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STUDENT BODY SAYS HI AND PREP SCHOOL LETTERS MUST DEPART

Meeting Thursday Night in Chapel — Many Spirited Speeches—Freshmen Favor This Action.

Thursday night at a meeting of the entire student body, the main issue was what action should be taken in regard to the wearing of prep and high school letters on the campus.

Three speakers, Wilkinson, Stone and Mahon talked in behalf of the old men, and in favor of the doing away with prep and high school letters on the campus. Each in his own particular style made clear that Florida "F" was given by the school to certain men as a token of the regard these men were held in by the rest of the school. In most cases, it was shown, these letters were gained only after gruelling, contests on the gridiron, or the endurance tests on the track, the diamond and the cross country runs, by the fortunate owner of an "F."

It was made clear that the wearing of a letter not gained, by equally hard work, in as equally good a school was really an infringement upon the rights of the owner of an "F" and for his protection the student body should prevent such infringement. Especially to be abhorred by the student body were letters of the same color and shape of the "F." In such cases the owner of the lesser letter gets the same credit and glory as does the genuine letter man.

In defense of the wearing of high school and prep letters by Freshmen, Loomis contested that he was in accord with the movement and he was sure that other Freshmen were of the same spirit, and it was due to ignorance and not a desire to antagonize the older student body that the letter wearing had been committed.

At this stage in the meeting the resolution, which follows at the end of this article, was passed.

No physical pressure will be used to effect its enforcement, but that all powerful deciding factor in politics and law today will be brought to bear, to-wit: public policy or public opinion.

For the past several years it has been the custom to pass and enforce this same sort of a resolution, this and other customs that are in vogue from year to year are gradually becoming college tradition, and as such should have the hearty support of each student in the University. The degree of importance to which college tradition runs can only be imagined and not expressed, for it is one of those intangible things like college spirit, that are fundamental to the development of the true helpful university.

The following resolution was drawn up by Mahon and passed by the student body to take effect at once:

Whereas: many of the students of the University of Florida have been wearing letters on their sweaters representing merit in football and other branches of athletics awarded by various high schools and preparatory schools from this state and other states, and

Whereas: in our belief, this is an injustice to the men of the U. of F. who have given much time and effort to the earning of the University of Florida "F" and a belittling of the meaning which it signifies and conveys. Therefore;

Be it resolved by the students of the University of Florida in a regular called meeting on Dec. 7th, 1917, that every man matriculating in this university shall hereafter refrain from wearing on his sweater while on the campus of the University, any high school or preparatory school letter not of equal rank to that of the University of Florida.

FRESHMEN WIN FLAG BUT LOSE TUG-O-WAR

Weight of Rats' Triangle Proves Too Much For Sophs—Freshmen Pulled Over the Line After More Than 25 Minutes of Hard Work.

The flag rush and tug-o-war between the Freshmen and the Sophomores Saturday afternoon was an even break; the Freshmen winning the Flag-rush and Soph taking the tug-o-war.

Saturday, on the campus, was a day of excitement and more "pep" was displayed than on any other day of its kind. The "rats" the predominating in number had to hustle to keep up with the Sophs, who were especially active.

The "rats" were a little hasty in clearing the Mess Hall due to the belts of the Sophomores. Soon after, at the gymnasium the Juniors administered the identification marks on the rats with soot and red paint.

The thirty-eight Sophomores clustered in circles around the greasy tree, with its flag, their treasure, so coveted by the "rats." Those thirty-eight Sophs stood, as at the executioner's block, grimly and silently, arms-locked awaiting their doom.

The Freshmen broke out on the field with a shout, yelling as ninety-nine throats can. The "rats" moved around until they were facing the flag. Then forming a triangle with Loomis at the attacking vertex, they slowly worked, their triangle against the circles of the Sophs.

A few seconds after the triangle had both inscribed and circumscribed the circle, Miami "Gunn" attempted to get above the crowd, but the Sophs were within reach and they pulled him down. Then Axelson, the 6 ft. 4 in. McKeawan, Thomas, Leifeste and "rat," struggled upward from the maddened crowd and hovering over them for a minute or so, giving time for the "rats" to move the Sophs, he suddenly loosed himself and sprang upward, winning the flag-rush for the Freshmen. The Freshmen were very systematic in their attack, but their number was their greatest asset, without which there would have been much doubt as to the results.

