

CHHS students seek the other side of town

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College is the great escape for most college students — from parents, high schools and curfews. Even Chapel Hill residents turned UNC students feel they're "off at school."

"It's sort of as if you're going away, as if you're going to another college," says Nina East, a 19-year-old sophomore who has lived in Chapel Hill 15 years. "And you don't have to go through all that orienting."

East lives on campus at the request of her parents. "They made me move into a dorm," she says with a laugh. "They made me leave home."

But it's still nice to know her folks are nearby. "You can go home if you need a car," she says, "or if you're starving."

David Pfaff, a 19-year-old sophomore from Chapel Hill, also chose dorm life. "Living in a dorm, you see and live with a totally different set of people," he says. "I don't think it's the same town at all (as in high school)."

"It's very much like being away at college. The phone calls home are free and I don't call very much."

His parents don't intrude on his private life, he adds. "It took my mom four months to see my room. . . . We just don't see that much of each other."

Several of Pfaff's Durham Academy classmates also chose to come to UNC, he says, but he has had many new friends here. "I don't see that many people (from high school). If I see them, I say hey, but I don't see them that much. I imagine it (college) could be a continuation of high school, but it doesn't have to be."

East agrees. "You don't ever feel like you're still in high school. . . . Every day you're gonna see people from high school. But it's OK, even if you can't stand them."

John Hughes, 19 and a Chapel Hill resident/student, has a different viewpoint. "A lot of people from the high school go to UNC, so it's sort of like an expanded high school," he says. "It's kind of a drag, because it's the same town. College should be a get-away."

There are lots of familiar faces for Hughes on campus. He and about 45 Chapel Hill High School students came to UNC in 1982, and 131 applied this year from a graduating class of 362.

But the picture isn't all bleak. Hughes sees some bright spots in hometown college life. "For most people, it's great," he says, "because they're immediately a Tar Heel. That's one of the biggest advantages, because you're a native and all these other people are from out-of-state."

Pfaff was a Tar Heel long before he was a student. "You become a pretty big fan," he says. "You've watched the teams closely over the years and you just get into it. . . . I had gotten caught up in the whole Tar Heel thing."

He also got caught up in the campus social scene while still in high school. "The older we got, the more we didn't want to do stupid high school things. We wanted to go to parties on campus." In December of his senior year, Pfaff realized he wanted to go to UNC.

East says she vowed never to attend UNC when she was in the 11th grade. Later, though, she had a practical change of heart. "It made so much more sense to come to Carolina because of the money," she says. "It's the best school for the money."

Even at freshman camp, man can meet his wife-to-be

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What's so great about freshman camp? Along with the advantage of having extra time to get acclimated to the University life, develop social habits and forge exotic friendships, she lies an opportunity to meet that truly special someone.

This proved wonderfully true for Dr. Paul Coughlin. On September 10, 1970, he participated in UNC's first coed freshman orientation camp. At that time orientation week was sponsored by the YMCA and held at Camp New Hope. Among the first batch of freshman women, Paul Coughlin met Barbara Bitler, and on July 10, 1976, about 6 years later, they were married.

Bitler came to Chapel Hill a little more confident than most freshmen. Living in Raleigh and attending a large high school, she said she'd always felt close to UNC and at ease with a large campus. Coughlin was not lacking in confidence either, having attended boys schools for most of his education. He had high hopes of being UNC's Casanova and entertaining all the women the school had to offer.

"But," Mrs. Coughlin said as she laughed, "I changed all that."

The fairy tale romance began at Camp New Hope. Coughlin had spotted Bitler earlier in the week. His first impression of her was that she was "charming and very attractive."

Determined to meet her, he switched places with a waiter at breakfast one morning. He waltzed up to Bitler's table, put on his best smile and quoted the menu, complete with egg souffle and country ham. The menu may not have been realistic, particularly for freshman camp, but as Paul said, "It did the trick."

Mrs. Coughlin recalled her first impressions of her husband similarly. She remembers that he was determined to meet her and that when she first talked with

him she thought "he was great—simply wonderful." He asked her to the first football game of the season, but she already had another date. That didn't stop Coughlin.

The two dated throughout their undergraduate years but managed to cultivate other friendships, too. "We felt it was important to see others and to branch out," Coughlin said. "Our relationship was slow and steady; we simply enjoyed each other."

Mrs. Coughlin agreed. "We never really thought about marriage, particularly that first week at freshman camp."

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Even after they graduated and Coughlin went to UNC medical school and she decided to go on to UNC law school, Mrs. Coughlin remembers thinking, "Ah, we'll just keep on dating."

