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## RADICAL REACTIONARIES

When the general faculty met Monday to consider the petition submitted by members of the Senior Class concerning exemptions from examinations all three terms, it was thought by a good many students that the petition would go through that body successfully. But they were greatly surprised when the petition was killed by a vote of about two to one.

They had a right to be surprised, although if they had taken a retrospective view of past decisions made by the faculty, they would have been surprised if the measure had passed that body. The iron hand of the teachers has been felt many times before, and it is not usual that an innovation suggested by the students survives the assembled faculty.

The proposal was brought before the professors in the deepest sincerity by the Senior Class, and was not, as some of the faculty believed, a means perpetrated by that class to get out of a certain amount of work. Coming from a group which is supposed to be broad-minded and liberal in its views, the decision seems almost unfair; it might be safely stated that the defeat may be attributed to that clique of older professors so set in their ways that they will never see the advantages of the more modern educational trends. They are the ones who were brought up in the old school, and they are the ones who will keep State College or any other college or university in a rut. Unless the younger faculty members get away from the domination of the older teachers, they will eventually fall into the same practices, this being highly undesirable both from the standpoint of the student and of the college. Just because they took examinations anywhere from fifteen to fifty years ago is no reason why present day students should have them required. If a class were taught as it should be, there would be no use for examinations at the end of the term and if more stress were placed on daily work, the student would get a better understanding of the course, and at the same time "cramping" would be eliminated. The professor who argues that examination are necessary so that he might get an idea of what his students have learned is not fulfilling his requirements as a good instructor, since a good teacher pays enough attention to the daily work of his students to have an idea of what kinds of grades he should give without making it necessary for the students to take examinations. Professors who would continually plead this are either lazy, indifferent, or do not know their subject as they should.

It seems that it is this reactionary group of the faculty which is always willing and eager to vote down anything which smacks of modernism. In the present day world of rapid changes they fail to find an assigned niche and as a result only hinder those who have vision enough to see that education is in a stage of transition, a transition from the old-fashioned practices and methods to the newer more enlightened trends. It is not necessary that they adopt some entirely new ideas which have never before been used, but let them put into effect some of the new ideas which have already been tested at other institutions and found feasible and in accord with modern education.

Another sore spot which has developed as a result of the meeting was that only about one-half of the faculty took part in the voting, the other half either refusing to commit themselves or staying away. The vote then may not have been representative of the entire group. At least three-fourths of the faculty should have made it a point to have voted on the measure.

The action for senior exemptions is not yet dead, as officers and many members of the class have pledged themselves to see the completion of their efforts. It is hoped that the "radical reactionaries" will see the proposal in a little more unselfish light when the measure is again presented them.

## GOOD ADVERTISERS

The State College crops judging team has again brought honors to the college, placing second in a national judging contest in Chicago and coming very close to the winning team.

This team has been entered in the annual contest for ten of the eleven years of the existence of the competition, and has in that time carried away first place five times, an enviable record, and one at which this institution should point with pride.

The high ranking which these teams receive each year is due largely to the efforts of the coaches, Dr. J. B. Cotner and Prof. W. H. Darst, both of the crops department. These men during the past ten years have labored unceasingly in their efforts to place State College teams ahead of all others. The results of the competition will show the excellent work which these men have done. The students who are members of these teams also come in for a large share of the acclaim, since it was due to their perseverance and labor that they were able to take high places.

It is such achievements as these which will place State College among the foremost colleges of the nation in the eyes of the people and of the authorities. It lends a certain distinction to the college which would never be secured unless these teams reflected the superior training which they receive here. After a student connected with that department has been awarded his diploma he will be recognized more or less as an authority, and people on the outside will tend to place a great deal of faith in his judgment. Men who have made good showings on the crops judging team are now in responsible positions in the agricultural field of this State.

One of the crying needs of the State of North Carolina is men to lead the way agriculturally. There has been too much guesswork and lack of leadership in this field. This is one of the main reasons why the farmer of this state has been wallowing in poverty and debt. The "backbone of the country" needs the able assistance of specially trained men who will teach him the more approved methods of agriculture, thus taking some of the many flaws from the occupation. The United States government has awakened to the fact that farmers are suffering and have taken steps to remedy the situation. As a result, the farmer this year is probably in the best condition in which he has been for ten or fifteen years.

This state has, and is, devoting a great deal of attention to the education of the farmer, and the sooner more stress is placed upon that fact, the sooner the plight of the farmer will be eased.

State College is doing much in this direction by yearly turning out trained graduates who will return to the aid of the agricultural communities with advanced ideas on the subject and thus help the farmer to restore himself to his former pinnacle.

## POSSIBLE CONFERENCE CHANGES

The Southern Conference representatives will have several important questions before them when they meet in Richmond, Virginia, next week-end. The questions involve changes in some of the present rules of the conference and if they go through, they should improve on the present conference situation a great deal.

