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To Help Something Better Grow

• Not What But How

Dean Bradshaw's talk in yesterday's assembly was the first effort of the General College this year to present advice to new men on how to study.

Last fall during Orientation Week a night meeting was devoted to advising freshmen how to do college work. Last year in the freshman social science courses, instructors gave special attention to helping students learn how to do effective study and distributed pamphlets to each man on the subject.

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But this fall all these experiments have been discontinued. True enough, at the Y. M. C. A. Freshman Retreat, English Bagby gave his annual delightful chat on how to prepare reading assignments; but the Doctor's helpful advice reached only about a tenth of the freshman class. The General College advisers, each with 160 to 170 men to care for, have almost no time, Dean Spruill says, to help their wards with this problem.

New men come to the University from a thousand homes and high schools, with a thousand bad habits of studying and thinking and as many misconceptions of what college exists for. Without any hint of what students are here for or how they should go about getting what they might be after, we dump them into classrooms to paddle their leaky canoes as best they can.

Mastery of the techniques of unbiased inquiry and examination, evaluation and sound thinking are far more important, we are told, than mere accumulation of facts, professorially dished out on a silver platter; yet with little attention to methodology and techniques of studying and thinking, throughout the University curriculum we are emphasizing not *how* but *what* to think.

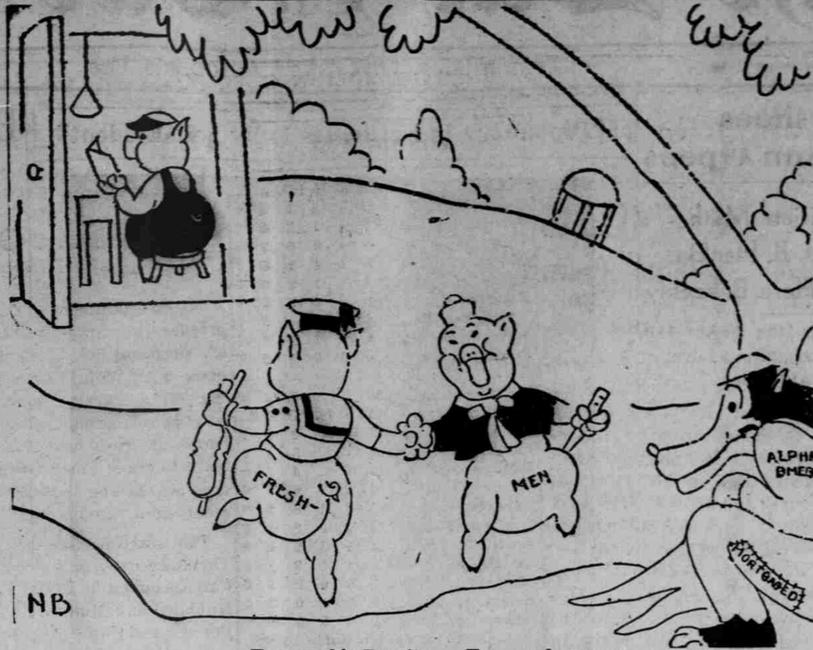
The General College organization has begun a fine piece of work in individualizing the first two college years. A General College course for new men on *how* to study and think, we believe, would fulfill a real need.

• We Won't Play

More concerned with other matters, the faculty at its meeting Friday afternoon remained non-committal on the question of January 1 classes. Jesting as might have been the previous comments on the prospect of student labor on New Year's, there really exists, and may be clearly distinguished on rainy nights, a general student unrest. No students are in the mood for traditionally unheard-of New Year's classes; and we honestly don't believe the teachers themselves are, even if the day does come on Friday. . . .

One freshman seriously suggests that coming back to school before January 1 will certainly discourage our resolution-making, which, he declares, will result in a greatly reduced quality of classwork during the ensuing quarter! The fellow's fears may not be wholly justified, to be sure, but it is undoubtedly true that a much pleasanter and more co-operative spirit will appear among the students when the anathmatic prospect of school on New Year's is removed. Nobody's gonna mind much if they do change the date. —J. M. S.

The Three Little Prospects



Two week's Respite — Two weeks more

Students Object to January 1 Classes

★ FOR THE REGISTRAR

To the Editor,
The DAILY TAR HEEL:
Classes on New Year's Day! Such a thought is inconceivable. Yet Registrar Wilson seems to be serious when he announces that the winter quarter will begin on the most joyous holiday of the year.

Under the present arrangement, students living at a great distance from Chapel Hill will have to leave their homes, at the very latest, early on the last day of 1936. While most people are just beginning to celebrate, Carolina students will have to "get back to work." It seems only fair that officials in charge reconsider. The fact that "this happens only once in about every 10 years" is hardly a worthy excuse. Most of us do not spend that length of time at the University. For many it is a matter of once in every two or three years.

Tradition Be Darned

It is customary to begin a session on Friday. Is that absolutely necessary in this case? The logical date for winter classes to begin is Monday, January 4. Thus only a day and a half, which possibly could be made up later, are cut off the quarter. Then too, students who have had this extra three days' vacation will return with added vigor, and will attack their studies with an enthusiasm which will be completely lacking on January 1.

