

Student to experience Asian culture for year

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Staff Writer

Imagine spending summer in a Far Eastern country without knowing a single person or the native language. Imagine being left all alone in a seemingly alien world with only individual defenses.

Not many would look upon this situation as pleasant, but this is how Jennifer Ayer wants to spend the next year of her life.

Ayer, a senior English major from Greenwich, Conn., recently won a Luce Scholarship. The scholarship, named for Henry Luce, the founder of Time magazine, is awarded to both students and professionals. It will enable Ayer to spend a year in Bangkok, Thailand, or Hong Kong, China.

During Ayer's year-long stay she will do an internship with an area bank or the Securities Exchange Commission, receiving on-the-job training and a crash course in Asian culture. All of her living expenses will be paid.

Yearly, only 15 of several thousand U.S. applicants receive the scholarship. Only about three of the recipients are undergraduates. UNC alumnus Jon Reckford, now employed in New York City, also won the scholarship this year.

Ayer said she was very honored to receive such a prestigious award. She said it would give her a chance to learn more about a different culture. "I wanted to challenge myself to live in a foreign culture," she said. "The Luce is a wonderful opportunity not just to visit a foreign country, but to live there."

The scholarship application explains that the program is designed to "improve American understanding of Asian culture." One stipulation is that applicants must not be interested in specializing in Asian affairs.

Ayer said she hoped living abroad would teach her more about the different cultures, much like attending UNC taught her about Southern culture. During her stay, she said she hoped also to gain a better understanding of Far Eastern religion and oriental business practices.

Ayer said learning more about herself was also high on her priority list. "I want to get a better understanding of what makes me Western and American," she said. "I want to get a better idea of my place in the world."

Even though Ayer is excited about the trip, she said she did have some apprehensions. And while her parents are also enthusiastic, they, too, share some hesitations.

Is Ayer scared? "Of course!" she said. "I'm very scared. I'll be away from home for a year."

Although Ayer won't be totally helpless, there may be some rough waters ahead. She can neither speak nor understand the native languages of either country she may be assigned to visit.

But this predicament doesn't seem to worry the senior. "They'll put me in a placement center where I can get by," she said. "If I'm in Hong Kong, it'll be easier."



Jennifer Ayer

Campus Personality

Ayer is accustomed to facing difficult tasks, meeting challenges and emerging with successes. In addition to graduating magna cum laude from Grotton School, a private institution in Massachusetts, where she participated in several extra-curricular activities, Ayer is a Morehead Scholar.

During her four years at UNC, Ayer has participated in many activities, serving as co-president of the Campus-Y in 1984 and the organizations' secretary in 1983. She was a founding member of Women's Forum, People Against Racism and Sorority Women Against Discrimination.

Ayer also has a number of internships under her belt, including one with the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues in Washington, D.C., where she researched and wrote articles on congressional hearings and press conferences.

Dispersed among these activities and numerous hobbies, such as windsurfing and sailing, comes schoolwork.

Ayer maintains a 3.91 cumulative grade point average.

George Gamble, associate director of the Campus Y, said there wasn't much that Ayer couldn't handle. "Jennifer was very enthusiastic as . . . (Campus Y) co-president," he said. "She had lots of useful ideas."

Robert Kirkpatrick, an associate professor in the English department, said Ayer was a very capable person.

"She's just an extremely competent young lady," he said. "She's exactly the sort of girl every father hopes his daughter will be."



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Council adopts project amendments

By MICHELLE EFIRD
Staff Writer

In a 5-4 vote, the Chapel Hill Town Council passed a resolution Monday night approving amendments to the Rosemary Square project, causing changes in the number of parking spaces and lodging units available, as well as in the beginning and ending dates of the project.

The number of lodging units will be reduced from 225 to 188 units, which the council said would reduce the demand for night parking.

The project is now scheduled to begin on Dec. 31, 1986 and end on June 30, 1989. In addition, 16 extra parking spaces will be provided, bringing the total to 516 spaces. The change in parking spaces is a result of an increase in compact spaces and re-striping.

Thirteen of the additional 16 spaces

allotted will be privately owned, while the remaining three will be for public use.

Non-lodging unit space for restaurants, banquets, meeting places and retail establishments will be increased by 15.6 percent. Ten percent of the increase will go to retail businesses.

Other technical changes suggested by the town's attorney were also passed. According to the council, proposed changes in Rosemary Square's design "will reduce the size of the southern building parallel to the pedestrian alley and would, therefore, increase the amount of sunlight in the lower courtyard."

Dissenters in the 5-4 vote were council members Arthur Werner, David Pasquini, Julie Andresen and Mayor James C. Wallace.

