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"The Status Quo"

Asked by Dean House to consider the general subject of class attendance by students, a 12-man committee-all faculty members-is investigating the ramifications of the recurrent headache. Existence of an all-faculty committee immediately throws the students on the defensive, for they anticipate an "over the desk" attitude in all professorial recommendations.

Nonetheless, the students must waive their doubts, for the committee has been named and may soon-unless it is like many another faculty advisory body-produce a set of proposals. The students now must hope for a display of generosity, mingled with plenty of horse sense, in the faculty recommendations.

The committee is scrutinizing three aspects of the attendance -or rather, absence-problem: weekend absences, first-day absences, and general cuts during the week.

Action already taken by the English department can serve as a guidepost for the committee, except that the committee should proceed warily, for the English department guidepost has arrows pointing in two directions.

The first regulation of the English department, enacted this quarter, says: "The department does not allow optional attendance. A penalty for a single absence will be evidenced by a lowering of the student's class standing." Obviously this provision is unwise and unfair. It is entirely understandable that a student might miss a single class and not be harmed in the least. Equally, the chance is that he will miss the most important lecture of the quarter. In either case, his loss will be reflected in the final examination. Therefore, why direct undue attention at an isolated absence?

The second regulation reads: "Unexcused absences in excess of three shall result in the Dean's being asked to drop the student from the course." Basically, this rule is both fair and just. It is much like the practice now followed by most instructors. The general assumed role is that the student may cut class as many times during the quarter as the class meets per week.

The third regulation is: "Absences from classes on Friday afternoon or Saturday shall count double." This rule is disciplinary, purely and simply, something that generally is unnecessary and undesired on this campus.

The final two regulations establish machinery for administration of the others.

Neither extreme theory of education—teaching-through-guidance or teaching-through-regimentation - is involved in the discussions now emanating from every gathering of students and faculty members. There are few who believe that an optional attendance plan will work successfully here, at least not so long as we have in our midst the playboys, lamebrains, and debutantes who are here for they know not what. Likewise, there are few (though the magnetic power of European totalitarianism is probably multiplying the number) who wish to install a rigid, no-cut mandate.

Americans, in many respects, are still sensible people. They do not like coercion or persecution. A no-cut rule and some of the provisions of the English department regulations are opposed to this American taste for fair play. On the other hand, Americans do not approve of rampant freedom that will drive them over the brink. An optional attendance rule on this campus would encourage this tendency.

Americans, instead, like the middle-of-the-road, common sense approach to their problems. They uphold the individual so long as this attention to the one does not harm the many. Thus it should be with a decision on attendance regulations for the University. Each faculty member should prescribe his own rules. Furthermore, he should enforce them. Some courses demand almost constant attendance if they are to mean anything to the student; others have stress laid on outside preparation rather than note-taking on class. It is impossible for the University, or any department, to lay down a fair rule applicable

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She Walks Alone-With Men

By Martha Clampitt

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By Marion Lippincott (Guest Columnist)

The grade-your-professor poll, one of the TAR HEEL's recent projects, it is hoped by now has reached its end-an unpublished end. This disrespectful manner of evaluating a professor's worth is not worthy of the Carolina student body. The poll is disrespectful inasmuch as it gives students the opportunity to demonstrate publicly a professor's popularity.

A professor's popularity is good talk at a bull session but for publication in a newspaper it is bad. It is not fair to the professor, who does a thorough job of instruction, but, who because of some characteristic or weakness is rated low by the students. A student, who has never had this professor, on reading the results of the poll may decide against taking his course, or if he does take it he will enter the class prepared to dislike the professor. This leaves the professor with a higher hurdle to jump in order to get his message to the student than he would have had if the student had been allowed to form his own

