

The Tar Heel

Inter-Varsity: fellowship, fun *UNC survival tips*

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Freshmen should be involved in a religious fellowship in college for the learning and growing experience, according to Charles Wiley, former Inter-Varsity staff member at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

According to Jimmy Long, regional director of Inter-Varsity for North Carolina and Virginia and staff team leader at UNC, IV is a student-led organization on a college campus whose purpose is to bring Christians together for fellowship and to help others know about Jesus Christ.

Student participation in the Inter-Varsity has grown greatly since its 1971 beginning. Although there were only two members in 1971 at UNC-CH, there are over 500 involved now, Long said. "In fact, of the 800 fellowships in the nation, UNC has the largest fellowship."

The two main parts of IV are a small group of six to 12 students led by students that meets weekly to study scripture and build trusting friendships and a large chapter group meeting every two weeks for worship, learning, fellowship, singing and skits.

There are six chapters at UNC-CH, divided geographically. Five are undergraduate chapters representing mid, south, north, Granville and off campus and one graduate chapter.

Brian Carroll, large group coordinator of mid campus, said that a personal relationship with our creator was important to set the pace for our life. "It's a priority and getting involved with a fellowship on campus is a means to that end," he said.

"A large group is important to fellowship since it's the only time the chapter comes together," he said. "The speakers go on a wide range (sic), from a pastor to a dentist, whoever in the past has a certain expertise in their area, can deal with it clearly and come across to college students smoothly."

Long said that IV differed from other fellowships on campus because it was interdenominational. "We also have a strong emphasis on building fellowship with small group as a core in involvement," he said.

"IV is not a church," he added. "But it provides opportunity for non-Christians, who would not step inside a church; provides fellowship away from local church; provides fellowship with people the same age; and

provides leadership training."

Carroll said that which fellowship to choose is not the most important issue. "The various fellowships are hopefully working together, therefore, getting involved is the most important thing," he said.

There will be an orientation picnic Thursday, Aug. 22 at 5 p.m. New students are invited to meet in front of Davis library.

"This will be an introduction and first opportunity to get involved with small groups," Carroll said. "There will be food and singing. It will be real loose."

The all campus meeting will be Monday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall in the Student Union.

Carroll said that this will be one of the two times during the semester that all 600 members get together for fellowship and another chance for people to get involved.

"It has traditionally kicked off the year for IV," he said. "There are a lot of people and effort involved in it."

Anyone who wanted information on other fellowships can contact Bob Phillips, chairman of the UNC Chaplain Association and Baptist campus pastor, at 942-4266.

Long can be contacted at 929-8593 or 967-6395.

By JEFF TREXLER

When it comes to picking classes and careers, most of us are like children choosing what vegetables they want for dinner. We take only what we like, and we hate many things we have not tried. If you have read your student manual, you know that UNC-Chapel Hill acts like your dad — you cannot eat dessert (that is, graduate) unless you have had a little of everything that is on the table. To avoid trouble during your four-year dinner, here are some hints on how to become the ideal UNC-CH Well-Rounded Person.

- 1) Know the requirement system well. Before you meet with your advisor, understand what you have to take and when you have to take it.
- 2) Get your requirements out of the way quickly. Three years down the road, you will feel frustrated if you cannot spend much time on your major because you still have to fill General College requirements.
- 3) If you cannot swim, take Beginning Swimming as soon as possible. You have to pass the swim test sometime, so why not learn to swim this fall? Waiting

three years will only increase your fears, and you will be missing a whole lot of beach and pool fun.

- 4) Take courses in things you have never had before. You may actually find yourself liking something once foreign to you.
- 5) Take your required courses seriously. As you learn more about other subjects, you will be learning more about yourself. You will learn where your interests and strengths are, and eventually you will be more prepared to make a responsible choice when selecting a major.
- 6) Do not go overboard. If there is something you know you absolutely cannot do, you should not feel like you have to try it. Within each requirement field, there are enough options for you to choose something with which you can feel comfortable.

There you have it — your own personal guide on being well-rounded. Just follow these tips, and you will be enjoying your well-deserved dessert before you can spell — or eat — zucchini.

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Student legislature

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The North Carolina Student Legislature, better known as NCSL, is an organization on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus for students who are interested in state and federal government, debate, travel, meeting people and fun!

NCSL educates students by providing hands-on experience in the legislative process, familiarizing them with issues and research methods.

NCSL also serves as a forum through which students can express their opinions and ideas to elected officials.

All of the activities of NCSL are open to any interested student, regardless of his major or field of interest; election is not required. Although the practice of debating issues can often lead to political disagreements, the balance of conser-

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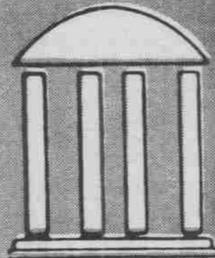
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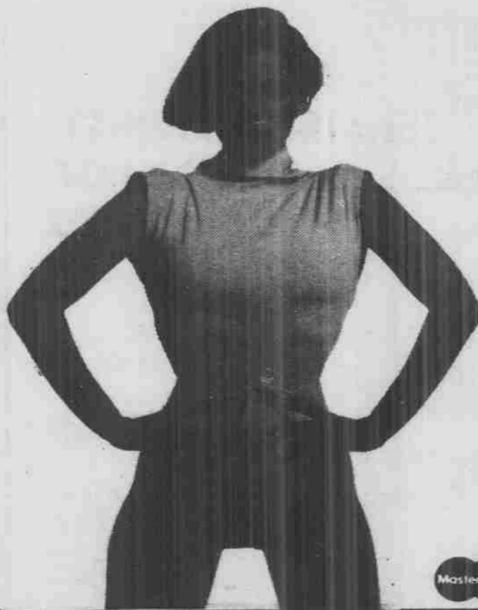
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