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How Strict Must Academic Policy Be?

The February issue of the Carolina Magazine will be minus an article which was written by Mrs. Janet Bragdon at the request of Editor Creedy. This article was based on an analysis of 581 freshmen themes on the subject, "Would You Favor A Negro's Entering the University."

The article was withheld from the press at the behest of Dr. G. R. Coffman, Head of the Department of English, who considered that its publication would have been a violation of departmental policy.

Anxious to include an article in the Magazine on the problem of Negro entrance into the University, a problem of such current interest and significance, Editor Creedy sought the data provided in the freshmen themes. If time had permitted, a more extensive survey or poll of student opinion would have been made by the Magazine staff. But, time was short, and Mrs. Janet Bragdon had the freshmen theme-data in hand which she was using to prepare part of her Master's thesis for sociology. She agreed to write the article based on this information.

Dr. Coffman acted according to a policy which as head of his department he believed it was his duty to maintain. The department had submitted the freshmen themes to her, specifically, for her thesis. It had the right to limit their use to that purpose. The student themes were in the hands of the department as confidential material. The department had the right to limit their use.

The English department may for many reasons feel that freshmen class themes should be functional to the extent of improving the techniques of the individual writer rather than not that of furnishing statistics and opinions for public perusal. That may be more strictly academic.

But it is regrettable indeed, when departmental policy becomes too strictly "academic" or inflexible.

Material for a thesis has been published, in part, before the actual appearance of the entire thesis itself. Stuart Chase's "Tyranny of Words" had excerpts printed in Harper's Magazine before its publication. So, althought the departmental request that Mr. Bragdon not use her thesis material before it had been published was valid but might have been abbreviated. Editor Creedy asked permission to get the permission of the freshmen writers of "Would You Favor a Negro's Entering the University," during class-meeting. It may not be strictly academic to allolw such interruptions in regular classmeetings, but in view of the fact that Editor Creedy was trying to get student opinion, "as far as possible, scientific and objective," for the purpose of analyzing a problem of much student concern, perhaps "strict academics" might very well be waived. Such an article of analysis, Creedy believed, would have been especially timely in the February issue of the Magazine. He wanted, to use the 581 freshmen themes as data, simply because he lacked time to secure data by other

Coed Fencers Open Season This Morning

BEGINS 10:30 IN MEMORIAL HALL

Initial Women's Intercollegiate Sport In Only Home Meet

By JERRY STOFF

Carolina Maryland Captain Adele Austin-Hazel Bishop Bernice Brantley-Elaine Danforth Elsa Winters or

Mary Lewis-Marry Lee

When the Tar Heel women fencers take to the strips this morning at 10:30 in Memorial hall to face the University of Maryland coeds, the first women's intercollegiate sport in the history of the Chapel Hill unit of the Greater University of North Carelina will be inaugurated. Although it will be the Carolina coeds' initial and only home appearance of the year, it is expected to be the best, for not only will both teams be out for their first win of the season, but the swordswomen from both schools will be fencing in intercollegiate fencing circles for the first time in their careers.

Captain Adele Austin is looked upon



morning. She has consistently been atop the small but select Carolina women fencers in both ability and technique. Her experience in the women's intercollegiate tournament during the Christmas holidays at Hofstra college will give her a helpful head start on her opponents.

BRANTLEY AND WINTERS

Misses Bernice Brantley and Elsa Winters are ranked as the likely starters along with Miss Austin. Both have all three fencers have been pushed the limit by Misses Mary Lewis, who may yet start in the number three berth, Margaret Knight, Ruth Parsons and Jean Breckenridge, the remaining regulars on the squad.

Coach Bloom hesitated to predict any sort of victory for Carolina but expects a good showing from all the Carolina women fencers.

Coed Fencers

All coed fencers are required to be at the Tin Can dressed for the meet this morning at 10 o'clock to receive equipment.

Members of the varsity team asked to judge this morning will please be in Memorial hal lby 10:15.

UNC Debate Squad Is Host To Miami

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That the emancipated woman is a menace. Tryouts for this debate will be continued at the Wednesday meeting, along with tryouts on the armaments and the "pump-priming" queries, and selection of the teams will be made as soon as possible, since the debate with William and Mary is to be held a week from tomorrow.

Tar Heel Swordswomen Open Season This Morning



Ready to usher in the first women's intercollegiate competition ever held at the Hill this morning at 10:30 in Memorial hall, are Carolina's coed fencers, pictured above. Providing opposition for the highly-tutored Blue and White women will be the University of Maryland's coeds, who also will be taking to the strips for their initial meet of the season. Those shown above on the Carolina squad are: reading left to right, kneeling: Manager-Fencer Ruth Parsons; Francis Caldwell; Mary Lewis; Captain Adele Austin; Elsa Winters. Standing, back row: Jo Jones: Jean Breckenridge; Ann Buchan; Coach Allan Bloom; Margaret Knight; Bernice Brantley.

Duke Takes Top Honors In Second AAU Meet: Two New Records Chalked Up By Stone, Moise

Goldsboro Girl Star **Unable To Make** Appearance Here

Duke university, with three first places, took top honors here tonight in Carolina's AAU swimming meet which saw two new AAU records set. No team scores were compiled since the mermen competed individually.

It was the second AAU meet sponsored by the University here in Bowman Gray memorial pool this winter.

Billy Stone, Carolina freshman long distance free style ace, clipped off 8.4 seconds from his previous recordbreaking performance of 5:39.5, to win a close race from Dave Emmett, Duke's outstanding varsity merman.

SECOND NEW RECORD

F. Moise of Duke set a new record of 3:11.6 in the 200-meter breaststroke. His time was three seconds better than the old mark established by Captain been close on Austin's heels, although Otho Ross of Carolina. The defeat was Ross' second in the breaststroke this

Prince Nufer, celebrated Goldsboro 14-year-old girl star was unable to make an appearance last night due to slight attack of influenza. Miss Nufer was to have participated in the 50meter free style, an event she won in the Junior National AAU meet last year. It marked the first time she has ever missed a meet in which she was scheduled to compete.

In England, during 1937, 342,397 persons were married. Of this number, 464 bridegrooms and 427 brides were unable to sign their names.

2200 Expected For Indoor Games

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good. Frank Fuller of Virginia, Leon Chabot of Navy, and Al Frey of Georgetown are three of the big men defending non-conference titles. Two events, pole vault and shot put, are being added to the non-conference field this year for the first time.

Twenty members of the University

band are ready to play at the three Victory Ceremonies during the meet, and their music is to open a broadcast of part of the meet over WPTF from

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