams to parents, influential friends, and legislators in an effort to ward off the impending "economy" landslide that would wipe the University off the educational map of the nation. The Interfraternity and Dormitory Councils met last night.

The resolution of the student council reads as follows: "The student council, convened in special session, being aware of the danger from proposed reductions in appropriations now threatening the University, resolves to call a mass meeting of the student body at chapel period Monday, March 20, 1933. President Frank Graham has accepted the invitation of the council to speak on this occasion." Special meetings of the law, medical, and pharmacy schools, of the individual undergraduate classes, of the woman's association, and of the graduate school may be called later to supplement the efforts of the mass assembly.

Similar campaigns to enlist student aid in the appropriations battle are underway at State College in Raleigh and the Woman's College in Greensboro. Hurrying to Greensboro and then back to Raleigh, student-president Weeks met with a favorable reception to his program from Mark Wilson, student body president at State, and Margaret Plonk, at the Woman's College.

## Important Luncheon Tomorrow

An important luncheon meeting of the Administrative and Student Advisory Boards of the Student Welfare Division will members of both groups are urged to attend.

## Branson Praised by Bailey

Few, if any, men have ren-Carolina as the late E. C. Brantorial tribute to Branson in the Greensboro Daily News.

### GOVERNORS HAVE PAID HOMAGE TO UNIVERSITY WORK

(Continued from first page) "Money spent in educating our boys and girls yields the greatest of all dividends to the States."

Governor Kitchen, Biennial

"I therefore recommend that defeat the Bowie-Cherry that you properly provide for (and in a Proclamation) should economize in almost Elsewhere in this paper are every other way, but in God's

Governor Craig: Inaugural

"Our institutions of higher or their parents might have to degenerate, our whole educasome influence. On the back tion system would begin to lose

Governor Morrison: Inaugural 1921:

"We must make the State's University, the Agricultural and Meeting shortly after noon Engineering College, the N. C. and the presidents of the four Schools; every one of its instiwas quickly made to call spec- must not look upon this as a liability and financial difficulty. It is our State's greatest asset."

> Governor McLean: Biennial Message 1925:

> "Whatever curtailment there must be in the general activities of the State on account of lack of revenue, education and particularly the public schools, must not be neglected."

Governor Gardner:

"Our institutions of higher learning, the University, the State Colleges, and the Teachers Training Schools, are the crowning glory of our State educational system."

Governor Ehringhaus: pre-convention speech:

"I would not favor the cause of education carrying the burden of budget-balancing. Teachers' salaries are now at bottom level."

## TRANSACTIONS OF LEGISLATURE SAID TO BE MERCILESS

(Continued from first page)

Basil M. Boyd from Mecklenburg: Quoted indirectly as citing his own education at Wake Forest as a demonstration of the feasibility of reducing the cost

Representative Thompson: "I value the health of North Carolina's people of more importance than the views of the merchants associations or any other association on the sales tax."

J. S. Massenburg from Polk: "I can tell you why the Negroes are left out. They aren't represented here. Their vote doesn't

Deacon Barden from Craven: "I would be derelict in my duty if I sat still in this House and saw things carried on that I cannot justify in my own conscience. They make changes as they see fit, without rhyme or reason. God only knows I hope they can justify them in the final analysis—I certainly cannot."

Speaker Harris from Person: Quoted indirectly as describing

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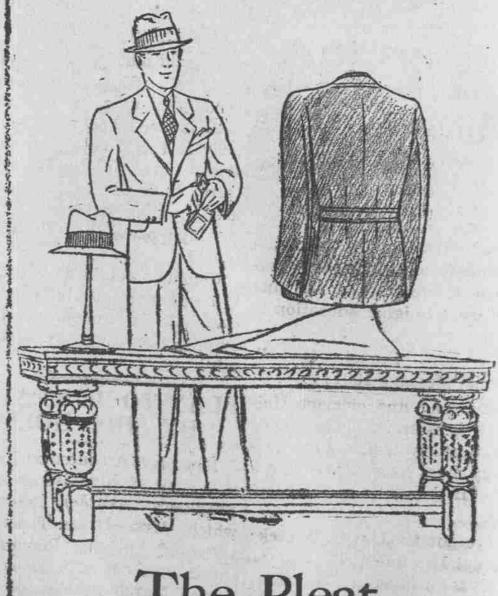
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