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THE FERA IS VERY FINE— WE ALL LIKE MONEY

President Roosevelt has asked for four billion dollars to take the unemployed off the dole and put them to work. If the spirit of his message is to be carried out, it seems to this observer that the FERA student aid program must be abolished. This experiment may have given valuable aid and has certainly put money into circulation, but it is nothing more than a dole but thinly disguised. The fact that one works in exchange for his government check does not keep the payment from being the dole if the work done has been required only as an excuse for the payment. And few FERA jobs are more than such an excuse. They are usually useless work or else work that someone not paid by the government has been relieved of. So, stripped of good intentions and unrealized aims, the FERA student aid program resolves itself into machinery by which government money is distributed to about ten per cent of the college students of the country, in due return for which the students have to pay the penalty of several hours boredom a week. It is an undesirable system, but the colleges are not ready to snap at the hand that feeds them.

If the government wishes to embark on a program of subsidizing college education it is a different matter. But to put college students on the dole for a year or two with the purpose of bringing back prosperity and alleviating the hardships of the depression is pure waste. No one on the student aid rolls would suffer without this aid and many, with a few less comforts and luxuries, could continue in school. Certainly every penny helps and all of us can use more money, but that does not justify the government's handing it out, even in time of depression. The system is economically unsound, it is not expected to last, and, as the New Deal's gift to education, it is neither appreciated nor effective. The adult education classes have a true justification and a solid program; it is necessary that someone clothe the poor and feed the starving, and the federal government has led the way in this with all the efficiency that can be expected; the various white-collar projects are succeeding in some instances and failing in others; but the sooner the student aid attempt is dropped, the sooner it will be seen that federal relief is being pursued along basic lines and not being held up at the pork barrels and public troughs along the way.

WE ARE THE RECORD TIME LEAVES

As the "news" of the year is flashed before us in rapid review we wonder at how quickly it has grown old and far away. Speculations as to the Generals' chances in the all-important game that looms on the morrow; dances, orchestras and girls, and records of little political successes; gossip and indignation, here and there touches of paths and tragedy. Once they were news and important, now but fleeting reminiscences of back when. So it is with the record of today that the front page gives, making of life a mirage chimerical and ever-shifting. But there is a more substantial and significant record than this, a record that is we ourselves: in what we are and what we are becoming the surge of life does its lasting work and leaves its true effects. The score of the game and the first announcement of the dance band may get the headlines, but what the past semester has really meant to us no front page can catch. Have we been happy, have we gained in our own self-respect, have we grown any in mind or broadened in outlook? Have we just existed, or have we lived with zest and feeling and appreciation? The days and nights, have they been dragging and dull, or each one of them a new

experience and a new thrill? Have little things hurt and crushed us and our hearts been shut to the sunshine? Are we thinking or just scheming, can we make a reckoning and be satisfied? Have we been happy? In the answers to such questions as these stands the true record of the past semester, not the record that the historians will be interested in, perhaps, but the one that concerns us. For it is ours, and every minute of every hour it is being built up for or against us, as our temperments and our ways may dictate.

IN THOSE QUASI-WORKING, SEMI-SOCIAL HOURS

The Ring-tum Phi has recently lost the services of one of its most faithful servants, a valuable sports reporter and a favorite "hanger-around." His writings during the past three and a half years would fill many pages, and he was always on time with the goods when it was needed. Beyond everything else, he has been loyal to Washington and Lee in what he has written. It will be difficult to fill his place as news writer and commentator, but in the long run he, rather than his work, will be missed. For it is those quasi-working, semi-social hours in news office and print shop when stories are told, jibes given and taken, and life and letters discussed that are remembered and live on when "big stories" and journalistic masterpieces of the day are but yellowing files in the library. First as a reporter, but lastingly as a comrad this staff member will be missed. We wish him well.

