

# “The Wimmin Are With Us to Stay’: Women’s Social Activities at the University of North Carolina from 1897-1946”



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This paper details the social lives of women attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1897-1946. It specifically argues that it was women’s social activities that made them an integral part of the UNC campus, rather than their academic accomplishments. It begins by detailing the first women on campus, their Woman’s Association, the Advisor to Women, and their fight for a women’s dormitory on campus. Once the dormitory was built women began to expand their extracurricular endeavors across campus and male students slowly began to allow women to join their clubs and activities. By World War II women had made a great deal of progress in the social sphere of the university, and the sizeable decrease in male enrollment gave women an unprecedented advantage in numbers. Female students made impressive advancements during these years and continued to move towards equality, as they had for many years before, and would for many years after.