"It is the duty of every community to observe, even enforce, free speech."

WALTER HINES PAGE, Trinity '76

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Combine Political Question Referred To the Fraternities

Pan-Hellenic Council Receives Committee Report On Politics

The desirability of ending the combine system of political control by fining fraternities for engaging in combine politics was referred to the individual fraternities for consideration by the Pan-Hellenic council Sunday night

The plan, which would levy an as yet undetermined fine upon any fraternity which would seek to make an agreement with another fraternity to influence the outcome of any student election, was recommended to the council by a special committee, consisting of representatives from fifteen fraternities, which met last Thursday night. The plan was approved by the committee by a vote of 13-3.

One-Year Trial

The new plan, if fraternities vote to instruct their representatives to approve it, will be passed as an amendment to the Pan-Hellenic constitution, and will, according to council members, include a clause providing that it shall be temporarily enforced in the coming spring elections, and that it will be reconsidered for permanent passage thereafter.

The wording of the recommendation by the special committee called for the imposition of a fine upon any Greek letter society which would "enter into any agreement or combine with any other fraternity, either in whole or part, which would seek to influence, through such agreement, the course of any elections to be held on the Duke university campus." For violation of the constitutional amendment, a fine which fraternities will agree upon if the plan is passed will be imposed.

Ill in the hospital, where he may be confined for several days, Donald Sheehan, president of the Pan-Hellenic council, urged support of the plan with the following statement: "I am very much in favor of a fine for engaging in combine activities." In Sheehan's absence, Fred Rebman, vice-president of the council, presided over the meeting held Sunday.

First Vote

The referring of the plan to fraternities will occasion the first popular vote ever to be held among fraternity men on whether or not they approve of the combine system which has been in practice on the Duke campus for many years. Under the system, two combines of fraternities organize prior to the election and support two slates of candidates, which have been selected in "combine meetings." In most cases, one combine or the other makes a clean sweep of the election. Not in any election on the Duke campus in recent years has a candidate unsupported by a combine been elected to any student office.

Bulletin

A close vote on the combine question was seen in an unofficial check last night to determine whether or not the two-thirds necessary for a constitutional amendment would favor a fine for forming combines.

With the decision resting with fraternities as yet non-committal, eight fraternities were reported to have voted in favor of the plan, while six have unconditionally rejected it. The vote of eleven fraternities will be required to pass an amendment. Three fraternities are reported uncommitted.

Few Flays Control By Mass Rule

Demagogues May Arise President Warns At Alumni Meeting

Caution against the rule of majorities—a rule which brings forth demagogues who forget to insist on the rule of right—was urged over the week-end by Dr. William P. Few, president of Duke university, in his addresses made before the Duke Alumni association of Washington, D. C. Dr. Few also made addresses in New York and Newark, N. J., stressing the needs for endowed scholarships and fellowships for use both in the colleges and in the graduate and professional schools.

In Washington President Few said, ". . . It would be bad taste for me to use an occasion like this for partisan or political discussion. I am going to avoid that, but if telling you the truth as I see it should seem to you to have political implications, that I cannot help.

Community of Feeling

"In matters of government the average man has in the past usually looked with too much reverence upon things as they are, and has strained to keep them fixed, until they become unendurable and led to reaction and revolution. But the trend throughout the world now seems to be radical rather than conservative. There has been a sudden emergence of the people in all governments everywhere. Evrywhere the poeple are on the move. . . From the individualism that has hitherto belonged to civilization we are, temporarily at least, moving toward the communal state of mind, toward a community of feeling, a nation-wide, even world-wide, thing in chorus.

Referring to the tendency of the political leaders of our country, Dr. Few said, ". . . American political leaders all too often show an eagerness for office, a meek compliance with what they suppose to be the popular will, and an indifference to the voice of principle, of national honor and integrity. And all this creates a situation that is fraught with peril to our country."

Voices Conservatism

And in his closing paragraph the Duke president voiced the feelings of many of the conservatives of the country when he said,

"I believe democracy is the true goal of humanity. But if democracy endures it will not be because the people rule, but because through the people right is brought to pass. In weakly yielding to the rule of the people we may easily forget to insist on the rule of right. Truth is a thing to be sought diligently, and it is not to be found by consulting majorities. What we most need now is not leaders so fused with the throng that they are content to drift on the stream of popular sentiment, but rather those who have faith enough in men to risk preaching to them doctrines which at the moment happen to be unpopular."

