

Orientation great- for seniors

by charlotte porter

This year's freshman orientation program was a great one for seniors. What seems to be the majority view interviewed freshman who managed to overcome their apathy of the event (UNCC seems to be a hotbed of opinion).

For most, being roused out of bed at night and early after our first big night college-college -we're- finally- at- college -let's raise-hell was traumatic enough without adding the additional drama of trying to find the gym and wondering what was going to happen when you got there. Here came freshman's first lesson - follow lines pray.

Once at the scene we were handed in cards with strange names and numbers and herded inside. We were greeted with bright smiles and coming speeches. Which, all admit, is effective. At least we knew that we were in the right place.

Then we were broken up into small groups, told to get acquainted, and left to do so, only to grin nervously at each other and wonder if this was some kind of encounter group.

Eventually the orientation counselors arrived, with clean shiny clothes, a decidedly upperclassman attitude about them, and arms loaded with all the pamphlets a

freshman needed in order to get a good start in this new life. Not to mention the gummed name tags to insure that if the freshman forgot his name in all the confusion all he had to do was look at his chest (effective only for those who were bright enough to stick them on upside down. If not, no one noticed anyway.)

We were soon dragged off to seminar rooms, where we had some games devised to amuse us and help us get acquainted.

First, we walked around asking people if perhaps they had the same major, birth month, numbers of brothers and sisters, and hobbies as we did. If you didn't meet anyone who did, you were prone to ask yourself certain fundamental questions of life, or say that it was all screwed and hope that the next game was more interesting.

It was. We had to get together with one person, write down the five nouns best describing ourselves, and psychoanalyze each other.

All of this led up to an informal discussion with our O.C., and later a faculty advisor. They answered all our questions as well as they knew how, which in some cases, if your O.C. is a nursing major and the advisor was an engineer while you planned on a career

in witchcraft, wasn't very far.

"The O.C.'s answered my questions and all that just fine," said one freshman. "I really felt dumb when I came here, thrown in with a bunch of people I didn't know and felt very uncomfortable with. Then I was told to do those stupid games that were so embarrassing. I didn't feel comfortable and I felt like it didn't help me at all."

Most freshman interviewed felt that they got to know people through the program, even though most remember being too wound up to enter into the program with the amusement it obviously required.

One freshman felt that the O.C.'s were a lot of help with the questions that arose, and said,

"It's a good idea if you stick with orientation groups and questions and dispense with the games."

One simply said it was a pile of shit.

As time marches incessantly forward, freshmen will be able to look back upon their fear and ignorance and laugh.

Until then, it's comforting to see a familiar face and say "You! The kid who described herself as girl, before everything else! What's happening? What do you mean, where do I know you from?"



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A flotilla of ducks cruise the lake. They could be labeled an endangered species here. Seems lots of people are trying to get rid of them. Let's hope they stay.

Student rights

by sharon deck

SBG President Stan Patterson is leading a drive by student body presidents of state colleges to incorporate statements of student rights into the set of regulations governing all state schools.

Patterson met this weekend with members of the Board of Governors to discuss suggested revisions to the former Code of the Consolidated University, which is being rewritten to apply to all 16 state-supported schools. The student body presidents are arguing that the state universities not violate student morals or enforce dietary norms. They will also try to convince the Board to end university policies of in loco parentis and to recognize students as legal adults and citizens.

A uniform bill of student rights will be presented, which will affirm the freedoms of speech, press, and assembly; the rights of students to attend the lectures of their choice; complete freedom of speech for any guest speakers on campus; protection against illegal search and seizure in dormitories; and student representation in all University policy decisions.

Cooperative efforts among the 16 schools for publications contracts, entertainment, class rings, books, and other supplies will be suggested. If this proposal is accepted, the presidents believe, student fees and expenses may decrease.

Other proposals include student participation in decisions relating to

residence hall regulations; a concerted effort to hold down tuition and fees; and increased availability and openness of student records.

Since the Board of Governors has just been formed and is not bound by tradition, the student body presidents hope that the members will be more amenable to the inclusion of student rights in the new Code.

Patterson is leading the effort because he is the only student body president to have had more than one term in office. In the past, student efforts have met with limited success because by the time a president learned the ropes, his term had ended.

Patterson hopes that the 16 schools will form their own single organization to represent them and to provide continuity. The cost of such an organization would be borne by the students, but the cost would probably not be more than 50 cents a semester. Patterson believes that policy changes could save the students much more than would be spent on the organization.

UNCC has less to gain from a uniform set of policies than other schools have, Patterson said, because UNCC students already have many of the rights that the Board is being urged to include in the Code. But Patterson believes that student rights and university policies will be easier to uphold when local administrators are not quite as free to make policies that differ from school to school.

YDC starts to move

by ken dyes

The first organizational meeting of the Young Democrats Club began smoothly. Kenny Johnson was duly elected president and Cindy Shoemaker was selected first vice-president. In both races there were no other nominees. When no one was nominated as second vice-president, president Johnson explained that the "person who was supposed to nominate the second vice president" had failed to attend the meeting.

President Johnson went on to explain that in keeping with the guidelines established by the McGovern Commission he wished to have an equal number of blacks and women represented. He then selected Arcie Boyton, the only black to attend the meeting, as second vice-president. Further selections were Jane Lanigan as secretary and Nick Karagius as

treasurer. According to Johnson they were selected because of their desire to work for the YDC.

Opposition to the selections was voiced by Stan Shotkus. Shotkus pointed out that he was unfamiliar with most of the people attending the meeting. Shotkus suggested that the selections should be postponed until the members could become better acquainted. Johnson told the Journal following the meeting that he considered the selections to be temporary and that he would set a date for the election of permanent officers.

State Representative Jim Beatty addressed the meeting. He asked that the YDC not ignore the local races. Other candidates were given last minute invitations to attend by Dr. George Abernathy but only Beatty came. Liz Hair, candidate for county

commission sent Betty Chafin as her proxy. Ms. Chafin said that Ms. Hair could not attend because of prior commitments.

The meeting adjourned after selecting committees for the election of Democratic candidates on the state and national levels. The turn-out was generally good, with 30 to 40 people at the meeting. A constitution will now be submitted to the State YDC and to the student legislature for charter.

On the day following the meeting Johnson approached the Journal concerning its coverage of the meeting. He pointed out that he was not interested in influencing the Journal but that he felt that the YDC "did not need any bad publicity. He was right; it wasn't necessary."

Fall celebration week

The Student Union Board is presenting Fall Celebration Week September 17th through September 22nd.

Sunday night, September 17, Fall Celebration will begin with the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band in concert at the UNCC gymnasium at 9:00 p.m. Tickets are now on sale in Denny (C) building, the University Center and the Residence Hall Cafeteria - \$1.50 with a student I.D. and \$2.50 for the general public. Tickets are \$3.00 at the door.

Monday, September 18, the Acme Dance Company will begin a three day stay on campus, which will include workshops and demonstrations.

Wednesday night there will be a presentation in Rowe Building - \$1.00 with I.D. and \$2.00 for the general public.

Tuesday night, at 8:30 p.m. in the Parquet Room, Dick Gregory, well known lecturer and social commentator, will speak. No admission will be charged.

Fall Celebration will conclude with a concert by the New York Rock Ensemble with a special guest appearance by Leo Kottke, well known classical country guitarist. Admission for students is \$1.00. The concert will be held in the gym Friday, September 22, at 9:00.



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