

Paris Exchange Scholarship

# UNC Man Teaches English Abroad

By DAN HARTMAN

**Editors' Note:** The author is spending the year in France as UNC's Paris Exchange Scholar. Interviews will be held this month for next year's scholar. First mentioned in Caesar's Commentaries, Paris, the "city of lights," has had a long, important, and fascinating history. Even today as history continues to unfold, Paris has never lost her charm and magnificence of the past, nor has she lost the dynamic spirit that is so characteristic of a city whose motto is "Fluctuat nec mergitur" — buffeted by the waves but never founders. Though she has undergone many, many trials during the last 2,000 years, she has grown, prospered, and become probably the most important and most captivating city on the European continent. And it is here that one Carolina student a year represents the UNC on the Paris Exchange Program.

Arranged in 1964 by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the program allows for the exchange of two students between the UNC and the Ecole Supérieure d'Electricite, one of electronics and radio-television communications in France. Founded in 1883 by the French Society of Electricians, the school began with 8 students who studied for only one year. By 1925 the school had 225 students and, because of its expansion, was moved into its present buildings in Malakoff, a suburb just south of Paris. In 1937 the program of study was increased to two years, and in 1963 it was increased again to three years. As of 1963-64, the Ecole "Supélec" had an enrollment of 616 students and plans to construct again, in the near future, a new, more adequate building. In the spirit of this constant expansion, the school instituted in 1962 a language program in order to give its students some practical and personal experience with a foreign language,

a much needed complement to the more extensive scientific training. The Carolina student comes to "Supélec" not to study, but to teach — to work with the language program. Mme. Lemaitre, the Carolina student finds herself in front of three or four classes per week, giving instruction in spoken English. Though not a difficult task, it is extremely interesting, rewarding and challenging, and offers a contact with French students other than the contact on the social level. But the Carolina student's teaching duty requires only seven or eight hours per week, and thus he is able to pursue his own studies. The most important school in France is the University of Paris, of which the most important part is the Sorbonne. Founded in 1253 by Robert de Sorbonne, rebuilt by Cardinal Richelieu in the 17th century, and now spread all over Paris in additional, more modern buildings, the Sorbonne continues to draw thousands of French and foreign students each year. Although the influence of the Sorbonne is somewhat less today than in the past, because of the increasing influence of the other excellent institutions of higher education elsewhere in France, it has played and continues to play a major role in the development and the growth of French society. But the most fantastic thing in France is Paris itself, and being a "tourist" here for eight or nine months never loses its fascination. City of a thousand moods and faces, changing from day to day and with the seasons, Paris has a variety which is astounding. It is here that the best things in life are free — principally walking. Though Paris is large (26,700 acres), one never tires of simply walking and looking. Nothing is more pleasant than a walk to the Eiffel Tower, across the Seine to the Palais de Chaillot, to the Arc de Triomphe, or along the Champs Elysees to the Place de la Concorde. Then one can walk past Maxim's to the Madeleine and on through the Opera, and then back through the Place Vendôme to the Jardin des Tuileries which leads to the Louvre. If still enthusiastic, the walker can go to Notre Dame and to the Latin Quarter, past the Sorbonne and the Pantheon to the Palais du Luxembourg and back to the tomb of Napoleon in the Hotel des Invalides. Then there are always Montmartre, the Sacre Couer, Pigalle, or the delightful Place du Tertre, painted again and again by the local artists. For a rainy day, one can visit the Louvre, which is indeed the most important art museum in the world. Besides the Mona Lisa and the Winged Victory or the Venus de Milo, there are major sections of Greek and Roman art, Egyptian art, and some of the best works of such artists as Raphael, Titian, van der Goes, Bruegel, Rubens, Hals, Rembrandt, Van Dyck, El Greco, Murillo, Velasquez, Goya, Chardin, David, Delacroix, Courbet, Gericault, Corot, Ingres, Millet, Toulouse-Lautrec, Degas and Renoir — a variety unequalled anywhere. For the impressionists, it is but a short walk to the Galerie du Jeu de Paume where hang the best paintings of Manet, Monet, Degas, Toulouse-Lautrec, Renoir, Van Gogh, Cezanne and Gauguin, among others. For 20th century art, the National Museum of Modern Art offers such artists as Utrillo, Chagall, Matisse, Rousseau, Braque, Picasso, and Le Corbusier. At night Paris offers the best concerts, the best theater (notably the famous Comedie Francaise), and the best cinema in the world — all readily available even for the tight-budgeted student. Paris is indeed a center of history, painting, sculpture, architecture, music, the theater, the cinema, or a city or simply having a good time. All of Paris, as well as all of Europe, is easily accessible to the student abroad. With the continuation of the Paris Exchange Program, some forty-two Carolina Students will have each year one of the richest and most rewarding experiences of his life.