Father Ill, Mother's Wages Of $8.32 Only Family Income

—Drawn by Penrhyn Stanlaws for the *New York Times Hundred Neediest Cases.*

Contributions To Christmas Neediest Would Aid Durham Family Of Parents And Children

Case Two

News that their 12-year-old son, James, is improving in Sanatorium, N. C., where he is confined with tuberculosis, will bring only the barest Christmas joy this year to Mr. and Mrs. Noah Stanton, who have been trying, ever since Mr. Stanton's illness and incapacity, to buy food, clothes, medicine, fuel, and other household expenses for the family of five on $5.32 a week.

The weekly income is earned by Mrs. Stanton, who receives $8.32 a week in the WPA Sewing Room, and immediately deducts $3.00 a week for rent. Mr. Stanton has not worked since 1928, when he had to stop work because of his health. Shortly thereafter he lost the use of his left wrist when what was referred to as a cancer was removed at Duke Hospital.

Because the mother's weekly wage has been for years inadequate to provide the family with the necessities of life, the three children, Noah, Jr., 10, Agie Frances, 9, and Cathleen, 7, whom Mr. Stanton stays home to care for in the daytime, are all tubercular suspects, according to X-Ray examinations made of the children last March. Mr. Stanton is also a t.b. suspect.

The Lakewood Dairy has been helping out with milk for the children, but other than that, there has been little support. The weekly minimum budget for the family, as drawn up by the Durham county welfare department, is:

Expenses:

Food	$ 7.93
Shelter	3.00
Clothing	2.50
Fuel	1.00
Light	.40
Medical Care	1.50
Household	.50
School Supplies	.10
Recreation	.70
Total Expense	$17.63

Income:

Wages of Mrs. Stanton	$ 8.32
Weekly Deficit:	$9.31

The family occupies a four-room cottage at 1714 Dean Street. "The large health problem and inadequate income," reports the welfare department, which has selected the cases especially for the *Chronicle* Fund, "seem to make this family worthy of additional assistance." Amount needed, to meet minimum requirements of budget for one year: $484.12.

About Contributions

The third case in the Chronicle Christmas Fund For Durhams' Three Neediest Cases, and the first report of contributions, will be published in the Friday issue.

The second report of contributions will be made in the Wednesday issue next week, and the final report will appear in the first issue after the holidays. Bottles and boxes for small contributions will remain on the East and West campuses until the holidays. Students and faculty members desiring to contribute may make out checks personally to the treasurer of the Fund, Dr. Malcolm McDermott, and mail them to Dr. McDermott, Duke station, Durham, with the coupon printed below.

Organizations, fraternities, or sororities who wish to be included in the first report of contributions should mail their contributions to Dr. McDermott tomorrow at the latest. Those who wish to be included in the second report should mail their contributions by Saturday.

Alumni To Meet Here This Week

Representatives Of Local Associations Gather For Duke Day

The thirteenth Annual Duke Day, to be observed here Saturday, will climax the fall alumni activities which will have included the meetings of 52 alumni groups, it was announced today by the Duke University Alumni Association.

Since October 1, 48 alumni organizations have convened here and four more will hold sessions on the campus this week. These four groups yet to meet are: Randolph County Association, tomorrow; Connecticut Association, tomorrow; Craven-Jones-Pamlico Association, Thursday, and the Rochester (N.Y.) Association, Saturday. Yesterday the Haywood County Association met.

Alumni in and near Massachusetts will dance to the music of Johnny Long and his Duke University Orchestra December 17 at the Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston. A dinner-dance will be held December 29 by the alumni of Buffalo at the Hotel Statler.ler. Three alumni associations that have been formed this year are: Petersburg, Va.; Harrisburg, Pa., and Rochester, N. Y.

Duke University Day commemorates the signing of the Indenture Trust for Duke University by James B. Duke. A luncheon in the University Union at 1:30 will be the principal event of the day. President William Preston Few will address the gathering that will include representatives of the University community and alumni.

Campus Leaders Urge Support Of Christmas Fund

Support of the Chronicle Christmas Fund by the students and campus organizations of Duke university was urged today by leaders of both the East and West campuses in statements which commend highly the principle behind the drive for permanent betterment of three of Durham's neediest families.

The men and women who gave statements stressed the need for complete cooperation in this effort to raise the necessary $1,000, which is the amount set as the goal of the drive.

The statements follow:

E. Gilbert Mathews, president of the Men's Student Government: "The idea in itself is excellent. However, success will come only with the cooperation of the students and the various campus organizations."

Donald H. Sheehan, president of the Men's Pan-Hellenic Council: "The project is one in which students and campus organizations should cooperate to the fullest extent. It is not sufficient that we merely feel sympathetic toward such cases, but it is essential that we make our contributions toward their betterment."

