

# 'Free to reach the limits' - Ford Runge

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Student Body President Ford Runge urged freshmen to use their academic freedom to excel to the limits of their capacity, in Memorial Hall Thursday night.

He also cautioned the Class of '77 to ignore the administrative estimates of their capabilities for success, and to get involved in student activities.

Runge pointed out that Chapel Hill owes its identity to the University, and the University, in turn, owes its identity to the students themselves. In a broad sense then, involvement in student activities includes involvement in the community. He then called for "a sense of community about Chapel Hill."

Runge was elected last spring after waging a campaign based almost exclusively on consumer issues.

"I felt then, as I feel now, that students, and their economic power, harnessed to constructive ends, could dictate the price, wage and rent levels of Chapel Hill," Runge said.

This summer, in his first move as president, Runge established the Student Consumer Action Union (SCAU). This organization has published two pamphlets, computerized a weekly grocery price survey and has established a complaint hotline.

Runge state his intentions to "get down to the task of organizing consumer and tenant power to fight the exploitative price and rent levels of the downtown Chapel Hill merchants."

"As students, we must assert the authority we should have in making Chapel Hill a community. Politically, as individuals, we are free here to reach the

limits to which our skills and talents will take us," Runge said.

In an apparent reference to the current Watergate scandal, Runge said, "Politics is not an attractive thing to many in these days of widespread corruption or (in Richard Nixon's own words) 'the very highest levels.'" He added, however, "this very state . . . should be countered by political involvement, first on the community level, by the people themselves."

The student body president told the assembly that "the limits to our (Student Government) success, or the certainty of our failure, is directly related to the interest and involvement of all of you."

Runge pointed out that this fall, Chapel Hill will have its first student candidate for City Council. "His success will depend on your votes," he said.

"I challenge you to challenge me to

meet your needs," Runge said in closing. "That's what I'm here for."

Runge shared the program with five other speakers, including Chancellor Ferebee Taylor; Katherine Carmichael, dean of supportive services; Donald Boulton, dean of student affairs; Amelia Smith, one of the two orientation chairmen; and Marcus Williams, who identified himself as a "member of the class of '75."

Chancellor Taylor expressed his pleasure at welcoming the class of '77 what he termed "the most delightful, progressive, and exciting community in North Carolina." He told the students that UNC would give them "unlimited opportunity for growth and development," and what he called most important, "the opportunity to know what you are capable of becoming."

Dean Carmichael, who was giving her 28th orientation address, spoke on

relevance in education. She said, "Whatever is important to the human race, is to you." She emphasized her point with very wide-ranging examples. She concluded, "Throw away your wishbone, straighten up your backbone, and step on it!"

The audience crackled with applause. Dean Boulton expressed amazement that the Admissions Office had managed to assemble the 3,000-member freshman class. "It's a miracle you all are here," he said. Boulton then described the various departments of Student Affairs.

Marcus Williams, describing himself as an Afro-American, spoke about the diversity of experience found on the UNC campus. While many of his examples were not strictly academic, he told the audience that the UNC environment would help to develop them as individuals. Williams closed by admonishing the students that university life was serious business.

## Complexes can't meet space demand

Construction is rampant around Chapel Hill and Carrboro, yet students are still caught in a housing shortage. This should be a temporary situation, say realtors in the area who plan to open several apartment units in September.

Park West and Carolina Apartments in Carrboro, and Foxcroft apartments in Chapel Hill hope to open some units by the middle of September.

Installing water lines, finishing interior work, grading and constructing breezeways are some of the jobs to be completed before tenants can move in.

"In winding up, we find that things are

wrong, and need to change them now," said a spokesman for Dan A. Vogel Jr., owner of Foxcroft. Two buildings which burned down last March have been rebuilt, and will open soon.

The manager of Carolina Apartments remarked that 80 apartments have been promised to her by September 1.

Heavy rains in February and March and no commodes contributed to the slowdown at the Old Well and Park West apartments, but after the first units open in September, agents will finish more to rent late this fall.

