

Change initiated by deans of men, women

Giving students 'support' is Dean Schroeder's task

by Evans Witt
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"The main function of this office is to support students - assisting in the many different ways as they move through the academic experience," said Fred W. Schroeder Jr., dean of men, in describing the nature of his work.

Just as Schroeder's female counterpart in the Office of Student Affairs, Katherine Carmichael, Dean of Women, has a difficult time defining the nature of her work, a description of the work of Schroeder's office often is lists of particular activities.

There are several general areas in which the Dean of Men's office works, according to Schroeder.

Orientation from the administration view is the responsibility of this office, working closely with the Orientation Commission, headed by Steve Latour. The Carolina Handbook, which was mailed to incoming students this year for the first time, is produced with the assistance of Schroeder's office.

Charles Garren, who joined the staff as assistant dean of men this summer, has the main responsibility for the Handbook and Orientation.

The liaison of the University with the fraternities on campus through the Interfraternity Council is also the job of the dean of men. This particular area is handled by Pete Hall, also a newly appointed assistant dean of men.

Working on the myriad committees which have been established on campus to deal with the varied facets of University life is another of the functions of the dean of men and its staff. Judicial affairs, visitation and drug action are among those in which Schroeder, Hall and Garren work.

Dealing with emergency situations and advising students where and how to deal with problems is probably the most accurate way to describe the remaining bulk of the work done by Schroeder.

"We deal with a large percentage of involvements which don't fall to someone else - emergency situations and especially sticky ones," Schroeder said.

Speaking of some of the problems facing the University this year, Schroeder

does not foresee any "insurmountable problems." Mentioning the overenrollment and subsequent crowding of the dorms and visitation, he felt that some irritating circumstances may arise but no major dilemmas.

A graduate of Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa., Schroeder received his master of science degree from the Syracuse University in 1963. He served in a number of student personnel positions at Syracuse before coming to UNC in 1964 as assistant dean of men.

He was named dean of men here in 1970, succeeding James O. Cansler, who left the post to devote full time to the post of assistant dean of student affairs.



Fred Schroeder



Katherine Carmichael

Dean Carmichael unsure what her job really is

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In the 25 years Katherine Carmichael has spent on the UNC campus as both teacher and administrator, both the roles of women and the duties of those who are dedicated to helping women have changed drastically.

"I could have told you very well what the duties of the office of dean of women are - two years ago," the silver-haired administrator said recently.

Miss Carmichael was responsible for all

the women's residence halls until one year ago. Now the functions of the dean of women and those who work under her are less clearly defined and more general.

She sees her office as a focal point for alumnae, as a chance for the women on campus to work with a woman who is an expert on the position of women in the world and as a place through which to seek solutions to women students' problems.

Under Miss Carmichael's administration, women's rules at Carolina have gone from filling a sizeable booklet to this year's single sheet handout. But she feels that some rules are necessary to assist young people in developing their own life styles.

"Students are free here to work out their own life styles; my personal feeling is that an 18-year-old needs some assistance in working out their life style," explained the 1932 honors graduate of Birmingham-Southern College.

"If a woman has built-in a very strong commitment to what she wants to do with her life ... but it is a bit unrealistic to assume that any 18-year-old male or female has that much commitment," Miss Carmichael said.

The holder of both masters and doctoral degrees in English from Vanderbilt University, Miss Carmichael has served as a teacher at all levels of the educational system since 1932. She has taught at the Philippine Normal College on a Fulbright Fellowship and at the University of Saigon as a Smith-Mundt professor in 1961-62.

Active in many professional and service organizations, she was honored in 1970 by Birmingham-Southern with its Distinguished Alumni Award for her achievements "in her profession and in service to her fellowman."

She taught at the University of Wisconsin before coming here in 1946 as an instructor in English, a job she still performs.

Miss Carmichael has been an avid traveler for much of her life, including a year spent traveling to American colleges and universities for the Delta Kappa Gamma educational society.

