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THIS ISSUE: NEWS, JORDAN; NIGHT, GILMORE

"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.

Cheating Ring

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ture, took the key from his own pocket and pretended to have found it among the contents of the bag.

Becomes Outraged

When accused of this, he became outraged and for seemingly no reason, pulled from his pocket a list of names and started to tear the paper up. A and the council official took it from him, and on opening it, found the names of some of the students mentioned in Y's previous confessions except two. Y, on being questioned about these, said that one name he had forgotten. The other he said was the name of someone who had nothing to do with the case.

These newly-uncovered papers were that night placed in the University safe with the others. Later in the evening, meeting in A's room, the group decided to add to its membership, and the new men were asked down.

Before seeing the list of names which had been obtained from Y, the students were told that it contained names of many of their personal friends and many of the most prominent campus figures. They were asked if they wished to proceed with the case, and without exception they signified their determined affirmative reply. When the names were read, silence, a hurt silence, fell over the room, and for minutes no one spoke. But one by one they voiced their determination to press their investigation and carry the case to the student council and to abolish the outrageous cheating activity. Until late in the following morning they discussed plans of procedure for the week.

More Routine

The next morning, after a little sleep, and with three more additions to its membership, the group, now numbering eight, set to work classifying, cross-indexing, arranging and collecting its data. This work continued on through Thursday night until the 98th and last case had been turned over to the student council with as complete evidence as the students could obtain and notate.

The first step in the work was to file the letters and put them

into chronological order. Summaries of each letter, cross-references and other data were notated and collected. Names mentioned in correspondence, themes, letters and account books all were collected to establish the record of X's and Y's activities.

Then the academic records of every suspect was gone over in the files of the different deans. In most cases it was found that the effect of X's aid was clear. In all cases it was found that the evidence given in X's and Y's confessions corroborated with the titles of courses taken at particular times mentioned by X and Y.

The group worked continuously, often from 9 o'clock until 5 in the morning of the following day, for four days. In A's room seven typewriters were going almost continuously. The shades were drawn, cigarette smoke was heavy, the door was guarded. Men were sent out to obtain references and correlation of evidence silently and they returned quickly and put it in its proper place.

Secrecy, of course, was absolutely necessary. It had been promised to X and Y for the reasons stated earlier. The first consideration of the group had been the name of the University, and fear was expressed early in the investigation of misrepresentation of facts throughout the state, such as has been done within the last two days.

Remedy and Construction

Therefore, from the very beginning the group agreed that the first steps would be those of remedy and construction, and not destruction. And the first news that the student body must get would have to be that students were already taking steps to remove this blot on the University, and not that such a nasty mess existed and was spreading its cancerous self throughout the student body.

And then there was the question of the all-important trustee meeting of Thursday and yesterday, upon which exposure of such a situation might have had a ruinous effect for the University. Hence, the story was guarded, publicity was shunned, and even records of the first stu-

dent council hearings were reported in routine fashion.

And too, the group felt that X had committed a grievous offense against the University, and the student group felt that although this was so, it might be possible to set him on the right path.

These considerations might not have been so important, furthermore, had it not been that the student body had no legal right to punish X and Y. So the group did the next best thing and that was to force them to leave the campus. However, the present location of X and Y are known and if the University finds evidence for prosecution, they can be returned to Chapel Hill.

Tuesday morning X and Y, in A's room in the presence of A, B and C, reviewed all the names and cases which had been given and which the group had put in fair order. They reviewed all of X's and Y's activities for seven straight hours with only a short time out for lunch. C sat at a typewriter and wrote every word down. Immediately after supper, the group met and working together on the confessions and testimony thus far received, drew up an official confession which embraced the all-day conversation and previous conversations. Late in the evening, at 11 o'clock, X and Y, with B and C, met before Paul Robertson, local attorney and notary public, and X and Y set their signatures to the confession after making several changes.