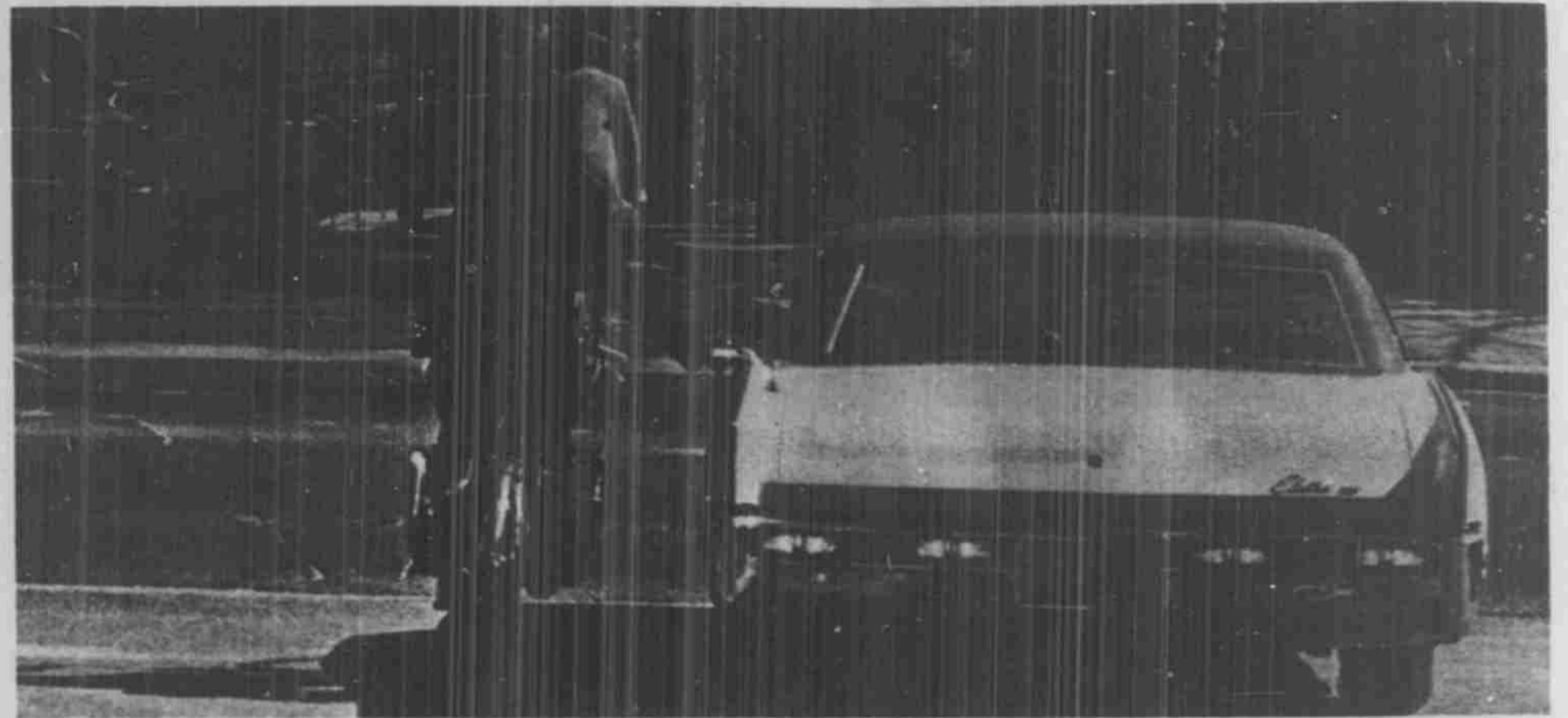
Holland Apartments and The Villages

expect to have units available in January.

On several sites, construction has just begun, and will not be completed until September or December, 1974.

Many complexes spread construction over a time span, which means work will continue close by for tenants already living in the complex.

Rough estimates based on figures from the Chapel Hill and Carrboro building inspectors' files show that over 20000 units should be completed within three years, if all proposed units reach completion.



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