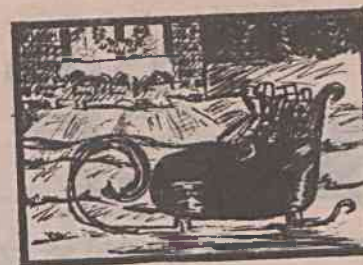




Features

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Inside Advice from a Has-Been

By Christy Hendrick

Over the Thanksgiving holidays, I had the opportunity to interview Courtney Brown, former editor of *The Full Moon* and currently a freshman at Carolina. Courtney has some definite advice for seniors headed to college next fall.

Courtney insists that college is in many ways very different than high school. The biggest difference is studying! According to Courtney, it is extremely important that you learn to study before venturing off to school. Classes are much harder and it is necessary to spend much of your free time studying. Courtney admits the amount of studying doesn't always reflect your grade. For example, Courtney spent many hours studying for a calculus test, and his grade wasn't to his satisfaction. Another difference of college is that classes are not mandatory. If you do not want to go to a certain class, Courtney advises you to "blow it off". He says the key is just to make sure not to miss the same class all the time. The responsibility of being a college student is also a big change from high school. No one is there to tell you to study or remind you of a test.

After the studying and being responsible, however, is the social life. Courtney admits that this is often the best part of Carolina. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights are the nights that everyone goes out. These times make up for all the demands of classes. However, Courtney says, you may want to procure an ID before you arrive on campus. Courtney says that there are many types of different people at Carolina, and be prepared for a different lifestyle at any college. Good Luck!

LESSONS TO LIVE BY

By Natasha Byrd

Life can be very challenging. Many problems, happiness, journeys, and mistakes will be made in a lifetime. Sometimes just knowing a few helpful hints will make life that much easier. In the book *Things You'll Learn If You Live Long Enough*, little quirky lessons are given in the form of quotes. Some of the lessons are quotes of famous writers and actors such as: Robin Williams, George Burns, Margaret Thatcher, Jane Mansfield, John Lennon, James Thurber, Henry David Thoreau, Ernest Hemingway, and Mark Twain. The lessons are things you will learn anyway if you live long enough "so you may as well know now". This list below is some of the best lessons learned in a lifetime.

- "Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate."—Thomas F. Jones, Jr.
- "The person who knows everything has a lot to learn."
- "Never mistake motion for action."—Ernest Hemingway
- "It takes two to speak the truth—one to speak and another to hear."—Henry David Thoreau
- "It is easier to stay out than get out."—Mark Twain
- "You might as well fall flat on your face as lean over too far backward."—James Thurber
- "Life is what happens while you are making other plans."—John Lennon
- "The person who marries for money usually earns every penny of it."
- "Experts don't know either."
- "Rule of success: Trust only those who stand to lose as much as you when things go wrong."
- "Be yourself. Who else is better qualified?"
- "Going to college won't guarantee you a job, but it will give you four years to worry about getting one."
- "Be kind to your parents. After sending you through college, you're all they have left."
- "When your head swells up, your brain stops working."
- "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'"—Robin Williams
- "If you want anything said, ask a man. If you want anything done, ask a woman."—Margaret Thatcher.
- "Men are creatures with two legs and eight hands."—Jane Mansfield

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A NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW GOALS

By Laura Smith

At the beginning of each year, along with parties and celebrations, many of us make promises to ourselves to start the new year off right. *The Full Moon* staff asked what some of your New Year's resolutions will be and here are your plans for '93.

- Tennelle Wilhelm - To try to get through the year without hitting anything with my car (such as poles and garages).
- Anonymous - To come up with a new word besides "nifty" to please certain people.
- Jill Smith - To stay away from my two bad influencing friends, S.S. and J.F.
- Twanna Lennon - To stay with Pie forever.
- Varsity Cheerleaders - Be state champions!
- Ms. Terry - To calm Lori Cox down some.
- Johnny Lamp - To stop picking my nose.
- Shanta Maske - To find a boyfriend so when Twana and Pie break up she can be jealous of me.
- Anonymous - To break it off with Mrs. Poston.
- Anonymous - To sit down and explain to Danny's mom that I don't want her any more.
- John Stokes - To get a job at Ted's Gas-N-Stuff.
- Jenny Freshly - To do some more deceiving things with Jill and Suzanne.
- Melissa Jones - To pass English, room with Raechel Riggins - Go on a date with Nakia.

- Jenny at UNCC, and roll more North Stanly soccer players' cars.
- Rob Bailey - To make it up to all the people I've hurt recently and prove to them that I'm happy. Sorry, everybody!
- Mr. Taylor - Stop eating oatmeal cookies.
- Antonio Brown - To win the state championship.
- Jason Phibbs - Stop chewing on my pen.
- Holly Morgan - drop a few pounds.



Mr. Taylor and students plan improvements for '93.

My worst Christmas ever!

By Courtney Rogers

Have you ever had one of those no-so-perfect Christmas days? The ones where it seems like nothing goes your way and you don't get even one present that you like? Yes, we've all had these bad experiences sometime in our years past. Here is what a few students claim to be their worst Christmas memory.

Elissa Freshly: When all four of us kids had the chicken pox at the same time.

Anna Norwood: Having pneumonia twice over the Christmas holidays.

Heather Smith: I had pneumonia the whole two weeks while I was out of school for the Christmas holidays.

Susan Dixon: David went home to Ohio for five whole days.

Mik: Grandma got run over by a reindeer?!?!

B.B.B.: Watching "Silent Night, Deadly Night" part I-VII and wondering if 'Santa' would visit my house next.

Meggan Lowder: Our car broke down on the way to my grandmother's at 11P.M. on Christmas Eve. We had to walk home.

Kari Andrews: I was about six years old and I woke up on Christmas morning to find not one present under the tree because my mom and dad overslept and forgot to put them out.

Erin Pettit: Almost every Christmas when I was younger I would receive lots of toys with "some assembly required". I never got to play with them until after my dad could figure out how to put them together and by that time the Christmas excitement had worn off.

Christy Simpson: When Leslie Morgan informed me that there was no Santa Claus.

Teneka Thomas: I was wearing my new shoes

and outfit that I'd gotten the day before for Christmas, when a truck passed and splashed muddy snow all over me.

Sarah Snodgrass: On our way to Pennsylvania, we got stuck in an ice-covered alley with another car blocking the exit. We had to wait for a salt truck to come before we could get out.

Chrissy Smith: I had to go to the emergency room on Christmas Eve and I learned that I had asthma.

Tammy Wallace: I woke up on Christmas day to find that no one was home and all of the gifts were gone.



Christy Simpson tears up her Santa list after she learns the truth.