The tug-o-war was the next event. The Freshman team consisted of; Connell, Lightsey, Fernald, Hartman and Wurthrich. The Soph team was composed of five of their men; Young, "Heine" Ball.

The "rats" got a start on the Sophs at the beginning and they pulled the Sophs at least three feet over, but then the Sophs held to their braces, and stuck there twenty minutes, holding the "rats" to what they had. Every attempt by the Freshmen to sway the line was stopped by systematic pulling of the Sophs. "Hiene" Ball did great work for his team, as did Wurthrich of the opposing side.

After such strenuous pulling of twenty minutes the "rats" began to weaken and lose rope. The Sophs saw their chance and began swaying the line, and slowly but surely the "rats" were dragged over the dead line, giving the tug-o-war to Sophs. "Bull" Young as anchor for the Sophs was a great asset to his team.

The "rats" had the weight on the Sophomore but the systematic pulling and excellent bracing won the tug-o-war for the Sophomores.

"Have you three orchestra seats in the fifth row, center, for tonight?" asked the young man at the theater box office.

"Yes, sir," promptly returned the ticket seller.

"Well, I guess I don't want them," returned the other. "The show can't be any good."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Y. M. C. A. HEARS INTERESTING TALK.

The meeting opened Sunday afternoon with the usual hymns and prayer. Bill Stone then introduced the speaker, Mr. J. M. Johnson. Mr. Johnson was formerly secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Lake Charles, La., and also missionary to Arizona.

Mr. Johnson said that he had ceased to look in the great throngs for the most good. The great crowds are not so apt to be permanently impressed. Quiet gatherings gave greater results, according to Mr. Johnson's experience. The theme of his talk was "Life is only a day of Opportunity." He emphasized the importance of getting hold of the circumstances in the scriptures. He pictured the opportunity lost by Jerusalem when it did not accept Jesus.

To make a success, according to Mr. Johnson, one has to take advantage of each little opportunity as it is presented. If Watt hadn't made use of his opportunities previous to his invention of the steam engine, the steaming kettle would never have suggested anything to him. Likewise with Isaac Newton and the others. It is only by adding each opportunity that one amounts to anything. He used the simile of a diamond weighing one carat being worth \$100-\$125 and one of nine carats being worth \$12000. The open door of opportunity is ours if we only take advantage of it. The best educated men in the State may come to us and if we close our eyes and stop our ears, of what value is their knowledge to us?

One chord of music may be beautiful but it is only by the addition of others that the greatest music is composed. One color may be beautiful but soon becomes monotonous unless others are added to it to make the great masterpieces of art. God does not give us one opportunity, but many. If they are grasped by us one by one we become multiplied men. We become of value to the world as we use our opportunities.

The Indians of New Mexico think it wonderful when they can get a little corn to grow with their crude agricultural methods. In the Texas Panhandle two men were plowing sixty acres of land a day with a tractor and gang plow. All the Navajos combined could not cultivate this amount of land in a day with their methods. It is because the white man has grasped the opportunities as they have come and added them. God intends for us to take one step at a time. We have to live to win heaven. God has promised a hundred-fold reward if we make use of our opportunities. Mr. Johnson was giving out circulars and asking men to come to a religious meeting. One man that he persuaded to come in was ragged and cold, and he had no shoes worth speaking of and no place to spend the night. Mr. Johnson procured him a lodging and a second-hand pair of shoes. Fifteen years later, when Mr. Johnson was in St. Louis, this man, whom Mr. Johnson had forgotten, wrote to him, saying that he had charge of a rescue mission and ever since that night when Mr. Johnson helped him, he had devoted his life to God. Mr. Johnson received this reward on earth.

God is intending that we be manly men and not bring reproach upon our fathers' and mothers' name. If we make use of our opportunities, God will have a place for us. We may not be able to do the big things, but perhaps God has, in His great scheme of things, planned for us to do the little things. Let us make use of the one talent and not bury it. This life is but the A. B. C. of the great life beyond, and it is only insofar as we have prepared ourselves that we can take advantage of our opportunities.

