

Wigue And Masque Stages Annual Initiation Ceremony

Campus Musical Organization Takes In Seven New Members; Breaks Precedent With Admission of Co-eds.

Marking a radical change from the accepted custom of not having girls as members of student campus organizations, the Wigue and Masque initiated last night six blushing co-eds and one more abashed, if possible, male student.

The initiation ceremonies began early yesterday morning. Professors, as well as students, were surprised to notice Elizabeth Barber, Phoebe Harding, Helen McKay, Beth Colley, Celeste Edgerton, Kelsie Currie, Maurine Forester and Harry J. Galland going about the entire day, attired in the most correct formal evening wear. Quizzes, examinations, questions and answers, cat-calls, foolish remarks and scores of belittling assertions had to be experienced in high heels and décolleté dresses by the girls and a stiff-bosomed shirt and an uncomfortable collar by the sole, solitary neophyte who represented what is termed the "stronger" sex.

But at 8 o'clock in Person hall, the rough treatment that aspirants to the membership of this well-known musical organization must undergo, commenced.

Dressed in the oldest clothes that the initiates could find hidden in forgotten corners of their closets, blindfolded with heavy, white (?) bath-towels and carrying long, ominous-looking paddles in their hands, the group proceeded, after a half-hour of secret torments in Person hall, to Spencer hall, better known as the "Co-ed Shack." Their course led through Franklin street, which at that time was a crowded thoroughfare. Many were treated to the hilarious view of six girls and one boy being led by 20 members of the producing company of the successful show of last year, "Mum's the Word." Many were so attracted by the procession that they trailed along behind it.

The grape-vine system of broadcasting news in Chapel Hill has long been known as an efficient one. And last night, it seemed as though it had been working extremely well, for the reception room in the co-ed dormitory was crowded by expectant observers.

All the future Wigue and Masquers had been told to prepare skits for presentation last night. They did not know, when they were told, that their efforts at being humorous were to be unfolded before a "packed house" in the Shack. And as one observant bystander said, "My, but girls hate to be embarrassed. Especially before others."

Tendering of songs was the means that the group of "pledges" employed to amuse the spectators. All manners and kinds of melodies were sung. Maurine Forester, with her song, which was the hit of last year's show, "tore the house down" with applause. But the peak of the evening was reached when Harry Galland, whose reddened cheeks and nervous mannerisms were witness to his state, staged a touching love scene with Beth Colley. Not for long will Harry forget his role as Casanova, or perhaps it was Don Juan.

At 9 o'clock the actors as well as the audience were exhausted from their mirth and merriment. The return procession wound its way around the quiet campus paths. The unsteady steps, due to the blindfolds, the rollicking songs and caustic comments rudely broke the quiet of the night. But like

all good troupers, they kept on with the show.

Person hall was finally attained. The blindfolds were taken off for several moments until the more serious and important events of the evening were to take place.

Shortly before 9:30 word was given that the time was ready for the "show people" to once again don their masks. The members took their places and the room was quiet. The grave ceremony of reading the oath and other serious words to the almost-members commenced and soon it was over. Henceforth, these seven who "had undergone such trials and tribulations and had fared well under them" were full-fledged and accredited members of the famous Wigue and Masque.

Congratulations were heaped upon them, as well as refreshments, which were welcomed with evident delight. Enjoyment which could be enjoyed mutually began and lasted for some time.

The announcements of this year's activities were also made at this time. The officers of the club for this year are Wex Malone, president; George Race, vice-president; Craig Sheldon, treasurer, and Jack Kirkpatrick, secretary. Elmer Hall, technical director of the Playmakers, succeeds John Weaver, who for many years aided the annual show-makers as faculty advisor.

The presentation this year will be a musical revue, entitled "Little Campus" and written by Wex Malone and Moore Bryson.

Although serious obstacles are in the path of the producers, for no substitute for Memorial hall has as yet been found, try-outs for the roles of "Little Campus" will be held during the winter quarter. The Wigue and Masque members state that they are looking forward to their most successful venture this spring, for the lyrics and tunes of "Little Campus" promise to be more engaging and pleasing than those of any previous production.

