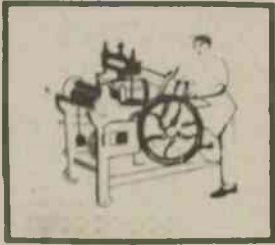




## Carolina football begins

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## Alexander Merrick chosen head J.V. cheerleader

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For the second time in UNC's history a Black person has been chosen head cheerleader, and for the first time in the school's history that person received the title his first year on the squad.

Freshman Alexander Merrick of Wilmington was recently selected head of the

1980-81 JV cheerleading squad. UNC's first Black cheerleader, David Belton, also held the title of head cheerleader.

A former cheerleader at New Hanover High School in Wilmington, Merrick said he didn't want to let the position go to his head. "I just took it in stride," he said. "I knew I had to get right to work and assume the responsibilities."

As head cheerleader, Merrick will call

most of the cheers and stunts. He will also organize practices.

He said he hopes he will leave an impression on the squad. "No matter what color you are, each person is unique," he said. "You can always change something."

Merrick feels the absence of Blacks on the JV squad isn't necessarily due to injustice during the final decisions, but because not enough Blacks go out for the

squad. On the first day of tryouts five Black girls and two Black guys showed up. Out of those, three tried out for the first cut and two made it, but Merrick was the only one to make the final cut.

He said he didn't expect, nor did he feel he received any special privileges because he was Black.

"But by being Black you have to put forward a special effort," he said.

### Community talks

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Community Editor

Black Chapel Hill residents feel Blacks on the UNC campus are not as concerned with campus and town communities as they should be.

In recent interviews conducted in the Chapel Hill community, the Black Chapel Hill residents responded with dissatisfaction when asked to give general opinions of the Black students at UNC.

Some of the residents felt the

Black students probably were not as informed on on-campus and off-campus activities as they should be, which in turn would explain the lag in involvement. Others said they felt the students just were not interested.

Hattie Davis, a 48-year-old salesperson at Nowell's in University Mall said she felt students were not given an opportunity to get involved because they were not informed on various campus activities.

"I've not been in as close contact with the students as I have been in the past," she said. "But I have a daughter who went to school at UNC ten years ago and I know that opportunities for the students were very limited at that time."

"Also, I work on the Student Crisis Line on a volunteer basis, and I know of only one Black student who works there. This type thing could definitely use some more Black input," she said.

"I don't see or hear much about the Black students around in the community," 26-year-old Ginger Williams, another Nowell's employee, said. "I think the younger age group can relate well with one another and should take advantage of opportunities to do so," she said.

Kenneth Davis, a 27-year-old student at UNC said the students were pretty good people. "The problem I conceive," he said, "is that the Blacks don't seem to know what is happening around them. They don't



Ginger Williams



Kenneth Davis



Students at right cross the street at the Chase Cafeteria crosswalk.

Some people feel the crosswalk could be dangerous (staff photo by Beatrice Taylor)

### Crosswalk could be dangerous

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The crosswalk in front of Chase Hall and Craige dormitory could be dangerous according to some UNC students.

"There's just too much traffic on that little road," senior Tyron Avent said.

He explained that cars do not stop at the crosswalk unless the driver sees the pedestrian.

"I think they need at least a yield across that crossway," he said.

A pedestrian crossing sign is placed before Craige and Morrison dormitories

and one is placed coming up the hill between Ehringhaus and Hinton James dormitories saying the crosswalk is 300 feet ahead on Manning Drive.

Jesse Cureton, BSM Vice Chairperson, said the crosswalk can be dangerous when students get off at the bus stop to cross to Craige or Hinton James if drivers only stop when they see people crossing. The University would probably only act to the situation when someone got hurt or killed, he said.

Both Cureton and Avent live in Hinton James and the students there and in Craige use the crosswalk daily. According to the Department of Housing 609 students live in

Craige and 987 students live in Hinton James.

The Chapel Hill police reported one accident at the crosswalk in the last three years. The accident occurred November 19, 1977, at 12:45 a.m. A driver going west on Manning Drive was distracted by a car on Ridge Road and hit a person crossing from Chase Hall. The accident victim was hospitalized.

Bus driver Eli Lack, who drives the campus Belt%South Campus Loop, said the crosswalk is "really not dangerous except when people walk and don't look." The curves (on Ridge Road and on Manning

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