

Chas. E. Gowen, '24, is writing short stories at his home in Roanoke, Va. Two of his best are "Phantom of the Sea Castle" and "Land of the Unknown."

W. M. Bradley, a former student here, is now attending Virginia Military Institute.

News has been received of the death of the father of Miss Margaret Jones. Miss Jones was called home several days ago.

Mr. Theodore Fitch, of the department of Music, gave a tea dance at his studio Saturday afternoon of last week.

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OPEN FORUM
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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TAR HEEL.

DEAR SIR: In the issues of THE TAR HEEL of September 20 and October 4 comments are made in "The Open Forum" and editorial columns concerning the new fee charged by the School of Commerce for library materials and the seemingly early closing hour of the main library.

If I may, I should like to make the following observations concerning these matters in relation to the general policy of the library.

The regular library fee charged all University students for the three regular quarters, September-June, is \$4.00 and has been unchanged since 1907. Of the \$63,525 set aside by the University for the current year for the main library and the ten departmental libraries, approximately \$10,500 will come from library fees charged students, the library fees from the summer school being included. The remaining \$53,025 comes respectively from endowment and gifts \$4,500 and state appropriations (\$7,525).

The special fee complained of originated with the School of Commerce, was advertised in the School of Commerce catalogue, and is charged for the unusually large number of trade journals and materials which the School of Commerce places at the disposal of its students as laboratory material, in addition to the standard books and journals which the School receives, in common with other Schools and Departments, from the main library. Its purpose obviously is not "to break the camels back", but to make the students' work more effective.

The closing hour of the library is at present 10 o'clock. It can be changed, and will be changed, just as the hour for the return of reserved books has recently been changed if, when it is considered in its relation to the general library problem of the University, it seems best to change it. But whether it can be so changed as to meet the special requirements of the student whose schedule calls for his "taking the afternoon off for rest and recreation—a trip to the "Pick" and "a bull session hour or some other form of diversion" after supper before he turns to his work, may not be possible. At all events, if it can be changed it will be changed gladly in relation to the situation here and not elsewhere and in keeping with the general purpose of the library which, during the last two years, has expressed itself in somewhat the following fashion: Special libraries have been opened in the Schools of Education, Engineering, and Commerce, and a thirteen or fourteen hour-a-day service has been provided in them, the School of Education having a full-time librarian; the number of student assistants in the main library has been increased by three or four in order that more prompt service at the desk may be insured; the closing periods at noon and at six o'clock have been eliminated; a larger number of copies of reserved books has been extended in order that students may have greater freedom in their use; and this year a reference librarian has been added to the main library to aid students in the more difficult aspects of their investigations.

A further word is in order about the use of student assistants for the proposed late hour service. As an employer, the library makes use of student assistants, all of whom carry full University courses. It could not maintain its schedule without them. This is particularly true of the night service. If they do their work in University courses satisfactorily and then add from two to four hours of work a day in the library, there is obviously a limit beyond which they should not be asked to go, particularly if it is kept in mind that after the library is closed some of them still have to check up the records for the day, and others have to be ready for the opening hour at 8:30 the next morning. Consequently, the library is no more a believer in the policy of asking services of them beyond reasonable limits than it is in the desirability of a student schedule which emphasizes the postponement of the real work of the day until the whole gamut of recreation has been run.

LOUIS R. WILSON.

The "Y" is in receipt of the following letter from Henry ("Peck") Duls of last year's class, who is now at Sanatorium for treatment. The many friends of Henry will regret to learn of his illness, and a speedy recovery is hoped for him.

DEAR MR. COMER:

Enclosed is check for \$5 which is my usual contribution to the "Y" and which I do not wish to discontinue even though it was impossible for me to come back to the Hill this year. I am sure the campaign must be on or nearly over by now, so just add mine to the total.

With best wishes for continued success of "Y" work at Carolina, I am always,

Your sincere friend,
HENRY D. DULS.

G. S. Bruton, an instructor here last year, is now teaching at Georgia Tech.



Damon
"What did Professor Smith mean this morning when he told you that no man could ever make a silk purse out of a sow's ear?"

Pythias
"He meant that I'd never be able to do good work with a poor pencil. Guess I'll have to get a Dixon's Eldorado. Old Smitly says it's the best drawing pencil made."

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The opening of the one hundred and thirtieth session of the University is signalized by the announcement of the publication of the long-expected general alumni catalogue, compiled and edited by Daniel L. Grant, executive secretary of the General Alumni Association, under the title of "Alumni History of the University of North Carolina." An attractive volume of 968 pages, with good paper and press work, and handsomely bound in blue buckram, it leaves little mechanically to be desired.

But this is not the best part of it. The manner in which Editor Grant and his staff have done their work is a credit not only to them, but to the General Alumni Association and to the University as well. They have given us an alumni catalogue worthy of *alma mater*, and they have done it in the face of difficulties and discouragements that might well have driven them long ago to throw up their task in disgust. Luckily they are made of sterner stuff!

