

Anderson or Haynes to Be Queen Saturday; University Appropriations Request on File

\$3,957,667 Is Asked From State

The University of South Carolina last week filed a budget request with the South Carolina Budget Committee for funds amounting to \$7,290,000 to be used for permanent improvements. The request would require an appropriation of \$3,957,667 from the general Assembly, the remainder to be granted by the federal government.

The request has been subdivided into three general categories. The sum of \$938,000 is to be appropriated for the purchase of approximately 21 additional acres of land to be used for the construction of new buildings.

Repairs to the present plant and equipment are calculated to absorb \$700,000. Of these funds \$75,000 will go toward the fireproofing and remodeling of LeConte College, university science building. The remodeling of the Gymnasium for the use of the Extension Division is assigned to cost \$100,000. Steward's Hall, now being used by the ROTC unit as a mess hall, will be reconstructed to accommodate married veterans and their wives. An allotment of \$25,000 has been made for this project. The renovation of old dormitories, the present chapel and classrooms is set at \$500,000.

The remainder of the fund is to be used in the construction of new buildings and the appropriation of additional equipment.

Members of the budget commission visited the USC campus today. They were taken on a tour which included inspection of the present infirmary facilities. The committee is composed of Gov. Ransome J. Williams, Senator Edgar Brown, chairman senate finance committee, Morrison Tuten, chairman House Ways and Means committee, and J. M. Smith, secretary of the budget commission.

The commission is expected to submit its recommendations to the Ways and Means Committee sometime in December. From there the bill will go to the House of Representatives. It will then be submitted to the Senate Finance Committee, and later to the Senate for consideration. After approval from both houses, the bill will be sent to the governor.

In addition to the requested appropriation the University has applied for \$776,488.88 for Maintenance and Operation. The complete text of this request may be found in the editorial column of this issue.

Gaskins Dies In Auto Crash Near Pamplico

Laross Gaskins, University junior from Hannah, was killed Wednesday night November 21 three miles outside of Pamplico on the Kingsbury highway.

Laross had just arrived home for the holidays and was on his way to Florence when his car ran into the rear end of a truck and trailer. He was rushed to the McLeod's infirmary but was dead upon arrival.

He was born and reared in the Hannah community where he took an active part in athletics. He was the son of H. D. and Mrs. Evelyn Gaskins. He was recently discharged from the Navy and returned to the University to complete his pre-medical training.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, Nov. 25, 11 o'clock at the Hannah Methodist church, conducted by the Rev. S. C. Felder of Pamplico. Interment was held in Gaskins cemetery.

LEADER



Above is Prof. Lewis under whose direction the University Symphony Orchestra is to be resumed.

University Orchestra Revived

Organization Has Not Been Completed

The University Symphony Orchestra is being reorganized under the direction of Prof. Lewis Fink, associate Professor of Music.

Tryouts for prospective members will be held in the near future.

There is a definite need for anyone who can play either reed or brass instruments, but vacancies remain to be filled for both string and percussion players.

When organization is complete rehearsals will be held every Thursday night in the University Chapel from 7:30 to 9:30.

The orchestra will attempt only the best in symphonic literature. Participation in the Orchestra gives 1 semester point credit and it is not required that an orchestra member be a student of the Department of Music of the University of South Carolina.

SALMLA Holds 15th Meeting

USC Is Scene Of Language Prof's Gathering

The 15th meeting of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association met at the University of South Carolina November 23 and 24. Colleges and Universities from the South Atlantic area of the United States will be represented in these meetings, which seek to better the educational standards of modern languages taught in American colleges.

Dr. Havilah Babcock, head of the University of South Carolina English department delivered the address, "I'm a Stranger Here, Myself" at the banquet held Friday night at 7:30 in the Hotel Jefferson ballroom.

The delegates divided into group sessions of English, Spanish, French, German, and Italian sections and heard papers of various members during the morning periods. The final business session took place Saturday at 11 a.m.

Dr. Guy R. Vowles of Davidson presided at the meeting, the first in three years because of war restrictions. Dr. I. W. Brock of Emory is the secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Havilah Babcock was in charge of all arrangements for the meeting assisted by members of the Foreign Language department at the University.

S. L. Prince Fills Board Vacancy

Samuel L. Prince of Anderson, South Carolina was recently appointed to the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees.

Mr. Prince is an attorney at law, member of the firm Watkins and Prince. He is a prominent Anderson citizen. The board vacancy which he fills was left by the death of Senator Harry R. Hughes.

Sinclair Lewis Guest at Carolina; Wins Great Acclaim of Students

The students and faculty of Carolina caught a glimpse last week of one of America's most illustrious novelists, Sinclair Lewis, Nobel Prize winner and author of such famous Americana as *Main Street*, *Arrowsmith*, and *Babbitt*. They saw a tall, thin, strikingly homely man, dressed in a brown tweed suit and a blue shirt. They noted that he was extremely nervous, that he smoked continuously, that he talked incessantly, rapidly, and well. They conceded, although contrary to expectations, that he was a very well-mannered, unaffected person.

