

A DTH Book Review

'Walls': Suspense In Reliving Youth

By SAM R. HULL

The Walls Came Tumbling Down by Babs H. Deal. Doubleday & Co., Inc., 1968. 312 pp. \$4.95.

When a small Southern university town discovers that the skeleton of a baby has been found in the air shaft of a demolished sorority house, there is a mixture of amusement and concern.

However, when it is learned that the shaft was open only once—during the summer of 1944 when only nine girls were staying at the Delta House—the attitudes change to fear and suspicion.

Fortunately, Mrs. Deal does not allow this Peyton Place type of plot to color her study of the seven local women the scandal affects.

The women involved, all good friends, relive the sweltering war-time summer. The walls of their contemporary, model lives fall down, as they are forced to re-evaluate their present existences.

Mrs. Deal, whose last novel, Fanny's Knell, was nominated as "an outstanding suspense story" in 1966 by the Mystery Writers of America, plays down the suspense in this one.

She deals with characters: Edyth, whose husband tortures her with his suspicions; Joan, the widow of a poet-professor whose college literature class and life were over her head; B.J., the prolific mother of five; Sandy, the romantic ballet instructor who once loved Joan's husband; and the others, whose lives, both past and present, are entwined within the small-town society.

Amidst this seeming confusion, Mrs. Deal establishes clear characterizations by a

clever series of flashbacks and scene changes employing italicized divisions. Twenty-year transitions seem natural, unforced, as the characters are introduced and examine themselves.

With these elements, walls could have become drearily intense, but Mrs. Deal lightens it with touches of humor: townspeople's opinions, "B. J. Finch gets p.g. everytime J.D. takes off his pants," or the female bantering that goes on at Joan's cocktail party given for all the "suspects":

"Maybe it was Delores Powell after all," Joan said. "She was so homely she might have been a pushover."

"She might have been homely," Mary Alice said, "but she married a cool million bucks. . . I saw her last year when we went to Florida. . . They've got a forty-foot boat and a house

that knocks your eye out, and she wears designer dresses. You'd hardly notice how homely she is at all."

Having established the characters, looked into their thoughts, and relived each one's memory of that hot summer night at the sorority house, Mrs. Deal allows the reader to decide for himself "who done it." And a decision not without ample page flipping and calculating, for no character is without some guilt, be it the guilt of committing an abortion or otherwise.

The Walls Came Tumbling Down is a novel about seven women, their families, friends, their fears and frustrations. The discovery of a baby in a wall does more for them than menopause. They relive their youth and the reader has the pleasure, sometimes the pain, of a front row seat.

Today's I-Week Program: International Problems Day

4 p.m. Discussion in Alderman parlor, led by Dr. Michael Katz of the Law School, on "Human Rights."

4 p.m. Discussion at Morrison Residence College, led by Dr. S. Jones of the Political Department, on "The Middle East."

8 p.m. Guest speaker, Dr. Dan Pollitt of the Law School, will speak on "Human Rights in Constitutional Context" in Gerrard Hall.

9 p.m. International Crossroads Cafe at Y building. International refreshments and entertainment.



Ground workers mow 87 acres a week

Project Blue Blood

Pledge form for the blood drive sponsored by Granville Towers.

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Lost And Found

LOST
RED IRISH setter on campus. Answers to name Sean. \$25 reward. If found, call 929-3144.

WHITE ORGANDY curtains in ladies' room of Memorial Hall during SP convention last week. Reward. Call Rochelle Stephens, 968-9152.

BLACK BILLFOLD in 324 Phillips or in Pine Room. Keep money, please return billfold. Call Tom Hodges, 257 Morrison, 933-3350.

LAUNDRY bag containing dirty laundry, has inscription "Harvard Coop" on outside. Call Bob Dearborn at Sigma Nu house. Reward.

BROWN and green silk scarf between Gardner and Day.

FOUND
Call Susan Murphy, 968-9338 or 968-9005. Leave message if not there.

PAIR of glasses in black case next to Everett Dorm. Case has name of Dr. J. W. Davenport. Call Steve Bland, 968-9056.

BLACK LEATHER wallet in area of Y court or Abernathy Hall. Irreplaceable and important papers. Call Woody Potter at 968-9055 or give it to campus police.

MEN'S brown glasses in brown leather case. Call Steve Reid at 941-7160.

BROWN LEATHER purse containing important papers. Reward. Call Nancy Whitman at 929-2931.

HIGH SCHOOL class ring, Western Alamance 1967. Call Janice Pender, 405 Winston.

KEYS. Set of nine on chain. Initials JC on chain. lost around Y court. Call 929-1670 or 933-1380.

MEN'S GLASSES which have been lying in the Daily Tar Heel office for the past four months collecting dust and generally getting in the way. Brown frames with atrociously strong lenses. Come by the DTH office to claim them.

KID GLOVES in Harry's. Call 968-9049, room 324.

PEARL AND GOLD drop earring found in front of Dey Hall. Call 929-1934.

CONTACT LENS (one) at the American Legion Hut Feb. 24. Call 305 Everett, 968-9018.