Many professors may be unaffected by the students' opinion of them. But there will be some who will have a feeling of regret that they have not made more of a success at their job, that they have not incurred the liking and respect of their students. There is, for instance, a professor here, who has devoted his whole life to teaching. He spends long hours preparing lectures and various interesting features for his classes. He is interested in all of his students and would be happy to have any of them come discuss anything they wished with him. This professor has the difficulty of having a very low monotonous voice. His facial expression is also extremely steadfast. His students say that he drives them to sleep. In spite of all this professor's effort and innate ability he was graded almost straight F's in the professor poll of two years ago. Such an injustice should not be

Personal antagonisms cannot help but be brought into such a poll, and such a poll is not the place to air one's personal feelings. It should not be allowed to let the public believe that such and such professor is F so far as personality is concerned when in reality his personality is pretty good but his grades

The professor poll is an abomina- burg college.

tion of the professor's rights to deal with their students as they will. It shows a fault in modern education. that students feel so free, that they publish their opinion of their professors, so that the professors are forced to cater to the whims of students in order to maintain the good opinion of the student bady.

Birthdays

(Students whose names appear below may obtain a movie pass by calling at the box office of the Carolina Theate on the day of publication.)

March 26 Adams, Thomas McCall Beyer, Charles Collins, Jr. Crouch, Walter Lee Edmonds, Philip Loyd Efird, Joseph Bivens, Jr. Higdon, Lyman Clayton, Jr. Holmes, James Eugene Kulczycke, John Stanley Maybey, Lillian Hester Mills, Fred Moore, Jr. Mooring, Edward Case Nicholson, Samuel Timothy, III Story, Hatcher P. Warren, Julien Knox, Jr. Wright, Robert Hardaway

Milner Demonstrates **Audio-Visual Method**

Mr. Charles F. Milner gave a demonstration of the audio-visual edu-Phi Omega last night.

were made and a membership expan- awake. sion program was outlined.

MOLL NOMINATED

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test sponsored by the Modern Literary

Cox, a transfer student from Lynchhis total contributions published in Brennan said. this year's Mag to three short stories and two poems.

He has gained experience in the technical work of publishing by assisting Spies since he joined the staff last fall. Before he left his home in Lynchburg to come to Carolina he was in line for the editorship of the "Prism," literary magazine at Lynch-

to every class and to every student. Education and democracy just cannot thrive under such regimentation. They may not be strangled, but neither will they grow.

American Convoys Chi Omega Offers For British Aid Opposed By Di

Two bills, one favoring American convoys of materials lent, leased or sold to warring nations, and another resolving that England should per- Sociology. mit food to be sent to Nazi-occupied countries, met strong opposition in the Di senate last night and were defeated by large majorities.

The first bill on the calendar was "Resolved. That the war materials sent to nations at war under the provisions of the lend-lease bill should be convoyed by American ships."

In opposing this bill Carrington Gretter said that such convoying "would be promoting invasion, not protecting us from one. We would be actually convoying materials belonging to foreign nations."

The second bill was "Resolved, That England should release the blockade to enable shipments of food and the necessities of life to countries under German domination."

Peter Wallenborn spoke in favor of the Hoover plan proposed to send food to such countries as mentioned in the bill, recalling the success of Hoover's work in the first World War and emphasizing the need of the invaded peoples for food.

A membership drive to raise the enrollment in the Di to as many as 50 senators was announced by President Arthur Link. Plans for the campaign are being formulated and will get under way soon. In connection with this drive a resolution was passed provid- tween Jigjiga and Harar, it was aning that all members who join the nounced officially tonight. senate in the spring quarter will be excused from the payment of dues.

It was announced that there will be a meeting of the executive officers and committee chairmen of the Di today at 10:30 in the YMCA to discuss plans for Di activities during the throughout Yugoslavia today were on spring.