William B. Somerville, president of the Y.M.C.A.: "For the first time in the school's history the *Chronicle* has undertaken a real job. In the past poor families have been given at most only one meal by various organizations on the campus, but the *Chronicle project will make possible the* happiness and health of several families for an entire year. It is up to every individual in the school to help in this endeavor."

Mary Brent Holland, president of the Women's Student Government: "I think it is one of the best things that has ever been started on the campus and feel sure that it will be a success."

Genevieve Baggs, president of the Y.W.C.A.: "The staff of the *Chronicle* is to be commended upon its initiation of a fund for some of Durham's neediest families.

University Church Created; Students Included On Board

Membership Here Not To Conflict With Home Affiliations

A newly-organized student-faculty Official Board and a new system of organization whereby all students may become members of a campus church while in school are major features of the new religious set-up here, which was approved last Friday afternoon at a joint meeting of the University Committee on Religious Interests, combined with the Student Religious Council.

The plan, which was drawn up by a Joint Commission of the University Committee and the Student Religious Council, is the result of more than a year of agitation for chapel reform.

Complying with the clamor for student representation in the direction of chapel services, the new plan provides for an official board composed of a majority of students, six of whom are to be elected annually on May 1. Possibilities of politics in the elections were forseen and have been eliminated by a provision which says that six student members-at-large are to be elected from among a group of twelve nominated by the Student Religious Council.

Members of the Student Religious Council and a group of faculty-administration members not to exceed the number of students on the Student Religious Council complete the Official Board. Under this system students are guaranteed a majority of at least six on the Board. Officers of the Board will be a chairman, selected from the faculty-administration group, a vice-chairman, and a secretary, who shall be a member of the permanent university staff.

Supplementing the Official Board is an Executive Committee, "instructed to proceed with the completion of the organization of the church." The Executive Committee consists of the officers of the Official Board, the preacher to the University, the Directors of religious activities, and one East campus representative.

Undergraduate Majority Of Six Guaranteed In New Set-Up

Culminating what is perhaps the most significant religious evolution in the history of the school, the Duke University Church enters its final stage of creation tomorrow, when explanatory letters and membership cards will be mailed to all students.

The letter, which is signed by members of the Official Board of the new church, says that the interdenominational church is the result of "considerable agitation in campus circles," and indicates that religious interests have always been given a place here by means of the university program.

Three Membership Methods

Three methods of becoming affiliated with the new church were submitted on November 16 by the Committee on Organization, and approved Friday by the Joint Commission. Students may become affiliated: "(1) on the strength of membership in a church located elsewhere; (2) by profession of faith, and being inducted into membership in a denominational church by a minister chosen by the professing member; (3) by profession of faith, without becoming a member of a denominational church."

It was pointed out in the meeting Friday that although there are three methods of joining, there is only one type of membership. The card to be mailed tomorrow states that "this membership will not diminish your connection with your home congregation, and will cease without formality when you leave the university."

Players To Give Second Dramatic Series Tomorrow

Five One-Act Plays, One By Former Duke Student, To Be Produced

The curtain on the second major student dramatic production of the Duke Players, a bill of five one-act plays, will rise at 8:30 Thursday night in Page auditorium. The performance will be repeated Friday evening.

The varied program includes two student works, one by Sheldon Harte, written while a student here last year, and the other a mystical work "Four on a Heath," by a graduate of North Carolina university. The remaining three plays were chosen as proven successes.

The first dress rehearsal was held last night in Page auditorium with the complete scenery for the five oneacters. It is probable that the stage crews will find this production one of their most difficult, the scenery, lighting, costumes, and make-up changing completely five times.

With a large section of the finest seats in the orchestra already gone to holders of season tickets to the four major Players' productions, ticket sales have already begun to tighten. The box office in Page auditorium will be open every afternoon this week between 2 and 5 p.m.

Y.W.C.A. Carnival Proves Success, Leaders Report

Approximately $900 was taken in at the Y.W.C.A. Christmas fair which was held Friday and Saturday in the Ark, it was announced by Jane Winters, chairman of the fair committee. The profits, which have not as yet been calculated, with the exception of some of the money from the Oriental booth which will go to the Huckabee fund, will be put in the Y treasury.

Dot Gilman, Jarvis house, won the radio which was rafled, and Ray Sparks won the men's suit.

According to the fair committee, this year's carnival was even more successful than last year's. The cosmetic stand and the game booths were particularly profitable.

