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UNC-A Named Western Campus for Handicapped

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If you were confined to a wheelchair, how would you get up to the foreign language department? Or the SGA office? The answer is very simple, you wouldn't.

A flight of stairs, or even three short steps, is a barrier to anyone handicapped.

There are many areas on campus that are off limits to the handi-

capped. Only the library, and to a limited extent, the science tower, have elevators available for student use.

Ramps were built around the steps up to the humanities building a few years ago to allow a wheelchair to negotiate the slope from the sidewalk.

Other than these, there are no facilities to aid the handicapped in getting around campus.

This situation is on the verge of being relieved. UNC-A has been designated by the Board or Governors as the western campus to specialize in education of the handicapped.

Chapel Hill and East Carolina University are the central and eastern campuses.

A total of \$175,000 has been allocated from state funds to modify existing structures on campus in

order to accommodate handicapped students.

Generally speaking, these modifications will involve the installation of elevators and ramps in all buildings in addition to handrails and specialized toilet facilities.

Chancellor Highsmith says, "The goal is to open every floor of every building on campus to every student."

Highsmith met with architects last week

to go over preliminary plans for these modifications.

But, even after a particular plan is selected, various other formalities must be completed before construction actually begins; such as contract bids.

Highsmith declined to speculate on the time factor involved in these modifications, saying he'd had his "fingers burned" too many times on estimates.

Casual Meal Program Eliminated,

A-la-carte System Implicated

At the request of the food service contractor, Interstate United Inc., and with the support of the SGA senate, the following changes in the food program have been put into effect:

-- complete a la carte service in both the Cafeteria and Snack shop.

--elimination of the casual meal program - this will enable students to purchase dinner after 4 p.m. at an a la carte pricing; and not compelled to pay \$1.30.

-- a board program will be offered at the present rate except that contract students will be allowed a dollar value each meal through the line at a la carte pricing. Breakfast - \$1.00; lunch - \$1.50; and dinner - \$2.50. No seconds.

-- The door between the cafeteria and snack shop will be opened and students may eat in either place.

-- present pricing and portions will prevail except on items

which have been inflated.

-- coupon books will be sold at a six per cent discount rate.

-- if sales do not warrant keeping both dining areas open for all three meals, the cafeteria will be operated only from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

143 Parking Tickets Levied On Students

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One hundred and forty-three traffic tickets have been passed out on campus this year. Despite this rate, the traffic appeals committee is yet to hold their first meeting.

John Neuse, the faculty adviser and head of the committee, says that the committee hasn't met because he can't arrange a mutual hour of convenience.

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Construction Underway

Construction is currently underway on the new social science building in back of the Infirmary. The building, which will cost in excess of one million dollars, is scheduled to be completed by spring 1975. (Staff Photo by Jane Nicholson)

K-ettes Dance Set Tonight

Two dances, athletic events and plenty of free beer will highlight the campus social calendar this weekend as "Super Weekend" moves into high gear.

The fun at 9 p.m. Friday with a '50s' dance in the cafeteria sponsored by the K-ettes. A 50 cent donation and the dress of the 1950's will be

asked of all attending.

A live band will provide the music, while free beer will be served.

Field day begins at 11 a.m. Saturday with bicycle and swimming races, tennis matches and a beer drinking contest. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be sold along with free

beer.

Another dance is on tap for Saturday night with the Inner Souls providing the music. The dance begins at 8 p.m. and lasts until midnight. Free beer will be served.

A concert previously planned for Sunday has been cancelled and no events are planned.