

SPEAK EASY



Kent Lioret

As part of Human Rights Week, there will be a bag lunch discussion in the Pit about the Death Penalty at noon today.

How do you personally feel about the Death Penalty? Are you for or against it?

Kent Lioret, visiting lecturer in romance languages, Pasadena, Calif.: "The death penalty doesn't work. It's supposed to be a deterrent, but it doesn't function as one. It seems to be an economic one to ease the burden on the rest of society in order to keep dangerous people from being let loose."



Stephen Klein

Stephen Klein, graduate student in philosophy, New York: "I'm definitely against the death penalty. I don't think one human being has the right to take another's life."

Darryl Roseboro, junior, biology major, Winston-Salem: "I don't feel another human life should be taken. Criminals should be punished, but I don't have the answer as to how they should be punished for violent crimes."

Dawn Patterson, freshman, nursing major, Lenoir: "I have mixed emotions about the issue. As far as some crimes are concerned, especially in the case of first-degree murder, I think the death penalty is all right. The death penalty is appropriate for severe crimes."

Mary Angel Blount, senior, French major, Washington: "I'm not sure it works as a deterrent to crime, which is the purpose. My roommate was reading an article to me about how they were injecting live cancer cells into some people, and I definitely don't agree with that."

Gregory Kats, UNC alumni, Clinton, Conn.: "I think it is irritating that it's not used frequently enough, because when it is used it causes such an uproar. It is a deterrent to crime, and I'm in favor of it."

Interviews conducted by Heidi Owen. Photos by Lori Heemann.



Dawn Patterson



Mary Angel Blount



Gregory Kats

UNC attracts Fortune 500 for interviews

By JOEL KATZENSTEIN
Staff Writer

Students are finding that their attendance at UNC may actually enhance their chances of being hired by one of the nation's major corporations.

The number of universities being used as interview sites by the Fortune 500 companies has decreased substantially because of the economy, but UNC has survived each cut, said Marcia Harris, the director of the University Career Planning and Placement Service.

"Because of its geographic location, its educational opportunities and its quality of students, UNC is a prime location for on-campus interviewing," Harris said.

"In the last several years, companies have had to drastically reduce the number of schools used for interviewing prospective employees," she said. Each time UNC has ranked very high in those schools remaining.

Harris said improvements are necessary in the UCPPS office to enhance the interviewing process for both the students and employers.

"A year ago there were some very serious problems in the (Career Planning and Placement) office," Harris said. "Students signed up for interviews on a first come-first serve basis. They would camp out all night in order to get their name on the sign-up sheet and this system proved ineffective for everyone."

Students were unhappy because their chances for getting in were poor, Harris said. If they didn't camp out they were likely to forfeit a place on the interview schedule.

"The whole situation was terrible," senior accounting major Ellen Goldberg said. She said it was embarrassing for students because interviewers would see them at their worst after they had spent all night in line.

Harris said this problem was eliminated with the initiation of the pre-screening program at UCPPS. "Students submit their grades and their resumes to us and then the employers decide who they want to see."

Goldberg said, "When I go into an interview, I'm more confident because I know I got in on my accounting ability and not my ability to stand in line all night."

This seems to have solved most of the problems for employers

and for students. "Of course, there are students who feel they don't have a chance with pre-screening, but that is where the UCPPS office can help," Harris said.

She said if students take advantage of the recently restructured career planning system, their chances for getting the right interviews will be much improved.

"The UCPPS office used to be designed for the use of seniors and graduate students — underclassmen were sent to Nash Hall or to their advisors," Harris said.

"Now we are encouraging students to come in their freshman year to identify skill strengths and weaknesses and to determine in what directions they should go academically," Harris said. The biggest problem lies with the liberal arts major. "They have the hardest time finding jobs because they aren't properly prepared for the job market."

"We have seven professional counselors, including myself, all of whom have, or will have, their master's degrees in counseling," she said.

"Each counselor has a specific field of training, which enables us to give students the kind of attention they need. For example, I counsel students with interests in math and computer science."

