

PRESIDENT'S HOUSE ON CARR'S HILL

the low-lying athletic fields to the southwest. The house is also prominently sited with respect to a gymnasium and a row of fraternity houses to the east. Mature trees along steep slopes to the west and northwest add to the house's grandeur. Within this setting, it is surrounded by a sweeping lawn on three sides, terminating at the north by a rose garden as well as several small historic buildings containing garage and office functions.

The house has at least one porch on each side. Across the façade, as noted above, is a portico with a herringbone brick floor, located four steps above the grade of the front lawn. A small second-story balcony is sheltered within the portico, in the center bay, directly above the entrance. The balcony balustrade consists of a post-to-post railing with Classical Revival-style turned balusters. There is a spherical finial at the top of each of the posts. A matching balustrade once surrounded the nearly flat section of the main roof, as seen in photographs as late as the 1910s. The portico has triglyphs in its frieze, along the three sides of the projection, and a fanlight in the center of the tympanum of the pediment. The columns have simple Doric-order bases and capitals, and the bottom one-fourth of each column is plain, above which the surfaces are fluted. The other porches consist of a terrace to the east, a porte cochere on the west side, a two-story porch in the building's northwest corner, and a one-story sun room at the rear.



Within the shelter of the portico, the balcony is above the main entrance.

At the east side of the house, the large brick terrace surrounding the dining room bay window is sheltered by a cloth awning. In its original design, the terrace echoed the semi-octagonal shape of the bay window and had a balustrade at its perimeter that resembled that of the portico balcony. The design was rebuilt to the current rectangular form by 1974, although it has been altered several times since then. The terrace floor consists of brick pavers in a running-bond pattern, divided into rectangular sections by a grid of stone borders. The terrace is connected to the house by three pairs of French doors. The middle set of French doors is in the center facet of the bay window at the dining room, with the flanking ones leading into the living room and the pantry. At the outer edge of the terrace is a low brick wall, six courses of brick in height, with a dressed-stone cap. A second large rectangular terrace, usually covered by a cloth tent, was recently added at the northeast corner of the dining-room terrace.