Changes in the original proposal were made by the Fraser Development

Company. The changes were referred to the Chapel Hill Planning Board on Feb. 17, who prepared the resolution which the council adopted.

In other business, the Council passed an ordinance stating that parking violations now will be civil, rather than criminal offenses. The fee for overtime use of metered spaces will also increase from \$1 to \$5. According to the ordinance, an additional \$5 per week will be added during the first month the ticket is not paid. Another \$5 will be added for the second month the ticket remains unpaid. A ceiling of \$25 will be placed on unpaid tickets at the end of 60 days.

Council members said this ordinance would discourage long term parking on downtown streets, much of which is done by University students. Councilman Bill Thorpe said Durham and Raleigh had similar

finances. "They (Raleigh and Durham) have good systems," he said, "and the \$5 fines have helped them to get to that point."

Fellow council member Jonathan B. Howes said the fine was a step in the right direction because of the many outrageous parking abuses. The new fine must be publicized in an open and vocal manner, he added.

Now that parking infractions are civil offenses, state law mandates that the money collected can no longer be given to the school system.

Mayor Wallace adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m. in order for members to hear the Presidential address concerning the bombing of Libya. The meeting was reconvened at 9:09 p.m. Members called an executive session at 9:35 p.m. to discuss what they called legal matters.

North Carolinians agree with record labeling, poll says

By JANET OLSON
Special to the DTH

Two out of three North Carolinians think record companies should label rock music albums that contain potentially offensive lyrics, according to the spring Carolina Poll.

The statewide poll, conducted by the UNC School of Journalism, asked 585 adults in a random telephone survey whether they agreed with the statement: "The record industry should be required to institute a labeling system to alert buyers about potentially offensive lyrics."

Of the 538 adults who responded, 42 percent agreed with the statement, 25 percent strongly agreed, 25 percent disagreed, and 8 percent strongly disagreed.

The poll was conducted Feb. 23-27, four months after 22 record companies agreed to label records for "explicit lyrics" in response to pressure from a parents' group founded by wives of

federal legislators and of senior Reagan administration officials. The group, called the Parents Music Resource Center, has drawn media attention to what it calls "porn rock" and to violence in rock lyrics, such as those of Twisted Sister, AC/DC and Prince.

The issue received the most attention in September, when the Senate Commerce Committee held a hearing to consider requiring a rating system for records, similar to that used for movies. Recording artists Dee Snyder, lead singer of the group Twisted Sister, Frank Zappa and John Denver opposed the proposed requirement at the hearing, saying it would lead to censorship, because many retailers would not carry records with "X" ratings.

Although the committee acknowledged it could do little to limit questionable lyrics, it urged the record industry to institute a labeling system that would allow parents to guide their

children on what records to buy.

Most North Carolinian parents think records should be labeled, as 73 percent of the parents questioned in the poll agreed record companies should alert buyers about offensive lyrics. Of those without children, 55 percent agreed.

Likewise, 74 percent of adults who have school-age children in their households agreed with the labeling requirement. Sixty-three percent of those without school-age children in their homes agreed.

Seventy-five percent of the women interviewed agreed with the labeling requirement, compared with 59 percent of the men who agreed.

Responses to the question varied little when respondents were categorized by race, age, education level and party identification.

Fifty-three percent of North Carolinians listen to rock music, the poll

showed. Seventy-six percent of those who never listen to rock agreed records should be labeled, whereas 56 percent of those who listen to rock five or more days a week agreed.

Jane Brown, director of the Center for Research in Journalism and Mass Communication for the UNC School of Journalism, said it was unclear whether children knew the meanings of song lyrics. If they don't, printing lyrics on album covers "is a strange solution to the problem" of their exposure to offensive material, she said.

"It's going to make it much clearer to the child what's being said," she said, "and that's going to defeat the purpose."

Despite 22 record companies' November agreement to label records, record companies are not labeling or printing lyrics on many albums, according to local record store managers and salesmen.

Parking permit pre-registration ends May 9

Pre-registration for on-campus parking permits began April 1 and will run until May 9. Only students who are currently enrolled at UNC for the spring semester are eligible for permits next year, according to the Parking Office.

No applications will be received through the mail, and if the information on the application is incomplete, the application will not be accepted.

Priority will depend on students' year

status next fall and whether they are campus residents or commuters. Permits will be assigned in the following order: graduate and professional students, seniors, juniors and sophomores. Freshmen are not allowed to have cars on campus.

If a student is ineligible to pre-register or the permit assigned is unsatisfactory, the student can apply for student hardship parking permit.

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