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THIS ISSUE: NEWS, RABB; NIGHT, GARDNER

"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.

## VICTORY FOR UNIVERSITY

Friday's session of the board of trustees was a thrilling victory for our student government and even more for President Graham.

For where we only gained material things, necessary as they were, President Graham brought back the confidence of his superiors, the faith of his trustees in him and his ability.

More than ever he stands out as North Carolina's greatest individual, one in whom the state has placed its trust and one who has never failed to do justice to the trust deposited there.

We know that the trustees do not agree with Dr. Graham on all his policies of consolidation and athletics. Yet they were willing to give him a free hand in both, to place in him the power to act for the best interests of the University and the state.

Nor do we subscribe to all his ideas. Yet we might say at this time that, with the information we have gained in the recent uncovering of the cheating activity, his side will have better ground than ours in determining our athletic policy on the basis of what we hope to reveal.

The DAILY TAR HEEL is frankly happy that its policies have culminated in the successful action of the trustees. The very future of our publications and our student government rested upon the additions to fees, if they were to go on at their present standard.

And that the trustees saw fit to change the wording of the ruling on hazing, drinking, and gambling, is very gratifying. Now the stigmatic threat of "dismiss" will no longer make all student council actions, using the power delegated by the faculty, the hypocritical and unsound procedures of the past.

These grants to student requests were as much a victory for Dr. Graham as for us students. For the very heart of Dr. Graham's educational philosophy lies in student self-government and any changes requested by the students for clarification or addition to their powers of self-administration are added confirmation of Dr. Graham's faith in the student's ability to govern themselves.

## STUDENT INDICTMENT

Despite the fact that the suspended student's indictment against various students and members of the faculty has been withdrawn, it seems that the charges which he made must be investigated.

Apparently upset by his suspension, this gentleman included just about everybody in his acquaintance on the list, making charges of subsidization, dissolute conduct, drunkenness and cheating, one after another. That he withdrew the bill before leaving school is unfortunate, as such charges, however flimsy, should be pressed and substantiated by the man who makes them.

The administration, of course, is forced to bring those accused in the indictment before its executives for a hearing. A disagreeable note naturally surrounds the whole thing, since the indictment was obviously the result of momentary resentment.

Just as other evidence inferred from the recent hearings must be traced down to clear up that situation, so must this indictment be answered as soon as much of the present work is ended.

## PLACEMENT BUREAU

Two important issues, involving a change in our present system of administering comprehensive examinations and the establishment of a placement bureau, must be pressed in the weeks to come.

Seniors in the commerce school have already made plans for the formation of some sort of student employment agency, and other students have been working on the idea for several months. In addition, it is reported that officials in the Woman's Association are interested in the same thing.

As for comprehensives, we await with interest more developments of the student-faculty committee considering the question.

## TODAY'S RELIGION

By Rev. O. T. Binkley

Religion presents and emphasizes an ethic that gives direction, elevation, and nobility to life. All profound religion is concerned with basic moral principles and their application to the attitudes and activities of personal and social life. Ethical ideals, therefore, are as essential in religion as the multiplication table is in arithmetic.

It is part of the creative task of vital religion to point out great aims and high ideals centuries in advance of their popular acceptance. Accordingly, it is the task of religious persons to strive to exhibit these aims and ideals in their lives, refusing to yield to opportunism and court popular approval.

Moreover, it is the task of religious teachers and leaders to keep these ideals undiluted and unaccommodated. Much of the decay of contemporary organized religion is due to the fact that religious leaders have tried to harmonize and identify the ethical ideals of the Hebrew prophets and of Jesus with the pagan ideals of modern civilization. This lowering and modifying of high ethical ideals has made it impossible for the church to give a clear message to the puzzled individuals of a confused generation. As a result, the church has celebrated the moral victories won over old issues by a former generation and has not consciously and directly come to grips with the emerging problems and ethical issues of our day. Many of the leaders of organized religion have spent their time cranking ecclesiastical machinery and pronouncing pious platitudes and have neglected the difficult and dangerous task of prophetic leadership.

Ethical ideals that are specific enough to guide men and high enough to challenge men may be strong motivating forces in individual experience. They play a large part in the shaping of conduct. The ideal of courage keeps a man brave in the presence of danger. The ideal of purity gives a man immunity to hypocrisy and falsehood.

High ideals, also, are creative forces in social life. The ideal of religious liberty, the ideal of love as the law of life, the ideal of service as the measure of all goods and of all greatness, the ideal of equality before the law, and the ideal of human brotherhood have exerted tremendous influences upon the civilization in which we live.

The ethical ideals of Jesus are of particular significance in evaluating the inheritances of the past, in understanding the realities of the present, and in building the better world of the future. Jesus taught, and illustrated in his own life, ideals that were centuries in advance of his time. He refused to lower the standards of purity, love, and truth. He gave to his disciples and to the learners of all time a conception of God and of a way of life which has moral and religious significance and which, at the same time, is consonant with all the facts which the saints and the scientists have discovered.

These supreme ethical ideals—like a sunset or a daffodil or a smile or Beethoven's Fifth Symphony—may be too intangible and elusive for scientific analysis and description. But they are rooted in reality and related to conduct, and we recognize them as real and important. They exalt, dignify, and purify life.