We can receive the joy of our Lord here as well as hereafter. The great joy of saving humanity can never be expressed in words. Let us live for the advancement of others, and it will

STUDENT CAPITALISTS OPEN MOVIE SHOW

Bailey and Smith Provide a Long Needed Entertainment for Gainesville Negroes.

Many and varied ways of earning money are employed by college students;—from coaching to waiting on table, but it remained for George Bailey, Senior A. B., and Dan P. Smith, to originate the plan of becoming moving picture magnates.

These two young men becoming greatly impressed with the lack of entertainment for negroes in this city, began seeking a means of remedying this sad condition—and incidentally for providing a little extra spending money for the Christmas holidays. To this end they formed a partnership and purchased a moving picture machine, which they installed in a rented hall conveniently situated for the purpose. Next they employed two dusky helpers to assist in the management, and finally opened the doors to the colored population of the city.

Deprived so long of the entertainment so popular among their white neighbors, and hungry for a glimpse of the wonderful "movin' pictures," the darkies flocked in excited hordes to the Bailey Smith "theatre." They did the same the next night, and, as Bailey says, the crowd grows larger with every show.

be wonderful what God does for us if we so strive.

And there is punishment for us if we fail to use the one talent. Our opportunities will be taken away if we fail to use them. There is surely a punishment for lost opportunities. Mr. Johnson said that hell may not be the place that it is supposed to be, but he didn't know, as he had never been there and wasn't going. But he is sure that hell is a separation from God and those who have lived right.

The need of our Government at present is not only that we support the flag but that we be true to manhood and the principles of right and stand as examples.

After a hymn Mr. Manning asked for about twenty men to meet the trains and escort the corn club boys. He got them.

Prof. Buchholz, whom all were glad to see present, made a few remarks as to the attendance and then gave an appreciation of Mr. Johnson's talk. He said that the truths were to the point and that our lives would be made richer, deeper and broader if we would put them into practice.

As to the attendance, Prof. Buchholz wants us to each be a committee of one to bring more men. If we all put our shoulders to the wheel and pull together we can accomplish our end. He considers this the most important society on the campus because if the men become interested in the word of God they will do their duty in the other societies.

Adjournment after prayer.

CONTORTIONIST PUZZLES DRAFT EXAMINERS.

Mansfield, O.—Draft board examining physicians were puzzled when Stephen T. Dalton of Shelby came up for examination.

"His hip is dislocated," said one doctor.

"No, his hips are all right; but his left shoulder is out of joint," insisted the second examiner.

The third found an elbow in bad condition, but the hip and shoulder were all right.

Dalton is a contortionist, who at will can throw bones out of joint and appear badly crippled.

After puzzling the physicians for a time Dalton threw himself back into shape and was passed as physically qualified for service.—Ex.

112 BOYS OF CORN AND PIG CLUBS ATTEND SHORT COURSE

Were Tendered Banquet in University Commons by the Four Local Banks. Expressed Satisfaction and Appreciation of Work Done, and Courtesies Shown Them.

Of the 2,000 boys enrolled in the corn and pig clubs of the State, one hundred and twelve members, prize-winners, representing 34 counties, attended the Boys' Short Course in Agriculture at the University of Florida this week. The attendance was a half larger than that of last year. The boys, who were the guests of the University and the people of Gainesville, were well entertained.

Every day was given to instruction in Agriculture and discussions of its many problems. The day's work began at 8 o'clock every morning and closed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, giving time before supper for an hour of recreation on the athletic field under the direction of Coach Buser. A supper given to the boys, Friday evening in the Commons by the four local banks ended the short course program. State prizes were awarded and all the boys received a diploma or certificate of honor and merit.

The boys were outspoken in their satisfaction. "The trip to the University and this course is worth the year's work without the profit I made from my corn," said one young visitor, and he voiced the sentiments of several lads near him. "Yes," added another, "It makes a feller feel like he is somebody to come here and find all of the professors interested in him."

