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False Gods—

Grades and the Dollar

The University faculty is working on a proposed change in the curriculum. The DAILY TAR HEEL has suggested that at the same time the faculty should work on a revision of the grading system.

In general, under the present system of grading, there is far too much emphasis placed on the grade and far too little placed on the intrinsic values of the various courses. Since the faculty is interested in revising the curriculum so that the student will receive the maximum benefit from his work, the faculty should be interested in revising the grade system so as to create the atmosphere necessary for the student to receive the maximum benefit from his work.

Where grades are over-emphasized they loom so large before the student's eyes as to blind him from the deeper and more lasting values that may lie hidden in the course. This is not the atmosphere of genuine scholarly work—it is the atmosphere that fostered mad speculation on the stock market and brought the Panic of 1929. The student worships the grade as his parents worship the dollar. Experience shows them to be false gods.

It is not to be denied that both the dollar and the grade have their respective places. We cannot live without money, and in school we need some tangible evidence of success or failure. Yet when the dollar or the grade assumes a too-important place, the results are undesirable. The logical conclusion, therefore, is that the grade system should be kept in the University of North Carolina, but that it should be so modified as to put it in its proper place. In two previous editorials this paper has outlined a plan which, it believes, would properly modify the grading system. There would be three grades, "Honor," "Pass," and "Fail." They would serve every function that the present grade system serves, but would preclude the student's working merely for the few points that divide a "B" from an "A" or a "D" from an "E." The "Pass" group would be so large that there would be no scramble to get only a grade from the course.

The atmosphere of scholarly work must be created by the faculty by revising the grade system and taking a different attitude towards it. If the faculty sees only grades—as it cannot help but do under the present system—the student is forced to see only grades if he would remain in college and make a decent record.—D.B.

Liquor Advertisements

A condition has come to our notice recently that deserves the highest censure and the greatest ridicule that can be given it.

While reading the New Yorker last week, we noticed several pages which were entirely blank. Since we had noticed the same thing in several other nationally known magazines, we inquired as to the cause. The answer was one which we could hardly believe.

It seems that in the sovereign state of North Carolina, liquor advertisement is prohibited by law. This is not only true in magazines or newspapers printed in this state, for which there might be some justification, but magazines coming into the state must print special issues for

their subscribers in the Sahara state omitting all words, pictures, or other form of advertisement that suggests to the fertile mind that John Barleycorn might have died in the more advanced sections of the country.

Of course, the people of North Carolina have never heard that liquor is legally in existence once more. They don't know that the big, bad, poisonous beverage is being advertised all over the country. They can't even guess what might have been on those pages that shine out at them so purely and innocently white. And because they are so ingeniously naive, magazines must go to the added expense of running special copies for them.

Such an example of bigoted foolishness has not come to our attention for a long, long time. Might it not be appropriate to erase this law from the statute books?—W.H.W.

The Spirit

Of the Times

The Christmas season is here again with all of its pageantry and display. Streets are gayly be-decked, show windows take on a festive air, and even clear, crisp starry nights lend a merry note to the Christmas spirit.

The spirit of giving will be seriously handicapped this Christmas by this dark depression, but there will be something a little added, a little extra for the holiday season. Wouldn't it be possible to give in a very small way monetarily, and yet in a great way in happiness and joy? This after all is the true spirit of Christ's birthday.

This Christmas season, as for so many seasons, there still exist among us those unfortunate fellow-beings, tuberculars. With a small purchase of Christmas seals there can be so much good done. A college student is apt to forget what a wealth of happiness perpetually surrounds him until he sees someone whose life can never hold the buoyancy, zest, and hope of collegiate youth. The purchase of Christmas seals is a very tiny deed, but the good that can be brought by it can lend an added harmony to that ancient carol, "Joy to the World."—J.M.V.H.

Squeal, Lion, Squeal!

The great days of the Columbia Spectator are over. In place of the thundering, righteous Reed Harris there appears the editorialist who can rant sophomorically over Columbia's going to the Rose Bowl as he did early this week. He writes, "Columbia had its chance yesterday to show that intercollegiate football here is not a public spectacle for profit."

Just what then has been the purpose in Columbia games all season? We have heard of no gifts to charity from Columbia gate receipts, say, with Syracuse. Nor has there been any indication that the funds amassed by the popular Lions have been used for anything other than building up Columbia sports. Surely the writer does not imply that Columbia, in the largest city in the world, with a reputation as high as that of any eastern team, has played this season without making money.

It is therefore difficult to understand in what way Columbia has degraded itself by accepting the Rose Bowl invitation. Surely a school which permits its team to play through October and November can scarcely with honesty conjure up moral scruples against playing on the first of January. One more game will hardly threaten what the writer calls "a university pre-eminently devoted to the advancement of research and learning."

It is even more distressing to read further down the column that this same editorialist objects to the football team going west because "the trip would interfere with basketball practice." This is a paradox which is so ridiculous that it is painful even to recount. The individual who attempts to distinguish between football and basketball as to value, position, and significance in the field of college athletics in indulging in mere day-dreaming.—J.J.S.

With Contemporaries

In Defense of the American Educational System

Time and again the American educational system has been assailed as being incompetent to produce real leaders of thought and action. Our method of mass education is considered by many authorities to be merely a process of specialized training rather than a real educational procedure.

It is quite true that Americans have partaken of the idea of mass education. And it is equally true that many graduates of our institutions of higher learning are no more educated than trained circus seals. But it is an undeniable fact that the facilities for a liberal and cultural education are offered the students of practically every college or university in America. We are not referring to the usual curriculum of the college of arts and sciences, either. But in this connection we mean the unsurpassed facilities of the libraries, the culture clubs and literary

societies, and various other student activities offered on any campus in the nation.

