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# editorial

This year the orientation program was headed by Ann Aultman, and the program had a new element added to its schedule—freedom. This year the freshmen were not made, or rather required, to remain on campus for the duration of the orientation period. The Orientation Committee also had the option of staying on campus or going out at night. There was no handbook test, a joy to all those involved!

The response to these changes was nothing short of fantastic! The freshmen felt much more at ease during the handbook studies. Their attention did not waver, even though they knew that they were not expected to regurgitate the Handbook on a test. By being able to go out, they learned sign-out procedures and expected times of return by experience—the best teacher. The upperclassmen were able to take their advisees out and become close to them outside of just the handbook study.

Attitudes during Orientation were those of complete enthusiasm for the duties expected of the committee. No one felt hindered or "locked in" due to the new rules. The Leadership workshops at the beginning were of the greatest value because they instilled in us the need for enthusiasm and the sessions were very helpful in learning how to react to the freshmen.

I believe that this was the best Orientation ever. The upperclassmen found the freshmen to be absolutely refreshing, and the freshmen found that the upperclassmen were people—not just handbook teachers—friends they could talk to all year long. Orientation is not over yet, upperclassmen. The Orientation Committee has paved the way for you. The freshmen are a super-class! Let's show them that we know it. BE ENTHUSIASTIC!

## LEGISLATIVE BOARD MEETS

September 9, 1974

1. The meeting was called to order by President Black.
2. President Black stressed Leg. Board attendance to assure the board's strength in working with petitions and functioning as the main communications channel within the college. Attendance at each meeting will be enforced by allowing only one cut before the member will be replaced. Meetings will be held every other Monday at 6:30 in the Student Center.
3. Winston-Salem phone directories may be picked up in the service room of Clewell Dorm.
4. The recent rain has caused postponement of the use of the new parking lot. As soon as possible, new numbers will be issued, the new lot will be used, and the return of patrolling and towing will be evident.
5. Sue Spaugh reported the present plans for September 30's Founders' Day. Until each class elects its representative to the planning committee, the present committee is unable to function. Plans are for this complete committee to meet Wednesday night. The meeting will be open, and all students with suggestions are asked to attend. Sue, as Chairman of Founders' Day, stressed the importance of involvement in this year's event which falls on a Monday and reminded the Board that participation would be closely watched this year. This year the day will be planned in hopes of eliminating any confusion and simplifying the entire schedule.
6. This year's FITS Committee has been requested by the Faculty-Advisory Board to re-evaluate the FITS Week. Sue Spaugh asked if upperclassmen who have conducted past FITS Week would be willing to meet with this year's group in examining the Sophomore Class-sponsored project. The Board felt that there would be several upperclassmen willing to take on the re-evaluation.
7. President Black submitted the possibility of Leg. Board's revamping the Distribution of Offices as found in the Student Government Constitution. The defining of "absolute", "major", and "minor" offices would be included in this Board's project. Work will begin soon.
7. With no other business, the first meeting of this year's Legislative Board was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
"Dee" Stout, SGA Secretary

## COMING EVENTS

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| Sept. 20 | Dr. Margaret Mead, anthropologist | 11 a.m.    |
|          |                                   | Hanes Aud. |
| Sept. 22 | OPEN ART SHOW                     | 8:30 a.m.  |
|          | N. C. Museum of Art               | FAC        |
| Oct. 22  | "Poe—From His Life and Mind"      | 8 p.m.     |
|          | New York Touring Company          | Hanes Aud. |
|          | (A Play with Music)               |            |

## I.R.S. Mixer Triggers Thrilling Memories

Panic city was again the scene as the Odd One and I readied ourselves for our third Freshman Mixer. Having barely encased our derriers into summer pants of a bygone season, we paused to reflect upon the differences between a freshman and an upperclassman. Such a reflection did not require much profound thought—the difference was easily discerned as the hall mirror realistically portrayed the Battle of the Bulge vs. the Zipper.

As if on the same wavelength, we commented to one another on the history behind our state of affairs. Graphic were the recollections of our freshman larval stage: six rolls permameal (we never had homemade bread at home); three blocks of ice cream (they'd melt and be wasted); ten o'clock Dunkin' Doughnut raids; the Lock, Stock and Barrel we just had to order; our cheesecake survey to see which restaurant had the best; Dewey's; the Old Salem Bakery . . . it was no wonder that we wore new fall clothes as freshmen. We'd probably gained out of our old summer standbys.

