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A Statement Of Policy

On January 30, just a few days ago, *The Gamecock* celebrated its thirty-first birthday. When it was founded in 1908, with Robert E. Gonzales as its first editor, the University had a student body of only about 300 students, and a physical plant to match. During the ensuing years Carolina has grown to almost six times that size, despite underhanded opposition.

In order that that growth may not be hindered, a primary aim of *The Gamecock* during the coming semester will be to attempt to promote deserved good will toward the University, and deserved legislative support for the University.

During the coming semester, *The Gamecock*, which was founded as a non-partisan organ, will attempt to continue as such, giving what we believe to be unbiased reports of campus news, and editorials which will attempt to be fair to all concerned.

Although the editorial staff realizes that nothing published will meet with the approval of all, it will attempt to step on as few toes as possible. Students who do not agree with or approve of the policies of *The Gamecock* are invited to make known their views through the medium of "Back Talk", which will be continued on this page.

"For the best interests of the students and for the advancement of the University"—will be the purpose which we hope to attain.

Socials, More Or Less

The findings of the recently appointed committee to investigate social affairs on the campus should be interesting. The committee, headed by "Uncle Billy" Woods, keeper of the Student Union building, is trying to find out who goes to the most dances and parties; frats or non-frats, sorority sisters or non-sorority girls.

Should the committee find that the organization members aren't getting enough sleep because of too many social functions, they could clamp down on the number. But it is to be remembered that non-organization students are well represented at the larger frat or sorority functions, and to cut down the number of these would be to "starve out" many of the unorganized students.

Another course open to the committee, should it be found that the non-organization students don't get enough social life, would be to increase the number of social cabinet, student union, or what-have-you dances. But these are also attended by the frat boys and the sorority girls, and to increase the number of these might correct the situation for the socially underprivileged students, but would give the organization members just too many things to stay up nights for.

While fraternity and sorority groups may have more social functions than non-organization students, the number of social functions does not seem to be excessive, judging by the scholastic averages of organization and non-organization students. The all-fraternity and all-sorority scholarship averages at the University have frequently surpassed the average of the whole student body.

It is also probably true that there is a section of the student body which does not benefit by the existing social setup, and certainly some arrangement should be made to accommodate that group.

It is for this purpose that the committee was formed, and any recommendation that it should make should receive sympathetic cooperation from the entire student body.

A report of the committee's findings thus far has already been delivered to President J. Rion McKissick, and is due for faculty consideration next Wednesday.

Why College?

What, in the opinion of the public, is the value of a college education?

That was the question asked by *Fortune* magazine in a recent survey. The specific question from which the data was compiled was "Which do you think has a better chance of earning a living today, a high school graduate who has had four years of experience, or a man just out of college?" The replies were:

High school student	34.4%
College graduate	33.4%
Depends on man and/or experience	14.8%
Experienced man better at first, college man better later	9.7%
College man gets the breaks regardless of merit	2.8%
Don't know	4.9%

This poll may or may not be a true index of the degree of success that can be obtained by a college man. If this set of statistics favors the high school graduate, others compiled by other agencies have attempted to show that the college man garners a larger gross income in the long run.

Whichever is true, monetary gain is not the only measure of the value of a college education. A true education aims not so much at the accumulation of wealth, but at the better adjustment of the individual to society, and attempts to enable the individual to enjoy those things which are not buyable.

Swimming Pool

Carolina has, at last, a new swimming pool, the fulfillment of several years of dreaming, planning, and working. It is modern in every respect, and capable of affording enjoyment to all the students of the University.

And it is for all the students of the University, rather than for any one individual or group, that the pool committee, appointed by President McKissick, has been planning.

The pool committee certainly cannot be criticized for taking hasty action on any detail of pool regulations. Every step taken by the committee has been the result of careful study, based in the main on the needs of the student body as a whole, and in part on the regulations followed by other institutions.

The schedule has been carefully planned in order that all classes of swimmers may be accommodated at one time or another, and time and again the committee has reiterated that the arrangements are being made subject to change, after the pool has actually been put to the test of continued use.

But the careful work of the committee, on which the student body was represented equally with the faculty, will be of no value unless the full cooperation of the student body as a whole can be obtained. The committee will welcome suggestions for operation of the pool at any time. It is their job to run the pool for the greatest benefit to the greatest number of students. But individual students must remember that the pool was not built and is not run for the benefit of one or two exceptions, but for the benefit of the great majority.

A Word Of Greeting

To the freshmen and to all new students, *The Gamecock* extends a most cordial welcome.

