

Larger Student Union Needed For Campus Spirit

Graham Memorial Inadequate After 20 Years of Service

By Barron Mills

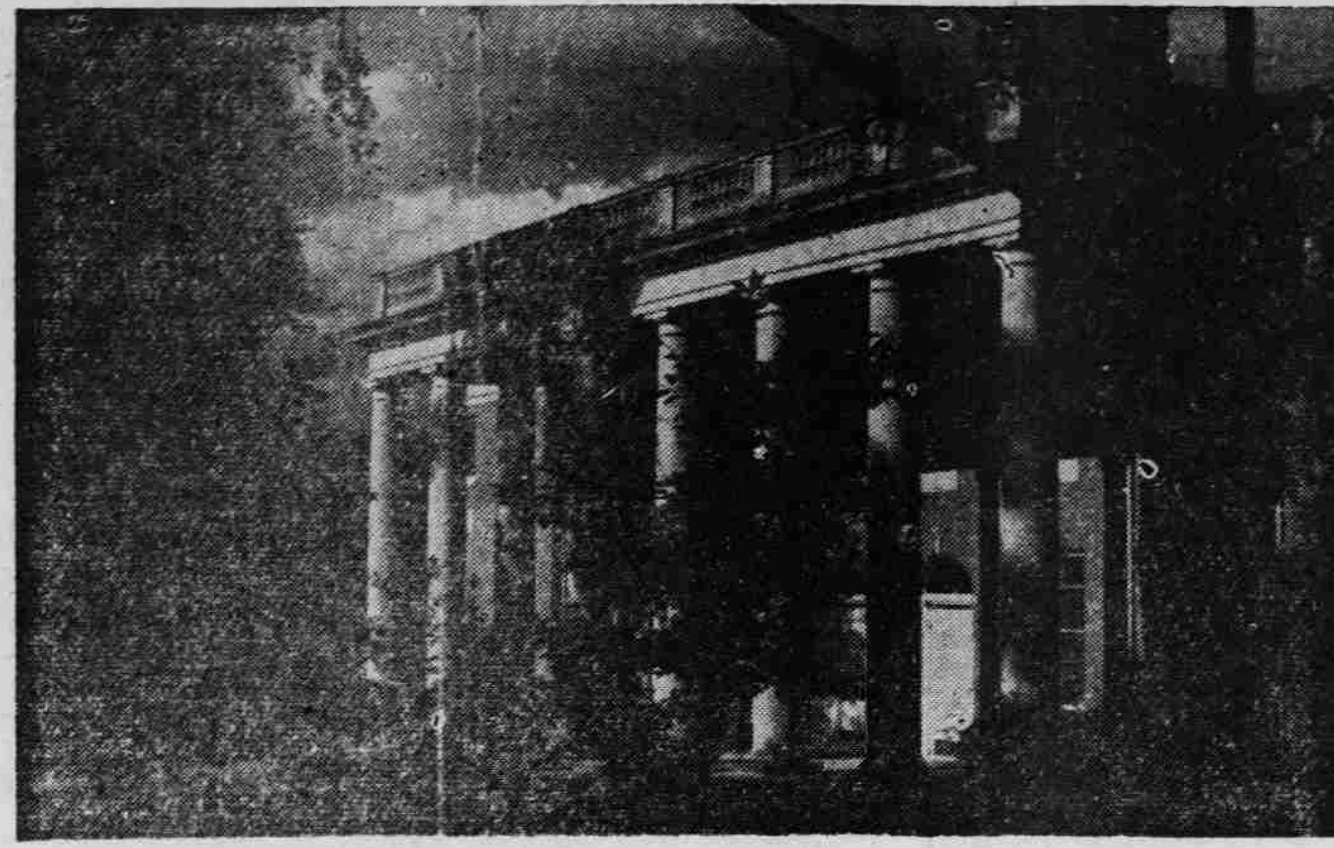
In 1915 the meeting place of all students was the campus postoffice; in 1920 it was the Old Well and the benches that were placed under the big, spreading oaks nearby; in 1925 the YMCA was the place to find the buddy you were hunting for; and in 1940 you could find him around the Graham Memorial student union. In 1948 there is no one place where all students wander in on some odd moment of the day to chat with friends or play a couple hands of bridge. Graham Memorial from 1931-44 served that purpose—until the war swelled the enrollment and now its facilities are totally inadequate for more than 2,500 students.

This condition of no central meeting place has had a strange effect on the University which is noticed by pre-war students and transfers alike. Students comment that it has greatly damaged the school spirit and left the campus a checkerboard of isolated segments.

