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University more than a classroom

As the 1971-72 school year begins, more than 4,300 students will be attending classes on the Chapel Hill campus for the first time. Many are junior transfers who already have two years of college behind them. But the majority, however, are freshmen, many of whom have been thrown into a completely different environment from any other they have experienced.

Many freshmen have been told by their high school teachers and advisors that Carolina will be a difficult school, that the freshman will be forced to spend all his spare time studying.

The freshman will soon realize, however, that those teachers and advisors are wrong, that Carolina is not that tough, and that there are many other activities available on the Chapel Hill campus that will be just as worthwhile, if not more so, as spending every available hour studying.

Certainly the classroom cannot be ignored. That is presumably why students are here in the first place. And even the student who cares little about course work must maintain an average high enough to allow him to stay in school.

However, the new student must not let the classroom prevent him from becoming active, both on the campus and off it.

The activities in which the freshman can become involved are numerous, and they are as varied in what they offer as the needs of the individual student.

On campus activities include such things as Student Government, Student Legislature, The Daily Tar

Heel, residence college work, professional and social fraternities and sororities and other student committees and organizations.

Off campus there is the YMCA tutorial program, the big brother program and other activities, not to mention political work in the community, which is essential now that 18-year-olds have been given the right to vote and with national elections coming in 1972.

Many freshmen will wait until second semester before they become active and perhaps they are right in doing so. Many new students will feel a need to acclimate themselves to the Carolina campus and its classrooms before taking part in extra-curricular activities.

But the freshman who sits in his dormitory room doing nothing and who continues that habit for the rest of his college career is wasting a priceless opportunity to gain experiences that will benefit him in the future.

The student who sits in his dormitory room and does nothing but complain about a given situation or regulation on the campus should spend that time working to change it.

The student who has a new idea concerning the way in which the campus is run should not just sit back and hope someone else will push it through; he should work to get it done himself.

The student who does not take an active role outside the classroom is not only cheating the campus and the community; he is also cheating himself.

Action conference proved successful

Former New York Congressman Allard K. Lowenstein talked last spring with several student leaders about the feasibility of holding a conference for high school and college students from all over North Carolina.

The purpose of such a gathering was to discuss political and educational problems shared by students at both the high school and college level and to institute plans to solve them.

Lowenstein's idea became a reality several weeks ago when the

Student Action Conference was held on the Chapel Hill campus with more than 300 students attending. And from the response of students who went to the conference, the statewide meeting proved probably more successful than Lowenstein and student organizers Charles Jeffries, Butch Rooks and Rod Fonda had hoped.

Not only was a much-needed exchange of ideas provided in many of the discussion groups; plans for further action throughout the year were finalized and are now being implemented.

Among the post-conference efforts planned were a vigorous voter registration drive in North Carolina and work towards more student input in educational reform in the state, including the establishment of an advisory committee of students to work with state agencies involved in planning and co-ordinating higher education.

Students also heard addresses by Lowenstein and California Congressman Paul N. McCloskey, a Presidential hopeful in 1972.

Though it is not now certain whether or not the programs begun at the conference will prove successful, the fact that such a large number of North Carolina student leaders did come together to talk and join forces, as well as the fact that they are now working together, has made the conference a success.

Such a worthwhile gathering should not be allowed to die; it should become a tradition so that students will remain united and continue to work together.

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Amateur Assembly hurts N.C.

"No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session." Since Judge Gideon J. Tucker of New York uttered this appraisal 105 years ago, state legislatures in the U.S. have certainly improved.

But the improvement has not been nationwide. Today, more than ever, the state legislatures in this country are vastly dissimilar.

And the N.C. General Assembly is an excellent example.

Last February, the results of a 14-month study conducted by the non-partisan Citizens Conference on State Legislatures were announced. The conference ranked each legislature in descending order of quality. The N.C. General Assembly was rated 47th out of the 50 states.

As of January, 1971, 54 per cent of the country's state legislatures were meeting annually. The N.C. General Assembly continues to meet biennially.

In terms of salary, 40 per cent of the states pay their legislators over \$5,000 per year. Legislators in 60 per cent of the states now receive more than a North Carolina legislator.

According to Sen. O'Neil Jones (D-Anson), it boils down to the question of amateur vs. professional.

"The people of this state expect their legislators to be amateurs," Jones said. "They feel there is enough glory and prestige in the office—they can't comprehend that it could be a burden."

When asked if he would run for re-election, Jones was undecided.

"It's a tremendous strain. It costs the businessman \$10-12,000 just to be a senator. You live in a motel for six months, away from your family and business, and you get paid \$200 a month."

Jones then went on to question the effectiveness of "amateur legislators."

"You end up with people who work in their spare time. They are inadequately prepared for what they must do," Jones said. "It is all I can do to keep up with my own pieces of legislation. I have no staff, not even a secretary. I am not able to really inform myself."

