

## PROMINENT LEADERS

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"Association is as valuable to the student as learning itself. In fact it is a necessary part of it. One of the University's most valuable contributions to the state is that it serves as a center for the formation of widespread acquaintances among its future chief citizenry. Along with his academic education the student gets a broader knowledge of his state and becomes better acquainted with a great number of its people. The University has rendered a most significant service in uniting North Carolina. We must now strive to keep up a close association among all the students here, and so enable the University to continue its most valuable work in this respect.

"The clearest and most definite step toward this is the erection of a building where this work of unification can be carried on. The interest that is shown by the student-body towards the completion of such a building will be reflected throughout the state, and will result in many contributions for such a building.

The Graham Memorial Building would be one of the University's most valuable instruments in her good work."

R. W. (Casey) Morris, Captain of Football and Baseball.

"The University and students need such a building as the Graham Memorial. Why? Because the University is growing larger every year, and now has more students than ever before. As a result of this growth there is a tendency on the part of the students to break up into groups. These groups should be so unified as to build a Greater University spirit. The old University spirit is outgrown in its expressions. We must take some steps to build anew. A building such as the Graham Memorial will go a long way toward unifying the students and establishing a better University spirit. It will serve as a central point where students may come together and form a closer association with each other. This association will, I think, tend to promote a better spirit among Carolina students."

Morris (Monk) McDonald, Letterman in three sports.

"Since the close of the war and the breaking up of the S. A. T. C. the student body here has been slowly breaking up into factions and groups that have, as the years go by, steadily grown further apart. At present athletics seem to be the only tie that presents a semblance of unity, and even here three have crept in forces, which, if allowed to go unchecked, will eventually prove harmful to both athletics and the spirit of the student body toward athletics.

Nothing is more encouraging to an athlete than to feel that those whom he represents are behind him to a man. Lack of interest on the part of the student body has a tendency to discourage a team in any contest. It is this lack of interest in what is going on in the University, and self-satisfaction with what we now have, that has caused those vitally interested in the future of Carolina to try to overcome these apathetic tendencies of the student body. I, as many others, believe that a university center such as the proposed Graham Memorial with its many opportunities for a closer contact between students will develop a spirit of association which will go a long way toward bringing the student body into a more compact or unified whole."

Ludlow Rogers, President Junior class.

"The need for some such building as the Graham Memorial is very apparent to anyone who will stop and consider the conditions here at Carolina. The University's great physical expansion, which is evident in its enlarged student body, better and finer buildings, and more diversified college activities makes it practically imperative that we have some student center. Although this memorial building will not act as an 'Open Sesame' to the cure of all evils, it will certainly improve the present conditions and act as a first step toward a more ideal situation."

Emmett Underwood, President of Sophomore class.

"As the University grows there is a tendency on the part of the student body to pull apart. The chief reason for this is because there is no central meeting place where the students may come closer together and become better acquainted. The conditions which now exist, are such that make it impossible for students to be as well acquainted with their fellow students as they should be. The University is still expanding and the more it expands the wider will become the gap between its students unless there is something done to remedy these conditions. It seems that the only time the student body really pulls together as a unit is an athletic contest, and at times there is a lack of spirit there.

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into a position of its many-sided life. While this success has generated pride it has been the cause of lessening in the minds of many a necessity for an intense and concrete loyalty.

### The University's Problem

Those who have been anxious to keep awake the loyalty and college spirit which has been undermined by the change of the University from a small college to a great institution have devised many plans for accomplishing the task. From other institutions which have passed through the same experience it was learned that the rehabilitation of college spirit calls for a double task. First, the development of the mass of individuals into groups small enough to promote intimacy and a sense of individual responsibility, groups which will express natural unity of interests. Second, the welding of these groups into one great organized whole.

### Assimilation of New Men

The first of these two steps has been put well under way by the work during the last few years since the war. Freshman chapel has ushered the freshmen class into class life earlier than was hitherto possible and has been the means of assimilating the class into the larger group. Matters of concern to the class have been stressed, class programs by the class officers are presented, and chapel has

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the entire fraternity group. Other locals have come into being in the last month and have met with like assistance from those established. A young fraternity ten years ago would have had odds to overcome far beyond the opposition of today.

### Fraternity Standard

A resume of recent development goes to show that the standards of fraternities has risen. It would not be out of place to give the number of fraternities that have come to Carolina since 1910. Phi Kappa Phi was granted a charter in 1913; but since 1919 when Theta Chi and Delta Sigma Phi were established has been the greatest growth, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Tau Delta came a year later, Acacia received its North Carolina Chapter in 1923, Chi Tau, a new and fast growing national, was recognized by the Pan-Hellenic Council only last month. Gamma Phi and Kappa Pi have excellent possibilities of bringing two of the best rating nationals to the Hill within the future.