Deans' assistants are invaluable

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Dealing directly with the problems of the students everyday is the job of the assistant deans of men and women.

These four administrators work directly under Dean Fred. Schroeder and Dean Katherine Carmichael to aid students in the many ways which students need assistance.

The two assistant deans for men, Peter W. Hall and Charles M. Garren, assumed their positions only this past June, replacing Richard Baddour and Richard Stevens.

Garren, who graduated from Duke University in 1963, has spent the summer in full-time preparation for orientation and in the production of the Carolina Handbook. He will oversee an evaluation of orientation this year and undertake planning for next year's orientation with whatever changes have been decided upon.

Hall is the administration liaison man with the fraternities. His other duties include honorary societies, planning for commencement and University Day exercises.

The future of fraternities on campus appears to be a promising one to Hall, not only due to the existence of a number of strong houses in the system but also

because there seems to be a willingness among the fraternities to make positive changes.

"Many of the fraternities are ripe for change and ready to try," Hall said recently.

One of the programs which the new assistant dean hopes to implement this fall for fraternities is a system of self-evaluation to allow "the individual fraternities to take an honest look at themselves."

Extensive re-evaluation is also on the mind of Garren, but in relation to the orientation program. A questionnaire will be used by the Dean of Men's office to help the incoming freshman and transfer students evaluate the effectiveness of the orientation program, to determine what changes are needed.

The Carolina Handbook will also be scrutinized carefully following the opening of school to catch any errors of fact in the book and to determine what the best format is for providing the incoming student with information, according to Garren.

The "overwhelming number of hours" put in on the handbook and on the preparations for this year's orientation by the Orientation Commission and others were highly praised by the new assistant dean.

Several new programs are in the planning stages for providing further assistance to the Carolina student, Garren said. A program of academic counseling initially aimed at freshmen is being finalized for implementation in the fall of 1972, he announced.

Several other programs are in the planning stages for the fraternity system here, Hall said.

The programs, involving speakers, seminars and other techniques will focus on enabling the fraternity to live up to its potential for the University and for the people involved.

"The fraternities offer something the University needs badly - small living unit that's human," Hall pointed out.

He also spoke of the possibilities of the fraternity as a comprehensive unit which will be a total educational situation.

Both new assistant deans mentioned their hope that the students will provide the necessary input for the new administrators to do their job effectively.

Following his graduation from Duke, Garren spent several years working in Atlanta, Ga., and three years in the Army, serving in Germany. He came to Carolina in 1969 to begin work on his recently granted masters degree in student personnel.

A January graduate of Chapel Hill,

Hall was a Morehead scholar and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was a member of Chi Psi fraternity and served as president of the Interfraternity Council. A member of the order of the Golden Fleece and the Order of the Grail, he received the A.S. Sullivan Award for "an unselfish interest in the welfare of his fellow man."

Dean of Women Katherine Carmichael has two able assistants who concentrate on specific areas of the women students' life on campus.

Julie Jones, an honors graduate of UNC, has been assistant dean of women here for a year. Following her graduation, she served as the traveling secretary of the national Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority for a year. Her primary areas of responsibility are coordinating with orientation, writing recommendations and dealing with the campus sororities.

The Association of Women Students, the Women's Council and student officers are the areas of main concern for Marianne Hitchcock, who also holds the title of assistant dean of women. After having worked for two years with the National Space and Aeronautics Administration in Huntsville, Ala., Miss Hitchcock served as the dean of women at a Hawaiian university. She also came to UNC one year ago.

Cansler is problem-solver

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James O. Cansler

"The strength of the University has been the ability to work out differences - through serious discussion and accommodation," said James O. Cansler, assistant dean of Student Affairs, a man whose job involves many differences in opinion.

Cansler has the responsibility of coordinating many of the activities which are the non-academic side of life on the Chapel Hill campus. Fraternities, Student Government, intramurals, informational services and booklets as well as the office of Residence Life are among the facets of the extra-curricular life with which Cansler works or supervises.

