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## THE FIRST YEAR AFTER THE WAR

### BREAKING THE RECORD

The full-term students now registered at the University of North Carolina number 1,350. Counting those students who took work during the 1919 summer school entitling them to credit toward a university degree, the number is 1,702. Counting other students registered during the summer school, the total number of students of all kinds who have enrolled at the university since the 1919 commencement is 2,271.

Of the students who are at the university now, 94.7 per cent are North Carolinians, representing 92 counties. This is the widest distribution of students within the state the university has ever known. Mecklenburg leads all other counties with 69 students, Guilford following closely with 57. Other counties with large representations are Buncombe with 51; Orange, 51; Wayne, 43; Wake, 42; Rowan, 41; Forsyth, 38; Catawba, 36; New Hanover, 28; Durham, 25; Iredell, 25.

The summer school of 1919 had a total enrollment of 921, of whom 273 were men and 648 women. Three hundred fifty-two students were studying for university credit, 569 were taking normal and preparatory courses. North Carolina furnished 869 of the 921 enrolled, and 89 counties were represented. Thus in the summer school only 11 counties were not represented and in the regular session the number was reduced to 8.

### A Manifest Democracy

Classified according to religious affiliations, more than half the university students are either Methodists or Baptists, with the Methodists leading 432 to 341. Presbyterians follow with 238 and Episcopalians with 152. The remainder represent 12 other religious bodies, the largest single group being only 30 strong.

The fathers of these students represent nearly every business or profession to be found in a state that extends from the mountains to the sea and that offers a wide diversification of interests. The democracy and universality of the student body is everywhere evident on the campus. Farmers lead with 339 sons at the university and merchants follow with 196. Thirty-three ministers have sent their sons to Chapel Hill. Other vocations in the list include plumbers, butchers, bakers, florists, fishermen, lumbermen, ship-builders, tanners, moving picture men, millers, hotel managers, barbers, photographers, mechanics, tobacconists, liverymen, orchardists, stock dealers, druggists, telegraphers, doctors, manufacturers, lawyers, railroad men, public officials, salesmen, bankers, teachers, real estate dealers, contractors, insurance men, brokers, automobile dealers, editors, jewelers, bookkeepers, engineers, dentists, auditors, architects, and dealers in naval stores.

The number of women now studying at the university, not counting those who attended summer school, is 41. Unavoidable housing difficulties in Chapel Hill resulted this fall in the rejection of a number of other applications. The scope of the work undertaken by these women shows the breadth of the educational appeal to their sex. Three are studying law, three are in medicine, two in pharmacy, three are taking graduate work in English, and one graduate work in Latin. One woman is taking a course in electrical engineering, for the very good reason that the course desired could not be found in any woman's college in the United States.

### Training for Leadership

The methods, habits, and traditions of living in this student community are those of a normal democratic community. The students have their own government, in which student sentiment and thought, interpreted by specially elected student representatives, control the action of life on the campus. They have their activities, covering all things that normal young persons are interested in, from religious groups to athletic teams, from scholarship and debating clubs to social organizations, from musical and dramatic associations to military units. They publish and control in every way a weekly newspaper, *The Tar Heel*; monthly literary magazine, the *University of North Carolina Magazine*; a bi-weekly humorous paper, *The Tar Baby*; an annual of college activities, the *Yackety Yack*; and, through their Y. M. C. A., a handbook of information for new students and a directory of the students and the faculty of the university.

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which they manage and finance, and their own secretary. Through their Y. M. C. A., they carry on a score of activities of value to the life of the community—religious occasions and Bible study work among the students, welfare work among the negroes of the community, Sunday school teaching and management in the country churches of Orange county, Boy Scout work in Chapel Hill. They have their social department, they arrange a lyceum course for the students, they maintain information bureaus, self-help bureaus, lost-and-found bureaus, they do any and everything they find to be of service to the life of the community.

