

# 'Information Please'

## Information Lady In South Building Has An Answer For Every Question

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"Do you know of any places in Chapel Hill where men can stay on weekends?" a UNC coed hopefully asked. "I know about the Carolina Inn but it's way out of my pocketbook."

Quick with the answer was Mrs. Hamlin Wade, receptionist at the Information Desk in South Building, who referred the girl to the Dean of Men's office to inquire about dormitory spaces.

Mrs. Wade, personable and always wearing a dimpled smile, answers scores of questions like this every day as students, professors, and visitors call or come by the desk. In commenting on the job which she has held for almost two years, Mrs. Wade said, "You have to know practically everything about this campus. You always have to give some kind of answer." Then she added with her dimples deepening, "There's never a dull moment."

Aside from answering questions received in person and by phone, Mrs. Wade opens University mail and takes many campus police calls. Her telephone is equipped with a switch which will transfer calls to her if a police officer doesn't answer.

"If it's urgent I either try to find an officer or contact Chief Beaumont on his car phone," she said. "There is always an officer directing traffic in front of the building for the ten minutes before each hour."

Along with routine campus mail, Mrs. Wade often finds some rather unusual items. This week she received a letter addressed to "U.N. University, Chapel Hill, N.C." Inside the envelope was a piece of note paper with the word "Peral" scrawled in pencil in a child's handwriting. "My only guess is that the child was trying to order something," she said.

Mrs. Wade works from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and from 8:30 a.m. until noon on Saturdays, but the desk remains open 24 hours a day. A student is on duty until about 10 p.m. The night policeman works until 4:30 a.m., when he is relieved by the janitor.

A typical day at the desk for Mrs. Wade began this week with the question, "Where can I have my grades and records evaluated so I can obtain my draft status?"

"The Records Office in Hanes Hall," was her prompt reply.

Another student inquired about jobs as resident advisors in men's dormitories. Mrs. Wade referred him to the Dean of Men's office.

"Who has information on the planning of new buildings such as the proposed Student Union?" asked one coed.

"See Mr. Tuttle, the long range planner. His office is on the top floor of Bynum," was Mrs. Wade's advice.

Then the phone rang. "What can I do about parking 70 cars for a meeting today at Morehead Planetarium?" asked a woman. "I don't have time to give the people tickets to park in Emerson Field."

"Just do the best you can," was Mrs. Wade's reply.



The UNC Information Lady

Another phone call—"Where can I get a baby sitter?" Mrs. Wade told them to call the Student Aid office.

And so on—it continued like this through the rest of the day.

The busiest times at the desk, according to Mrs. Wade, are before exam periods, during drop-add, and at the beginning of each semester.

"People are lined up all the way out the door at the beginning of every semester," she said.

Items helpful to Mrs. Wade in answering questions include exam and football

schedules, a list of faculty room numbers, and a monthly calendar. She also has a ready supply of class schedule manuals and campus maps.

"In fact, you can get a little bit of everything here," she laughed.

The most frequent question asked at the desk is, "Where is the Admissions Office?" Mrs. Wade said that at least 30 prospective students came to the desk with that question just last Saturday.

Mrs. Wade also receives many inquiries about room numbers and office hours of faculty advisors. She keeps a list with all this information, and then the student has to make an appointment with the advisor's secretary.

Although she can remember receiving no crank calls, Mrs. Wade does get a few unnecessary ones.

"A man called this week and asked the telephone number of the Central Carolina Bank which has nothing to do with general campus information," she said. "Besides, he probably had a directory available himself."

## Royal Christmas Gets Early Start

LONDON (UPI)—Christmas always starts early for Queen Elizabeth II.

Being the queen, she has to send Christmas cards to so many people. This year she started signing them—a few each day—when she returned to London in October from her annual vacation at her castle at Balmoral in the Scottish Highlands.

She had a family group photograph taken in September while at Balmoral to be used as her personal greetings card for relatives and friends. For official greetings she uses an engraved card, usually bearing a reproduction of a famous painting in the royal collection.

The queen very much enjoys another of her Christmas preparations—her once-a-year shopping expedition.

Etiquette normally precludes her from doing any personal shopping in public, and everything has to be brought to her at Buckingham Palace. But she is able to shop for gifts.

So her practice is to drive out early one morning in December to a big department store where she has an account. The manager meets her at the back door and takes her around to choose the gifts for her list of several hundred names.

She always takes a very good look because she is rarely likely to be inside a shop

again for another year.

Her Christmas gifts are never very expensive because, by royal custom, jewels and other costly presents within the family are given only on birthdays or upon marriage.

Gloves, perfume, china and glass, handkerchiefs, books and records are among the queen's choices.

She never buys ties for men. "They'd rather do that themselves," she has said.

NO BOOZE

Neither does she give them tobacco or alcohol. The only exception to this rule is that she sometimes sends a two-bottle box of champagne to someone who is ill, having first asked her secretary to make sure it is not medically forbidden.

