



CLASS OF 2002
TIMELINE

Aug. 18, 1998 - First day of classes at UNC for the class of 2002. The renovated Lenoir Dining Hall opens its doors.

February 1999 - The U.S. House of Representatives passes two articles of impeachment against President Clinton.



April 1999 - Two teenage gunmen go on a rampage at Columbine High School in Colorado, killing 12 students and one teacher before turning their weapons on themselves.



June 1999 - Chancellor Michael Hooker loses his six-month battle with non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

August 1999 - The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house, which was gutted by a 1996 fire that killed five people, reopens.



September 1999 - Hurricane Floyd cuts a swath of destruction across eastern North Carolina. President Clinton later visits to inspect the damage.

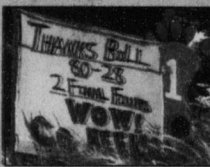


December 1999 - The much-hyped "Y2K Bug" fails to materialize as computers switch over to the new year mostly without incident.

April 2000 - James Moeser of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is formally named chancellor.



July 2000 - Men's basketball coach Bill Guthridge retires after only three seasons. Matt Doherty is hired to replace him after Roy Williams turns down the job. Provost Dick Richardson also announces his retirement.



August 2000 - The Carolina Computing Initiative, a brain child of Chancellor Hooker, goes into effect as every member of this year's freshman class is issued a laptop computer.

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FOUR YEARS OF CAROLINA, FOUR YEARS OF LIFE

FROM ORIENTATION TO GRADUATION, CAROLINA HAS DEFINED OUR LIVES AND OUR WORLD

CLINTON SCANDAL. COLUMBINE. THE MASTER PLAN. CHANCELLOR MICHAEL HOOKER. TUITION INCREASES. SEPTEMBER 11.

HURRICANE FLOYD. PARKING PROTESTS. THE FINAL FOUR. BEATING DUKE. GEORGE W. BUSH VS. AL GORE. CLOCKS IN EVERY CLASSROOM.

THE MILLENNIUM. CHANCELLOR MOESER. SNOWSTORM. JOHN BUNTING. MATT DOHERTY. PEACE VIGILS AND PRAYERS. CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION.

The Past is Gone, The Future Awaits

BY KATE HARTIG, EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

From the first day of class to the last, there are some things that remain constant, even when the world and the nation are changing rapidly. The way the air smells on a beautiful spring day in Chapel Hill. The anxious and scared feeling on your first day of class. The fatigue of your first all-nighter. But the last four years have been anything but constant.

In mid-August of 1998 on a hot summer Chapel Hill afternoon, members of the class of 2002 moved into their residence halls. The new Lenoir Dining Hall finally reopened, and the class of 2002 was the first class to eat there for all four years. Just the week before, the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania were bombed, killing dozens. The world had gotten an awful taste of what al-Qaida was capable of.

As fall faded into winter, the class of 2002, only second-semester freshmen, witnessed a great scandal - the impeachment trials of President Bill Clinton. We were engaged, and yet by that point we hadn't even voted in a presidential election. We felt older than 18 or 19. As college freshmen, we thought we were invincible.

The summer following freshman year, the class

of 2002 suffered its first loss - Chancellor Michael Hooker. Many probably don't remember Hooker. But in the last four years, as a class we have seen some of his goals become reality: the Carolina Computing Initiative and improving campus intellectual climate. Bill McCoy was named interim chancellor, and Chancellor James Moeser was installed several months later. We are a class that has seen three chancellors.

As sophomores, the class of 2002 came back to school only to be affected by a disaster that hit home for many students. Hurricane Floyd tore into northeastern North Carolina, leaving its mark to this day, as some areas have not yet fully recovered. On campus, a storm was also brewing - that of tuition increases. The tuition increase of spring 2000 was one of three the class of 2002 battled in its time here. The following summer, Carolina basketball got a new coach, and that winter, so did the football team.

A little before that winter, in November of 2000, the class of 2002 voted in its first presidential election. Many still boast bumper stickers from that fall, and some even went to the nation's capital to protest or support George W. Bush's inauguration. We felt like real citizens of this nation, but no other event would prove our allegiance to this nation or this University more than the events of Sept. 11.

The class of 2002 learned more about the world and humanity in the last seven months than it ever

could've inside a classroom. On the edge of the real world, seniors are staring into a truly different society, a far more fragile one, one left reeling from tremendous loss.

Regardless, these four years are marked by different emotions and events for each one of us. You might have lost a mother or a father, a friend, a sibling or a roommate. You've cried when it wasn't even you, because it still hurt. And there are always the good times, nights you wished would never end but can never replicate.

But as time passes and the world changes around us, no matter how much it hurts or how confusing life seems, there is something that is constant and will always be the same in your mind and heart: Carolina.

When the world seems like an unfamiliar place, the stone walls and green grass of the quad will always be the same - and purely sacred.

Seniors, when you walk into Kenan on graduation day, remember that while four years might seem like they went by so quickly, your time at Carolina is eternal.

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Carolina's Most Important Lessons

BY LEE CONNER, UNC LAW AND MBA STUDENT

Inspired by Robert Fulghum ... All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned at Carolina. I earned three degrees in Carolina's classrooms, but I gained wisdom walking underneath the poplars, along Franklin Street and beside my friends. Here is what I learned.

Well water tastes better. All commercials should have Charles Kuralt's voice. Nothing beats springtime in the quad. Procrastination inspires brilliance. Dick Richardson tells the best stories. Loving your school makes all the difference in your education. The tingle you feel walking across campus is history. Before you leave, learn some from Douglass Hunt and make some of your own.

