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Blue Ridge

Many times in a college student's life the time comes when he must stop and weigh this and that to see just what his decision may be in regard to some future action or where he will spend the next few days. That is the thing that a large number of students will have to face in the next few days in regard to whether they will go to the Blue Ridge Conference for college students here 14th to the 24th. The question of cost comes in, but the question that ought to be pre-eminent is "what is it WORTH?"

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Ten days full of opportunity to face up with a group of experts that important question of "What is my work?"

Every man in Carolina ought to have this opportunity to have the experiences that will come to him at Blue Ridge. A man, well acquainted with the program of Blue Ridge, who had two boys in college at the time, made this remark: "If the choice had to be made, I would rather that my boys had three and a half years at college with the experience of Blue Ridge than to go the full four years without that experience."

Better Roads in S. C.

It is probably beyond the proper sphere of The Gamecock to bring to the attention and comment upon the activities of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of the State of South Carolina, but it seldom happens that any meeting of the legislature passes such momentous acts in their effects on the State in general and indirectly on the University of South Carolina and its students. Further, we do not wish to disclose the ignorance of The Gamecock of questions both economic and political, but we do feel that a few remarks here would not be amiss.

Last Thursday night, February 28th, 1929, the house gave the bill providing for a \$75,000,000 program of paved roads its third and final reading. It had previously passed the State Senate and this marks its last step toward becoming law. That the legislature should do this at this time is indicative of several new tendencies in the law making powers of the State. The first one is that this bill providing for such an enormous expenditure of money marks the realization of the real worth of the State—it is a revival of the faith. For the last decade the State has been at a standstill in a number of ways simply because the people of the State lacked that essential thing of all progress—faith in one's self and the future. South Carolina is thus taking a new lease on life and with a determination to make itself once again the peer and equal of any State in our great nation.

There is great cry throughout the country of unemploy-

ment and low wages and the usual concomitants of periods of economic depression. This bond issue will open fields of work for large numbers of people in the State, and will offer opportunity to many people who ordinarily do not work. The program is to last for five years and this is long enough for the early inflation and optimism to settle into a permanent sort of healthy business activity.

This road building and improvement plan may have and undoubtedly does have its faults, but once begun these defects can be smoothed out by subsequent legislatures. Once on its way toward a bigger and better State there will not be any retrogressions. On the other hand the State will cast about for other defects and seek to remedy them. It is the duty of every student of the University to look around his native community to see what he or she can do to help the older people of the State toward a proper progressive attitude in regard to education and society in general. A society moves and progresses only so rapidly as its people overcome their narrow points of view of local and sectional prejudices.

The law-makers of the State are to be congratulated that they have been able to devise a method whereby we can have this system of highways so soon. The old plan was good on paper but in practice was too slow. By that method the State would be as long getting its roads as it will be in paying for them under the present plan. In the meanwhile it can enjoy the benefits derived from them.

It is useless to try to delineate the changes that the State will undergo during the next few years, but it is easy to see that the State will be more attractive to the many tourists that annually cross the State. We have only to look at North Carolina to see the results of such far-sighted legislation several years ago.

We honestly believe that this is the greatest piece of legislation that the general assembly has passed in a generation and heartily congratulate it upon the progressive attitude taken by it. We join them in wishing and trying to make this State one of the greatest States in the union—we can now conscientiously boost our State and consider it an exponent of Southern Progress.

—U.S.C.—

Dissipated Dudes

There is no better definition of dissipation than to take a look at a bunch of Carolina students. In the early morning classes, all of the students look sleepy and drowsy. Too many students have no color in their cheeks, and are as pale as the moon on a cloudy night.

The human body is a wonderful machine. It follows the dance all night; it goes without sufficient sleep; receives the bottle and then often outwears the mechanical device that is recipient of the gasoline tank.

—U.S.C.—

OPEN FORUM

To the Editor of The Gamecock:

Carolina needs more, I do not better, gym dances. In the latter part of the term 1927-28, Gym dances seemed doomed to failure. Not so much due to the attitude of the students; but to the fact that outsiders regarded them as public dances. Numbers of aforementioned outsiders considered it their privilege to carry on any kind of conduct they pleased. This bred contempt among the students. It is a known fact that almost every student has a best girl. He naturally wants to carry her to the dances. But what student cares to do so under the conditions that I have mentioned?

In the beginning of the present term, a committee was appointed to carry on the dances. This committee was faced with this attitude among the students. They set about to remedy it. They eliminated the cause. They have consistently turned away the male traffic type. On one occasion, the author saw the physical personages of two of this committee jeeringly discharging their duty.

Gradually the committee has brought the dances to a point where they are the most desirable a student can hope for. They are the kind you want to bring your best girl to, the kind that you want to attend. Now you find at our dances the finest girls the University, the city of Columbia and the State of South Carolina afford. The committee is to be congratulated.

However, there is another little matter. The dances are held only once every two weeks; and sometimes at irregular weeks. Now that we have the best dances possible, we want them with some degree of regularity, something that we can depend on.

The author has heard it expressed by a number of students that they want a gym dance every Saturday night. Carolina needs one dependable social event a week. The gym dance is the best event and Saturday night is the best time. We therefore beseech the committee to give us a hearing.

While on the subject of dances, the author would like to point out a few factors to the students. There is a very desirable feature connected with our dances. The prices are within the reach of even the college student. This is made possible by the fact that there are no more money-making dances at Carolina. Furthermore, your best girl is not bothered, nor do people think you are held up, but it is just one of our best features. There are winners for that.

The last matter I want to bring in is the subject of gym dances are peculiar inasmuch as they start at nine o'clock and end at twelve and not at two, as the great majority seem to think. (I am not a cheater, the because it is a point to the, anywhere from ten to three o'clock thirty. Be there on time with a date.

Once more, Congratulations to the committee.

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