

New Chaplain Working To Get People Together

by Ken Ripley
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"One of the big roles of a chaplain today, if he has a role," newly appointed Episcopal chaplain Lex Matthews said, "will be a broker—to bring people together."

Matthews was selected by Chapel Hill's Episcopal Chaplaincy Board this summer to work with the board in a three-year experimental campus ministry. The experimental ministry is an attempt to explore and hopefully define the nature, scope and potential effectiveness of the campus chaplain.

The Episcopal Chaplaincy Board was created two years ago after the firing of two Episcopal chaplains, Bill Coates and Herb Tucker. Members of the board, consisting of students, faculty and parish representatives, were appointed last spring.

Matthews was Episcopal chaplain at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla. for eight years before coming to UNC in August. A former insurance claims examiner, he received a business degree at the University of Alabama.

As part of the experiment, Matthews will have no official ties with either of Chapel Hill's two Episcopal churches, but will work directly with the board in

setting up "new approaches and directions."

Concrete plans have not yet been made for the year.

"I'm still orienting myself," Matthews said.

The new chaplain does want to be flexible, however. He has no set hours at his office near the Porthole restaurant, but will be there when students need to see him. He also plans to participate in the residency chaplains program.

"As to why we're here, I don't know. All chaplains aren't clear about what

Lambda Chi's, APO's Saluted

The members of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity have been cited for outstanding service on behalf of the handicapped by a member of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

Committee member Robert Pace of Chapel Hill stated that the men of both organizations deserved special recognition for their support of efforts on behalf of handicapped persons, especially those suffering from arthritis.

Pace stated, "The members of Alpha Phi Omega and Lambda Chi Alpha deserve special recognition for outstanding efforts on behalf of the handicapped. I would specifically mention the tireless work of Vince Townsend and Bob Milligan in coordinating these efforts."

they're supposed to be doing," Matthews said.

"I don't know what's right, but I know a lot of what's not right, and I want to try a lot of things."

Two of Matthews' major interests are drugs and national politics. At the end of September he plans to attend a three-day Justice Department course on drugs to familiarize himself with the situation. He also hopes to be involved with students during the fall political campaigns.

"We've got to discover some basics about people," he said, "and at the same time we need more cross-fertilization of the community to deal with this impersonalization."

Matthews is afraid of rigid programs and having "a Mickey Mouse thing." The ideal religious community for him is "where people take each other seriously."

"The Episcopal Church has shown that they're willing to stay and not cop out on students," he said. "If the other ways don't work, we care enough for the students as people to say, let's try again."

"And not to say," he added, "to hell with you."



Gunnar Fromen takes a break from cheerleader practice.

Dick Baddour Serves Frats

A familiar figure on campus to fraternity men is Dick Baddour, assistant dean of men. He serves as the liaison between fraternities and the administration as advisor to the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC).

"Fraternities have got to offer more than four years of party life," says Baddour. "We must get rid of the old images of fraternity life and make it a more meaningful experience."

The 1966 graduate of UNC says he tries to get a rapport with the students he advises. This, he believes, will help make school a more meaningful experience.

"There is no reason to believe fraternities are dying," said Baddour. "They are very definitely changing. This is exemplified by the many fraternities in community projects."

"Those fraternities that are not willing to change probably will die," he added.

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