

Women RA's Help Bridge Gap

by Ann Lafferty
Staff Writer

Undergraduate women have begun serving as resident advisers (RA's) this year, following a precedent set over a decade ago in men's dorms. The RA's, both graduate and undergraduate, try to bridge the gap between dorm residents and the myriad services and activities of the university. They are supervised by Jane Poller, assistant director of residence life.

"Our role is one of someone who's got more information and experience in campus life," explained junior Vicki Norwood, an RA at East Cobb.

Before Orientation, resident advisers attended a week-long initiation of their own in which they were oriented to "almost every single thing on campus," as senior Charlotte Armstrong put it.

This preparation not only enables the girls to provide information about all phases of campus life, but equips them to

fill the role of what Linda Anderson calls "referral agent."

Miss Anderson explained that resident advisers are not trained counselors. Instead, they refer anyone with a personal problem to a professional in the university. In this way, girls with emotional, medical or academic problems can get help through RA's.

Resident advisers have received referral information on everything from reading problems and job placement to birth control and pregnancy.

"So many things happen that we can't handle," Miss Anderson added, "You feel like you're doing a second-hand service by referring people when actually you're doing the best thing—getting a professional."

Besides working with girls who have problems and need help, the resident advisers serve as catalysts, a role at which undergrads can often be more adept than

grads, she said, "because we share the same level of social and academic activity."

"Grads are more involved in study, whereas undergrads have more time, are more of the same age, and often are more familiar with campus activities," commented Miss Armstrong, an RA in Granville.

Spurred by an RA's initiative, the girls of one of Granville's floors help a Tuesday night mixer with boys from Duke. Other RA's make a point of publicizing campus activities and opportunities, such as Wednesday night's speech by Joseph Califano.

"I'm already trying to requisition another bulletin board for my floor," said one senior, who holds regular evening get-togethers in her room so residents on her hall can get to know each other.

However, there are some disadvantages to undergrads serving as resident advisers, enthusiasm and ability to relate notwithstanding. Sometimes the RA title

"puts a peg on someone you could otherwise relate to," said Miss Anderson.

The greatest potential liability is lack of age, for as one adviser said, "I'm worried that if anything should happen, they'd have no one to turn to."

Despite this possible problem, RA's work toward developing a sense of community in dorms and try to combat loneliness. Perhaps the most important day-to-day task of the resident advisers is mitigating the impersonality of a large and often strange institution—"letting people know they're special through actions, concern, and openness," said Miss Armstrong.

"Loneliness is always there, it's just how you handle it," said Miss Anderson. "The lack of personalization cannot be attributed completely to 'the system,' the bureaucracy, or any other inanimate catchall category. We are all in some minute way responsible for the individualism or sense of uniqueness others feel."

UCLA Prof Gives Speech On Health

UNC News Bureau

A UCLA professor of public health speaking here Friday on comprehensive health planning warned against the dangers of over-reacting in the face of mounting nationwide social pressures.

Dr. Milton I. Roemer said, "Economic waste can be avoided only through a system in which both personnel and equipment are appropriate to their function."

Dr. Roemer was a featured speaker at a conference on community health care held here at the UNC School of Nursing. Some 250 members of the health community in the state attended the conference.

Dr. Roemer also cautioned that the system, the personnel and the supporting equipment not be "more elaborately prepared than is necessary."

"At the same time," he said, "quality can be maintained only if these resources are sufficiently well prepared to do the job which society demands."

The professor of public health administration said, "This delicate balance of goals is the challenge presented today to all institutions engaged in the education of health workers as is your University."

"It is the reason we are seeing so much fresh questioning today about the proper role of doctors and nurses and many new types of medical assistants," he said.

The conference on community health care was a cooperative effort developed by the UNC Division of Health Affairs. Special attention was given in the conference to the primary health issues of the 1970's and especially those outside the hospital setting.

New Show Soon At Planetarium

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Final presentations of "Stars for Beginners" will be given at Morehead Planetarium this weekend.