BOSS FLYNN

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recognition as one of the most pro- early last night, symptomatic of a gressive liberal student organizations general feeling that something was in the nation. David L. Cohen, in his due to happen. recent Atlantic Monthly article commented on the CPU's activities explaining their worthwhile functions In Bethlehem Steel Strike and activities. In the last few years they have presented among other notables: President Roosevelt, Phillip armed with riot sticks cleared the Murray, Norman Thomas, Earl Brow- entire six-mile strike-bound Bethlehem der, Burton Wheeler, and the Russian Steel corporation plant area tonight and German ambassadors.

the hard way, and until his appoint- overturned. ment as national chairman in August, Eighteen state troopers on horse-1940, by the President, he had not fig- back cleared the company's six main ured prominently in national politics. gates and the remainder spread He began his political career in 1918 throughout the area, prohibiting loiwhen he was elected to the State As- tering. sembly. In 1921 he was elected sheriff They were brought here tonight on of Bronx county; in 1922, chairman orders of Governor Arthur H. James of the Bronx County Democratic as a result of continued disorder in a committee. He was appointed New two-day strike by the Steel Workers York City Chamberlain in 1926 and Organizing Committee (CIO). served until '29 when Governor Roosevelt appointed him Secretary of State Defense Mediation Board of New York.

His intimate association with Roosevelt began in 1932, when he was one dent Roosevelt's new National Defense of the small group of influential men Mediation board began functioning who banded together for the purpose today with Chairman Clarence A. of bringing about Roosevelt's nomi- Dykstra calling upon labor and indusnation for the Presidency.

tonight's speech are Charles M. John-nation. son, State secretary; Mrs. C. W. Tillet, director of the Women's Division of the Democratic party; John Long, Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of NYA administrator.

Pastel Colored Walls To Enliven Classrooms

NEW WILMINGTON, Del.—(ACP) cation services of the University at -Classrooms at Westminster college a meeting of the Rho chapter of Alpha will be done over in colors like salmon, apricot and "cool green" in an experi-At the combined business-social ment to relieve the monotony of drab meeting plans for the spring quarter walls and thus keep sleepy ones

Moving figure in the plan is Prof. Harold J. Brennan, head of the art department, who believes college classrooms are the "last citadel of drabness" and should be "individual-

"There would be fewer dozing and sleepy students if classrooms were made attractive, instead of being burg college, has specialized in fic- merely 50 chairs surrounded by 80 tion, and the March issue will bring feet of blackboards and bare walls,"

Annual Essay Award

Each year the Chi Omega sorority of the University of North Carolina offers a prize of \$25,00 to the undergraduate woman student who writes the best paper on some topic chosen for the sorority by the Department of

This year the department has chosen the subject, "Woman and Her Place in National Defense" for the paper. There is no specific length to the paper and the writer may make the paper as long or as short as she wishes. All papers must be turned in by May 15.

Any students desiring further information regarding the prize is asked to get in touch with Harold D. Meyer, chairman of the Department of So-

NEWS BRIEFS

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New York during the morning.

The other five who were rescued including Captain John Saxon of the Denver, were aboard the tanker W W. Bruce en route to Boston or New

British Forces Sweep Within 20 Miles of Harar, Ethiopia

CAIRO, March 25-British Empire forces have swept to within 20 miles of Harar, second city of Ethiopia. after the "surprising collapse" of Italian forces in rugged Marda Pass be-

Belgrade Police Armed To Prevent Demonstrations

BELGRADE, March 26-(Wednesday)-Equipped with machine guns and tear gas, troops and police the alert for any disturbances in protest against the nation's adherence to the tripartite pact-such as those reported yesterday in Serbian provinces. The capital was quiet, but ominously so. Cafes usually open all night closed

State Troopers Called Out

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 25 -More than 150 state motor policemen following widespread disorder in "Boss" Flynn, a party man, came up which more than 40 automobiles were

Meets for First Time

WASHINGTON, March 25 - Presitry to subordinate purely private or Among the dignitaries expected at personal interest to the good of the

Among those attending the first meeting of the 11-man agency was the University of North Carolina.



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