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Student Legislature Condemns Present Registration System

Campus Assembly Gives Go Ahead Sign To Form Freshman, Sophomore Class

Condemning Ed Lanier's new registration system as "regimented education," a recommendation for the administration to modify the system was unanimously passed by the Student Legislature at last night's meeting in Gerrard hall.

The recommendation which specifies that students should be given their choice as to professors and courses was incorporated in a substitute resolution introduced by Bill Miller's Ways and Means committee. The original bill provided for the inclusion of professor's names on the class schedules.

Freshman-Sophomore

Previous to the registration resolution, the assembly debated the freshman-sophomore organization bill which provides for lower class elections to be held under the auspices of the Board of Elections. The measure was amended to include the stipulation that a nominating date be set by the Board of Elections and that six days later after due publicity has been accorded the candidates, an election shall be held by secret ballot.

The bill, as amended was passed unanimously by the legislators.

Most of the debate during the evening was centered around a bill to give the student body president power to appoint students to vacated student government offices.

An increase in student publications fees was recommended to the legislature by Publications Board President Bob Morrison, who appeared under the requirements of a recently passed bill which states that certain student activities must submit a periodical report.

Surplus Not Adequate

Morrison stated that the present surplus of \$8,000 is not adequate in the face of present economic conditions, especially since the surplus has not been cut in to annually for the past few years to meet deficits incurred by publications. Morrison cited the \$3,000 loss the Yack will suffer this year, and pointed out that a fairly large surplus is necessary in order to do business with various printing concerns.

Calls for Impeachment

A bill calling for the impeachment of student government officers who fail to comply with the Constitution was reported unfavorably by the committee. Miller stated that the bill was too general, and that there was actually no need for such action because the present constitution calls for a recall of any officer so indicted.

The committee, after a hearing concerning campus publications, recommended by 4-1 vote that there should be less political opinion, and more local news presented. It feels that the editor should present both sides of each question handled by the publication, pointing out that such newspapers and magazines are student-owned, not city-run. Present at the publications hearing were all major leaders in this activity.

Definitely a Character...

Jinx Says She Was Hooked By Picture of Bell Tower

By Dave Owens

After meticulous research covering the campus from Woollen gymnasium to fraternity row and from Graham Memorial to the infirmary, 3,942 students out of 3,942 agree that Jinx Helm is a character, and one much easier to talk with, than about. And no other campus character can make that statement.

Jinx, the 5'9" blue-eyed lass, shown at the right, is the type you'd expect to see leading 5,000 students in wild cheers. She is definitely the extrovert type. And yet, she is also the type you'd find keeping two or three classmates in stitches right under the prof's nose. Her wit and repartee can be rated tops, both in quality and in quantity. Jinx Helm is never without a word (or a hundred words) and each one is a funny one.

Chimes Get Her

Mary Jeanne Helm, as she was handed at birth, had no idea of coming to Carolina. Someone mentioned it

Frost to Give Talk Tuesday

English Department Will Present Poet

By Raney Stanford

Robert Frost, distinguished American poet and three-times winner of the Pulitzer Prize, will give a public lecture in Memorial hall next Tuesday evening at 8:30, under the auspices of the English department.

In announcing the poet's special appearance at the University, Dr. Lyman Cotten of the English department said that Frost never announces the subject of his talks beforehand, but that he has many interests besides his poetry.

"In recent years," said Dr. Cotten, "He has given much of his time to college students; speaking to and with them at the various schools throughout the nation that he wishes to visit." Frost comes to Chapel Hill from his winter home in Florida, and will also make a talk at Duke university while he is in the state.

"His discussions are always informal, and few men have been so influential as he in making colleges more stimulating places for the student," emphasized Dr. Cotten.

Frost, who has been called by critics "the most characteristically New England of all the poets," is now 72 years old, and has been retired from active public life since his resignation from the Amherst English department in 1938.

