

Edward (Ed) Michael O'Herron, Jr. '38

While a student at Carolina, Ed O'Herron was a boxer. In both his successful career as a businessman and his immense loyalty to his alma mater, he has been a tenacious fighter.

Ed O'Herron was Chairman of the Board of Eckerd Drugs, Inc., from which he retired in 1977. He served as Director of the National Association of the Chain Drug Stores.

Throughout his business career, Ed O'Herron has been active in politics, representing Mecklenburg County in the North Carolina Legislature for four terms. He was a member of the Advisory Budget Commission of State Government in North Carolina from 1965-1969. It is said that during that time the University always had a friend when that influential body reached the bottom line in allocating the state's money.

Ed O'Herron is closely involved with issues of public health and health service. He served as Chairman of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority.

He was Chairman of the successful Carolina Challenge Campaign to increase the endowment of the University at Chapel Hill. He is a member of the University of North Carolina Board of Visitors, an appointment he has held since 1974.

While he is no longer a member of a boxing team, as in his student days, he shows his vitality today by piloting his airplane to help keep up with his active commitment to public service.

Throughout his distinguished career in his native state, Ed O'Herron has been a friend of the University at Chapel Hill.