To Show German Film

A German movie will be presented by Delta Phi Alpha, national honorary German fraternity, with the cooperation of the language department in Page auditorium on Monday, December 13, at 8:00 p.m.

The movie, "Emil und die Detektive," is based on the story of Erich Kaster, and has been a favorite in German classes. The public has been invited.

Bridge Play-Offs To Be Held Soon

The fraternity bridge tournament sponsored by the junior Pan-Hellenic representatives headed by William Neikirk is expected to be completed before Christmas.

Of the fifteen teams which paid a one dollar entrance fee, three have *reached the semi-finals.*

The winner of the Pi Kappa Alpha-Sigma Nu match will play Alpha Tau Omega to decide one finalist, and Lambda Chi Alpha will play Sigma Alpha Epsilon to determine the other. A cup will be given to the team that survives the final round.

The tournament has been run as an elimination contest, each match being decided by the highest number of points after five rubbers. The Pan-Hellenic council plans a similar tournament in the spring.

Flowers Presides At Dedication Of Negro University

The dedicatory exercises of the new buildings of the North Carolina college for Negroes Sunday afternoon was presided over by Dr. R. L. Flowers, the treasurer of Duke university and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Negro institution.

In naming the new auditorium with a tribute in honor of Benjamin N. Duke, one of the most generous contributors of the college, Dr. Flowers said: "We dedicate these buildings for the training of young men and women who will seek to heal the open sore of the world; who will endeavor to promote peace and good will among their fellowmen; who will seek knowledge and thus acquire that true humility which denotes ever a great soul."

New Tradition In Yule Play Planned

The entire cast for the freshman Christmas play "Three Men In Search of the Perfect Christmas Gift," written and produced by Bettilu Porterfield was announced today.

Flewelyn Flowers, Lee Hill, and Babs Baker will play the title roles, supported by Carol Wyndham, Frances Kenner, Betty Hale, Lura Abernathy, Sherleen Denny, Matha Jane Haggeman, Carol Hughes, Frederika Gardiner, Eleanor Warner, and Mimi Aleinikoff.

The play is to be presented first in freshman assembly December 13, and plans are being made for a second presentation in a later assembly. The project is under the program of the program committee, headed by Peg Bessenberger, and is endeavoring to begin a new Duke tradition of an annual freshman Christmas play.

Freshman, Smoked and Tender Handed, Find Upperclassman Very Congenial

By CLIFF CUNNINGHAM

Many hands became sore and tender as a result of the open houses the fraternity men held for the freshmen Sunday. This is the first time that the freshmen have been able to talk with the fraternity men except on school activities, and they found the fraternity men very congenial, even if they didn't mean everything they said.

The system that was used seems to have worked out very well. The number of fraternities was divided into two sections, as was the number of freshmen. The freshmen were assigned the different fraternities, and were to stay in each house for thirty minutes, after which they moved on to the next house.

Many new acquaintances were made between freshmen and upperclassmen, and the number of packages of flat fifties that were used up is nothing to be sneezed at. Each fraternity house was so filled with smoke that one could not see more than 10 feet in front of him.

When it came time to leave, the fraternity men would say—"Well, sorry to see you fellows go, but come back and see us again sometime." Any dumbbell would know that they were glad as all get out to see us go, and they wouldn't care whether or not they ever saw us again. Anyway, after we asked ten or fifteen freshmen, they all said that they enjoyed the "rounds" very much and were looking forward to next Sunday, when they could smoke the cigarettes of the other half of the fraternities.

Duke Treasurer Talks In Atlanta

Dr. R. L. Flowers, the treasurer of the university, addressed the members of the Duke Alumni association of Atlanta and the surrounding territory last Tuesday night at a banquet given in Ansley hotel. Dr. Flowers acquainted the alumni with the plans for the Centennial year culminating with the celebration, April 21-23, 1939.

The following new officers were elected to serve the association for the coming year: president, John Minter, '33; vice-president, T. R. Waggoner, '22; and secretary-treasurer, Charles B. Fisher, ex-'32. One of the oldest living alumni of Duke university, John Cooper, of the class of 1874, attended the banquet.

Future Assembly Plans Considered

In an effort to provide a greater variety and better quality of programs for East campus assemblies, tentative plans were made for programs during the next two months at the meeting of the assembly program committee, Friday, December 3.

The following suggestions were offered: a program of Christmas music; presentation of the freshman Christmas play to the upperclassmen; programs given by speakers from the North Carolina College for Negroes or the University of North Carolina; news résumés.

First Frosh Dance To Be Given By House M

A dance sponsored by freshman house M will be held Saturday evening in the Union Ballroom from 8 until 12 with music by Johnny Hansel and his orchestra. This will be the first freshman-sponsored dance ever to be held on a Saturday evening.

