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Down With Memorial Hall!

Memorial Hall is undergoing repairs at present, the nature of which we have not been able to ascertain with any degree of exactness. It is rumored that the "architectural monstrosity" has become unsafe and that it may be condemned; the roof is said to have slipped considerably during the past few months. In our opinion the best thing that could happen to Memorial Hall would be its complete demolition. The auditorium is hideous from an aesthetic standpoint, the acoustics are terrible and the seats are decidedly uncomfortable. In cold weather the structure is never adequately heated; it is difficult to obtain a good view of the stage, since the seats at the rear of the building are no higher than those nearest the speaker's platform.

Not only is Memorial Hall woefully inadequate as an auditorium for the University, but it is highly undesirable from every consideration of beauty and comfort. Seated on the hard wooden benches of the auditorium, even the most appreciative of audiences becomes restless and uncomfortable. It is not strange that Memorial Hall audiences are notoriously prone to move about and even depart from the building during the most excellent of speeches and entertainments. N. C. C. W. has an auditorium so vastly superior in every respect to Memorial Hall that there is no comparison between the two structures, and other institutions in this state have auditoriums immensely superior to that possessed by the University.

The only justification that we can conceive for the continued use of Memorial Hall as the University auditorium is based entirely upon sentiment. Thousands of alumni would oppose razing of the ancient building because of the associations attached to it. But mere sentiment should certainly be subordinated to a desire to see the University secure an auditorium worthy of the name.

Funds for the construction of an auditorium to replace Memorial Hall would be difficult to secure with the University's finances in their present state, it is true. Construction of a new gymnasium here is contemplated, however. Very few up-

perclassmen use the present gym, and is is extremely doubtful whether freshmen would make any extensive use of it were they not required to do so. In all probability the undergraduates would not make use of a new gym to an appreciably greater extent.

If the funds for the contemplated new gymnasium were diverted to the construction of a new auditorium, we believe that the student body and the general public would profit vastly. Down with Memorial Hall, say we, and replace it with a decent auditorium.

Qui Bono?

The Tar Heel offers belated congratulations to Dr. Louis Round Wilson upon his being elected president of the North Carolina Library Association for the third time.

Over a period of thirty years, most of which have been lean ones financially, this grand old man has never swerved from the ideal he has had for a perfect or nearly perfect library system. Through the years he has worked and worked at the tremendous task of adding book by book to a small thirty thousand volume collection until today he is able to view with pleasure a collection close to a quarter of a million volumes.

With the exception of latter day aid, the doctor has had to depend in quite large measure upon private donations to make possible the steady increase in number of volumes.

Louis Round Wilson has refused a considerable number of offers of increased salary and prestige during this time. He has been a man above price.

We have no doubt about the strength of the present generation. There isn't an iota of despair in our hearts over the morals of our age as compared to those of other generations—but the thought has struck us again and again with sharp insistence during the past few weeks when the library world has been honoring Dr. Wilson that all the great energy of a great man is not sufficient to offset the ravages of certain undergraduate vandals, and after all—Qui bono? We have in mind the practice, that has recently come to view, of marking and tearing first editions which it is the proud privilege of any student to read and protect, and the still more abominable practice of smuggling valuable books both old and new from the tables and stacks of the building.

During the week-end of one of the Grail dances late last spring, we were thunderstruck to see a former Carolina student walk into a fraternity house with sixteen valuable library books dealing with subjects of art, translations of Persian and Japanese poetry, and the history of the drama. In his drunken condition he soon forgot his stolen booty, which fortunately fell into the hands of men who returned them to the library desk where it was discovered that not one of them had been checked out!

A graduate student we know has in his possession three very valuable books "borrowed" from the stacks, which no doubt will some time grace the shelves of someone's private library. Another student says that he paid five dollars apiece for some very valuable books which were "borrowed" by a third person from the stacks.

There is no need to carry this story any farther; it is a practice that is too utterly vicious to be further tolerated. Dr. Wilson builds with painstaking efforts and unthinking students tear down.

Very little can be done by mail. Warnings setting forth the rules regarding future quarters if library regulations

are not satisfied mean nothing to students ready to drop out. A stronger check upon those persons who have access to the stacks, and a regular messenger service which will call upon students possessing books of value which are overdue and demand that they be returned would eradicate a growing evil. And this is exactly what we recommend to Dr. Wilson and to the University, if they intend to preserve the very splendid work he has wrought.

—J. E. D.

The University Plane

It is with interest that we note the approaching arrival of the department of aeronautic's first real airplane. Most of us have been rather dubious about the practicality of the aviation course, doubtful as to whether the project could be carried out on a scale large enough to permit ultimate success and continued existence. But now that a program has been launched with the idea of giving students first hand experience with planes, a great obstacle in the way of realization of success has been overcome.

The entry of the airplane into the student life here has a peculiar significance. It not only means that the University has passed another milestone in her march of progress; it means that the University is becoming more cosmopolitan. Aviation, in our opinion, is destined to make of the University not merely a local unit but a cosmopolitan influence. Not even the most speculative of minds can foretell the future potentialities of the aeroplane, the obliterater of time and space. Who knows but what educators in the future will be terming it education's greatest aid in bringing students from everywhere together and in enabling them to study the materials in various places which are not a part of their locality?