BROWN KID gloves in front of Spencer Dorm at a parking place. Claim at DTH office any afternoon.

GIRLS' glasses in Gingham. Call 942-2428.

KEYS on a chain (five) with "G" - initialed keystone, in basement of Wilson Library. See 249 Morrison, no phone.

Down they go . . .

Prices on the library seconds in the Old Book Feature Case have dropped to 25c each for today and tomorrow, and will go down to 15c each for Thursday and Friday.

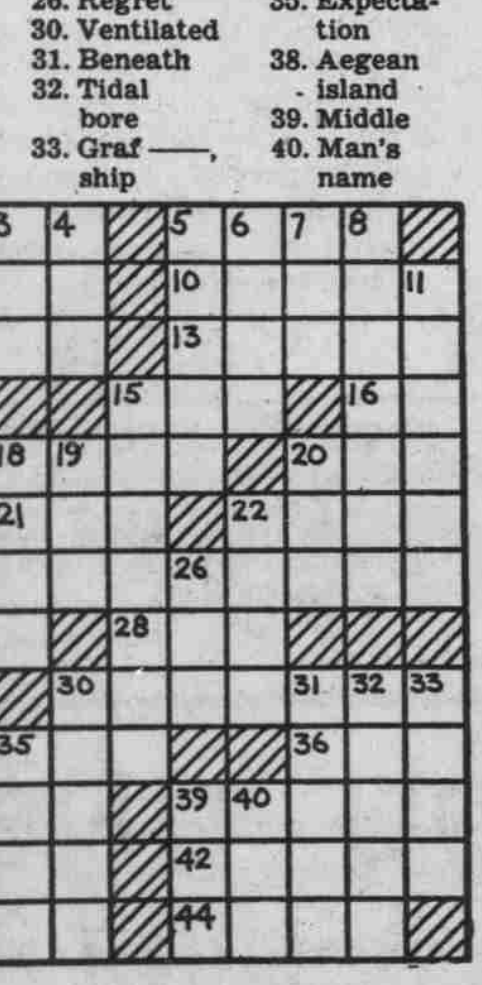
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Saturday's Answer



Keeping Campus Neat

By FRANK BALLARD

of The Daily Tar Heel Staff
Larry Trammel earned a master's degree in horticulture at N.C. State University and puts it to good use keeping UNC's grounds looking smart.

A licensed horticulturist, Trammel is the campus superintendent of grounds crews for the University Physical Plant. This makes him responsible for completing hundreds of tasks which demand the services of Mr. Fitt, Paul Bunyan and Mr. Wizard combined into one superhuman handyman.

The biggest job the grounds crews have recently done was the landscaping of James Residence College. "We planted over 600 pieces of trees and shrubs, including magnolias, maples, beech and Japanese live oaks," Trammel said.

All landscape plans for new and old buildings originate in this department.

"We have a very high regard for plants and trees," Trammel continued. The Physical Plant is mindful of the jealousy with which students and alumni guard the natural beauty of their campus. So trees and shrubs are not removed without careful study."

"We work very closely with the Botany Department, which has advisors to the Buildings and Grounds Committee. We're well-pleased with their cooperation."

Sentimental alumni who cringe at the removal of a favorite tree are missing the picture—the grounds crew plants many more trees than it uproots.

Case in point: 25 six-inch high cherry trees were planted near Graham Memorial this month.

"We know the old ones will lose their heartiness to age," Trammel observed. "This is insurance and planning for the next generation."

"We planted the young trees close to the old ones so they will be in the same location."

With re-planting projects scattered across campus, he estimated that 1,500-2,000 trees and shrubs have been planted since November. About 10 per cent of them were grown at a two-acre nursery near University Lake, where over 100 different types of trees and shrubs are raised for campus use.

The nursery is cared for by one of three sections of the grounds crew. Trees and shrubbery are the specialty of the 15-man units but like the grounds crew as a whole, they have diverse duties.

They set up and decorate the stage for commencement ceremonies, which entails preparing one stage in Kenan Stadium for fair-weather use and another in Carmichael Auditorium in case of rain.

The grounds crew also takes care of grading and sowing grass seed. Then there are the needs of the trees and shrubs—trimming, spraying, watering, weeding, mulching and fertilizing.

Trammel called the division of the grounds department workers into crews "the most sizable change in our department in the past year."

"We have three foremen who are in charge of various aspects of the campus operation—they're extremely responsible."

The foremen are T.W. Lloyd, W.W. Baker and W.J. Dunsmore.

Although each crew has work areas in which they concentrate, they combine for

massive tasks such as snow and ice removal.

"The campus is divided into three areas and they are further broken down by priority. It's a gigantic job. To remove the snow and ice on campus costs us several hundred dollars a day."

Just as the crew run by Dunsmore works largely with trees and shrubs, Baker has a nine-man force that pours concrete and lays drains, pipes and brick walks.

The 11 men on Lloyd's crew put up the chains and posts which keep people off the grass, and they mow what they've insured will grow.

