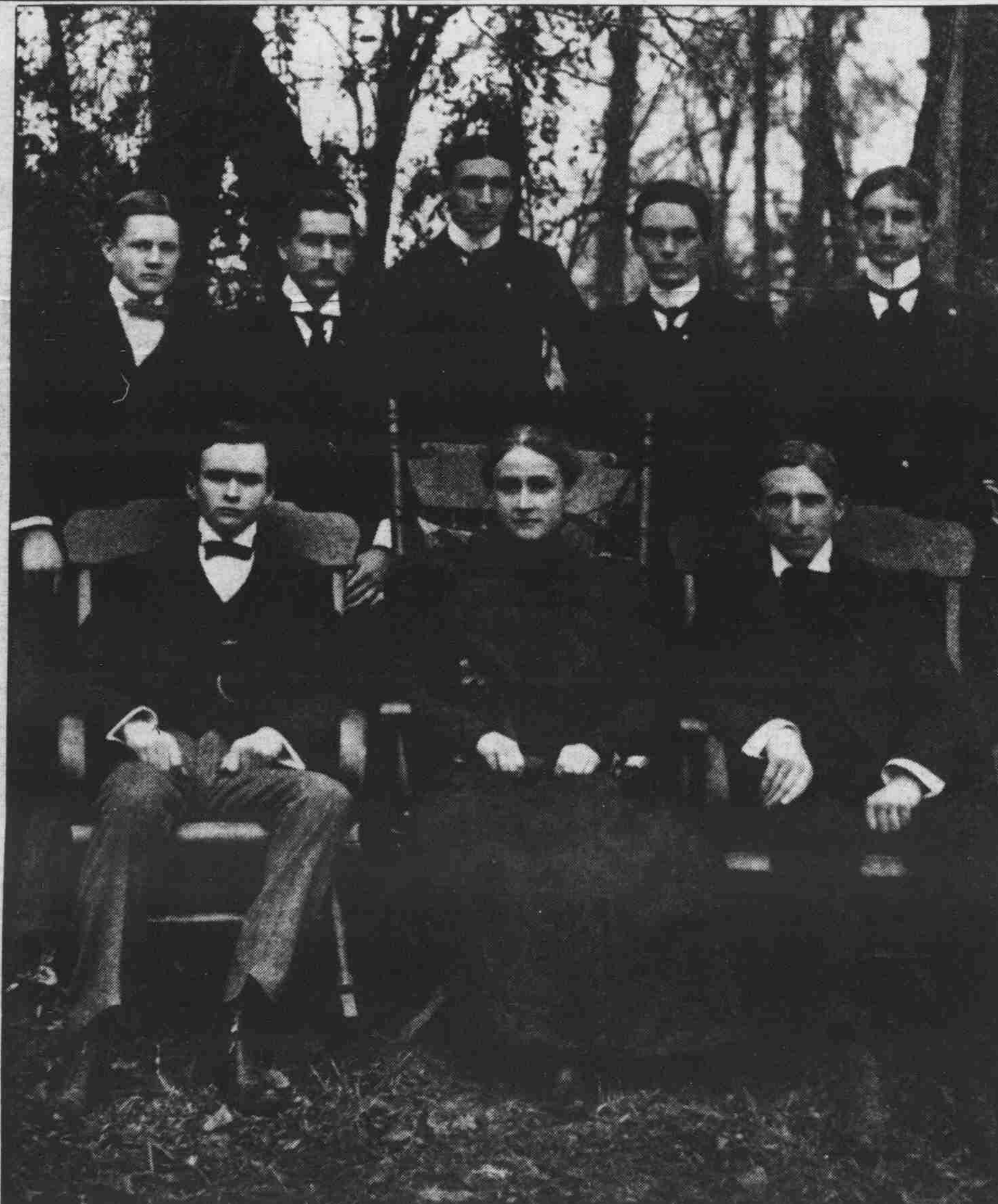


Up front



In 1898, Mary S. McRae became the first female on The Daily Tar Heel staff. Today, with women making up 60 percent of the student body, there's only one male desk editor.



Patricia Wallace became the first female student body president

Carolina women — from a minority to a majority

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Many women come to UNC in order to contribute time, effort and skill to better themselves and society.

That is why on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 10:30 a.m., Carmichael Residence Hall will be dedicated in honor of UNC's former Dean of Women, Katherine Kennedy Carmichael.

Carmichael's dedication is part of a program lasting from Nov. 5 through 7 called "UNC Women: Future, Present and Past." It will celebrate the roles of women at UNC.

The program begins today at 6:30 p.m. and will feature keynote speaker Robyn Hadley, a UNC-CH Rhodes Scholar. The guest speaker on Nov. 6, will be Dean Gillian Cell, and on Nov. 7, Professor Doris Betts will be the keynote speaker.

Friday there will be seminars that will focus on various topics relating to women.

This focus on women is no surprise. With women representing the majority of UNC's student body, their numbers are not to be overlooked.

"The fact that 60 percent of the student body is female makes women's presence on campus significant," said Mary Turner Lane, a retired UNC professor and UNC's first Women's Studies director.

The high percentage of women on campus resulted from Title IX of the Civil Rights Law, she said. In 1972, Title IX made all aspects of the University open to all people regardless of race and gender.

Nationwide more women are going to college, and they represent approximately 51 percent of students in higher education, she said.

Graduate student Pamela Dean said, "There is no question that we (women) are the majority now." The fact that more women are at UNC reflects a national trend, she said.

"I think the majority of students in colleges now are women. I'm not really sure why that is, but UNC started letting women in at a time when higher education for women was finally becoming acceptable."

