

From the Student Body President

When I was a senior in high school, just about every university in America sent me a glossy brochure and application, detailing the highlights of their "acclaimed" curriculum - every university, that is, except Chapel Hill. I had to write just to get an application. Twice.

Chapel Hill has its share of "gloss," as those of you who have been through C-TOPS already know, but it doesn't need that gloss for survival. The reality is what counts - the reality of the grass in the Polk Place quad, of Carroll 100, of the dorm rooms on the eighth floor of Morrison, on the east side of the Pit, and of the basement of the Undergrad.

We don't need the gloss because the reality of this University is just as good, if not better, than the hype. Being a part of Chapel Hill is something that is sought after by many, just as I sought after it four years ago.

But nothing is permanent, and if we wish to keep being sought after, there is much that the University needs to face up to. Many of you have heard about our current budget crisis. This article is an attempt to get behind that crisis to the roots of the problem, and to describe where we are headed.

We are facing what might be called an "institutional crisis." After 20 or 30 years (200 by some estimates) perched at the top of higher education, UNC is about to go through a period of dramatic change. Whether we emerge from this stronger and prouder, or weakened and mediocre, will depend entirely on the next five years.

Some believe all 16 schools in the UNC system should be brought to the same level in all departments. Sort of like high schools. Maybe it is just that somewhere along the line these people unsuccessfully applied for admission to UNC at Chapel Hill. Unfortunately, many of these people are in high places, and if they get their way, mediocrity is the best we'll do.

Their logic is indefensible and non-existent. The only purpose in uniting 16 schools is to serve a diverse body of people with different needs and abilities. The University system is set up for this purpose. For music, you go to Greensboro. For marine biology, Wilmington. For engineering, State. And, for advanced liberal arts, Chapel Hill. This specialization means that every student can find a place suited especially to his or her goals. It also means that each school will invigorate a different region of North Carolina with a unique group of faculty and students.

Convincing the rest of the state of this is another matter. In the meantime, we have huge problems resulting from our current budget crisis, including a shortage in faculty pay.

This leaves our future up to us. To continue to be not just a flagship for the state, but for the entire country, we will have to take control of our own destiny. When one comprehends the grip that the state has on everything from our finances to our buildings, though, that is much easier said than done.

It's even interesting to watch the fall of socialism in Eastern Europe and to note that centralized power is not working any better here. For that is the key: UNC at Chapel Hill - in fact, all of the campuses - must wrest control away from the General Assembly to survive. The problem is less that there isn't enough money and more that it isn't being put in the right places. No elected body 25 miles away can be expected to make the right decisions about how an educational institution will spend its appropriations.

Coming to school at Chapel Hill is a powerful experience. There is a quiet, confident twinkle in the eye of every alumnus and alumna. When they first arrived here, that twinkle was often a fiery, passionate gleam that betrayed a desire to consume, and to be consumed by, life at this University.

And generations of students have been affected by this place. They have cherished it, and they have made Chapel Hill proud. This generation must go one step further; you must fight for the survival of Chapel Hill as a leading institution in the state and nation. What once was taken for granted is now threatened.

Preserving this place for further generations of fiery-eyed freshmen is crucial. It will require the joint efforts of everyone who knows the effects of four years spent here. Much like my time at Carolina, the efforts won't always be easy, but they will be more than worth it.

In the struggle for preservation and improvement, we may come to appreciate Chapel Hill even more.

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Carmichael new test site for card

By CAMERON TEW
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Incoming and returning Carmichael Residence Hall residents will receive a new type of student identification card this fall which could serve several purposes in the coming years, according to school officials.

The card, part of a pilot program being implemented by the University this fall, will be similar to the Carolina Dining Service meal card in design, with a magnetic strip on the back.

According to Rutledge Tufts, general manager of Student Stores, the main idea behind the card is to have one ID

that will serve several functions.