Our memories triggered, we recalled the sophomore slump as we tried to rejuvenate our bodies and return them to the blissful state of lankiness enjoyed in high school. All attempts not in vain, we rejoiced as we were able to squeeze into our old clothes, even though the effect was slightly altered. Our courage and charm rekindled, we metamorphosed into our second semester. The Odd One and I had our share of excitement. One of the more thrilling episodes involved the acceptance of double blind dates at 5:00 for the Big Four Basketball Tournament in Greensboro. Our callers were due at 5:30. As usual, our hunger prevailed and our dates treated us to a Chef Salad at Denny's after the game. Our mandibles soon tired of cellulose substance, so I requested that Gloria, our waitress, bring a Bunny Bag to take home the almost half a head of perfectly good lettuce. We would save it until the next onslaught of hunger. We've since noticed that Gloria is no longer at Denny's. The bonus part of the date came as we attended a party in the Kernersville bartender's home. Carolina in the Morning is a drink that all must try, yet we hope that you have the privilege of drinking it out of a punch bowl instead of the kitchen sink. As we wearily crawled up the stairs at 5:00 a.m., we thankfully remembered that we did not have to get up for breakfast: we'd kept up with our Bunny Bag.

Strains of the music and the essence of beer jolted the Odd One and me back to reality and the impending mixer. Self-deception allowed us to mask behind the image of the social butterfly recently emerged from the cocoon of underclassmanship. With this in mind, we flitted down the stairs to begin Chapter 3 of The Idiot and the Odd One.

**SUPPORT  
FOUNDER'S  
DAY  
(It May Be  
Your Last  
Chance!)**

President Gerald Ford  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Ford:

I hate the way you pardoned Nixon. He was a bad boy. I hope it never happens again.



Sincerely,  
Eanne Clauss  
(83)

## The Pardon-Presidential Prerogative

By Bernhard von Nicolai

Richard Nixon still hurts. The public outcry at his pardon reveals a deep sense of outrage which the scandals and crimes of his administration have imprinted on the minds of thoughtful Americans. Onlookers we may not be privy to all of the information, facts, and pressures that went into President Ford's decision to pardon Nixon. More of the input will doubtlessly come out as time goes on. Some will always remain obscure. But we can make a judgment and, to paraphrase Mr. Ford, if we can, we must. Let us not do so superficially or too emotionally.

Many articulate feel that in pardoning Mr. Nixon the new President did not seal "a chapter that is closed," but prevented the book of our times from being written. Commentators wondered about the effect of leniency on the conduct of future Presidents; Congress said they missed remorse, a confession, or a detailed account of the misdemeanors and crimes committed by the last President; some even thought the principle of equal justice under the law and the criminal justice system had been damaged; and the Americans for Democratic Action concluded that Mr. Nixon's pardon was the "typical extension of the Watergate cover-up."

Before analyzing the essence of a Presidential pardon as it affects Mr. Nixon, let us look at its constitutional and theoretical basis. I will try to separate in a rough-cut way three different aspects of the pardon issue confronting President Ford prior to his pardon announcement on September 8th. They are the political, the legal, and the personal questions.

Educated citizens all over the world are losing sight of what is that makes certain matters political as they confuse politics with the self-serving pursuits of persons and parties. This is my reason for stressing at once that the term political will be used here to describe a decision or action serving to direct legitimately the public affairs of a nation.

The power of pardon is a political prerogative of the President—a piece of inheritance from the monarchs of Great Britain. Its purpose is to check unusual or undesirable effects created or about to be created by the legal and judicial system of the country. A pardon is in relation to the federal courts what a veto is against legislation passed by Congress. In the case of a pardon, however, there is no recourse by either the judiciary or the legislative branch of the government. The President's decision is autonomous and final. Following is the applicable and very succinct passage of the Constitution (Article II, Section 2, sentence 1): "The President . . . shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment."

Politically, the President of the United States is bound by his oath of office to base all his official decisions on considerations of the common good. In his pardon statement, Mr. Ford acknowledged that, saying: ". . . my primary concern must always be the greatest good of all the people of the United States, whose servant I am." The oath also charges him to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution" (Article II, Section 2, sentence 8) whose express purpose among others is to "insure domestic Tranquility" and to "promote the general Welfare." Mr. Ford told us that he was concerned with these political needs of the nation when pardoning his predecessor. He mentioned the "ugly passions" which "would again be aroused during many months and perhaps years leading to and through the court trial of Mr. Nixon; "people would again be polarized in their opinions, and the credibility of our free institutions of government would again be challenged at home and abroad." Mr. Ford also mentioned the possibility of the courts holding "that Mr. Nixon had been denied due process" which would make "the verdict of history" even more inconclusive with respect to those charges" against Nixon.

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