

Grace Rutledge Hamrick '41

Grace Hamrick, who received a degree in journalism from the University, has been an outstanding volunteer leader in the General Alumni Association for many years.

More than a decade ago she was named to the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and was elected Vice President and President, the first woman to serve the association in its highest office. During her term she traveled from the mountains to the coast to meetings with alumni groups, and she was an effective leader of the Alumni Association.

In 1974, when the University formed the Order of the Tar Heel 100, she was one of the first named and served continuously until 1980 when the group was renamed the Board of Visitors. She continues to serve on the Board today.

Grace Hamrick's career reflects her varied talents. She is a former editor of the Cleveland County Times. In 1963 she received the "Woman of the Year" Award from the North Carolina Press Association for her feature and news writing. In 1981 she wrote *The First Ladies of North Carolina* and she has edited numerous historical works. Presently she is working on the restoration and interior design of old homes.

Grace Hamrick has a keen interest in health issues. She served on the Governor's Advisory Council on Comprehensive Health Planning and the North Carolina Mental Health Association.

She has served on the Morehead Scholar Selection Committee and she is a member of the Board of Trustees for the UNC Center for Public Television. She is seen frequently attending meetings in Chapel Hill, accompanied by her favorite alumnus, her husband Rush. There is no alumna of this University more dedicated and loyal than Grace Hamrick, and none more willing to give of her time and talents.