The post which Cansler holds is one created just one year ago in the reorganization of the Office of Student

Affairs which led to the creation of the Office of Residence Life.

He left the post of dean of men to take his present position.

"More so this year than last, this office has its feet on the ground," he emphasized in detailing the development of the functions of his office.

The office of the assistant dean of Student Affairs deals in some ways with most of the problems which irritate and infuriate the students of the Chapel Hill campus. Cansler does not foresee any major issues developing on campus early this fall.

"The overcrowding of dorms may provide, however, a context for another issue to seem bigger than it is," he said.

The issue of visitation was also discussed by Cansler.

No changes have been made in the campus visitation policy as promulgated by the University for this year, nor does he see any likelihood of any changes this semester.

The major area of concern which Cansler expressed concerning the policy was enforcement. He did emphasize that many students and residence halls abided quite strictly by the rules of the visitation policy this past year.

The direction of student concern and energies will be to off-campus issues and causes, Cansler said, mentioning most specifically the recent enfranchisement of 18-year-olds and the upcoming Presidential primaries and election.

A Georgia native, Cansler graduated from Chapel Hill in 1947 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He went on to take his bachelor of divinity degree from Duke in 1950 and his masters degree from Yale University in 1961 on a Danford Foundation grant.

After serving as the Baptist chaplain at Duke University for one year, Cansler came to the Chapel Hill campus where he was the Baptist campus minister for 13 years.

In 1967, he was appointed to the position of dean of men, which he relinquished to assume his present post.

Housing is concern of Robert Kepner

The most immediate problem caused by the 500 unexpected freshmen this year is housing the extra students.

Finding rooms and beds for those students is the responsibility of Robert Kepner, director of the year-old Office of Residence Life.

"The duties of this office are the overall responsibility for

University-owned housing, including Granville Towers and married students' housing," Kepner explained.

These duties involve the staffing of the residence halls with both college masters and residence advisors to counsel the dormitory dwellers and the planning and execution of the many programs of various natures which are a part of dorm life.

The function of assigning students to the dorm rooms is the problem which has created the most turmoil for the office. The extra 500 students has necessitated the addition of a third person to many double rooms and of a fourth person to a number of normally triple rooms.

In addition to his overall administrative duties, Kepner is college master of Ehringhaus.

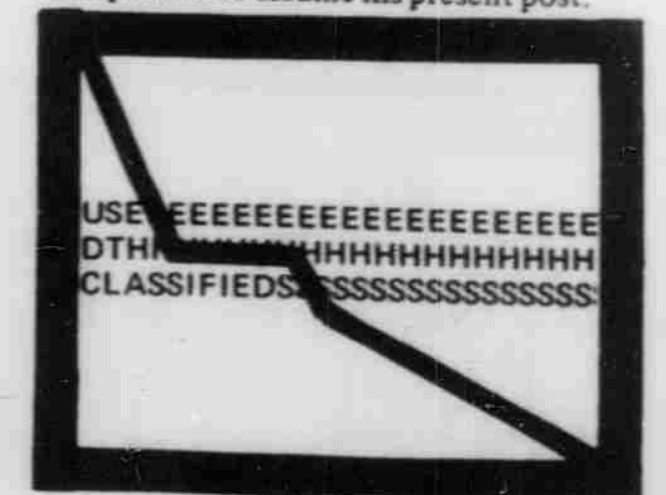
To perform the complex task of planning for and actually assigning the approximately 7,000 dormitory residents each year, Kepner has a staff including three assistant directors: Jane Leone, John Meekar, and James E. Wadsworth.

Kepner is a graduate of Chapel Hill, where he majored in math and political science. He earned his master of arts in teaching here in 1965, after which he joined the administration.

He assumed his present position when it was created in the reorganization of the Office of Student Affairs in the summer of 1970.



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