

Foreign students pair with Carolina Friends

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Editor

"It's pretty wild taking someone from mainland China into McDonald's or taking them into a grocery store and showing them shelves of cereal when all they're used to is little markets."

But that kind of experience is what students who participate in the Carolina Friends program can expect, said Tracy Hall, assistant for the program that matches up incoming foreign students with UNC graduates and upperclassmen to show them around Chapel Hill.

"The program is designed to provide initial contact for students on campus," Hall said. "It's a very difficult time . . . the culture shock

is tremendous."

The International Center program matches about 200 to 220 international students, mostly graduates, each year, Hall said. It tries to have one Campus Friend for each student, but that may not work this year, he said.

"We have a lower turnout (of applications) this year because we weren't able to advertise as extensively as I had hoped," Hall said. "Last year the response was overwhelming."

The program has only received about 50 applications, he said.

The program will accept lower-classmen as Campus Friends, but it prefers upperclassmen who really know their way around Chapel Hill

and the University, he said.

The time commitment varies for each student, Hall said, but the main requirement is that each student come to the first party Aug. 27 to meet the international student assigned to him. That is held in the Student Union's Great Hall, complete with a band to welcome students and make the first meeting enjoyable, he said.

After that, it's up to the students to work out how often they need to meet or just be available for questions, he said.

"Some students need hardly any help at all, and some just need someone to talk to," Hall said.

Expertise in another language is not a requirement, he said; most

foreign students coming into the University have very good English because they had to pass a stringent language test when they applied.

Students who aren't interested or don't have time to participate in the whole program can volunteer just to pick students up from Raleigh-Durham Airport the week of Aug. 22 or find them a place to stay for a few nights while the foreign students look for apartments, he said. Many just let international students sleep on their floor for a few nights, he said.

Interested students should contact Hall at the International Center in the Student Union at 962-5661 between 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily for more information.

Marriott changes services

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Changes, changes and more changes are in store for Carolina Dining Services, said Bill Dux, who has been director of the services for two years.

"We're not just sitting back and running the same services year after year," Dux said. "We're always challenging ourselves."

The Marriott Corp., which has completed two out of its five years of contracted services in the operation of the dining services, is starting its third year with changes, he said.

"Now that we've been on campus for a while, we've started to understand what the campus is about and what it needs," he said.

"In the fall, the main cafeteria (Lenoir) will remain the same, but the Cutting Board will become an all-you-can-eat dining area, which is different from the a la carte in Lenoir.

"As an all-you-can-eat dining area, the area would be utilized more since the Cutting Board area was never opened at breakfast and was busiest only at lunch," he said.

The Cutting Board area will be open only to those students participating in the all-you-can-eat board plan. They will have a picture identification card, he said.

"Downstairs, Wild Pizza will still be there," he said. "But what was Sweet Sensations will become Hero's Sub Shop, which should be completed in mid-August."

H.B. Quick, a downstairs fast food dining area, will also change. Instead of offering just hamburgers and fast food dining, in the fall H.B. Quick

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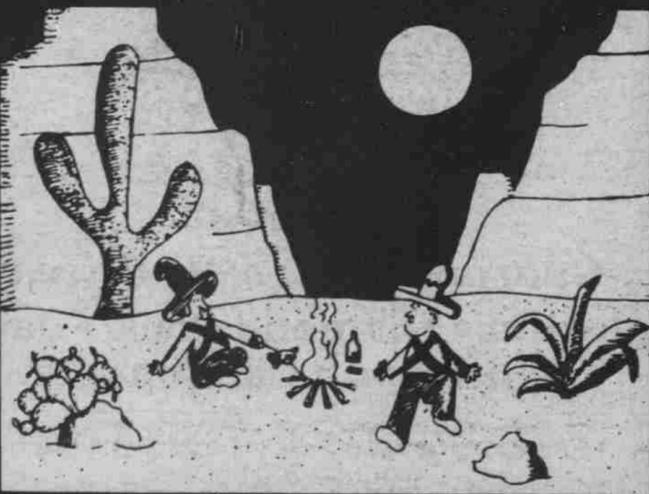


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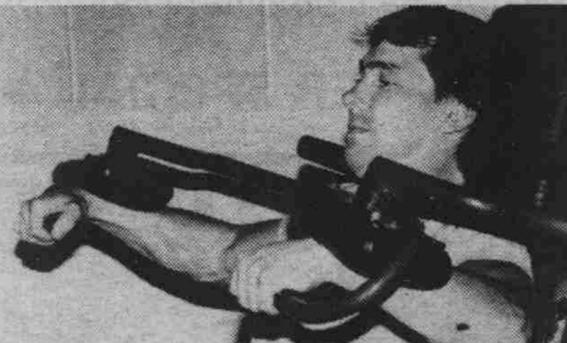
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for hospitalization. SHS has an in-patient program, and students who need surgery can get a surgeon to come to SHS from NCMH.

"We have set it up so that things not covered by the fee are covered by health insurance. We are in the process of trying to have a cashier on the premises," Cowan said.

The several specialty clinics offered include dermatology, ear-nose-and-throat, orthopedic, dysplasia and dental evaluation. "The dental clinic is a small clinic to help the student evaluate his dental problems and needs. Any actual dental work can be done by the dental school," said Cowan. The dental clinic is in its second year of operation.

In its first year of operation is the dysplasia clinic, established to further check women who show problems in their Pap smears.

"We have noticed an increase in students with abnormal smears. To better serve the students, we started the service last year," Cowan said.

Health education is a separate department within SHS. It includes the Wellness Resource Center, the Contraceptive Health Education Council and an expert on substance abuse. The Wellness Resource center, located in Woollen Gym, tries to help students solve some of their problems by offering services such as stress management.