The next day X left Chapel Hill and Y made his exit the following day.

Other Evidence

Other evidence besides the straight testimony against students involved was produced during the week. The complete scope of their work was revealed. In the first place, by using the pass key and with the help of their confederate in the mimeographing department, they were able to secure copies of quizzes, pop quizzes and examinations before the date upon which they were to be given. These they sold for certain sums, along with answers if they were wanted. On several occasions X had boasted that he was able to get any quizzes to be given in the University except those in chemistry.

Secondly, X and Y, and their confederates, wrote themes, papers and daily assignments for students at varying charges, and laboratory experiments were their meat.

Thirdly, they wrote correspondence course assignments by the hundreds and sold the exams to the courses. Assignments were either typewritten to be handed in by the client directly or to be rewritten in the client's own handwriting.

In all cases, students could get answers which were worth A, B or C, or lower, and paid accordingly. In few instances where certain grades on work were demanded did X and Y fail to do work which received such grades.

Fourthly, they had written copies, mimeographs, of notes and outlines for courses, particularly in economics.

Fifthly, they actually took their clients' examinations. This was done by the "walkout" system, where the client would bring the examination questions to the men's room or some other pre-arranged spot and the messengers would carry them back to headquarters to be answered, to receive any grade the client wished in keeping with activities above suspicion.

The student group during the week established that one member of the athletic department knew of X's activities last sum-

mer.

Some Cases Out

During the week the group traced down and threw out many cases which could not be substantiated by evidence. They also came across cases where the clients had done nothing more than express their intentions of utilizing X's and Y's system of cheating and still more where Economics 9 and 11 outlines and notes had been purchased. The latter activity, according to the commerce department, does not necessarily constitute a cheating activity.

The commerce school, where much of X's and Y's activities had been directed, had for some time suspected that quizzes were being purloined and had even gone to the point of setting up a special file for professors' quizzes under a special lock.

According to Y, an assistant to one of the professors in Bingham hall had suspected the work, for, on breaking in one night, Y saw a note left on the professor's desk from the assistant, urging the professor to be more careful in locking up his quizzes.

Wednesday afternoon a meeting of the student council, not in executive session, was called. There the members were informed of what had been uncovered. The council decided at that time that any persons found guilty of making use of the system of X and Y would be indefinitely suspended. This meant that persons proved guilty of cheating, regardless of who they were, would be punished with suspension.

Special Meeting

Later in the afternoon, the student group which had uncovered the activity called a special meeting of 30 outstanding students on the campus and disclosed as much of the situation as possible at the time. It was the opinion of the group that the matter should be handled in the local press as a routine story, because of the circumstances of the particular time. The students stood behind the group in their work to uncover the ring.

Immediately after the meeting, the group returned to A's room, gathered up evidence in nine cases which had been completed and presented the details to the student council.

The council met Wednesday night to consider the nine cases. All nine students were suspended indefinitely.

Thursday morning the group worked up 11 more cases in complete form and presented them and the council, meeting in the afternoon, suspended seven of the students, deferred action on one, and acquitted one, while two were absent.

During the afternoon the remainder of the 98 cases were finished and turned over to the council. Meeting Thursday night and considering ten cases, the council suspended every one of the students brought before them at that time.

Indictment

At the afternoon session on Thursday, T, one of the men who had been suspended Wednesday night, presented an indictment before the council (a copy was given President Graham and Dean Bradshaw) which directly charged a large number of student leaders and administrative heads with a variety of offenses. No evidence was presented to substantiate the indictment. Among those indicted were a member of the student council, athletes, journalists and other campus figures, as well as several members of the faculty.

The council decided to wait until after the remaining cases in the cheating ring were heard and passed upon before considering the charges in the indict-

ment. This came after T had presented a written charge against a student council member at Thursday night's session.

T threatened to turn the indictment over to the Hearst press. It is reported that this has been done, to appear in this morning's papers. Through T, false and misrepresentative information was transferred to the state press Thursday night.