### Pledging System

This year has witnessed the most active year the Council has ever had. The new freshmen pledging system with its air tight rules regarding initiations has had excellent success in raising the standards. First year pledging and the size of the University make excellent openings for new fraternities. It has proved a great money and time saver. The constructive work of the Council has received favorable comment from a number of large institutions; several are advocating it.

### Professional Frats

Other fraternities of a different nature have been prospering. Kappa Psi and Alpha Chi Sigma, two national scientific fraternities have come since 1912. Phi Alpha Delta and Phi Delta Phi, legal fraternities, have been here only since 1910. Psychology, chemical, engineering and a Cosmopolitan Fraternity, all have chapters here that are still comparatively young.

Two of the best girls national fraternities have seen fit to come to the University recently. They are Chi Omega and Pi Beta Phi. It is rumored that the co-eds have recently established new locals.

### The Division

Since fraternities first came to the hill there has always been an expression of feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity men. The feeling that things have not always been as they should has been much stronger at times than at others. It is generally granted that there is excellent feeling now between these groups; but it is also granted that there still remains a wide gulf for which there is no necessity. It all comes about from lack of understanding each other, and seeing the others view-point. Size has caused a split. The gap has been widening, with the proof in the rapid growth of the fraternity organizing movement.

### The Solution

With a large comfortable building, large comfortable chairs, a checker board, an open fire, and a good "bull" session the gap can be swept away. Man to man, students of the University with a common purpose and the ideal of a united campus, this would be an accomplishment well fitting the annals of college history and an honor to the state. Herein lies opportunity.

been used for class meetings. The result of this attention given to the freshmen class is that an increasingly large number of freshmen go out for athletics, the class has readily shouldered its financial obligations, and has contributed to pep meetings, and rallies. The earlier initiation of freshmen into fraternities is helping to assimilate the class into well-knit groups.

### Mass Athletics

The mass athletic program which has been adopted has been the means of providing additional facilities for athletic participation and of stimulating spirit in dormitory and fraternity groups and has developed on the campus a dormitory consciousness which is the beginning of a new social spirit to supplement those already in existence.

The use of chapel about once a fortnight to give the deans of the various schools a chance to meet the men enrolled in their schools and colleges marks what is the beginning of a school or college loyalty.

### Counselor System

The faculty counselor system has been the means of helping to assimilate the mass of the hundreds of new men who enter school here every year. The purpose of this system is to break the large group up into many smaller ones, each group having an opportunity to come in contact with at least one member of the faculty.

### Dormitory Groups

Plans for the future will probably include the further development of the dormitory group through the creation of dormitory parlors or club rooms the increased unity of the inter-class competitions of various sorts, and a continuing of such emphasis on the school and college as is illustrated by the school assemblies and the library-study room in the new law building. The development of units of organization which will include those students living in town will complete the process begun by dormitory and fraternity organization.

However, all these enterprises would be incomplete did they not finally head up into and relate themselves loyally to the University as a whole.

### Co-ordination of Groups

Some little beginning have already been made on the second step in this work; namely, that of welding the groups into one great organized whole. The creations of the Campus Cabinet some years ago embodying all the student leaders for that year; the development of the Campus Executive Committee which acts as advisor to the student body of the University; the organization of the All-University Program Committee which seeks to relate such public programs as are presented by the University lecture committee, Glee Club, Playmakers, Y. M. C. A., Athletic Association, etc., to each other in order to prevent conflicts and provide a uniform program for the year; the Student Assembly Monday and Fridays; the Dormitory Association which meets monthly to consider matters of interest to all the dormitories; the Publications Union, and other things have made those student enterprises matters of common proprietorship rather than the special property of special groups.

### Graham Memorial

These are but slight beginnings in the second step of unifying the student body into one group with one common purpose, and it is realized that the idea embodied in these beginnings must be carried further and extended. The final achievement of unification will only be made possible by the provision of a visible rallying center for student activities and student ideals and purposes. To accomplish this final phase in the second step of unifying student body the Graham Memorial Building was conceived. When it is completed and its doors thrown open to every legitimate student enterprise, Carolina will have approached closer to complete unity than she has been since the days when her unity was the result of the fact that she was a small college with interests which were close and well-knit instead of far-reaching and varied.

It is the desire that this building will be the physical embodiment of the unity that the University is working to achieve.

Just as the Old Well was the physical endowment of unity in the smaller college; so today and in the University that is to be the Graham Memorial will be the central consciousness of the partnership known wherever Carolina men meet as the Brotherhood of Carolina men.

### A Safe Conclusion

Looking carefully into Mr. La Follette's public service, we reach the inevitable conclusion that on the whole this country has never been satisfactory to him.—Houston Post.

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