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Unprincipled; Unfair; Un-American

In unmistakable terms the student body of Maryland goes on record against the willful, slanderous and malicious attack upon its Alma Mater

"Let Only Red-Blooded Americans Stand Guard"

As Marylanders We Resent the Penny-Fruited Publicity Given to Our Institution, Evidently by Outside or Undue Influences.

STUDENT BODY UPHOLDS ACTION OF FACULTY, AND REGRETS THE CUNNING METHOD OF QUALIFYING STATEMENTS MADE BY CERTAIN NEWSPAPERS IN AN EFFORT TO INFLUENCE SUCH A REPUTABLE INSTITUTION.

For the first time in the history of Old Maryland has it become necessary for its Alumni and Student Body to stand in defense of its Alma Mater—a necessity brought about by undue publicity given on the part of certain newspapers which have resorted to the unscrupulous and unbecomingly un-American method of qualifying statements made by certain newspapers in an effort to influence such a reputable institution.

And it was indeed with an un-American antipathies of certain publications resorted to. We will be found in their columns statements that are not only unbecomingly un-American but can only brand as WILLFUL, MALICIOUS AND SLANDEROUS.

In a Washington paper of Monday, this week, will be found

This is what actually took place: In speaking of the bad impression unwittingly created in the minds of people outside the University, he cited an actual case of the impression created by students in hailing cars in front of the campus and asking for rides either to Washington or Baltimore. And before giving the example he expressed doubt about the propriety of quoting the words, but said if he might be excused, would do so as no other words were quite so illustrative of the condition. The gist of the statement was that "A man in the Statehouse in Annapolis last winter said this to me: 'I'm going to do everything I can for the University of Maryland, but for heaven's sake tell the students to stop acting like damn bums' by standing on the pike and hailing every automobile that comes along."

If this allegation, which the student body knows to be a deliberate fabrication is to be considered a sample of those recorded; then these other slanderous misrepresentations are doubtless also PERNICIOUS LIES.

As to the efforts being made to have the government initiate a State inquiry into conditions at College Park, as well as to hamper all other public opinion.

President Wood has taken a stand—a stand to be anticipated by everyone who knows him as a citizen and as a man—a stand which has been "no axes used" certain influences of this kind before.

The student body considers themselves lucky to this extent: If it be true, as alleged, that affidavits have been made to the effect

A SECOND RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING OF THE STUDENTS-FOLLOWS:

To whom it may concern:

Be it resolved by the Student Body of the University of Maryland, as citizens, as students, adhering to the line of common decency, that we regret exceedingly the undue stigma that has been attached to two of our co-ed's despite the fact of their acknowledgment is a slight indignity, and in defense of their honor and humiliation that is being brought to their homes, we request that all yellow journals as well as respectable publications condone themselves to the truth in dealing with matters that cast reflection either upon the student body or, finally, the student body in a word, their families, or upon the University of Maryland.

GIEST AND WATKINS GO TO SOUTHERN

AN EFFORT TO INJURE SUCH A REPUTABLE INSTITUTION.

For the first time in the history of Old Maryland has it become necessary for its Alumni and Student Body to stand in defense of its Alma Mater—a necessity brought about by undue publicity given an incident, which was handled diplomatically and, to the satisfaction of all concerned, considered closed.

And it was closed, until the un-American antipathies of certain publications reasserted itself. Now will be found in their columns, statements that honest men shudder to think of and which they can only brand as WILLFUL, MALICIOUS AND SLANDEROUS LIES.

In a Washington paper of Monday, this week, will be found a "sore-head" reading: "University of Maryland Students Urge Probe of Alleged Wild Petting Parties." **THIS IS A DAMNABLE MISREPRESENTATION!** To this we further answer with the following resolution which was passed at a mass meeting of the students of Maryland to-day:

"TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it Resolved, That we, the members of the student body of the University of Maryland, herewith go on record as denying all allegations regarding the conditions at our University as alleged in the *Washington Post* of April 29th, and the *Washington Times* of April 30th, 1923. We are not only NOT dissatisfied with the existing conditions, but on the contrary, are entirely satisfied with our surroundings, and resent any action on the part of outsiders or otherwise to create the adverse impression.

"We feel that the good name of the University of Maryland has been unduly and unjustly criticised, and it is our desire that the attention of the public be called to the fact that we do not intend to countenance nor tolerate any act on the part of a diminutive few to further their own selfish interests at our expense.

"Furthermore, the student body herewith expresses the opinion that the allegations made are not only unjustified, but are maliciously false, and herewith empower their executive committee to conduct an investigation, ascertain the names of the individuals responsible for the allegations, and if such individuals are found to be students, to take such action as will insure their dismissal from the University."

