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### For This Issue

NEWS: RAY LOWERY

SPORTS: C. B. MCGAUGHEY

## • Effect Without Cause

A majority of the faculty advisers to freshmen and sophomores say in today's paper that students who continually cut classes are "lazy" or they are "loafers." So the indifferent freshmen and sophomores who overcut are, on recommendation of their professors, dropped from the courses they are taking.

By a similar process of thinking, people several decades ago thought criminals were anti-social because they were "mean." Also, they segregated insane people in asylums because they were "crazy."

Psychiatrists and criminologists, however, discovered recently that people are neither mean nor crazy without a reason. As a result, asylums are gradually becoming hospitals and prisons are changing from penal institutions into reformatories.

Institutions for the uneducated, nevertheless, have not yet reached such a point, if professors and advisers account for student indifference in the classroom simply as laziness. A state of academic laziness, like one of mental craziness, must certainly have a reason behind it—whether it be enemia, alcohol, feeble-mindedness, or the professor.

When instructors and advisers stop questioning why there is a general attitude of student indifference toward the classroom, when they do no more than observe that one exists, they become exponents of the arts and sciences—not teachers.

## • Decline Of The West

Dorothy Fontanne, an American nurse back from the Spanish trenches, and a movie, "Return to Life," brought the pain and destruction of the Spanish Civil War close to the consciousness of a small crowd gathered yesterday in Graham Memorial.

While there are men who, with the brutally efficient help of scientific weapons, try to destroy each other, there are always a few others who make it their job to collect the fragments of human life, to patch and to heal them. They fight destruction with construction in the hope of keeping society intact and humanity alive.

Dorothy Fontanne represents one of those "few others." Volunteer medical corps, refugee organizers, charity organizations, emergency relief campaigners, our American Red Cross, represent others.

In Chapel Hill, the University committee for Spanish democracy and the American Student Union sponsored Miss Fontanne and her program in hopes of arousing on this campus some moral and financial support to the American medical organizations, in particular, which are trying to patch up war-torn Spain.

It is not just unfortunate, but tragic, if political prejudices or snug self-satisfaction blinds us from seeing the needs and sufferings of fellow human beings and prevents us from responding actively to them.

Scientist Compton, in his first speech of the McNair lectures this week, said that "Love Thy Neighbor" is becoming increasingly necessary in our complex and close-knit world... mutual dependence of a technological civilization requires close cooperation."

Oswald Spengler in his "The Decline of the West," tells us that Western civilization is doomed, because we are not de-

## PEOPLE

CARROLL MCGAUGHEY

Happy-go-lucky is one of the most overworked phrases in the English language, but it's the only one that will fit Billy Robertson, manager of Mangum dormitory. Billy, whose real name is Joe Henry Robertson, is not irresponsible—his work as dorm manager refutes that—a more fitting word is irrepresible. In any situation Billy's sense of humor is sure to pop out.

About two years before he came to Carolina, Bill, on a political misdeal, got a job as a federal marshal, which corresponds to today's "G-man," in enforcing the prohibition law. With an older man, for Bill was only sixteen then, he went around in the rural sections of the state bringing in law breakers. Bill and his partner were probably the most agreeable raiders Uncle Sam ever employed. One went in the front door of a house and the other went around to the back. If they didn't find who they were looking for they felt obligated to the occupants of the house for the disturbance, so they sat down in the front room and paid a social call to smooth things out. For a time they used all the confiscated liquor as anti-freeze in their automobile, but had to give that up.

"It corroded the radiator something awful," said Billy.

After six months of detective work Bill got thrown out of his job by a change of administration. Then followed a series of small jobs as delivery boy, shoe salesman, toy salesman, life guard, waiter, paper boy, movie usher, etc., part of which he worked at during the two years between his graduation from high school and his entrance at Carolina, and others sandwiched into summer vacations. He enjoyed, selling the toys most of all, but hated ushering.

"After seeing the same picture over and over for three consecutive days I had memorized every line in the dialog and had begun repeating it to myself after I left the theater, so I quit," he explained.

Billy will graduate this June as a major in accounting, but when asked in a vocational guidance interview what sort of a job he wants after graduation, his reply was typical, "Anything in the world but as an accountant."

Billy's future is unpredictable. He may or may not be a success, but whatever he does the odds are all on his being happy at it. And that, according to his own admission, is all he wants.

## Advisers Tell All In Case

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ested in. When they are not interested, they spend time on something else." Dean Spruill also blamed overcutting on lack of interest and even dislike.

One advisor, refusing to let himself be quoted stated that North Carolina students, because of their inferior high school education with eight-month terms, etc., lost out, finding college work too difficult, losing interest, cutting, and finally being forced to drop courses. Wells disagreed with this statement. He said that the Carolina student, realizing his own deficiencies, works hard. On the other hand, he said the Northern student, sure of himself and his superior preparation, coasts through his college career, cuts class, and loses momentum.

Advisor Wells also explained that some of his students, dropped from class for overcutting, thought that they automatically dropped a course by not coming to class. And of course, several advisors explained that some overcutting was caused by illness or sudden calls out of town. In these latter cases, exceptions are made and students, where possible, are not dropped.