Much Comment Caused By News Of Collins' Offer From Georgetown

(Continued from page one) in the Washington Times says: "Father O'Brien (faculty adviser on athletics at Georgetown) stated that an announcement of the new coach probably would not be made until the end of the month, at the time of the football coaches' meeting in New York City, December 27, 28 and 29.

"Collins would be somewhat reluctant about accepting the position at the Hilltop in view of the wholesale loss of players from this year's squad by graduation, and the difficult schedule that the Hilltoppers will confront next fall, it has been learned, but would do it if his terms are met.

"With a paucity of material and the inauguration of an entirely new system, it is almost certain that it would take Collins at least two years to get things going in a satisfactory manner.

"Collins is aware of this situation, which, while decidedly unencouraging, is certainly no worse than the one he confronted when he took charge of the North Carolina destinies four years ago. At that time the Tar Heels were wallowing at the bottom of the heap in Southern Conference circles. Since the advent of Collins, however, the Tar Heels have advanced to the front by leaps and bounds, completing their most successful season this year by going through a ten-game schedule with the loss of only one game."

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE IS EMPLOYED ON CARNEGIE

The December 6th issue of Science contains an article about the destruction of the non-magnetic ship "Carnegie," which blew up in the harbor at Apia, Samoa, on November 30, killing its captain.

Employed on this research ship was H. R. Siewell, a graduate of the University, who obtained his B. S. degree in geology in 1927. Soon after his graduation from the University, Siewell became oceanographer on the "Carnegie," which was making a magnetic survey of the earth.

The "Carnegie" was built to make thorough magnetic observations of declination, intensity etc., and in order to avoid interference with the delicate magnetic instruments the ship was built with little more than a ton of iron and steel.

Siewell escaped injuries and has recently returned to the United States. At present he is in Buffalo, N. Y., working up his material gathered on the ill-fated ship.

THREE ADDRESSES MADE BEFORE ALPHA PSI DELTA

The Alpha Psi Delta fraternity met this week in New West building. The following program was rendered: Dr. Trabue spoke on "The Validity of High School Examinations," Dr. Dashiell discussed "A Method for Increasing the Reliability of Mazes." Dr. Crane's subject was "A Study of Type Faces in Advertising."

Dr. Hans Prinzhorn, a well known scholar from Frankfort, Germany, was a guest of the fraternity of which he is an honorary member.

The following were elected to membership: Mrs. L. M. Brooks, Dr. J. M. Valentine, G. A. Metz, and J. W. Eaton.

About 25 members were present.

Readers' Opinions

"TEN MILLION WHITE CROSSES"

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Herrick and William G. Sharp. These men promised French officials that they would organize propaganda that would put the United States in the war on the side of the Allies. The Hanoteaux history states that the sum of money provided to goad this country into war was too great even for American comprehension.

In the "key-note" speech nominating Woodrow Wilson for a second term, June 14, 1916, Martin H. Glynn, then Governor of New York, said in reference to neutrality and peace:

"This is the paramount issue. No lesser issue must cloud it. No unrelated problem must confuse it.

"In the submission of this issue to the electorate we of this convention hold these truths to be self-evident to every student of America's history, to every

friend of America's institutions:

"That the United States is constrained by the traditions of the past, by the logic of the present and by the promise of the future to hold itself apart from the European warfare, to save its citizens from participation in the conflict that now devastates the nations across the seas.

"For 200 years neutrality was a theory; America made it a fact.

"And today in this hall, so all the world may hear, we proclaim that this American policy which the present Administration pursues with patriotic zeal and religious devotion, while Europe's skies blaze red from fires of war, Europe's soil turns red from blood of men, Europe's eyes see red from tears of mourning women and from sobs of starving children."

Wilson was nominated and elected. But even while the campaign slogan, "He kept us out of war," was being flung to the breeze, the Administration and the J. P. Morgan and kindred interests had the "wires" fixed for a declaration of war.

And thus it is that a part of the ten million white crosses that cover ten thousand hills are in remembrance of American boys that Wilson sent to French trenches to safeguard the interests of Big Business.

Yes, truly, there was enough intelligence and enough men of good-will in our land in 1916 to vote for neutrality and peace, and they did. But they got conscription, war, and the most severe demonstration of gag-rule ever before enforced in any

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so-called civilized country. The less the justification for war the greater for the suppression of free speech.

It was, and is, possible for a half-dozen men of unlimited wealth and still more unlimited greed to override the expressed will of millions of voters.