Is it not proper that a liberal, progressive University such as this abide by the traditions of the nation and of the people who make its existence possible?

New Year's Day comes but once a year. Shall we greet 1937 with gratification or dissatisfaction?

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

★ NEW YEAR'S GYP

To the Editor,
The DAILY TAR HEEL:
With all due respect to Mr. T. J. Wilson, I believe that he should be aware of the fact that almost 25 per cent of our student body are out-of-state students. Over 10 per cent of the students are from cities over 400 miles from Chapel Hill. To make the trip from these distant towns to Chapel Hill takes from 10 to 36 hours.

I have cited these facts because of Mr. Wilson's ruling concerning January 1 classes.

I Protest

As one of those who finds it necessary to travel for 18 hours in order to come to school from my home town, I protest the proposed classes on New Year's Day.

Most all of us like to celebrate

Write

To let the administration know how students and professors feel about beginning the winter quarter on January 1, the DAILY TAR HEEL invites letters on this subject for publication in the campus open forum column. Letters should bear the signature of the author, although the writer's name may be withheld from publication. Notes over 250 words are subject to cutting.

on New Year's eve. We like to do this annual celebrating with our friends at home, whom we see only a few times each year. Don't you think that we should be allowed this?

Are We Mice?

I understand that several years back, some of the parents of students objected to having their children travel on Saturday or Sunday, thus accounting for the fact that vacations generally end on Fridays. Are college students of ages from 18 to 24 too young to travel on Saturdays or Sundays?

I see no reason why school should not open on Monday, January 4, 1937. The opening does not necessarily have to be delayed until Friday, January 8, just so that school can open on a Friday.

I think that it is safe to predict that about 400 or more students will cut classes, if they are held on New Year's Day. Under a new regulation, students will receive 30 days probation for each day of class missed directly

following a vacation. It will surely be a fine record to have a tenth of the student body on probation from the very first day of a new quarter.

N. K.

★ DICTATORSHIP

To the Editor,
The DAILY TAR HEEL:

Has it ever occurred to the trustees of the University of North Carolina that they were young once, that they enjoyed to cut up occasionally—particularly on New Year's eve—or perhaps, our noble trustees were raised in the strictest families who allowed them none of the dissipations of modern youth? At any rate it is quite obvious that the trustees either were completely oblivious of the students' pleasures or else had absolutely no intention of meeting the students half-way, or perhaps they felt that the students would gladly celebrate the New Year in on December 30.

Has it ever occurred to the trustees that a regulation that students attend classes on January 1 would scarcely prevent them from enjoying the New Year's eve? Has it ever occurred to the trustees that those students from out of the state would rather accept probation for a month than spoil their most hilarious evening in the year? Has it ever occurred to the trustees that North Carolinians after a glorious night would, without sleep, attempt to speed during the early hours of the morning to meet their 8:30 classes? Has it ever occurred to the trustees that the drivers of these cars are more likely to be under the influence of liquor during the early hours of January 1 than any other day in the year? (Oh, pardon me. The trustees passed a regulation that the students of the University of North Carolina do not drink.) Has it ever occurred to the trustees that the drivers in this condition are more likely to meet with an accident than under more normal conditions? Has it ever occurred to the trustees that they, the trustees, will be, in part at least, RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE ACCIDENTS?

Has it ever occurred to the trustees that an extension of the vacation until January 4 would mean a loss of only one class day to the University, but that it would mean the difference between an enjoyable vacation and a miserable one to the students?

PAUL EBERHART

Ed. Note — Not a Board of Trustees regulation sets January 1 as the opening day for the winter quarter, but an order from the University registrar.



LOST LEADERS

The South is rapidly becoming "a land of children and old people." So reported President Frank Graham to the Southern Policy conference in Chattanooga last May.

The Charlotte Observer finds that the South, especially Virginia and North Carolina, is losing its vigorous and educated leadership. Southern youth finds richer opportunity elsewhere and deserts his homeland for the greener fields.

Since 1930, Virginia has lost 21 per cent of her population by interstate migration. North Carolina has lost seven per cent. If the migrating elements were our undesirables, we might feel well rid of them. But they are our leaders, the best that the South has been able to produce.

Unless opportunity in these parts can be made more inviting, we have good reason for some first class pessimism.

Correspondence

★ MUD DEEP

To the Editor,
The DAILY TAR HEEL:

The University has neglected in its repair program to observe the condition existing on one of the main thoroughfares leading to Franklin street. I refer to the short walk from the Rock Inn, past the Kampus club, and extending to the business district. This is without a doubt one of the main arteries which afford the students a short cut to town. Needless to say it is well traveled at all times of the day.

Last winter it was quite a puzzle to pick out a path dry enough to walk upon without sinking up to one's ankles in mud. The University has the possession of this strip of ground, and it could easily fix it up by laying down a few loads of crushed rock and gravel; even cinders would be a blessing for those who have to walk along this way four or five times a day. What a relief to be rid of muddy shoes, socks, and pants cuffs.

W. M. H.

The regal and parental tyrant differ only in the extent of their dominions and the number of their slaves.—Dr. Johnson.

A young man feels himself one too many in the world.—R. L. Stevenson.

CONVERTS BEGINNERS—CONVINCES VETERANS!

