

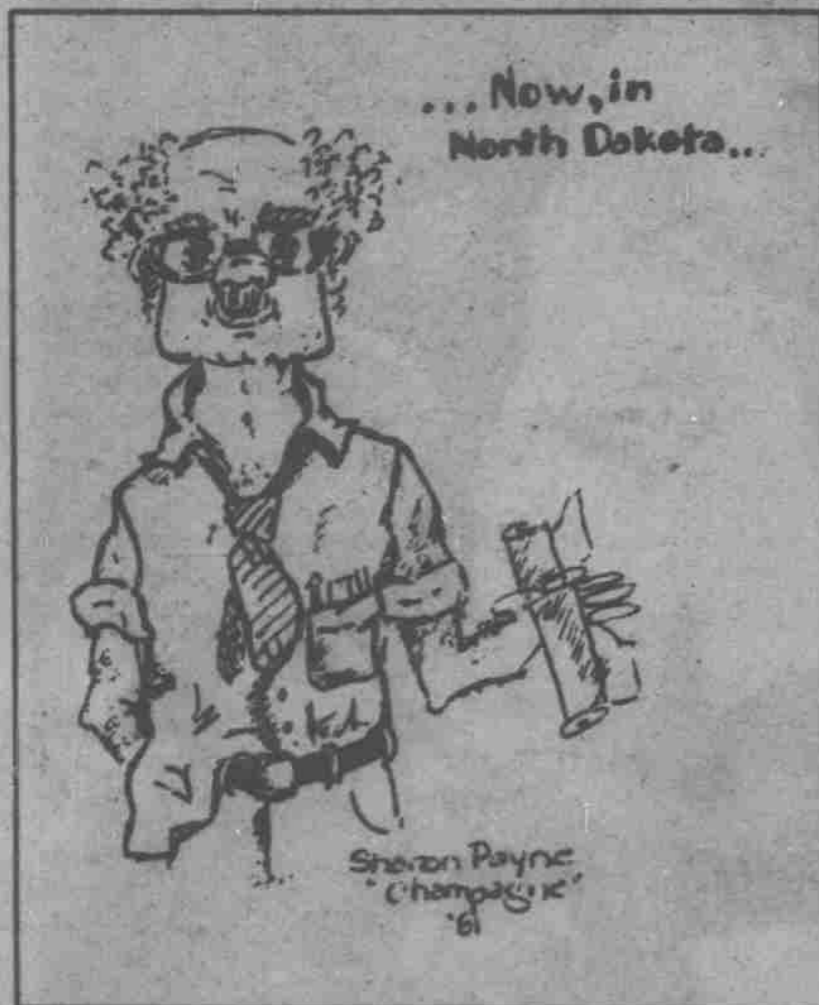
COMMENTARY

Moore's Guide to Campus Types

By TOM MOORE

For incoming freshmen and transfer students Carolina is a new world, a world full of things to be avoided and things to be enjoyed. UNC is a final resting place for all sorts of personalities, a real-life melting pot where things don't blend very easily. If you're not going to get burned, you have to figure out what kind of people you want to hang out with and what type of professors you want to study with. To help unsuspecting new students out there, here is first, a look at the professors.

The Liberal Professor: Very open minded, at least he thinks so, the liberal professor can be found in all the departments on campus. He usually knows his subject well but really is more interested in talking about the "Golden Age of the 1960's," the coming apocalypse under President Reagan, or how we must strive to build a more equitable world. Worst of all the Liberal Professor believes that each class member has something valid to teach every other person in the class, which is a real pain if you don't like being called on or having to listen to some other moron ramble on an on about nothing. But on the bright side, the liberal professor is usually terribly easy in grading; he gives simple tests because he can't bear to give a bad grade. Best of all, the liberal professor is a push-over when it comes to giving extensions on papers and tests. All you have to do is tell some tall tale involving a horrible personal problem. Get his heart to start bleeding.



The Incompetent Idiot Professor: After you sit in his class for one day you wonder how he got tenure and decide that perhaps it's not all that hard to get a Ph.D. This brand is more boring and inept than your worst junior high teacher. While you're sure you know the subject better than he does you're bound to get a "C+" in the class unless a minor miracle occurs. The Incompetent Idiot likes to emphasize worthless knowledge—anything in the notes you're sure he won't ask, he'll ask. He likes you to know stuff like the exact number of newspaper chains in the United States and the number of heart attacks per square mile in North Dakota. Don't take this sort of professor, even if it means changing your major.

The Heaven-Sent Professor: You hear how easy his course is and take it only to hear him say the first day of class that his "course isn't an easy 'A.'" Don't worry, he's just trying to weed some folks out. Don't believe him or you'll miss out on a chance to boost that waning GPA up a little bit and make Mom and Dad proud.

The Horizon-Broadening Professor: The rarest of breeds, a professor under whom you actually learn something, who makes you glad to come to class. You won't get more than two or three of this sort in all of your four years of higher education, but those you do study under are well worth searching out. And when you find him it somehow enables you to put up with all the dunderhead professors—without them perhaps the Horizon-Broadening Professor won't look like such a shining oasis in an intellectual desert.