"A couple of years ago, an ad hoc committee was asked to gather all the possible uses a single card could be used for: student ID, semester enrollment, athletic pass, food card, parking, keys, copy card," Tufts said. "And it looked at a number of schools around further in the development of this, like N.C. State and Duke."

The program is still in the planning stage and could change with new technology, according to Tufts. "We're taking the pilot approach where we experiment with what seems to be best from the technological standpoint, and

over a period of the next semester or two, we can get feedback from users."

Tufts said the card will not replace other forms of identification right away because its effectiveness needs to be tested first. "I think it's really not going to be that interesting until the next year (1991-1992), but the possibilities are exciting."

He said the University will try to get as many uses as possible out of the pilot so it can analyze what the project needs and make recommendations.

The card will be of further importance to Carmichael residents, who will need

it to gain entrance into the building after the main doors are locked, according to Wayne Kuncel, director of University Housing.

Morrison Residence Hall was originally selected for the pilot program, but housing decided to use Carmichael because it already had electronic doors and thus would be less expensive to install extra wiring for card locks.

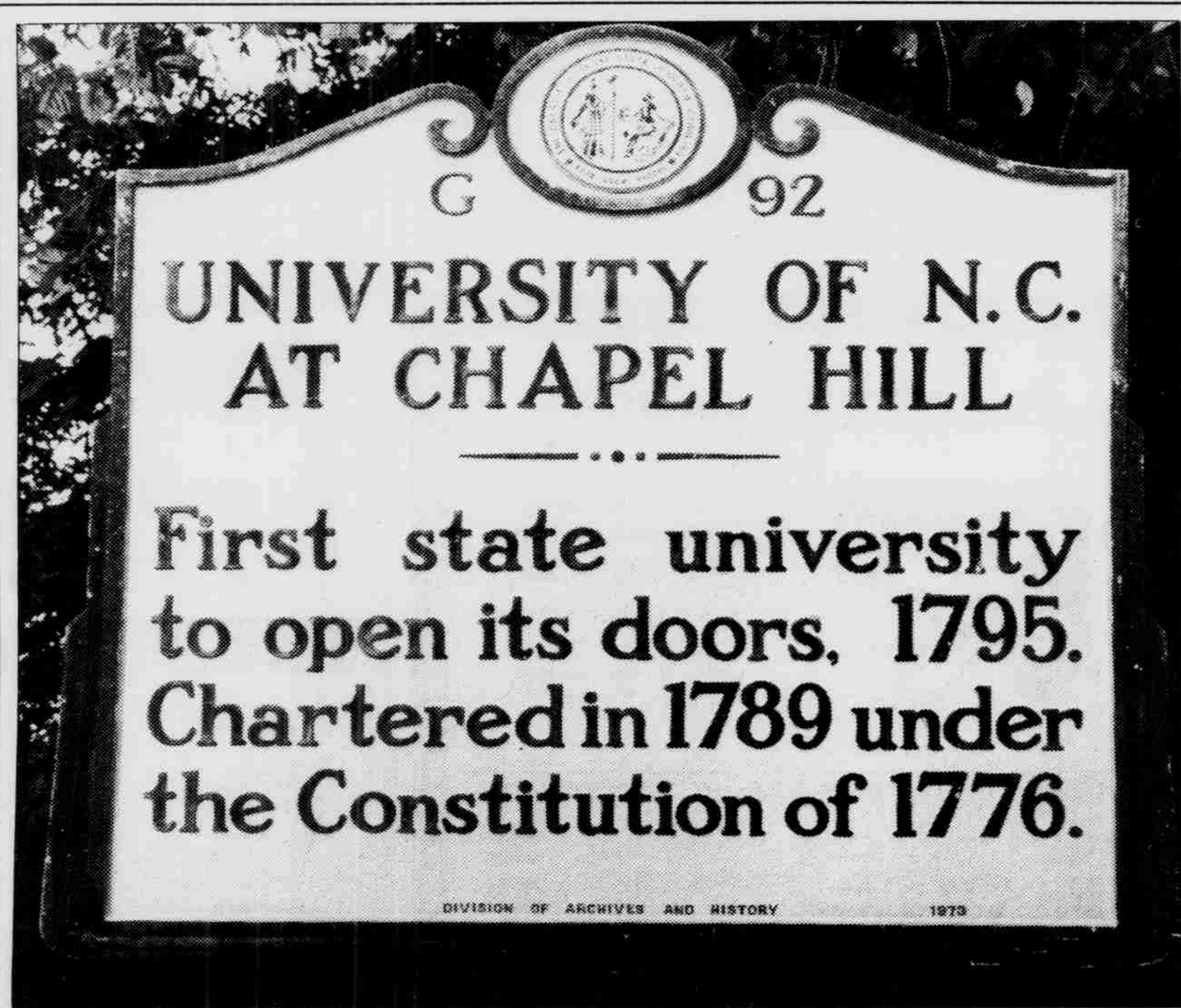
"We're targeting Carmichael at the present time," Kuncel said. "We still have to write the residents to let them know about the program. I was going to wait until all the room assignments were

