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A PLEA FOR ART

What interested us in the current issue of the Carolina Magazine far more than the ridiculous contention that the Tar Heel had no right to publish the Co-educational Dormitory extra (a question which we pass on unnoticed to an intelligent public and accept its opinion as our defense) was the lead article entitled "An Open Letter to University Students," written by Raymond W. Adams, a University instructor now studying for his Ph. D. degree. Here, in our opinion, is about the best written thing that has appeared in this periodical this year. Here, moreover, is something on which we can well reflect.

We first heard the piece at a literary fraternity meeting and immediately formed "designs on it," but the Magazine editor, being somewhat more enterprising, beat the Tar Heel to it and we next saw it when the March Magazine finally came from the press. It is a vigorous message, a sort of Siamese twins of admonition and advocacy, the nature of which we have long wanted to put before the student body ourselves, but lacking the nimble pen or courage or energy or something, we have neglected to do so until now. Mr. Adams does it, forsooth, far better than the Tar Heel could ever do it, and we raise our hats in respect to his editorial and to the Magazine in which it is printed.

We take it that everybody has read "An Open Letter to University Students." If there are ill-bred students on the campus who do not carefully peruse the Magazine monthly and have, perchance, missed this gem, the Tar Heel recommends action now in correcting the negligence and will gladly lend our copy to any of those who are unable to secure one elsewhere. The Tar Heel optimistically trusts that the campus will not let it "be received in silence and sunk without trace" as the author rather sadly predicts. Surely the students of this University could not be thrilled over the platitudes we could fill this column with on whooping it up for the varsity team in season or "nagging" the state for more money to construct more ugly dormitories and let a message of this kind pass by as something in which they have no interest, and worse, no desire for any interest.

Mr. Adams pleads for just a little attention to a thing called beauty "that finds its expression in art" and he reminds us with emphasis and certainty that "all universities are judged finally by the steadfastness with which they cleave to culture and to art, the things that are vital because they are life translated." He realizes that the process of evolving an appreciation of beauty will be long and slow. But the Tar Heel adds, unless we prefer rather to die in the rut of a materialistic motor truck and ugly dormitory age, we can begin the process right now by ob-

jecting to a few of the grotesque unpleasanties that are being forced on us and demand something more than a factory in which we go to school, and something more than a machine to teach us our lessons.

In a suggestion of something real that can be done now, Mr. Adams has this to say: "You may be able to do something tangible when you become alumni. The present alumni may be able to do something now. There is need for a building adequate and beautiful enough to house the collections of art that may be offered. From time to time fine collections have been offered to this University that have had to be refused because there was no place for them. The most telling thing that you can do now is to conceive so deep a desire for beauty that others more able to provide the beauty will heed you."

There is nothing impracticable about such a suggestion, no more impracticable than the Harkness Memorial Quadrangle at Yale which has replaced dormitories similar to our own monstrosities recently planned and constructed by well meaning persons. It will come in time, just as other artistic buildings will come and the University will swear off forever erecting such structures as our notable Alumni Building. It will take—to employ a patent observation—many years. But we of the present generation can do our share in hurrying along this creation of beauty and appreciation of beauty by doing a little thinking, ourselves, and encouraging such a venture as that proposed above.

The Tar Heel is not endeavoring to glibly pose as being artistic or aesthetic. But we see in Mr. Adams' article considerable food for thought, something essentially worth while. We hope to see the day when the students of this University will not stand for some of the outrageous aesthetic violations that are inevitably coming from factory education and an age of cheap sentimentality and materialism.

MUST PASS THIS YEAR

The building of the new fraternity homes off the campus brings to our mind the fact that no action has yet been taken on the petition to the Board of Trustees drawn up by the Pan Hellenic Council, requesting a very vital change in the present system of "rushing" and "bidding" freshmen.

We are not acquainted with just what procedure this petition has to go through, but we know that action heretofore has been put off from time to time, and this is merely a reminder to those concerned that something ought surely to be done this year in order that the new system can be adopted next year. The reasons why this change should be made have been so often repeated that we need not list them here. We are confident that the faculty and the trustees will sanction the request and return a favorable report on the petition.