However, Camp New Hope emerged again in their lives.

During the summer of 1975, Coughlin took Bitler back to Camp New Hope for a picnic. Coughlin said, "Barbara should have known that after five years of dating I was going to propose." But Mrs. Coughlin said she was "taken by complete surprise."

"Camp New Hope had become quite a memorable place for the two. They had met there as freshmen five years before, been co-chairmen of the camp when they were UNC seniors, and in 1975 they were there together again and engaged."

Mrs. Coughlin said their relationship was good for her during those undergraduate years. The two had similar

classes since both of them had originally started out pre-med.

"It was nice to have Paul to study with," Mrs. Coughlin said. "After a few hours of studying, we'd head to the dairy bar, which was located beside Hector's, for a hot fudge sundae." Coughlin agreed. "Having Barbara around me those years really helped my studying habits." He noted that being pre-med meant a great amount of studying, and it made it a lot easier when he knew someone else was studying with him.

On Weekends they'd frequent the Rathskeller and enjoy coffee and doughnuts at the Carolina Coffee Shop. They were also regular diners in the Pine Room.

They attended as many football and basketball games as they could. "Back then," Mrs. Coughlin said, "we could walk into the basketball games without waiting in line. That all changed in 1972."

As for the romantic side of their relationship, the Coughlins were not as talkative. Mrs. Coughlin said they spent a lot of time in the arboretum but quickly added, "wait a minute—that doesn't sound too good."

The Coughlins have been married for seven years. She is a lawyer in Raleigh with Young, Moore, Henderson, and Alvis. He is chief resident at Duke Medical Center.

Nine months ago they had a daughter, Sara, who, if all the genes were transferable, will be entering UNC freshman camp in about 17 years.

Looking back on those first years at UNC, the Coughlins have nothing but positive thoughts.

"Chapel Hill has such a stimulating environment. The education is outstanding; even for the nonacademic there is a variety of different people and different cultures," Coughlin said.

Mrs. Coughlin feels just as strongly about UNC. "UNC had a great impact on my life and it was all for the better."

Any last comments? They both agreed. "Thank goodness for freshman camp!"

Owning and enjoying pets breeds responsibilities

By JANE OSMENT
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When students leave home to come to college, they often leave friends behind. Sometimes they even leave man's best friends — their dogs.

Many students, however, are now realizing the joy and fun of bringing their dogs to school with them, and others are acquiring new dogs while at college, rather than confiscating the family pet.

However they acquire their dogs, these student pet owners share two things in common: they all may enjoy the pleasures of owning a dog, and they all must face the responsibilities of being masters — a responsibility many pet owners do not meet.

"Students are some of the worst pet owners," Mary Kennedy, secretary at the Chapel Hill Animal Shelter, said. "It's awfully hard for a person who works or goes to school to adequately take care of a pet — especially a dog."

Tina House, a senior geology major from Plymouth, agreed that keeping a dog poses a large responsibility for a student.

"My roommates and I talked about dogs before we moved in, and we decided

not to get one," she said. "Our apartment was too small, and we knew we'd be away a lot."

But House was speaking about the past, about a time before she and her roommates met Onyx, a little black puppy with big brown eyes.

"We came home from school one day and found her (Onyx) outside our apartment door. We brought her inside and fed her and played with her," House said.

"She was so cute and affectionate that we just couldn't turn her out again."

According to House, Onyx's adoption brought with it all the pleasures of owning a pet and all the responsibilities as well.

"Owning a dog requires paying an extra \$10 per month for apartment rent," she said.

Although the extra rent is a set fee, House told about ways she and her roommates can curb other economic responsibilities of pet ownership.

"One of the things we do to economize is buy the 50-pound bag of dog food," she said. "We also find old tennis balls, old socks and shoes and things she can play with instead of going out and buying her things."

Onyx may be missing out on a Hartz squeaky, plastic hamburger toy, squeaky, plastic french fries and a Hartz plastic newspaper called the Daily Growl, but House is sure Onyx doesn't mind.

"Dogs are like babies," she said. "You give them a big expensive present wrapped up so pretty, and they'll play with the bow."

Although House has found many ways to cut the expenses of owning a pet, she said she doesn't feel she can afford any little Onyxes.

"We do want to get her spayed," House said. "And we're going to call the animal shelter. They have cheaper rates."

Kennedy explained why rates at the animal shelter were cheaper than those charged by most veterinarians.

