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THE CAMPUS KEYBOARD

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Number of Important Issues
to Face Trustee Board

New Entrance Requirements?

The trustees are going to hear more student questions at their late January meeting than they have heard at any one time in the history of student government.

There will be three major issues presented to the board by the students and each of them is vitally important. There will be the question of compulsory fees to consider, arising from the recent addition to the publications and government fees and involving the so-called "constitutionality" of the fee system.

Then there will be the petition of the students to open Swain hall, not before considerable work has been done on it, however. And lastly, there will be the request of the student council that the trustee drinking, gambling and hazing regulation be changed to allow some possible and human interpretation and enforcement.

These issues being presented at one time is a significant fact. It shows that our present student government administration is more active and alert, more aggressive and progressive. It shows that campus affairs are not being neglected, that student welfare is asserting its own importance, that the student body is revealing its own capacities for responsibility.

Perhaps one or two of our deans have some reason to believe that drawing up and fighting for such issues are not a part of our educational program. It is our opinion, however, that the trustees will see as obvious a manifestation of the results of higher education in the issues presented as our deans can present in ten reports on the state of the curriculum.

The hitherto untouchable subject of how to curb a further influx of what might be called "undesirable students" has aroused some student reflection since its presentation several days back.

Such a situation can not, of course, be ameliorated through any student movement. It requires administrative changes in entrance qualifications and a possible vote by the trustees.

The administration is unable to gauge student feeling on the matter, however, unless student feeling is made known. Successful efforts at guarding the portals at other institutions give evidence that such efforts resulted more from an administrative consciousness of inert campus attitude than from any other reason of entrance curtailment.

We expect to hear something definite from the administration before applications for next fall's entrance are accepted.

In Today's News

Administration hunts data in drive to re-open Swain.

U. C. S. P. installs current synchronizer to reduce light flicker. Spruill report indicates improvement in freshman work.

Sheppard will star in coming Hedgerow's "Twelfth Night."

REPORT INDICATES ADVISORS' VALUE

Statistics Show that Freshmen Did Better Work Last Quarter Than Heretofore

A tentatively incomplete report from the office of C. P. Spruill, chairman of the committee of freshman advisors, showed that the first year men have either done more effective work during their first quarter in college in 1935 or have been greatly aided by the faculty advisory system installed this year.

During the fall quarter last year only 41 freshmen of the 680 that entered the University in September failed or dropped out of school. This is expected to be somewhat less than the number lost in 1934. A smaller freshman class this year is partly explained by the loss of the engineering school from Chapel Hill which took place in the consolidating of the Greater University.

Improvement

Mr. Spruill stated yesterday that the class this year seems to be "well-prepared and serious minded." He said that the best results in improvement over last year had been shown in the placement tests and in the foreign language courses.

The advisory committee to freshmen was installed for the first time last quarter in an effort to individualize the academic process of the University. Each of the advisors deems it his duty to marshal the relevant facts, interpret the consequences of alternative choices, and, within the limits set by faculty regulations, help the student to make his own decisions. As a result of these responsibilities each student in the class of

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Tree Feeders Amuse Carolina Campusites With Hole Digging

Wits Suggest Housing Project for Homeless Doodlebugs

Far the past week or so students whose curiosity is not in hibernation have wondered mildly at the gang of men who move from tree to tree on the campus digging small holes in a circle around each one.

Their technique is to stick an iron rod into the ground and push it around until they form a small crater which looks something like a miniature shell hole. After this they fill the hole with a substance that looks like boarding house breakfast food and then tramp the dirt back down.

Contrary to the suggestions of campus wits the workers are not providing residence for the homeless doodle bugs, nor are they seeking buried treasure. According to the superintendent of the work, they are providing the trees with fertilizer. Like the grapefruit, it seems, there is more to the tree than meets the eye.

Every forest giant has roots which extend beneath the ground in a circle roughly corresponding to the foliage above. By putting fertilizer in the ground above these roots the tree may be provided with fertilizer.

The sawdust-like substance used as tree food is a mixture of bone meal and cotton-seed meal. This would hardly be the "piece de resistance" of a man's dinner but it is to the trees what spinach is to Popeye.

