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## Orange, Meck: A Contrast in Living

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Upon entering the dorm, I was awestruck! I couldn't believe a college could be like this. Wall-to-wall carpeting, expensive furniture, a fireplace to marvel at and even room for a kitchenette. I questioned my local. Was

this Versailles? As I continued my tour through the remainder of the dorm, I was impressed by the brand new furniture in each lounge, the sparkling bathrooms and the newly painted walls. Would all the dorms be like this? My question was soon answered when I entered Mecklenburg.

Although Mecklenburg

was only a "stones throw away" it certainly felt like I had entered another dimension. As soon as I entered, I encountered cold, dingy tiles, bare-bulbed lights, remnants of what used to be furniture, and plenty of room for a fireplace and kitchenette, but none were to be found. As I proceeded up the stairs, I was rudely confronted with dilapidated stair mats before being astonished at the sight of the suite lounges which would have been better off bare walled and void of furniture. As I entered one of the bathrooms my first impression was to run, out of curiosity and courage only did I proceed in for a "closer" look. There was mold on the shower floor, the sinks were stained and upon flushing a toilet I was given a shower by the jet of water that came protruding from the handle. I returned

to my parents in a state of shock. They of course failed to comprehend my dilemma. They had only been exposed to "the Palace" - Orange Hall:

The summer plans included creating a model dorm, Orange is certainly representative of this concept. The "only" difference between

this dorm and other dorms is that Orange's renovation included wall-to-wall carpeting into the main lounge, a fireplace and plans for a kitchenette. "It seemed as though more could be done with Orange to make it more attractive," said Jerry Surface of the Business Office,

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Orange dorm's renovation.



Meck dorm's lack of renovation

## Pitts Talks on Presidential Experiences

By BILLY TURNER

Donald Pitts, retired from the army with twenty-eight years of service, was employed by American Telephone and Telegraph Company as a radio supervisor at the White House for forty-six years. This week at St. Andrews he recaptured his memories from his stint as a communications expert.

Pitts spent forty-five years enveloped in the chaotic environment of Washington, during which he served under eight presidential occupants ranging from Calvin Coolidge to Richard Nixon.

During the initial part of his oral presentation, which depicted his virtual kaleidoscope of presidential remembrances, he expressed his concern about the derogatory books that are being published today about past presidents.

Pitts later said that the first question that he is usually asked is, "How did you ever get into this crazy job in the first place?" To which he replied rather amusingly, "Back in the early days of the telephone company, the long line department of the American Telephone

Telegraph Company was primarily a telegraph system." "During this time, they were just beginning to experiment with amplifiers on telephone circuits."

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*for 47 years."*

"I had always been interested in radio and in 1919 was enrolled in a technical school," Pitts said. "The top heads of communications networks in Washington

came down and took about the top third of our class and offered us jobs for the summer."

"This summer job lasted forty-seven years." After this explanation, Pitts gave some background on broadcasting. He said in the early days of broadcasting, most cities had very limited communications range. Then he told how someone had the idea that if they could connect the communication stations in the big cities, communications networks around the country would thrive.

Pitts later said, "During

the early years of my career, all a person had to do to call the President was to look up the number in the directory and get through to the operator. Today, this is unheard of."

Pitts then began a run through of the Presidents he had worked under. This part of his presentation yielded his best liked Presidents: Herbert Hoover, Dwight Eisenhower, and John Kennedy. His least liked president was Lyndon B. Johnson due, in part, to his suspicious nature. He explained by saying, "Right after Kennedy's

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## Global Glance

American, Italian and French troops have been ordered back to Beirut to help restore order after the massacre of several hundred Palestinians in a refugee camp in Beirut. Several factions of the Lebanese population are blaming each other. Israel has been criticized by the U.S. for allowing the killers to enter the camp

without question.

Senator Jesse Helms was dealt another defeat in the Senate when his two proposed amendments were tabled in the Senate. Helm's (Rep.-N.C.) amendments, which proposed prayer in school and abolition of abortion, were tabled by a successful filibuster by pro-abortion Senators.

The professional football player's strike became a reality on Tuesday, September 21, when the players announced their strike when the owners refused to negotiate the players proposed plan that asked the owners to give the players 55% of the gate receipts received from the games.



Donald Pitts