Her toy purchases are large because there are 18 children in the royal family now and the queen also has 23 god children.

The queen writes an affectionate little note to go with every personal gift.

Postal charges do not worry her because her mail is never stamped. It goes through a special private post office inside Buckingham Palace. Or some is delivered directly by messengers.

For a century the royal family traditionally spent Christmas at Sandringham, the royal estate in eastern England. But the queen broke the custom in 1964 and changed to Windsor Castle, 25 miles from London, because it is more accessible, more comfortable, and the favorite of all her homes.

All the members of the royal family are invited to join the queen's house party, which starts the day before Christmas Eve and lasts five days.

Gifts are exchanged, after dinner on Christmas Eve and the gaily wrapped packages are laid out under the Christmas tree to be unwrapped after breakfast on Christmas morning. Then everybody goes to a carol service in the nearby chapel.

Another visit is made to church on Christmas morning.

The traditional turkey and plum pudding dinner is served at 1:30 p.m., not in the evening, so that all the children over 10 can attend. The turkey with its chestnut stuffing is carried in by the chef to musical accompaniment. Champagne, mince pies, candles and crackers complete the occasion.

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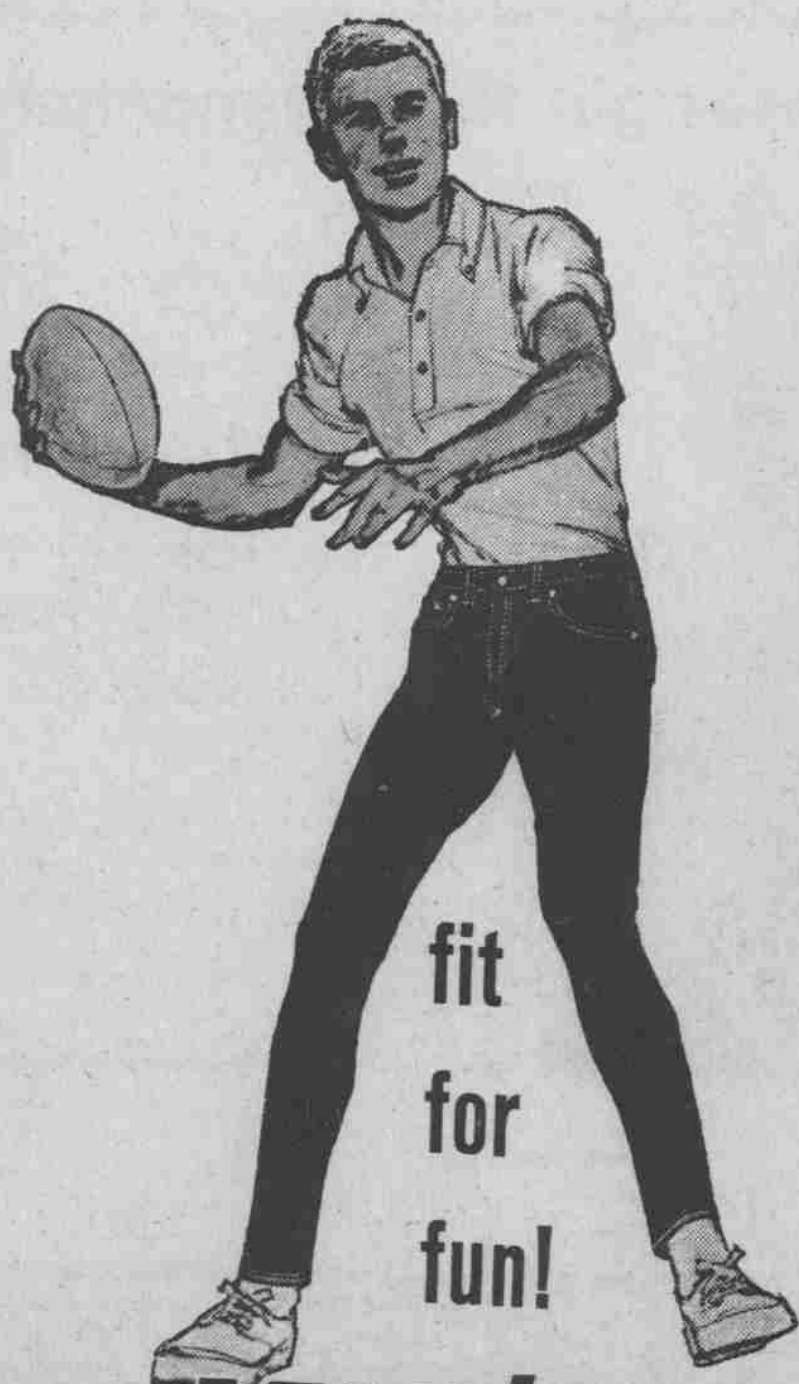
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