BOOK LARNIN'

by

GEORGE BUTLER

Although they had never taken a secretarial course, quite a few "bookkeepers" were discovered on the Stanford University campus. Twenty-three Stanford fraternities were raided during the holidays by library authorities. After they made the rounds they crept back to headquarters with over 200 long-missing-books in their possession. The ransacking of one fraternity house revealed the startling system of covering call numbers of the university library books and adding the volumes to the fraternity's library. The L-men failed to find books at some of the houses because, they admitted, the students never went to the library.

Philosophy has had a proneness to teach us that anything under the sun can be proven logically. We submit the following to prove that a poor lesson is better than a good lesson: 1. A poor lesson is better than nothing. 2. Nothing is better than a good lesson. 3. Therefore a poor lesson is better than a good lesson.

A co-ed at a mid-western university recently crashed through with the following definition: "A bolt is a thing like a stick of hard metal, such as iron, with a square bunch on one end and a lot of scratching wound around the other end. A nut is similar to a bolt, only just the opposite, being a hole in a chunk of iron sawed off short with wrinkles around the inside of the hole."

Froth: Butler University wouldn't let men and women belong to the same secret societies way back in 1879 because it was suspected that one of the initiation rites was a kiss. . . . A Harvard zoologist risked his life to enter his burning home the other day. He was after a set of corrected exam papers. . . . Ph.D's are almost certain job-tickets today, says Northwestern University's placement bureau, with starting salaries averaging \$200 monthly. . . . A want-ad which appeared in the Syracuse Daily Orange: "Lost—Woman's purse containing Psi Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, and Beta Theta Pi fraternity pins. Valuable for sentimental reasons. Finder please call the Theta house." . . . Fear of "classroom ballyhoo" and exercises in "exhibitionism" caused Harvard students to oppose a plan to adopt oral examinations in literature and history courses.

A youthful business man in Ontario reports he has found a fine market for his goods. He peddles "No Peddlers" signs from door-to-door. . . . The Indiana Daily News makes the following observation: "Publication of the 10 highest paid individuals in the country reveals that Mae West earned more than Arthur Brisbane. Although varying slightly, they both have pretty good lines." . . . A. B. DeGree is the name of a North Dakota man. . . . "The greatest love-letter ever written" is in a collection at Haverford. John Keats wrote it, a century ago.

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OUTSTANDING RADIO BROADCASTS

2:00: Metropolitan Opera, WPTF.
2:30: Tito Guizar, tenor, WDNC, WBT.
4:30: Chansonette Salon Music, WDNC.
5:00: Frank Dailey orch., WDNC.
5:30: Vincent Lopez orch., WDNC. Albert Payson Terhune, dog dramas, WJZ.
6:00: Chicago A Capella choir, WPTF. Frederic William Wile, "The Political Situation in Washington," WDNC.
7:00: Tempo Capers, WDNC.
7:30: Hampton Institute Singers, WPTF. Musical Moments, WDNC.
8:00: Beauty Box Theatre, WBT. Your Hit Parade, WPTF.
8:15: Boston Symphony Orchestra, NBC.
9:00: Rubinfon and His Violin, WPTF. Nino Martini, WDNC.
9:30: Chateau; Victor Young orch., WLW.
11:15: Abe Lyman orch., WDOD. Will Osborne orch., WGN.
12:00: Eddy Duchin orch., WEA. Kay Kyser orch., WLW.
12:30: Ted Weems orch., WGN. Moon River, WLW.



FEBRUARY 13

QUESTION

Will there be a dance the night of the Student-Faculty exposition?

ANSWER

The stunt program, closing the Student-Faculty Day activities, will not be over until late on the night of February 13, and consequently no dance has been scheduled that night.

The Mid-Winter German Club dances, however, will begin the next day, February 14, and will continue through Saturday.

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