"There are many students whose career goals are unclear, she said. "In addition to counseling, we offer workshops, seminars and even a course called 'Career Planning for the Liberal Arts Student' which can be taken for an hour of academic credit."

The UCPPS office recently received additional funding that will enable it to add two new interview rooms and possibly a computer system by next fall.

"The computer system will enable us to enter available student and employer information. Then we will be able to match the most qualified students to prospective employers," Harris said.

The UCPPS office also hopes to attract more small businesses to UNC. "We want more Fortune 500 companies to interview here, but we also want to bring in more small companies," she said. "Sixty-five percent of new employees are hired by small companies with as few as 25 people. Therefore, we want to increase their recruiting on campus, and we hope to get 400 small to mid-size employers."

"We want to make sure that students have the best possible chance of finding a job before they graduate."

Orientation commission applications still accepted

By DICK ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Orientation. Chances are those first days here at Carolina.

Now is the chance to get in on the behind-the-scenes action. Applications are being taken through Friday for nine positions on the University's 1984-85 orientation commission.

"We use a student commission because we want the students' perspective as to what kind of transfer would be easiest for those students coming out of high school or junior colleges," Shirley Hunter, assistant dean of student life and orientation director, said.

"The longer we work at this, the further removed we become (from student

input)," she said. "The value of student participation is they can put (students' ideas) into more specific terms."

The nine commission positions open are: chairperson, freshman programs coordinator, transfer program coordinator, graduate program coordinator, Tar Heel Days/major projects coordinator, operations coordinator, budget coordinator, publications/information packets coordinator and media productions coordinator. A tenth position, on-campus coordinator, is appointed by the Black Student Movement, Hunter said.

Among the new challenges the commission would face in the coming year was planning social events without alcoholic consumption, Hunter said.

