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## PARAGRAPHS

Poor faculty. The local cobbler burns its soles and the legislature starves its body.

Our suggestion to firemen who jump out of the upper windows is to drink beer to make them light on their feet.

Mr. Tucker says the University is like a man with a five-year old suit. We say "forget the suit but leave the man his skin."

## Freedom

### To Choose

We note the suggestions and explanations by Herbert E. Hawkes, dean of Columbia University's undergraduate school, at a general faculty meeting here recently, relevant to curriculum formation and adaptation in undergraduate institutions.

The key to collegiate education, as expressed in Dr. Hawkes' discussion, centers on administering during the first two years certain essential subjects, which in his mind must be included in every man's education. The last two years must be devoted to specialization or majoring in the field or fields which the student chooses.

Whereas we admit that we failed to take advantage of the opportunities last spring of expressing undergraduate opinion of curriculum formation as effecting this University, we beg to submit a current student opinion which, although we do not say it is the correct theory, disagrees slightly with this view of Dr. Hawkes.

Why is there not as much to say for the idea that the first two years should do away with the drudgery of carried-over required subjects and substitute instead the widest divergence of choice for this period so that the specialization of the last two years can be ascertained after a complete freedom in search of the proper channel? We know that our faculty is trying to give as much choice as possible during the first two years, but we also realize that the so-called "essentials" in every man's education appear the first years also. Are not the essentials different with each major, or would you say that every specialized field is built upon the same educational foundations?

We agree with Mr. Louis Graves that the revision of a curriculum "goes to the very roots of the problem of education." We also realize that "no one formula can be satisfactorily applied to all institutions." On this tenet, then, in the face of local conditions which do not permit individual curricular attention, would not the greatest freedom possible to the logical step of procedure during the first two years?

We are certain that the faculty is trying to do this in its own way. The dangers of allowing too great a freedom during the freshman and sophomore years are obvious. But in building the first two years on the "fundamental value" plan as the new ideas purport, we must be careful not to make the early requirements too rigid. We know of many cases where the continued enforcement of certain subjects on the already-took-choked-with-requirements freshmen has resulted in a non-interest and educational lethargy in the last two years which has stifled any serious appreciation of what specialization has to offer in the preparation for a life work.

## Fairness Shall

### Be the Cry

We can, naturally, add nothing to the picture which President Frank Graham and his group presented to the joint appropriations committee of the condition and future of the Consolidated University in the shadow of continued financial under-sustenance.

As undergraduates we often feel resentful of the fact that legislators are rock-hearted enough to allow this University, one of the nation's greatest, ever to get in the condition in which it now finds itself. But not only to our youth can this feeling be attributed; our being students at Chapel Hill, delving into science and life and being succored of a liberal tradition which only Chapel Hill can give, makes us hopelessly sullen to legislative negligence.

But we must realize it is a practical, not an emotional problem. State disbursements must match state receipts; the University must suffer with the other martyrs to the tyranny of finance. What we will fight for to the last is a fair treatment, not a preferential solicitation. The legislature, for all its practicality, must realize this. The University must go on.

## Inquiry Must

### Be Pressed

The Ward Line has had an unusually large number of disasters within the past few months, 180 people having perished on Ward liners in that time. The Morro Castle sinking was the most serious catastrophe; more than 130 people lost their lives in that disaster. Since then the Havana has foundered upon a reef, with no lives lost, and more recently the Ward Line's Mohawk collided with the Talisman, resulting in a loss of 40 more lives.

The United States Steamship Inspection Service is in charge of the trials which arise from ocean accidents. They failed completely to find the essential causes for the fire on the Morro Castle. Another failure can be checked up against them in the Havana's accident. And thus far in the Mohawk trial it looks as if they are going to fail again to get at the real truth in the most serious series of sea accidents that have ever occurred to American ships.

There are two extremely important points that the court MUST clear up if sea travel in the future is to be safe: Did the crew on the Ward liners have anything to do with actually causing the accidents to occur? And what is still more important, were the Ward liners inspected according to government regulations before they went out on those ill-fated voyages? Until those two points are satisfactorily cleared up, the court will have failed to do its duty.

## Giving the

### Subs a Break

We suggest a proved plan which would not only bring decided benefits for the substitutes of the present football squad, but would also make intercollegiate competition possible for a large number of students who are deprived of it by the present system. The plan calls for the formation of a junior varsity or "B" squad and a 150-pound squad.

The system, although evidently new to the south, has long been successfully practiced in the northeast. Yale, Dartmouth, Princeton, Harvard, and Penn encourage either one or both of these teams. The fact that these schools are close together makes possible a lively competition among their secondary aggregations.