Characteristically New England

Living in New England the first 37 years of his life, his verse never received recognition until he moved to England in 1911. His first two volumes of poetry were published there, and were warmly praised by British critics. On his return to the United States in 1915, he found his fame had travelled ahead of him, culminating in his winning of the Pulitzer poetry prize three times within the last 25 years.

Despite Frost's announced retirement, he has continued to write with a vigor of a man one-third his age. He is currently engaged in writing a poetical dialogue entitled "The Masque of Mercy," based on the Book of Jonah, and a companion piece to his "Masque of Reason," which was greatly praised on its publication two years ago.

This will be the second time Frost has visited the University, as he spoke under the sponsorship of the English department on a similar occasion in 1943.



JINX HELM

as having a good journalism school so she wrote for information. Dean Stacy sent her a circular featuring the Bell Tower photo, and that did See JINX, page 4.

NEWS BRIEFS

13 Victims Die In Explosion In Los Angeles

200 More Injured In Factory Blast

Los Angeles, Feb. 20.—(UP)—An explosion, called the worst in the city's history, has demolished a plant in downtown Los Angeles, killing at least 13 persons and injuring more than 200. Many victims are believed trapped in the wreckage of the O'Connor Plating works. Ambulances and police cars are rushing the injured to hospitals. The force of the blast damaged buildings throughout the block, showered debris for hundreds of yards, and shook most of the city.

Wrecked Plant

The explosion wrecked an electroplating works in the heart of the city. The tremendous force of the blast shook and damaged buildings throughout the block, blew out windows for miles around, and sent a shock wave rolling over all of Los Angeles. Thousands of residents rushed into the streets in panic, believing it was an earthquake.

The force of the explosion was so great that it sent the roof of the building flying far up into the air. The rest of the structure caved in on the estimated 35 persons who were working there.

Patterson Asks Change In Court Martial Rule

Washington, Feb. 20.—(UP)—Secretary of War Patterson has asked congress to revise the articles of war to permit enlisted men to sit in military courts. Patterson also recommended several changes in court martial penalties.

Republicans Vote Down Democratic Budget Cut

Washington, Feb. 20.—(UP)—The Republican majority in the house has voted down a Democratic move to reduce the proposed \$6,000,000,000 cut in the budget. The vote was 229 to 173, along strict party lines. Final approval of the budget ceiling is assured, probably before adjournment tonight.

Truman Still Backing Lillenthal Nomination

Washington, Feb. 20.—(UP)—President Truman says he still is backing the nomination of David Lillenthal 100 per cent. And Mr. Truman says he's confident the senate will confirm Lillenthal as chairman of the Atomic Energy commission.

Talmadge Signs Name To White Primary Law

Atlanta, Feb. 20.—(UP)—Governor Herman Talmadge has signed the new Georgia law which will enable the Democratic party to bar Negroes from voting in its primaries.

British Troops Stage Mass Sit-Down Strike

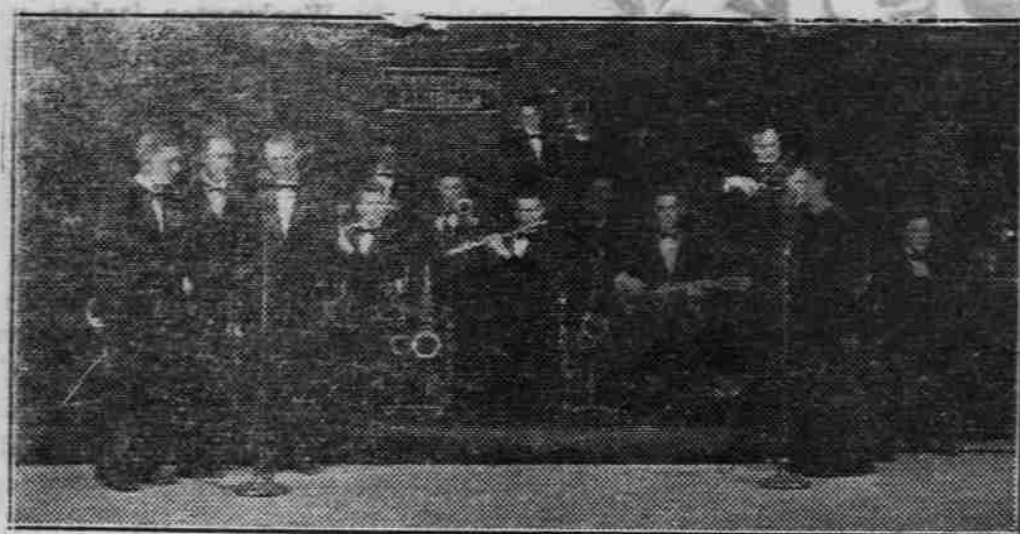
Tokyo, Feb. 20.—(UP)—Two hundred British soldiers have staged a sit-down strike at Kure, Japan. They were protesting against what they called the "filthy conditions" of a troopship taking them to Singapore. All but four of the men finally boarded the ship.

