

Freshmen add new dimension to Craige

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Craige Residence Hall, formerly an all-graduate student dorm, is housing freshmen men this year because of an increase in on-campus housing demands and a large freshman class.

About 26 freshmen are living in Craige, and they are scattered throughout the dorm, said Assistant Area Director Larry Brown.

Collin Rustin, associate director of University Housing, said the situation was not a permanent one. Many of the residents will be reassigned as spaces open up in other dorms later in the semester, he said, adding that first priority goes to reassigning the temporary triples.

Although Craige is generally known as a graduate

dorm, it is also used to provide extra spaces as the need for on-campus housing increases, Rustin said. Previously, juniors, seniors and a few sophomores have lived in Craige.

Most of the freshmen "seem to be fitting in just fine," Brown said. Special orientation programs were designed to help the freshmen and graduate students get to know and understand each other better.

Tom Morris, a freshman from Charleston, W. Va., said the dorm had been quiet so far. "There's not a lot going on," he said.

Morris also said he thought the freshmen were slightly hindered in meeting other freshmen. "We've been going out to the other dorms a lot," he said.

Brown said he felt that the freshmen in Craige were

acting more mature because they were living in a graduate dorm. Resident Assistant Ruth Bizzell, a law student from Goldsboro, agreed, saying the freshmen on her floor seemed "very quiet and low key."

"There haven't been any problems so far, and I don't think there will be any," Bizzell said. "I don't think they'll make much difference."

Like the freshmen, Phil Boisselle, a senior resident assistant from Fayetteville, is living in Craige for the first time and said living there was different than he had expected.

"But I'm glad the freshmen are here," Boisselle said. "I just hope they're getting the same college experience as other freshmen."

Despite N.C. slump, Chapel Hill's economy grows

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Chapel Hill's economy continues to grow despite the fact that North Carolina's slumped 2.4 percent in the first quarter according to an economic report released Tuesday by First Union National Bank and UNC-Charlotte.

The drop, the first quarterly drop in the gross state product since 1983's fourth quarter, resulted from the overall sluggishness of the U.S. economy, which grew only 0.3 percent. North Carolina's usually strong economic sectors, durable goods, manufacturing and wholesale trade, fell. The economy should recover by the end of the year

to reach an annual growth rate of 3 percent.

"Our sector is in retail sales and services," Leonard P. Van Ness, Executive Vice President of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce. "In Chapel Hill our economy has been very stable, consumer confidence is good, and there has been a steady rise in retail sales."

Frank Russell, an economist with NCB National Bank in Charlotte, said non-farm employment growth is zero and there is not going to be any growth in manufacturing in the near future.

"Chapel Hill is pretty well isolated from the cycle," Russell said. "In the

Triangle area things look pretty good.

"State tax money flowing into the economy (in the Triangle area) keeps it stable."

The first-quarter decline in North Carolina was led by agriculture output, which fell at an annualized real rate of 53 percent. Wholesale trade was off 6 percent, durable goods manufacturing was off 2.9 percent and finance, insurance and real estate were down 0.7 percent.

Other N.C. industries were not hit by the sluggish national economy. The state's construction industry was up 23.1 percent; retail trade was up 4 percent; government output was up 6 percent;

service companies were up 3.8 percent; transportation was up 0.2 percent and mining was up 10.4 percent.

Agricultural output and non-durable goods manufacturing output are expected to decline for the year. Agriculture is predicted to decline 9.6 percent and non-durable goods should fall 0.3 percent.

Van Ness said 49 percent of Chapel Hill's employment is governmental and is insulated from the ups and downs of the state's economy. Only areas whose economies are tied with agriculture and manufacturing will suffer losses for the year, he said.

Computer fair to offer hands-on experience

By RACHEL STROUD
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Students and faculty will have a chance to check out computers, some that can make a printout of a picture or some that can show three-dimensional objects in motion, at the annual Computer Fair next Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The fair, will be held in the Great Hall of the Carolina Union. Presentations will be made by IBM on Tuesday and Apple Networks on Wednesday. It is sponsored by the UNC Computation Center and the RAM Shop, the computer retail division of UNC Student Stores.

For people who know nothing about computers, as well as for people who often use them, the computer fair will be informative and fun, said Ann Dean, coordinator of this year's fair.

"We will be having several special speakers and computer displays," Gorsuch said. "On Macintosh Day (Wednesday), Allen Smith from Prentice Hall, will be showing an 'International Paper Airplanes' exhibit which is designed to make computer printouts of easy to put together paper airplanes."

Fair-goers will be able to see realistic 3-D pictures on computer screens during IBM day. Tentatively scheduled is a computer which can make a printout of an individual's

picture.

Special presentations include a speech by Associate Provost John Harrison on the future of computing on the UNC campus. Other presentations will include product comparisons, users' experiences with database management systems, word processors and spread sheets.

"We encourage students to participate in the fair," Dean said.

A hands-on session will be held Wednesday, which Dean said will be a lot of fun and will allow people to experience working with a computer. Each participant will receive a free Apple T-shirt, she said.


"The hands-on session will consist of labs of 15 Macintoshes," Dean said. "It will be like a class schedule on a time basis with different topics throughout the day. An instructor will be present."

The sessions will include a "Secretarial Hands-on Training on the Macintosh," "Hands-on Use of Jazz" and "Hands-on Use of Write Paint."

Since the number of computers is limited, students will have a chance to sign up for a free session that will be held in following weeks, said John Gorsuch, promotions coordinator for the fair.

Admission to the Computer Fair is free, and hourly drawings for door prizes will be held.

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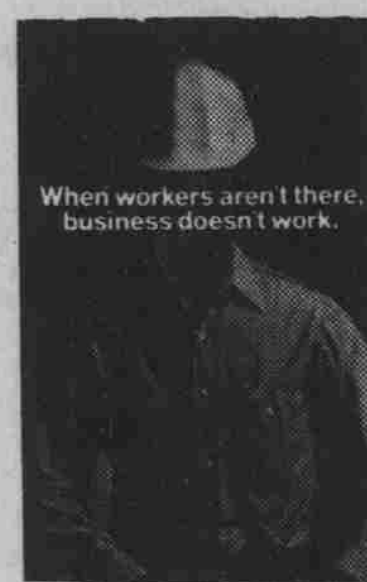
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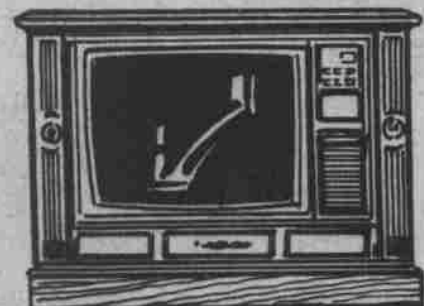
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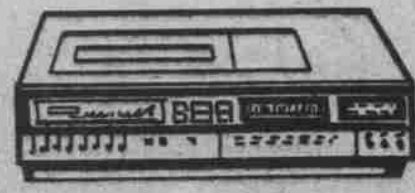


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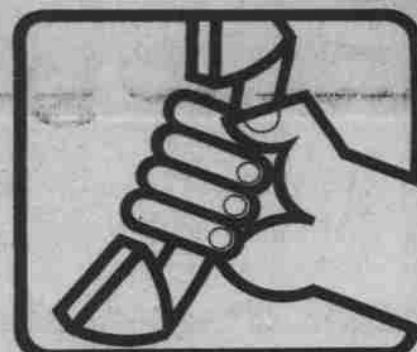
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