



The long lines begin

Freshmen and their families got their first taste of Chapel Hill's notorious lines. When students moved this weekend, streets like Raleigh Road became clogged with cars dropping off new and returning students to their residence halls. More waiting comes with drop-add.

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Sororities to rush only on weekend

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Sorority rush at UNC has undergone several changes since last year, and will not be held on weekdays this year.

Instead, rush parties will be held on the weekends of August 24 and September 7, with a break during the Labor Day holiday weekend, said Panhellenic Council President Julie Beaver. The purpose of this schedule adjustment is to have rush without interfering with academics, she said.

In addition, the Panhellenic Council now has its own computer programs that can print out every individual's schedule for each round, which will shorten the length of waiting period after selection sessions.

The original impetus for a schedule modification originated from a concern expressed by UNC administration last

spring to the Panhellenic Council. The UNC faculty was concerned about the time used for rush events during school weekdays. Representatives from sororities and Panhellenic Council representatives met and designed plans which they presented to their sororities. After debates and voting within each sorority, the new rush system was organized.

"A result of the '84 rush schedule is that more women have signed up for rush because it interferes less with schoolwork," Margie Benbow, panhellenic rush chairman, said.

Six hundred and seventy-five women have paid through rush and 300 more have signed up for information round.

Rush '84 officially begins Thursday night with an orientation program and slide show in Memorial Hall. Orientation is free and open to all UNC undergraduate women. The final oppor-

tunity to sign up to participate in rush is Thursday in the Pit from noon until 3 p.m.

First round, or information round, is scheduled for Friday from 5:15 to 9:45 p.m., when each sorority will hold an open house. "The rushees don't wear name tags, and dress is casual—shorts and shirts—so no one feels any pressure," a rush chairman for one sorority said. "The rushees have a chance to decide if they want to continue rush, and it also helps them to know what to expect when they go to a rush party."

She said the most important change is that rush is much more laid back. "The stress is on getting to know the girls, rather than spending as much time on skits, decorations and songs," she said.

This emphasis will hopefully interest girls who are turned away by stereotypes of sororities, and will encourage them

to find out what rush is about, another rush chairman said.

A new addition to rush this year is T-shirt round, which will be second round. Sisters and rushees wear their favorite t-shirts, "comfortable attire that helps everyone relax in the heat," Benbow said.

While sorority rush is a structured process, men's fraternity rush begins with an informal type of rush which varies with each organization. Some fraternities begin the year with an all campus party or smaller gatherings, such as cook-outs, basketball games, cocktail parties or mixers.

During informal rush the men meet each other, and formal invitations are issued during the final three days of rush. This year, formal rush for all fraternities is scheduled for September 16, 17, and 19.

Learn the lingo for best QPA

From OC, to Rat, to Ph.D

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Many faces at UNC will not hold a warm glow of academic excitement this week. The glow will more likely come from the frustrations of drop/add, the frantic search for a classroom, and an overall feeling of confusion. Perhaps one of the biggest pitfalls for students new to UNC is the Carolina lingo, for the initial experiences in Chapel Hill are indeed "initial" experiences.

Students first encounter this passion for abbreviation while selecting schools. Duke can stay Duke; North Carolina State is easily shortened to State. But the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill? Carolina is still four syllables, so UNC it usually becomes. The -Ch is added for the benefit of out-of-staters.

On the first day of orientation, students are estatically greeted by their OCs, officially known as Orientation Counselors. OCs are the lifeline for new students and can be distinguished during those first few days by brightly colored T-shirts announcing their occupations. They can be recognized later in the year by the limp they developed unloading suitcases and refrigerators while maintaining a cheerful attitude.

The next initial VIP is the RA. Resident Assistants are called many things in the course of a year, but they are generally referred to as RAs. RAs have the rather unenviable position of insuring that all members of their halls survive the school year relatively intact. This job includes serving as father, mother, sister, brother, counselor, warden, monitor, encyclopedia, social director and roommate referee.

A meeting with an Undergraduate Academic Adviser is also on the orientation agenda. Advisers must be treated with extreme respect. They are the people who attempt to keep students from enrolling in two courses at the same time. (Students should know what MWF and TTh signify before meeting with advisers. It makes things easier.) Advisers also insure that students meet their General College requirements. General College, GC, is a complicated two-year process and is too long to be explained in this paragraph.

The buildings on the UNC campus are referred to in abbreviated form on all student schedules. This saves money, paper, and is easier on the computer. The difficulty arises when students attempt to decipher this code. A

complete listing of buildings can be found in very few places, and new students are probably not aware they exist. This master list is essential, however. (Quick quiz: Which is GR an abbreviation of—Greenlaw, Graham, Gerrard, or Gardner?) Find a class schedule.

Classroom numbers are another aspect of UNC buildings new students should keep in mind. Students will not necessarily enter buildings on the first floor. It may look like the first floor, but it could easily be the second. Or the basement. Or the fifth. So, students should make sure they are on the right floor before they begin searching for the right room.

Classroom buildings are not the only ones hiding under abbreviations. Fraternities and sororities have added a new twist of their own. Not only do they identify their houses with initials, they use the letters of the Greek alphabet. Pronouncing a triangle can be a mind-bending experience for the uninitiated.

Carolina courses also speak a language of their own. Econ, psych, poli sci, anthro, BA, stat — with numbers ranging from 10 to 395 attached — all vie for a student's attention during registration. And with options like J-school, pre-med, and RTVMP, the possibilities are endless.

Social life at UNC has not remained free of catch words. Many students can be found socializing in the Pit, the Union, or the Undergrad. On football game weekends, following the noise will lead curious students to Frat Court or Franklin Street. The Rat and Purdy's also receive a share of student traffic. And new Tar Heels should not be surprised by all the attention Thursday's are given. Here at UNC, Thursday marks the official start of the Carolina weekend.