"They mow about 87 acres a week during moving season, March through November," said Trammel. "As extra help in the summer we employ 15-25 temporary young men, usually high school students, to help cut the grass and weeds."

The grass strips in campus parking lots are tended by the crew, which builds all gravel parking lots.

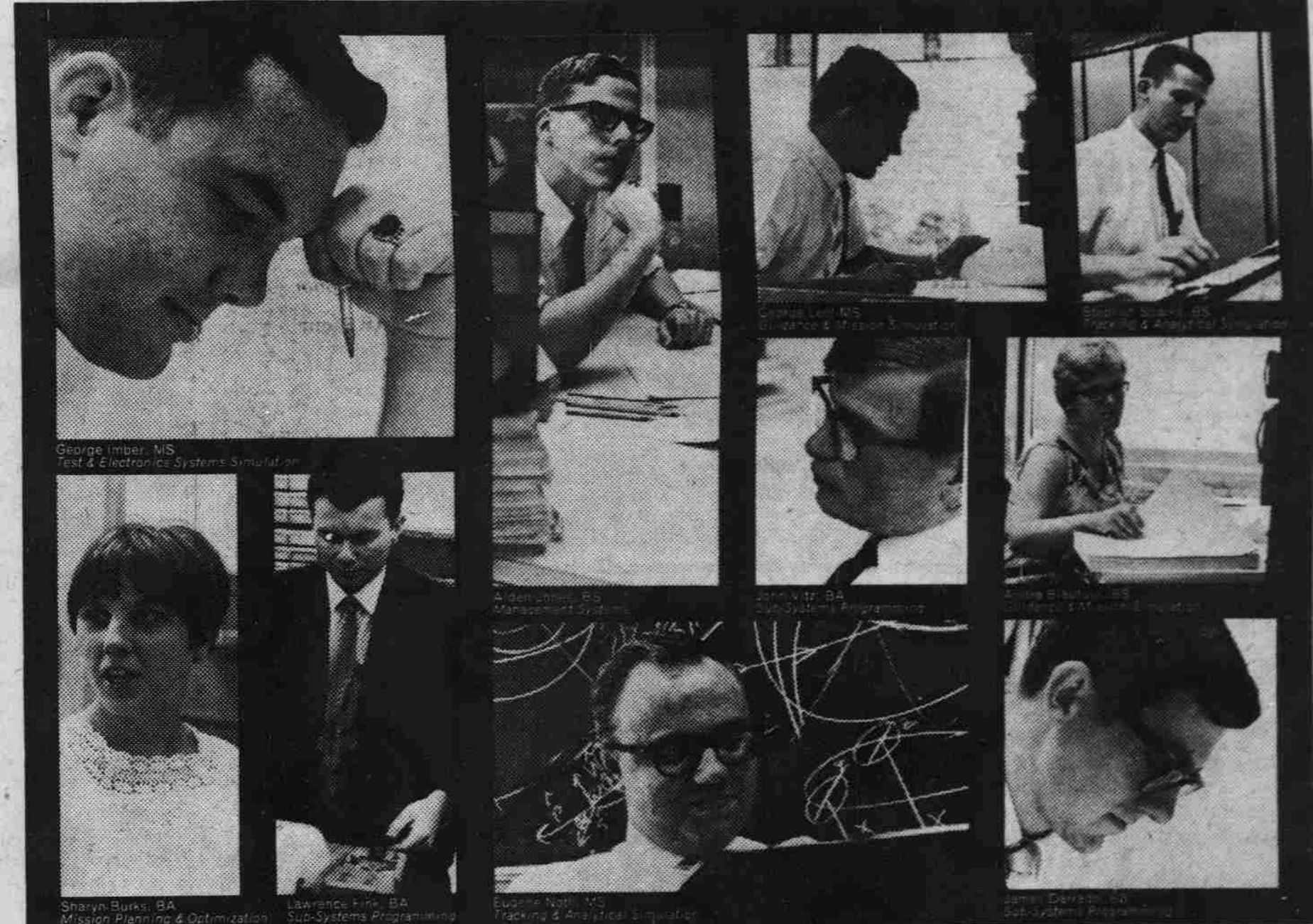
Four men in the crew have permanent assignments of walking over designated areas looking for litter to skaver and stuff in their cloth bags.

The three crews merge into 20-man groups to clean up after home football games and during Jubilee.

A smaller number of part-time workers are hired to clean up litter over normal weekends. "We also hold a special clean-up on Friday to get the campus looking impressive for visitors," Trammel added.

Campus-wide maintenance jobs, such as litter collection, shrubbery trimming and the cleaning of drainage pipes and catch basins are scheduled on large campus maps which indicate where work is needed.

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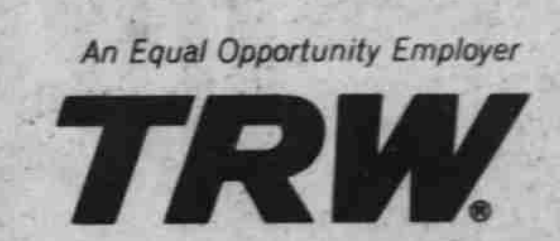
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