Yet there is progress toward universal peace. Many factors are at work. Among them a demand for a change in the defining of the word "treason" in the Constitution of the United States, making it include the greatest of all traitors against mankind.

JULIAN COOK.

Fordham University of New York has a school of Irish studies in which there are taught 20 separate Irish courses.

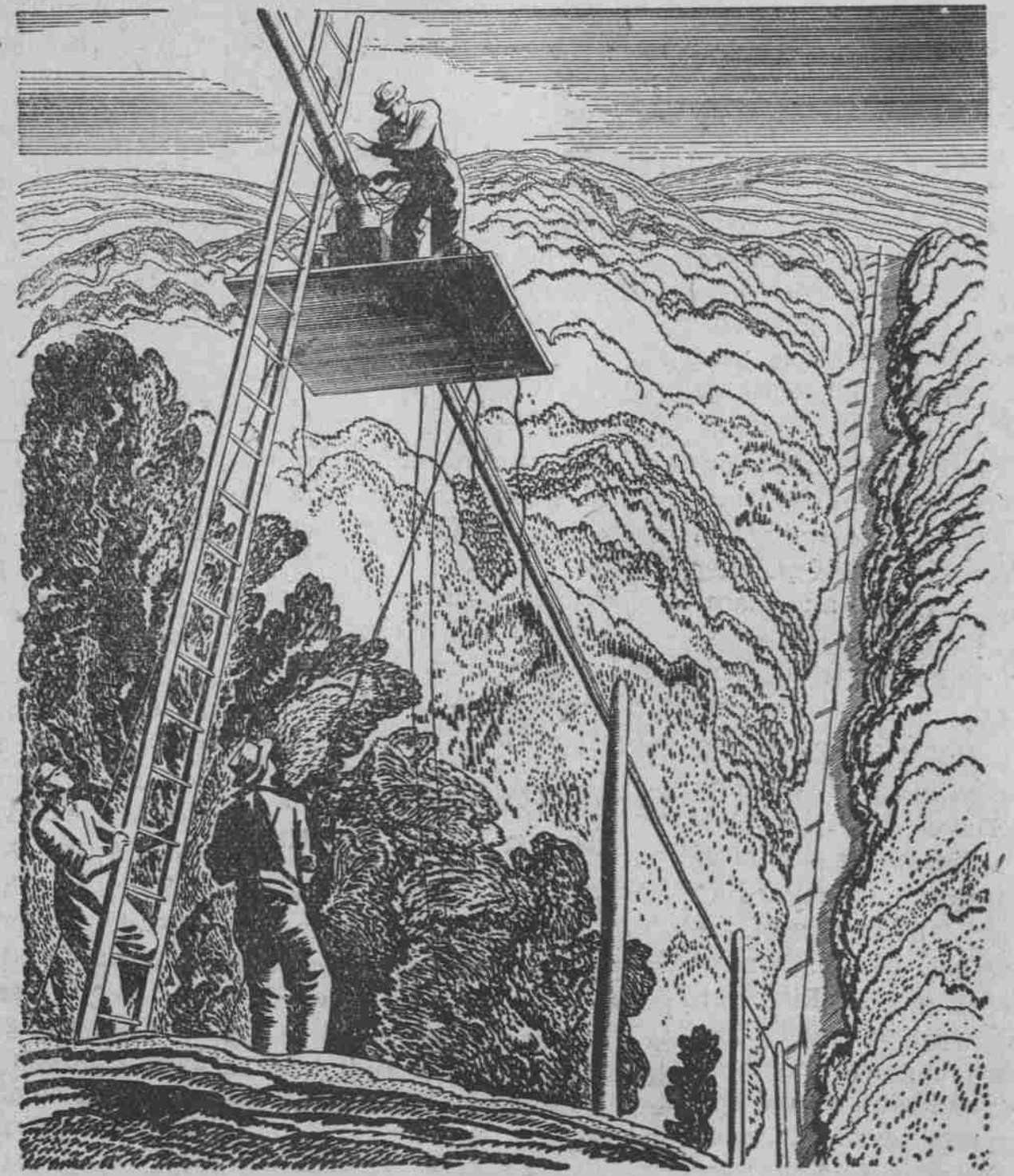
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