The dance will be semi-formal and decoration in keeping with the Christmas holiday spirit is being arranged by Paul Kendall. Chaperones for the dance will be Dr. and Mrs. Alan K. Manchester, Mrs. Mary Pemberton, Miss Evelyn Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. R. Watson.

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American Artist Has New Exhibit In Co-Ed Library

A collection of watercolors and drawings by the American artist, Arthur Bowen Davies, is now on display in the Woman's College library.

Mr. Davies, who died in 1928, was born in Utica, and during the latter part of his life divided his time between this country and Europe, his travelling experience and wide knowledge fitting him for the portrayal of scenes in both continents.

Many of the scenes in the library group are mountain views, done in the abstract manner that characterizes Mr. Davies' work. Among the picturesque are *Umbria, Pineta, Head, Monzo,* and *Phantom Hills.*

The paintings in this collection are among his later works, and do not show much influence of the Intellectualist Cubist cult with which he was associated for a time. Although he was modern in his artistic views, he cannot be classed as a modernist in every respect. He had great admiration for the Greeks, and had formulated several theories of Greek art before his death.

The group of paintings has been circulated as a traveling exhibition by Blanche Byerly of New York City.

Presents Air View

Herndon W. Thompson, of Hamlet, North Carolina, a member of the class of '17, recently presented the university with a large, framed aeroplane view of the old Trinity college campus, now a part of Duke university. The picture is one of the few of its kind in existence.

Kester Lectures On Condition Of Cotton Workers

Author Speaks On Problems Of Southern Labor, Citing Low Wages, Living

Using as examples the poor living conditions of the cotton workers in the South and the experimental farms which are being planned to improve these conditions, Howard Kester, author of *Revolt Among the Sharecroppers,* spoke on "The Problems of Southern People in the Field of Labor," at the morning session of the state Y. M.-Y. W. C. A. conference which was held here Sunday. Carol Strauss of Duke, president of the state Y cabinet, was in charge of the meeting.

About 100 delegates were present from the following colleges in North Carolina: Atlantic Christian College, Elon, Davidson, University of North Carolina, N. C. State College, Woman's College U. N. C., Greensboro College, Louisburg College, E. C. T. C., and Guilford.

In the afternoon session in York Chapel, Mr. Kester spoke on "What Religion Can Offer to Solve Labor Problems," giving his own conception of religion as he has come to interpret after years of searching. During the business meeting, the delegation decided to take some action in favor of the Anti-Lynching bill which is now being considered. The second of the yearly series of three state-wide conferences will be held in February at the University of North Carolina.

W. A. A. Field Day Won By Seniors

By a small margin, the senior class came out on top for the fourth consecutive year in the annual Field Day sonsored by the W.A.A. last Saturday with the freshmen running a close second.

The seniors defeated the sohomores in volleyball by a score of 36-32. In soccer, the seniors also emerged victorious over the freshmen by a score of 4-1.

The freshmen hockey team defeated the seniors by a score of 2-1, and the sophomores took first honors in swimming, while the freshmen laced second.

A silver cup awarded for the first time this year by the Riding Club, was won by Ann Dives in the jumping event. The championship ribbon went to Dorothy Butt.

Professor Maria To Speak

A joint meeting of the mathematics seminar of Duke university and the University of North Carolina will be held here tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in Page building.

Professor A. J. Maria of the Duke mathematics department will be the principal speaker and will discuss "The Dirichlet Problem."

Poll Shows Students Favor Abolition Of Class Meetings; Speeches Scored

Class assemblies should be abolished, said sixty-four per cent of a cross section of undergraduates polled recently, although sixty-six per cent admitted that they do get something out of the meetings.

Disinterest in the subject was noticeable in practically every student questioned, although they voted almost one-hundred per cent in favor of addresses made by President Few. Other speeches, they said, were generally uninteresting.

Perhaps the most significant suggestion made, and certainly the most popular, was that meetings be held not so often, possibly once each month. It was pointed out by some that each class has definite business to conduct, and that class meetings are the only means of doing this. It was also pointed out that during the year there are only enough really interesting speeches made to warrant the holding of a meeting once a month.

Another suggestion was offered that only general assemblies, because they would ferret out unwanted speeches, and would enable the entire student body to hear the best ones. Seniors cited the recent talk by Wallace Wade, sophomores were enthusiastic over the discussion by Professor Lineberger, and the attitude of the entire group was indicated by a sophomore who said, "President Few's speeches are great."