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"The open air of public discussion and communication is an indispensable condition of the birth of ideas and knowledge and of other growth into health and vigor."—John Dewey.

PROGRESS IN OLD SOUTH

The highly-systematized business administration in South building has caught some of the Old Guard off balance and caused, not friction particularly, but some misunderstanding as to the motives and purposes of L. B. Rogerson's new administration.

Curiously enough, many of the consolidationalists who are openly espousing the cause for a bigger and better University set-up have taken issue with the new mechanism on the grounds that there is too much red tape and too much system for this ancient and honorable institution of higher learning.

But the business administration has been granted the freedom to operate as it sees fit, on the most efficient and effective business basis. And this opportunity has not gone unnoticed. With a smaller budget and a greater task, the new business administration has accomplished twice the results, has completely re-organized on an efficient, check-and-balance basis, has brought into play agencies representing the student body, has abolished false profit-and-loss sheets in the various units, and set about to operate as a single organization with decentralized units rather than as a top-heavy, inefficient, multi-headed animal.

What effect this will have on the University's long-run administration remains to be seen. It should, in our opinion, brighten the University's chances in the legislative appropriations situation. It will undoubtedly better student and administration relations through alert and sympathetic attention to student needs. It will be one of the very few redeeming features of the consolidation progress, if any progress is made at all. In short, it is what the University has needed for years.

On the other hand, it seems inevitable that someday the new mechanized business administration will strike a tartar in the form of some of the Old Guard who will find themselves being made cogs in a big wheel instead of an officer of no little importance. If this University is to keep going forward, if its traditions of 140-odd years are to be maintained in the light of the greater demands upon colleges and universities of today and tomorrow, it is essential that the new administration which has cleaned house at home and made it possible to do unheard-of things on a smaller budget be maintained and fostered as it has now begun.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

With the coming of Professor Oliver K. Cornwell to the University this fall extensive improvements were instituted in the freshman physical education program. These changes aim primarily at providing more individualized physical training for each student; but two especially significant alterations have been made which have put an end to the traditional student opposition to the required course.

In the first place, the requisite gymnasium course was expanded from a loathed program of dumb-bell swinging to a system of encouraged individual participation, under supervision, in sports that interest the students. Secondly, to the freshman program has been added a course in hygiene, designed to instruct men in the rudiments of healthy living.

Encouragement of individual participation in seasonal sports, instead of requiring everyone to take dumb-bell swinging, has popularized the freshman gymnasium program tremendously. The significance of this step, however, lies in the scheme of helping men become proficient in athletics that interest them, sports they can continue throughout life.

As for the hygiene course, it is undoubtedly the most worthwhile addition made to the new curriculum this year.

We would like to see Professor Cornwell's program of instructing students in personal hygiene broadened further in the University curriculum, and spread from this institution to the high schools of the state. Further interest in the health courses would be assured here at the University if academic credit were given for satisfactory work in the physical education classes. Then, perhaps the upperclassmen, who have not had the opportunity to take the course, might become interested.

BOOK LARNIN'

by

GEORGE BUTLER

The rate of growth of human beings may be accurately determined in the near future by a study of the rings in a person's teeth, according to an article published recently in the Daily Illini. The rings in the teeth are comparable to the annual rings in trees, the writer says. In the dental laboratory, he continues, one can study the lines of the teeth much as the botanist does the rings of the tree and discover what has happened to the individual in the matter of growth. The article failed to state whether or not this theory was applicable to false teeth.

Co-eds on the Syracuse University campus take no chances when they haven't a date, they wear the school colors in ribbons in their hair. The ribbons signify that they haven't a date and aren't too particular about whom they get one with—just so they get one!

According to a poll conducted at seven eastern colleges, peace is the nation's "most vital issue." Thus did eastern students graphically demonstrate what is foremost in their minds. Along the same line is the "we won't fight" attitude disclosed at the University of West Virginia. Thirty-two students were selected at random and asked if they would serve in the army in the event that war was declared the next day. Nineteen of the 32 students said that they would not go to a foreign country to fight. Six of the 19 stated that they would not go to war under any conditions. The remaining 13 qualified their answers by saying that they would be the first to defend the country in case of invasion by a foreign country. Ten of the students questioned said they would go to war if they were drafted and one said that he would enlist.