Mr. Lewis has often been condemned as a cold, heartless writer who loathes people, and who derives a sadistic pleasure from the sufferings of his characters. This could hardly be true of a man whose first request was to see some of the students, and who talked to the staff of *The Carolina Review* for several hours about both the practical and idealistic aspects of the magazine. Nor could it be true of a man who toured the Negro section of Columbia, asking them about their hopes and wants and needs. Concerning his attitude toward people, the author had this to say: "I love people, I enjoy people, and they make me furious when they do and say stupid things. And I satirize them for being stupid. A writer like Mencken does the same thing, but differently, because he doesn't like people. His characters

aren't even real—just creatures with traits that he gives them hell for having. Look, I could go to a Rotary Club and like it. I could enjoy myself. Do you think Mencken could do that? Of course he couldn't; he doesn't like people. Or take an insurance man. An insurance man is all right, and I have no objections to him provided he hasn't a dull or coarse wit. But to Mencken all insurance men are ridiculous. In fact, he thinks everybody is ridiculous except writers and artists."

It is to be expected that Mr. Lewis spent most of his time answering questions about himself and about the writing profession in general. Some of his answers were unexpected, however. When asked what he thought about American literature of the present day, and what trends he thought it would take, he replied, "What do I think? There are a lot of people writing, if that's what you mean. And about these trends. There aren't any trends in American literature. Of course, you can find twenty trends in one place at one time, if you want to call every writer who has a different style or a different subject or a different philosophy a trend." No less unusual was his statement that the writing of the Twenties was being vastly overrated. He said, "There's no such thing as the Twenties, the way most people mean. It's all a myth.

It's just a critical cliché that the critics have been using for fifteen years, and none of us writers have ever been interested enough to correct them. I'd like to see somebody do it. No, the only way you can truthfully classify those writers is to say that between 1919 and 1930, there lived a number of authors who wrote about America; there's nothing remarkable about that, now is there? Or you could lump together all the authors who lived between 1920 and 1921. Of course, that's reducing it to an absurdity, but you see what I mean."

When Mr. Lewis was asked to comment on his controversy with Bernard DeVoto, he said, "Oh, that. It wasn't anything that he said about me. I just got damned tired of DeVoto picking on Van Wyck Brooks. It was obviously a personal dislike, and Brooks is a nice fellow, and DeVoto tried to disguise it as literary criticism. The whole thing is that DeVoto's stuff hasn't sold and Brooks' has had great success. I just got damned tired of it, and stuck up for Brooks."

ONE TO BE QUEEN



Pictured above are LeClair Anderson, petite brown-haired Chi Omega, and Edna Hill Haynes, pretty blond Pi Phi. One of them will be crowned Carolina's Homecoming Queen.

Enrollment Exceeds Any in US History

Final Figure Totals 2,244 Over 200 Applicants Refused

Dr. John A. Chase, dean of administration, announced Monday, Nov. 19 that a total of 2,244 students have registered in the University of South Carolina for the fall term, which began Nov. 1. It is the largest enrollment in the history of the University.

"Our enrollment would have exceeded 2,500 easily if we had had any place to put them," Dean Chase said.

Included in the enrollment of the fall term are 672 civilian men, 874 women, and 698 Naval trainees (NROTC and V-12). Of the civilian men, 262 are veterans.

To accommodate the large enrollment, all facilities of the University are taxed to the utmost. There are 1,523 students living in dormitories whose normal capacity is 1,217.

"We cannot crowd our dormitories further without endangering the welfare of our students, which we refuse to do," Dean Chase said. Coker and Maxey colleges, normally men's dormitories, were assigned to women students before V-J Day, and before the University could anticipate the large increase in enrollment of civilian men, including veterans, Dean Chase stated.

Since Aug. 15, no assignments of rooms have been made in women's dormitories. All out-of-state applications were turned down considerably before that date. No dormitory assignments have been made to men since Sept. 15. Accommodations for many men, mostly veterans have been found in the city. Women students are not permitted to room off campus except with their families or close relatives.

The enrollment in the spring term which ended in July 1,420 students. The enrollment in the summer term dropped to 811. The present enrollment represents an increase of 63 per cent over the spring term.

In addition to dormitories, classrooms, laboratories and other facilities are filled to absolute capacity.

"With the rate of returning veterans constantly being accelerated, we expect to reach our peak in the session of 1946-47," Dean Chase said.

Only regularly-enrolled students are included in the 2,244 students reported. There are hundreds of extension students.