Here young Lindberghs will be developed, and aviation will be studied as a science. It is something new for Carolina, and something which requires patience and work for growth. It is to be hoped that the students will not see fit to let this infant, aeronautics, die, but that they will endeavor to make it a permanent feature of university life.

—B. M.

Readers' Opinions

AN INADEQUATE LIGHTING SYSTEM

Editor the Daily Tar Heel:

With the increase of dark mornings and afternoons natural to winter, the inadequacy of the Chapel Hill electric lighting system appears more and more often. Large numbers of students necessarily read during the day and necessarily, from the flickering of lights in all the buildings, are forced to strain their eyes and do permanent damage to them. Such a condition should not exist in a town in which a proportion of students as large as that in Chapel Hill are working. If electricity used during the day is bought from one of the power companies of the state, the company should be brought to task by University officials; if the power is generated on the campus, the proper University officials should be reminded of their failure to provide proper illumination for students' rooms and other places in which study is carried on. Improper lighting is a handicap which, certainly, should not be imposed upon Chapel Hill Modern.

R. M. WALLACE.

IN THE WAKE OF NEWS



J. E. Dungan

The plays produced by the Playmakers last week-end were quite the best that organization has produced since the beginning of our sojourn here. Mrs. Coffin's *Magnolia's Man*, in particular, is of professional calibre.

Due to the general hue and cry raised around my head by the publishing of a list of candidates for the feminine popularity title of the campus, the author of this column suggests that a Greater Carolina Beauty and Personality Contest be sponsored by the Grail for the purpose of selecting a campus queen to reign over a final varsity ball given by the German club, ushering out the social year just prior to commencement. The Sheiks, Minotaur and Thirteen club could well serve as judges.

If we thought we wouldn't be accused of impropriety, we might mention the fact that Charles Randolph, aged 26, of Greenwich, Conn., surrounded by evidences of an all night drinking party was found burned to death in a hotel room in New York City last week, and that from all evidences it appears that he must have been having a "hot-time."

"Cy Edson, the witty editor of the *Buccaneer*, wanting to play a little joke on the other editors and literary lites of the campus, who attended a dinner tendered them by Archibald Henderson, planned to appear in full dress, but gave up the scheme as being too embarrassing to the rest of the gentlemen attending the dinner.

L. W. Midgett of Elizabeth City liked the *Buccaneer* but inquires as to what is meant by "private intentions."

Harry Finch, handsome *sheik*, together with his leather-lunged confreres, is just about convinced that Allah is not only Almighty, but that he is a damned nuisance, on account of having worn out several pairs of trouser knees in his service.

Now that Tom Lawrence has quitted Episcopal high in Virginia to play on the Chapel Hill high school grid team we suppose that the Carnegie Foundation will send a junket here to find what salary he is being paid.

The D. K. E.'s look like a good bet in the intramural tag football contest, and Haywood Dail Holderness of Tarboro predicts that the D. K. E.'s and the University of Tennessee will go through the current season without a single defeat.

With the addition of Pledge Cate of Greensboro it looks like the Sigma Chi's have set a record for the current year in the matter of pledging.

Bill Horney who spent all the day of the Georgia game in search of some one who would bet forty dollars with him on the game has been treating all his acquaintances this past week with the money he "earned" by his failure to place a bet.

Incidentally, Coach Collins is reputed to have enlarged a rich vocabulary in addressing the team the first practice after the late lamented Georgia unpleasantness.

Morris Xrasuy hailing from Newark, N. J., claims the distinction of being the only person whose last name begins with the letter X. And we defy you to pronounce K. L. Kjellesnig's name correctly the first time.

REMINISCENCES

From the Tar Heel Files

(By Howard M. Lee)

Twenty-five Years Ago This Week

—the faculty of the University numbered 67 and the students numbered 620.

—Carolina defeated V. P. I. in a football game 6-0.

—John W. Lisk, a member of the freshman class, died in the infirmary from typhoid fever.

Ten Years Ago This Week

—the Board of Trustees voted for the immediate construction of two new dormitories.

—the Carolina business school opened for the first time. This school was limited to thirty students.

—the students were making an appeal to the University for a modern laundry.

—thirty-three Carolina alumni received license to practice law in North Carolina.

—three new buildings were nearing completion. These buildings were: Phillips hall, post-office, and the Presbyterian church.

Five Years Ago This Week

—the freshman football team licked the University of South Carolina Biddies 19-7.

—the University of Maryland defeated Carolina 6-0 in football on Emerson field.

—a committee had been appointed to prepare a report on the plans and requirements for a new library building to be located behind South building and just beyond Murphy hall. The Tar Heel says: "However, this is merely a preparatory step and it will probably be several years before the new building will be erected."

—Dean Edwin Greenlaw at-

Hallowe'en Dance In Durham Tonight

The big Hallowe'en dance, at which Jack Wardlaw is to play at Roycroft's warehouse in Durham, is scheduled for tonight, beginning at 9 and lasting until 2 o'clock.

The dance was incorrectly advertised in yesterday's Daily Tar Heel as being Wednesday night, when the date was supposed to be Thursday night.

The Durham affair is the only script dance in the locality tonight, and is expected to draw a record throng of festive merry-makers. The Roycroft's floor is a large one, and script has been held to one dollar.

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