

Take Off the Blindfold

And still the question of freezing student government remains untouched.

In five days a New Officers' Training School will be staged for two days. Its ostensible purpose is to prepare officers-elect to take over their jobs. On the surface the program appears well planned—for the Student Council representatives "duties and functions of student government;" for legislators "making and passing of laws;" for class presidents "class budgets and functions."

But in releases to the DAILY TAR HEEL so far, not one word about freezing or specific problems of a wartime student government. Apparently to date there has been no consideration of the eventuality of freezing.

This in the light of the establishment of the Navy's V-12 program in July when all naval reservists on the campus go on active duty. At that time, three months from now, the Council may well find itself deprived of the authority to try any cases involving naval students, the Legislature unable to pass any laws for the whole campus which do not meet the approval of the officer-in-command. By that time, too, without a doubt, class government will be ex post facto.

This indicates only slightly the critical problems facing Carolina student government within the next few weeks. And present plans call for a formal orientation that does little more than inaugurate men who are yet unaware of what they face.

We see no reason why the Student Council, in charge of the Training School, cannot look around the corner and insert a series of thorough discussions on the advisability of freezing or at least the modification of student government to fit the crucial years of the war.

We have not time now for blindfolds.

Duke Lawyers Miss Boat

Tuesday night Duke University officials tossed overboard a proposal for the merger of the Duke, Carolina, and Wake Forest law schools, and with the toss went a chance for the three schools to greatly strengthen their depleted legal units during the next few years.

In the past, Duke and the University have cooperated for the benefit of both institutions in making available the libraries of each to the other, and Carolina has aided the NC College for Negroes by sending them visiting professors. Such moves have done much to strengthen the schools affected and have provided a step forward in furthering relations between them.

The mergers of the three law schools would have been a great step in the same direction, for after the war the demand for legally trained minds will be immense. The government however, is not deferring lawyers, leaving law schools to get along as best they can. The proposed merger would have been a sound solution to this problem as it would have been economical as well as affording students in each of the three universities the best teachers from each. In this way, an able group of young lawyers could be graduated to help with the settlement of post-war difficulties, both domestic and foreign.

Under present conditions in legal schools throughout most of the country, there will be an acute shortage of lawyers in another 15 or 20 years. Yet the state of North Carolina could have provided it with many able ones if the merger could have been realized.

At best now, the law schools of all three universities are going to find the going tough for the next few years. Perhaps the one at Duke can get enough funds from the university that supports it to maintain itself in spite of decreased enrollment, but she could have rendered a valuable service to the rest of the state had she cooperated with her neighbors for the next three years.

In not so doing, she has exerted an unwarranted individuality for the good of the fewest, in direct opposition to the aims of most universities.

In Dutch high schools and universities, the "resurrection" is featured by an impending purge of students who persist in thinking they can "undisturbedly choose sides against National Socialism, against the occupying power." The wholesale purge, according to Anton Mussert, Nazi puppet leader of the Netherlands, will strike at student "agitators, saboteurs and henchmen of the gentlemen of London and Washington."

Gas rationing brought a request from students for a Saturday night "night club" of their own, and the result was the Longhorn room of the union. The room is complete with red checked tablecloths, student floor show, a nickelodian for dance music and cactus.

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For Men Only

By Charley Johnson and Chuck Howe

Lakeside, N. C., with its population of 150, doesn't even qualify as a village. The inhabitants call it "a wide place in the road," and I guess they're about right. "A wide place in the road" with three filling stations, two churches, a general store, a grist mill, a pond over across the Seaboard tracks.

Down by the highway the houses are pretty close together, but they gradually get farther and farther apart as you go back in. Pretty soon you can't tell where Lakeside ends and open country begins. Down in the valley below the dam though, the houses are huddled close together, some dozen unpainted shacks where the fifty-odd colored folks live. "Happy Hollow" the white people call it.

Lakeside, population 150—40 farmers, and their wives and kids. Johnny Cooper's about typical of all 40. Some are older, some a little younger; some have more "young 'uns" or chickens or hound dogs, some less. But the other thirty-nine are all cut from the same basic cloth that Johnny Cooper is.

Johnny's twenty-eight, and Ruby, his wife, is four years younger. Johnny finally got through the consolidated high school down the river at Pine Falls, but Ruby quit in her senior year to marry him. That was eight years ago. Now they've got three youngsters with another due sometime in May. Johnny's a "butter-and-eggs" man on a small sort of scale—he's got a good-size flock of layers and five Jersey cows. He gets up at five every morning and does the milking, then goes on his route, looks after the poultry and farms until it's time to milk again. He and Ruby generally listen to the radio after supper until nine; then they go to bed. Saturday nights they go to the dance over at Smith's store or drive down to Pine Falls for a movie; Sunday mornings they go to church and pray and listen to the reverend's blood and thunder and sing "The Old Rugged Cross." If a calf dies, or a chicken hawk plunders the flock, or the price of eggs goes down, Johnny doesn't tear his hair and get a bad case of jangled nerves. More often than not he'll just shrug his shoulders and forget.