Made Up of Fresh Material

When the editors began this work less than two years ago, more than half the living alumni were "lost,"—that is to say, the University had no record of the mailing addresses of more than 6,000 of her 11,000 living alumni. Of these the editors have located all but 550, and that in itself is an achievement not to be sneezed at. Moreover of the data from which they compiled the 15,441 biographical summaries which make up the fresh material, hitherto unpublished, gathered from more than 8,000 different sources. Furthermore, to assure accuracy they sent to each of the 10,000 living alumni a proof of his biographical summary asking for its correction and return. Less than one-third took the trouble to O. K. their sketches. If errors and omissions occur, therefore, as they undoubtedly will, small blame can be attached to the editor and his staff who with astonishing patience and persistence have taken every conceivable precaution to assure textual accuracy.

Eight different Groupings

For convenience of reference, the names in the volume are listed in eight different groupings, as follows: (1) Alphabetical Roster, 1795-1924, containing names and biographical data of 15,441 alumni, about two-thirds of whom are living; (2) Undergraduates enrolled in the University, 1923-24, about 2,000 in number; (3) Members of the S. A. T. C. who did not subsequently return to the University for regular work; (4) Persons who have received honorary degrees from the University, giving the degree conferred, the year, and residence; (5) Geographical grouping of alumni by states, and for those in North Carolina, by counties; (6) Rosters of classes from 1877 to 1924, for most alumni the most interesting list in the volume, since used in connection with the Alphabetical Roster, it will enable them to check up on the careers of their classmates; (7) The University's present teaching and administrative staffs; (8) Trustees of the University, 1789-1924, showing terms of service. The frontispiece is a portrait of President Chase.

An edition of 2,000 copies has been issued, of which 1,600 are now being distributed as rapidly as possible to subscribers. Four hundred copies, therefore, are available for those who have failed to subscribe. The price of the book is \$5.00 delivered.

A Great Task Completed

By the publication of this catalogue the General Alumni Association has completed the greatest task it has yet undertaken. As the editor says in his prefatory statement, "it is the most significant contribution, thus far, to the task of gathering up and focussing the strength which springs from the power and love and devotion of 11,000 living alumni. . . . We want it to help bind into a conscious whole the component parts of that entity—the University of North Carolina. . . . This book should help us see more clearly our relationship to the institution, and the institution's relationship to the Common-

wealth which gave it birth. . . . The University was conceived by this Commonwealth for the preservation and development of a democratically organized society, and those of us who are living and doing today are little worthy of the heritage which is ours unless the University be ever kept true to the conception which founded it, and adequate to the demands of a growing civilization. . . . And when all of us are thoroughly cognizant of the heritage which is ours as Carolina men, and are conscious of our responsible connection with the University, it shall be the purpose of the General Alumni Association to keep in each of its members an ever quickened interest in the opportunities which are ours, as a group, because of common ties and attachments. We conceive this History as a vital step in the work of building this dynamic group consciousness among the University of North Carolina alumni so that together we may the more effectively 'consult the security of the future.'—R. D. W. C.

C. B. Colton, editor of the TAR HEEL last year, holds a position as teacher in Virginia Episcopal School at Reusens, Va.

V. V. Young, who was graduated here in 1923 is now deputy clerk of court in Durham. Young was granted license to practice law last August.

James E. Powell, Jr., of the class of 1925 is a student of Pomona College at Claremont, California.

H. W. Brown, '25, is managing the Potecasi Supply Company, Potecasi, N. C.

Freshmen Re-Open The Scribblers' Club

Wednesday night at eight o'clock about fifteen Freshmen, interested in original composition met at the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of re-organizing the Scribblers' Club.

For the past several years there has been an organization composed of students from the Freshman English classes which has been known by that name. This year Professor A. C. Howell is sponsoring the movement. Its purpose is the furtherance of any literary ability that may be found in the ranks of the Freshman class. Membership is entirely voluntary. However, those men in the class of '28 who are interested in writing are especially urged to join.

Unlike most clubs and societies, this group has no permanent organization. It plans to maintain a committee of three, rotating the membership of the committee. In this way it expects to allow every man to preside over a meeting at least once.

The next session of the Club will be held Tuesday night at nine o'clock in 14 Alumni building. The program is in the hands of three students and will be original. By the end of the year the club expects to demonstrate that the class of '28 is competent and willing to take its place in the literary life of the campus.

C. B. Millican, who taught English in the University last year, is now teaching in the University of Indiana.

F. O. Glover, '24, is studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

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John L. McElroy has hung out his shingle and is practicing law at Marshall, N. C. McElroy was a law student here last year.

C. B. Yartley, business manager of the *Yaekety Yaek* last year, is now taking law at George Washington University.

C. A. Peeler and W. F. Somers, who finished the commerce course here last commencement, are taking graduate work at Columbia University.

Chas. A. Holshouser is now studying medicine at Johns Hopkins University. Holshouser was a member of the class of 1924.

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