

Letters To The Editor

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Dear Mr. Editor:

How many times during a student's four or so years on a college campus is he met with frustration? I dare say the times are probably more numerous than we would begin to want to count. So far, this year seems to be no exception. Since my freshman year on this campus, I've stood in lines to register, thinking that each year registration could be completed a little more rapidly. I've also stood in long lines preparing to check out with a load of books under each arm and being met with a smile and a receipt totaling fifty, sixty, or seventy dollars from the clerk in the bookstore. I've spent a great deal of time in lunch lines in the cafeteria waiting to satisfy one of the most basic needs of life — hunger. I've waited in a line of traffic on Highway 49 that looked as if it extended for miles, just waiting for a chance to dodge my way through oncoming automobiles and enter this campus. Line after line after line — it seems to me that by the time one is a senior on a college campus, he should fine lines a little shorter or moving a little faster or perhaps a combination of both due to past experience and current expansion.

This year, however, it seems we have taken a step backwards on this campus in regards to lines and mounting frustration among students. For instance, students took one week out of their busy schedules last year in order to pre-register and hopefully complete registration in a matter of minutes and not hours. As it turned out, it took me two hours just to pick up a packet of five or six cards, fill them out, return them and write one check, a procedure which should have taken thirty minutes at the most. The additional time it took to register was due to the long line I had to stand in.

But what is perhaps the most frustrating activity the students are experiencing is the purchasing of books from our university bookstore. From the hours it keeps, one would conclude that it is managed by the president of one of our local banks. Evidently it opens sometime after 8:30 a.m., because it is never open before first class which starts at that time. Since it is closed before 8:30 and perhaps before 9:00, I returned the other day to buy a book which I needed right away for a course. I pushed on the front door of the bookstore at 11:45 only to find it locked and labeled with a sign stating that the bookstore would be closed from 12:00 to 1:00. Being patient, I waited until 12:45 and returned to the bookstore to find about forty to forty-five fellow students waiting to enter. The time is now 1:05 and door is still locked. A knock is applied to the door by one of the waiting students only to result in the lights being turned out and someone inside saying that bookstore wouldn't open until 2:00. My patience was growing thin now because this

meant I would have to wait another hour. At 1:50, I again returned and found an even larger group of students than before waiting to buy books and materials. At 2:03 the door was finally opened. I quickly picked up the one book I needed and got into an already long line waiting to check out. But my waiting was not over because just as I came up to the cash register, it ran out of tape. This required someone to get a new roll of tape and install it in the machine which meant I was still standing in line waiting to check out. I finally made my purchase but it took me almost three hours to buy the one book I needed.

Some things cannot be helped due to our rapid expansion, but when a bookstore closes for two hours during one of the two busiest times of the year, it leaves a lot to be desired. In past years students have waited in lines to check their books out, but I can't ever remember the bookstore closing during the middle of the day and especially when a majority of the students are out of classes and are able to buy their books and materials. I realize the bookstore staff needs to eat lunch, stock shelves, and perhaps make sure that there is enough tape in the cash registers, but I feel this could be done without closing down for one or two hours — it has been accomplished in years past. No business can succeed by keeping its doors closed to prospective customers.

Danny W. Phillips

Dear Editor:

Thanks for the spread on the Union. Your interest is appreciated. I wish more people would realize, as you indicated in your editorial column, that WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER and we all have to contribute as well as criticize. Donna Raley's article was encouraging, however I fear she only contacted those "hard core Union users" who have a sincere association with this school, and realize that four, five, or six extra hours a day on campus can be worthwhile as well as fun...

Enjoyed the paper. (But I do miss "Little Man on Campus.")

Sincerely,  
Bobbe Berry

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all of the people who helped build the new cross-country course this summer, and who will continue to help build a better athletic program at UNC-C.

Many thanks to:  
Coach Paul Fleming  
Bill Lynch  
Eddie Frias  
Ed Echeverra  
Mike Ridge

Larry McAfee

Dates for Freshman-class and Night-school representative elections will be announced in next week's CAROLINA JOURNAL.

David Halberstam, winner of a 1964 Pulitzer Prize, will be on campus Oct. 2. to speak on Vietnam in a lecture entitled "Vietnam: The Making of a Quagmire." The lecture will outline the historical background of the war and will attempt to explain the present American position in Southeast Asia.

Mr. Halberstam has been familiar with the war since the Kennedy administration and has published two books on it, THE MAKING OF A QUAGMIRE and ONE VERY HOT DAY.

Dean Donald McKay stated that there are many jobs available both on and off campus for interested students. Contact Mr. George Michie or Miss Mildred English in the Administrative Building for more information.

## Enrollment Up

Enrollment for the fall semester at UNC-C is up 17 per cent from last fall. The total enrollment released from the admissions office of the University last week was just over 2,350, including 469 freshmen and 325 transfers. The school officials reported that, despite contradictory evidence during registration, the number was approximately that which had been predicted. The long lines were reportedly due to the great number of unexpected late registrants.

Nearly seventy-five per cent of the student body are from Mecklenburg County.



Intramural football is back

## Marlena

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Marlena Shaw has been featured in Charlotte before. She sang in a Bicentennial program this summer. Also she sang in the Festival in the Park where she and Loonis McGlohon recieved the only two annual awards from the Presbyterian Churches of the United States.

Asked if she enjoys performing for college groups, she replied that she does because she enjoys

entertaining people with good minds. "Besides," she added laughingly, "most of my dialogues are usually considered a little risque by the middle-aged!"

A general concensus of the audience Friday night results in commending the Union for providing a unique and entertaining evening at the Club University with the talented and vivacious Marlena Shaw!

## Frats Discussed

There is presently under discussion before the Student Activities Committee a proposal to have social fraternities and sororities on the campus. In order to permit an expression of student and faculty willingness or non-willingness to have these social organization this on campus there will be open meetings on Monday, September 30, -11:30 October 2, 2:30 and Thursday October 3, at 11:30 in rooms U 209 and U 209 and U 210. These meetings are not for debate, but rather for presentation of views to the

sub-committee of the SAC so that it might gain an adequate appraisal of student and faculty feelings toward social fraternities and sororities on this campus. Those members of the student body and the faculty who feel there should or should not be social fraternities and sororities on this campus are asked to attend one of these meetings to express their views. Again, it is emphasized that this is not a debate of the pros and cons of social organization. It is an opportunity to express your ideas.

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