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THE PAST YEAR

The last of the transitional years since the unsettled days of the war is behind us. During these years and especially throughout the year just past we have been working upward through the haze that those years cast around us to a more complete crystallization of our ideals.

The year just drawing to a close has not been so much a period of achievement as it has been one of reconstruction and settlement. We have been busy gathering up the loose ends of our life here.

This very reconstruction has called for some of the clearest thinking ever done by Carolina men. The problems confronting them were the natural outgrowth of the passing of the University from the small state college it was of the days before the war to the larger and finer national position it occupies today. The growth of a desire among the people of the state for further advantages for higher education within the boundaries of North Carolina made a larger appropriation for the University inevitable. Through the efforts of students and alumni the legislature saw this need and gave most generously to all the state institutions of higher learning.

So this year has seen the appropriation and plans made for a great increase in the capacity of the University. Architects and builders have been secured and the work will be pushed forward immediately for the building of the greater University.

During the spring of the year just past an inevitable change in the government of the student body became apparent. Since the founding of student government here the president of the senior class had always been ex-officio president of the student council. He was the dominating influence in the student council and it seemed unjust that he should be elected by so small a group of men as the senior class when his duty lay in directing the government of all students in the University. Thinking students saw the wrong in this system of government and put on foot a movement to have the president of the student council and the president of the student body elected by all the students of the University. This change is outstanding in the actual achievements of the student body for the year.

In athletics the University has taken a distinct step forward by securing the services of William Fetzer as general coach and supervisor of all athletics. In this work Coach Fetzer will be assisted by his brother, Robert Fetzer. Both men have splendid reputations and under their leadership Carolina should make greater advances than ever before in her athletics history. During the past year Carolina has done well. Two state championships have been added to her score and athletics within the student body has been given a decided impetus.

The University publications have advanced far beyond what they were in other years. The Tar Heel has in a great degree increased its usefulness to the whole University by advancing from a weekly of questionable value to a live and influential semi-weekly publication. The Carolina Magazine at the beginning of the year just passed changed its form and style and rose from the little drab, seldom read pamphlet to a cheerful and interesting magazine that has found favor with the student body throughout the whole year. The Yackety Yack has creditably held up the high standard attained by recent Carolina annuals. Among the publications the year has been one of distinct achievement.

The last of the transitional years is over and in it we have not only gathered up the loose ends that reconstruction has brought us but in a vital and living way the student body has succeeded in carrying the burden of advancement from the old Carolina to the new and greater University.

THE CLASS OF 1921

The class of 1921 is passing through the last days of its stay at Carolina. Since their arrival in the days of Captain Allen's army they have stood out on the campus as a superior class. Always the class as a body has stood for all that was finest and best here. It is not so much a class strong as a body but strong in the outstanding individuals who dominated it.

At times there has not been as complete a unity as might have been desired among them but this was directly the result of the strength of the class and the clash of the strong men who made it up.

The class of 1921 has not been a class strong in the unity of kindred spirits but a group powerful in the greatness of its individuals. Through those individuals Carolina has profited and the class of 1921 and the University shares in their achievements.

AN ACUTE NEED

With the coming of Commencement and the influx of hundreds who will spend those days here a particularly acute need of Chapel Hill and the University is made more distressingly apparent.

We have invited our alumni and friends to be with us during the days of the Commencement exercises. Many of them are coming and we are humiliated by the poor provisions we are able to make for their comfort. At best we can crowd them in the homes of our faculty who are noted for the very delightful hospitality.

But in no possible way we are able to make comfortable and convenient arrangements for the hundreds who will come to spend those days with us.

The supreme need of the University of today is a hotel. With the numerous games, dances, exercises, and such occasions which fill our calendar is one constantly in demand. With the completion of the new road to Durham visitors will always be coming to us and each year has seen and will see this need grow more acute.

Along with other buildings here a hotel should be erected. The day is past when we could say we should have it; today we must.

SHAKESPEARE PLAYHOUSE COMPANY WILL BE HERE

Summer School Students Will Witness Two Interesting Plays by This Excellent Organization.

Dr. F. H. Koch, of the Department of Dramatics, has been exceedingly fortunate in securing the Shakespeare Playhouse Company of New York city to present a series of two plays in Chapel Hill during the University summer school. The first performance will be on the afternoon of July 13th, when the Shakespeare players will present "The Merchant of Venice" in the Forest Theatre in Battle Park. On the same evening, but in the Polyhouse, will be presented Eugene O'Neil's noted play, "Beyond the Horizon."

The last named play is perhaps the most significant play in modern American drama. It is a folk play—a tragedy of a country boy. The author of this play was awarded the Pulitzer prize of five thousand dollars for writing the best play produced on Broadway in 1920.

This summer's itinerary of the Shakespeare Playhouse Company will include performances at the summer schools of the State Normal Colleges of Michigan, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Minnesota, South Dakota and Pennsylvania, and the Universities of South Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, Virginia and North Carolina, besides other colleges and universities throughout the country.

