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Power to The Students

It is altogether in accordance with the spirit of the honor system at this University that the faculty has passed the recommendation submitted by its executive committee which endows the student council with sole power to administer cases arising under the honor system. And at this time, when the honor system is undergoing a crisis that may mean some future change in its workings, this news is particularly gratifying.

Such a resolution on the part of the faculty we may consider a vote of confidence in the capability and integrity of this student body toward upholding this ideal which has become a part of the University itself. In spite of the apathy and laxity that has been prevalent in recent years—relieved only, of course, by the unauthorized initiative of a recently formed student group who have taken it upon themselves to see that honor system principles are kept alive, we are glad to see this reassurance that the satisfactory working of the honor system will be left entirely up to students.

For if it were not left entirely up to the students themselves, the honor system would become a contradiction, a paradox. As involving honor, this ideal depends upon the individual himself. It will not permit faculty interference or any other sort of external compulsion, if it is to remain dependent upon the best that is in the student for its maintenance.

On the other hand, we can hardly afford merely to appreciate the responsibility that has been assured us. We must do something toward making this responsibility an active one that will preclude any possibility of further degeneration of the honor system. For us, the vote of the faculty should not be merely a vote of confidence or an assurance that the faculty has washed its hands of the matter, depending on which way we tend to consider it, but it should challenge to reinforce the honor system with added responsibility.—A.T.D.

Faculty Recommendations

The recommendations made by the faculty committee in regard to the change in the University curriculum (which are printed elsewhere in the paper) put forth many ideas which have been adopted in much the same form in other universities in the country. These recommendations would create two distinct colleges called the lower and upper colleges, the former including the first two years of study and the latter the last two.

The suggestions made for the lower college are excellent in that they will give a broader and more liberal foundation to the freshman and sophomore in preparation for his work in his last two years. As outlined in the recommendations the first two years should provide the scholar with a suitable preparation to future study. In the lower college they will learn what is happening in the world, what has happened, and what is liable to happen. This plan should allow a more concentrated and comprehensive study on the scholar's part in his last two years.

However, with the preparation of the first two years, the student should be able to follow his

interests without the rules and regulations of his freshman and sophomore years hanging over him. Recommendation number five, however, would seem to defeat the entire purpose of the plan. It reads:

"That all matters pertaining to courses of study be determined by the division; but that matters of class attendance and other so-called (the italics are ours) student privileges be determined as questions of University policy."

In other words the scholar—student as he is called but scholar nevertheless—is allowed no more freedom in the pursuance of his interests than before. He will still be bound by regulations made by those who are not familiar with his work or capabilities—by such regulations which are not only insulting to his intelligence but would seem to indicate that he has no more sense of responsibility in fulfilling his educational desires than has a child.

The recommendations made for the lower college seem admirable for the preparation of the student, but those of the upper college seem to ignore the fact that the scholar may have learned something concerning his own interests and may be able to apply his learning. The changes seem to ignore the existence of students and affect only the faculty administration. It seems that the student should be recognized in educational movements and that he should be allowed more freedom in his associations with education and professors.—C.G.T.

Don't Plead Ignorance

The past week's pushing of or "pulling for" the honor system was not sudden, nor will it end suddenly. There are students on this campus who are determined to make the honor system, then the code is becoming a little more con- of spy or monitor, but they do intend to clean up the cheating and chronic misbehavior that exists, as a whole, on a perfectly normal campus. If there are individuals who allow the honor system to mean enough to them to report their best friends for things which most people pass over as "miniature crimes," but which they consider the fundamental basis of the honor system, then the code is becoming a little more concrete. The honor system no longer is an intangible something that we wish for, but faintly remember could never really be. "The honor system will exist!" says a stubborn, important group.

Certain students have complained that they do not know the definition of honor system; that they did not know cheating extended into copying other students' themes or examples for credit; or that chronic misbehavior included drinking and perpetual rowdiness. Co-eds in particular have feigned uninformedness. If they have been at all observant of the moves in the last few weeks for thoroughly clarifying what and how the honor system should work, they couldn't help being able to deduct a definition which suits their own situation.

The students who have and are being suspended for violation of the honor system should serve as examples for those who continually violate, but who haven't AS YET been reported. The "clean-up campaign" will not skip over those who make a daily habit of cheating; it would be wise to take these suspensions into consideration and stop while the stopping is graceful.—J.S.C.

Real Drama

Yesterday's papers opened up their front pages to carry the story of Mrs. Louise Stanton, of a prominent Jacksonville family, who became so torn by grief over the death of her husband that she borrowed an airplane and sailed to a deliberate doom in mid-ocean. Before taking off on her last hop she wrote seven notes as her last word to life, in one of which she said, "I'm going out into space to find out what it's all about, and if there isn't anything—that's o.k. too."

Suicide, of course, is commonplace enough no matter what the reason, but when a woman chooses such an unusual method even Horace Greeley might turn over in his grave. Those intellectual inhabitants of the psychology building tell us that seldom do people commit suicide without adding a dramatic touch to satisfy their very human vanity. It seems to satisfy a human craving to know that after we are gone we will become a topic of conversation, if only for a little while. We Americans, in particular, are obsessed with the idea of attracting attention to ourselves.

However, in this era of tree-sittings and non-stop endurance records in every field from flying to wheel-barrow rolling, the old exploits have become too trite to arouse the public. Mrs. Stanton seemed to realize this with a keenness of perception which would have done credit to Barnum, and perceiving it displayed marked originality in her manner of suicide.

It is incidents such as this that sometimes make us think that the American press with its great art of ballyhoo has aggravated this streak of human nature. Everything is ballyhooed. Gangsters, hatchet-murderers, all the physical and mental freaks are made into heroes for the

Miniature Political Orgy Staged By 'New Deal' And 'Square Deal'

Freshmen Drop Scholastic Worries to Indulge Vigorously and Enthusiastically in First Campaign; Upperclassmen Attend Scene of Encounter with Various Purposes and Effects.

