



*View of the University of North Carolina Library, showing the new addition to the left of the curved windows.  
(Photo by Sam Boone)*

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA'S ENLARGED LIBRARY**

The long awaited and much needed addition to the Library at Chapel Hill was informally dedicated on the 18th of April. In many respects the enlarged library will be considered one of the outstanding research library buildings in the South.

The attendant ceremonies, brought together a group of prominent personages within the state and beyond its borders, including librarians, educators, college and university presidents, University trustees, Friends of the Library and donors.

The program at the morning Convocation in Memorial Hall included Chancellor R. B. House and President Gordon Gray of the University, Governor W. Kerr Scott, Robert B. Downs, President-elect of the American Library Association, and Dr. Howard Mumford Jones, of Harvard, formerly professor of English literature at Chapel Hill. Dr. Jones spoke on the subject "The Library in Higher Education: Its Importance and Support."

At 12:30, there was a special luncheon for State and University officials, Trustees, donors, program participants, and other specifically invited guests of the University. In the afternoon at 2:30, a Symposium on Libraries, with Dr. Louis R. Wilson presiding, was held in the Assembly-Exhibition Room of the Library. Vice-President Logan Wilson, Robert B. Downs, Carl M. White, and Herman Fussler discussed phases of the general subject, "Impact of Instruction and Research upon the Library Resources and Services Required to Meet it." The discussion was led by Jack Dalton, William H. Jesse, Guy R. Lyle and Benjamin Powell. At 4:00 there was a Reception and Tea, followed by an open inspection of the building.

The new addition provides 5 floors in each wing, in addition to the enlarged book-stack which trebles the old book capacity. There are ten levels in the new bookstack, which, when combined with the 9 levels of the old, provides a working capacity of 1,000,000 volumes, not including 130,000 volumes shelved elsewhere in the building. Five large general reading rooms, a Rare Book Room, the North Carolina Collection Reading Room, the Southern Historical Collection Search Room, a Graduate Study, and the Bull's Head Bookshop will afford a total of 985 seats for readers. Other new facilities and features include a Photoreproduction Laboratory, Map Room, Assembly-Exhibition Room seating 175, a Special Display Room, Graphic Arts and Prints Room, five Seminar Rooms, 8 Conference and Discussion Rooms, 4 Typing Rooms, more than 500 fixed and movable carrels, and 34 Individual Studies.

The School of Library Science is now located in the west wing of the third floor, with study hall, offices, class and conference rooms. The Serials, Order and Cataloging departments are housed together as a technical processing unit in a room of splendid proportions. The new public catalog cases will provide a capacity of approximately 2,635,000 cards. Staff quarters include a typical staff room, a rest room and a small but usefully-appointed kitchen.

Many will insist that the most distinctive feature of the library are The Sir Walter Raleigh and The Early Carolina Rooms. Both are paneled in original materials and are furnished in part as replicas of the period they represent, 1590 and 1740 respectively. A step across the threshold of each can convey the visitor into a time and place of the yesteryear.

North Carolina can be proud of the endeavors of those whose efforts were finally rewarded when a far more adequate library building to house the University's book holdings was approved, built, and dedicated in Chapel Hill.

—George F. Bentley, Assistant to the Librarian,  
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