"We go through a New Jersey organization called Friends of Animals," she said. "To apply, you just come by the Animal Shelter for an application."

Kennedy said that along with sending in the application, pet owners must send \$35 to have a female dog spayed and \$20 to have a male dog neutered. Cat prices are \$19 for female spaying and \$13 for male neutering. All pet owners are eligible for these reduced prices.

Through the animal shelter, House can have Onyx spayed for almost half the price charged by many veterinarians. Consequently, House and her roommates can spend less time with pet responsibility and economizing and more time enjoying Onyx.

"She (Onyx) is a great study break," House said. "She's a smart dog and learns things very quickly."

House also seemed glad of Onyx's canine instinct. "I really feel safer with her in the apartment because she barks whenever she hears unusual things outside. A lot of times a bark may scare someone away."

Onyx's warning bark never frightens House, however, for House is always eager to come in from the outside to see her dog.

"She (Onyx) is so nice to come home to," House said. "And she is always so excited to see us too."

According to House, that moment of excitement shared by owner and pet make all the responsibilities of owning a dog seem very worthwhile.

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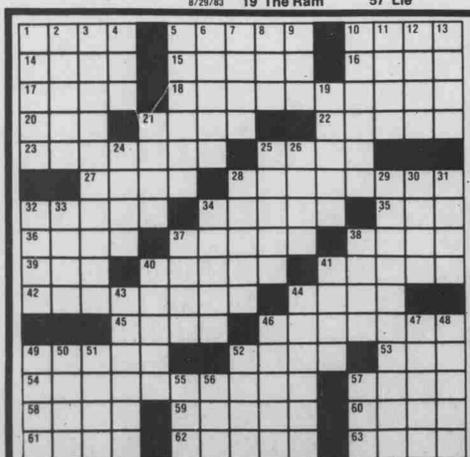
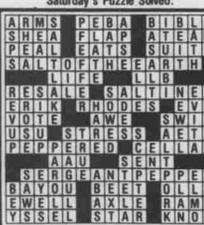
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved:



Bowie

everyone couldn't keep pace as they stumbled through what seemed like a 78 rpm version of the hit song. But the mood was high, and the crowd rocked hard all the same.

In 1972, when Ziggy Stardust hit the stage, Bowie was on the leading edge of Glitter Rock along with Elton John and T.

Rex. But the outrage of the Glitter Rock era burned out fast.

Bowie, meanwhile, was looking for something else — something more. Ziggy Stardust became more than just a stage character. Ziggy came to be the driving force behind Bowie.

"I found," Bowie said, "that I was

adopting the characters offstage. And then I found that I was living like that character, that the character was slowly evolving and taking over." Bowie was living the life of Ziggy.

And then he evolved into a new character called The Thin White Duke and released, in 1974, *David Live*. Bowie later said of that album, "That record should have been called *David Bowie Is Alive and Living Only in Theory*."

In 1975 came the release of *Young Americans* and the hit "Fame," Bowie's biggest single to that point. At the end of his 1976 tour he crashed in Berlin, empty and drained.

During the "cleaning-up" period that followed, Bowie released *Low*, "Heroes" and *Lodger*.

Bowie may be more at peace now, but it wasn't an easy or clean break from his earlier years.

"There is no definitive David Bowie," he once said. And although he has shed the characters of Ziggy and the Duke, he still remains an enigma.

In his 1979 album *Lodgers*, he attempted to bury his old personas. But it wasn't until *Let's Dance* that Bowie really seemed to be free.

In between *Lodgers* and his latest album, he released 1980's *Scary Monsters (and Super Creeps)*.

Two of his best songs, "Ashes to Ashes" and the title track, came off that LP. Bowie still hadn't found a definite sound, but at least he was picking up the pieces. As he says in *Ashes to Ashes*: "I've never done good things/I've never done bad things/I've never done anything out of the blue."

An earth-colored balloon appears on stage, spots focused brightly on the globe as the crowd silences itself in tense anticipation.

Sitting quietly near the back of the stage, Bowie strums his acoustic guitar.

"Ground control to Major Tom. . . ." he sings ominously. "Space Oddity" has begun.

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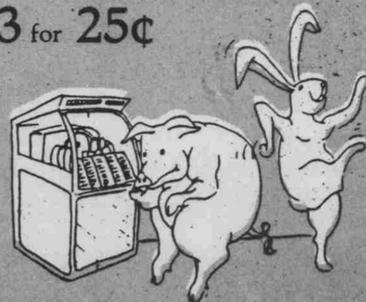
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