In a letter received by Dr. Koch from Mr. Frank McEntree, a noted actor and director of the Shakespeare Playhouse, New York, he says of the Carolina Playmakers: "I have been thinking about you a good deal this winter—wondering what new plays had come into being down your way, and hoping that everything has been going well. A number of people up North here feel that you have absolutely the most interesting and vital idea of all the moderns and several of them have expressed the wish that your work could be carried out in every state of the Union. If it only could I am sure we should soon have that long-looked for thing—the great American play. Perhaps it will come from North Carolina. Who knows? I want to tell you I hope it will."

FACT AND COMMENT

Mr. John M. Huske, of the class of '16, in the insurance department of the American Trust Company of Charlotte, was on the Hill last Saturday.

The old Archer house, now occupied by the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, has been purchased by the University authorities to be used as a co-ed club house. This building and the old Roberson home next door will be used as temporary women dormitories or club houses.

At the recent meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees in Raleigh Mr. W. N. Everett was appointed by Governor Morrison to serve on the University building committee.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor of Morganton and of the class of '19, is a visitor at the home of Miss Mildred Moser. For the past year Miss Taylor has been in attendance at the Sargent Dramatic School in New York city. During her stay at the University she led all other actors and actresses in the Carolina Playmakers in dramatic interpretation, her most signal performance perhaps being the character of the farm tenant's wife in "Peggy," written by Harold Williamson.

An. photherthen has decided to have a grand reunion this coming commencement. The organization, formed in 1912, has about seventy members on its rolls. At least one-third of these men will be on the Hill for the different class reunions and it was thought to be a fine plan to hold the Amphotherthen reunion at the same time. New members to be taken into the organization this year will be initiated during the course of the reunion. The organization has for its purpose the discussion of questions of citizenship, both general and local.

Sigma Upsilon, national literary fraternity, in the annual spring initiation Monday night initiated the following men: Wade Atkinson, Jonathan Daniels, Jake Wade, Jonathan Gullick, William Horner, and Robert Gray.

Heat in City.

In the city the sun's rays hit the sidewalk and bound back in your face if there are no trees or grass around to absorb some of the heat, the temperature is several degrees higher than in the country.

MR. FOERSTER WRITES A VERY INTERESTING LETTER

Carolina Professor Writes From Europe and Tells of Work at Oxford and Elsewhere.

Dear Mr. Grant:—

It is very kind of the Editor-in-Chief to ask me to write something about myself for the readers of the Tar Heel. I am writing from San Reno where I am holding a peace conference all by myself in the luxurious palm groves of this lovely place—or rather, at this moment, happily remembering Chapel Hill as I give a rainy hour to this letter. It is always easy to remember Chapel Hill, even in Europe, especially when one meets Carolina friends, as I met Professor and Mrs. Dey and Mr. C. O. Spruill, Jr., in Paris. You may be sure we had a good talk about home. Of course, I also see Mr. Spruill frequently in Oxford, where he has been working rather hard in his studies and on the river.

After more than eight months at Oxford, I have set out for Italy, going down by way of Riviera. Bombs and street lights are making life interesting in Italy, but then England, with a general strike suspended in mid-air as I write, is equally interesting.

It is helpless to write about Oxford in a short letter, such as Editors want. I will omit the "dreaming spires" and the "home of lost causes" and all the usual poetry that Oxford's charm evokes. This year the number of students is extraordinary, on account of the ex-soldiers; they are living in some cases, far in the country. Women undergraduates, this year for the first time on an equal footing with the men, are conspicuous in their caps and gowns—a new fetching type of cap. Probably the present masculine undergraduate is more serious than usual, though he continues to do a large part of his study during vacations, which cover more than half the calendar year. As for innovations in the curriculum, the most important, for prospective Rhodes scholars, are the inauguration of a new school of Philosophy, Politics and Economics (decided upon, after a battle, as against a school of Economics exclusively) and the adoptions of the Ph. D. degree. Carolina men who plan to take their degree at Oxford should have the A. M. if possible before beginning their work here. We have been fortunate this year in respect to music and the theatre, a large number of the best things in London having been brought to Oxford.

Then, it has been a year of royal visitors: first the Prince of Wales, who received an honorary degree and participated in the unveiling of the war memorial at Magdalen, and later Queen Mary, who received the first honorary degree awarded to a woman and, by visiting the woman's colleges, gave them the royal sanction. Lord Curzon, as Chancellor of the University presented the degree to the Queen. On other occasions

we have heard Mr. Balfour, Lord Haldane, Mr. Asquith, Sir Robert Home, Mr. Clynes, Mr. Arthur Henderson, etc.

As for my own work, I have been reading independently of college lectures trying to think out certain literary problems, driven, by the nature of my studies, to devote most of my time to Greek life and Greek thoughts.

We expect to leave Oxford in July to spend the rest of the summer in North Wales, and to sail from Liverpool in the first week of September.

With best wishes to the Tar Heel and its editor, I am

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