



## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Is it the Carolina Union or the Frank Porter Graham Student Union? Well, it's both. Frank Porter Graham Student Union refers to the building itself — the physical structure. For example, one would say "the meeting will be held in the Frank Porter Graham Student Union" or "the Pit is adjacent to the Frank Porter Graham Student Union." Carolina Union refers to the organization housed in the building. One would say, "this event is sponsored by the Carolina Union" or "an employee of the Carolina Union." Confused yet? That's understandable. Just call it the Union and you'll be fine.

## THANK YOU

Twelve years, hundreds of people and millions of dollars later, the Renovation and Expansion of the Frank Porter Graham Student Union is now a reality. From the ideas generated around a table back in 1992, all the way to the cutting of the ribbon today, this project has been the work of many dedicated University students and employees. Those ideas were followed by research and focus groups, off-site visits, architect bidding, a student fee referendum, planning, planning and more planning, a ground-breaking, construction and now, a beautiful new space. Paid for entirely by student fees, this building belongs to the students. And what can be said to all those people who planned and paid for this space is simply **THANK YOU. Thank you so much.**

## FRANK PORTER GRAHAM

Frank Porter Graham (1886-1972) came to the University of North Carolina from his native Fayetteville as a freshman in 1905. From that time forward his courageous liberalism and unstinting devotion to justice earned him the respect of the nation and the University to which he gave so many of those years. Dr. Graham became the eleventh president of UNC in 1930, after 16 years as a professor in the Department of History, and as an acknowledged leader on the campus and across the state. He helped guide the University through the first difficult years of consolidation. In 1949, the University reluctantly gave up his services when he left to serve out an uncompleted term in the US Senate. In 1951, he began his duty as an international civil servant and became a United Nations mediator. The White House repeatedly thrust exacting assignments on him: the National War Labor Board (1952-54); the President's Commission on Civil Rights (1956); U.S. representative on the Good Offices Committee of the UN Security Council to effect a cease fire between the Dutch and the Indonesians, and many other presidential commissions. Dr. Graham did graduate work at Columbia, the University of Chicago, the University of London and the Brookings Institute, and in 1968 became the first person ever to receive honorary degrees from all four campuses of the then-consolidated University system when UNC-Charlotte conferred on him one of its first two honorary degrees. On the occasion of the dedication of the building named in his honor, Dr. Graham wrote, "...may the Student Union be a juncture of youthful play and youthful striving against the evils of war, poverty, exploitation, discrimination and personal and moral degradation."

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The first student union, Graham Memorial, opened on January 29, 1932. Every student paid \$1 per quarter for the privilege of membership.
- The current Union is built on top of Emerson Field — the first football field at the University.
- The 1967 groundbreaking for the Union building was held at the same time as the groundbreaking for the Student Store and the Undergraduate Library.
- During construction of the original Frank Porter Graham Student Union building, the roof of the Great Hall collapsed delaying completion of the project.
- The two trees in the Pit are owned by the Union and were purchased and planted in 1969 by then Union Director, Howard Henry.
- The Union has a permanent art collection that is displayed throughout the building and named the Henry-Copeland Art Collection after the Union's first two full-time directors — Howard Henry and Archie Copeland.
- The table in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge was part of the earliest furnishings of Graham Memorial.
- The first Step Show was held in the Great Hall in 1974.
- The Carolina Union Activities Board created and painted the first CUBE as a means to promote events in 1972.
- The Union, Lenoir Hall and Davis Library are connected underground.
- On a Tuesday in April in 1990, 10,368 people walked through the doors of the Union. It is estimated that approximately 10,000 people use the Union building on a typical class day.