DR. HENDERSON TALKS ON EINSTEIN THEORY

On Tuesday night, April 10, in Phillips Hall, the Elisha Mitchell society held its 264th meeting. The program consisted of lectures by Dr. Archibald Henderson and Dr. Otto Stuhlman, Jr. Dr. Henderson presented a paper on "Einstein's Finite Unbounded Universe," and Dr. Stuhlman talked on "Radiations Lying Between the Ultra-Violet and X-Ray Spectrum."

Dr. Henderson began his lecture by discussing the theories which preceded that of Einstein. He showed that all the theories before Einstein conceived the Universe as infinite; and how Einstein revolutionized these conceptions by assuming the universe to be finite. Einstein, says Dr. Henderson, arrived at his conclusions by testing the fundamentals of all the old theories. He finally arrived at his theory of relativity by assuming the following three things: (1) the mean density of the universe is finite; (2) the universe itself is finite; (3) the matter of the universe is virtually at rest (that is, relatively).

From the three assumptions above he discovered that the space in which we live is spherical. Dr. Henderson then touched on the three kinds of spaces, flat, spherical, and hyperbolic. In regard to spherical space he showed that matter travels in curved lines. In commenting on this, Dr. Henderson remarked that if a person might see far enough, he would be able to see the back of his head, because light traveling in an immense circle would finally arrive at its starting point.

Dr. Stuhlman's paper on "Radiations" began with a discussion of the investigations of the spectrum prior to 1921. He then described some experiments in this field, lately conducted by himself and Mr. Wells. He told how he had contrived to shoot electrons at such a high speed into the nucleus of the atom that either the valence electrons, or some other ones from the in-

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side circles of the nucleus, would be dislodged. He would then measure the speed of the separated electrons by means of electricity; the investigation of the properties of the electrons was carried on with the use of equations. Dr. Stuhlman said that he had achieved excellent results in all his investigations; his results checked, he said, with those of investigators using a different method. Dr. Stuhlman hopes, he said, to fill the gaps in the spectrum by this method.

When he had completed his paper, Dr. Stuhlman presented a letter he has recently received from a friend in Germany telling of the hardships under which scientific investigators in that unfortunate country are working today.

The meeting of the Elisha Mitchell society on Tuesday night was the next to the last one that will be held in the session 1922-23.

GEOLOGY STUDENTS PROSPECT IN NORTH

Because of the bad weather that seemed likely to come during Easter, and other reasons, the department of geology indefinitely postponed the prospecting trip it had long planned into Virginia.

But such a little thing as that could not deter those bold and hardy lads whose life work is to be the study of rocks, indigenous and exotic. E. J. Alexander and G. F. Ashe set their faces to the north, and tramped steadfastly until they reached New York. They hinted that an occasional traveler, out of pure kindness, might have given them a lift; otherwise their perusal of the stones, and the long, white roads, was unbroken.

H. G. Amick and C. E. Miller were not so ambitious; Amick going only so far as Natural Bridge, Va., and Miller going to Gold Hill, where he studied the various deposits there. All of the prospectors brought back pictures from their travels.

J. M. Bell, head of the department of chemistry, is away from Chapel Hill on a trip to all the leading universities and colleges in the East, South and Middle West. He is making a special study of the chemistry departments and the chemistry buildings in all of the institutions that he is visiting, so that he may make a report and suggestions to the building committee about the new chemistry building that is being planned for the University here.

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"New Trust Problems for Old" is the title of an article by Homer Hoyt, professor of economics in the University, appearing on the March number of American Bar Association Journal. Mr. Hoyt also has an article entitled "The Inequality in the Distribution of Wealth and Income in the U. S." in the March issue of the Quarterly Publication of American Statistical Association. The article has been reprinted.

A Jack London memorial in the form of a library of books dealing with the West is being sponsored by an Oakland, California, club. The building, built of stone and steel, will be located near London's ranch home at Glen Ellen, California.

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