However, he was not sure a professional legislature was the answer.

"If you create a professional legislature, you cage the nature of the man who comes down here to Raleigh. You end up with a person who is in politics for a future. I think the overall quality would go down. There are a lot of talented men who would not devote their full time to this legislature."

"On the other hand, if you're a professional, you have the time to devote to research, deliberation, and keeping yourself informed," Jones added.

In short, there is a definite need for improvement in North Carolina.

First, as evidenced by this past session, it is absurd to think that the necessary state business can be properly conducted by an assembly which meets once every two years.

There was a time in the past when a state legislature need only meet biennially. But the pressure of the times in which we live is reason enough for establishing an annual session.

Secondly, there is a drastic need for a larger and more professional staff to assist legislators.

As Senate President Pro-Tem Frank Patterson (D-Stanly) simply put it, "Many of us would like to have more legislative information capability."

This is the same problem that was underscored by Sen. Jones.

The Citizens Conference recommended that the Tar Heel legislature should strengthen their staff by adding bill drafting experts, fiscal analysts and research specialists. They also felt that all legislators should have at

least clerical help available to them.

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The business of conducting state affairs is a serious one. The N.C. Assembly needs qualified men—men who can carry on the affairs of state and not suffer a large financial loss.

Clearly an increase in pay is justified for our legislators. Perhaps it is not necessary to make them highly paid professional politicians, but it is necessary to offset the "burden" a N.C. legislator must now bear.

And it is possible to fund these needed changes. Not every state can afford to pay its legislators \$19,200 a year, as California now does. But the average state spends only one-fifth of one per cent of its annual budget to operate its legislature. There is no reason for failing to provide the necessary funds to maintain an effective state legislature.

The people of North Carolina can no longer afford an amateur legislature. They must maintain and support a legislature that is capable of dealing with the complex problems of government which face us today.

Many of our legislators were upset when the N.C. General Assembly was ranked 47th in the nation. But it deserved that ranking.

Howie Carr

'I still ain't got no friends'

Coming to school with a new pair of Nettletons and a freshly cut-off pair of khakis with a flask protruding from the monogrammed back-pocket, the new freshman is soon bewildered by what those of us who have been stuck here a couple of years like to think is Chapel Hill's urbanity and sophistication.

"Hot damn," thinks the average freshman marooned in some place like Ehringhaus. "I been here two weeks. I organized my floor to chant 'James sucks,' I told everyone in the suite they could spin my Motowns whether I was there or not, and I've puked over the balcony twice. And I still ain't got no friends, not to mention no bush."

Depressed, the freshman returns home to seek solace with some cheerleading high school honey and his old Saturday night cruisin'-for-burgers crowd, telling everybody about the Chapel Hill no-br look and how he's seen all the football players in the elevator.

But that kind of wasted freshman year

need no longer occur, thanks to the tireless work of the Orientation Committee, which has released a pamphlet containing a set of do's and don'ts for the entering freshman to follow through his difficult adjustment period. For lack of a better title, the pamphlet is called "From Hominy to Head." Here are some excerpts:

New things to be outraged about: the fall concerts, the closing down of the New Establishment, the fact that Shock Theatre is only showing one movie, and the fact that The Senator has not been renewed (for liberals only).

Old things to be outraged about: Jesse Helms, the fact that Jesse Helms took Star Trek off the air, and that there are no good FM stations in North Carolina.

Things not to make comparisons about: Woodstock and Altamont; the new Nixon and the old Nixon.

Musical facts to remember: that Jimi Hendrix should not be described as the guy who played before the Monkees in

Greensboro in 1967. That Graham Nash, Stephen Stills and Neil Young have never played with Bing Crosby, or, as far as we know, his brother Bob.

Musical groups not to "get into": Creedence Clearwater Revival, the Doors (unless referring to Jim Morrison's "mystic symbolism", whatever that means) and Grand Funk Railroad (Rolling Stone, f'chrisssake, called them "the world's biggest car radio.")

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Boring things not to talk about: how stoned you were when you saw "2001: A Space Odyssey". The stares you got at Christmas when you walked down Main Street with long hair. The Pentagon Papers. The Playboy Philosophy. Whether Old Milwaukee is as good as its name.

Film stars not to "get into": Sabu, Elliot Gould, and Francis the Talking Mule.

Books not to read: "The Making of the Counter-Culture," "The Greening of America," and anything with a cover blurb by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

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Magazines not to read: Saturday Review, Police Gazette, Atlantic Monthly.

Newspapers not to read: The New York Times.

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The latest outrage by Abbie Hoffman to tell your friends about: A plan for a "hustlers' convention," with bank robber Willie Sutton as the keynote speaker, to debate the feasibility of establishing a "National Rip-off Institute."

