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—U.S.C.—

Hyphenated Officers

Just as lawyer-mayors and merchant-mayors are unsuited for their offices because of devotion to other interests at times when they should center all attention on public work, so are hyphenated officers a handicap to action at Carolina. The town citizen who tries to conduct a business and an executive office at the same time can do justice to neither, and this general rule holds good on campus as well as town square.

There have been literary society president—publication editors, and there have been student body president-football captains. Others have tried to carry on the duties of two or three major offices simultaneously.

That many of them succeed is a tribute to their personal ability, not a substantial proof that the system which placed them in office is sound. A man burdened with the presidency of the Y. M. C. A., the manager-ship of the ping-pong team, and the secretaryship of the freshman class can hardly handle all three tasks, make passing grades, and live a normal life.

Nor can he pay proper attention to any one of his three sets of duties, since few people will curtail their personal needs and pleasures to satisfy the demands of office. Such an ingrowing scheme of office-holding is bound to bring poor results, and end directly in poor leadership.

It is better to have two half-wits in two separate offices than have one sane man driven out of his head by trying to fulfill the duties of both posts. A half-wit plodding along and devoting his full time to his job is worth more than a genius whose occupations are varied and incompatible. If the half-wit spends all his time doing one thing, he cannot help but learn to do it well.

—U.S.C.—

For True Fraternalism

With twenty-five fraternities and sororities on the Carolina campus, it is time that a spirit of acquaintanceship, later to develop into friendship and thorough co-operation, is bestirred among the campus groups. The action of the Pan-Hellenic council is planning a dance for all the fraternities is most laudable, but why stop there?

At almost every other college where fraternities are numerous, it is a vernal custom for the various chapters to exchange visits, clad in spring suits and spring smiles. The central council works out a schedule of calls whereby one chapter sends a group of men to the house of another, which in turn puts forth a delegation to call upon a third house, and so on around the circle. Entertainment of a minor nature is arranged by each house.

It would be well for those fraternities and sororities now occupying houses to collaborate in sending afternoon delegations to one another. A special "Visitor's Day" might be set aside, on which to invite non-fraternity men and women around to the houses, all kept open for the occasion. Such action would make for better friendship within and without fraternities.

A Service Hindered

The University of South Carolina and the Citadel have lost their alumni appropriations on account of the senate's action in striking out these items. Both sums, \$1,200 for each institution, were eliminated from the general appropriation bill March 13, but \$1,600 was granted Clemson for an alumni secretary and publicity director.

It is probable that in slicing off the alumni appropriation the senate did not realize that the alumni organization at the University works, not for the alumni's good, but to benefit the whole University. This may suggest a reason for the alumni item being the only one struck out of the entire University appropriation.

There are more than 8,500 alumni of the University. If welded into an organization, they could do tremendous good for their alma mater and the State at large. The small sum devoted to this work last year has assisted materially in the progress of organization.

One of the projects of the alumni association is an athletic stadium, financed and built through the alumni offices. This in the course of a few years would not only place University athletics on a sound basis. It would pour into the University treasury money for campus improvements, which other state universities have made from athletic profits.

A large building, for classes or any other purpose that it may be needed, is another project that the alumni have in mind for future action. Still more academic space would be available after the new alumni stadium leaves vacant the site now occupied by the athletic field.

All these plans have to be promoted by the alumni organization. And the alumni as individuals cannot be expected to support a central organization as yet, for they are just being brought to realize the importance of that organization. Though sound as it now is, the alumni association has just begun its good work.

The state of North Carolina appropriates \$7,500 annually for the alumni organization at the University of North Carolina. Other Southern colleges do likewise with varying sums, because it pays dividends.

It is welcome news that Clemson got its alumni secretary and publicity director, for every college in the country should be encouraged to strengthen its alumni organization and stimulate it to better efforts for the college and state.

—U.S.C.—

A Howling Shame

April 1 is nearing. As the days slip from the calendar like stones falling from a protective wall, The Gamecock office is filled with unexpected visitors.

"You aren't going to publish anything about me, are you?" This question is whispered, muttered, murmured in gentle co-ed coos, and insinuated into the office over the telephone.

"You aren't going to publish anything about me, are you?" Now the interrogation is spoken with a warning tone, implying physical chastisement, legal punishment, or unspeakable threats; now with a jest and quip to indicate that the curious person really doesn't care, but just happened to drop in, whereupon skeptical members of the staff reply so positively that the dissiminator is reduced to ashes of worry.

Every member of The Gamecock staff, from the editor to the freshest of freshman assistants, is now a mighty personage. He or she may be writing something about you for the Yellow Sheet, and even if not writing, may be provoked to compose an article.

As a matter of compliance with custom, the editor and staff will turn over the Yellow Sheet to Baron Munchausen, Ananias, and a choice crew of their fellows. And regardless of personal requests, innuendoes, and out-and-out bribes, the Yellow Sheet is certain to be a howling shame from some peoples' point of view. If Saint Peter gets a copy, it will spoil a number of persons' chances of getting into heaven.

—U.S.C.—

Books and Bedlam

Have you ever spent an hour or two in the University library on a warm afternoon when all the windows were open? Then you know what noise is, for a man who has a hobby of collecting noises could record and imprison almost every sound needed to compose a deafening tumult without leaving a seat in the library.

Traffic—automobiles scooting down Sumter street with a mechanical roar, trucks rumbling along, the shrill scream of fire engines, youthful bicycle riders shouting to one another—all these pelt the eardrums of the assiduous student. This has been a problem since paving converted Sumter street from a staid, shady road to a channel for hurrying multitudes.

Music—highly welcome at times, but not during study hours, pours from adjacent Flinn Hall, where glee clubs and orchestras hold daily revel. The deep, droning notes of a bass or the sudden toot of a saxophone may be expected to arouse the student from books to lighter things at least once every five minutes. There is no other place for the school of music, however.

Petty noises, which psychologists say are study aids since they compel a determined concentration on books, are nevertheless a nuisance as numerous as summer mosquitoes; which, by the way, are sometimes present in the library. The staccato rapping of a typewriter in the library, co-eds chewing gum, men moving their big feet, the hum of half-heard conversation, all make the sanctuary of learning reverberate with sound. Someone in a basement office dictates in penetrating tones.

Too many students now use the building for study or some other purpose, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to get seats, despite the new wings and other enlargements.

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