One of the first proposed changes to come before the representatives in Richmond will be whether or not to enlarge the conference. The Southern Conference has a present membership of ten schools from Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina and South Carolina. The schools who want to become members of the present group are all located in these states. At present, when they play Southern Conference members, they have to observe the rules of the conference. During the past season, there was at least one school which was not a member of the conference who played more Southern Conference opponents than did some of the members themselves. There is no logical reason why the conference should not add at least some of these schools to the present circuit, and it is to be hoped that they will see fit to do so.

At least three men from Southern colleges were picked on the first team in several All-American football selections, and yearly more and more noted coaches of the type of Wallace Wade, Hunk Anderson, and Carl Snavely are directing grid activities at Southern schools. This should demonstrate that Southern football is on a par with that in any other section of the country. Therefore, there is no reason why some of the outstanding Southern Conference games should not be broadcast over the radio. It would probably not cut down gate receipts, but on the other hand it should increase the interest in football games throughout this section. The conference ruling against broadcasting football games in which conference members take part should be cast aside, it seems, for the best interests of the members.

Something that has been giving schools in the conference a good deal of trouble is the present Southern Conference ruling about athletes who come to college from a junior college. According to the present rules, the athlete must not participate in varsity sports his first year in college, just as if he were entering college as a freshman. At present, this is driving many athletes who go to junior colleges in this area elsewhere for their higher education. Many good athletes are thus lost to conference schools. Other sections do not see fit to have this ruling. Why should the Southern Conference be burdened with it?

These proposed changes would help the Southern Conference and its standing among other conferences a great deal if they are adopted at the meeting next week. It is to be hoped that Dr. R. R. Sermon and Dr. A. J. Wilson, State College, representatives at the meeting, will see fit to vote for the adoption of the changes in the present rules.—R. H. M.

## HERE and THERE

By G. W. FORD

With examinations just around the corner the old TECHNICIAN carries on to bring you the latest dope on what's what and who's doing it. This is our last issue before the new year... take it home with you and show the folks the story about the fellow who is a friend of a pal of the boy who rooms right across the hall from you... show them that you know all the fellows on the campus... tell them how you're even calling your professors by their first names... then wait and see if Santa Claus comes.

They seem to be going in for color schemes down at the State Prison. I see where they have two Greens and one Black signed up for the "Hot Seat" today... the second triple execution to be put on in this state and a good party to stay away from.

An unconfirmed report states that Professor Meazures smiled for the first time on Wednesday. A few minutes later he actually laughed.

The group of students who have gotten together to revive the Red Masquers is running along in smooth order. Those in the group have decided to put on a play shortly after the new term begins. The first play will be given free to show the students that the Red Masquers are really in action again and that no extemporaneous endings will be pulled.

We have a freshman around here practicing dentistry. At any rate, he took two of sophomore Bardes' teeth out without even using a pair of pliers or whatever dentists usually use. It all started in an argument over a seat in the dining hall. It just goes to show how a conversation can drift from one extreme to another within the course of a few minutes.

"Tubby" Ahman tells me that he has a good action picture of Sam Sabol which he took in Washington but it's not for publication. He doesn't want this to leak out.

P. J. Luteri has gone co-ed on us by the way of one Miss Penny.

Since they put the screws on public enemy number one our greatest enemy is the fellow who talks to another fellow on a street car for the benefit of everyone in the car. Such actions are typical of high school or grammar school students and do not become college men.

And from Europe we hear that the King's daughter was married in the fog last week... Many a henpecked husband claims that he was in the same fix when he married. "I have been given many a bum 'steer'," said a fellow in the Bull Hall the other day, "but this is the first time that I have ever been asked to eat one."

Old "Shears and Paste" (the Watauga to you) has made another of its more or less periodic appearances on the campus. As usual, Meredith and the S.P.E. fraternity get a large share of space in the dirt column. And as for the crack made about this column, I can only ask the one who wrote the big Christmas and New Year's and Watauga dirt if he remembers that

## The Faculty Theme Song



toast that starts, "A man may kiss his wife good-bye." Them's my sentiments.

The fraternity boys sure are mad at the Student Council.

And here's another one I picked up the other day. "Etc is something used to make people think you know more than you really do, etc."

We have a new cartoonist now, Hal Overman, or at least an extra one. I thought maybe you would get tired of seeing my efforts each week so we decided on a change, after all variety is the spice of life.

We wish that some of these guys around here could learn to read. THE TECHNICIAN staff has a big sign on its door identifying the place, and yet there are some who run in there wanting Agromech proofs every day. For their convenience, the Agromech office is just across the hall.