The advantages of a J.V. team are obvious. Under the present system those members of the squad below the third team have very little hope of getting in any but an unimportant game. However, the spirit of competition would be increased if these same players had an intercollegiate contest to look forward to from week to week. Thus their interest and ambition and, possibly, varsity chances would be increased.

While the same arguments to some extent hold true for the 150-pound team, there is the added element of giving a chance to a large number of men who would not even think of going out under the present system. There are many students, former high school stars of the 140-150-pound class, who would more than welcome an opportunity for playing intercollegiate football.

Carolina's possibilities of scheduling secondary intercollegiate games are two-fold. First is the chance that some of our near rivals, as Duke, State, and Davidson, might follow our lead and create similar teams. The second, and more immediately practicable, is that the varsities of such smaller schools as Elon, Catawba, Guilford, and Lenoir-Rhyne might be willing to furnish competition for our J.V. and 150-pound teams.

There seems to be no reason why Carolina could not work out such a plan. The presence of able coaches, ample material, and possible competition gives us every element necessary for success.

A midwesterner has set a record of some kind by waltzing 10 hours with a bottle on his head. The bottle, too, was empty.—Des Moines Tribune.

## Casual Correspondent

by  
Nelson Lansdale

### MOORE INTRODUCTION

Any number of people yesterday told us how much better this column was than usual. And Carl Thompson wrote it yesterday. The guest idea seems to work fine—for everybody but us. So we've got another one today—football, letterman, popular man-about-town, and columnist in his own right from way back, for both the late lamented Buccaneer and its blushing, self-conscious little successor, the Finjan. We hardly need to tell you that it's George Moore. Take it away, George:

### EPISTLE

Dear Mr. Lansdale  
 Mr. Editor  
 Mr. Re-Write Man  
 Mr. Linotype Operator  
 Mr. Proof-Reader  
 And Possibly a Reader or Two

Subbing for the Casual Correspondent is like writing other peoples' letters but, since we've engaged in a bit of whimsy in our day, quite correspondingly we caution you that we, too, casually correspond. However, Mr. Lansdale's task is not a simple one when you're caught without stories of Gertrude Stein or Carl Thompson or . . .

What's the use?  
 Yet, this Stein idea is getting serious. One would almost think that Lansdale is advance press notice de lux for the old gal. But wait 'till Gertie hears of them. She'll probably say, "A good columnist is a lousy column is a columnist." We might add she'll hear just that. In fact, we'll go so far as to bet you a mug of beer she says it. Win, lose or draw: A stein will be Stein was a stein.

### THOUGHTS ERE SLUMBER

Shouldn't 've drunk that coffee. Gotta read another book by Friday! Two quizzes tomorrow. Stay awake all night. Must be cold out. Boy, I'm glad I'm not a brass monkey on a night like this. What's that singin'? Haven't been on a 'possum hunt all year. What was the guy's name who wrote the Finjan's scandal column? And the boon companion who raked in do it? Does that cab do much business? The Finjan quit running the hole-in-the-ground joke.

No one else could tell a joke like Bobby Mason. And he's in Raleigh writing political news now. Why doesn't Jimmy Fuller's orchestra get around better? No torch singer? Now is the time for all good men. What ever happened to Frank Plumber? Does Bernard Solomon's retirement from campus politics mean the coup de grace for "Tom Collin's Column"? Lotta noise last Saturday night. Shouldn't 've drunk that coffee. Maybe life is a bowl of cherries but the guy what grabs is gonna get his fingers stained. Did Registrar T. J. Wilson ever miss a seven o'clock show? Or Controller Woollen the nine o'clock one?

Hear George O'Hanlon has taken the veil. Never hear much of him anymore. Or Edith Wladkowskie. Good ball team. Haven't had soap put in my mouth for a long time. Will that intramural field ever be finished? Fold your tents, Arabs. In Union there is strength. Shouldn't 've drunk that coffee.

### FRIEND

A friend of ours told us yesterday the experience of a friend of his had as a result of that Riding Academy in Tuesday's DAILY TAR HEEL. This friend of his, who's easily persuaded by the allectionation of such things, de-

cidied to esume a horse for an afternoon's gallop. So he ordered one sent to his room. While awaiting the horse's arrival he took just one little drink to pass the time. The horse not being there by three o'clock he called the Academy again. By four-fifteen he was pretty sore. More drinks came; dinner went; and still no horse. He gave up after that. That evening he ran into some friends of his and they made quite a night of it. Bright and early the next morning the Riding Academy received another call from him. Recognizing his name, they promised to send a horse down immediately. "Send one, hell," this guy replied. "Come down here and get him. And bring along a camera. I just shot the elephant."

