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# Retrospect

News from the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections at Winthrop University

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## Exhibits Celebrating Winthrop's 125<sup>th</sup> Academic Year



The 2010-2011 academic year is Winthrop's 125<sup>th</sup>. Dacus Library and the Louise Pettus Archives are celebrating by creating exhibits highlighting the history of the University all year.

Winthrop's first year, 1886-1887, was spent at a renovated stable, a small brick building which at one time had been the chapel of the Columbia Theological Seminary in Columbia, SC. It was later moved to Rock Hill, SC and rebuilt brick-by-brick on Winthrop's back campus in 1936. By Winthrop's second session, 1887-1888, President and Founder David Bancroft Johnson managed to obtain a small two-story frame building which was located on Marion Street in Columbia. For eight years, the school conducted its business in this building until it became obvious that Winthrop was outgrowing its facilities. In 1893, after receiving bids from Spartanburg, Chester, Rock Hill, and Anderson, the Winthrop Board of Trustees reached its decision and Rock Hill became the new home of Winthrop College. The first building constructed on the new campus of the South Carolina Industrial and Winthrop Normal College in Rock Hill was Main Building, now known as Tillman Hall. It was completed in 1895 and has served ever since as the focal point of Winthrop's campus. Following the completion of Tillman Hall, Winthrop experienced a tremendous expansion and building program which continues today.

The September exhibit, titled *Foundations for the Future: Campus Buildings 1895 to 1980s*, includes photographs of buildings on campus through the years, postcards, china and silverware from the Dining Hall [McBryde] and Joynes Hall, as well as commemorative plates and other memorabilia. Located on the main floor of Dacus Library, the exhibit will be up until October 4. Other topics for exhibits this year include athletics, Army Air Corps cadets on campus, spring traditions and much more. Questions? Please give us a call at (803) 323-2334 or e-mail at [archives@winthrop.edu](mailto:archives@winthrop.edu).

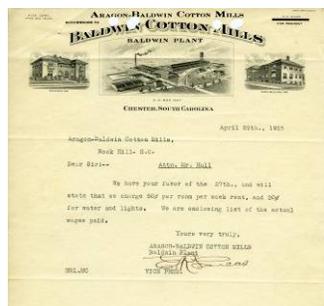
## Quote of the Quarter

From D. B. Johnson's opening speech to student body September 18, 1907:

**"The college life of a young lady is a very small part of her whole life, and yet, in that short time, she must prepare herself to perform the duties of the long years to follow, to grace whatever position she may be called upon to occupy—she must form good habits of thought, of feeling, of action, that shall ever remain with her when facts may be forgotten. She must store her mind and heart with knowledge and high ideals and right aims and motives and purposes. What a great work for so short a time, and how earnest and careful and diligent must one be in utilizing the hours and days to accomplish it. Nothing but imperative necessity should be allowed to interfere with the best use of this precious preparation time. The trivial affairs of life must be subordinated to the higher and nobler. The opportunity of securing a college training must be recognized as a great and precious privilege and not lightly esteemed."** Pres. D.B. Johnson, Winthrop's founder and first president.

## Manuscript Collection Spotlight

**Aragon-Baldwin Mills Records      1924-1948      134 pieces**



In 1924 the Aragon Cotton Mill of Rock Hill, S.C. merged with the Baldwin Cotton Mill of Chester, S.C. to form the Aragon-Baldwin Cotton Mills. The company also owned a mill in Whitmire, S.C. Later the company became a division of J. P. Stevens, Inc. Included in the collection is correspondence, wage schedules, papers relating to stock holders, a deed, financial records, minutes, salary lists, and memoranda.

## Through the Casement—Window on Winthrop's Past



In the last issue of [Retrospect](#) we listed some rules and regulations for students from the Winthrop catalogue of 1895. A few things changed over the next 13 years but the rules were generally similar. Some of the rules are still in place today. Following are some of the General Regulations from the College Catalogue of 1908-1909 to which students were required to adhere:

**Group of students ca. 1908 posing behind South Dormitory (now McLaurin Hall)**

- A punctual attendance upon all duty is held to be essential to good discipline. All absences will be regularly noted and reported to the President.
- Card playing is absolutely prohibited.
- Visitors are not received on the Sabbath. If parents desire their daughters to visit in the city, they must write to the President designating the families they wish them to visit.
- Students will not be permitted to leave the College grounds oftener than once in two weeks, except to attend church on Sunday.
- The College Uniform must be worn as required on all occasions.
- Every pupil must remain at the College through the Commencement exercises, unless called away by some providential cause, or excused by the President for some good and valid reason. Any pupil violating this rule will thereby forfeit her place in the school and her right to any diploma, certificate, or recommendation to which she would otherwise have been entitled.
- No student shall receive any degree who is in arrears for books from the College Library, or for any other College dues.
- Damages to College buildings or property will be charged to the one doing the damage.
- Cheating on examination or any dishonest practice in recitations or examinations will be visited with the severest punishment that is in the power of the Faculty to inflict.
- Parents are requested not to send boxes of eatables, except fruit, to their daughters. They are productive of excess, sickness and loss of time. The fare will be of such quantity, quality and variety that it will not be necessary to supplement it by boxes.
- Pupils are not permitted to make accounts at stores. The College will not be responsible in any way for pupils' accounts.
- A part of every Monday must be spent by pupils in regulating their wardrobes, repairing clothing and such like duties.
- When a pupil has selected a course of study, she will be required to adhere to it. No dropping a subject or changing a course will be allowed except for most important considerations and by consent of the President.
- The religious life of the institution is carefully guarded. Students will be permitted and encouraged to attend every Sunday morning their own churches, or the churches to which their parents or guardians belong. Attendance upon Sunday school is allowed and encouraged also.
- Students will not be allowed to go out to church at night in the city, but ministers of different denominations will preach regularly in the College Chapel on Sunday nights. All students will be required to attend these services.
- Students are required to be present at the College on the opening day. Those who are not present then, unless for special reasons with the previous consent of the President, will forfeit their places in the dormitories.
- No pets of any kind are allowed in the dormitories.

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For information on the Archives' collections and holdings, how to donate historical material, or how you can help, contact:

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