Some of the boys expressed a desire to return as students, a result to be expected when a live boy, with enough ambition to complete a year's work as a club member under the guidance of the county agent begins to realize he has made only a beginning in agriculture. "Boys like these are the greatest undeveloped asset of the State today," declared one of the several county agents who had come to help take care of the boys. "Many of them have raised more corn on an acre of ground than their fathers raised on five acres, and many of these boys have pure-bred pigs the fathers of the club members would be glad to own. These boys of today are to be the State's successful farmers of tomorrow. They are young and ambitious and their successes thus far are serving to stimulate these Corn and Pig Club Boys to greater effort. The State will reap the benefit of their enthusiasm.

Y. M. C. A. SUCCESSFUL IN CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 27, 1917.

Dear Editor:

Florida has made a magnificent response to the patriotic appeal for funds for our soldier boys' welfare as provided under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. We would like to write each contributor but it is impossible, and we ask that you print this expression of our appreciation for the part which your community has had in this great cause.

In behalf of the National War Work Council, we thank all who have given both time and money, and but for the willing sacrifice of so many the campaign would not have succeeded.

Very truly,
O. E. MAPLE,
State Secretary.

Miss W. B. Ellis
Registrars Office,
Univ. of Fla., City

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EDITORIAL

MANY LEAVING TO ENLIST.

In response to the recent announcement that after Dec. 15th no drafted men will be allowed to volunteer for service, there have been a large number of University students leaving to enter the branch of service which they prefer. Some have applied for the Third Officers' Training Camp, others have gone into the Navy, while perhaps the largest number have enlisted in the Quartermaster's Corps and are stationed at Camp Johnston, Jacksonville, temporarily. These men will be keenly missed, as are all who have left their college work to perform that greater service, which, tho it comes to them now, is only detained a short while before it will reach those of us who are younger. We are all anxious to do our part, and all of us will do our part. We are fortunate in being able to pursue our studies this winter and in being so comfortably situated and well provided for and we feel that in doing this, that is, continuing our studies, that we are doing the proper thing. The reasons for this being true are: First, that it is the request of those who are working out the great plan of winning this conflict; second, there are only a certain number of men who can be cared for, trained and equipped at the same time and it is best to get them from the occupations which do not tend to make them more efficient; third, the demand for educated men as leaders is well known and the reward very evident when you look down the list of officers. Therefore we feel that we are right when we state that those who are conscientiously preparing their studies are undoubtedly doing all that can be expected of them, those who have already gone have and ever will be honored and praised by us, those who are here and are not conscientiously performing their work are not doing their duty and should either leave school or determine to do better. Each man is his own judge and can know more accurately than any other person under which class he comes. Judge your own case and act accordingly; make no statements as to your fellow's, only do what you can to assist him if he need it.

OUR FARMER BOYS.

We call them ours because they are a part of the University, even tho they are with us for only a few days during the year. They are members of the Boys' Corn and Pig Clubs and once each year they meet together for the purpose of benefiting themselves by the facilities here at the University and in order that they may be a formal organization. This is the third year in the existence of this work of the boys in connection with the University Extension work; such rapid progress has been made and such success resulted that it has been proved that the cause is a good one. The fact that the number of attendants has increased from twelve the first year to more than a hundred this year is conclusive evidence that the promoters are men who deserve much credit for this advancement and it is fully expected that the number will continue to enlarge in the same proportion. Of these boys, who range in age

from about twelve years to eighteen or twenty years, will come many future students of the University. For when the time comes for them to make a decision as to their institution of higher learning they will not forget the impression made when visiting us and we will expect them all to choose this University for their advanced work in Agriculture, Engineering or any of the departments, as it will be to their interest to attend the State University.

WHERE ARE THE RAT CAPS?

There has been a great deal of talk and considerable acting in reference to the green caps for the Freshmen, but it all seems too slow in materializing. It seems a small matter and one which could be effected with little trouble in a short time, but for some reason there has been an unnecessary delay, and we hope that steps will be taken by those in charge to have the Freshmen provide themselves with this article at once, for already about three months of the school year has passed.

ENJOY YOURSELF, MISTER.

