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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.

STANDARDS

The number of students who make Phi Beta Kappa at Carolina is amazingly large. Recent figures show that the Alpha chapter of North Carolina has more undergraduate members than any other chapter in the scholastic fraternity.

Phi Beta Kappa has ceased to be an honor on this campus. Any student with a will and a desire, coupled with a seriousness at keeping "up" in his work week by week, can make Phi Beta Kappa in stride. It is very encouraging, no doubt, that we have so many of these pluggers but it is not at all to the credit of an organization which is supposed to recognize brilliance in studies and not everyday steadiness.

The members of Phi Beta Kappa have no interest in changing the present standards. It seems to be too much trouble. All they ever worried about was getting the little gold key and after its possession, the fraternity means little or nothing. This is positively deplorable.

The same situation will continue, however, as long as the standards are so ridiculously low and as long as the members of Phi Beta Kappa are willing to let their permanent secretary be the whole organization. Members of Phi Beta Kappa themselves are not at all proud of their attainment. The ceremony of initiation, which is conducted in the most farcical manner possible, means absolutely nothing, except that there is a bill of \$17.00 to pay for the gold key and "membership fee," whatever that represents to the Alpha chapterites.

Of all the watch charms on the campus, the Alpha chapter's Phi Beta key represents less. This is not to say that any keys mean anything in themselves, but they usually represent something worthwhile. So long as we take two and three score of "intellects" into Phi Beta Kappa every year, the meaning of membership in it will steadily decline, if it can get any lower. Maybe it is our good old liberalism; more likely it is our selfish lack of interest. Whatever it is, we don't like it and neither does anybody else.

THE UNION

The Publications Union Board did an excellent job in revising that old defunct constitutional relic under which it supposedly has been operating for the past half-dozen years. The new articles appeared in full in yesterday's issue of the newspaper. In general, little explanation is needed for public consideration, simply because the revised edition merely recognizes many practices which precedent has written into the old constitution.

One point, however, may be clarified in the public mind. The word "Union" appears throughout the articles and in other places there is the word "Board." Every student on the campus is a member of the "Union" but the board comprises a membership of only three students, and two faculty members. Where it states in Article IV that the president, secretary and treasurer of the Publishers Union Board will be ex officio officers of the Union, the meaning embraces nothing more than a recognition that the Union has at all times the power of ultimate decisions in actual changes in the publications set-up. Ordinary publications policy, but changes in the number or cost of publications themselves are referred to a student vote.

During our four-year tenure at Carolina there has been little need for referring any questions to the Union. Consequently, the functions of the officers have been for the most part the functions of board members. The situation is analogous to the athletic association, in which every student is a member, yet which has no organization other than the provisions for a supervisory council.

Few Carolina students realize that they are members of the Carolina Publishers Union, the Athletic Association, the debate union and the student body all in one. It is worth remembering.

THE CAMPUS KEYBOARD

Henry Nelson Lansdale was editor of the *Buccaneer*. He gave everybody a lot of raspberries and occasionally a dip of cream and he didn't seem to mind what anybody thought. Knowing Nelson pretty well, we know that he didn't have much faith in anybody's doing an awful lot of thinking, anyway. Nelson was that kind of fellow.

He decided, after the politicians finally got his fate pretty well mapped out by sticking him at the helm of the erstwhile *Finjan*, that what this campus needed was a dash of ice cold subtlety instead of luke warm smut. Last spring he meandered around for a couple of weeks after the politicians had told him what his cake was to be and tried to find somebody to help him be subtle, but had little success. So he figured up an idea for staff organization which will go down in Carolina publications history.

He figured that if he sat down and wrote most of the stuff, all he would need to adorn the office would be a few nice, congenial good-fellows who wouldn't get in his way, but would be more or less efficient in embellishing the atmosphere with, shall we say, *noblesse oblige*. So that's what he did, ignoring, as he mentioned on several occasions, the "great minds of Aycock" and writing for pleasure and the few *literati* who enjoyed being naively tickled.

A curious thing happened after a few issues. Some of his human adornments in the office caught on to the idea and before long Editor Lansdale was running other people's stuff every once in a while. It never touched his own copy for real honest-to-God aristocracy, however. You had to be brought up in Maryland and the so-so-social bright lights of Washington and be named Lansdale to perfect the Real Thing. But the general effect would be the same.