Professor Shulenberger is sure stepping out now. He must have a girl. You ought to notice some of those fancy red ties which he has been wearing.

Ask Professor Hicks to tell you about the times he used to have when he was a student here. Them was the good old days.

The Senior Class got set down the other day by the faculty. Maybe the faculty will surprise us some day and pass a student resolution.

And I wonder who thought of that exam schedule. I see right now that most of the boys will be here until the last day, since almost everybody has ten o'clock classes.

Well as Napoleon said to Josie, "I gotta close it." Hope everybody has a big Christmas and New Year's and that I see you next term.

## HARRELSON ANNOUNCES SUMMER SCHOOL CHANGE

Summer school next year will be under the supervision of the regular college administrative staff, according to a ruling passed last week by the University Administrative Council, and released through the office of the dean of administration. This new ruling will apply at all three units of the university.

Heretofore, special staffs have been in charge of the administration of the summer term, which lasts for a period of six weeks. It is believed that this new policy will eventually lead to the establishment of a fourth quarter system, which is used in other institutions.

## ATHLETIC COUNCIL HAS LAST MEETING OF TERM

The final meeting of the Athletic Council for the fall quarter will be held next Wednesday, December 12.

The newly created council, which has as its duties the supervision of athletic policies, is composed of the members of the Faculty Athletic Committee; appointed by the dean of administra-

tion, three alumni members, elected by the alumni association; and two ex-officio members, the presidents of the student council and the monogram club.

Members of the Faculty Athletic Committee are Prof. H. A. Fisher, Prof. A. J. Wilson, Dr. Hugh Leffer, Dean I. O. Schaub, and Col. J. W. Harrelson. The alumni members of the Athletic Council are David Clark, Charlotte; D. W. Seafort, Weldon, and W. H. Sullivan, Greensboro. John Stanko, president of the Monogram Club, and Marshall Gardner, president of the Student Council, represent the student body on the Council.

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STATE HAS POOR FOOTBALL SEASON

Anderson's Team Turns in Record of Two Wins, a Tie, and Five Losses for Year

TIE GAME WITH U. N. C. BEST CONTEST OF YEAR

Anderson Uses Pony Backs in Several Games to Supply Punch Several Times

The first season of the State College Wolfpack under the coaching of Heartley "Hunk" Anderson could not be called a huge success by even the most enthusiastic Wolfpack supporter.

However, fans expected too much, probably from Anderson in his first year at State College. With a fine freshman team, the prospects for the next grid season should be a great deal better.

The Pack's two wins were over Davidson, by 7-0, and over South Carolina 6-0. The Wolves lost two heart-breaking decisions. One of these was to Wake Forest.

The other loss by a small margin was to the V. P. I. Gobblers in a game played at Portsmouth, Virginia. The Pack scored in the last part of the game, but was unable to get the extra point which would have tied the game.

The State grid machine seemed to go into somewhat of a decline in its last two games of the season, both Georgia and Duke winning by lop-sided scores and holding State scoreless.

Coach Anderson used two separate backfields during most of the season. A set of pony backs seemed to have the fire in several instances which the heavier backfield could not furnish.

The season seemed to produce players who did good playing individually, but the team as a whole did not seem to click smoothly except for short parts of a game.

SOCIETY

All social activity on the State College campus will be suspended this week-end due to the fall term examinations which will begin on Monday.

Alpha Chi Beta

Members of the Alpha Chi Beta fraternity honored pledges and alumni of the fraternity at a dinner party recently at the Womens Club.

Faculty Dance

A large number of faculty members of State College and their guests attended a dance held for the last Monday night in the Frank Thompson Gymnasium.

Dancing was enjoyed from 9 until 12 o'clock with Bob Bourne's orchestra "The Statesmen" furnishing the music.

Alpha Mu Dance

The Alpha Mu Sorority entertained at a dance last Friday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. O. Moen on Clark Avenue.

Members and pledges present with their dates were: Hilda Fuller, Eleanor Green, Sue Pierce, Aileen Jenrette, Clara Poteat, O'Neil Branch, Melba Bryouk, Mary Matthews, and Eleanor Doak.

Other young women who were guests of the sorority were: Annetto Goodbred, Clara Sanderford, and Elizabeth Bryan.

TATUM HEADS AG CLUB FOR WINTER ACTIVITIES

At a recent meeting of the Ag Club officers were elected for the winter term.

The following officers were elected: A. N. Tatum, Jr., Senior in Special Agriculture, president; A. S. Knowles, Senior in General Agriculture, vice president; G. R. McColl, Junior in Agriculture Education, secretary-treasurer; and C. M. Matthews, Sophomore in Forestry, reporter.

The next meeting will be held the first Tuesday of next term at 6:30 p.m. in Patterson. An interesting program has been prepared and the coming Barnwarming will be discussed. Refreshments will be served.