Johnny Cooper's deferred as a farm worker, but his three brothers—Coaker, Bradley and Kleeter—all enlisted a year ago last Christmas.

Lakeside has a few drunks but no communists, socialists, atheists, usurers, or conscientious objectors. Its philosophers adorn the nail kegs at Smith's and fish on the dam in the sun, totally oblivious of Hegel, Freud, Rousseau and Kant. No one in Lakeside ever worried about Faust's "fundamental springs of all being" or because economists call the South the nation's number one problem. No one in Lakeside ever went to Dix Hill either.

Go ahead and call them bumpkins, yokels, jerks; bestial, unthinking, atavistic. They're quite happy.

Call them dumb. A hundred years from now: if they're right, they'll be in Heaven, you and I in Hell; if we're right, their bones will be just as white as ours.—C.H.

Here Are Full Details On Navy's New V-12 Training

NAVAL RESERVE—CLASS V-12—APPRENTICE SEAMEN

The new Navy College training program, (V-12), will start about July 1. The program will absorb most of the college students now on inactive duty in one of the Navy's reserve programs, V-1, V-5, V-7, or in the Marine Corps Reserve. It will also include students who hold probationary commissions in the U.S. Naval Reserve, and those qualified who enlisted in the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps with Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard preference.

Requirements For Enlistment

Age: 17 to 19, inclusive, as of July 1, 1943. Education: 1) Secondary school graduates (whether attending college or not), or seniors to be graduated before July 1, 1943. 2) Students, without certificates of graduation from a secondary school, who are attending any accredited college or university. Other Requirements: 1) Male citizen of the U.S. 2) Morally and physically qualified, including minimum vision of 18/20, uncorrected. 3) Unmarried, and remain so until commissioned, unless sooner released by the Navy Department. 4) Evidence potential officer qualifications, including appearance and scholarship records.

Procedure For Enlistment

Local high schools and colleges now have the preliminary application forms for the V-12 program. Each applicant will be required to submit this form, properly filled out and certified by a high school principal or college administrator. Candidates who are obviously below physical standards or who show evidence of inadequate educational preparation are to be refused certification.

Qualifying tests, to be held on April 2, will take place throughout the nation. Following the tests, successful candidates will be requested to report to the nearest Office of Naval Officer Procurement at their own expense. Here they will be interviewed and given a thorough physical examination. Those who survive this additional screening will have their qualifications reviewed by a Selection Committee, consisting of an educator, a representative civilian, and a Naval officer. The decision of this committee in choosing students for the program will be final.

Status of Successful Candidate

Candidates accepted by the Navy will be enlisted in Class V-12. Those who are under 18 years old at the time of their enlistment at Offices of Naval Procurement will be placed on inactive duty until they are ordered to college. Students will be assigned to the Navy College Training Program in two groups. The first group will report to colleges and universities, now being selected by the Navy, on or about July 1, 1943. The second group will report on or about November 1. Another group will report about March 1, 1944, following selection late in 1943.

Students may express a preference for the branch of service, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, and for assignment to colleges on the Navy list. They must also express a preliminary choice of courses of study. These choices will not be binding, however, for final assignment will be based on the needs of the service, demonstrated ability, and counseling during the first two semesters.

Training

Students trained for general duties will receive 4 terms of college work of 16 weeks each,

work in mathematics, science, English, history, engineering drawing and physical training. Pre-medical, and pre-dental students will substitute chemistry and foreign language for English and history. All students inducted into the V-12 program will receive instruction in Naval organization and general Naval orientation. At the conclusion of their college work, students will take specialized Naval training leading to commissions.

Additional elective courses are permitted in case this work does not interfere with the proper performance of assigned duties. If the college is satisfied that a student has adequately covered any of the subjects included in the course, it may authorize the

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Coeds Enlist in Reserves As Officer Candidates

Women college students now in their senior year will be accepted as officer candidates for the Navy and Coast Guard women's reserves under a modification of requirements announced today by Captain M. C. Robertson, USN, Director of Sixth Naval District Officer Procurement.

Candidates must present an endorsement from special faculty committees which the Navy Department is requesting colleges to set up. They will not be called to active duty until after graduation.

The plan has been inaugurated to enable the Navy to enlist outstanding college seniors who have talents and ability to contribute to the Naval and Coast Guard service despite lack of professional experience. Previously the only non-college graduates accepted were those who had two years college training plus two years busi-

ness experience. A student wishing to enter the WAVES or SPARS should contact an office of Naval Officer Procurement located in the Healey Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.; N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C.; University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.; The Center, Charleston, S. C.; and Lynch Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla.

Applicants should obtain a certificate from the dean of the college stating that the applicant will graduate on a certain date and an endorsement from the committee. Letters are being mailed to accredited colleges explaining the procedure and asking appointment of the committees.

Upon graduation candidates must submit transcripts of their college records and those accepted will be sent to Smith College for training. Those who fail to qualify will be discharged, or, if desired, transferred to enlisted status.

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