The students have their debating societies, the Dialectic and the Philanthropic, with more than a century's traditions of public speaking. This year they have thrown one of them into an open forum for discussion of any matter of importance to the university. The other they have organized into a legislative assembly, modeled after the lower house of the General Assembly at Raleigh. Bills and resolutions are presented as the state legislators present them at Raleigh, and the committee work, the readings and the debating are carried on precisely as their model carries them on. The two societies debate against each other and, uniting, they debate against other universities on matters of national moment. During the last twenty-five years the university has won 70 percent of its debates against institutions ranging from Pennsylvania to New Orleans.

Of the students at the university approximately 200 are dependent upon their own efforts for the money to keep them at college. They are self-help students, they are working their way through college. Ninety of them are waiters at the university dining halls, the others do many kinds of work, from soliciting as agents to stenographic, secretarial, and clerical work, from teaching and tutoring to chopping wood, firing furnaces, working in stores, in restaurants, anywhere they can find work that will pay them. They are among the most valuable students in the university.

### Physical Well-Being

For these and all students the university this year has taken significant steps toward the improvement and preservation of student health. A new physician of experience has been placed in charge of the university infirmary. A professor of physical education has been added to the faculty, with general supervision over the play and recreation of the student body. Freshmen are closely examined for physical defects and wherever possible proper exercises are directed to overcome the difficulty. All freshmen are required to take athletic work as part of their regular college work. Other students are provided with greater opportunity for sports than ever before. A system of campus athletics is being developed that will give every student in college the chance to play any sound, healthy game that he wants to play—all to the end that the standards of health and physical development may be raised.

### The Carolina Club

The North Carolina Club, a volunteer organization to which any member of the University is eligible, has made an intensive study of the economic, social, civic, and industrial problems of North Carolina during the last five years. It has published the results of its investigations in three volumes, the last one being 190 pages in length on the subject of County Government and County Affairs in North Carolina. This year it has taken for its program the working out of a plan of state reconstruction, following the lead of Governor Bickett's State Reconstruction Commission. So well known has its work become, so highly regarded are its investigations of North Carolina problems, that Mr. E. C. Branson, Chairman of the Steering Committee of the club, was chosen as a member of the state commission and Mr. J. V. Baggett, the club president, was invited as a student representative to sit with the commission at all its meetings. Other student representatives were invited to sit with the committees of the commission at their investigations and meetings. This is volunteer student work. Members of the faculty are club members if they so choose, but the investigations and reports are the work of students.

### Physical Expansion

The university has shown substantial physical growth during the last year. Nearing completion now and available for

### THE HIGH LAW OF DUTY

Woodrow Wilson

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occupancy early in the new year is the new physics building, Phillips Hall, one of the largest structures on the campus and a model in every way for the purposes planned.

Here will be the headquarters of the school of applied science, the home of pure physics, of electrical engineering and civil engineering. In the town of Chapel Hill, but closely connected with university life, the new post office and the new Presbyterian church will be ready for use early in the new year.

Two new dormitories are projected and planned for the next collegiate year. Together they will hold 175 students. Their location south of the famous old South Building will open up a new area of university expansion. New plans have been agreed upon for the creation of a new fraternity center on the western side of the campus where eventually all the fraternity houses will be placed. Five of the fraternities are planning to build in the spring. A laundry for the university community and a hotel for Chapel Hill are two additional building projects coming in the near future.

### New Schools and Courses

Within the university curriculum growth and development are evident in many places. The present college year has seen the beginning of a School of Commerce, born out of the demands of the people of the state for more and better business training, intenser, more comprehensive acquaintance with the keen business world of present-day industrialism.

A four-year course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce has been started, the first two years broadly comprehensive, the last two more technically bound up with such fundamental business subjects as accounting, money and banking, business organization, insurance, transportation, corporation finance, industrial management, foreign trade, salesmanship, business psychology, markets and marketing, and other kindred subjects.

Besides the courses of study, a lecture program has been arranged, which will bring well known business men of the state and the south to speak before the students. Representatives of the Tariff Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, the Census Bureau, and the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce will outline to the school business problems from a national point of view. During the summer between the Junior and Senior years each student will be expected to spend his time working in an establishment in the line of business for which he is preparing. In its first year the school has enrolled 150 students, 117 of whom are freshmen and sophomores.