### POEM

Oh, sweetheart fair,  
 Of all there air  
 For you I sit and pine;  
 And hope someday  
 To hear you say,  
 "I yam your valentine."

### "TROUVE" ITEMS

One of our best friends down in Lewis woke up last Saturday morning to find a bicycle staring him in the face. Something is amiss with the vehicle's chain and, since it's impossible to ride the thing, this friend of ours has been led to deem it a nuisance. He's been trying to get some one (no one in particular) to come and claim it. No one has.

## SPEAKING the CAMPUS MIND

### A Freshman

#### Throws Out Quarters

I don't know how much chance a freshman has of voicing his humble opinion in the DAILY TAR HEEL, but I am aroused to write this as I have not seen any answer printed to a recent editorial on the fight now going on for replacing the quarter with the semester plan. The DAILY TAR HEEL has usually been rather broad in their views on current questions on the campus, but the problem which I mentioned was covered in a very narrow sense. The editorial writer is evidently very much in favor of the quarter plan without giving any consideration to the semester plan. We have had all the advantages of the quarter plan pointed out to us, and all the disadvantages of the semester plan, but where is there a good word for the proposed system? Where are mentioned the many disadvantages of the quarter system? Here they are, though I'm no statistician: With the proposed plan all those who flunk one quarter flunk, and that's all there is to it, and they have to cover the whole thing, whereas, in the semester system, if a person should haplessly fail in one half of the year, he still has a chance to pass in the remaining months of the year.

There must be something in that or Yale, Princeton, Harvard, and other widely known universities surely would have discarded this plan upon which the writer of the recent editorial strongly frowns. The writer also wrongly tried to impress on the reader that the periods of the final examinations would down them or at least give them heart failure. Under the present plan, we have three final examinations a year, whereas under the new we should have only two, and if we flunked them, we wouldn't necessarily flunk. Why did he try to make the students worry about having exams after holidays? What of that? Also, under our present plan, the student is rushed for time for he has to complete a prescribed amount of work in a certain period of time, a few months. This

## OUTSTANDING RADIO BROADCASTS

### Saturday, Feb. 9

- 12:00: Al Kavelin orch., WBT.
- 1:00: Political Situation in Washington—F. W. Wile, WBT.
- 1:15: George Hall orchestra, WBT.
- 1:45: Metropolitan Opera, WPTF.
- 4:15: Pro Arte String Quartet of Brussels, WABC, WBIG.
- 5:00: Little Jack Little orch., WBT.
- 6:00: Dick Messner orch., WBT.
- 6:30: Eddie Dooley's Sport Review, WBT.
- 7:15: Henry King orch., WJZ.
- 7:30: Int'l broadcast from London and New York: Two-way discussion, "Do England and the U. S. Speak the Same Language," WJZ; Beauty Parade—Arden orch., Walter Preston, baritone; Gladys Baxter, WABC.
- 7:45: Grace Hayes, songs, WJZ.
- 8:00: Sigmund Romberg, composer-conductor; William Lyon Phelps, narrator; and others, WEA, WLW; Roxy's Gang, WABC, KMOX.
- 8:30: George Olsen orchestra, Ethel Shutta, vocalist, WJZ, KDKA.
- 8:45: Musical Revue—Armbruster orch., Mary Courtland and quartet, WBT.
- 9:00: Nathaniel Shilkret orch.; Rose Bampton, and others, WEA; Radio City Party—Frank Black orch., John B. Kennedy; guest stars, WJZ.
- 9:30: Studebaker Champions—Richard Himmer orch.; Joey Nash, vocalist, WBT.
- 10:00: Behind the Scenes—Wm. A. Brady, theatrical producer, WBT, KMOX.
- 10:30: Let's Dance—3-hour dance program, WEA, WLW.
- 11:00: Glen Gray orch., WBT; Dorsey Bros. orch.; Bob Crosby, vocalist, WJZ.
- 11:30: Wayne King orch., WGN.
- 11:45: Jan Garber orch., WGN.
- 12:15: Ted Weems orch., WGN.
- 12:30: Hal Kemp orch., WJZ, KDKA.

does not exist under the semester plan.

It is a natural thing that in the event that the systems are changed there will be involved much difficulty in changing records, printing new forms, fixing new methods of teaching, but these difficulties are small compared to the many benefits of the proposed plan for the semester system which includes a better chance for the student, less trouble for the instructor, and probably a decrease in flunking. Of course, the writer of the editorial to which I have constantly been referring, mentioned a few northern students—one from M. I. T.—who approved of the tri-quarter system used here, but has he asked what other northern students and transfers think of the matter? Now you know what I and others think.

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