

Seven Year Growth of University Has Been Phenomenal; Expansion Continuing

Carolina Is Now President of the Association of American Universities.

NEW BUILDINGS NEEDED

Freshman Class Doubled in Seven Years—Quality of Instruction Has Not Been Sacrificed to Rapid Expansion.

During the last seven years since the World War the University of North Carolina has shown a remarkable growth together with a satisfying progress in every department of work. At present it is the acknowledged leader of Southern universities and possesses an enviable reputation throughout the country.

The long history of the University indicates its prestige and influence upon the life of the state for the one hundred and thirty-four years of its existence. It was during the last seven years, however, that the University of North Carolina became known as one of the leading educational institutions.

Schools Added
Having developed from one college to a real university made up of a number of various schools, the University of North Carolina now includes: a College of Liberal Arts, School of Commerce, School of Applied Science, School of Engineering, School of Education, Law School, Pharmacy School, School of Medicine, School of Public Welfare, Graduate School, Summer School, and an Extension Division. Such a wide variety of schools attracts to the University students from every walk of life and every section of the country.

In discussing the work of this complex group of schools President Chase declared that the three major tasks of a state university were teaching, research, and extension. These three functions are performed by the University of North Carolina through the various undergraduate schools, the Graduate School, and the Extension Division.

The last seven years have brought a decided growth to the University in number of students, in building and equipment, and in scholastic prestige.



OLD WELL

Nothing is more typical of the progress of the University than the new, up-to-date appearance of the historic old well.



PRESIDENT CHASE

Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, now in Europe on leave of absence, will return about January 1.

The student body of 1702 members in 1920 has grown to the present student body of 2631. The freshman enrollment has approximately doubled in the space of seven years. In 1920 there were 424 freshmen to enter the University; the present freshman class includes 845 men. At the commencement exercises in 1920 there were given 154 degrees; at the last commencement exercises the number of degrees had risen to 415.

New Buildings
This tremendous increase in the size of the student body made necessary a correspondingly large increase in classroom buildings, dormitories, and departmental equipment. During the period from 1920 to 1927 a number of new buildings were erected. Among these were the classroom buildings, Murphey, Saunders, Manning, and Phillips. Murphey was built to house the classes in English, French, Latin, and Spanish. Saunders is given over to the history department and to various classes in the School of Commerce. Manning contains the classrooms and the library of the Law School. The new Venable Hall is used as a chemistry building.

The four dormitories of the quad-

rangle, Ruffin, Grimes, Manley, and Mangum; three in the triangle, F, G, and J; and Steele were built to house the influx of new students. The woman's building, now called Spencer Hall, was also built during this period.

In addition to these new buildings a number of the older buildings of the campus were completely renovated. Old West, Old East, New East, South, the Playmaker Theatre, and Pharmacy building have all been worked over and now stand as new buildings. At present New West is going through a process of reconstruction and will be used as a psychology building. The Mary Ann Smith dormitory has now been thoroughly worked over and is to be used as a Graduate Club. Considerable alterations were made in Memorial Hall, including the installation of a heating system and lights and improvements in the acoustics.

Mims Praises University
Quality of instruction, however, has not been sacrificed to quantity on account of the increasing student body. During this same period so marked by the material progress in numbers of students and an extensive

building program, the University has made important advances in educational lines and has secured recognition as a superior institution. Probably the most remarkable single note of recognition came in November, 1922, when by a unanimous vote of its executive committee the Association of American Universities admitted to its membership the University of North Carolina. This association is made up of the leading educational institutions of the United States, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Johns Hopkins, Chicago, Wisconsin, Northwestern, etc. The University of North Carolina is the only southern university member of the association, with the exception of the University of Virginia, one of the charter members. In addition to its admission to membership in this association, the University was elected to the presidency of the body.

In Dr. Edwin Mims' book on the "Advancing South" he devotes an entire chapter to the University of North Carolina, in which he praises it highly as an institution of all-round excellence and the foremost university of the South. Various other books and magazines have noted the fact of the University's growth and progress in recent years.

Extension Division
Not only has the University as a whole been strongly progressive, but the different schools and departments have been receiving worthy recognition for their work. The Social Science department has received a large grant for research in social science from the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Foundation of New York. A number of gifts, scholarships, fellowships, and special funds have been given to the University in recognition of the splendid work it is accomplishing.

With the extensive growth of the University has come the development of the Extension Division, through which a vast number of people over the state are enabled to receive educational advantages from their state university. In this way the University is striving to be of service to those citizens of the state who find it impossible to go to college but at the same time are desirous of securing an education.

Although the University now holds a prominent position, it is very necessary that this splendid progress continue throughout the years to come. The student body will soon number 3000 students and it is essential that added improvements be made.

New Library in 1928

At present work is going on in the renovation of Old West; and a new wing is being added to Phillips Hall for the extension of the departments of engineering, mathematics, and physics. Plans have been made for the further paving of roads contiguous to the campus and for the extensive improvement of campus walks.

Construction of the new Library will start in the first part of 1928. The plans call for a \$625,000 building to be erected on the southern part of the campus facing South Building. This new structure is already sorely needed, for the present library does not have sufficient capacity for the storing of books and periodicals or for the convenience of students.

Included in the plans for new buildings within the next two years are a new dormitory next to J, which will make another quadrangle out of the present triangle, and another classroom building, probably to be erected opposite Manning Hall. A new wing may be added to Peabody Hall in order to give additional space to the School of Education.

Need Gymnasium
Memorial Hall is to receive new improvements, including additional

seating capacity and the installation of a pipe organ. The large social room in Graham Memorial will be completed and opened to the students some time during this scholastic year, as soon as adequate furniture is received. If possible the other rooms of the present structure will also be completed and opened.

Plans for improvements in the various schools are under way, but at present are only tentative. The installation of a School of Fine Arts is being favorably considered and may become a reality in the near future. The School of Education expects to expand in order to meet the pressing demand for competent teachers in North Carolina. One of the urgent needs of the University which demands attention is the growing necessity for a new gymnasium to care for the physical welfare of the increasing student body.

In its plans for the future the University realizes the importance of maintaining its stride of progress of the past and has as its objectives those improvements which will enable it better to serve the needs of the state in equipping its youthful citizens for lives of service.

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