

Carolina students queue up in crooked, curving lines that wrap, weave and wait

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Sometimes they border buildings. Others are found indoors. Some are straight and long, while the est resemble snakes with slithering curves.

For the UNC freshman, they are perpetual and innumerable — lines, lines and more lines.

They wind around Woollen Gym's basketball goals during Drop-Add. They envelop Swain Hall when I.D. pictures are made. They slide into the Carolina Coffee Shop. They inch forward in the student bookstore, and during football season they buckle under the pine trees surrounding Kenan Stadium.

Been caught in a line lately?

Don't be disturbed. Lines are as indigenous to UNC as benches are to downtown Chapel Hill — they have always been here. Ask a sophomore, junior or senior.

Lines come in all shapes and sizes. But they all have common denominators:

They are long and they are slow and they test your patience.

Below is a freshman guide to several of the more outstanding types of lines, compiled by upperclassmen with experience in the art of waiting in line.

• **The snake line:** This line encircles buildings once, twice, three or more times. Freshmen will not discover this line until second semester — its longest version is the line for schedule pick-up, which wraps around the Carolina Union. It also creeps and crawls outside downtown restaurants and Darryl's during supper hours.

• **The straight-as-an-arrow line:** This line is most often found in the student bookstore between classes. It is caused by freshmen who run straight from classes to buy their books. It moves constantly — at a snail's pace — so participants have little chance to sit. Necessary conditions for this line are warmth, stuffiness and cramps caused by 10-pound books piled on top of each other.

One senior tells a tale of a girl fainting



At one time or another, every UNC student will stand, sit or sleep in a slow-moving line like this one.

Staff photo by L. C. Barbour

in this type line, whether because of heat exhaustion or the high prices of the books, the senior didn't say. The moral is to be careful, or you could lose your hard-earned place.

• **The sit-in line:** Sit-ins were popular during the turbulent '50s and '60s, but there is nothing heroic or glorious about

this type line at UNC. You will discover this as you sit on the wooden floor in Woollen Gym, complaining of fannie fatigue. This line often forms when an adviser's 60 wide-eyed advisees seek advice during Drop-Add — at the same moment.

• **The sleep-in line:** This one may

seem ideal, but dream on. Camping outside Woollen Gym for basketball tickets is not quite like the wilderness camping you did as a child. This line requires thermos jugs of hot coffee and bright yellow rain slickers — because it invariably pours (or snows) and the temperature always dips, the night

before N.C. State tickets are distributed.

• **The there-is-no-line line:** You'll get used to this one Sept. 17, when your date arrives at 10 a.m. for the first 1:30 p.m. football game. No, you are not going to brunch — it's time to mingle under the pine trees in hopes you will get a good seat.

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Convocation at UNC: Traditional rite brings fresh man class together

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A picture of Dean Smith flashed upon the white-cloth screen, and the crowd of just over 3,000 energetic freshmen burst into applause. Beside him appears a picture of Norman Sloan, and the applause turns into boos.

The setting was Freshman Convocation, held Saturday night in Carmichael Auditorium. It was a time — the only time until graduation — when the class of 1981 meets and receives a little bit of praise.

In addition to a multi-media show, the class was welcomed to Carolina and Blue Heaven (applause) by Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor, who gave the students some statistics to awe:

- Eighty-five per cent of the freshman class is from North Carolina.
- The average SAT score of the class is just over 1,080.

- Eighty-six percent of the class were ranked in the top 20 per cent in their high school graduating classes; 71 per cent in the top 10 per cent.
- The class was selected from more than 9,800 applicants.

"The class is composed of 47 per cent men and 53 per cent women," Taylor said, who then had to wait for a halt to thunderous applause that statement brought.

"It appears there will be some interesting times ahead," he added.

"You are a very special group," he said. "And that's the way it ought to be — you've come to a very special place."

"I believe this to be the most delightful, productive and exciting community in the state of North Carolina. No one will find a more friendly place in the world."

The University, he said, contains two and one-quarter million books, 17,000 faculty members and 20,000 students.

"The tools are here. You and you alone will be the principle determinant of your years here."

Taylor also offered the freshmen some words his grandfather gave him when he was about their age.

"In his last days, he sent for me. When



Student body president Bill Moss welcomed over 3,000 incoming students Saturday night in Carmichael Auditorium at the annual Freshman Convocation.

we were alone, he said. 'Son, I won't be with you much longer. But there are two things I want to tell you.'

"Out the window the sun was setting. 'Don't ever let the sun set on the day in which you have not done something worthwhile. And don't ever miss an opportunity to kiss a pretty girl.'"

(Great applause.)
Student Body President Bill Moss said his orientation lasted two months, to the detriment of his classes. "I don't advise that," he said.

"My father had no wise words for me," Moss said. "He went to State." Dean of Student Affairs Donald A. Boulton told the class that this moment was a special occasion and asked for silence.

"Remember this moment," he said. "It will never be repeated. Whenever you enter this building again, that roof will go up at least two feet."

(Applause.)

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