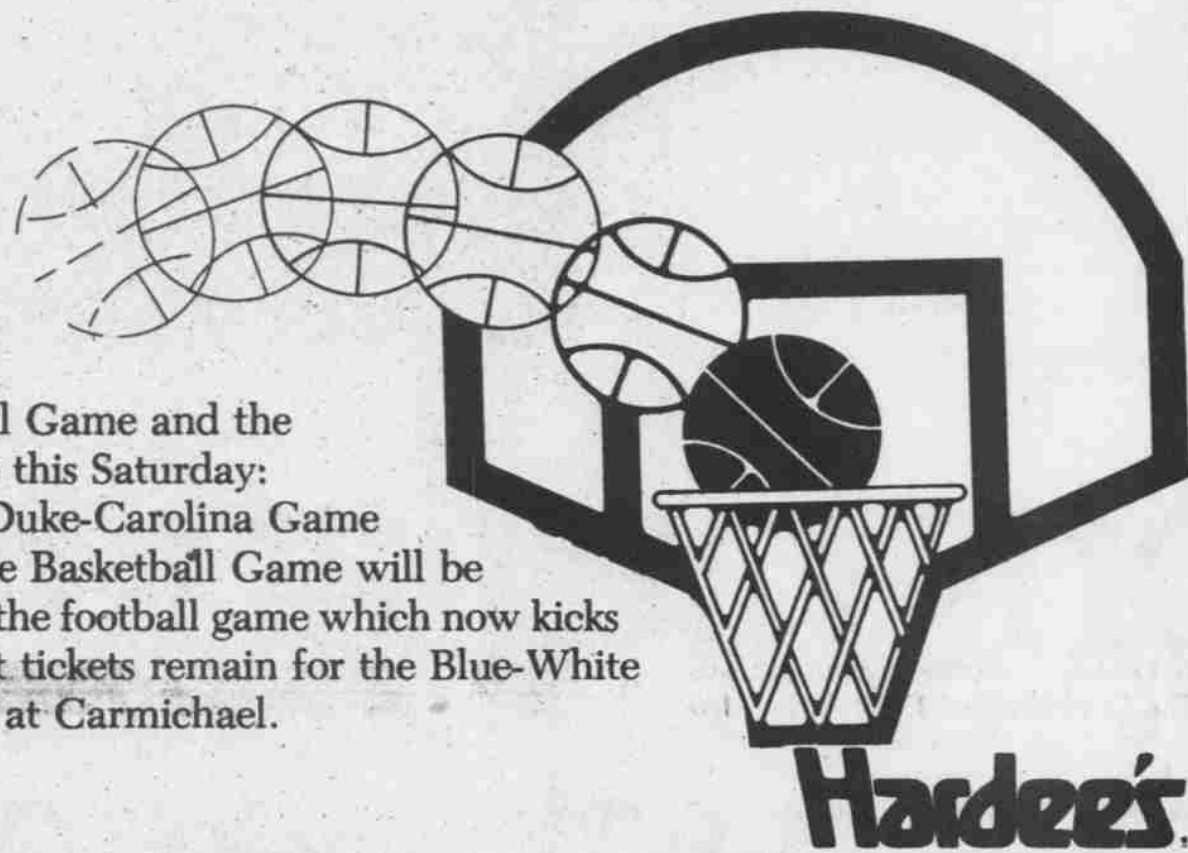
"Over the years in some of the social

programming, beer has been served to those of legal age to drink it," she said. "My opinion is that with the drinking age being raised to 19, I don't know that we would have a meaningful number (of students to plan such events for)." She added that planning events with alcohol would be more destructive than constructive.

Commission members would be expected to work at least two office hours a week and attend weekly meetings and special training seminars such as retreats, Hunter said.

"I'm surprised that there aren't more students that are interested in applying for these positions," Hunter said. Orientation is one time when an individual has the opportunity to influence a large number of people, she said.