Farrago: Ten times as many students are using their college libraries now as in 1925. . . According to the University Daily Kansan, "The front page of a Hearst newspaper looks like an announcement that all Hell has broken loose." . . Harvard has started a course for stammerers. . . Vaccination through vaccine pills or tablets will be the method of the future, says Dr. Lloyd Arnold of the University of Illinois. . . Proprietors of the College Inn are suing Connecticut College for having placed the restaurant "out of bounds" for students. . . A free tutorial bureau to aid students having difficulties with their studies has been established at the University of Vermont. . . According to physical education department statistics from several universities, the average freshman gets lighter and shorter every year. . . University of Kentucky students were recently lectured on "How to Tell a College Man from the Birds and Fishes." . . Honor systems of some kind or another exist in about 20 per cent of American colleges and universities. . . Repeatedly, between the ages of 17 and 24, Napoleon tried to batter down the gates of literary fame, only to retire in confusion.

Using a zipper on an operation is no longer a gag. Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, has revealed that the use of an ordinary zipper to permit the opening and closing of an incision for day-by-day surgical treatment of a cancer in the stomach was being carried out.

Now YOU'RE Talking

ACT OF GOD

To the editor,
The DAILY TAR HEEL:

It seems that the failure of Associate Registrar Ben Husbands to stretch the University post-holiday attendance rules a bit, under the circumstances that existed, is conversely stretching things a bit too far itself. One thing over which no one has control is the weather, and it was this that caused some 100 students to arrive late for classes on Friday and yesterday.

Particularly excusable was the failure of 30 students on Max Novich's bus, 40 on our Greyhound chartered, and those others who attempted to drive down from New York to arrive on time. Novich started out, but could not make safe progress against the snow, sleet, ice, and rain that made travel extremely dangerous. The Greyhound Company would not even permit the bigger, heavier bus, chartered by Don Becker, Jack Hackett, and myself, to leave until yesterday morning so perilous were conditions.

Perhaps attendance at initial classes is essential, but in the opinion of most people an attempt to make them in the face of risk to some hundred lives does not quite balance with common sense. How would the University like to hold memorial services for that number of students just because they tried to get here under unsafe conditions instead of being just one day late?

In writing this, I am not doing it just in behalf of those on my bus, but all those students who have a genuine excuse for being late, and suggest that Mr. Husbands reconsider his first decision of probation for those students.

FLETCHER W. FERGUSON

PODESTA PLAYS WELL IN GOTHAM NET EVENT

Carolina's tennis stock received a decided boom when Gerry Podesta, freshman tennis champ, went through the quarter finals of the Junior National Tennis Championships, held in New York during the Christmas holidays, before going down to defeat.

Unheralded and unseeded in the tournament Podesta proceeded to show up the seeded players and upset the 10th ranking player of the tourney. Sports writers from all of the New York papers dubbed him as the dark horse when he defeated some of the major players.

Before going down, Podesta took a set from Mattmann, the victor. Podesta was the only entry able to achieve this feat.

Varsity Wrestling

Mat prospects for the coming season look rather gloomy at present. Only 10 candidates have turned out for the varsity squad to date and many of the berths do not have any candidates whatsoever.

Sim Efland, 165-pounder, who captained last year's team, was the only man lost through graduation. However, two of last year's letterman have failed to show up for practice.

Coach Quinlan devoted the wrestling session yesterday to giving instructions on fundamentals, calisthenics, and conditioning. He stressed the fact that the team must be in better shape if they hope to defeat the strong State club next Saturday.

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Cold Snap Brings Grief To Greeks

Frigid Fraternity Men Dodge Bursting Pipes, Falling Plaster

It has been rumored that Chapel Hill is a "dead place" during the Christmas holidays but the freezing weather of the recent vacation kept many of the fraternity men who remained here from finding life unbearably dull.

