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President Gray, In Annual Report, Calls For Greater Adaptation Of University To Expected High Enrollment; Voices 'Concern' For Influence Of Collegiate Athletics Most Faculty Prefer Purks, But Others Say He Declines

By CLARKE JONES

Harris Purks was favored by 13 out of 25 faculty members questioned concerning who would prefer as a successor to Gordon Gray, in the event that Gray's resignation would be accepted.

Close associates of Purks, however, he is not a candidate for the position. He could serve only until a successor is elected.

Faculty members had no opinion as to who they would prefer since they had not heard enough about it. Five had been reached for comment.

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Those questioned were of the following departments: Force ROTC, Art, English, Chemistry, the Division, Dramatic Art, and Regional Planning, Classics, Geology and Geology, School of Dentistry, and Service.

Mathematics, Statistics, Science, School of Pharmacy, Education and Athletics, Social Science, Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology, and Zoology.

Graham has been elected manager of the UNC. His duties will include the management of band trips and other activities.



AMERICAN POET E. E. CUMMINGS
English Club and GM sponsor talk here

Poet E. E. Cummings To Deliver Talk Here

American poet E. E. Cummings, who created many laughs and much argument when he started spelling his name in low-case letters, will talk here Nov. 9, it was announced yesterday.

Cummings will speak under sponsorship of the UNC English Club and Graham Memorial Student Union. His talk is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Hill Hall, and will be open to the public free of charge.

Last year his monumental Poems 1923-1954 appeared, climaxing a long and distinguished career. Cummings' first volume of poetry, Tulips and Chimneys, was published in 1923 when the poet was 29 years old. It was followed by Is 5 in 1926, the Collected Poems in 1938, 50 Poems in 1940, and in 1944 and XAIPF in 1950.

In addition to poetry, Cummings is well known for his novel, The Enormous Room, which was based on his experiences in a concentration camp during World War I. In 1931 he published his diary account of a pilgrimage to Russia in the book Elmir.

The series of lectures delivered

at Harvard University, and entitled six nonlectures, was published in 1953. Cummings has also written two dramas, him, produced by the Provincetown Playhouse, and Santa Claus. Cummings is an artist as well as a poet and has had a one-man showing in New York and a selection of his oils and watercolors exhibited in Chicago this year.

Cummings' reading here will include both prose and poetry. He plans to read one of the early "noneassays" during the first part of the program and selections from the recent collected poems during the last part.

In connection with the announcement of Cummings' appearance, Roy Moose, chairman of the English Club, said "The English Club is interested in starting at UNC a literary series of truly outstanding authors and critics."

"We believe that in the past there has been a significant lack of such a series, which is inconsistent with the University's reputation as a cultural center. Mr. Cummings is the first author of the series to appear."

Gray Appears To Be Resigned To Increase

By FRED POWLEDGE

Comparison of President Gordon Gray's report to the trustees, issued yesterday, with his report last year shows the president may have become resigned to the expected rise in enrollment.

Last year, President Gray pointed toward the "major crisis in the educational life of North Carolina" which the University was approaching. The crisis, he wrote in his report, included two factors:

(1) State revenues have been decreasing. Despite the fact that North Carolina is "making a great educational effort," wrote President Gray, educational progress was suffering.

(2) "Increasing enrollments, and other equally pressing imperatives, require that the public schools and the University not only proceed at current levels of expenditures during the next biennium, but also seek certain specified increases."

RAISE STANDARDS

In the same report, Gray wrote:

"From our own viewpoint, and from the viewpoint of the state's educational system as a whole, I am now inclined to think that we should raise our scholastic admissions requirements gradually and reasonably, so that we may in the same way raise our standards of undergraduate education."

This year, however, Gray appeared to accept the future's higher enrollments. In the report released today, Gray points out the need of "a long range program of personnel encouragement, promotion and recruitment."

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EFFECTIVENESS

Again, under the title of "Permanent Improvements," he cites the "prospect of greatly increased enrollments."

"We must move, therefore, to a maximum effectiveness in the use of our present plant." He suggests afternoon classes and instruction on a 12-month basis as possible answers to the enrollment question.

He appears to face the enrollment rise in housing. "If we are to increase our enrollment," he writes, "there must be additional housing facilities." He cites housing plans now underway here, at State College in Raleigh and Woman's College in Greensboro.

Thus Gray seems to face the enrollment problem and offer answers, rather than attempt to remove the problem by decreasing enrollment.

AFTER RUMORS:

Purks Says University Not Turning TV Loose

"Neither the Board of Trustees nor the administration has given any consideration to any change in the status or organization of WUNC-TV, the University's television station," Acting President J. Harris Purks said yesterday in an answer to rumors that some new development is in prospect.

"Under existing Federal Communications Commission regulations the University could not sell the station nor could it enter into any time-sharing cooperative arrangement with any commercial station," he added.

He made the statement when asked his reaction to the report by The Raleigh News and Observer that commercial operators are trying to lure WUNC-TV away from North Carolina.