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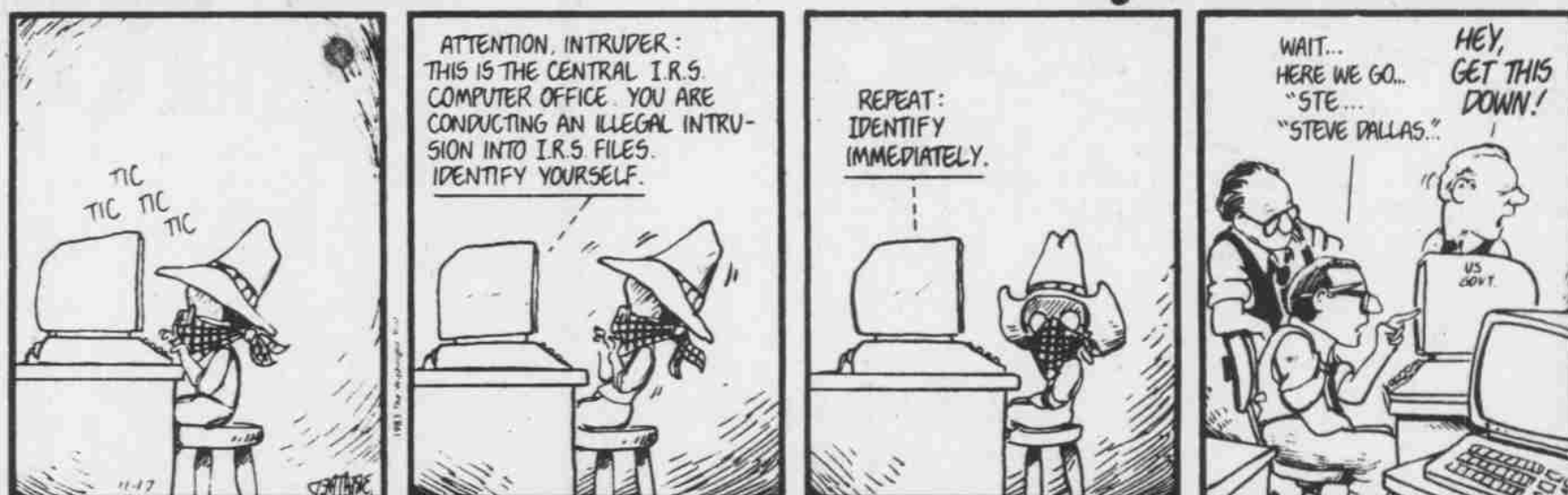
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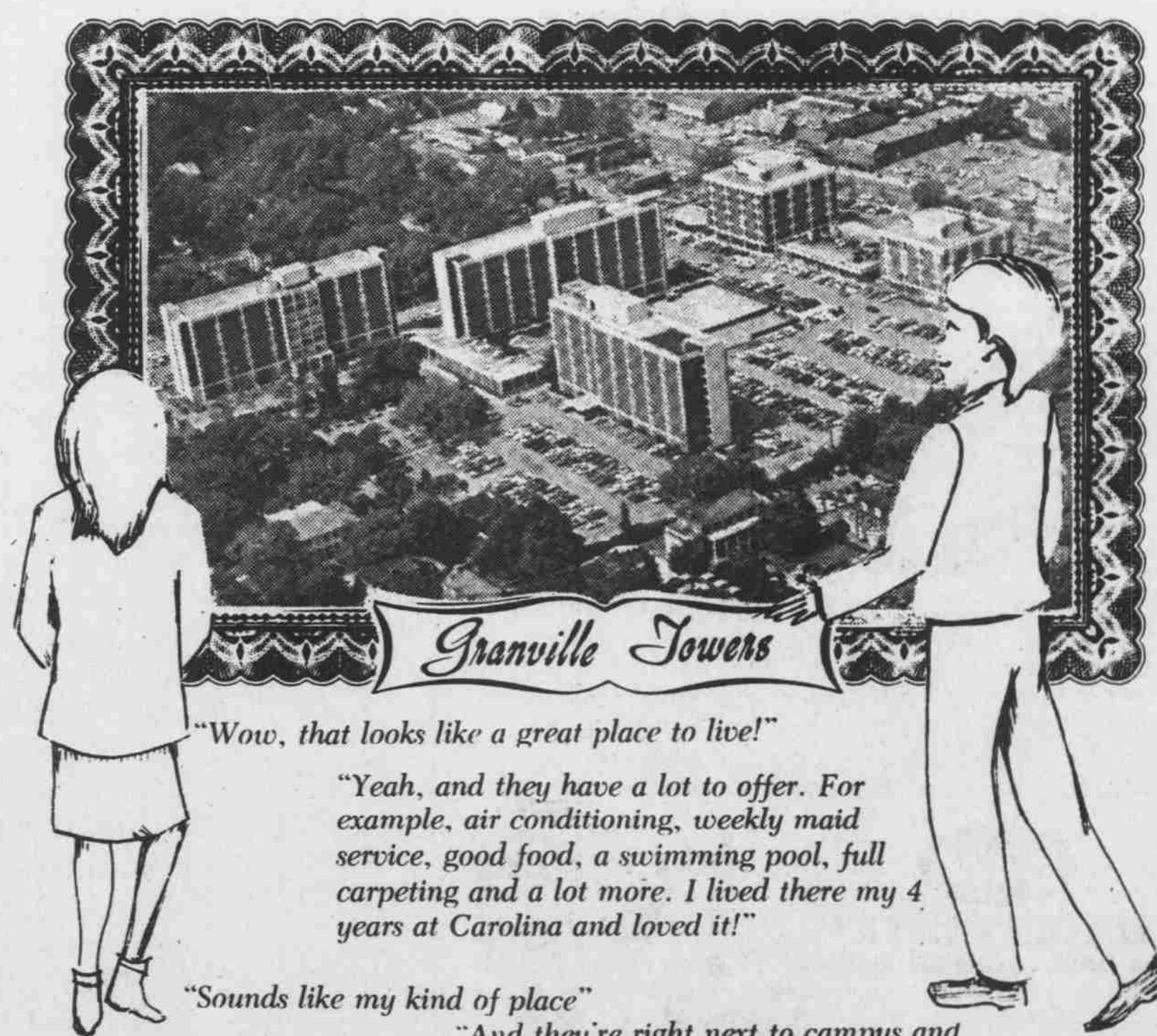


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