Editor Lansdale and his Lansdalian offerings had a miraculous career. He was not thrown off the campus nor was his writing censured for its haughty subtlety. Most people didn't know what was behind all the stuff but if they didn't understand it, they simply said "Well, that sounds like Lansdale" and let it go.

The Frederick, Md., farm lad (in the aristocratic sense, of course) slipped from his aloof plane late in the year. He made sure that his tickets to London by boat were all right and that a hasty exit could be made possible. He wasn't a cowardly sort of person, understand; it just wasn't cricket to get all boiled up just because some campus moron didn't relish the tone of his crack. And he lit into campus politics. More recently, he took a long and (we know) satisfying dig at other campus organizations, including particularly the Order of the Grail.

We know Nelson pretty well and used to go out and sit on the score-board in the stadium at night (after tearing our pants on the barbed wire fence) and talk for hours. We never agreed. He never agreed with anybody much. It's proletarian to "get together" on ideas; too much like organized labor or collective bargaining or some other boring, foolish social movement. But we know one thing: every crack that Nelson took he meant. He was sincere in his lovely, blissful editorial career if not popular.

The reason we write about Nelson is that we got a postcard from him (from Rotterdam) and

Thrall

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the student by the inclusion of terse characterizations of the successive literary periods in both countries. Beginning with the year 1600, the English and American events are arranged in parallel columns. This has never been done before, and is valuable in that it makes possible a comparison at a glance of what was going on in the two countries at the same time," says Dr. Thrall.

The outline starts with the earliest times and extends through the year 1930.

Dr. Thrall states that the book is intended to be a merging of the chronological outline form with the features of the syllabus, containing descriptive remarks and period summaries.

The terms discussed in the book are mainly in the field of criticism, literary history and thought, and the backgrounds, including types and schools.

The two professors started work on the book 10 years ago when Dr. Thrall was head of the freshman English department and Dr. Hibbard of the sophomore English department of the University.

Dean Hibbard was formerly dean of the college of liberal arts and professor of English at the University. He is now dean of the liberal arts school and professor of English at Northwestern University.

Dr. Thrall is a professor of English at the University and is on the editorial board of "Studies in Philology."

As far as it is known, this is the first book of this type and subject which has even been published.

Aycock Cup

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angular contests, held throughout the state on March 27, in which 225 schools took part. The query for both preliminary and final debates is, Resolved: That the several states shall provide for the socialization of medicine.

Final Contest

The school winning the final contest Friday night, will be awarded the Aycock Memorial Cup offered by the intercollegiate debaters of the University. Fifteen schools have won this cup since it was first offered in 1913.

Contestants will first meet in Memorial hall, tomorrow afternoon at 12 o'clock, when drawing for sections and pairs in the first preliminary will be held. Professor George McKie will preside and will welcome the visitors.

The first preliminary begins at 7 o'clock tomorrow night and the second starts at 8:30 Friday morning. The final debate will be held Friday night with President Frank P. Graham presiding, and Dean of Administration R. B. House presenting the Aycock Cup to the winner. F. F. Bradshaw, dean of students will make the athletic awards. Following the contest, Graham Memorial and the University Club will give a reception for the visitors.

Infirmiry

Those confined to the infirmiry yesterday were as follows: Edward Palmer, Mark Lynch, C. W. Beavens, H. J. Allison, F. L. Byerly, Stratford May, Ned Kowblite, Lester Kauner, W. F. Clarke, Dorothy Tudor, Jean McIntire, Sue Sandlin, and W. E. Harrington.

he said he was in a terrible fog. An ex-editor in a fog kind of made us nostalgic. One more week we'll be an "ex" and in a fog. Same boat, only not in Rotterdam.

New Attendance Ruling Gives Say To Each Instructor

Intended to make attendance conform to the ideas of the individual instructors, the new faculty ruling leaves all attendance regulations to the teachers except when a department makes a uniform rule for its classes.

Under the new rule, which is in effect for the first time this quarter, the instructor keeps the class roll and reports students incurring more than three absences to the associate registrar.

When a student is absent so often that the teacher thinks his chance to pass the course is endangered or that he is setting a bad example to the class, the instructor may warn the student that further absences will result in his exclusion from the class. If the student is absent again the instructor is to request his dean to drop him from the course. Unless there are mitigating circumstances, the dean will do this, and the student can be reinstated only by joint action of the instructor and the dean.