You are a fortunate group. You have within your grasp an opportunity that is afforded to a comparatively small percentage of the youth of this state and nation. At your fingertips you have the most important possession that an individual can hope to possess—knowledge.

It is up to you to reach out and grasp as much of it as you can.

Not all of you will receive a diploma. Only a surprisingly small group will have the stamina to go the four year stretch. In that time, or less, you will have an opportunity to prove what you are worth, to your parents, to your fellow students, and to yourself.

You have chosen your school well; not only from an economic standpoint, but from a scholastic standpoint. Your professors are competent, and are always willing to help you to the best of their ability, if you will only ask.

But no one, not even the most experienced teacher, can give you an education. An education is something that you have to dig out for yourself. You will get out of college only what you pay for with conscientious effort.

Carolina is glad to have you here. We're betting on you. Let's see you go!

For Higher Education

The University, in the midst of the greatest period of expansion that it has ever undergone, is faced with a cut in appropriations just at the time when cutting will do the most harm.

With increased expenses necessitated by increase in the physical facilities of the institution, as well as a steady growth of the student body over a period of years, the administration of the University asked for an appropriation of \$770,380.00 for the fiscal year 1939-1940.

The budget commission of the South Carolina General Assembly slashed this request by \$39,000. At present, a plea for reinstatement of that amount in the University's budget by the commission is pending.

A cut at this time, we believe, would seriously curtail the activities of the University, or at least seriously hinder the healthy development which the University is now undergoing.

Perhaps the chief reason that this cut has been made is the increased expense placed on the state by social security legislation. But to cut higher education for the benefit of social security seems the wrong course to take.

It is to be regretfully remembered that in 1930 there were, according to a detailed study recently made by the University's Dr. J. J. Petty, 507,802 South Carolina born people who were not living in South Carolina. Many of these left the state because opportunities including those for higher education, were better elsewhere.

Surely, to hinder higher education in South Carolina by giving it inadequate financial support will not help this tragic situation.

It is to be ardently hoped that Governor Maybank's stand on the matter will be followed by the General Assembly. To do otherwise, *The Gamecock* believes, would cast a deep shadow on South Carolina's future well-being.

Press Rate Collect



By George Zuckerman

ACQUATIC CAVALCADE:

Jan. sometime, 1939—The swimming pool is filled with community champagne. First two swimmers report that the water is wet... Jan. 17, 1939—From Washington comes Harry Hopkins, accompanied by Senator Jim Byrnes, to dedicate the natatorium. At the close of the exercises everyone forgets about the natatorium, and talks about the swimming pool... Jan. sometime, 1939—Faculty-Student board appointed to govern swimming pool. "Britain may rule the waves, but the board rules the pool," declares eighth member of committee... Feb. 30, 1939—swimming pool discovered to be empty and dry. Local police investigate activities of Prohibition Party. Gamecock recalls that Prohibitionist Colvin won straw vote here in 1936... Feb. 31, 1939—Professor Rock Smith declares there is gold content in the pool water. Clariophic Literary Society reorganizes as the Clariophic Mining Company. Euphradians openly scoff plan, secretly buy stock. University appoints NYA student to chalk up stock quotations on canteen bulletin board... March 13, 1939—

Horrified swimmers report seeing a "Loch Ness" sea serpent in the pool. Newly organized state police surround pool and hoax is uncovered as Louis Searson, with a three day beard, protrudes his red head above the surface of the water... March 31, 1939—Professor Havilah Babcock caught emptying a package of fish eggs into swimming pool. Babcock confesses to plot, and South Carolina Game and Fish Association is banned from state... April 1, 1939—Faculty has outing in swimming pool. "All wet as usual" declares anonymous student... April 3, 1939—Local "red" student speaks from soapbox in front of Macey monument. Shouts that the pool is unfair—because it is deeper at one end. "Nothing more than pure discrimination. Comes the revolution..." April 5, 1939—a typewriter punch drunk individual whose initials are Dinky Williams annoys Carolina students by repeatedly relating the fact that he was editor of *The Gamecock* which first announced the news that the pool had been granted... April 18, 1939—Queer insect discovered in swimming pool. Board bans all biology students from swimming in pool. Baseball mentor "Catfish" Smith claims the insect is merely "one of the species of the infield fly"... May 29, 1939—Carolina's May queen elopes with chief life guard of the swimming pool. Hollywood press agent finds them in "Gone With the Wind." Both are withdrawn from cast, after accepting offer, because of very noticeable Southern accents... June 1, 1939—Heat wave hits Columbia. Commencement exercises are held in new swimming pool. Caps and gowns are discarded in favor of one piece bathing suits... July 31, 1939—Professor Jack Crawford gives out story to Frank Wardlaw's University News Service "That there are snakes in the new swimming pool"... September 31, 1939—Three buxom blondes in abbreviated swim suits are discovered lolling around pool for several days, never leaving, never going into water. Inquisitive student learns that they are refugees from Miami Beach publicity photos... Oct. 1, 1939—Football mentor Rex Enright rallies his gridiron squad to the swimming pool for a scrimmage session. The gloomy Enright declares he is preparing for future games with Fordham at the Polo Grounds... Oct. 15, 1939—Secretary of Commerce Harry Hopkins resigns his post. President J. Rion McKissick announces to local press that Hopkins has accepted the job as swimming instructor in the new pool... November, sometime, 1939—Republicans sweep national election. Hamilton Fish, Jr. becomes President-elect of the United States. University of South Carolina's swimming pool disappears. Two youngsters found shooting marbles on site of the pool... January 15, 1939—Two Republican students at the University who declared, at the time of the pool's dedication, that it was only a mirage are elected to honorary membership in the American Society of Clairvoyants.

