

### Platforms, Please

Forgotten in the rush to round up passive voters have been the candidate platforms to be published in the DAILY TAR HEEL during the week previous to elections. That is, the candidates have forgotten them. We have not.

We stick to our original statement. No candidate has the right even to run for office unless he possesses the initiative and intelligence to map out a tentative administration of his job. The fact that this year officers-elect will have two months in which to learn the routine of their positions does not devalue candidate platforms. Current orders from military authorities are taking men faster than they can be elected and the confusion which results may be fatal. Enlightened candidates will be the only agents for bringing student government—or what is left of it—through.

We reannouce our request that platforms be submitted by Friday at 6 o'clock by candidates for: student president, vice-president and secretary treasurer; for speaker of and all representatives to the Student Legislature; for representative to the Student Council; for editors of the three publications; for members of the Publications Union Board.

Platforms must be concrete, specific. Generalities and outworn panaceas will not be accepted. Maximum length will be 100 words.

Candidates who do not turn in their platforms on time will be announced in the paper with NO PLATFORM printed in pretty boldface by their names.

Then a responsible campus can take the job of sifting through the handshakes and handbills for the candidate who has something in his head besides a wide smile.

### So Long, Levin

Bob Levin has left the Tar Heel.

Perhaps that doesn't mean much to you. But to us who were wont to rely on his skill, who were buoyed above the tides of a hard job by his wit and cheerful personality, that sentence is inscribed in bold face caps.

Bob came to us little more than a year ago, untaught, unskilled, but eager. Yesterday he was top man on the news staff, the most proficient journalist of the reportorial crew.

Bob held the pivot post in administration-student relations, for he it was who covered the "South building beat," relating the mass of important war information from the administration to the student. Dealing with the multiple egos of South building is no easy job, but Bob never had a disagreement with a University official, a record untouched by other Tar Heel reporters. In his clear, concise news stories of the fast changing conditions of war, Bob kept us all in tune with the newest of the news that affects us all.

His loss is a sad, almost staggering, blow. It will be impossible to fill his position. But we know that Bob will finish his job with the United States Army Air Corps as completely as he has his Tar Heel duties, and that after the war is over, his career in journalism will be a credit to his profession as to himself.

We wish him good journey. We hope the wardens of chance will hold aloof and let his worth be guidance for his life.

### How Green Was Our Grass

Winter's here, and spring may not be far behind. But the grass will be.

The grass is down and under six feet of foot-worn mud. There will be no daisies pushing up on our campus this spring. And why? Because people—all of us—still think that the shortest distance between two points is a zig-zag line intricately woven across the face of the campus. Soon we shall have the campus primeval, replete with myriads of foot trails and wandering hikers.

The policy at Carolina has been cooperation rather than coercion. We have no six-foot hedges around our grass, no chains, no wire—only a modest "please," and a wavering finger to direct the student to the straight and gravel. Almost everything except coercion has been tried at one time or another. Loud speaker campaigns, DAILY TAR HEEL campaigns, pleading,—all of which seems to lead to only a temporary conversion.

The Legislature spent much time discussing the situation last week. But you can't legislate against walking on the grass. Organizations can help to arouse the "social consciousness" of the student body. Perhaps they can put up more signs, or string ropes across the entrances of the great bare spots. Perhaps the administration should construct new paths where they seem to be most needed—say, from the chemistry building to the library.

But it's really up to each individual student to think before he strikes out across the grass—non-existent as the grass may seem at the time. The point is that the grass is supposed to be there, and will be there in the near future if it is given a chance to grow. A beautiful campus is one legacy we owe to the University.

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### Shadows

## Flexible Schedule Necessary

By Paul Komisaruk

On the face of it, it might seem that the faculty action in shortening the winter quarter and allowing a weekend for study before examination, might eliminate the necessity for a more flexible exam schedule, such as was proposed here some days ago.

At least that is the argument that some opponents of the proposed plan may take. It should be noted, however, that the revised examination dates in no way alleviate the difficulties that arise when a rigid exam schedule must be followed.

In beginning exams on March 9, the faculty has wisely allowed for a weekend that will provide time for preparation, but if previous examination schedules are followed students may still find themselves: (1) with their most difficult exams grouped squarely together; (2) with relative simple exams stretched out over a four day period.

Action, if such it can be called, has already been taken to remove the plans for a lighter exam schedule from the pen and ink stage, and place them before the proper authorities for serious consideration.

Dean R. B. House, Dean of Administration, heard outlines of the plan last week, and stated that they would be considered in turn by those empowered to act in the case.

After the beneficial aspects of the lighter exam schedule were discussed, Dean House pointed out, that the Administrative view would naturally favor any practical program that might provide an easier time of it for students.

Under the proposed plans this would be entirely possible for North Carolina students who face only one or two exams. It seems quite clear that the original proposal was too

### Weary Wisher

## Wisher Hits Replacement Bill

By Hayden Carruth and Sylvan Meyer

Monday night three members of the Ways and Means Committee of the Student Legislature met in the Grail room of Graham Memorial and clearly demonstrated the downfall of that formerly illustrious group. Some of the members are thoroughly conscientious but unknown in the ways of the politics; others, like the chairman, work hand in hand with the petty theories of the Speaker.

This bill, called the Bill to Replace Vacancies Occurring in Student Government, provides one of the biggest hunks of legislative gravy that I have seen since entering the University. It grabs for the legislature more power than is inherently embodied in the very definition of its functions.

First of all, it is important to remember that the committee which drew up the bill and the Speaker of the Legislature intend this as a permanent measure, not something to alleviate a war-time condition.