This introduction to the backyard heavens may be seen for the last time this year on Saturday, at 11 a.m., 1, 5 and 8:30 p.m., Sunday, October 11, at 2, 3, 4 and 8:30 p.m.; and Monday, October 12, at 8:30 p.m.

Opening Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. will be the Planetarium's new public program, "Sky Spectaculars." Presentations will be given daily thereafter on the regular public schedule. Reservations are not necessary for public programs.



Otis the cat, has been evicted and (l. to r.) Jane Halstead and Donna Heavner are trying to raise the \$100 needed to keep Otis at home. Otis belongs to Bill Donevon. (Staff photo by Lee Unah)

UNC India Group To Organize Today

The UNC India Association will hold an organizational meeting Saturday at 2 p.m. in the School of Public Health lounge.

The vice president, joint secretary and executive member of the association will be elected at the meeting. Activities for this year will be planned.

The association was begun in 1966. Its purpose is to promote better understanding and appreciation of Indian culture and to provide guidance and help for incoming Indian students.

Membership is open to all Indian nationals and other citizens interested in the purposes of the association.

Past activities of the group include an Indian bazaar, which netted \$1,500 for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

The bazaar also provided money for 2,000 books to be donated to the Chapel Hill library. The books are being transported from India.

The association also sponsors an India night at which a native dinner is served and Indian movies are shown.

"Anyone who is interested in actively promoting the Indian social culture is invited to the meeting," said N.M. Lahu, president.

Indian refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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'Sex Month' Entertains

by Jerry Klein
Staff Writer

For the past week the social lounge in Morrison Residence College has been alive with activity as hundreds of people have examined pamphlets, diagrams and models designed for the sexually naive.

The first week of "Sex Revolution Month," which was described by Morrison Governor Robert Wilson as a "great success," included sex education displays on birth control, models, charts, illegal abortion tools, contraceptive

devices and a small library of informative books on sex.

This is, however, only the beginning, said Wilson, as the rest of the program will be intended to delve deeper into today's "sexual revolution."

Wilson described this first "Theme of the Month" as an attempt to "give the students something they can't get on main campus."

Dr. Takey Crist, assistant professor of the Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology of the UNC Memorial Hospital will speak Wednesday

Southern Strategy Being Set By SDS

by Doug Hall
Staff Writer

About five members of the UNC chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) left Chapel Hill Friday to attend a regional conference of the organization this weekend in Atlanta.

John Partrick, a member of the local chapter, said the conference will serve to coordinate the activities of various SDS chapters in the South.

Many new SDS chapters have been formed in North Carolina, Mississippi and Georgia, Partrick said, and leaders of the new groups will receive training at the conference.

"We hope to coordinate things and set a general strategy for action in the South," said Partrick, who was unable to attend the conference himself.

Activities for the Atlanta conference, which begins today, will also include workshops on subjects ranging from racism to the war in Vietnam, Partrick said.

"The conference is basically an effort to make it easier to operate in certain areas of this region," he said.

The local SDS chapter, a division of

the radical caucus (an ad hoc organization of radical groups), refused yesterday to join area yippies in "cheering at inappropriate times" at Vice President Spiro Agnew's Oct. 26 speech at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh.

"Agnew handles this type thing very well," Partrick said, "and I feel it would only serve to antagonize the audience."

Instead of joining the yippie activities, the SDS will pass out leaflets, carry posters and possibly perform a guerrilla theatre, Partrick said.

"The point of our going there basically is to demonstrate that Agnew should not be supported," he said.

Partrick said the local SDS chapter, which has about 20 members, has had "basically a reorganizing thing" since the first of the semester. Many of last year's members graduated, he said, leaving the group with reduced leadership.

The group has had weekly meetings but has taken no formal action, he said.

"During the coming year, one of our main objectives will be to remove ROTC from this campus," Partrick said.

Partrick said the group will also support University workers in case of a strike.

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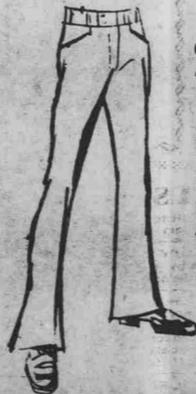
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