

# The Tar Heel

## Graduating seniors speak their minds

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Approximately 3300 students graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on May 12. Many have been involved in everything from academics and publications to Student Government and college athletics.

Lucia Halpern, a Latin American Studies and Political Science major from Charlotte, had the option of going to a small liberal arts college or coming to UNC-CH. She said she chose Carolina because it provided the greatest challenge.

"If you can succeed in a big college environment, it is like succeeding in a big corporation," she said. "UNC has more of a real world atmosphere." Halpern was president of the Carolina Union her junior year, a job which took about 30 hours per week. She was also involved in Student Government, Campus Y, and the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Halpern said she saw her college years as a time of growth, both intellectual and emotional. "I was exposed to a lot of new ideas," she said. "I refined my way of thinking about contemporary issues. I also learned about how organizations work — how to take an idea, work with a group of people, and make it a reality."

"Don't be passive about your education," Halpern would say to freshmen. "Recognize the wonderful opportunity you have being at Chapel Hill. Try to learn as much as you can — really grapple with the issues."

Halpern said freshmen should not concentrate solely on developing job skills. "Develop skills for life," she said. "Think about what makes a complete individual. I found in interviewing that more and more companies are recognizing the importance of a liberal arts education. They are even overlooking straight business majors for people who know how to think and learn quickly."



Lucia Halpern

Next year, Halpern is going to Bangkok, Thailand, on the Henry Luce Fellowship, where she will write for *The Bangkok Post* and travel. The fellowships are given to 15 Americans each year. Then she would like to work in New York for two years as a financial analyst and later, to attend graduate school.

Arthur DeBaugh graduated from the University with Highest Honors in English. A native of Long Island, N.Y., his current home is Hendersonville, but he is not through here yet. He is getting married in June and will attend the UNC-CH School of Law this fall.

DeBaugh said that while at UNC-CH he tried to develop a philosophy of life. "I wanted to find something to help me cope in the world," he said. "I found that things just sort of happen. Meeting Michelle (his fiance) just sort of happened to me."

He said he would warn freshmen not to take college too seriously. "If you are bound and determined to get into grad school, you will need some grades, but as long as you are pretty good, you'll get in," he said.

DeBaugh added that freshmen should not go home a lot. "Don't take the 'Camp Carolina' mentality — school during the week and home on weekends," he said. "Experience being in college. Develop this as your home. If you don't, you will be



Arthur DeBaugh

leaning on your high school years. You need to get beyond that."

Nancy Good is an RTVMP major from Jacksonville, Florida. She came to UNC-CH because her father went here.

"Carolina has been an interesting experience for me coming from out-of-state," she said. "I didn't realize what Tar Heel fever was about until I came here. This is something I will take pride in for the rest of my life. I'll still be supporting the basketball team ten years from now," she said.

Good hopes to get two half-time jobs, one with a television station and one with a commercial photography studio. "I want to kind of saturate myself in both jobs until I figure out what direction I want to go in," she said.

Good says she has mainly concentrated on two activities while at Carolina, her sorority (Kappa Alpha Theta) and her photography. "I didn't join the sorority until my sophomore year. After my freshman year, I knew something was missing. If I had just remained independent, I might have gotten lost in the huge realm of university life," she said. Good was president of Kappa Alpha Theta her senior year.

"As for photography, I've been wondering if I want to use it for a job. I was a T.A. in Physics 45 for three years and took a lot of pho-



Nancy Good

tojournalism courses," Good said. She was also a photographer for *The Daily Tar Heel*.

Good advises freshmen to get involved. "Take advantage of everything possible. There is something out there for everybody, but you've got to go look for it," she said.

Finally, it is the people of Chapel Hill that Good will remember most. "Carolina people really made me feel welcome, even though I was from out-of-state. I will remember many as friends," she said.

Chris Simmons, of Hickory, was 1984/85 editor of *The Phoenix*. He was also involved in Student Television and is a member of Kappa Tau Alpha, the national honor society. In 1985, Simmons won a Hearst Award, the most prestigious writing contest for college competitors.

Now Simmons is a reporter for the *Greenville News* and uses his spare time to travel and relax. "Further down, I'm thinking of grad school or seminary or both," he said. "Someday I'd like to work making documentary films for TV."

Simmons was very future oriented while in college. "Every course I took, I thought of what I'd be doing when I got out," he said. "I went in with vague ideas, but by the time I left, they were more specific."

"When I first got here, I felt timid and introverted, like I couldn't



Chris Simmons

handle responsibility," he said. "I left feeling competent. I've had lots of meaningful experiences and crossed lots of milestones."

Students should get a broad background in college, he added. "Don't channel yourself into a specific career for when you get out," he said. "Large corporations take speech, anthropology, or any kind of major. You don't need to put yourself on a four year time table — things will develop as you go through."

Simmons would tell freshmen not to be intimidated by upperclassmen. "They are just as confused, but have learned to hide it better," he said. Simmons added that if he had it to do all over again, he would have a lot more fun. "I'd never stay up all night to get a paper in just because I thought some professor would be disappointed in me."

One scene that particularly stands out in Chris' mind is the night N.C. State won the NCAA National Championship. "I grew up a state fan," he said. "State was happy when Carolina won, but they didn't really think Carolina would be happy if they won. I was at a party, and when the game was over, I stepped outside. I just heard all these car horns, all over Chapel Hill. I'll never forget the sound of those horns"

### Triples

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be arriving late will lose their room reservations, and their spaces will be given to the freshmen who were tripled up.

After Aug. 22, students who don't tell University Housing that they are not coming back to UNC-CH or have made other living arrangements will be fined \$25. They also will have to

pay a room charge of about \$4.50 for each day the room is not occupied.

Rustin said he hoped students would avoid the fines and tell the University Housing whether they were coming back to campus.

"Money we don't want. We do want rooms," he said.

Between 250 and 400 students with room reservations do not show up each fall, but Rustin said his office had received few calls from students canceling their reservations.

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