Students must work hard to maintain their QPAs if they plan on B.A.s, B.S.s, or Ph.D.s. But listening to WXYC or watching the PRC could hinder those midterms. Involvement in the CGC, CAA, BSM, RHA, or the Y (to abbreviate but a few) is also an important part of the extracurricular life at UNC.

By the end of the first semester, students should begin to master the UNC vocabulary. New students can seem like old Tar Heels by wearing Carolina blue, carrying a backpack, and speaking in initials. And don't forget to pick up a DTH.

Lady Greeks

UNC sororities offer more than a social life

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Sororities made their debut in 1870 and have existed at Carolina since 1923. Presently, there are 15 university-recognized sororities, and 11 of those are based in a house off campus. About 1300 women are part of sororities at UNC, and about 900 others will at least consider the option when they go through formal rush within the next three weeks.

Formal rush is the mechanism used by the majority of sororities through which a woman chooses a sorority and a sorority chooses its members.

Mary Erna Scovel, who last fall was a junior transfer from Salem College, said she pledged a sorority because it combined all the small-school advantages she'd left behind at Salem with the diversity of a large school like UNC.

"Joining a sorority gave me the closeness, unity and school spirit that I had at a small, girls school because there's a common interest among its members," Scovel said. "It's like having a Salem at Carolina except that it's better here because there's more of an opportunity to meet different kinds of people. And I think interacting with a variety of people is more like the real world."

Lori Putnam, a junior from Salisbury who pledged a sorority last spring, said she also feels joining a sorority is beneficial at a large school because it gives a student a type of homebase.

"Being at UNC without a sorority meant that I had one room to go to when I wasn't in class," Putnam said. "And you can get cabin fever pretty fast."

Even though you always have friends, with a sorority, you have a house or a home base from which you can spread out. That then gives you the opportunity to get to know several people better than "hi, I have a class with you three times a week."

While making friends is certainly the reason a lot of women pledge a sorority, Panhellenic President Julie Beaver said

she feels that sorority membership also stresses development of leadership and scholarship potential of its members.

"There are many offices in a sorority that give a woman opportunities to delegate responsibility and interact with other university organizations," Beaver said. "As for scholarship, it helps just having sisters around who help each other out in that area."

Beaver did add, however, that joining a sorority is not for everyone at Carolina.

"Sororities involve a major time commitment, and you are going to spend a great deal of time with the same people," Beaver said.

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she said. "We're concerned with women's issues, scholastics and other goals. Social things are only one-twentieth of what we do — and the rest is so much more important."

She added that it may be hard for people to change ideas about sororities if they've heard the same kinds of things about them all of their lives, but that the character of sororities has changed over the past few years.

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Sororities really are changing, however, and I think Carolina is one of the forerunners of the change."

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But she denied that UNC sororities have a problem with becoming purely socially-oriented.

"All the sororities here stand for the same thing," she said. "I think all Greek women are here to get an education as well as meet people and enjoy themselves."

Karen Culbreth, vice-president of University relations with the Panhellenic Council and a fifth-year member of a sorority, said that the social aspect of a sorority is only a small part of the entire picture for its members.

Culbreth said she couldn't think of any disadvantages to joining a sorority except that a woman might restrict herself to involvement in a sorority and nothing else.

"Some women might not branch out on campus, but if they're the kind that restricts themselves to only a few friends, they'd do that outside of a sorority too," she said. "And I even think you can't do that in a sorority because you have to deal with all these different people."



Sorority rush began earlier this year for UNC women

Professor has our best interests in mind

Following is a message from James R. Leutze, chairman of the Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense. The Daily Tar Heel asked Dr. Leutze to address his hopes and ideals for the Class of 1988.

What do I hope that you as a UNC student will get out of your years here in Chapel Hill? Surprisingly, I wish for you just what you probably wish for yourself: that four years here will help you to lead a happy, productive life. Where we may differ is the route by which you may approach that goal. My route would, at a minimum, include these considerations. First, you should prepare yourself broadly as well as narrowly. In all probability during the course of a long life you will have the opportunity to savor a variety of experiences; to exploit those opportunities you need both the discipline brought by specialization and the vision brought by wide exposure. Second, you should develop

habits of work and application that will allow you to break out of the video-fostered habit of resolution or entertainment in mini-segments. Life's challenges aren't resolved in 30 minutes; great literature doesn't skip lightly from high point to high point to climax; great art is not a montage of flashing images; great music is best appreciated between the ears rather than enhanced by the visual creations conjured up by a TV producer. And there is a difference between great literature, great art, great music, if one takes the time to learn the true attributes of greatness. Finally, I hope that you will learn enough of history, sociology, political science, and economics to help create a better world for yourself and others.

This last wish cannot be separated from the first two. Those who focus narrowly on their own professionalism and those whose appreciation of people and events is shaped by an expectation of instant gratification are the same people who elect hollow men

or women to high office. Make no mistake about it — there are plenty of people ready to control your world, your life, and your future. The best way to retain control for yourself is to accept the fact that the world didn't begin *de novo* the day you were born (history); realize that people aren't poor because they don't want to work (sociology); understand that booms and depressions don't happen without some reason (economics); learn that all politicians aren't created equal (political science); begin now to broaden your intellectual horizons (education); recognize the complexity of complex things (wisdom and through wisdom sympathy); and come to view the world not negatively, but with a critical eye (reality).

After saying all that, I'm still an optimist. I believe that with hard work — and a measure of luck — we'll make it, but we need your help and you can start justifying my optimism and your future happiness by beginning to chart your course here at Carolina.