At half-past five they dig us out,
When the weather makes you weep,
For you hear the bloody bugle spout,
And the mud is ankle deep.
The frost is on your blankets,
The air so cold it cracks,
The fog is thick enough to halt you
in your tracks,
But the bugle keeps ablowin',
For the bugler's got the wind,
And we splash out in the darkness,
Feelin' like we're skinned.
With our clothes just hangin' on us,
And our hands all blue with cold,
We curse to beat the devil—
But we do just what we're told.
We do double squat and single,
Back and forward bending too,
Then we do the windmill when we'd
rather guzzle stew.

Mess is just what cookie makes it.
He's a good one when he tries,
But when he doped this coffee,
He had cinders in his eyes.
All your grub is on one shovel,
Bacon, dog-cakes, milk, and beans,
And the dripping from the shake-up—
simply dribbles on your jeans.
We'll have to drill like mad today,
We must wheel and do our tricks,
And when noon mess comes to save
us,
Our feet'll be like bricks.
But we'll run like wild however,
And we'll grab our greasy tins,
And we'll rush and shove and
scramble—
We won't care for heads or shins.

Afternoon same as morning,
Only we are worse for wear,
But our steps and wheels and facings,
Make our old lieutenant swear.

So we drill along thru morning,
Till retreat at half-past five,
Then we sit in draughty barracks,
Trying hard to look alive,
Or perhaps we see a movie,
Or seek the dancing floor,
But the movie films are rotten,
We've seen them all before.
And the cars and talk and people,
In this mangy one-horse town,
Give us big-town guys convulsions,
Till the tears start dropping down.

Smokes and eats are scarce as hen
teeth,
And we have no stoves or heat,
And the stalls that we are housed in,
Well for pig-sties can't be beat.

So my friend, if you are "comfy,"
And your feet are always warm,
And you have your little auto,
And your little house and farm,
Or if you're simply cozy,
And your job, it pleases you,
And you have your good warm shower,
And your little pot of brew,
Go enjoy these while they let you,
Get some pleasure while you can,
For some day they'll come and get
you,
And you'll be an army man.

The band has been compelled to change quarters on account of the Signal Corps men, who will have their classroom in the former quarters of the band in the Engineering Building. The Faculty room is the future abode of our noise contraption.

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CAMPUS NOTES.

The Agricultural Club.
The Agricultural Club, at its last meeting Monday night heard a paper by J. L. Hardin, on Rural Conditions in Denmark. Members conducted a very interesting debate on the question whether an agricultural college should continue in session for twelve months of the year, instead of nine months. The decision of the judges was for the negative.

Peabody Club.
At the meeting of the Club last Monday evening, W. H. Reeves, with his usual skill, gave a reading replete with the quaint humor of pioneer school days.

The Dixie Highway was discussed in detail by M. S. Hayes who emphasized both the commercial value of the project and the great pleasure to be derived from such a source.

Experiment Station, Extension Division.
Dr. N. A. Back, entomologist in charge of investigations of insects affecting stored products, to the Bureau of Entomology, U. S. D. A., was in conference with Director P. H. Rolfs, Monday. Dr. Back arranged with the Experiment Station and the Extension Division to carry on demonstration work in the control of insects affecting products in storage. A special entomologist will be assigned to co-operate in that work.

To carry on demonstration work looking toward the control of sweet-potato root weevils and other truck insects, C. H. Ponce has been assigned to the Florida College of Agriculture by the Bureau of Entomology, U. S. D. A.

P. A. Yoder, specialist in investigations of sugar cane for syrup making, to the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. D. A., was here Wednesday in reference to sugar cane raising in Florida.

Dr. A. Houchin, formerly of Wilmington, Del., has been assigned by the Bureau of Animal Industry to Dr. A. H. Logan's staff in Fla. Dr. Houchin is the third veterinarian to be added to the staff which has in hand the work of controlling swine diseases. Doctors L. N. Peterson and H. P. Walker have been in the State for a month.

Director and Mrs. P. H. Rolfs were in Jacksonville Friday and served on the reception committee for Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson.

C. K. McQuarrie, State Agent, was in Tallahassee Thursday to speak before the annual conference of negro farmers at their State School.

W. T. Nettles of Clay County, C. D. Gunn, of Bradford County, and H. W. Blacklock of Marion County, all county agents, were at the University a part of last week to help with instructing the agricultural club boys.

Miss E. C. Shaw, secretary to the Experiment Station, returned to her duties Thursday morning after a month's vacation spent in Boston, New York and other Northern cities.