The great god Politics opened its cavernous mouth yesterday and completely devoured over half of the freshman class. The ten hours spent inside the gigantic and powerful idol were marked by furious endeavor to place four men in the position of pages to the god. When finally released, the four or five hundred freshmen, resting much as Jonah did after his sojourn with the whale, chortled enthusiastically, "Boy, we had a big time!" Rooseveltian phraseology was definitely the order of the day. "Square Deal" and "New Deal" battled to give the class of '37 an administration which each organization promised would closely resemble the successful democrats. Commissions were to be appointed, brain trusts would be set up, a dance would most certainly be held, and, of course, the will of the class would be the controlling element in any action.

"Raw Deal" Appears

The dealing was momentarily interrupted when a cynical graduate student cut an energetic campaigner short with, "Well, you might as well know that I'm for the Raw Deal."

"That's all right," parried the freshman, "I know the gang behind that party. They're no power."

As usual, literature flooded the portico of Graham Memorial. The various tickets and cards offered the practical jokers a field day. One industrious co-ed proudly displayed a "Square Deal" placard on the front of her coat, apparently blissfully ignorant of the "New Deal" placard attached to the back of her coatcollar. She was heard protesting to an ominous looking student, "No, no, I'm not twotiming anybody."

Freshmen Poor Guessers

With pledge pins removed by fraternity order and the yearlings' natural inability to recognize their own classmates, upperclassmen had the time of their lives listening to campaign chatter. One little co-ed collared Editor Shoemaker and Editor Barnett for five minutes of breathless extolling of her candidates. Another tackled P. Brown, bicycle and all to tell him of the virtues of the candidate opposing Brown's own fraternity brother. Chapin Litten saved the day by wheeling the beloved bike out of the lobby and dragging Brown after it.

Except for chapel and lunch periods the voting was light and straggling. Toward the middle of the afternoon the usual politicians' bull sessions took form and rival ward-healers were seen amiably and jocosely conversing over orangeades, dopes, and coffee.

Ah! A Voter

In the midst of one of these lulls would stray an unsuspecting freshman voter. Dopes dropped to the ground, cigarettes were crushed hurriedly, and the former "buddies" raced furiously to seize the by-now thunder-struck voter. By actual count, forty-seven campaigners moment until we have lost our sense of proportion. Now we probably have an epidemic of dramatic suicides.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Stanton, not so much because of the tragedy of death, but because she must have been an unfortunate creature who could find no solution to her own particular problem of life.—V.C.R.

attended a freshman from Vance straight up to the Student council desk. Then they went back to what was left of the bull-sessions and the dopes.

Figures, familiar from last spring's bitter contest, were frequently seen lurking in the background. One ace politician nearly fainted from the shock of being asked to vote for his own candidate, while another whiled away the long afternoon hours by incessantly repeating, "Now last spring, we did . . ." Most truthful, perhaps, was the gentleman who accounted for his presence on such a minor occasion by replying, "Oh, just polishing off the old handshake and tuning up the silver-voice for future use."

Co-ed Fumbles

Unexpected, but highly amusing was the appearance of the co-eds. After last spring's debacle, it was vowed by Spencer never to indulge again in politics. That oath, however, did not deter one little blonde from chattering and clucking away at four out of five of every upperclassman who sauntered within her area. As a worker of the older school commented, "The oath should be repeated."

Apparently Uncle Bill was worried lest the freshmen consider their little excursion into the inner sanctum of the great god Politics too much of an achievement. As he was entering the building late in the afternoon, he grunted, "Hugh, this here can't hold a candle to what they done to my building last spring. Looks like an easy time of it for me."

Photographs of Shawn Displayed in Library

Photographs of Ted Shawn and his company of male dancers, copies of his books on the dance, and other books on the development of the art are on display in the University library.

Three cases in the entrance to the library are devoted to the display, the first one containing books illustrating the dance from its early beginnings. This includes the old religious, Roman, and Indian dances. The second case contains books on the modern exponents of the dance in the various countries of the world, especially Russia with her ballets.

The third case is devoted to photographs of Shawn's company executing the dances which will comprise the appearance here next Monday. With these pictures are shown copies of two books on the dance by Shawn, "American Ballet" and "Gods Who Dance."

'New Deal' Party Wins

(Continued from first page) Candidates for the office of president made speeches in freshman assembly yesterday. Lipscomb is a member of the freshman football team, a self-help student, working in Swain hall, and a member of the Freshman Friendship council.

Presbyterians Plan Social

A social will be held for Presbyterian students tomorrow night at 7:15 o'clock in the social rooms of the Presbyterian church, it was announced yesterday by Watt Cooper. Special entertainments and plans have been made for the occasion by a committee of University students. The affair will be over by 9:00 o'clock.

GRADUATE CLUB TO GIVE SECOND DANCE SATURDAY

Students in law and medicine as well as those registered in the graduate school are invited to attend the Shirley Graves Graduate club's second dance of the season Saturday evening from 9:00 to 12:00 o'clock.

Bow Bowman, who was enthusiastically received at the first Graduate club dance, will again furnish the music. Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Lyons and Mrs. G. C. Wales will chaperon. The regular one dollar charge will be collected at the door.

LOST

Sheaffer fountain pen between Davie hall and Y. M. C. A. Return to Tar Heel office. Reward.

LOST

Sheaffer fountain pen with "James Craig" on it. Reward. Return to S. A. E. house.

TODAY

RUTH CHATTERTON in

"FEMALE"

with GEORGE BRENT

—Also— Comedy — News

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