"No, Man, This is the Top Row of Woollen Gym."



Letters To The Editors

## Basketball Coach Blasted

Boycott Suggested For Wake Game

**Editors, The Tar Heel:**  
No one with the authority to remove Dean Smith as coach of our basketball team appears to be taking any action.

Smith should be removed, in my opinion, for lack of coaching ability, especially concerning discipline of the players, which is very apparent every time UNC plays (except Duke, Vanderbilt and Kentucky because they were up for these teams).

What I propose, to show how I am sure most interested students feel about this situation (UNC's losing), is a boycott by the students (and faculty if they desire) of the Wake Forest game here next Tuesday (Feb. 9). This, I believe, is the first time this has been done.

I'm sure this would draw enough attention to get the ball rolling. The two effigy hangings helped.

Name Withheld

## Pedestrian Rights Need Publicity

**Editors, The Tar Heel:**

Thanks for your picture of the new pedestrian lane in Chapel Hill and appropriate comments in a recent edition of the Weekly. Also, thanks to the city administration for the other recently installed pedestrian lanes. Now what can we do to insure that all of us cooperate by using this new safety measure? In my opinion unless we start using these lanes, our excellent safety record will fall.

Corollary to the use of these safety lanes by pedestrians is the responsibility of the motorist. At the moment a great number of motorists in town seem to think they have the right of

way on approaching these lanes. They particularly have this attitude also when turning right or left across the pedestrian lane on the street on to which they are turning.

**Editors, The Tar Heel:**  
I have just read the letter from the student who was suspended from the University because of a violation of the Honor Code.

It really poses a problem. The University is inexorably bound to uphold the Honor Code, and it is true as the Greeks maintained that "Man learns wisdom only through suffering."

But I believe everyone should be given a second chance. The object of the home and of school is to make character — not break people. This boy's life is practically broken, for the present, at least. It makes me wonder if there isn't a way of making him realize the seriousness of his crime, without virtually destroying him.

The belief is entirely too prevalent today, that anything you can get by with, and not be caught, is all right, but there might be a little less devastating way to get the idea over to the offender, that his assumption is simply not true, that it will not be tolerated, either in the University, or in life after he gets out into the world.

None of us are perfect, and we might remember that, but for the grace of God, there go I.  
Otelia Connor

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The Carolina student will be provided travel expenses by Student Government and the expenses related to his stay in Paris will be covered by the salary he receives from the French Government.  
At Carolina, the exchange student from Paris has a scholarship sponsored jointly by the Office of Student Aid and Student Government. He takes his meals in fraternities.  
The Paris scholar now in residence is Dominique Bonte, a graduate student in Physics. He lives in 10 Old West and invites students interested in the exchange to visit him in order to discuss their particular ques-

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## The YRC Bites Its Own Tongue

The North Carolina Federation of Young Republicans is an organization that makes a habit of sticking out its political tongue at other, similar, organizations, but in endorsing the state Speaker Ban law on Saturday it may well have bitten that tongue.

Saying that any effort to repeal the law would do "irreparable harm to the cause of freedom within our state," the Federation voted 104-28 to support a 1965 platform which included a wholesale endorsement of the law. The action was taken, however, without a word of debate.

A spokesman for the group explained that the business session had run 90 minutes overtime and the delegates were "tired." Thus all the platform proposals were adopted without debate.