In addition to the school of commerce, the present year has seen the beginning of a new School of Music, now organized as a department of music. Lectures on the history, theory, and appreciation of music will be given as regular elective courses, and encouragement and guidance for musical undertakings by communities throughout the state will be furnished through the Bureau of Extension. The department will have supervision of the group music of the students, and eventually instruction in music will be given.

### Professional Schools

Other departments of the university have shown growth in many ways. The Law School, with a long record of service behind it, has a larger enrollment than ever before. It has added a new member to its teaching staff, and the course has been increased from two years to three. The lengthened course, which is in keeping with the practice of the most successful law schools in the country, is a direct effort to give a more thorough training in the fundamentals of law, and at the same time to present some courses which will emphasize phases of the practical work of the lawyer. One hundred and four students are enrolled in the law school, of whom 84 are first-year students. Included in the list are three women.

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sional work. Of 55 students in the School of Pharmacy, 43 are first-year students, the largest junior class the school has known. The other 12 are seniors. The small senior class is due to unsettled conditions during the war years. The total enrollment in this school is approximately the same as in the last pre-war year, but the marked increase in first-year students would indicate a correspondingly marked increase in the total enrollment next year. The Medical School has had the same experience. The total enrollment is not only larger but two hundred students are taking pre-medical work; which again would indicate that next year the school will have more students than it can take care of.

### University Publications

As a publishing and magazine center the University now issues eight regular periodicals. The University Record contains the catalogue, the president's report, and other official records of the university. Studies in Philology is a quarterly edited by the language departments of the University. It has a circulation among highly distinguished scholars and learned societies both in the United States and Europe. The Journal of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society has the same high rank among the scientific bodies of the country. The Carolina Chemist is published by the Chemistry department. The James Sprunt Historical Publications are published periodically by the North Carolina Historical Society. The High School Journal is a monthly published by the school of Education. The News Letter is published weekly by the university for the Bureau of Extension, and the Alumni Review is published by the Alumni Association of the University.

### Library Facilities

The University Library had on its records up to August 15, 1919, a total of 88,316 volumes, which includes 5,165 volumes acquired during the previous year. It does not include, however, three important acquisitions since August, the Weeks collection, and the gifts of the late Col. A. B. Andrews and of E. V. Zoeller, which are now being catalogued. As these amount to more than 10,000 volumes, the library at the present time has very close to 100,000 volumes. This makes it one of the three largest libraries in all the southern states. Down the sweep from Washington all the way out through Texas, there are only two other libraries of about the same size, but it is doubtful if either of the other two has material of the same value from a literary or historical point of view.

The Weeks collection, added within the last year, is the largest and most complete collection of literature on North Carolina history in existence. It includes books, pamphlets, bound and unbound periodicals, bound and unbound newspapers, maps, reports of state officers and state institutions, and is a gold mine of tremendous value to historical students.

Swinging out from its own buildings at Chapel Hill, refusing to be bound by the stone walls of its campus, the university has continued during the past year the work of carrying its educational resources to the people of the state. As the head of the state educational system, it seeks not only to link itself with all other parts of that system but to go through and beyond the system to the people themselves for whom and by whom it was created and to whom its leadership will always call. The Bureau of Extension has continued its work in many directions, and has inaugurated important new services.

### State and County Council

Co-operating with the Governor of the state, the state association of county commissioners, and the state departments of education, health, highways, public welfare, and taxation, the university held in September a four-day conference for the benefit of North Carolina public welfare workers. More than three hundred of these workers were in attendance, and every session of the conference was devoted to the consideration of some topic of vital importance to the common weal of the state. Governor T. W. Bickett presided throughout the conference and a number of out-of-state speakers participated. Seventy-six counties of the state were represented. Provision has been made for the continuation of the council in 1920, and special instruction in several subjects will be provided for in the summer school prior to its assembly next August.