COLLEGE OF LAW NOTES.

The Practice Court of the University of Law School has begun in earnest. All of the Common Law actions must be tried by the last of the semester. The purpose of these trials is to give the law students practical experience, and that object is being realized.

On Thursday night the case of Sheind against the Postal Telegraph Company was tried. The plaintiff was represented by Mr. D. Carter and Mr. Moore while the defendant Company was represented by Mr. C. L. Alford and Mr. M. H. Jones. The action was for damages for injuries to shade trees

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE FLORIDA ALLIGATOR.

The Florida Alligator is an enterprise belonging to the student body and accordingly feels itself under obligation to report its financial condition to its owners as every enterprise does which is managed in a business like way.

There follows herewith a statement of the assets and liabilities of the venture, ascertained at date, June 15, 1917; and the statement of the income and expenses for the period from June 16, 1916 to June 15, 1917. Both of these statements have been audited by the faculty committee on Student Publications.

Last year's operations show a loss of nearly \$50.00 as compared with a profit of about \$150.00 the preceding year. This unfavorable difference is due principally to two causes: (1) an increased cost of issuing the Alligator due to an increase in its size for a part of the year and (2), a decreased income from advertising due to the generally unfavorable financial condition consequent upon abnormally high cost of everything.

Financial Statement of the Florida Alligator.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

June 15, 1917.			
Assets.			
Cash		\$ 35.08	\$ 54.47
Plant and Office Fixtures:			
Cost, up to June 15, 1916 (partly estimated)	\$640.80		
Additions during the past year	11.58		
	652.38		
Less depreciation, estimated	270.00		
	\$372.38	\$372.38	\$466.80
Bills receivable		66.90	136.11
Total Assets		\$474.36	\$657.38
Liabilities.			
Note, secured by chattel mortgage		\$ 64.20	\$183.60
Bills payable		109.59	34.10
Surplus		300.57	439.68
Total		\$474.36	\$657.38

INCOME AND EXPENSES

June 15, 1916 to June 15, 1917.			
Income.			
Profit from Summer School Alligator of 1916 (partly estimated)		\$123.96	
From subscriptions:			
By cash received	\$253.25		
Add for bill receivable (Univ. of Fla.)	66.90		
	\$320.15	\$320.15	\$311.50
From advertisements		522.35	672.95
Total operating income		\$966.46	984.45
The operating expenses (shown below) were		929.07	802.33
This shows an operating profit of		37.39	182.12
From this deduct:			
Depreciation of equipment, estimated at 15% for the year	96.00		
Less additions to the plant	11.58		
	84.42	84.42	28.70
Giving net loss for the year		loss	profit
		47.03	153.42
Expenses.			
Cost of issuing Alligator:			
By cash spent for wages, stock, postage, etc.	\$788.00		
Add for bills payable, June 15, 1917	109.59		
	\$897.59	\$897.59	\$725.63
Cost of getting business (traveling expenses, etc.)	7.90		18.40
Additions to plant and fixtures	11.58		58.30
Space in "Florida Seminole"	12.00		
Total operating expenses		\$929.07	\$802.33

by defendant's linemen in erecting wires. The jury returned a verdict for the defendant.
The case of Marks against the Tampa & Jacksonville Railroad was called for trial on Friday afternoon to determine whether the defendant company was liable for injuries to the plaintiff resulting from the negligent management of one of the defendant's trains. Judgment was for the plaintiff.

VERDICT TO COME.

Caller—So the cashier is absent. Will he be very long?
Office Boy—That depends on the jury, sir.—Banner.
One report has it that the Kaiser "will rush to the front to cheer the soldiers." If he waits a little longer he will not have to rush so far.—Albany Journal.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Mr. Harold Ford is back on the campus again, after an absence of several weeks.

Mr. O. L. Durrance left for Jacksonville last week to join some branch of government service.

V. W. Fletcher left Saturday to fall in line and do his bit for the country.

H. R. DeSilva has been forced to resign on account of his health, and go home to recover from his illness of a month ago. He returned to take up his work, but found that he was not able to stay.