In the newspaper's morning column, "Under the Dome," it was reported that an insurance company, a Durham radio station, and the Sir Walter Television Co. of Raleigh, operator of WNAO-TV, have all made propositions to the University.

"If a deal can be swung," the column remarked, "the commercial operators would get WUNC-TV's valuable vhf (very high frequency) channel in return for assurance that they would relieve the University of the station's expenses and allot a portion of the broadcast time to programs originated by the University."

The station began operations in January, 1954, at which time plans were laid to broadcast educational programs exclusively. However, there was an understanding that the station could be turned over to commercial broadcasters, according to the column.

According to Purks, various commercial stations have expressed an interest in working out time-sharing arrangements whereby the station would be part-time educational and part-time commercial. FCC regulations, however, do not permit such arrangements, he said.

Duff Browne, WUNC-TV manager, could not be reached for a statement.

GM Picnic

A Graham Memorial Activities Board picnic will be held today at 6 p.m. in the Rendezvous Room of GM.

Members of all GMAB committees have been invited.

Says Resignation Situation Should Get More Review

President Gray, in a report to the trustees released yesterday, called for greater adaptation of the University to the expected rise in enrollment.

He reported his "continued concern over the question of the influence of intercollegiate athletics in the University."

He told the trustees he feels his resignation as president, which they rejected last summer "should be constantly reviewed in the months ahead."

Gray said little about the admission of three Negro students as undergraduates to the University here this fall, and nothing about the automobile situation. A great deal of his 18-page report was devoted to the special freshman program now underway here.

As for the expected increase in enrollment, Gray called for:

(1) "A long range program of personnel encouragement, promotion and recruitment. The University is faced with a period of faculty expansion to meet enrollments, and, unevenly, of replacing a relatively large number of faculty people approaching retirement."

(2) A "maximum effectiveness in the use of our present plant," in the light of the "prospect of greatly increased enrollments." Gray listed two "departures from present practice: . . . The question of scheduling more classes in the afternoon, so as to use classroom space to better advantage," and "the question of giving regular instruction on a 12-month basis."

Gray cited building needs at all three branches of the Consolidated University, along with the "problem of dormitory facilities, for both unmarried and married students."

"If we are to increase our enrollments, there must be additional housing facilities," he said. Planning for dormitory construction is now underway at the three branches, he said.

On athletics, Gray said he referred "not to athletics as such or even to great interest in athletics, but rather to the fact that the demands of athletics often become pervasive throughout the institution and have an adverse effect on other and more central parts of our program."

"Athletics, particularly 'big time' athletics," he said, "have a way of becoming an issue in other areas of our work. On occasion, the pressures supporting athletic activities in seeking to determine athletic operations create a threat to the morale and effectiveness of administrative and faculty action."

Gray said he referred in this connection to "the action of the recent General Assembly. At the same time when it was cutting revenues and raising student fees, even cutting appropriations for the libraries, it was in effect subsidizing athletics by not requiring out-of-state scholarship students to pay the general increased rates."

"This was over the stated opposition of the president, and was not in the best interest of the University."

Gray said "there has been some controversy with respect to whether the Trustees acted wisely in declining to accept my offered resignation and in lieu thereof granted me an indefinite leave of absence. The trustees can well understand why I should wish not to be drawn publicly into this controversy."

"My policy," he said, "has always been to accept the judgment of the Board of Trustees in any matter after full exploration. I do feel, however, that this situation should be constantly reviewed in the months ahead."



New Fraternity Men Get Pledge Pins

Gene Carson, president of Theta Chi social fraternity, above left, is shown pinning a pledge pin on Gene Hyde, a new pledge. Fraternity pledges received their pins yesterday when the fraternities held their pledge ceremonies. (Henley Photo.)

DR JIM TURNER:

Carolina Student Has NSA Job Sitting, Researching Colleges

By SUE QUINN

Would you like to spend a month each month visiting all over the country, doing research on problems that students in 300 colleges, one of six students on the National Council on Education? Well, just for the record, UNC senior is doing all of a lot more, but is still up with his classes.

Student, Jim Turner, is one of the national vice-presidents of the National Student Union, an organization of government leaders from

300 schools all over the nation. At its annual congress, the opinions of 6,000 students are represented.

ELECTED

Turner, a former regional vice-chairman of NSA, was elected to his present job at this summer's congress at the University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis. He is the third Carolina student to hold a national office in the organization. The other two were national presidents.

As a vice president, Turner is head of one of NSA's four commissions—Student Affairs. His commission dispenses information and does research on such topics

as economic welfare, student health, student service programs, the student press, orientation programs, public relations, intercollegiate athletics and counseling services.

This year, a good deal of the research of the Student Affairs Commission is being carried on in North Carolina. Manning Muntzing, a UNC student, is heading up a study on student unions. Another Carolina student will soon be given the task of gathering information on mental health programs for students.

And a group at Woman's College (See NSA, page 4)