The second latest outrage by Abbie Hoffman to tell your friends about: On a talk show in Boston, he was asked about his new child's name: America. "You don't think it sounds too Jewish, do you," Abbie asked.

The latest religious outrage to tell your friends about: Reverend Ike's "Snap Your Fingers and Make Things Happen Like You Want" Crusade in New York City this summer.

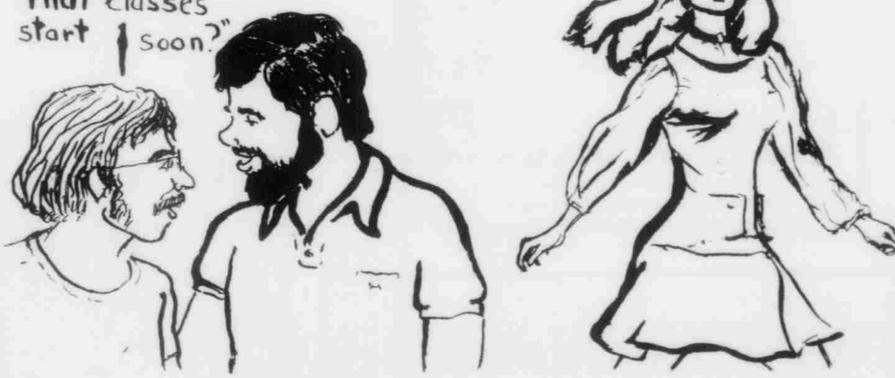
Words to avoid: existential, Om, adranoid, dialogue, the People, viable, plastic, and Re-elect Nixon.

Television shows to avoid: Merv Griffin, Let's Make A Deal, and Bob Hope's Christmas Special.

Things not to take seriously: this column.

"It's good to be back."

"Yeah! Ain't it a shame that classes start soon?"



ELEPHANTS & Butterflies

by Lana Starnes and Dr. Takey Crist

Welcome back to UNC. We hope you all have had an enjoyable summer and are happy to be back. For those of you who are here for the first time we welcome you and hope that you'll find the environment intellectually stimulating and socially exciting.

For you freshmen and junior transfers we would like to formally introduce you to "Elephants and Butterflies."

Question: I am considering using the diaphragm as a means of birth control and I have some questions about this method of contraception. How effective is the diaphragm? I understand the diaphragm must be kept in place at least six hours after intercourse. Can one shower and bathe during this period without injuring its effectiveness? How long before intercourse may the diaphragm be inserted and still be effective? —Signed, Wondering.

Dear Wondering: Effectiveness depends on the person using the contraceptive method. Studies show that the diaphragm

is around 80 to 85 per cent effective. Most of the time when the method has failed the reason has been neglected use, not properly inserting the diaphragm or not following explicit instructions of the physician issuing the diaphragm.

You are correct. The diaphragm should be left in place six to eight hours after intercourse. Taking a shower or bath during this period to our knowledge will not decrease the chance of effectiveness. The diaphragm may be inserted within two hours before intercourse.

Question: Can venereal disease be contracted by cunnilingus and fellatio or only by intercourse? —Signed, Concerned.

Dear Concerned: Yes. Normally the gonococcus, which is the organism responsible for gonorrhea, and treponema pallidum, which is responsible for syphilis, are transmitted by sexual contact. However, the venereal diseases can also be contracted if people are careless in handling bloody instruments and needles. All it takes is the right disease and mucus membrane to mucus membrane contact.

In December of last year Dr. Takey Drist, an assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the UNC School of Medicine and a physician in the Health Education Clinic of Memorial Hospital, and myself began a weekly column to answer questions concerning human sexuality.

It was and is our intention to keep students abreast and informed with up-to-date information regarding abortion, sex education and contraceptives.

Last year people was referred to as the year of the sexual revolution and the year of the sex books. "Elephants and Butterflies and Contraceptives," a UNC student product, was one of many that appeared on college campuses across the country.

We personally believe what has been happening on college campuses is a promising sign. It is timely and it is a necessity. It certainly represents a healthy attitude on the part of young people to acquaint themselves with frank and honest information concerning a vital aspect and important part of their lives.

The frankness and openness with which young people are discussing these subjects are more natural and refreshing and appropriate to man's basic nature than the tenseness, restraint, and sham expressed by the older generation.

Through this column we hope to answer your questions with honest and factual information.

It is not our purpose to cause embarrassment or fear or shame, but to allow students the opportunity to examine their own educational presuppositions and value judgments concerning human sexuality.

We feel your questions are legitimate, necessary and should make us all respond thoughtfully, adequately and honestly. "Elephants and Butterflies" will run every Monday, and answers will be given to as many questions as space will allow. If you wish help or information and do not wish it printed we will do our best to see that you are assisted.

Feel free to call upon us for help at any time.

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