The collections on the Students Friendship War Fund are coming along fine, and indications are, that all pledges will be paid up on time. It will be appreciated, if anyone will send his subscription to B. F. Whitner, Jr., and thus save the Y. M. C. A. cabinet members many steps and much time. All checks should be made payable to the local treasurer, named above.

H. C. Johnson went to Jacksonville last week, intending to join some branch of the U. S. service. However, he did not quite measure up to the requirements, and consequently, returned to his studies in a few days.

The fellows are beginning to leave to join either army or navy, and as the year progresses, more and more will probably go. We all hate to see them go, but realizing that it is necessary and the greatest good for our country, we would not have it otherwise. The University of Florida has sent more than her full quota, and long ago, but they still answer the country's call.

Joe Swanson, who has been very ill from an attack of pneumonia is slowly recovering.

"Gabby" Knowles, 1st Lieut. of the artillery was in Gainesville looking over old times.

L. Y. Dyrenforth, who has recently seen without the use of his eyes, is now in Gainesville with his eyesight much improved.

O. H. Long (Possum) returned Saturday from a visit to his home at Mayo, Fla., only to announce his intention of leaving Monday for Ocala on his way to join the navy.

T. O. Otto, who went to Jacksonville about two weeks ago to have his boat operated on, returned the first part of last week.

Some of the seacoast rats are wanting to know when the swimming tank will be filled with water again. They claim that they miss their accustomed invigorating morning plunges in such nice weather as we're having now.

Claude Ogilvie and Otto Manecke took a trip in the latter's car to Brooksville where they visited Mr. Manecke's farm. They made the trip here in the unusually fast time of two hours.

Kenneth Hitchcock was out in football togs the other day working for the seniors. He is expected to make the U-star inter-class team which will be picked by Prof. Buchholz.

Two of the University law students have left school to enlist in the Quartermaster's Department of the U. S. Army. Mr. M. H. Jones of Brewton enlisted Friday as Clerk in this Department. Mr. Jones was appointed Clerk of the University Practice Court and represented the John Marshall Society in the Inter-Society Debating contest last year. Mr. C. L. Alford has left for his home at Grand Ridge, Florida, for a short visit, after which he will enlist in the same department. These two young men were among the strongest men in the College of Law and their departure will be felt by faculty and students alike.

COLLEGE MEN AND THE WAR TAX LAW.

(From the Patriotic News Service of the National Committee of Patriotic Societies, Southern Bldg., Washington, D. C.)

By DANIEL C. ROPER, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

The National Committee of Patriotic Societies addressed an inquiry a short while ago to Commissioner Daniel C. Roper of the Department of Internal Revenue as to how the provisions of the Act of October 3, 1917, affected the various student activities in our American colleges. Commissioner Roper had the following statement especially prepared for publication in the college press.

Inquiry has been received relative to the application of the provisions of the Act of October 3, 1917, imposing tax upon admissions to college athletic, theatrical and other entertainments. The Act exempts from such tax "admissions all the proceeds of which inure exclusively to the benefit of religious, educational or charitable institutions, societies or organizations."

As was remarked in a recent statement relating to the same provisions of law, the word "educational" as used in such connection has been given a rather broad construction by the courts. It has been held to include physical and moral as well as purely intellectual training; and if a college itself managed the theatrical and other entertainments and received the proceeds arising therefrom, there would of course be no doubt that the exemption applied. However, it is understood that, generally speaking, such entertainments are managed not by the college authorities, but by student organizations which control the expenditure of the proceeds. Any claim to exemption, therefore, must be based upon the contention that the student organizations are themselves educational institutions or that the entertainments which they manage are educational. It is doubtless true that college sports tend to arouse interest in physical development and that college theatrical and similar entertainments have some educational influence, but the same might be said of professional base ball games, for instance, and professional theatrical performances, and of course there was no intent to exempt the latter or the promoters thereof. After all, the principal function of college sports and other college entertainments would seem to be, as in the case of professional sports and other professional entertainments, to furnish recreation; and there appears to be no more substantial ground for exemption in one case than in the other.

It is accordingly held that the tax applies to admissions charged for entrance to college athletics and other entertainments, unless all the proceeds thereof are actually turned over to the college itself, or to some other religious, educational, or charitable institution, society or organization.

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