No, the American people are not without means of cultural education. Neither is there any lack of the number of students taking full advantage of these opportunities. But the earnest seekers of real learning are getting their knowledge from their own efforts produced by individual initiative, which is—after all—perhaps the better method.—The Crimson and White.

THE CAMPUS KEYHOLE

By Seall Knowall

Post Season

An old adage has it that the better policy is to "let sleeping dogs lie." 'Tis rumored that our venerable faculty members are appreciative of the past quiet set of dances. For this reason I refrain from arousing more than two, or three, of last week's still slumbering pups. I hate to disillusion the folks.

Marion Mann certainly started something by her rendition of "What Are Little Girls Made Of." The wee small hours after the last dance found an enterprising group, well equipped with ladder and microscope, attempting to do a little research work to determine the ingredients of said femmes in the Carolina Inn. The select committee reports startling discoveries.

Alex Haynes will vouch for the fact that a dumb-waiter has more in life than just ups and downs. His portrayal of Tom Collins (or was it Floyd Collins?) was one of the highlights of the week-end events. The S. A. E. boys have a new form of sport in which Acee McDonald excels. His marksmanship with an air rifle qualifies for a bodyguard's certificate with Al Capone.

What well known D. K. E. introduced a new game during the dances. It seems that the guy who is "it" shuts his eyes and rushes onto the dance floor. The first girl he runs across, or over, is danced with. The gentleman who gave birth to this novel idea swears that there wasn't a bad babe at the dances. Well, he should certainly know.

Dr. May made a sporting bet last Saturday afternoon and would have won except for one slip-up. He stated that all who partook of his prescription would not enjoy the coming evening dance. At ten minutes of twelve one patient wandered into the Tin Can by mistake and Medico May (who didn't partake since he made the stuff) lost his bet by Hedgepeth's nose.

One of our better fraternities announces with pleasure the final and certain departure of three good brothers from Brown. A memorandum similar to Daniel Boone's was en-

tered into the Zilch house minute book, "Brown brothers killed a bar. Dec. 1, 1933."

Don Jackson was located Sunday afternoon in Durham wearing an autographed tuxedo. I'll bet that none of your passes were grounded the night before, Don.

After much investigation of male opinion on the campus the following girls are awarded superlatives for last week's prom:

Most popular at dances: Isabel Walker.

Prettiest: Carolina's own, the fair Miss Jamieson.

Best dancer: Banks McPherson.

Best line artist: Isabel Walker, Clara Margaret Grantham.

Smartest: "Skeezix" Galloway (she must be to catch every dance for four years!).

Cute as a speckled pup: Local pride Charlotte Winborne.

These are presented by a representative group who waded through the dance set on an even keel.

Toasts and Roasts

A toast as ever to that grand girl, Marion Mann. Ditto to Emerson Gill's gang of harmony hounds.

A toast to the German club for causing the swellest week-end Carmichael and Sheppard have seen in five years and they've seen plenty!

So many things were stewed last week that no roasts are necessary.

SPEAKING

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CAMPUS MIND

A Proposal

Editor, the DAILY TAR HEEL:

The Publications Union board is among those organizations which were organized with the idea that it should be run jointly by the students and the faculty. Like a number of such schemes it has failed to produce results entirely satisfactory to the students. This does not mean that it has not had efficiency and the conscientious support of the faculty, but simply that it has not been what might be best classified as a student organization.

As the scheme was originally, the faculty members were expected to act as advisers, and this condition probably did exist for a time. For some time it has been entirely under the sway of the faculty with a few extraordinary occasions. This condition has been possible through the hopes of some member of each P. U. board to get some position by the vote of the board at the end of his term; hence students fell into line with the permanent members.

To remedy this condition and give the organization more into the hands of the student body, it seems wise to change this permanency and to the accomplishing of that result it will be necessary to change the constitution of the board. An amendment to the effect is worth the

consideration of the student body since every student is a member of the Publications Union and are only represented by members of the board. The amendment might read: The faculty members shall be appointed by the president of the University to serve for a period of two years and shall not be permitted to serve for two successive terms. In order that there may always be a carry-over member for the first time one man shall be appointed from the faculty for only one year and the other for two years.

BILL EDDLEMAN,
President of P. U. Board.

REGISTRATION FOR WINTER QUARTER STARTS TUESDAY

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Professor Trimble in Phillips hall; electrical engineers, any time Wednesday and Thursday with Professor Lear in Phillips hall; and mechanical engineers Wednesday and Thursday with Professor Hoefler in Phillips hall.

Must Secure Permits

All students must secure permits from the office of the registrar in South building before attempting to register. Juniors and seniors in the college of liberal arts who have majors must consult the heads of the major department for a program of studies which is to be presented at registration.

Students in education must see Dr. N. W. Walker for their program and then must register in the office of Dean A. W. Hobbs in South building along with the students in the school of liberal arts.

Freshman engineering students must secure permits to register between December 12 and December 20 from the registrar's office. They must leave these permits with Mr. Hollett in room 315 Phillips hall before leaving for the holidays. They will receive their registration cards January 3 between 9:00 and 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

No Expense to Register

All students should register before the holidays whether they expect to return to school during the winter quarter or not as there is no expense for registration.

Any student who is resident at the University during the fall quarter and fails to register during the registration period will be placed on class probation for a period of one month for each day's delay, and will be charged a fee of \$5.00 for delayed registration. No excuse will be accepted for delayed registration.

If a student has registered before leaving for the holidays and finds that he is unable to return to school, the registrar's office must be notified in order to cancel his registration.

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It will feel good to enjoy Sunday dinner at home once more. It will not be long until then. But now satisfy yourself with the next best—our

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Gooch Bros. & Brooks Cafe

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