The consensus is that a common denominator besides football is greatly needed and that common denominator is a new and more adequate student building. Just how that student building is to be paid for, where it is to be located and what it will include are factors on which there is no such universal agreement.

Observers point out that the present era is identical to that of 1920 when the movement for a student union was first begun. It was following a great war. The student body had reached the unheard of peak of 2,000 students, and was broken up into many segments because of the increase in enrollment and the fact that the veterans were more mature men than the ante-bellum collegians. The cry was "unification."

Before the roaring twenties there had been no student government. The first president of



GRAHAM MEMORIAL with its white column carries on the best it can for a student body three times larger than it is able to accommodate. A new and larger student union would be the common denominator besides football which the campus needs.

the student body was elected in 1920; prior to this the president of the senior class had served in that capacity. The Tar Heel, the Carolina Mag and the Yackety Yack were written in the staff members' rooms. The literary societies were the only organizations besides the fraternities that had exclusive quarters.

"Unification" was the campaign cry of those who wanted a closer knit campus and it may well be reincarnated as the slogan of those today who feel that the campus does not have the spirit and the unification that is needed. The student body became interested in erecting a student building and it pledged money for erecting one but in 1921-22 the recession came and the pledges were not fulfilled.

The shell of the present Graham Memorial stood for several years—its completion depended on the collection of the pledges. Under these circumstances, Ames Brown, a native of Greenville, N. C. and member of the class of '10, because of his devotion to E. K. Graham, former University president, donated the \$80,000 necessary to complete the middle section of Graham Memorial.

Graham Memorial as it now stands is only one-third completed. The other two sections if completed would bring the value of the present \$250,000 structure up to \$400,000. But observers point out that even if Graham Memorial is completed it would be too small to house all of the facilities which a student union on a campus of the size of the University of North Carolina should contain. Then too, many are of the opinion that the skeleton of a building that stood weathering for several years awaiting more funds for completion received much damage and as a result the building is not structurally firm and solid.

All agree that a student union containing all of the essentials would cost a cool million and a half. Where this money can be obtained is the number one problem. There would be three alternatives for securing the funds for a building.

One plan would be the outright appropriation from the North Carolina General Assembly. This would be virtually impossible because as J. Maryon Saunders, secretary of the Alumni association and other men familiar with the overall picture of the University will tell you, "The Legislature is sure to consider that there are more important buildings which have priority over a student building." However, there is some hope that at least part of the funds can be appropriated through the Legislature, especially since the YMCA is high on the list of new buildings and many feel that the Y



THE ONCE SPACIOUS Graham Memorial lounge for the 2,000 students at the University is now very inadequate for a student body of 7,000. Receptions and meetings in the evenings often monopolize the lounge.

This 'n That

Head And Shoulders Above

By Bill Buchan

As April 6 draws nearer, the race for coveted positions in student government gets more and more involved. Fortunately, due to the good taste of all candidates running, there has been no noticeable mudslinging or name-calling. However, the race is going into the home stretch and efforts must be made to help the student body realize that they have a momentous task ahead of them in choosing the man who is to lead them as their president during the coming year.



That man must be one ready and willing to shoulder responsibility. He must be a man capable of thinking for himself and one who is known to consider the best move first—over any doubts or restrictions that he might feel.

He must be a man who is willing to work—and fight—for a good, sound redistricting bill

that will give the students on the third floor of Stacy and the students on East Rosemary street a chance to elect a man as their representative that they know personally and who they know are representing their particular areas in the Student Legislature.

The next president must be a man who will take a stand on the court situation on campus and fight to see that it is remedied. He must be a man who listens to the dictates of his conscience and to the students and not to the dictates of a few individuals.

One of the most pressing problems on this campus, today, as mentioned above, is the muddled electoral system. The students who do vote in elections vote for legislators that they do not know, most of whom they never heard of. Numerous times efforts have been made to install a complete redistricting of Chapel Hill so that people living in each specified district could know their legislators, discuss the problems with them and give their opinions on vital matters. Time and again, such moves have been

buried in the legislature, or torn apart by useless amendments and arguing. The most recent incident was in the last meeting of the assembly last quarter when a group of members of that body tore the proposed bill apart and forced the supporters to disband it temporarily.

Now, you and I have the chance to elect a man to office who will put his whole-hearted support behind a fair and just redistricting bill. A bill that will insure fair representation for ALL students. Now, we have the opportunity to elect a man to office who is thoroughly experienced, in student government—a man who is not afraid to stand on his own two feet and fight for what he thinks and knows is right.

