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## Reward Justly Deserved

Last night in Phillips hall several of the students in the school of engineering received the greatest honor which may come to one of them during his undergraduate career in being tapped for membership in Tau Beta Pi, the honorary engineering fraternity.

To an engineer, this honor represents much more than Phi Beta Kappa does to the student in the school of liberal arts. The engineering student is at a disadvantage as far as securing the grades necessary for membership in Phi Beta Kappa is concerned, for he must take an average of four courses per quarter, as compared with the three in other schools on the campus. His schedule is heavily sprinkled with laboratory courses, which makes each of his courses run more than the customary five hours per week.

Thus for an engineering student to be tapped by Tau Beta Pi requires the making of good grades in spite of his lack of time for studying as well as the giving of time to extra-curricular activities. This indicates a worthiness greater than that required for Phi Beta Kappa, where only a high scholastic average is necessary for membership.

The aim of Tau Beta Pi is to mark in a fitting manner those who have excelled in scholarship and character and to foster a spirit of liberal culture in the engineering schools of America. For a student to belong to an organization with the aims and ideals of Tau Beta Pi even though handicapped by the excessive studies of the engineering school is an honor which should not go unnoticed by other students on the campus.—F.P.G.

## Mutual Confidence

Arthur Geiger, who was a staff member of the Columbia Spectator during the editorship of Reed Harris and several others, has written an article for the October "University" which gives an inside story of the troubles which were encountered by the student journalist during that hectic year.

He tells of attempts of the faculty and alumni to influence the policies of the newspaper, of the suppressing of stories and news by one of the deans, of the hushing-up of proposed reforms by the school administrators. And what is applied to the Spectator and Columbia might apply to any of the college dailies in the country.

As long as the paper carries nothing but announcements of faculty and student meetings, of football rallies and games, of all harmless and meaningless news, there is nothing said or done. But let one of these papers attempt to reform a raw defect which is present in the college administration or touch a sensitive part of the alumni or faculty groups, and all fury swarms around that newspaper's figurative head.

Geiger tells that Dean Hawkes did not consult the University president before expelling Harris; he tells of Nick McKnight who suppressed information which might lead to the exposure of the laxity with which character scholarships were given; he tells of many cases and many men who might be in any university, cases which are flagrantly improper, yet could not be exposed because of university officials who

refuse to cooperate in any way with the newspaper.

Every college newspaper is faced with the same difficulties. One slightly liberal move and the faculty officials clamp their mouths, attempt to hush all reform movements, and suppress news and information without consulting the president whose power this should be.

After all, a university should properly be the property of the students with the faculty as advisers—not dictators. The prime purpose of the university is to train young men for contacts and decisions in the world, and how can they be trained for this unless they are allowed to think for themselves?

Give the students more information on what is going on in their university; let them know of movements to change policies which will materially affect them; let the students become advised, not ruled; take away narrow-minded bigots and let the faculty and administration work with the students, not against them.—C.G.T.

## Civilized Maryland

We Americans gazing across the thousands of miles of water between us and the streets of Berlin like to sit back in our easy chairs, peacefully smoking our favorite pipe, and after contemplating the riots, book-burnings and persecutions of the uncivilized Nazi consider ourselves pleasantly sophisticated and in some respects superior. But in the midst of this satisfied contemplation we read of the lynching of a Negro by a mob of more than a thousand men—in Maryland!

Last Wednesday night a mob consisting of a large part of the male population of Somerset county broke into the jail and dragged a Negro accused of attacking an aged white woman from his cell and lynched him. They were not content, however, with a mere hanging, but dragged him up the main street by his heels. Then after hanging him until they deemed him sufficiently dead they cut him down and paraded the streets waving the body as a flag of triumph.

And all this from Maryland. Somehow we have come to expect, or at least view with a shrug, such things in Germany or Alabama. But when we learn that they can actually happen on the staunch eastern shore in the state that made sophistication an art, it is time for us to bow our heads and pass the white cross to Hitler.—V.C.R.

## The Price Of Liberty

"The press must be the keyboard on which the government can play," Paul Joseph Goebbels, German propaganda minister, declared some months ago.