Temporary Styrmie

Student efforts to revise the system of comprehensive examinations were temporarily checked yesterday afternoon when the faculty committee of examinations, meeting with a special group of six students, tabled definite recommendations until further facts and opinions on comprehensives had been accumulated.

The faculty members did not agree that a comprehensive course substituted for the present examination would be as effective.

Asking for further student opinion, for further data regarding actual student results with the comprehensive examination system as it now exists, and further texts from the departmental leaders, the faculty committee threw the burden of proof of the examinations' failings on student shoulders.

Details of proposed efforts of students to strengthen, clarify and substantiate their case will be presented in Tuesday's paper.

Library Is Recipient Of Many New Books

Non-Fiction Volumes Compose Majority of Newcomers

Among the many new books received by the University library this week are: gifts, "The Tarahumara: An Indian Tribe of Northern Mexico" by Bennett and Zingg, Joseph Gaer's "California in Juvenile Fiction," A. G. Miller's "Once I passed This Way," P. J. O'Brien's "Will Rogers," L. R. Wilson's "The Role of the Library in Higher Education in the South."

Exchanges: "Frontier Folkways" by J. G. Leyburn, E. A. Cross' "World Literature," General, "Puro Mexicano" by J. F. Dobie, "Oliver Goldsmith" by Stephen Gwynn, "So You're Writing a Play" by Clayton Hamilton.

C. F. Thwing's "The American College and University," Millard Ward's "Brute," and "Who's Who in American Art,"

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Student-Faculty Day Conceived In "Y" On Spring Night Of 1934

Pool, Winslow, Ellis, Hammer Stumbled Across the Idea During a Bull Session

Spring of 1934. Another of those famous and mysterious late-hour "Y" bull sessions. Four of the most powerful student leaders of that year were gathered—Jack Pool, J. D. Winslow, Albert Ellis, Phil Hammer.

"What about a bathing beauty contest for the faculty? Wouldn't some of the old boys look funny in Wikies?" Laughter, a lot of fun. Plans for a student-faculty May Day Jamboree were being made; Student-Faculty Day as we now have it was in the embryo stage.

It had all begun when the group were checking over functions of the Y. M. C. A. and laying plans for "Y" activities for the coming year. They found that the promotion of student-faculty relations was one of the things every Young Man Christian on the campus was supposed to do.

As newly-elected secretary of the "Y" for 1934-35, Hammer

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U. C. S. P. INSTALLS FLICKER REDUCER

Electric Plant Hopes New Current Synchronizer will Eliminate Eccentricities

Mr. H. E. Thompson, in charge of the University service plant, reports the installation of an electric synchronizer, that, it is hoped, will keep the lights from brightening and dimming at various times during the night.

This brightening and dimming has been caused by the fact that when the current being drawn had become too much for the capacity of the University's generator, the load was switched over to one of the Duke Power Company's. With the electric synchronizer, the University's generator will be operated parallel to the Duke Company's two systems, prevent the necessity of switching over to the Duke generator when the load becomes heavy.

Transfers

The increased use of electricity for lighting and cooking that occurs before supper hour made it necessary to switch, over to the Duke power plant between 5:30 and 6:00. Later on in the evening, when the load becomes less, the power is transferred back to the University's generator. This is the cause of the on and off blinking lights about 10:15, which library frequenters take for a signal for them to prepare to vacate.

History Professors To Throw Big Party

Carolina Inn will be Scene of Dinner Tonight

Fifty-one professors of history meet tonight at the Carolina Inn for a dinner and social gathering sponsored by the University's history department.

The association of history professors meets at various colleges of the state two or three times yearly. This is the first meeting of this school year.

Dr. A. R. Newsome, history department head, is chairman of the committee handling this evening's program.

Grail Dance Tonight

The first of the three Grail dances this quarter will be given tonight in the Tin Can. Jimmy Poyner and his State College orchestra will supply music for the affair which will last from 9 until 12 o'clock.

Debate Squad Meets

In their meeting Thursday night the Debate Squad held a preliminary discussion on the Georgia debate on the problem of state supported higher education for negroes.

The squad will hold a debate next Thursday night at 8:30 on the query "negroes should not be admitted to all state universities" in order to select a side and team to debate the University of Georgia.