While all other candidates may be able, sincere and possibly capable, there is one man who stands head and shoulders above the rest with his wide experience in Carolina politics and Carolina student government. He is the man best qualified to lead our next president.

That man is Charlie Long.

Write Away

Dedmond Makes A Statement

Letters submitted to the Write Away column must be double-spaced, typewritten, and shall not exceed 300 words. All contributions must contain signature, telephone number, and address of the author. (Names will be withheld upon request.) Letters which contain obscene or libelous statements or letters which do not comply with these stipulations will not be published.

vented the unanimous action of the party in its decision in the matter and have made his thoughts known.

As for the remarks of Miss Tate and Mr. Long, as well as

those of Mr. Hodson, it is believed that the campus-at-large recognized their intent. No further comment on them seems necessary.

Jess Dedmond

For Helfman

Editor:

No doubt you have noticed all the posters scattered around the campus announcing Max Helfman's talk at 8 o'clock Sunday night in Hill Hall. I would like to add my personal recommendation to those posters and urge that as many people as possible attend.

I first met Mr. Helfman three years ago when he was Music Director at Brandeis Camp Institute in the Poconos. He is a short rather insignificant looking man whose wit, personality, knowledge of music, and complete lack of formality not only tend to make him an ideal lecturer but also a unique one.

Rita Loeb

Fantastic Nightmare

Editor:

"Tuesday night I found myself witnessing a scene which might have come from a fantastic nightmare. One of the earliest rights which was assured to us by the founders of our political democracy—the right to hold assembly peacefully—was flammantly trampled in the dust. I was attracted to the supposedly scheduled anti-UMT meeting first in order to observe—as a psychologist—in a real-life laboratory in mob behavior.

There I found an example of the typical irrational mass mania which can at times infect and inflame a crowd of otherwise humane and controlled individuals. . . ."

Winifred Meldrum

Is There a Nurse in the House?

Many additional Negro graduate nurses are required to supplement the 9,000 now serving in hospitals and public health nursing agencies, the American Nurses' Association states, calling attention to the fact that while Negroes compose ten per cent of the total population, only three per cent of the graduate nurses in the United States are Negro.

You've heard how desperately short-handed the nursing profession is today. Can you remember back to the depression year of 1932, asks the American Nurses' Association, when the newspapers were howling about an "oversupply" of nursing service? Which simply meant that due to widespread unemployment, most sick people couldn't afford to employ nurses. Things got so bad that the private duty nurses of Wisconsin not only slashed their fees in an attempt to encourage employment, but offered to pitch in and help the families of patients "get meals ready, make the beds, help with children, do light housework" and make themselves generally useful.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1-German gun in World War I	35-God of love	CUP	ALIEN	POE
7-False	36-Hebrew letter	ANA	RINGE	LEWE
11-Nob's landing spot	37-Drumheads	TIL	ANNOUNCER	
12-Opera by Verdi	38-Prefix: before	STARTS	TODAY	
13-Exists	39-To call like doze	COE	BARON	
14-Part of "to be"	41-Prin. food.	STEM	SEDAN	HE
15-One of a pair	42-Freeze	ATE	SERIAL	SEA
16-Bone	43-Lump of earth	CH	HEAL	ST
18-Son of Jacob	44-Old Testament (abbr.)	VALET	CAP	
21-Wanders	45-Church calendar	EVENT	TAMPER	
23-Ambulance	46-In direction of	WANDERERS	TERA	
24-Doctors	47-Cooled lava	END	RIVET	RIG
25-Sheltered side	48-Guide line	RES	SPATS	SEE
26-Sea god	49-Creeps about			
27-Clear, as profit	50-Turk			
29-Clergyman's decree	51-To take out			
	52-Church congregation			

DOWN

- 1-To take water from boat
- 2-Italian
- 3-Sun god
- 4-Coaches
- 5-Door actor (coll.)
- 6-Toward
- 7-Crit
- 8-Creeting
- 9-Worshipped
- 10-Crossing
- 11-Sea bird
- 12-Grows smaller
- 13-Parts of feet
- 14-Evil
- 15-Pronoun
- 16-Cavalryman
- 17-More severe
- 18-Old violin
- 19-Blind
- 20-Agreement
- 21-Baby's shoe
- 22-Storage place for grain
- 23-Forward
- 24-Manuscript
- 25-Divided
- 26-Departed
- 27-Shade trees
- 28-Short-distance track event
- 29-Literary collection
- 30-Prefix: not
- 31-Spanish (abbr.)
- 32-Cluck

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