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late in the fall, the division has already undertaken several projects in the utilization of natural water powers and has much work ahead of it. Its investigations and work are free of all charge.

### Serving the Club Women

New and far-reaching strides have been made during the last year in the university's work with women's clubs, continued now by Miss Nell Roberson. Three distinct groups are reached by this branch of the bureau of extension: (1) individuals requesting suggestions for study and reading and desiring information for use in patriotic, civic, and social activities, (2) women's clubs choosing their own subject for literary or historical study and asking for outlines and material to use in preparation of club meetings, and (3) clubs adopting the outline programs published by the university extension bureau and officially adopted by the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

The scope and reach of the work may be seen, in part, in figures. The outline program on the Historical Background and Literature of the Great War, prepared by Mrs. T. W. Lingle, was studied by 806 women enrolled in 42 clubs representing 30 North Carolina towns and 4 states. Seven hundred fifty books and 250 pamphlets were issued to club members. The program on Americanization, also prepared by Mrs. Lingle and adopted by the state federation, is now being studied by 75 clubs with a total membership of 1,316. Forty of the clubs, with membership of 672, are located in 32 North Carolina towns; thirty-five clubs, with a membership of 644, are from other states. Four hundred books and pamphlets were loaned for use in this course during September and October alone. In October a course on Citizenship, prepared by Professor D. D. Carroll, was issued and thus far 7 clubs with an enrollment of 78 have adopted it. Thus within the last year 124 women's clubs with a total membership of 2,210, more than half of whom are North Carolinians, have studied the courses prepared for them by the Women's Clubs Division of the bureau of university extension. The library has cooperated by sending to these clubs, at their request, more than 1,200 books and many additional pamphlets.

### Serving the High Schools

Reaching out in other ways to the people of the state, the university has continued its high school debates and athletic contests. The seventh annual contest of the high school debating union was held at the university with representatives from 41 high schools present. A total of 180 schools, representing 75 counties, participated in the preliminary contests. Unsettled conditions due to the war and the influenza cut into the number as against that of previous years, but there is every reason to believe that this year the eighth contest will include 300 schools. Restricted Immigration is the debate subject for the current year. A 90-page handbook for the debaters will be issued by the university, containing outlines and arguments on both sides of the query with abundant references to other sources of information.

Last year state high school championship contests were conducted in football, basketball, tennis, track, and baseball. This year the football championship, just completed, aroused more interest in the state than ever before. The contests are conducted as the seasons for them arrive.

### Reconstruction Work

The whole force of the university's extension lectures and general publicity resources, which during the war period had been thrown into the problems of the causes of the war, was upon the armistice and demobilization shifted in a new direction and thrown into the new problems attending reconstruction, citizenship, and the re-gathering of the strength of the nation for its new tasks. Community centers were organized at Winston-Salem, Salisbury, Kinston, New Bern, and Goldsboro for the special consideration of these questions. Pamphlets, bulletins, and leaflets describing methods of procedure and suggesting fields of study were prepared and issued. Besides the News Letter with its 50 issues a year, and an average circulation of more than 12,000, the bureau of extension published fourteen pamphlets with a combined circulation of more than 45,000. The number of lectures delivered by members of the faculty on these and other subjects was approximately 175; the number of articles of every sort published in various periodicals all over the country was approximately 70.

### Alumni Loyalty

Alumni loyalty, alumni faith and hope in the university, alumni determination that the university shall press forward to greater and greater service to the people of the state, have been exemplified this year in the interest shown in the university's development, in wise counsel and sound advice, and in response to the Graham Memorial campaign. More than \$100,000 has been given by alumni and friends for the erection of a student activities building in memory of Edward Kidder Graham, the late president. The campaign is being pushed now toward the \$150,000 mark and from its success thus far there appears no doubt of the ultimate goal. To the Alumni Loyalty Fund the contributions also have been liberal. For Alma Mater her sons retain the love that sprang from the realization of their debt to her.—Lenoir Chambers.