The Tar Heel

92nd year of editorial freedom

Make the most of it

If there is a period in everyone's life that is most subject to distortion, it is passed the preliminary trials of placement college. Before we enter it, we look to it tests, awkward dormitory meetings, initial as the heaven of freedom to which we will roommate adjustments, and a previously ascend after the identity-suffocating unimaginable number of long lines, life harnesses of adolescent peer pressure and at UNC most likely seems a bit intimadlife at home. After we leave it, we look iting, and very confusing; for the seniors back at it as a time when we had been and even some of the juniors, it seems allowed to enjoy the respect given adults mundane, redundant. Neither group, but had not yet begun to feel the full weight however, would contest the privelege of of the responsibilities of everyday living being a part of what is considered by many

> promise, we procras- and fraternal spirit. tinate. Courses are

a completely unique pressed to mimic;

haps the most influential in determining intimate community the kind of people we go on to become, in which there is a not only in our public lives but in our ready-made accessiprivate moments as well. In learning to bility to a remarkalive with different types of people - in ble diversity of the classroom and in the dormitory — we would-be friends. To learn some of the most important lessons be sure, it's not the of living: tolerance, compassion, com- real world. But it's a promise. In dragging ourselves through pretty attractive one. the quagmire of academic requirements, Bear this all in mind. The temptation, we find out what interests us, what doesn't, of course, is to circulate among the most what might be a wise career path to choose, familiar people, take the safest courses, what might not. Some of us will hold pursue the most hackneyed of social positions of importance and influence in opportunities. But it doesn't have to be this relatively small community that will that way. Don't look back years from now seem grander than any post we hold later with regrets of what could have been tried in life. Lifelong friendships will be borne only in college; minimize those regrets from these heady days, as may a marriage now. Seize the moment. And, above all, or two.

For the 3,450 freshmen who have just creating a career, supporting oneself one of the finest institutions of learning, or an entire family. And then there's the public or private, in the nation. A place ephemeral period of where a diverse group of human beings four years when we have that rare chance in life to interact actually are here: we in a community devoted to the broadening complain, we com- of horizons. A place of both scholarship

> Words to the wise? Perhaps the best too tough, living con- advice for the starry-eyed class of 1988, ditions too shabby, the 186th class to enter UNC, is also the social engagements best advice for the seasoned veterans of too few and far the class of 1985. And that advice is: between. It is, we maintain a proper perspective. For some, assure ourselves, not these college days are not the best all it could be. It moments in life; for others, they are. Either would be better else- way, memory will distort them, just as where. It would be anticipation did. So before you begin your better "if." Life will first — or second, third or fourth — year be better after col- at UNC, take a look at the here and now, lege. Life was better at what's available. Academics aside, the University community offers the individ-In all these ways of ual unparalleled resources and opportunthinking, there is one ities: athletic facilities no private health constant, one truth. club could duplicate; a variety of artistic The college years are happenings urban centers would be hard-

period of life, per- and, above all, an



have a great year.

We claim no part . . .

campus has taken the freedom-of-the- by to ask if these various tabloids were press maxim to heart. Seniors are handed our work. a Newsletter, which went so far as to solicit advertising. The Student Stores

Well, now. It seems everyone on and more than one freshman has come

To clear the air: We had nothing to published an advertising guide, which do with any of it. We just stick to putting rather subversively fills DTH drop sites. out our little ol' daily. Should this trend The Sports Club Council printed up a toward rampant publications continue four-page guide to Carolina sports and further questions arise, stick by this (actually a commendable effort and a rule of thumb: If it doesn't wear The remarkably useful guide to University Daily Tar Heel banner, it isn't a product athletic opportunities for new students), of ours. Oh, and look for the Union label.

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The changing face of U.S. politics

By WAYNE THOMPSON

O: How do you scare a Democrat? A: Talk about the future.

Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale may not have realized the irony when he said it was the Republicans who stand on a trapdoor. There, up on the podium of the Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco, stood the man who could have fired the enthusiasm of potentially 93 million baby-boom voters and nailed shut the Democrats' own trapdoor - a true Republican majority party, following a realignment in '88.