Now that we've taken a short look at professors it's time to survey a few of the many kinds of students at Carolina.

The Time Monopolizer: Always has something to add in class whether it be a supplementary comment to go along with the professor's lecture or a long-winded battle with the professor on how he's mistaken on some obscure notion that really doesn't matter. Usually the Time Monopolizer is pre-law.

The Geek-Nerd: Pale from too many hours in Wilson Library, this brand of student has few friends, mainly because he's an incredible bore. The only subject he can converse on is the time he spends studying—i.e., how many pages he read last night and how much he has to do before the next test.

Campus Politico: The Leftist: Missed out on the glorious '60s which breaks his heart. But he's out there in the Pit rabble-raising every time it looks like an injustice is being done. Though he's having a field day with the Reagan Administration, Leftist was deeply disappointed that El Salvador didn't turn into another Vietnam. Well, there's always the next Third World country.

Campus Politico: The Rightist: Happy that his boys are in power now in Washington, the Rightist doesn't campaign as vocally as the Leftist for this political concerns. Though in many ways he's more sickening, especially since about the only things he can really get excited about are ending inflation and bringing back prayer in the schools.

The Fan: Came to Carolina for two reasons: football and basketball. Still, basketball is his real religion. Worships the Almighty Dean Smith and his Four Corners Gospel. All the



Fan can talk about is them Heels. And though his number are legion, some of the most zealous Fans pass out of the holy gates of Carolina rather quickly since they're too busy attending games to ever study.

The Druggie: He sits on the wall across from the library with his shades on watching the world go by. Nothing bothers him. Why should he worry; he's feeling fine.

The Greeks: Joe Fraternity and Susie Sorority: Did you ever see *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. Well there's this theory that aliens are taking over people's bodies and turning them into conformist morons who wear garish colors and who talk about getting a job at a major corporation and debutante balls and how much money their father makes. Watch out—you might be next.

The Good-Timer: Comes to UNC because Mom and Dad aren't there to supervise (prevent) his every move he goes on a hedonistic field day. You never see him studying because he's too busy enjoying drink, drugs and sex. Usually after the first semester he's back at home working in the mill or at the used car lot and misses out on interaction with all the rest of the fun Carolina crows.

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New England schools may face inflation with 'user fee'

By JIM HUMMEL

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The opening of public schools here is still a little more than a month away, but planning for this year's programs — and the question of how to pay for them — has become the center of controversy for many towns in New England, as school officials have had to take most of the summer to hammer out workable budget proposals.

Faced with spiralling inflation and a budget-cutting mentality that has swept many communities in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, officials have run into one of the biggest monetary juggling acts of all time.

High property taxes, which have provided the principal funding in the past, are not in vogue this year. As a result, at many financial town meetings this spring, where most of the town budget is formulated by a relatively small portion of residents who bother to show up, voters decided to opt for a reduction in school programs rather than see another jump in their tax rates.

At the time it seemed like a good idea. After all, there is always some unneeded spending somewhere, right? But it hasn't been until recently that the reality of the measures taken several months ago has really begun to sink in. Now, many superintendents and school committees are saying that something is going to have to go if they hope to balance the budget.

That cutting of that something — in most cases sports and extracurricular activities — has led to an idea that is catching on here and may spread to other parts of the country, if it hasn't already been adopted.

Officials are now proposing a 'user fee', which, in effect, charges students who want to play sports. Outrageous? Many people thought so at first, but now that details are being made available, some people have begun to accept — if not like — the idea.

The formula is simple: in Cranston, a city of 70,000 just south of Providence, student athletes are going to have to pay \$25 to play sports, starting in the fall. But the fee will only raise an additional \$20,000 out of a \$200,000 budget needed to finance the entire sports program.

The fee also raises questions about what would happen if a student wanted to participate, but couldn't afford the price. For that reason, and several others, the commissioner of education in the state has issued several opinions saying that he doesn't think the special fees would stand up if tried in court.

But at this point, there are few alternatives. Some parents have said that children learn more on the field than they do through certain special programs in school that they feel should be cut instead, but those parents stand in the distinct minority. Even some of the diehard little league fathers realize that sports will be the first to get the axe in a no-frills budget.

In East Greenwich, a residential community about 10 miles south of here, the school committee has taken the user fee one step further and debated last month whether to begin charging school children to ride the buses. The unsuccessful proposal would have tacked a 10-cent fare on every ride — approximately \$36 per student per year.

"I'm a great believer in pay-as-you-go," said one committee member who advocated the fare. But four members felt differently. "The school system belongs to all of us," another member said.

In the meantime, school officials across the state are working hard to finalize plans for this fall's sports programs. The details are not going to be easy to work out because most of the plans are venturing into uncharted waters. And there is a very vocal minority that would love to do anything to see the sports programs saved.

Some principals are worried about the effect on morale the cuts will have and whether students will have an adequate release in their spare time. As one student put it, "For a lot of kids, the only reason to get up in the morning is because they have football or basketball to look forward to. I don't know what's going to happen this year."

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