DOORS THAT WON'T SHUT

For well over a year, now, the handball courts have been little more than usable because they have needed a dollar's worth of repairs and an hour or two of work done on them. Either latches are off the doors and they will not stay shut, or the back screens are loose and give a bad bounce, or ropes are hanging in the way and the ventilator will not work. These are little things, but they do detract from the enjoyment of playing, and as long as so much money has already been invested in handball courts it is highly wasteful to have much of their utility destroyed because a few minor repairs are not made when they should be. The sooner these repairs are looked after, the more a great many handball players will appreciate it.

ANOTHER UNIVERSITY PAPER SUGGESTS QUARTERS

(From the Daily Athenaeum)

The letter signed "A Public Speaking Class" which appeared in yesterday's Athenaeum suggesting that the first semester start September first and end before the Christmas holidays, hence leaving the vacation free from the shadow of coming exams, called to mind another plan which is presented here.

This plan accomplishes the same thing as the foregoing suggestion and does it not only for the Christmas holiday but the Easter one as well. The plan has been tried, and is now used in many of the outstanding American colleges. It is best known as the quarter system.

Under the quarter system the year is divided into four quarters, three quarters comprising what is known as the school year. The first quarter opens October first and closes just before the Christmas vacation. When the student returns from his vacation, he starts right in with a new semester. The second semester runs from January until the Easter vacation, the examinations are taken and the semester closes before the vacation.

The third quarter opens after the Easter holidays and closes about the second week in June. The fourth or summer quarter opens in June and runs to September first, when it closes.

The big advantage is that each semester closes in such a way as to give the student a complete rest of a week or so before he starts out on a new semester. Then, of course, the grade and high school teachers who have or wish to attend college during the summer have the advantage of securing more hours of work as well as the same courses exactly as are offered during the winter.

This system seems to have many advantages, and the disadvantages are few. In the colleges and universities where it has been used, it has been liked by both professors and students.

Certainly new, and seemingly very successful, this plan is suggested for your approval. Perhaps the idea seems a bit unusual to those who have never heard of it, just as the system used by the University now seems old to students in other colleges who use the quarter system.

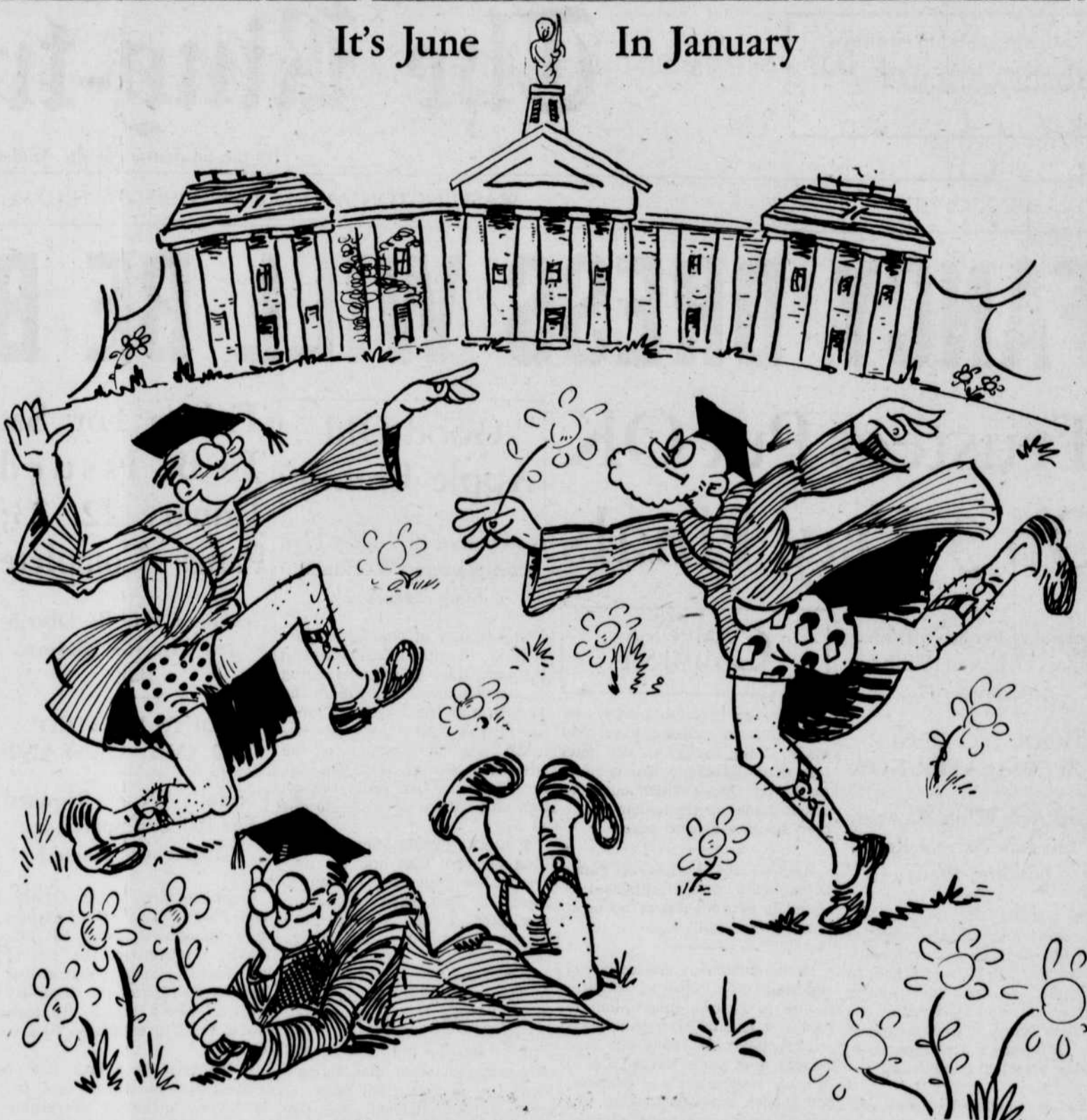
And as Alexander Pope once said:
"Be not the first by whom the new is tried,
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

