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## In Memoriam

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Died March 21, 1927

## Gamecock Spurs

There's one good thing about the Yellow Sheet, everyone believes what's in it.

## Give Us a Man with Pep

June approaches and soon one of the greatest men at the University of South Carolina will be gone. Dr. Burney Lynch Parkinson will take up his duties as president of Presbyterian College June 15, and in so doing the school at Clinton will have as its head a man who has done big things for Carolina, and a man who, as college president, is capable of doing and will do still greater work. But soon he will be gone to help in the building of a greater P.C., and Carolina will be without his immediate services. Someone must be found that will take his place and continue the work that he has been doing. Who will it be?

In selecting a man, one must be chosen who is capable, who has ambition, one who has energy, and one who will do things. A man must be chosen who has evidence of having worked in the past and one who has evidence of doing things in the future. This man who will become head of the department of extension is generally one appointed who is a member of the faculty and one who continues to be a member. Would it, then, seem strange that a man be chosen who is admired and loved by his students, a man with personality and dignity?

If a man is to be chosen who will meet these requirements there is one who should become our next extension director, a man who has ability to do and who does do things. That man is Professor Havilah Babcock.

—U.S.C.—

## Let's Do It Right

With commencement drawing near, the following article might seem appropriate.

Is the University of South Carolina's commencement program a formal or an informal affair? For the last few years there has been considerable reaction against the classic cap and gown, but the University of South Carolina has technically clung to the medieval cap and gown.

There is no criticism offered to the use of these symbols of scholastic accomplishment, but there is much comment to be made on the manner of their use. The old line of the beggars coming to town; some in rags; some in tags; and some in velvet gowns is a good term to describe the appearance of the University faculty on that day.

By requirement, all students are uniformly clad in the black caps and gowns, but the faculty not only appear on the rostrum in all manner of costumes from seersuckers to serges, but actually mar the appearance of the procession from the campus to the building where the exercises are held.

It would seem that the cap and gown would either be abolished or that some uniformity of appearance could be enforced. If we are going to put on the "dog," let's show ourselves masters of it.

## A Postoffice Without Stamps

Almost two years ago there was established at the University, in the Canteen, a sub-postoffice. There was also appointed a postmistress who would, we were promised, attend to all the incoming mail, including parcel post packages and special deliveries, would put it into the boxes rented by the students and would keep stamps so that students might purchase them when needed without having to go all the way to the postoffice up town.

All has been going well, so far as the postoffice is concerned, with the exception of one thing, and a big one it is, that is stamps. No stamps are sold by the postmistress at present.

If a student writes a letter he must go all the way up to the city postoffice before he can buy a stamp, at cost, with which to mail the letter. Why should anyone on the campus have to do that? Is it that the postmistress we have is too busy to handle the "sticky things"? It cannot be for the mails come in only three times a day, that is, including the parcel post packages.

At present, stamps are being sold in the Canteen, two two-cent or four one-cent stamps for five cents. This is outrageous. The proper place to obtain stamps is at the University postoffice, from the postmistress, and they should be sold at the rate of a nickel's worth for a nickel.

It is true there would be no profit made from selling five cents' worth of stamps for five cents but no postoffice makes money from the stamps it sells. Why not let the postmistress handle stamps at cost instead of the Canteen handle them for profit? Why does the Canteen have to make money out of everything that goes on the campus anyway? It is certainly not going for the benefit of the students on the campus.

— U. S. C. —

## The Early Bird--

In this country it was once fashionable to arrive at the theatre during the first act; and to be among the late arrivals to any social function. That style has passed and it is now considered poor manners to be late at any gathering.

If the same criteria may be applied to the dances held in the University gymnasium, then the majority of the couples may be accused of being out of style. But one does not have to resort to Miss Emily Post's latest tome on etiquette to see that late arrivals at the University dances are not representatives of ultra-fashionability. In fact the reason that most of the couples arrive late is because of the "sheepish" complex of human nature; no one wants to be first—and all come late.

The couples might realize that there is no sense in arriving at a dance fifteen minutes before eleven when the dance is announced to begin at nine-thirty—no sense at all. It would be better for all concerned if the dances were scheduled for a quarter of eleven. No! That wouldn't do—they might trip in on the light fantastic toe sometime Sunday morning.

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## A Weighing Measure

This is a weighing measure that we are going to discuss. Some action needs to be taken. When a student wants to mail a package he must walk all the way up to the postoffice in order to get it in the mails.

It may be that he is sending out his weekly laundry for the folks at home to have cleaned for him. It may be a large one or it may be small. It makes no difference; he still has to make the regular promenade up to the city postoffice before he can get his "dirt" in the mails.

Now comes the question: why does a Carolina student have to walk all the way up town to mail a package when there is a postoffice on the campus? The answer is the weighing "measure," scales. If the campus postoffice were equipped with a pair of scales with which to weigh parcel post packages accurately, all this street-trotting with a suit case under the arm would be eliminated.

The postoffice at present has a few dollars which it will give toward the buying of these scales if the rest can be obtained elsewhere. Are there not at least a few dollars in the treasurer's office which might be devoted to this worthy cause?

## THE FORUM

### Complete Revision Needed

Editor of *The Gamecock*—

This year, owing to various changes on our campus, such as the coming of our new president, the installation of Phi Beta Kappa, etc., it will be necessary to revise the catalogue to a greater extent than in almost any previous edition. As long as much of the catalogue is to be changed, it seems to me that it would be wise to make a complete revision of the entire book. A catalogue of a school serves as the best possible guide to strangers and prospective students. Many copies of this seemingly unimportant book are scattered throughout the country in the offices of other colleges and universities. Therefore, let us prepare an edition that will advertise Carolina justly; that will produce in the mind of the reader a high opinion of the University; and that will give other schools a clear and truthful account of the functions of our campus life. Certainly such articles as that on page 65 of the present copy, regarding church attendance are antiquated as well as the rule that no student may leave the city limits without the Dean's permission. Such rules may have seemed proper in the "gay nineties" but now only bring forth the scornful laughter of the reader just as the Blue Law campaign is so successfully doing. We are the spirit of the twentieth century.

—A Student.

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