

Freshmen come from all over the world

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It's a melting pot with students coming from Cyprus, Holland, New England, neighboring Durham and Chapel Hill. The UNC campus is multilingual and multicultural, but what is this Chapel Hill-UNC appeal which draws both foreigners and native North Carolinians?

One would think that Ellen Walker, having been born and raised in Chapel Hill, would be inclined to leave The Hill. This, however, is not the case. The freshman psychology major, who believes, "It's not so much what you wear; it's what you think that counts," has strong family ties in Chapel Hill. Many of the Walker clan are alumni of UNC. Walker's interests include tennis, mountain biking, and at times she enjoys reading the articles in *Playgirl*.

Another North Carolinian is Janice Tatum. Arriving from neighboring Greensboro, the pre-med major chose UNC because of the University's academic reputation. Tatum views UNC as an institution which gives a great freedom of choice. Tatum enjoys playing the cello, running track and acquiring new friends.

Like many freshmen, and even some sophomores, Geoff Theobale has not decided his major, but is juggling possibilities in math, economics and psychology. A Morehead scholar from New Haven, Conn., he attended the Outward Bound program in Hurricane Island in the Adirondacks located in upper New York. The scholarship was his incentive for choosing UNC, but he adds it was not so much the money as

it was the experience the scholarship provides.

"From where I'm from it seems really big," Theobale said. "It can be overwhelming for a guy coming from a nice, private school with 600 kids."

Theobale plans to try out for the golf team; he hopes this will help him become a part of the UNC community.

Chryssandra Watts, a basketball recruit from Connecticut plans to major in physical therapy. She hopes to keep her grades respectable while excelling in basketball. With her talent she had a choice for college, but she decided on UNC.

"It is a beautiful campus," Watts said, adding that it was one of the friendliest. She plans to play small forward or guard. "If I work hard enough in practice, I think I should get pretty good playing time," Watts said.

Michael Daniels comes to UNC because of the business school and he plans a major in either mathematics or business. Daniels enjoys water polo and is concerned with taking physics and figuring out his schedule. "I'd just like to make it through this semester all right," Daniels said. "I don't want to push myself too hard. I'll try budgeting my time."

Robin Martin didn't travel too far from her Durham home to go to college. "I know that the University has an excellent balance of a good academic reputation as well as the night life and social aspects," Martin said. Martin is unlike the majority of people who live in South Campus who find the long walk to classes monotonous. "I love my dorm (Ehringhaus)," Martin said. "I enjoy the walk; I thought I was going to dread it."

Carolyn Lyons from Durham said she hates all the walking. Lyons is majoring in computer science and hopes

to get involved in student government. Lyons never received her preregistration booklet, so she has been busy trying to find an adviser to find out what to do. "I would feel a lot better if I had someone to talk to that's already taken the classes," Lyons said. "My number one goal is to keep my grades up and try hard to keep up in classes so it won't be so hard on me exams." Lyons said her second goal was to have fun.

Renee Barrett said she enjoys people, and meeting many is her goal as well as studying hard. "I want to really keep my grades up because I've got a lot of pressure on me at home," Barrett said. "I want to please everybody and I want to encourage everybody to come here if I do well." Barrett is interested in nursing and hopes to become involved in student government and the gospel chorus.

Most freshmen did not have even a long drive to UNC from home, but freshman Eleftherios Christoforon had to cross the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean in order to get here from his native Cyprus. Like other freshmen he was ready to leave home. "It was time I would live my own life," Christoforon said.

All the trees and grass in Chapel Hill are a nice change said Christoforon. The streets, however, especially Franklin Street, are faster than in Cyprus. "The streets are more complicated and the people drive on the other side of the road here," he said. He comes prepared to study in the United States having studied English for five and a half years.

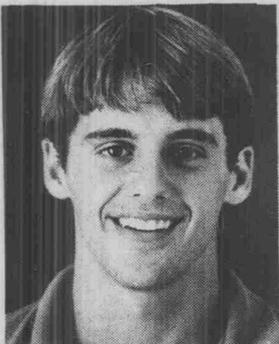
Christoforon plans to major in computer science, and he hopes to get used to the different slang and accents and roads in a couple of weeks. For now he said his biggest problem is one that other freshmen have: discovering where all the buildings are.



Ellen Walker



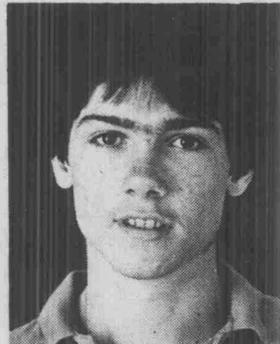
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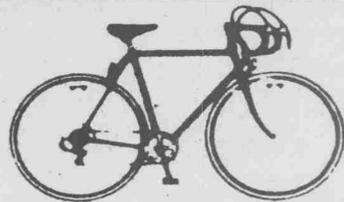
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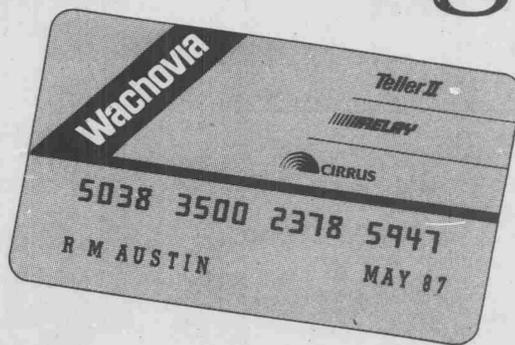
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