Local patterns at UNC reflect broader trends, she said.

According to English professor Betts, the balance of males to females on campus tipped when UNC started admitting women competitively.

"In the past, women only came to

UNC as juniors, seniors, and graduate students," she said. "Many women didn't enter as freshmen because of the availability of women's colleges."

Betts said she thought the Board of Trustees' concern about UNC being predominantly female was primarily a financial one.

"It makes me smile and just tickles me," Betts said.

Most men still make more money than women, she said. Therefore, trustees are afraid that women will not be able to contribute as much to the University financially as men will, she said.

"The trustees' feelings are understandable but not justifiable," she said.

Cell, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, said, "The trustees assume women alumni will not occupy as high positions as men alumni; therefore the representation of the University will be weakened."

"I don't see it in the same way as the trustees," she said.

Lane said UNC should be concerned about admitting the brightest students.

"If those students happen to be women, then I don't know if we can change the trustees' fears," she said.

Dean said the trustees are responding to some real concerns. Because the trustees do not believe women will attain as many positions of power and influence as men, they fear the University will no longer have the support of the North Carolinians who help make UNC a first-rate university, she said.

"But they (trustees) aren't in tune with the fact that now women are coming into positions of power," she said. "We (women) are on the leading edge of it."

Although trustees may fear women's lack of future power, influence and leadership, some of the majors women are choosing at UNC reflect the opposite trend.

Marcia Harris, director of University Career Planning and Placement Services (UCPPS), said that among the juniors and seniors in the School of Business Administration in fall 1985, there were 442 female and 383 male students.

Also in the fall of 1985, the law school had 287 female students and 363 male students, Harris said.

These figures may suggest wom-

en's changing attitudes about careers.

Cell said she thought women were more career-oriented today.

"There was a period of time in the late '40s, '50s and early '60s when social pressures were against women working," she said. "I felt them (pressures) when I was in school."

Once, while serving on a panel discussing deviant lifestyles, Cell was asked to speak because she had a career and children.

"Women should be able to make a wide range of choices," she said. "I wouldn't want women who are married and have children and don't want a career to feel the pressures I felt because I had a career and children."

Compared with the women who went to UNC during the '50s, more college women are going into careers, Dean said.

But there are still a lot of women who will go to college, get their bachelor of arts degree, get married, and get a job, she said.

"There is a real difference between a job and a career," she said.

However, those women who came to UNC during the 1890s were definitely career-oriented, she said.

"They wouldn't have come here if they weren't," Dean said. "They had to make a real, conscious choice — the extra time they had to put into coming here from a women's school had to be important enough to them for them to come here in the first place."

Women are more job-oriented than career-oriented, Lane said. Women want jobs, but they see a career as something men do, she said.

"They don't see a lifetime commitment to something that resembles a career," she said.

Women often plan to work until they are married, Lane said. They raise their children, and then they think about going back to work, she said.

"They need to realize that having the 'American Dream' — a nice home, cars — is going to take two salaries," Lane said.

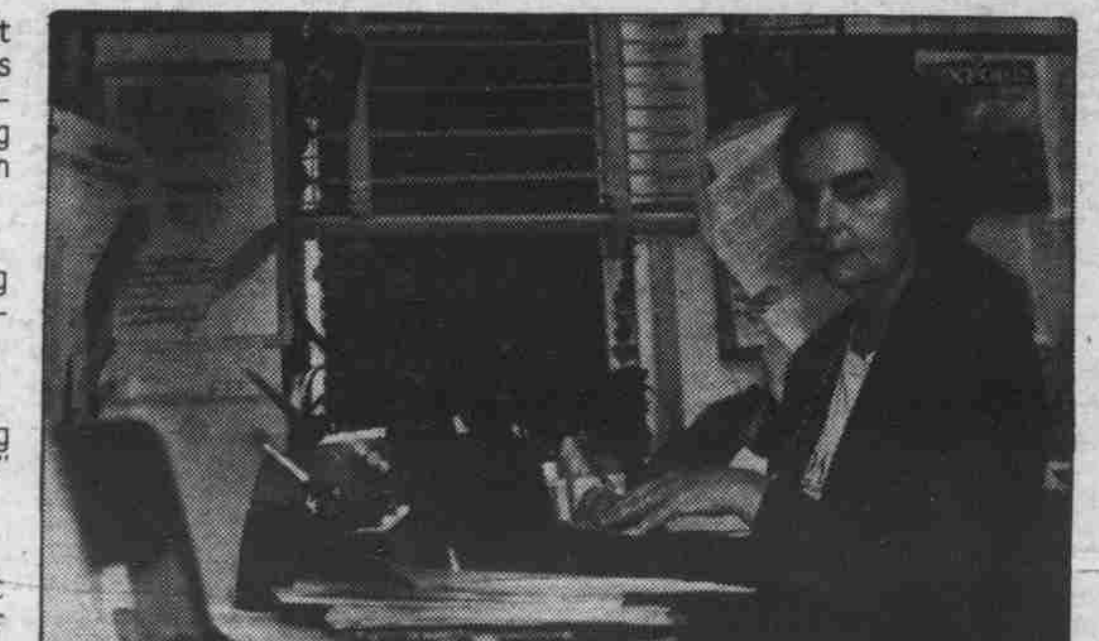
Celebrating UNC women — this is the objective of the "UNC Women: Future, Present, and Past" program. To continue the celebration after Nov. 7, these UNC women offer the following advice:

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"Women at UNC can do anything if they are willing to work hard." — Professor Doris Betts

"You can go out and do anything with your education you want to." — Pamela Dean

"Become aware of the economic realities of your lives." — Mary Turner Lane



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