made before I sent out the letter."

The card will electronically unlock the outside front doors of Carmichael, allowing residents access to the building. Kuncel said both front doors will probably be on the system, but he was not sure yet.

Students will still receive regular room keys that will permit entrance to suites, bathrooms and rooms in the building, Kuncel said.

Kuncel said the University will use student evaluations to determine whether or not the program is a good idea.



Where these feet have tread

This sign, on Franklin St. in front of McCorkle Square where Silent Sam stands, announces to visitors the

heritage of the University. For more about the history and sights of UNC, see page 10B.

Drop/add for spring semester by telephone

By KENNY MONTEITH
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The freshmen class of 1990 is probably the luckiest group of students to enter the University because they will never have to endure the long and tedious lines of drop/add in Woolen Gym, according to University Registrar David Lanier.

Freshmen will go through fall drop/add and registration by appointment schedules with their advisers from Aug. 27 to 29, he said. "So these freshmen (1990) won't really have to go through the drop/add lines in Woolen."

Spring registration for all students will be conducted over the new phone system, Lanier said.

"Freshmen are treated special when they first come here," Lanier said. "We try to make it easier for them."

"This freshmen class is very lucky," Lanier said.

In October, UNC students will begin spring registration on "Caroline," which can be used from anywhere in the world, Lanier said. The phone lines will be open from Oct. 27 to Nov. 28, 1990, and each class, beginning with seniors and ending with freshmen, will be given a week to register and drop/add for classes.

Freshmen and sophomores will be divided according to their Social Se-

curity numbers, Lanier said. "Seniors and juniors will register depending on the number of hours they have passed," he said. Any student can continue to use the system after their designated week has ended.

According to Lanier, students will begin their registration by dialing a number which will activate Caroline. Students will then enter in their term, identification number and a personal identification number (PIN), he said.

The PIN is a four-digit number that students will get from their advisers and it will probably change each semester, Lanier said. "It's the number used so one student can't get into another student's registration," he said.

Students will also be able to use Caroline from Dec. 3-20, 1990 and Jan. 8-25, 1991, so they will have additional opportunities to try for classes.

N.C. State University (NCSU) students have been using a similar system to register for their classes, Lanier said. UNC and NCSU are both using the same kind of equipment in their system, but UNC will be more advanced, he said.

Although this fall's drop/add will be the last one in Woolen Gym, there probably will not be any fanfare celebrating the end.

Fall orientation helps freshmen adjust to UNC

By ANDRE HAUSER
Staff Writer

When incoming freshman arrive on campus in late August, they will not have to worry about being adrift in a sea of unfamiliar faces because approximately 400 Carolina students will be here to make them feel at home.

Chris Shelton, an orientation leader (OL) from Thomasville, N.C., said fall orientation is a chance for incoming freshmen to meet other students and get settled into their residence halls.