EDITORIAL INCONSISTENCIES

Isn't James M. Flagg the same artist and beauty judge who raised such a furor at some Northern College a couple of years ago when he said that there wasn't a beauty in the lot?

In that case, boys, don't try to get any Yankee gal in that there Calyx booty contest. She can't win!

Huey's latest: "I am one of the president's best friends." NOTE: It was Huey who said that; yet you couldn't get the President to admit it!



Although the recent spring-like weather has not yet brought to pass such things as are pictured above, it has been suggested that it is the sobering influence of examinations that keeps faculty and students staid and worried looking despite the balmy aid and that June in January feeling. (Drawing by Bill Dyer.)

Turning Off The Record

By MAURICE C. RIDER

A certain Oscar Q. Whiffle wrote a little work called "The Columnist's Handbook: Or How to be Popular in Ten Easy Lessons." This is

Surely a necessary addition to the library of every journalist since that persuasive Whiffle genius of his

Tells all there is to tell about the technique of writing successful columns, and what subjects are good

And proper for the perspiring journalist to comment on, and in each instance what the journalist should

Do if: the ribbon breaks on the typewriter, the keys stick, ideas run short, the editor tears up the copy, and such stuff.

But best of all Oscar tells what to do when readers get tired of reading whackie columns and get rough.

Oscar says in this case to take a good grip on your gum and stick to it at all costs, take out a good insurance policy and get to work again, because it is so very obvious that you can't please everybody.

And it would be veddy soddy

If you did please everyone, because if you did, says Oscar, what would be the joy in living? Think of the thrill you get when you walk down the street and hear some admirer say,

"There goes the poor sap who writes such putrid columns every day."

There, says Oscar, is the thrill of being a writer. Then he goes on to tell what to do when some one gets mad because they can't take a good joke.

The best thing to do, he says, is to apologize and then give them the works again the next time, because the masses really love publicity, you see, and would choke

To death if you thought they were in earnest when they tried to ambush you the other night,

Because they were only kidding about picking a fight.

But wait a minute. Oscar was just asked if he ever wrote a column about anything. "No, I never wrote a column," he said, And hung his head.

Headline History

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Building by September Assured—Lawyers Head For Home—Fire Believed of Incendiary Origin.