Of course, the man was Gary Hart, and his prophetic warning about rebuilding the New Deal coalition's working-class Protestants, Catholics, union members and Southern Conservative Democrats with the "failed policies of the past" went unheeded.

Hart pollster Pat Caddell says Mondale's failure to speak to the baby boom's age group (25-34) could cause a realignment in national politics. Says Caddell in a recent Time magazine interview: "Since 1960, every Democratic nominee has carried younger voters. All of a sudden in June, they go to the worst."

Non-political, outside research confirms Caddell's fears. In 1981, Adam Clymer and Kathleen Frankovic wrote in Public Opinion that "with just a little more movement and a higher rate of voting (only a third of the population voted in the 1980 presidential election) the baby-boomers could

cement a Republican plurality for a generation." Political analyst Horace Busby says the figures represent a potential 59.8 million voters untapped in the 28 to 44 age group, with 33 million more boomers eligible to vote in the 20 to 27 age group. The group could become the party's electoral front line with a little moderation.

According to Caddell and Hart media consultant Raymond Strother, baby-boomers, like Republicans, are skeptical of the New Deal and Big Government programs and are conservative on economic issues. Culturally, they're more liberal than the Republicans of the party's right wing, but not that far away from moderates like Ford and Vice President George Bush.

But down in Dallas the neoconservatives, led by our own Sen. Jesse Helms and his gun-toting sidekick, Rep. Jack Kemp of New York, have written themselves a platform even the White House is embarrassed about. They've resurrected the gold standard as the bedrock of a stable currency, given the president no room at all to maneuver on taxes,



Hart: prophetic warning?



Helms and Reagan: Too far to the right?

shut out women and minorities and dogmatically clung to Jerry Falwell-like stances on abortion and

Should anyone doubt the GOP leadership's thoughts on the platform and the Dallasdominance of the New Right, all one has to do is listen to White House Chief of Staff James Baker, Reagan confidant and Republican Party general chairman Sen. Paul Laxalt of Nevada, and Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker. All call the platform "non-binding" and are realistic enough to understand that leaving the GOP's future to the New Right is like turning your back on Jesse James.

Says Laxalt of the New Right: "It wouldn't surprise me in the least to see an independent party emerge out of the hard right in the '80s. I think that's where it's going - I hope that's where it's

The independent party Laxalt speaks of is already being mapped out by Conservative Caucus Chairman Howard Phillips, direct-mail specialist and Conservative Digest editor Richard Viguerie and Paul Weyrich, the president of Coalitions for America. Their vehicle for 1988 is called the Populist Conservative Party and its electoral base would be conservative Republicans and George Wallace Democrats.

If they had their way now, Reagan would be campaigning for re-election by calling for an end to diplomatic ties with China and immediate normalization of relations with Taiwan, nuclear superiority over the Soviet Union and no arms control agreements, drastic cuts in social spending in all categories, and discontinuance of efforts to recodify federal regulations discriminatory to

The mentality of PCP's planners can be seen in their opposition to the appointment of Sandra Day O'Connor to the U.S. Supreme Court and their labeling of Reagan as "timid" because he "avoided" making across-the-board cuts to balance the budget.

Reagan wised up to Viguerie in 1976 when he denied Viguerie the party's fundraising account for his support of former Texas Gov. John Connally. He's also kept his distance from Viguerie-favorite Helms as seen in the Falklands War and administration support of Jose Napoleon Duarte in El Salvador examples.

So far Reagan has resisted the pressure from Helms and the neoconservatives to oust former Ford aide Baker and other moderate advisers from the White House. An unnamed administration official in the Washington Post was quoted as saying that Reagan was merely "letting the right blow off steam," or, as Kansas Sen. Bob Dole said, "the platform is something you put your coffee on

Here in North Carolina the struggle for the party's future is taking place between the Congressional Club chairman-Tom Ellis wing, which includes Helms, and the more moderate wing represented

The difference between the two philosophies is expressed clearly in attitudes toward blacks. Ellis says blacks aren't going to vote for Helms, so why waste time recruiting them? Holshouser and Martin encourage blacks to vote Republican and they welcome their support.

by gubernatorial candidate Jim Martin and former

Gov. James Holshouser.