Second, the bill is based on the false principle that student government must be modified if it is to survive the present crisis. Actually, of course, student government must either be frozen in its present form, continued in the same form after the war, or it must be continued throughout the war in its present form no matter the difficulties. It is not only unfeasible, but downright foolish, to undo the form of student government and let it run downhill until it is nothing but a shadow of its forgotten self.

Third, several points in the bill are no good, even if the fundamental concept of the modification of student government is accepted.

The bill is proposed to cut out general campus elections in case of vacancies. These vacancies will be filled by alternative methods that shove the legislature into a position it was never intended to fill.

all-encompassing to be carried out, certainly not this quarter. But compromise proposals, effecting the same results for a restless student body, have been offered, and should overcome any objections that might be raised.

### Listen, Students

## Students! There is More To Grass Than You Think

By Jimmy Wallace

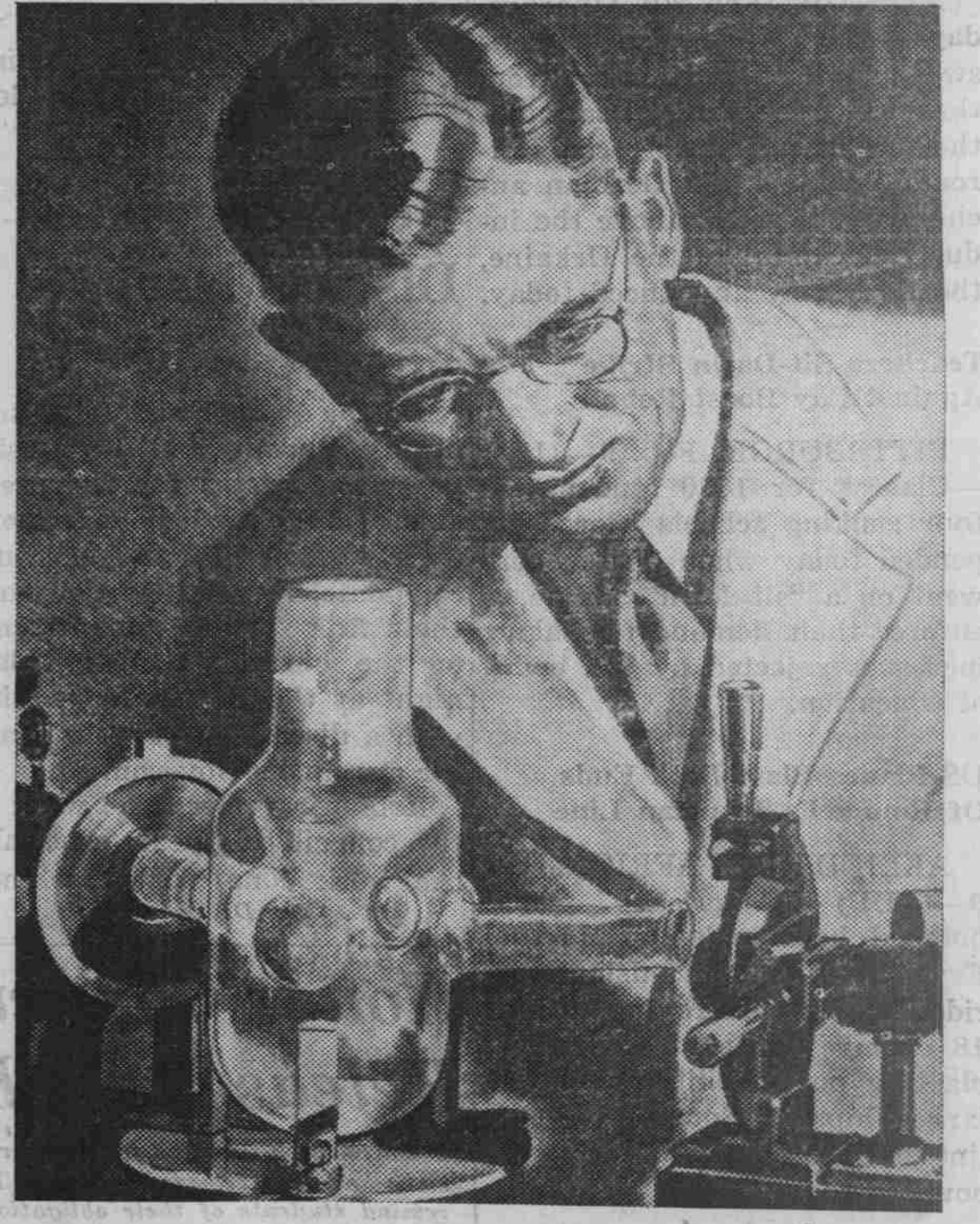
"Ow, you're stepping on me. Get those :x\$\*!; feet off! Who do you think you are?"

That's what every sprig of the campus lawn is saying these days. After enduring a pretty hard winter and being threatened by mud and storm it now shows signs of actually venturing above the ground again; pretty green stuff that looks good after a season's hibernation.

Only thing wrong in the whole business, however, is the continued persistence of the students and visitors to take a jaunt from building to building by the shortest route—a straight line. Whether the line takes them across the grass, over a ditch or, more seldom, along one of the walks, it makes little difference.

Students and faculty members who are living by the "keep off the grass" idea contend that there are enough walks on the campus to enable students to travel from place to place with facility—even the Arboretum. They're quite right. But the fact remains that some others of us continue to trample the poor defenseless grass which we proudly show the folks from home when they come up for a visit.

Quite a few of the more lawn-appreciative groups have gone so far as to say that the



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