Wallis Names Men Paying \$7.50 to Walk in Fancy Dress Figure. 490 Students Have Photos put in Calyx. Matmen Overwhelm Johns Hopkins, But Mathis Isn't Satisfied.

Holidays are Quick Cure for Ten Men in Hospital. Zero Hour Near—General Offensive Opens on 833 Fronts Tomorrow—Train Schedule Chief Topic of Interest.

**Tuesday, January 8
Faculty Members to Appear**

In Watkin's New Play. Freshmen Ordered to Don Their Hats.

Four Seniors Pass Bar Exams. Gunfire Routs Campus Burglar, Gaines and Phillips Leaving School to go Cruising.

Southern Conference Meet to be Held Here. Basketballers Show Potentiality in Whipping Saint Johns. Paper Hard To Fill Up.

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North Carolina Noses Generals Out in Thrilling 36-34 Contest

Tarheels Overtake Blue's Six Point Lead To Win

SCORING HONORS ARE ABOUT EVEN

MacCachren Is Outstanding For Victors; Harris Scores Final Goal

The Generals met mild defeat at the hands of North Carolina in the last five minutes of play, the final score being 36-34, at the Lynchburg Armory last night.

The Tarheels made little progress until after Captain Charlie Smith and Bob Fields were eliminated on personal fouls. After this they advanced slowly and surely to overtake the lead of six points which the Generals had built up by accurate passing and the use of the fast break.

For the Generals, the scoring honors were very evenly divided, but MacCachren was by far outstanding by far outstanding for the Tarheels. The substitute guard, Harris, was also showered with glory after making the winning goal.

The line-ups:

W. and L.	G	F	P
Pette, f	2	2	6
Smith, f	3	0	6
Ellis, f	1	0	2
Richardson, c	3	0	6
Field, g	3	0	6
Iler, g	3	2	8
Totals	15	4	34

Carolina	G	F	P
Aitken, f	3	2	8
Nelson, f	2	3	7
Webster, c	0	1	1
Glace, c	1	1	3
McCachren, g	5	2	12
Kavney, g	1	0	2
Harris, g	1	1	3
Totals	13	10	36

Score at half: Washington and Lee 13; North Carolina 13.

Non-scoring substitutes: Washington and Lee, Watts and Jones; North Carolina, Blood.

Foul shots missed: Washington and Lee, Pette (2), Smith (4), Richardson (3), Iler (3), Field (4); North Carolina, Nelson (3), Glace, McCachren (3), Kavney. Referee: Carrington, Virginia.

Following the BIG BLUE

By ZACH KRAMER

By the time the next column is written, practically all of the winter sports will be aided by the addition of new men, who have hitherto been ineligible. The most grateful of all will be Coach Cy Twombly and his Brigadier basketball team, which will be the recipient of four crack players — Carson, Young, Williams and Benvenuto. The wrestling fans will probably be glad to hear that "Buckshot" Seitz will come back in time to wrestle 165 against North Carolina. Of all the grunting performers last year, his matches were always the most spectacular. The best bout of all as far as thrills went, was the contest Waldrop, Southern conference 175 champ from V. P. I., and Seitz put on. The former won after five and a half exciting minutes. Freshmen and varsity boxing will receive a heavyweight apiece, as Tubby Owings and Frank Jones will report after exams. Freshman wrestling will have one more reporting daily, in the presence of Sharritts, while if Jay Henthorne wishes, he can prove a valuable asset to the varsity basketball squad. The rules concerning ineligibilities are very peculiar. Unless the athlete has a C average, he can not compete in two sports. However, even if he flunks out at the end of the semester, if reinstated, he can play in one sport for the next five months. The fellow declared ineligible for the second sport is not supposed to practice with the team. So, he easily gets around this by going to the gym with the intent of working out, and then "disobeying" the coach by practicing on his own hook along with the team. This is not the only weakness of the rule, for most of the winter sports schedules are so arranged that if any games at all are booked during the first semester they are the unimportant ones.

