



Although these two men are constructing a ramp on the side of Murphy Hall, on campus, for the handicapped, they differ greatly in age and years of experience. Larry Everette, 23, from Burlington, (bending down) has been working with his bricklaying company for five months. But Thomas Purefoy, 54, (behind the wall) from Carrboro, has been in the bricklaying profession for 25 years.

Attitudes differ toward UNC

If you were asked what is your attitude toward Carolina, what would you say?

The answer to that question may depend on whether you are asking a black athlete or just an average black student. The answers between the two vary tremendously.

Athletes are generally protected from the actual surroundings in a structured setting. One way is the mandatory study session. The study session lasts for two hours Sunday through Thursday evenings, usually beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The study session is good for the athletes, but the other students have to go find their own time to study.

On the other hand, those students have larger variety of free time whereas, the athlete doesn't.

One freshman football player, Micah Moon, of Lynch Station, Virginia, said that "everything seemed all right and pretty good," referring to his classes as well as his social life. The university environment was the type Moon said he expected when he arrived so he knew not to succumb to tensions that can be inflicted from school.

But another freshman, Karen Evans, of Burlington, N.C., said he thinks it will take a lot of effort for a black student to survive here. Black students will need to learn where to put their priorities, she said. For example, whether they should party on Thursday night or study, Evans said. And the choice for some of them is to party, she said.

Although the athletes and the other black students opinions differ, the general concept associated with Carolina and the number of blacks causes hostility. Evidently, the feeling is catching on; if not, what explanation can be given for the bad attitude in the "Southern Part of Heaven?"

One explanation given by Hayden B. Renwick, associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, is that "black students have made it to Carolina so they feel that the struggle is over, but the struggle is just beginning."

Nevertheless, the overall attitude of the black freshmen is that you can party from Sunday to Sunday and still keep the grade point average to remain at UNC-CH. The previous years freshmen proved wrong. The 1980-81 black freshmen class, of 365, lost 49 students (13.4 percent) academically ineligible to return for the 1981 fall semester.

The black freshmen class this year consists of approximately 470 students, the largest number of black freshmen ever at UNC-CH. They display more aggression (toward academics) than the freshmen classes of previous years, Renwick said. In order for the aggression to be worth anything, it should be channelled into useful productive actions, he said.

Some of the aggression will be made useful and is beginning to show by the attendance at tutorial sessions, Renwick said. Another way is by the minority advisors program, he added. The program is designed to help the incoming freshman adjust to life at the University. Hence, if the freshmen will take advantage of these two systems, their adjustment and their quality point averages would be successful, he said.

It is very important that the black students depart undoubtedly with the misconception of "Having it made." This attitude can be blamed for the number of ineligibility returning students. If this freshman class will not accept this attitude, more will return next year.

—Charlene Stewart

Sisters' corner

Clayton: know yourself

Childhood memories come and go like cool breezes. We can remember jumping rope with a bunch of girlfriends, singing about ice cream sodas and other goodies.

We played with dolls and pretended to be mothers when we were children. Life was so simple and so much fun! A doll hardly ever cried and her underwear was usually clean or at least simple to wash or throw away. Of course, she may not have worn underwear at all.

Many of us didn't have a husband for our babies, but that was all right. We took care of those babies just fine by ourselves. Sometimes momma would give us a hand, though. She helped us wash their hair and bodies, sew clothes for them, and fix them up nice. And that was just fine.

But things aren't that simple any more. Real babies do cry, urinate and have bowel movements. The underwear isn't clean anymore. Momma may not be able to help now, nor in the future. And most of us have to deal with men now, whether we want to or not.

Life may sound difficult, especially to those of us who have no family or career yet, but two elements can ease the burden. We need to plan our lives and know ourselves.

Joyce Clayton, assistant dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, said that she started planning her life when she was six years old. She decided that she wanted to have a career teaching history and get married, and began toward those goals.

However, "I didn't allow for things that might come up," she said. Besides the other goals, which she reached, she wanted to obtain a doctorate degree in history by the time she was 30 years old. But she became

pregnant before then.

Now Clayton uses another style of planning. "Now I have wide-open, flexible scheduling," she says. She allows time for her husband, son, work, other activities, and herself.

"I had to set some priorities and had to determine what came first," she says. "And another thing is determining how to make things work."

In order to make things work, you have to know yourself. "Knowing yourself means knowing more than surface things," she says. "It's deeper."

Clayton knew herself well enough to alter her plans to fit her needs. "You have to know your strengths, weaknesses, limitations, grasps, so to speak," she says. She did not alter her goal — gaining a doctorate — just the time period. She is working on it now.

As mothers and wives and future mothers and wives, we need to know ourselves and plan our lives so that we can survive and help our people to survive. We have to learn how to budget time for the greatest satisfaction and money so that we can survive governmental budget cuts and inflation.

"Financially, planning is even more important," Clayton says. She and her husband started budgeting their finances when they were married — during her junior year in college — and she says they have enjoyed life because they have lived within their budgets.

As grown women, we must realize that our childhood days are over. It's time to work with real families, careers, lives. As Clayton says, "It's not playtime anymore. It's for real."

—Donna Whitaker



Hard at work, but not too tired to smile, Edward Reid, 20, works with a shovel on the campus. Reid, from Durham, is working outside the Carolina Union. He has worked at UNC-CH for two months.