### 35 COURSES HAVE BEEN CUT

According to information given by advisors, students have been forced to withdraw from 35 courses this quarter. However, one student was compelled to drop three courses and other students have had double trouble.

The cuts were equally divided among all departments, hygiene and math holding a slight edge, one "because it is too easy" as a student said, and the other "because it is too hard" as an instructor said.

### THE AXE FALLS

The action taken to prevent overcutting proceeds thus: After at least three absences (more may be taken

veloping our ideas and feelings of international goodwill and responsibility fast enough to check the more efficient forces of international irresponsibility and destruction.

It would be a mistake not to respond to opportunities to support constructive, humanitarian enterprises.

## To Tell The Truth---

By ADRIAN SPIES

Up in the ivy draped schools of the East there is a very excellent movement gathering force. It is the "vagabonding" of desirable courses or classes without credit. Students at both Brown and Williams are beginning to experiment with this liberal program. And at Princeton it has become an accepted part of the curriculum. This column is partly devoted to the very admirable and spontaneous system of vagabonding at Princeton.

Unlike the other schools—where vagabonding grew out of a definite program—it simply grew out of student intellectual curiosity. The Daily Princetonian, student paper, announces a few choice lectures each day in a column called the "Third Elective." And those students who care to be able to sit in on these classes.

### SIGNIFICANT VAGABONDING

The paper, in selecting these "electives", is careful to choose those which are valuable as individual lectures. There is no attempt to vagabond those courses which offer a series of inter-related talks. It is only a suggestion to the more serious students whose schedule confinements make such opportunities desirable. And because it is a student movement toward a more liberal and intelligent educational set-up, we regard it as significant. And perhaps worth imitating.

Here at Chapel Hill we have laid the foundations for such a system. There are many instructors who have excused students professing a desire

to hear a visiting speaker. This was evidenced during the visits of Margaret Sanger and Leo Huberman. And I know of at least one instructor who tells his classes that, if they have something more advantageous to do at that hour, they may miss his class. This class, incidentally, is rarely cut. NOT DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE

A system of this sort is not difficult to arrange. Proof of this is at Princeton, William, Brown, and the rest. All that it involves is an intelligent choice of these "electives" by the students, and the co-operation of the faculty. And any group which apparently is in operation to foster the intellectual growth of young people ought to be as sympathetic of vagabonding as the faculties of these other schools are.

We would need official definition of vagabonding, and some sort of arrangement about cuts. The DAILY TAR HEEL is quite willing to print a list of interesting lectures each day as is done by the Daily Princetonian. And we will do so if there is any manifestation of student and faculty interest.

This idea of vagabonding is hardly a revolutionary conception. In fact it goes back to the first days of university training—to the students who hired and fired their instructors, and the students who traveled in vagabond bands in search of new instruction. The new American collegiate spirit seems to be chaffing under the restrictions of close curricula. And honest, intelligent vagabonding is a healthy protest for a more liberal education.

## Robson To Speak After Broadcast

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velt, Jr., was governor-general of the Philippine islands from 1932-33 and governor of Puerto Rico from 1929-32. Tomlinson is recognized as one of the outstanding experts on South American Affairs. He has written extensively on affairs below the Rio Grande, and has visited every country in South America as a representative of Town Hall.

Professor Fenwick of Bryn Mawr is an associate editor of the International Law Journal, and has a background which well qualifies him for discussion on the topic. All persons interested are invited to attend the meeting.

## Miss Fontanne Talks In Lounge

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large supplies of airplanes and munitions from the Fascist countries, but due to the effects of the American embargo and the non-interventions committee which is composed of most European countries and Russia, the Loyalists are in a very bad way.

That which is most admirable and gratifying to her in Spain is the manner in which the Loyalists are taking the extreme hardships and setbacks they have received. It is an attitude that she does not understand but it is practically the only force which has kept Fascism from taking over Spain. It is because of this indomitable attitude of the great Spanish population, which is mainly Loyalist, that she intends to return to Spain after the war and aid in the rebuilding of a broken people by education and improved sanitation.

## Perry Will Speak

Dr. W. D. Perry will speak tonight to the Annual Father's Night meeting of the Hayes-Barton PTA in Raleigh. His subject will be "Growing Up Emotionally."

## Game Pictures To Be Shown

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agement there be no smoking in the hall.

at the instructor's discretion) when the professor thinks that the student's cuts have become detrimental to his standing in the class, he notifies the dean's office and recommends any action he deems advisable. If the student has not an infirmity or other valid excuse, he is put on cut probation in that class. If he is absent once after that, he is dropped from the course and put on cut probation in all his courses. If he cuts then, he is faced with suspension or dismissal.

## Committee Reports On "Night Club"

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serve all soda fountain drinks and sandwiches at standard rates. There would also be table service, and it is expected that five men will be needed to run the club.

The club would be open on Tuesday night until 11 o'clock and Thursday and Saturday nights until 12 o'clock. An orchestra will play every night, and as much as possible will be made of the student talent provided by the Women's college and Duke as well as that at Carolina.