Our observation is that this is a heck of a way to run a political show, whatever your position. Having viewed the shouting-down match that passed as the Republican National Convention last July, however, we can certainly understand how such a thing could have transpired.

We do not intend to debate the basic issue of the Speaker Ban all over again just because this group of obviously headstrong Young Republicans has said they are for it. Anyone who believes in such principles as Trustee control of the university and free scientific discussion probably feels, as we do, that the law is an abomination. We must infer, therefore, that such ideals are not in keeping with

the immediate political aspirations of the state's Young Republicans.

The essentially ridiculous nature of this action can be pointed out further when it is compared with the stands taken by some calmer, more forward-looking Republicans.

During the recent general election, GOP gubernatorial candidate Robert Gavin stood rather firmly against the Speaker Ban law, expressing clearly his feeling that this was a piece of legislation that the state could easily do without.

The law has been opposed also by several top YRC leaders, and the YR's College Council has spoken out against it.

If such facts crossed the minds of the group that met in Charlotte last weekend, they obviously passed through some rather arid territory.

We might compare the situation to the actions of the older (but no less blundering) Republicans who trumpeted trumped-up segregationist doctrines on behalf of Barry Goldwater. They won five Southern states that way, but they threw away the rest of the country in the process.

By their most recent stand, the state's Young Republicans have probably gained the support of a few die-hard arch-Conservatives, but they may have thrown away the potential support of hundreds of college students who realize that "freedom" cannot be aided by external intrusion into the internal affairs of a great University.

## Best Wishes To An Old Friend

From time to time in the life of a newspaper there come phone calls or messages which bring forth an extra amount of concern or anxiety because they convey especially disturbing news.

One such ominous occasion arose Saturday, when a phone call bore the message that former UNC chancellor William B. Aycock had suffered an attack brought on by some type of intestinal disorder, and was seriously ill in Memorial Hospital. Anxious, disturbed expressions on the faces of staff members reflected the eagerness of all to hear that the 49-year-old educator was out of danger.

That word came Sunday, but later in the day a tense, three-hour emergency operation was required before Chancellor Aycock's physicians could finally announce that he was on the road to complete recovery.

On behalf of the entire Carolina campus, we extend our wish for a speedy and total recovery to the man who steered our fortunes with skill and dedication for seven years. We hope that his absence from the faculty of the UNC Law School will be brief, and that he will soon be back in top form.

Get well soon, Chancellor!

## The Knight's Long Days (And Months)

From The Durham Morning Herald

North Carolina has received the biennial pledge that this year's General Assembly session will be "short."

With history as our guide we suggest that no one take this pledge too seriously. It is a piece of cant as predictable as the appearance of Secretary of State Thad Eure at the legislature's opening session. No one is going to promise a long session. Even those who foresaw such a thing would accentuate the idea of keeping the legislature's stay in Raleigh as short as possible.

This is not to minimize the value of keeping sessions short. There comes a point of diminishing return in General

Assembly proceedings. After so long a time, legislative tempers wear thin. A groggy weariness sets in that can prompt otherwise sensible legislators to introduce foolish legislation and to offer foolish arguments on unfoolish issues.

All sorts of legislative sleight of hand can take place as a General Assembly gropes toward adjournment after an overly long time in session. Though much nonsense can be tossed into the hopper as serious legislation at any time, it is worth noting that North Carolina's speaker ban law was an undeliberated 11th hour product. So too was a curious little piece of antilabor legislation which was produced some years ago to exclude workers in this state from collecting unemployment compensation even though they were thrown out of work by a strike among workers in another state, a strike in which North Carolinians neither sought nor could expect any benefits.

Certainly North Carolina must hope that every General Assembly will try to avoid the ravages of legislative fatigue as well as the taxpayer cost of keeping a dawdling legislature in session. Yet the crucial evaluation of a constructive session isn't whether the legislators go home tomorrow or next August, but whether they leave with their important work well done. And to that end, we trust the quality of performance will be more closely watched than the adjournment clock.

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