For the first five days of the semester, the 16 OLs, who will already be familiar from this summer's C-TOPS program, and about 400 orientation counselors

(OCs) will help the freshmen adjust to life at UNC, he said.

This year's OCs were chosen last spring after going through an application process and interviews with the OLs, Shelton said. After they were selected, the OCs met weekly to train and plan activities for fall orientation, he added.

Christine Santos, an OL from Jacksonville, N.C., said OCs will return to campus Aug. 22, four days before freshmen move in to prepare programs and to go through some last-minute training with the OLs.

"On move-in day we'll help with traffic control and help the freshmen

move into their rooms," Santos said. The OLs and OCs will spend most of the day helping the freshmen check in and carrying their luggage, she said.

Shelton said, once the freshmen have moved in, the OCs and OLs will conduct several programs to help them prepare for the coming semester. Each residential area can run its own set of programs, although there are certain guidelines everyone must follow.

In addition to social activities, each area must offer one procedural program explaining drop/add registration and two or three programs concerning academics, he said.

Granville Towers, where Shelton will

be coordinating the orientation with fellow OL Tracy Hawkins, will have a pizza and pool party with a disc jockey and a cookout with the Cobb/Henderson/Joyner orientation area, Shelton said.

Morrison Residence Hall's orientation staff, coordinated by Santos and OL William Suderth, will hold a scavenger hunt and the Morrison Luau, a cookout for the entire residence hall, Santos said.

The usual way to explain registration is an ice cream drop/add program, Shelton said. Instead of a list of classes, participants are given a list of ice cream toppings, and they go through the drop/add process to get the toppings they

want, he said.

The academic programs cover a variety of issues, but most try to help freshmen get acquainted with the campus, their residence area, and various situations that commonly occur on campus, Santos said. Morrison Residence Hall will present "Late Night in Chapel Hill," a program about campus life, she added.

Most fall orientation activities are conducted at the residence hall level, but there are two events for the entire freshman class. Freshman Convocation on Aug. 26 in the Dean E. Smith Center and a pep rally in Carmichael Auditorium on Aug. 29, Shelton said.

Freshman Camp: incoming students meet before classes

From staff reports

Incoming freshman and junior transfers will have a chance this August to learn some important things about campus life in Chapel Hill as well as about college life in general.

This year the Carolina Campus Y will sponsor the 44th annual Freshman Camp, a program designed to give freshmen the opportunity to meet other freshmen and learn much-needed information about college life from students, professors and campus leaders in a relaxed atmosphere.

"The Freshman Camp philosophy is the orientation of freshmen, but we also stress fun and games," said Susanne Walker, camp coordinator and a former Freshman Camper. "It is an excellent chance to find out smaller details about University life and make a network of underclassmen friends."

Zenobia Hatcher-Wilson, director of the Campus Y, said she sees Freshman Camp as an opportunity to see other people up close.

"Freshman Camp is an orientation to college life, not just UNC-CH," Hatcher-Wilson said. "Students get the advantage of finding out from upperclassmen what the campus milieu is like."

The all-student counseling staff serves as a vital source of information to answer questions concerning academ-

ics, extra-curricular activities and the diversity of life at UNC.