That new Southern conference rule concerning transfers hasn't hurt the Big Blue teams a bit, for there are quite a few good prospects attending school who have hitherto been ineligible. Which brings to mind the fact that Cy Twombly is pretty jubilant over some of his freshmen swimmers. Paul Lavietes, Brooklyn backstroke record holder, is burning up the tank with his speed, and Arch Logan is one of the few good breaststrokers attending this institution, not neglecting, however, sophomore Joe Taylor, whom Twombly regards as one of the most improved members of his varsity. Meems, Byrd and Griffith are not causing Cy to worry too much over free-stylers either.

It was a good thing that Cornell came out openly about her subsidization policy. As long as all the colleges do this, there is no sense in keeping it in the dark and making it look dishonest. I have always been in favor of subsidization of athletes. The average man given a scholarship is at least a two-sport man. Just think how he lives, if he plays three sports. From the end of August to December 1 he is busy with football, and then he enters basketball only to find that March 1 means the beginning of spring football. If he continues from there, by April 1 he's par-

ticipating in his third activity which doesn't end until Finals. Thus during the whole year he hasn't more than one afternoon a week to himself. Not counting the fact that he is deprived of smoking and other pleasures.

Over in Indiana they grow them big. The center on Indiana university's basketball team is six feet, nine inches. The one on Purdue's is six feet, eight, and Butler's pivot man is six feet, seven. No tre Dame, the fourth of Indiana's famous institutions, is out of luck this year. Marty Peters, their center, is only six feet, four and weighs 215 pounds. I guess Washington and Lee's Bob Spessard isn't the only giant around these parts, especially when Turkey Wright tells me that playing on the House of David team touring Ashland, Kentucky, was a seven feet eleven center. Considering that the basket is only eight feet from the ground, he probably spends all his time practicing dropping the ball into the basket.

Northwestern is quite the class of the Big Ten in basketball this year, and their attack is featured by the play of four sophomores. Vance, a former Indiana high school boy, is one of the sophomores, and it is he that makes it a story. Horse Richardson tells that he had some kind of Indian sign on Vance. For, although Vance was one of the leading scorers of the State, in the four time he faced Horse, all told he was able to gather only three points. Maybe Horse had his number, or perhaps Horse is just good.

Before the rest of the world began to make New Year's resolutions, the track team got together in the janery and figured out how they can win the Southern conference championship, and while it seems impossible, it would be very nice, because the Generals have a swell chance to regain their basketball title and capture the baseball one, too, and that plus a wrestling title and the already won football championship would give Washington and Lee the five major Southern conference diadems.

Tank Schedule Now Complete

Frosh Swimming Team Is Balanced Unit With Exception of Divers

Coach Twombly announced today that the difficulties arising from conflicting dates in the freshman swimming schedule have been straightened out and that the schedule is now complete. It includes five dual meets, three of which will be held in Lexington. The schedule calls for two meets each with A. M. A. and S. M. A. and one with the Virginia freshmen.

"Due to the scarcity of prospects," stated Coach Twombly, "the weakest event for the freshman team will be diving. But aside from this, the other events present a fairly balanced unit."

Final tryouts for the team will not be held until the last week in January, when Twombly plans to have a practice meet between the varsity and freshmen. Because of the fact that the date of the first meet is so near, practice will be held every day during examinations.

The complete schedule reads: February 7—A. M. A., here. February 9—S. M. A., there. February 19—A. M. A., there. February 21—Virginia, here. February 27—S. M. A., here.

Kroger Blue Devils Beat V. P. I. by Wide Margin

Last night at the Roanoke auditorium the Kroger Blue Devils swamped the Gobblers of Virginia Tech by the very deciding score of 42-25, thus establishing the paper supremacy of Washington and Lee.

For V. P. I., Evans and Fittro accounted for six points each, while for Kroger, Allen scored 18 points and Herman was close behind with 11 and Evans with 8. Allen was by far the best player on the floor for the night.

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Coach Martin is of the opinion that there must be some husky freshmen who are willing to uphold the tradition of the yearlings in always making a good showing

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