Gene Anderson, Holshouser's full-time administrative assistant, says he agrees with Senate majority leader Howard Baker that the first thing Republicans have to do is make blacks feel welcome. "There is a black middle and upper class concerned about the same problems as the white middle and upper class: jobs and education for their kids.

"Jesse Helms tends to push away black support when he could get 15-20 percent. All he sees is the 85 or 90 percent voting against him."

Political observers agree with Congressional Club critic Anderson that a Martin win against Attorney General Rufus Edmisten in the governor's race and a Helms loss to Hunt would bring about a resurgence of the moderates and a better chance for Republicans to build the strong statewide party organization needed to become a force in the General Assembly. Republicans held only six of 50 seats in the N.C. Senate in the last full session.

While the media focus in Dallas may be on the successor to Reagan, Republicans at the convention and here in the state are emphasizing the importance of the next four years. For the Republicans to regain their 1947 control of both houses of Congress and make inroads in governorships and legislatures, they must stay near the center.

Even in 1980, the American electorate was left of Reagan. The University of Michigan's 1980 American National Election Study found that on Carter-Reagan campaign issues ranging from inflation and unemployment to defense spending voters placed themselves near the center and left of Reagan even on an issue like increased defense spending where they were right of center.

Reagan pollster Richard Wirthlin thinks the Reagan themes of "opportunity, hope and individualism" can inspire the GOP's new-found young voters. Speaking as a moderate Republican, the Grand Old Party should also listen to Ford. "Elections are won in the center," he says.

Jesse, are you listening?

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Pictures worth quite a few words

By KATHRYN HOPPER

Have you met Herbert Pippin? He's a freshman from Wendell who wants to go to medical school, and he's interested in people and tennis. He looks like a pretty cool guy.

I haven't yet met him either, but his picture jumped out at me as I flipped through the latest Freshman Record, full of information promising to tell me everything I need to know about Herb (I feel like I can call him Herb now.)

The Record is more than just a collection of photographs. It allows you to learn about your fellow Tar Heels without enduring endless hours of conversation at superficial dormitory parties.

What exactly does the Record let students do?

• Find blind dates. A friend of mine, Liz, got invited to her first Granville West stranger mixer after some guys there OK'd her picture in the Record.

what his name was. He told her, and she found him in the book. The entry told Liz he was a physics major interested in computers and macrame.

•Use pictures in the book as conversation pieces when a party starts slowing down. Some of the more common poses this year are the ever-popular "leaning-against-tree" pose and the "resting-on-fence" one. Others include the "double-exposure," which shows a person looking at himself, the "Joan-Collins-sultrycome-on" pose, exemplified by Alecia Flowers of Clayton, and the "GQ model" pose, complete with jacket draped over shoulders, as demonstrated by David Slovensky of Raleigh

Poses that are going out of style include the "wheelbarrow" and "wicker-chair" shots.

Some pictures tell more than others. For example, Clement Monroe from Pinehurst looks like he's

dressed in his high school football uniform. And for George Scott of Statesville, college could be a risky business. Decked out in his Ray-ban Liz, a partier, declined the date. shades, dangling Marlboro cigarette and Tom Cruise haircut, Scott seems

> ready to deal in human fulfillment. •Find out what your friend's interests are. Most freshmen use a list supplied on the information form to indicate their interests and hobbies, but some write in their own. The Most Unique Entry Award goes to Barbara Cook of Hickory, who said she was interested in breathing. When I was a freshman, one of the

> most popular entries was student government. This year, computers have more followers than ever before. That's no surprise to me. Girls today are much more interested in the career-oriented guys in the basement of Phillips than the liberal politicos

in Suite C. Of course, none of the information in the *Record* means anything. I wrote

Liz asked the one on the phone ready to tackle his freshman year, that I was a health administration major interested in drama. Since then, I haven't taken one health-related class or appeared in one play. As for those freshmen who wrote that they were pre-med or pre-law, well, I'll see you in the halls of Greenlaw.