Linda's cheese fries, Hector's cheeseburgers on pitas and Beefmaster hotdogs are good for you. Awesome women dating losers because of the 60/40 ratio are in "Chapel Hill relationships." The smell in the alley behind frat court is permanent. So is the smell in Bub's, but Bub's has shuffleboard. Friends streaking through campus don't appreciate tardy get-away drivers.

If you go to Player's sober, people wonder about you. Student affairs said two-thirds of students have 0.00 BAC on a given night, meaning one-third (8,060 students) have been drinking. That's a lot of drunks, so be

careful out there. On Halloween, people know you're drunk even if you act like your costume, especially when you fall into a shrub.

The Dean Dome needs risers on both ends. UNC = University of National Champions. If a homeless man killed and ate Rameses, then Wojo can block Julius Peppers. Question is: Were they from Duke or State? Vince Carter is cooler for attending his graduation than if he'd made the game-winning shot. I want to be like Mike. State wants to be Carolina's archival, but it's not. Duke is.

Franklin Street was better with the Intimate Book Shop, Jeff's Confectionary and Maxx's Cellar. Most people think Chapel Hill reached capacity when they arrived. Buses should run after 7 p.m. Night parking permits are, were and always will be a stupid idea.

Learning about Frank Porter Graham and Dean Smith should be required to graduate. The swim test shouldn't. Every graduate should cross a stage; departments without graduation ceremonies are lazy. Carolina has 24,180 students, so sometimes you don't really get to know some of the coolest ones until they graduate and move somewhere far away, like Texas.

Growing up isn't always fun. Fear is knowing a fraternity is on fire or a gunman killed people on Henderson Street but not knowing where your friends are. Humanity is crying even

though they weren't your friends.

When printing thousands of campaign posters, find a good picture. The "Machine" is good, don't rage against it. E-mail: a student politician's best friend. "Sleep is for wimps." Winning the 100 "involved" students wins any campus election. Student Congress was more entertaining before it was on STV and when people got recalled.

If you stink at your job and get criticized by the DTH, it's not their fault for criticizing you. It's your fault for stinking. Sometimes, you're distinguished by your enemies. Saying an African-American did a bad job doesn't make you racist, nor does saying a woman did a bad job make you sexist. Tee Pruitt is an honest man and was a great CAA president. Homecoming queens shouldn't divide us.

Students judge a chancellor by his actions, not by his choosing to listen. That's expected. Chancellors should have Paul Hardin's honor, Michael Hooker's intensity and Bill McCoy's class. Deans should be like Gene Nichol, trustees like Richard Stevens, BOG members like John Sanders, vice chancellors like Edith Wiggins and Don Boulton. South Building needs more people like Susan Ehringhaus, Brenda Kirby, Linda Naylor and Pat Clark. If you think preponderance should replace beyond a reasonable doubt as the Honor Court standard, you shouldn't work in student affairs. C.D. Spangler

had a meal plan in Lenoir. Molly Broad and James Moeser should too.

Carolina must care more about serving North Carolina than being "No. 1" in U.S. News or we will cease to be "For the People." In turn, the legislature must fund enrollment growth and faculty salaries or lift the 18 percent out-of-state cap. Our chancellor and president should demand they make that choice.

Michael Corleone was right: "The only wealth in this world is children. More than all the money, power on the earth." North Carolina's children deserve access to Carolina regardless of their wealth. N.C. Constitution Article IX, Section IX: "The General Assembly shall provide that the benefits of The University of North Carolina and other public institutions of higher education, as far as practicable, be extended to the people of the State free of expense."

The University of New Jersey at Durham is expensive. Being a Tar Heel is priceless.

That's it. After 16 semesters, my LAST Carolina exam was Monday. I'm celebrating with a Blue Cup tonight. (It's my way of supporting the economy and not letting the terrorists win.) Come join me ... and may your skies always be Carolina blue.

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October 2000 - Suicide bombers detonate a small boat laden with explosives next to the U.S.S. Cole as it sits at anchor in the port city of Aden, Yemen. Seventeen sailors are killed.

November 2000 - The presidential election produces no immediate winner, while North Carolina voters send Mike Easley to the governor's mansion.



November 2000 - Carl Torbush is fired after three seasons as head football coach. Torbush's total record at UNC was 17-18.

December 2000 - John Bunting is hired to replace Torbush. Bunting later guides the team to a Peach Bowl victory.



February 2001 - Hundreds of students take to Franklin Street after a basketball victory over archrival Duke. The revelry gets out of hand when a car is flipped over.



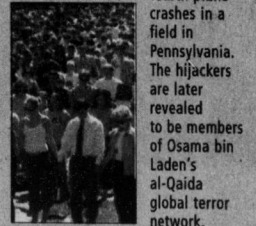
April 2001 - A U.S. surveillance plane is forced down over China after colliding with a Chinese fighter jet. The 24 crew members are released after weeks of high-level negotiations.

June 2001 - Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh is executed by lethal injection in Terre Haute, Ind. It is the first federal execution since 1963.

August 2001 - U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms announces he will not run for re-election in 2002, thus bringing his 30-year Senate career to an end.



September 2001 - Terrorists hijack four passenger planes, crashing two into the World Trade Center and a third into the Pentagon. The fourth plane crashes in a field in Pennsylvania. The hijackers are later revealed to be members of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida global terror network.



March 2002 - The UNC-system Board of Governors passes a \$486 tuition increase for in-state students and a \$1,778 increase for out-of-state students.

May 19, 2002 - Graduation day. Good luck to the class of 2002.



The years teach much which the days never knew.

Ralph Waldo Emerson