According to Mr. Woodhouse, faculty member of the squad, a discussion of the problems of the courts and the Constitution will be taken up providing time permits it. This will be one of the questions to be prepared for the British trip.

COMEDIAN



Harry Sheppard, as Sir Toby Belch in the Hedgerow Players' "Twelfth Night"

VETERAN TROUPER IS HEDGEROW STAR

Harry Sheppard Has Had Varied Dramatic Experience

The Hedgerow Players, appearing here on January 23 as the first of the student entertainment series for the winter quarter, are featuring Harry Sheppard, leading comedian in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," and the Hedgerow's oldest actor. One of the founders of the Hedgerow Theatre, he has enacted many roles with the Philadelphia troupe.

Mr. Sheppard began his dramatic career by running away from home and joining Eugene O'Neill's father in his tour of "The Count of Monte Cristo." He has appeared on the vaudeville circuits in one act plays, been a foreign councillor to Brazil, and an experimenter in new theatre forms.

According to Mr. Sheppard, he is one of the few individuals in this country who is glad there was a depression, for he was serving before that event as a public relations council to a large firm. When the crash came he returned to his first love, the stage and Hedgerow.

Geologist Johnson Attends Coast Meet

Local Fossil-Finder in Los Angeles Last Month

W. R. Johnson, as representative from the local chapter of the geology fraternity, attended the National Sigma Gamma Epsilon Convention held in Los Angeles last month.

While on the Pacific coast Mr. Johnson made a tour of the oil fields around Los Angeles.

There were 30 chapters represented at this convention which took up problems of young men going into the various fields of geology. Different problems relating to mining and petroleum engineering were also discussed.

A. T. O. HONORS PLEDGES WITH DANCE LAST NIGHT

The local chapter of Alpha Tau Omega entertained its pledges with a dance last night at the house, with music by Freddie Johnson and his orchestra.

Featured by the orchestra was Miss Peggy Wood.

ADMINISTRATION SEEKS STATISTICS ON FOOD QUESTION

Efforts to Open Swain Hall Continue as University Heads Begin Drive for Data

PLAN DETAILED REPORT

The University administration has begun active work in compiling a complete set of statistics on the local board situation, to continue a prolonged and strenuous drive to get funds for re-opening Swain hall.

Data to answer recent questions regarding the slowness in the maturity of plans and complete figures on administrative details of the boarding houses at State College and Woman's College at Greensboro will be included in a report.

Questionnaire

In addition, every student on the campus is being circularized by questionnaire, to ascertain eating habits, prices, and demands of the student body. This information, it is expected, will form a basis for presenting a picture of the local eating situation to agencies from which funds are to be solicited.

The drive for re-opening Swain hall, completely rehabilitated, has been in effect since last fall, when student agitation and student investigations evoked a definite issue. No action had been forthcoming, however, from the administration, although the situation had been investigated and channels for action considered.

The Philanthropic Assembly's committee on Swain hall plans to petition Gov. J. C. B. Ehringhaus following the trustee meeting later this month to use funds from the state contingency allotment.

GYM POPULARITY SHOWS INCREASE AFTER HOLIDAYS

Several Boys Show Promise of Developing Good Gymnast Team

Gymnastics is steadily increasing in popularity, if a crowded gym floor is any sign.

Although the list of aspiring lettermen has remained the same, participation in apparatus work has increased approximately 25 per cent since the period preceding the holidays.

The boys who have been working daily are improving steadily, and several newcomers show evidence of developing into good material for the gym team which Dr. R. B. Lawson, director of Bynum, hopes will become a reality within the next four years.

If Warren Walker can master just three more of the requirements for the gym monogram, he will be the first to receive the award within the last six years. Walker has been outstanding in gym work since early last quarter, and has been working faithfully. Aside from this, he has been prominent as a volunteer instructor.

With the mastery of the three last requirements, and a little more perfection of form, Walker should be ready for the gymnastics "exam" within the next six months.

LOSERS WEEPERS

Tom Chandler, Chapel Hill auto salesman, lost \$50 last night by not being present at the Carolina Theatre's weekly drawing.