If a student is absent the day immediately after or before a holiday, or at the opening of the winter or spring quarters and if he was resident the preceding quarter, he forfeits the membership in the class and must be sent to his dean for settlement of the case.

The rules concerning optional attendance for honor students have not been altered. Any student who has made the honor roll for the past two quarters may use his own discretion as to his attendance.

Reisman

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that night.

This colorful dance set was first staged here in 1930 and has been given annually since that time. The seven fraternities sponsoring the event are Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Zeta Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Beta Theta Pi, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

For this year's dances Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi and Beta Theta Pi are already planning house parties. Many alumni of these fraternities will return to the campus for the set.

The officers of the May Frolics organization this year are Charlie Edwards, Kappa Sigma, president; Frank Willingham, S. A. E., vice-president; Buddy Upchurch, Sigma Chi, secretary-treasurer; and Henry Clark, Sigma Nu, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Jack Garret, Beta Theta Pi, will serve as first assistant leader for the dances and Bill Moore, D. K. E., will be second assistant leader.

Freshman Group

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work.

"The self-help jobs," he continued, "pay not less than 25 cents per hour and including all of this type, we have about 150 of them." The 300 Federal Aid jobs, he explained, pay 15 dollars per month and those students securing them are selected in the same manner as for other self-help jobs. "Loans," he said, "are secured in the same way."

"To any student who can possibly come to school without the aid of these jobs," Mr. Lanier concluded, "I strongly advise advise them to devote their spare time to student activities and other extra-curricular activities."

UNC CHESS CLUB DEFEATS ROANOKE

Chapel Hill Chess Club Wins Match at Danville

Chapel Hill's chess club, composed chiefly of University professors and students, toured to Danville, Va. last Saturday and defeated the Roanoke club, eight to four.

Six men represented Chapel Hill. They had been chosen by individual standing in preliminary tournaments held in conjunction with the club's meetings in the Y. M. C. A. every Friday night.

Playing began in Danville, a neutral city, at 3:30 p. m. and did not end until 8:30 at night. It was the fourth annual meet with Roanoke, and Chapel Hill's success brings its total of victories over Roanoke to three.

Members of the local club, in order of their ranking Saturday, are: Dr. Glen Haydon, Dr. A. E. Zucker, Dr. E. W. McChesney, Charlie Mangum, Herbert Katzenstein, and W. L. Wilson. Dr. J. O. Bailey, and G. S. Steele accompanied the team and played unofficial games.

Library Gets Gift Of Old Land Grants

John Motley Morehead Donates Old Collection to Library

Through the generosity of alumnus John Motley Morehead, who has given funds for their purchase, the University library has received a valuable collection of early North and South Carolina land grants and deeds.

Among these are grants of plantations in the Granville District bearing dates as early as 1705. They are in unusually fine condition, the parchment in many cases not discolored by age.

The name of William Bull, Lieutenant-Governor of South Carolina, appears on some of them as the recipient of land. Signatures of Sir Nathaniel Johnson, Governor of South Carolina, James Moore, Governor of South Carolina, and Nicholas Trott, Attorney-General of South Carolina, are affixed to the earliest grants.

ASCE Has Election Of Next Year's Men

Civil Engineers Again Select Robert H. Peck as President

Officers for the 1936-37 term were elected Monday night at the regular meeting of the William Cain chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Robert H. Peck was re-elected president. Joseph Lynch will succeed Milton A. Lyons as vice-president. E. M. Broadhurst, secretary-treasurer during the past year, was chosen to retain his office. The new officers assume their positions next fall.

For the next meeting of the chapter, the members will journey to Pinehurst, where on May 2 a meeting in conjunction with the North Carolina Division of the A. S. C. E. will be held.

FRESHMAN CLASS

The final collection of the Myami Tuck Pension fund will be taken at the freshmen assembly today. The freshmen are requested to remember their class obligation and make up the remaining \$10 which is needed.

THE UNIVERSITY BARBER SHOP where courtesy and service are a pleasure and skill is better.

"We pay highest prices for all kinds of second hand clothes, from shoes up."—At Lacock's Shoe Shop Hours 12 M. to 6 p. m.