

# Otelia Connor: An Institution That Cared

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Otelia Connor was an institution at the University of North Carolina.

Since 1957, when she came to watch her son graduate, she had walked along the brick walks of the campus with umbrella and words of advice on hand.

The advice was always on manners. The 74-year-old Person County native worried about the manners of "her students." She wanted them all to be perfect Carolina ladies and gentlemen.

She also wrote columns for The Daily Tar Heel about everything from getting dates to proper dress to campus unrest.

She always threatened to use her umbrella on the "gentlemen" who insisted on following their wayward habits. She only used it once, and she apologized immediately.

Otelia, as everyone called her when she wasn't around (It was Mrs. Connor, Ma'm, when addressing her personally), became famous for her campus campaign for good manners. Time Magazine did a story about her several years ago, and every news writing student interviewed her at one time or another.

When she came to watch her son graduate, she fell in love with

Chapel Hill and adopted both the town and the students.

Her Tar Heel column dealt with a variety of subjects, but the student was always the center.

Her last column, which appeared in last week's edition of the Summer Tar Heel, was about long hair. She said that she used to be against long hair, but she changed her mind after a few years at Chapel Hill.

"When I took this position (supporting long hair)," she wrote, "... people ... were resentful, for they haven't spoken to me since. I call this reaction juvenile behavior, which to my mind is more deplorable than the acting-up of college students.

"... Let us all, students and adults, grow into maturity, and be ready to accept the next period of change around the corner."

That's the way Otelia always was nice, polite, and always ready to listen to the other person's ideas.

Otelia Connor died early Wednesday morning in North Carolina Memorial Hospital of a heart attack.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today in the Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church.

Surviving are a daughter Mrs. Kate Connor Logue of Woodland, Calif., and a son, David Marion Connor, Jr., of Wilson.



Otelia Connor

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### Workers Get Back Pay

\$180,000 Owed By University

The University has begun paying food service workers back wages owed them since Feb. 1, 1967.

The total amount paid to the workers will be \$180,000 for overtime worked since that date.

However, Dr. Clairborne S. Jones, special assistant to the chancellor, said the University does not plan to try to find out how much over that amount the University owes the workers.

The \$180,000 figure was arrived at late last week by the Wages and Hours Division of the U.S. Department of Labor. The report, released last Friday, by the office of University President William C. Friday, said that 500 workers were owed the money for discrepancies involving failure to pay for overtime labor performed. The federal study did not go back further than Feb. 1, 1967, because the University was not under the Labor Department's jurisdiction before that time.

Dr. Jones said that further investigation by the University "would not be possible." Dr. Jones said the investigation back to that date required too much time and effort for the university to undertake.

The checks for amounts owed are being mailed to the Greensboro office of the Wages and Hours Division which will then mail the checks to the workers.

Dr. Jones declined to say how much the largest check was for, or to whom it was made out, but he did indicate that most of the checks were for small amounts, so that some workers would be receiving proportionately larger

shares of the total amount.

The money to pay the back wages would come from non-state funds. Jones said that the funds consisted primarily of interest the University has earned on short-term investments over the years. The investment monies, he said, came from many sources, including state funds appropriated but not spent

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### Young New Manager Of Saga Organization

By JUDITH STINSON  
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Ted Young has replaced Troy O'Brien as manager of Saga Food Service here.

O'Brien has been manager here since Saga took over the University food service in May.

Young, 29, was formerly the Saga area personnel manager, responsible for all managerial hiring in an 11-state Southeastern area.

The change was made, Young

said, because "the powers that be" in Saga felt that the total organizational team at UNC was "not functioning as it should."

"All the potential organization had not been reached here," Young said. "It was not any one thing but a series of things. The change is for what we hope will be the betterment of the operation."

Young denied that an incident last Sunday night in which a worker was reportedly

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### Fiber Withdraws Rezoning Request

By TOM MARSHALL  
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Two hours before they were to meet on Monday morning, the Orange County Board of Commissioners learned that Fiber Industries, Inc., had withdrawn its bid to build a \$100 million textile plant three miles north of Chapel Hill.

Their request that the 450-acre tract of land near the New Hope Creek be rezoned was virtually assured of approval, despite great opposition from UNC and Duke University. In a letter announcing the withdrawal, Fiber Industries President Robert L. Dietrich stated the primary reason was "the significant opposition it encountered to having the land rezoned."

One of the leaders against the rezoning, North Carolina Provost J.C. Morrow, listed the three grounds of opposition, being:

That industrial use of the tract might lead to pollution of the New Hope Creek; that construction and later use of the land might destroy the creek's usefulness for biological research purposes, and that the site's nearness to the center of Chapel Hill would prevent "proper residential development of the town in that area."

Rezoning proponents cited the hike in the county tax base the plant would bring, the jobs it would create, and what they called Fiber Industries' reputation as a "fine corporate citizen."

In attacking the Fiber opponents, including Mayor Howard Lee, Carl Smith, chairman of the Orange County Commissioners, blamed the loss of the industry on "unintelligent intellectuals" and "a half-dozen members of the political machine that controls our town."

Smith said Lee, a Negro, was not serving the interest of local Negroes by opposing Fiber. The "machine that controls the town is using the Fiber Industries issue for political gain, and it might well backfire."

Smith went on to say, at a public hearing on the establishment of an Orange

County Housing Authority in Hillsborough Monday, that there is still hope of locating the textile plant in Orange County if more of the citizens who wanted the industry would speak out.

Smith said that "though the door is not closed, its open to no more than a crack now."

The letter of withdrawal did not flatly say Fiber Industries would not locate a plant in Orange County; it said had found in the county which it considered workable.

The letter also stated, "We feel it necessary to have near unanimous support of all major organizations in a community. Thus, while we are profoundly and sincerely appreciative of the warm and generous support accorded us by many fine citizens within the Orange County Community, Fiber Industries has decided to withdraw its request for rezoning."

No decision has yet been made as to the disposition of the site.



Carl Smith

### Beach Weather

A typical summer weekend is on hand at the coast. Weather will be warm and humid, with intermittent thundershowers expected during the evenings.