Under a new law written by Dr. Goebbels and enacted by the Hitler cabinet last week, the German press became exactly that.

As a matter of fact, since Hitler came into power, there has been very little freedom of the press in Germany. Hereafter there will be none.

The new law forbids newspapers to publish "matter calculated to weaken the power of the Reich at home or abroad, the community will of the German people, its military spirit, or its culture and economy." In other words, it forbids them to publish anything distasteful to the government or, specifically, to Dr. Goebbels, who now becomes virtual dictator over the press.

This is an excellent idea for a country on guard against internal dissension. Dr. Goebbels predicts that every nation will imitate this move within the next five years. Let us hope that, five years from now, freedom of the press in this country will be as prevalent as it is now.—W.C.I.

## Speaking The Campus Mind

### Are We Too Young?

Editor, the DAILY TAR HEEL:

As a member of the DAILY TAR HEEL staff, I wish to make the following comment:

A couple of days ago the University faculty met to discuss the important changes in educational procedure, particularly as it affects this institution. Hearing through unofficial (but very, very authoritative) sources that the business to be brought before this meeting would be of great interest to the students, the DAILY TAR HEEL sent a representative to The One Who Knows. The reporter wanted to get some news that would be of interest to the entire student body; that is the "raison d'être" of the entire DAILY TAR HEEL force, I believe.

This is the statement that our reporter got: "the proceedings of the faculty meetings are never made public... when we make any decisions, I'll tell you what they are." That is about all that he could get from an official source, and that is about all that we could print.

I respectfully submit that the decisions of the faculty are usually made on matters con-

cerning primarily the student body; that the faculty committee can profit from student opinion, and that it can certainly be swayed by it; that the faculty usually knows in advance what business it is to discuss; and finally that the students themselves also should know of the business before it is discussed, for the mutual benefit of the faculty and the student body.

Thomas Jefferson paved the way for the founding of a great nation with some words about the "rights of the governed." I wonder what he would say about the suppression of even an opinion.

B. L.

## An Official Explanation

Editor, the DAILY TAR HEEL:

May I have the privilege of your columns to clarify further the situation regarding mid-terms. In the first place let me thank the TAR HEEL for focusing attention on a genuine student need. Immediately after your first editorial, President Graham requested that the Student Welfare board discuss the suggested changes at its next meeting and submit recommendations to the faculty in time for action before next quarter. This will be done and the Student Advisory board of which you are a member will, of course, be present.

In order that further student thought and suggestion may be informed, I wish to note several misconceptions appearing in current discussions. The name "mid-term exams" is inaccurate. Report of progress would be more descriptive. In order that the deans of the schools may be able to advise failing students, the deans must know the trend of student grades before the term is too far gone. There is no University requirement that all students must take a special exam for this purpose. The instructor makes his report on whatever evidence he sees fit. It is inaccurate to picture the

registrar's office as springing the requirement on the faculty. More than a year ago the faculty discussed and voted that instructors report all failing or unsatisfactory students to the registrar's office by the end of the fourth week of classes. For many years previous the same arrangement had prevailed during the fifth week. The registrar merely reminds the faculty of this ruling. By the time the reports are collected, sorted by schools, and delivered to the deans, the mid-point of the quarter is at hand. By the time the deans can discuss plans with failing students these students have no more time than they need to remedy their situation.

The value of some such arrangement for assisting the lame, halt, and blinded of our campus is clear. Just how to effect it with convenience and profit to all involved is certainly

a proper subject of discussion. It might be well for all interested students to submit suggestions in writing to President Harper Barnes. I am sure the various administrative offices and the faculty as a whole will give careful consideration to all possible improvements in the collection and use of the "mid-term reports." At the time the first suggestion was presented it was already too late for the faculty to act on any modification of their regulation for this quarter.—Francis F. Bradshaw.

## BLOW-UPS IN VENABLE

Venable hall during the past week has been the scene of many minor explosions on account of the freshmen beginning work with hydrogen. However, due to the smallness of the apparatus no serious damage has been done.

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