

The Dormitories Will Be Ready

Armed with my borrowed blue yardstick and old friend photographer, I set out to discover the real story about the dorms. With the capable and cordial assistance of Mr. Bill Bowers, project superintendent, I was given the opportunity to tour the first dorms on the UNC-C campus.

As we ascended a ladder, we encountered the main floor. This floor will consist of the Counselor's section, Concession area, public telephones, library, main lobby and business office. The mail boxes for each room will be on this floor also.

The first floor of the dorm consists of a typing room, Seminar room, and sleeping quarters. Each of the floors are of this same pattern. There will be 25 rooms on each floor, one of which will be occupied by a Residence Counselor.

There was one half furnished room. The walls, were an institutional green, but Mr. Bowers informed me that the other rooms were of various colors. As I proceeded to measure the 16' by 10' by 8' room I found the rooms, with a 10' sliding glass window actually looked pretty good. The closet measured 48"

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with 2 large storage shelves. The 24" dresser with a mirror above it was attached to this. The 3' desk was next. The desk was a 13" high bulletin board and fluorescent light. Two large book shelves are above the desk. The bed, next to the window was the last item of furniture. The bed is 80" long and 3' wide with storage underneath. With the furniture built in on both sides of the room there will be a 5' 4" aisle down the center of the room. The floor will be covered with a vinyl asbestos tile. There will be no carpeting in the 7'2" by 4' halls, but the lobbys adjoining every 2 floors will be carpeted.

There are also several interesting facts about the dorms: There will be 2 bath tubs and 6 showers on each floor. This means

that s suites (of 6 rooms each) will have tubs and 2 will not.

The elevators stop only on every other floor. This will mean that whoever lives on an even-numbered floor will have to walk up a flight of stairs.

Each room will have a telephone but, no long distance telephone calls may be made. All the hot water in the dorm will not be water at all, but converted steam.

As we descended to the basement, Mr. Bowers explained how the air conditioning will be pumped to all the mechanical rooms on each floor, providing continuous fresh air throughout the dorms. The basement will contain 4 washers, 3 or 4 dryers, sinks and a laundry pick-up for drycleaning. There will also be a public kitchen, recreation room and a storage room.

Upon leaving, we decided to hike through the woods which will be the scene of many early morning travels for breakfast. The woods are cleared and not too rough if one is sober and sure-footed.

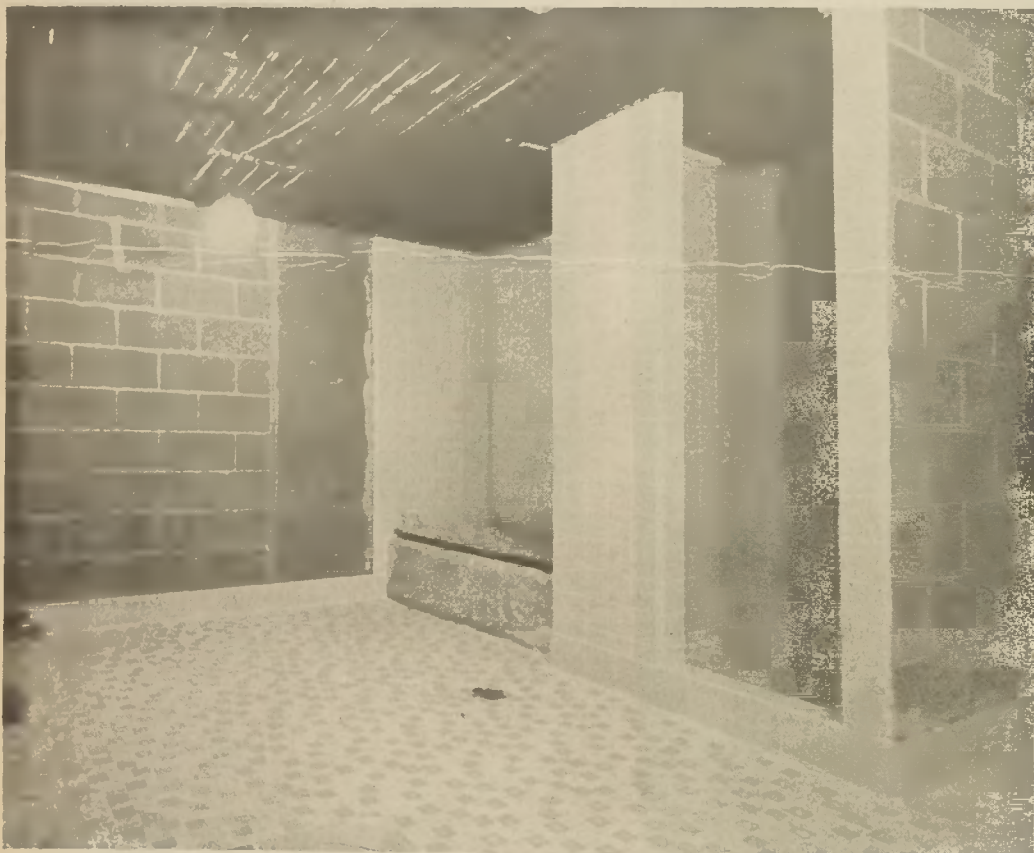
When asked if the dorms would be almost ready by the fall, Mr. Bowers was emphatic in stating: "They will be FINISHED by August 15!"



Pick a cell, any cell.



Not too big, folks!



What a nice shower room you have my dear. The better to wash (watch you), my dear.



JOURNAL reporter Donna Raley checks out one of the 2-bed rooms

Personnel Assistants

Personnel Assistants for the new dorms have been tentatively chosen. These students will live on each occupied floor (1 per floor) to oversee the floor and to insure that house life runs smoothly. The PA's will NOT function as disciplinarians but as co-ordinators. The PA on your hall will be the person that you contact if your light bulb blows at 2:00 in the morning the night before a big exam, or if you want to organize an intramural team, or throw a hall party.... He (or she) will be the primary person who helps you get adjusted to dorm living.

Ten females (Laura Jacobs, Gayle Watts, Bonnie Ingram, Barbara Mayer, Sherry Drake, Barbara Jean Smith, Donna Raley, Glenda Liles, Susan Owen, Deborah Jones) and ten males (Guy Edwards, Arthur Williams, Ray Hollowell, Pete Donahue, Larry Miller, Milton Harkey, William Lynch, Mike Ridge, Hubert Stone, and Robert Welch) have been tentatively chosen. The number of applications for the dorms from continuing students has not been as great as was anticipated, as a result, all of the floors will probably not be full, and all the Pa's chosen will not be needed. At their first meeting last week, the potential PA's voted for

all twenty to complete the training program and for the selection to take place at its completion. Therefore, should anyone who was in the final selection decide not to return to school in the fall, a trained student would be there to take his place in September.

The idea of the training program is to make the PA's as knowledgeable as possible about the University, and to give them a surface knowledge of counseling (actually, how to be a good listener). The training program will be led by Dr. McEniry and Dean McKay. Dr. Simono, among others will address them also. The first meeting was last Sunday, and two additional training sessions will be held on the next two Sundays. In addition, in the late summer the counselors will move into the dorms for a few days to gain a little experience before the students arrive.

There were approximately twenty women and sixteen men who applied for the position. The choice was made primarily from the applications, but a few interviews were also held, if the committee did not feel that the application contained enough information to enable them to make an effective decision.