## "... but nevertheless it moves..."

By BILL LEVITT

### BURNED TO A CRISP

Trapped behind the locked doors of a motorized cage, 20 Negro convicts were cremated by flames from an accidentally fired gasoline container. They were coming from a chain gang in Alabama.

Twenty human beings were burned to a crisp, burned in a locked cage with no possible way of getting out. They could do nothing but stand there screaming, futilely shaking the bars, fighting each other, or praying, as the flames crept up on them; and they died.

These men died in a way that is most horrible to die, trapped with no way of saving themselves. They were trapped in a steel cage and the fire burned until they were charred bones. Can there be anything more horrible, more barbarous than a tragedy like this?

These men were convicts. But that doesn't alter the circumstances, it makes it more horrible, since, being convicts, these men's lives were in State care. The responsibility for this terrible misfortune falls on the State of Alabama, Governor Bib Graves, and the whole system of chain gangs in the country.

Chain gangs must go! You may argue that there is no use in locking the stable after the horse is stolen, but in this particular stable there are plenty of horses still inside. That such a tragedy as this is possible under the chain gang system is a harsh indictment against it. Every individual with human feelings must make his protest heard. Governor Bib Graves of Alabama must be notified that the chain gang evil must come to an end!

The odor of the scorched flesh of these 20 men will hang heavily until the chain gang goes. These men died ignobly; let their bones become the strongest pillar in the building of an institution for human treatment and understanding. Now that they are dead let them serve as an example; let their death serve as the instrument to force the entrance of a new era in the treatment of criminals.

If in life they failed to be of use to society, let them serve in death. They will lie easier in their common grave.

### Stars and Stripes Forever

The New York Herald-Tribune lists the following as having occupied prominent places at a recent American Liberty League dinner at which Al Smith became an "unhappy warrior."

Princess Cantacuzene (whoever she may be), Winthrop W. Aldrich, Chase National Bank; Robert V. Fleming, American Bankers association; Ernest T. Weir, Pittsburgh; John J. Ras-kob (official deficit-holder for the Democrats); Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.

And in the light of the Nye committee exposures, let us not forget this imposing bevy of banquetees:

A. Felix du Pont, Emile F. du Pont, Henry R. du Pont, Irene du Pont, Pierre du Pont, A. V. du Pont, Eugene E. du Pont, H. B. du Pont, Octavie du Pont, Mrs. Pierre S. du Pont.

In other words (to parody "Old McGregor's Farm") with a du Pont here, and a du Pont there, and a du Pont everywhere."

Maybe the ladies shouldn't work, but try to imagine a tobacco-chewing male saying "Number please!"

## THE THEATRE

By Bill Hudson

Shortly after Humphrey Cobb's novel "Paths of Glory" rose to the best-seller region of the literary heavens, Sidney Howard decided to hitch a theatrical wagon to this new star. The result was a play that, in spite of being hastily and consequently somewhat carelessly thrown together, has a great deal of the numbing power of the book. On the whole the ten scenes prior to the intermission move slowly and rather boringly; but the last six, written in subtle understatement that overlies a seething, unstoppable current of hysterical futility and supidity, leave an indelible impression upon the minds of a stunned audience.

We see the terrible inevitableness of the war system, in which men—whether they are generals, like Assolant, to whose reputations as "national heroes" and to whose war-insane cravings for honors and decorations many lives are a matter-of-fact, insignificant sacrifice; or whether they are privates, recently individuals, citizens of a democracy, but now homogeneous units in a blind machine for slaughter and slaughtering—are pawns in a game not of science but of adverse chance.

Like Langlois, we are overwhelmed because we have no one to hate. The system, not any individual, is responsible for the unfairness and stupidity of the three executions. The firing squad unwillingly and helplessly carry out the orders of the court martial. Colonel Labouchere, president of the court martial, is "doing his duty," also against

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## Mayne Albright Gets Position In Raleigh

Former Student Leader Is Working for State Department

Mayne Albright, outstanding University graduate, who passed the bar examination this week has gone to Raleigh to fill a state position. Albright is now with the State Employment Service, under the Department of Labor as Assistant Administrator.

Albright was president of the student body in 1931-32, captain of wrestling team, and manager of Graham Memorial for two years.

While in the University Albright was a member of several organizations, among them Golden Fleece and Phi Beta Kappa.



FEBRUARY 13

### QUESTION

What effort is being made to publicize Student-Faculty Day to the state?

### ANSWER

The Student-Faculty Day committee will sponsor a radio broadcast Monday night February 10, over station WPTF, Raleigh. Campus Orchestra Leader Freddie Johnson will put spice into a program of speeches by Dean R. B. House and Phil Hammer. Jake Snyder, chairman of the exposition, will preside.

Invitations will be extended to parents and friends of University students to visit the University on Parents' Day, February 12, and the Student-Faculty exposition, on the following day.

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—SUNDAY—

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—Also— Comedy—Novelty

—Tuesday— **KARLOFF AND LUGOSI** in "Invisible Ray"

—Wednesday— **EDWARD E. HORTON** in "Her Master's Voice"

—Thursday— **GEORGE ARLISS** in "Mr. Hobo"

—Friday— **OTTO KRUGER** in "Two Sinners"

—SATURDAY— Return Engagement **"CAPTAIN BLOOD"** with **ERROL FLYNN—OLIVIA DEHAVILLAND**

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