In fact, a few weeks into the first semester, many freshmen would rather not be remembered for their appearance in the Record. To all those freshmen whose mothers picked the pictures, or whose faces were too close to the cameras or whose zits showed like bugs splattered on car windows, it's not over. Yackety Yack shutter-

bugs will soon be roving the campus. Keep the Record handy. Study the book and master the art of surfacelevel conversation.

Kathryn Hopper says that she is a junior journalism major from Greensboro, that she writes for The Daily Tar Heel and that her interests are fraternity boys and T'Boli earrings. Her mother sent the picture.

What we do, why we do it

By JEFF HIDAY

Quite early last Wednesday, about 5 a.m., six or so dedicated but bleary-eyed Daily Tar Heel staffers emerged from our little corner of the Union. They'd just put to bed the semester's first issue, and, according to one, they were "punch-happy" at that stage where you're so tired you can't

Another long night-turned-dawn in the 92-year history of The Daily Tar Heel. Another example of a newspaper taking most of its impetus from a student staff which labors far beyond the call of duty.

There is but one goal behind all the madness: to provide a good student newspaper. By my reckoning, if awards and accolades are any indication, the mission has been a success, if not always a Pyrrhic one.

Along those lines, the question I hear most often is whether Daily Tar Heel staffers get paid for their "misery." Since none of the two dozen would-be DTH staffers who have come by in the past week seeking work mentioned salary requirements, I'll address the subject here.

A few who work here are professionals fulltime, paid employees who punch out each day on a time clock. They manage the paper's finances, direct its advertising and typeset its contents. They are not students.

But as far as the rest of the mostly-student staff of about 100 is concerned, judge for yourself. I, for example, am the highest paid "employee." I get \$120 a month, which works out to about 75 cents an hour. Our assistant managing editors who typically put in the same 40-hour work week as - must work two hours to pay for a Pepsi.

Reporters do not get paid. I think it is safe to say, therefore, that the character of the paper is that of volunteer work, something which adds to its flavor and commands

While instinct has The Daily Tar Heel striving to be a good student newspaper, there are no official guidelines. If there were, they might look something

• To provide its readers with current news coverage of the activities of the campus, the community, and to the extent permitted by space and time limitations, the state, nation and world.

To provide an outlet for the expression of student thought and opinion, as exemplified by the caption "92 years of editorial freedom" under the masthead.

To provide a method of gaining experience for those students interested in the fields of journalism (all facets of newspapering, including writing, editing, graphics and printing) and business. Of those, the most critical is the second. We are fortunate to be one of the few major college papers in the nation entirely free of administrative control.

South Building has, as a general rule, adopted a firm policy of non-intervention, operating under the admirable belief that students, granted the chance to be responsible, will produce a fair, honest and worthwhile paper

All editorials appearing in the left-hand columns of this page are the opinion of The Daily Tar Heel, and are written by one of four DTH editorial board members: the editor, editorial page editor, associate editor and editorial writer.

We intend to fill those columns daily with our worries, concerns and perceptions, and impart whatever solutions seem most logical and beneficial. No doubt, many of you will find fault with our observations, and you are hereby encouraged to take us to task by way of a letter to the editor. Help us improve the paper through your criticism

Most years, we at The Daily Tar Heel print a huge, five-section paper on the first day of classes today. It is a magnificent compendium of University information, including most everything you need to start off the semester on the right foot.

Unfortunately, reading that first-day paper has always been a little like trying to read the grafitti on the bathroom walls of the Undergraduate Library in an hour. Impossible.

This year, to remedy the problem, we've spread the sections across three days: Our Orientation section, which hit the streets last Wednesday, ballooned from its usual 8 pages to two sections and 20 pages. Today we publish three sections: News, Sports and, in hand, Perspective, Tomorrow expect a special Entertainment section chock full of movie reviews and a DTH guide to Triangle

area nightlife in addition to, of course, our regular

news coverage. By Wednesday, I figure, we'll be plum tuckered out, all too ready to resume publishing our little ol' six- and eight-page daily.

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