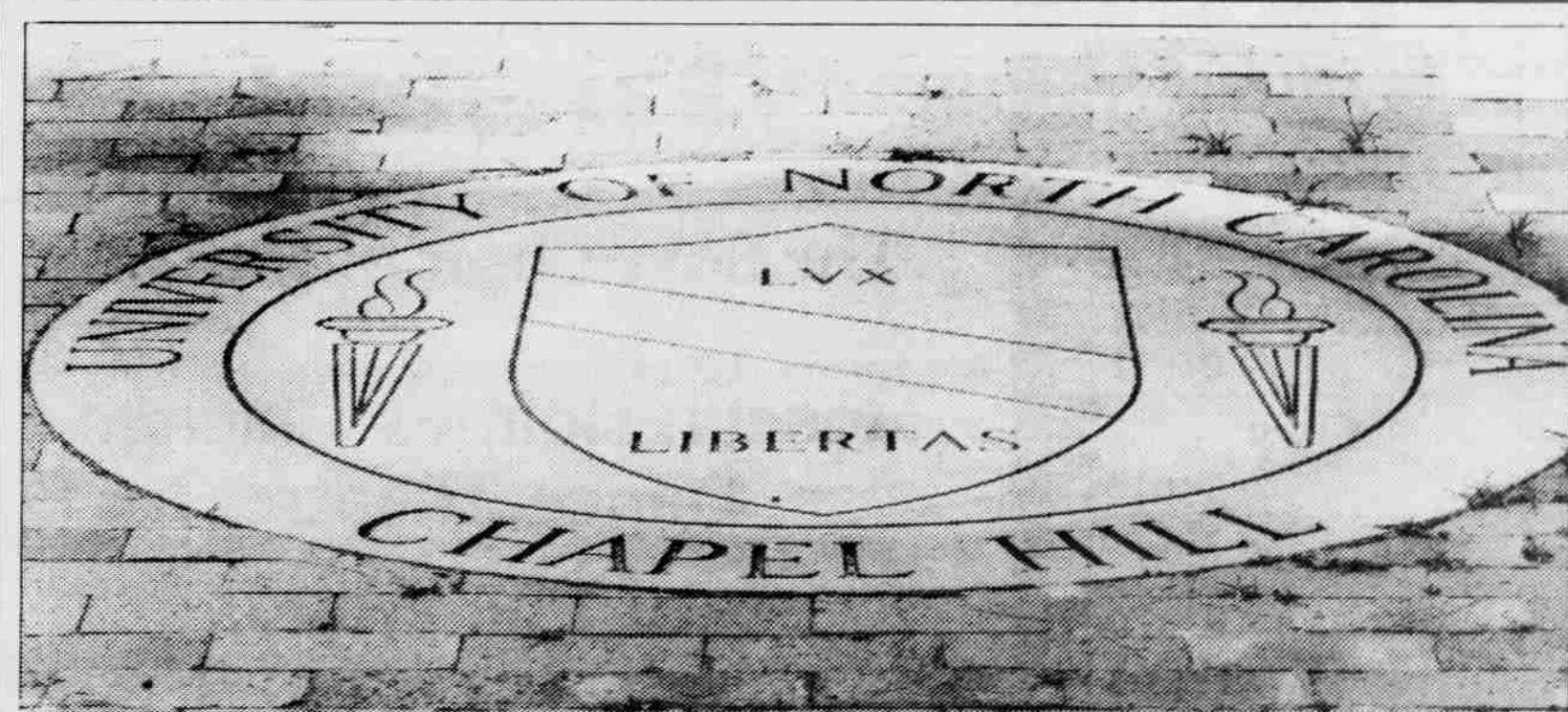
Hatcher-Wilson said the counselors try to caution freshmen about not getting too involved, but at the same time try to stress the importance of making an investment in their first year of college.

"Being able to talk to the freshmen one-on-one and quelling their fears was the biggest plus," Andy Joyner, a former counselor, said.

According to Hatcher-Wilson, Freshman Camp was started 44 years ago, before the Carolina Orientation Program was begun. Hatcher-Wilson said Campus Y students felt freshmen needed some type of program to acquaint them with different aspects of university life.

A typical Freshman Camp schedule includes innovative games, pool time, counselor skits, cabin-side chats, dances, talks from University leaders and a version of the dating game. The program is held at Camp New Hope, about seven miles from Chapel Hill.

All of the 3500 incoming freshman and junior transfers that were enrolled in the University as of June 1 will receive an invitation to attend the Aug. 23 to Aug. 25 program. The first 165 students to return their applications will be accepted to the camp.



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