DR. WALTER C. JONES OF THE BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN FACULTY IS A MEMBER OF NINE GREEK-LETTER FRATERNITIES!

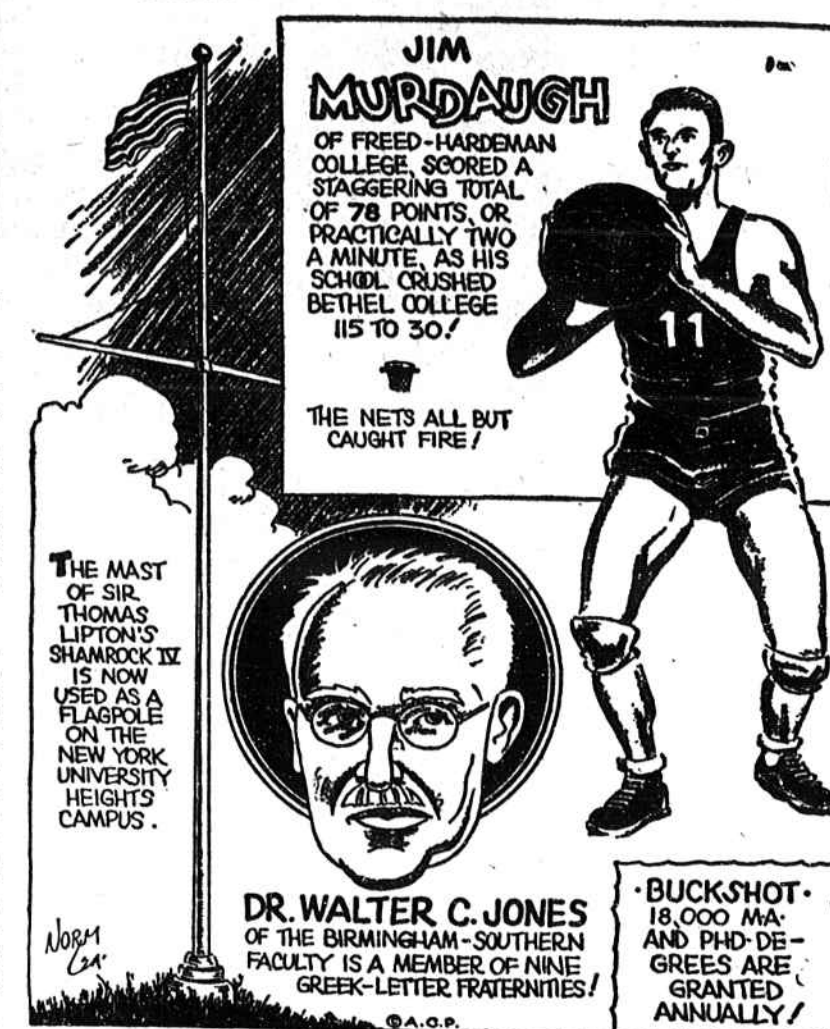
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Campus Camera



Parade of Opinion

(By Associated Collegiate Press)

NOMINATION

Although 1940 is politically a long time away—many months in which anything can happen in the realm of those who bargain for votes and pork barrels—collegians have already started thinking about the Presidential campaign. First to come out into the open on the whole question is the Butler University Collegian, which proposes that Secretary of State Cordell Hull be the Democratic nominee for the next resident of the White House. Why? Listen to this: "Mr. Hull is, we believe, the one man in the Democratic party today who could unite the conservative and liberal elements. He has supported the radical New Deal measures only mildly, and also has backed the conservative actions of the administration."

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