India Will Be Given Constitution by June

London, Feb. 20.—(UP)—British Prime Minister Attlee says India will be handed over to a constitutional Indian government by June of 1948. Lord Louis Mountbatten will replace Viscount Wavell as viceroy next month and will handle the transfer and formation of an Indian regime.

WEATHER TODAY

Clearing and Slightly Warmer



Shown above are Dean Hudson and his Florida Clubmen back in the days when the outfit was just breaking into swing circles. Hudson's band will play for the first dance of the German club Mid-Winter set this evening in Woollen gymnasium at 9 o'clock.

Hudson's Band Will Play For Mid-Winters Opener

Tonight's Dance Will Launch Gala Weekend; Dunham's Orchestra to Appear Here Tomorrow

By Sam Whitehall

With music furnished by Dean Hudson and his orchestra, the first dance of the German Mid-winter set will get underway at 9 o'clock this evening in Woollen gymnasium. Hudson's band will give forth at a concert beginning at 4 o'clock this afternoon

Bacon to Instruct Political Science In Spring Quarter

Gaspar G. Bacon, former lieutenant governor of Massachusetts and now chairman of the Division of Government at Boston university, will be visiting professor of international relations at the University during the spring quarter.

Bacon will teach the undergraduate introductory course in international affairs (political science 86) and conduct a graduate course in international problems (political science 286).

President of the Massachusetts senate, Bacon was five times chairman of the Massachusetts delegation to the National convention. He is a distinguished author on constitutional law and international affairs.

The son of the late Robert Bacon, United States ambassador to France and secretary of state in President Theodore Roosevelt's cabinet, he is a native of Jamaica Plain, Mass., and received his A.B. and LL.B. degrees from Harvard and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1912. He is also a lecturer at Harvard and practices law in Boston.

Bacon was a major during World War I and in World War II served as officer in charge of the staff section of governmental affairs of the Third Army.

Navy Veteran Describes Scene Of Explosion in Los Angeles

Scott Shudders when Telling Woeful Tale Of Pulling Burned Bodies from Wreckage

Los Angeles, Feb. 20.—(UP)—Twenty-one-year-old Norman Scott, a former sailor, was one of the first to reach the scene of the terrific Los Angeles explosion. His is a story of heroism—mixed with disaster and tragedy.

Scott says: "I thought I was back at war when I was almost knocked to the ground while walking along the street today. The blast was like a 12-inch shell going off. The ground rocked, glass showered from buildings, and a big mushroom cloud of smoke shot up in the air."

Near Scene

The Navy veteran continued: "I was less than three blocks from the scene of the explosion, but the shock was so strong I thought something across the street had blown up. It took only a few minutes for me to run to the place where the explosion occurred. As I climbed over the wreckage, I could hear the moans of people trapped under the remains of the

building." Scott told how he began pulling people out. Some were badly hurt and bleeding. Two of them were dead.