Frozen radiators, bursting water pipes, stalled cars and snowdrifts all contributed to the abolition of boredom for those who were staying in fraternity houses at the time when the mercury began to play hide and seek with the zero mark.

S. A. E. was one of the heaviest sufferers, with its pipes and radiators bursting merrily as the temperature dropped. The Zeta Psi men beheld their dining room standing in water and their bathroom fixtures moistly succumbing to the weather. The K. A.'s had some busy moments when the pipes in the wall burst and the water loosened the plaster. Phi Delta Theta staged a miniature flood scene on its third floor when it attempted to turn its water on.

Dignity was sacrificed to expediency when many fraternities, valuing their rugs above their pride, locked the front doors and entered ignominiously through the rear. Amateur plumbers put their faith in the gods and turned every valve in sight hoping vainly that the flood from the ruined pipes would stop. Most of the men who spent the recent holidays in fraternity houses have emerged from the ordeal with very pronounced ideas on the weather and with greatly enlarged vocabularies of unprintable words.

University Teachers Attend Georgia Meet

Four Faculty Members go to Political Science Gathering in Atlanta

Professors K. C. Frazer, W. S. Jenkins, J. W. Fesler and C. B. Robson attended the annual meetings of the Southern Political Science Association and the American Political Science Association in Atlanta, Ga., during the holidays.

Prof. Frazer presided over a round-table section discussing problems connected with neutrality and sanctions. He was also chairman of the Southern Association's committee on Civic Education for the past year. After his report on the work of this committee the Association voted to continue the activities of the committee under his leadership for another year.

Dr. C. B. Robson was elected corresponding secretary and treasurer of the Southern Political Science Association.

Play-Likers Perform

The Play-Likers, dramatic organization at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, presented "Ladies of the Jury," a three-act comedy by Fred Ballard at the Carolina Inn Pinehurst, N. C., last night.

Evins Not In School

Tom Evins, the University's only three-letter athlete, Jason of the Order of Golden Fleece, and Phi Beta Kappa man, will not be in school during the winter quarter, which will leave a big gap in the Tar Heels' wrestling line-up.

Evins needs only one quarter of academic work to graduate, and will remain in Oxford, his home, until the spring quarter, when he will return to school. He will work during the winter months in the tobacco business.

The star football tackle will be on hand to compete with the track team during the spring competition. Evins is Southern Conference shot put champion.

COLLEGE PRESS

Lend A Hand

College students and college graduates should be active forces in the raising or maintaining of high educational standards in their communities when some states, as North Carolina, are now at a crisis in the functioning of their public school systems. The cause of a prevailing high secondary school standard will be lost, unless the state educational program is supported by interested groups which realize the significance of lowered public instruction.

With forty-seven high schools recently dropped from the Southern Association of Schools and Secondary Colleges, North Carolina stands at the bottom of the list of southern states in the number of accredited high schools. The state can boast only thirty-four accredited high schools, and fourteen of these schools are privately conducted. Although formerly occupying a low place in the public educational system, North Carolina's present status is alarming.

To students who have entered college without adequate high school training, such a situation is particularly deplorable. The group is aware of the difficulties under these circumstances of meeting the standards in higher colleges and universities. Because the sufficient preparation is not offered in local high schools, a number of boys and girls will be unable to meet the entrance requirements of colleges which they wish to attend.

Northern students can as a rule adjust themselves to scholastic requirements in college more easily than can the southerners, because the former have been provided with a better background in secondary schools. If even the southern accredited standards are not met by local communities, boys and girls affected will be at a further disadvantage: handicapped by faulty preparation at the very beginning of a college career! The high school graduates who cannot continue their training get the worst end of the situation. They do not have the opportunity to supplement their instruction in college, and are also deprived of equal educational advantages with other high school students in the country.

Taking North Carolina as an example again, why have the secondary schools been dropped from the accredited list? The low salaries paid local teachers, shorter terms below the minimum, and large classes necessitated by employing fewer instructors are reasons why a number of schools do not meet the requirements. With the state appropriation as it stands, towns cannot maintain their former

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