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A STUDENT FORUM.

Several times during the past two semesters as well as at other times in the history of the University, the student body has been aroused over certain issues concerning their own welfare. We have in mind as immediate examples the Single Tax movement of last spring, the recent Freshmen cap campaign, and the present agitation for University removal. All of these movements have been marked by a display of interest on the part of the students, but at no time have they been known to get together in any sort of manner for the purpose of giving concrete and definite expression of their views. This condition is attributable to the lack of organization which exists among the students. They are not used to acting together and hence are not disposed to let any unanimity in opinion get much beyond the passive stage.

In proposing a Student Forum we feel that a step will be taken toward the creation of a student spirit which perhaps will result, in the not far distant future, in some sort of a student government. Letting the present plan operate as a nucleus, we do not doubt that if it should meet with success, a very material and substantial foundation would be laid for a student union, a plan of which has been the dream of every student who has been a member of this college community. Our plan contemplates the setting aside of one or more convocation periods each month for the sole and exclusive use of the students. These meetings would be presided over by the student body and the dis-

cussions or programs would be exclusively of a student origin and nature. The student convocation would be made a definite and regular incident of the student's schedule, and in time, we believe, he might be induced to look upon it as an enjoyable period in his university life.

Assuming that there would be no objections from the authorities or from the senate convocation committee, the existence of a student assembly of this nature would afford the students a real opportunity to get together to discuss measures affecting their interests. We feel that there are enough things happening around the campus to warrant in spending one or two hours each month in an effort to determine their attitude and sentiment on whatever would be before them. We conceive further that the prospect of a time specially set aside for the benefit of the students would lead them to interest themselves in more student problems in order that their meeting in convocation would be of interest and profit. If a plan such as this or anything similar to it had been in vogue when the Single Tax and the Freshman cap issues were up for discussion, it can easily be seen how natural it would have been for the students to get together and thrash the thing out. As it was, in these two instances, special convocations had to be called, and because of their novelty they were poorly attended. The removal issue, which is now before us, is certainly stimulating a great deal of interest on the campus, and if it were to be made the order of the day at next Tuesday's convocation (assuming that this was the scheduled date for the Forum.) it is not difficult to see that a lively and interesting time would be had.

What these meetings would result in, we cannot of course prophesy. We believe, however, that they would result in a great deal of good. The first one or two might result in either a riot or a tea party, but in either case the experiment would be worth trying. If in time they should meet with success, should be well attended, and productive of real student enthusiasm, we think that student opinion expressed therein could be directed into student action. And as soon as you have the students thinking and talking for themselves and then acting and legislating for themselves, you have pretty nearly reached the stage where they govern themselves.

The plan of the Student Forum is not a difficult thing to put into operation. With the consent of the Chancellor and Professor Grumann, together with a little advertising, the machinery could be set in motion, and we are confident that the results would justify a continuance. The proposition we feel has its possibilities, possibilities which perhaps,

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