It was with a grim determination that the Student Assembly, with none but students present, went into every detail of the affair and weighed well the action of the faculty, resulting in the resolution above.

The entire student body actually knows at first hand that at least one of these allegations is a malicious LIE! This states that one official, in a dignified address of welcome to the student body, advised them to be careful of their conduct while away from the campus, and not "act like damn bums," by asking rides from the campus to the city. This plainly refers to Curley Byrd and the address he made the opening day of school.

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If this allegation, which the student body knows to be a deliberate fabrication is to be considered a sample of those recorded; then these other slanderous misrepresentations are doubtless also **PERNICIOUS LIES.**

As to the efforts being made to have the governor initiate a State inquiry into conditions at College Park, as well as to hamper all other public school matters, discuss.

President Woods has taken a stand—a stand to be anticipated by everyone who knows him as a citizen and as a man—as one who has been "up against" certain influences of this kind before.

The student body considers themselves lucky to this extent: If it be true, as alleged, that affidavits have been made to the effect that the University is a "pajama paradise;" that drinking, smoking, "petting," and joy-riding are among the indulgences of its co-eds, the student body, we say, are eager to know the signers of these affidavits that they may be in a position to rid the campus of all undesirables, both male and female.

As unnecessary, as well as unfortunate, as the whole affair seems to be, we feel that it is a mere tempest in a teapot, and the confidence of the student body will not be shaken in its faculty members by alleged attempts of any "Amazon-hued" sorority to gain recognition or the petty prejudices of some one individual.

UNIVERSITY MEN FIGHT 1500-ACRES FOREST FIRE

BOYS GO TO RESCUE OF LANHAM FARMERS.—"GO, GET 'EM, MARYLAND," BATTLE CRY.—ABOUT TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS WORK HARD IN EXTINGUISHING BIG BLAZE.

Speaking of "hot times" just ask some of the fellows around these parts about the Forest Fire call to which they responded last week. Announcement was made in the Mess all at lunch time Wednesday, April 25th, that fire-fighters were needed to extinguish a forest-fire raging in the vicinity of Lanham—cross country, about six miles.

About 200 of the boys covered every available inch or several trucks and after considerable "ups and downs"—mostly downs, arrived at the scene of the conflagration.

At least 1,500 acres of woodland were exposed to a sweeping fire which covered in all about 400 acres. Burning tree tops were falling with loud crashes. Crackling underbrush shot out showers of sparks. A flames soared above the tops of the trees. It would have made the movie forest tree look like the lighted end of a cigarette.

A young squirrel hopped upon a limb to see what all of this "hell-on-earth" stuff was about and, promptly deciding that the guy who wrote "Home, Sweet Home," didn't know his stuff, struck out across country.

The gang unloaded and, breaking off small evergreens, swung into action with the war-whoop, "Go Get 'Em Maryland," which sounded above the roar of the open-air inferno.

As to the many narrow escapes by dodging blazing tree tops, jumping a fast encircling ring of fire, singed hair, turned hands, and so forth, it will be necessary to get the fire-fighters to describe them in order to obtain the full details.

After about three hours of incessant work, the fire was under control and the men returned to college, tired, hungry and covered with ashes and charcoaled blacks of the resinous pines.

split the fact of their acknowledgment to a slight indiscretion, and in defense of their honor and humiliation that is being brought to their homes, we request that all yellow journals as well as respectable publications confine themselves to the truth in dealing with matters that cast reflections either upon the student body or upon their families, or upon the University of Maryland.

GEIST AND WATKINS GO TO SOUTHERN FEDERATION CONVENTION.

Attend Knoxville Meet of College Students as University Representative and Secretary.

C. H. Geist, representing the University of Maryland, left Thursday to attend the first convention of the recently organized Southern Federation of College Students, which met Friday and Saturday at Knoxville, Tenn.

Accompanying him was R. D. Watkins, who represented the University at the organization conference of the association, held in Atlanta several months ago, and who now returns as secretary of the body.

Matters of vital importance to the betterment of scholastic and athletic relations between the colleges below the Mason and Dixie line were scheduled for discussion at the convention. A comprehensive account will be published in our next issue.

COLLEGE PARK RESERVES CAPTURE LACROSSE GAME.

University of Maryland reserves triumphed over the Johns Hopkins scrubs at Innesse here Saturday last, 5 to 3.

Until the last few minutes of the contest, when Downing and Myers scored two goals for Maryland, the twelves battled on even terms.

NOTICE.

DON'T FORGET THE SOPHOMORE DANCE AT THE DINING HALL TO-MORROW EVENING. MAY FOURTH.