PIKAS, 3RD 7TH WIN IN FOOTBALL

(Continued from page three) the Pikas, with 3 points, tied with the Theta Phi for sixth place.

The first and second places in the different events were taken by the following: twenty-five yard dash—Payne (Sigma Nu) and Canady (S.P.E.) tied for the first place; fifty-yard backstroke—G. Smith (K.A.) first place, Schneider (Theta Phi) second; Diving—J. Poyner (Sigma Nu) first, Kuhn (S.P.E.) second; Plunge—H. Mayo (K.A.) first place, Payne (Lambda Chi) second; Hundred-yard dash—Payne (Lambda Chi) first place, Howerton (S.P.E.) second; Relay—Canady, Howerton, Hellman, and Kuhn (S.P.E.) first place, H. Mayo, T. Sebrell, Maupin, and Poe (K.A.) second.

The meet was highly successful as a large number of men were entered from the various fraternities. Dorm Swimming The Dormitory League swimming meet in the Frank Thompson Gymnasium last Wednesday was won by the Third 1911 team.

The winners of the events were as follows: 25-yard dash—Grantham (Third 1911) first place, Fry (Second South) second; 50-yard backstroke—Dunnagan (First South) first place, Grantham (Third 1911) second; 100-yard dash—Kerr (Third 1911) first place, Hines (Third Seventh) second; Diving—Fry (Second South) first place, Grantham (Third 1911) and Bowen (First South) tied for second; Plunge—Douglas (Third Seventh) first place, Wheeler (Third 1911) second; Relay—Grantham, Wheeler, Morrah, and Kerr (Third 1911) first place, Douglas, Hines, Gill and Black (Third Seventh) second.

The Dormitory League meet was not as successful as the fraternity league meet, there being a much larger number of entries in the fraternity contest. Also the times in which the different events were done in the fraternity league were faster than those in the dormitory league.

ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY ON ENDOWMENT PROGRAM

The State College Concert Orchestra will play several selections on the program in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Duke Endowment at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium at 7:30 next Tuesday night.

All members of the orchestra are requested to be at the auditorium by 7:15 p.m. There will be no more rehearsals this term on account of the term examinations next week.

Found Guilty

H. R. Denton, sophomore in the School of Education, was found guilty of cheating by the Student Council Friday night and given a failing grade on the course. The decision automatically placed the student on probation.

AIRPORT MANAGER TELLS OF AVIATION'S FUTURE

Meyer Says He Will Cooperate With Flying Club in Any Possible Way

Elmer Meyers, manager of the Raleigh Municipal Airport, told of the great possibilities of aviation at a meeting of the Flying Club recently.

He stated that he would cooperate with the club in any possible way, as flying would be of a great help to them, whether they chose aviation as a vocation or not.

The next meeting of the club will be held during the first part of the second term.

PARADE TO BE BANNED FROM ENGINEERS' FAIR

Council Decides Parade Takes Too Much Time and Money to Reward Efforts

The parade, long one of the outstanding features of the annual Engineers' Fair, will not be presented this year, the Engineers' Council decided at a meeting last Friday.

The reason for doing away with the parade was given by the Council as entailing too much expense and time, and that the money spent on the parade could be used to a better advantage.

Prof. L. L. Vaughan was accepted by the Council as the adviser from the mechanical engineering department.

Wrapping Station

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Announcements

State College Grange will meet Monday, December 10 at 7:45 p.m. in the Grange room on the second floor of Polk Hall.

L. O. Armstrong, Secretary.

The library will be open during the holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., excepting Sundays, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Each engineering student is requested to get his copy of "The Southern Engineer" from his respective department head today and Saturday.

The Agromeck office in Price Hall will be open Saturday from 12 to 1 p.m. The office will also be open from 12 to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 6 p.m. every day next week.

All seniors in vocational teaching who do practice teaching next term or other upperclassmen that will room off the campus next term are asked to turn in their keys to their dormitory rooms before the Christmas holidays to T. T. Wellons, superintendent of buildings, so that they will not be charged with room rent for the winter term.

All students that plan to stay at school during the holidays are asked to report to T. T. Wellons, superintendent of buildings, as soon as possible to make arrangements for their accommodations.

Wake Theatre schedule: Monday-Tuesday: "Cockeyed Cavalier"; Wednesday: "SITTING PRETTY"; Thursday: "Of Human Bondage"; Friday: "HAVANA WIDOWS"

PALACE Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday Warner Baxter in "HELL IN THE HEAVENS" WITH CONCHITA MONTENEGRO ANDY DEVINE : RALPH MORGAN Thursday-Friday-Saturday James Cagney in "THE ST. LOUIS KID" WITH PATRICIA HELLS ALLEN JENKINS : DOROTHY DARE

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