Maryland Homecoming Game Creates Great Activity This Week

The queen for the fiftieth annual University of South Carolina homecoming, the first since 1941, will be crowned between halves of the Carolina-Maryland game Saturday afternoon, December 1. Not until that time will students, alumni, and friends of the University know whether LeClair Anderson or Edna Hill Haynes has been elected second Homecoming queen.

Players To Present 2 New Shows

"The Visitor" Slated For December 11

Two new and future presentations have been cast by the University Players group and will be given on the Drayton Hall stage in December. The first of these newly cast plays that will appear on the bill of things to come will be Kenneth White's "The Visitor." The date that "The Visitor" is slated for is December 11.

"The Visitor's" cast is made up of entirely new-comers to the Player's stage with the exception of one part taken by thrice-appearing-for-the-season Joe Drennan. The play's being a mystery compels the plot to remain thusly but, the cast consists of Elizabeth, the maid, played by Marjorie Sackett; Wally Dawson, played by Helen Hendley who comes to the University Players from B. C. High school and their stage presentations; Judith Cunningham is portrayed by heretofore prompter Doris Bates; Ellen Wood is taken by Jane Sawyer; Mack Burrell is played by Hoyt Crieder; Bud Owen is played by Richter Moore; Joe Willard is played by Keith Edwards; and David Cunningham by veteran-in-the-players Joe Drennan.

The cast for "Three Men on a Horse" includes Iris Burbage, who takes the role of Audrey Trowbridge, a house-wife with more than her share of ups and downs as the result of "three men on a horse"; Erwin Trowbridge, husband to Audrey, is taken by Johnny Herin; Clarence Dobbins, brother-in-law to Erwin, is played by Jack Brett; Harrie, a bar-maid of a cut and dried variety, is played by Anne Moore; Charlie, a fellow wrapped up in placing bets on horses noses, is taken over by Tommy Gilbert; Frankie, one of those girls that bookmakers cater to, is portrayed by Burnelle Stacey; Patsy, the leader and ruler of the roost of the threesome, is played by Ira Hudson; Mabel, another one of those girls, is carried by Doris Boris; Moses, a horse-betting elevator operator-bell-hop combination, is done by Tut Lounds; Gloria, the girl reporter, is played by Lillian Williams; Al, the photographer is Vernon Taylor at the height of his career; Hotel maid is played by Laura Roberts; Mrs. Carver is played by Carolyn Bean and The Tailor is done by Joe Drennan.

Smith Announces Holiday Dates For Christmas

Pres. Norman M. Smith announced this week that Christmas holidays would be extended. Holidays will begin December 22 at six p.m. Classes will be resumed at eight a.m. January 1.

Festivities for the annual celebration will begin Friday night with a Pep Rally in the Field House and Davis Field. Roy Bass is going to act as master of ceremonies, and Roy Neal's orchestra will play between 7:45 and 8:00. The rally begins at 7:45 instead of the formerly announced 7:00. Roy will introduce Ralph Lewis, executive secretary of the Alumni Association, who will introduce Thomas E. McCutchen, Jr., who will give a short pep talk. McCutchen has just returned from 4½ years in the Army Air Corps and has only recently enrolled in the Law School to complete his work for a law degree. He was a captain during the army service and hails from Bishopville.

The Block "C" club will then conduct its raffle and award prizes. Four boxing matches follow as well as several tumbling acts. This will end the program in the Field House after which everyone will go to Davis Field for the bonfire. The boxing matches consist of two rounds, two minutes each.

Saturday morning alumni and alumnae will register in the Alumni office. There will be guides to take them to points of interest on the campus. Sororities and fraternities have made banners for the occasion, and awards will be given for the best ones.

The ballots for the homecoming queen have not been counted to date, the ballots being kept under double lock and key in Mr. Lewis's office. Edwin R. Jeter, president of the Alumni Association, will appoint a committee to count the ballots by long distance telephone Friday morning. The student council conducted the election in which all students participated.

The Alumni Council will convene Saturday morning to handle routine business after which they will have luncheon to gether at the University cafeteria.

There will not be a parade during the afternoon, but the game will begin at 2:30 instead of 3:00. President Smith of the University will deliver an address of welcome to all alumni before the queen is crowned. President Smith will then introduce President Jeter of the Alumni Association who will crown the Homecoming queen.

Immediately after the game or about 5:00 the Student Council will sponsor an informal drop-in for all alumni and alumnae. The Independents of which Eleanor Bonds is president, is in charge of all arrangements.

The committee appointed by the student Council to work with the Alumni Association for Homecoming consisted of Don Sommers, chairman; John Hart, Walter Myers, James Everett, and Jo Seideman, secretary.

The only other homecoming queen was crowned in November, 1941 when Miss Mary King, now Mrs. Edward Kendall Butler, Jr. of Columbia, was crowned.

Mr. Lewis says that although this homecoming cannot be as great as the one the University will have when all the men and women come back for the reunion probably in the spring, it will be a very colorful program. "Fighting Gamecocks" go together and renew friendships.