The former sailor said: "I saw a switchboard operator still sitting in her swivel chair. She was covered with bricks. I was carrying out another victim, so I could not stop to see if she was dead or alive. When I came back, she was gone. I still don't know if she was alive or not. There were hands sticking out from blackened timbers, but it took lots of time and work to remove the junk so we could get at them."

Come Early for Concert

Dunham and the Modernaires will give a concert tomorrow afternoon in Memorial hall at 2 o'clock. German club officials emphasized that since Memorial hall holds only 1,800, ticket-holders should come early to get seats.

Primarily a specialist in college affairs, Hudson's handsome bandleader has taken his group to many top-flight night spots in metropolitan centers throughout the country.

Tomorrow night's dance on the Woollen hardwoods will wind up the Mid-winter weekend. Sonny Durham and his "subdued swing" will play for the affair, splitting feature billing with Paula Kelly and the Modernaires.

Although not a "big time" band, Hudson's regulation outfit plays what authorities call "good, danceable" music. He fronts an orchestra consisting of the usual amount of horns, woodwinds, and rhythm instruments plus a female vocalist.

Native Floridian

A native of Lake Worth, Florida, Hudson formed his band in the academic surroundings of the University of Florida at Gainesville. After leaving 'Gatorland, Hudson's band, under the name of the Florida Clubmen got started by playing at many college dances up and down the eastern seaboard.

While the speakers are on campus they will have special student guides taken from a hospitality committee headed by Vivian Parks and Carlisle Cashion.

See Shropshire for Speakers

Any professor who wishes to make arrangements for a Religion in Life speaker for his classes is asked to contact Don Shropshire, chairman of the committee, or J. C. Herrin, adult member.

Any club, sorority or fraternity who wishes a special speaker may schedule one through Dewey Dorsett or the Rev. Charles Jones.

Church Heads To Give Talks In Classrooms

Professors of over 100 University classes have requested Religion in Life speakers to address their groups sometime during the special week which begins this Sunday. Classroom appointments for the 15 outstanding religious leaders who will lead the conference range all the way from psychology and physics to literature.

In connection with the week, the Religion in Life committee has requested Chancellor House to ask professors to recognize the fact that many students will be busy participating in the many scheduled activities of the week. They have asked that only tests felt to be essential to the class work be scheduled.

Last-Minute Plans

Last-minute plans for the week, which will officially begin with an address by D. Elton Trublood Sunday night, are now being made. The first speakers, including Stanley H. Martin, director of the week, will arrive tomorrow.

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Georgia Sawmill Owner Rids Mill of Sabotage By Army Mine Detector

Loganville, Ga., Feb. 20.—(UP)—J. T. Mitchell has cleared up all the trouble at his sawmill with a mine detector.

It's not a usual piece of equipment for a sawmill. But for Mitchell it's a life-saver. And he's grateful to the War Assets administration for rounding the war-time device up. It has kept his job for him.

Mitchell operates a sawmill at Loganville for the J. T. Byrd Gin company. Big pine logs are sent tumbling down a skid to power-driven saws at the mill.

Recently some dirty work began to turn up in the woods. Somebody was driving steel spikes deep into the logs—driving them out of sight into the wood.

This brand of sabotage brought on some nasty accidents. The workmen were getting jittery after one saw disintegrated into flying razor-sharp pieces. It seemed that the mill might have to close when Mitchell thought of a mine detector.

The War Assets administration agreed, and cut away red tape to get a surplus detector in record time. The device will be rigged so logs pass beneath it before hitting the skid-path to the saw. When a spiked log passes, the detector will buzz, and the sabotaged log will be sidetracked.

World Day of Prayer To Be Observed Today

The world day of prayer will be observed this year at the Methodist church this afternoon at 3:30. All women of the community are invited to take part in the service which is held annually on the first Friday in Lent, by religious groups throughout the world.

St. John to Interview Coeds Here Monday

Miss Barbara St. John of the Institute of Living will be on campus Monday to talk to junior and senior women interested in becoming psychiatric aides. Anyone interested in this position is asked to make an appointment with Miss Kathryn Cook, 209 South building.