### INITIAL COST

The committee estimates an initial cost of \$286. This includes the decorations, renovating the room, and installing equipment.

Other themes proposed by the committee are: "The Black Horse Rendezvous" or a private theme in cooperation with the Buccaneer. The most favored of these is a collegiate idea which would be carried out by the paintings on the wall as well as the entertainment programs.

The establishment of such a spot has frequently been urged by members of the student body as there is no other place on the Hill where dates can go for an evening of dancing on nights when some campus organization is not holding a dance.

Members of the reporting committee are: Bob Magill, chairman, Bill Hoyle, Elizabeth Malone, and Henry Nigrelli. Assisting the committee were: Carl Pugh, and Ed Heghinian.

## Compton Makes Final Lecture

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pose of creation has been staked on the one planet where we live; and in the long run we cannot deem ourselves the only race that has been or will be gifted with the mystery of consciousness. But I feel inclined to claim that at the present time our race is supreme; and not one of the profusion of stars in their myriad clusters looks down in scenes comparable to those which are passing beneath the rays of the sun," Dr. Compton commented.

"With regard to our distinctively human characteristics we are, however, clearly in the early stages of evolution. It would be a gross understatement to claim that with regard to such attributes as clarity of reason, appreciation of beauty, or consideration of our fellows, our remote descendants may be expected to excel us as greatly as we are in advance of the Java ape-man," the Nobel Prize winner pointed out.

"Coming back then to the view that the laws of nature are the method in which our intelligent God works, we must believe that His attitude toward us is revealed by the way nature treats us," Dr. Compton pointed out.

Finally, the lecturer urged his fellow men, "Loyalty to our Maker, who has given us the ability, opportunity, and responsibility to mold our lives and our world according to a more perfect pattern cannot but inspire us to work with him heart and soul toward this great end."

## BIRTHDAYS TODAY

(Please call by the ticket office of the Carolina theater for a complimentary pass.)

J. P. Bevea.  
A. L. Bulwinkle.  
W. A. Cobb.  
Hughes Roberts.  
Hunter Wilson.

## LETTERS To The Editor

### THE LEARNING PROCESS

To the Editor

Dear Sir:

A certain professor, purely as a matter of "principle", threatened one of his above-average students with expulsion from his course if the student took an extra cut for the Fordham week-end. Granted that students should exercise foresight enough, with regard to cuts, for just such occasions. Granted also that it would be criminal to prostitute a professor's principles for a mere football game. It so happens, however, that this particular student had already invested in a ticket for Mr. Maurice Evans' Hamlet, but, under such pressure, what could Hamlet do but accede to the professor's will?

After I myself saw the uncut version of this play last week-end—undoubtedly one of the most magnificent interpretations ever given—it occurred to me what a pathetic commentary the above incident was on professional ethics and conscience. Certainly Mr. Evans' loss was small; there were too many patrons clamoring for standing room. The thought, however, that this student was denied the opportunity of a lifetime because of an inviolable, incongruously juvenile concept of "principle" in a university professor defies and transcends the mere arousing of anger. It is very sad.

Sincerely,  
Alfred Buck.

## "Faust" Is Second Student Entertainment

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are only a few of the highlights of the opera. The "Calf of Gold", "Salut D'Amour", "Dio Posente", and the "Soldier's Chorus" have delighted audiences for almost a century.

Gounod's "Faust" was first presented in Paris, at the Lyrique, March, 1859. It was not an instantaneous success. It was produced in New York in 1863, and a year later the opera was given at Her Majesty's theatre in London. In 1869 the Paris Grand Opera company revived it; and since that time, it has had more performances than any other opera.

Vladimir Shavitch, conductor and artistic director of the Opera-On-Tour, will present his synchro-opera with the aid of such operatic stars as Nannette Guilford, Virginia Johnson, Joseph Chekova, Hazel Hayes, Henrietta Wakefield, Ralph Errolle, Franco Perulli, Richard Deneau, John Rossi, Raymond Lutz, Arthur Anderson, and Dezzo Ernster.

The orchestration was recorded by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, and the choruses were recorded by the massed groups of the Covent Garden Opera "Faust" will be sung in English.

## New Legislature To Add Members

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students on this campus have had this opportunity to voice their opinion on such matters.

Having been conceived last year by prominent student leaders as a means of giving each student a more direct control in campus government, the new body is expected to be one of, if not the most active body on the campus.

The members of the new organization are representatives of all University organizations and activities, and will be as nearly, fully, and proportionately representative of student interests as possible. Members are composed of the four sets of class officers, selected members from the inter-dormitory and inter-fraternity councils, a member from each of the divisional schools of the University, representatives from the Woman's association and other campus groups.

Any person desiring a bill to be brought before the legislature is requested to submit it to Jim Joyner, president of the student council, or to Bill Hendrix, chairman of the legislature.

Inauguration, which will come soon after Thanksgiving holidays, will be in charge of Hendrix.

Send the DAILY TAR HEEL home.