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ARCHITECTURAL RAPE

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Zot Architecture!!! *11/8/62*

Poor Gilbert! Poor Cass Gilbert! Dead he may be, but his bones must cringe in agony. Alas, today an ardent example of the fate of a talented architect's creation degenerated immediately beneath our insteps. Yes Colleagues, on this campus, the rape of a building. Now it is too late—shudder—too late, for the flagrant act has been committed. You there, observe it daily as you pass. A monument to mediocrity ... or worse!

But this was not the extent of this dastardly deed. No, Oh no! It had to be fused with something good, degrading the good and almost destroying it. Man builds to degrade?

Hark! Praises to no one but Cass Gilbert, architect, for the wealthy lines of the Barker History Center, its elegance and beauty, shall withstand this de-

generating attempt grafted to its west elevation.

What shall I say then? I have to face the west facade of the newly completed West Mall Office Building, and hereby I exclaim with gusto, WHY? Why LIKE THAT? THIS IS ARCHITECTURE?

Incredible!! However, there it stands, big, pale and new. Since all of our moms and dads—many unknowingly—donated so liberally to its erection, I can only hope since it is too expensive to be demolished, that someone will plant ivy in generous quantities, vine after vine of crawling, leaf-clad ivy. *UT Library*

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