

Computer can help seniors plan, locate ideal career choices

By SHERRI GOODSON
Staff Writer

During February, UNC students can find out which career is best for them through the use of a computer instead of a guidance counselor, parents or a fortuneteller.

A computer-based System of Interactive Guidance and Information designed to help college students make career and educational decisions on a personal basis, has been loaned to the Student Development and Counseling Center in Nash Hall for February.

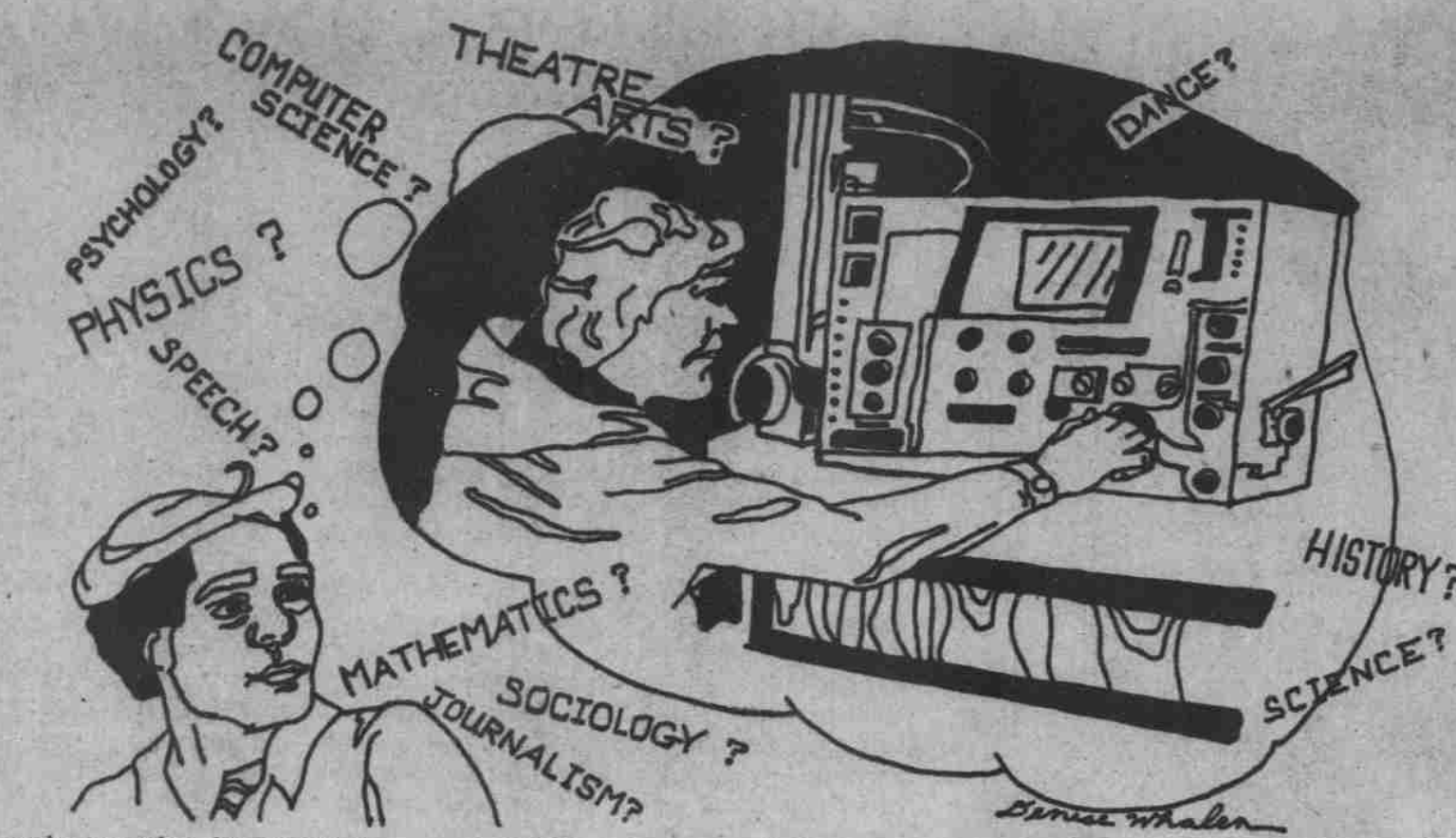
SIGI (Pronounced Siggy) helps students find careers related to their values, skills and interests through a four-hour program, and also helps students plan course schedules needed for those careers, said Jane Spanel, assistant director for UNC career counseling.

"It helps students assess what's important in a career," she said. The SIGI program is divided into six stages that use personal information to guide a student to a career that is well suited to him. These stages are: values, locate, compare, prediction, planning and strategy.

First, the value stage allows each student to rate the importance of such factors as high income, security, independence and leisure. Then, in the locate stage SIGI lists occupations that meet the specifications found in the values stage, Spanel said.

While the compare stage allows the student to get more information on occupations of interest or to delete occupations that are of no interest, the prediction stage determines the student's chances of making high grades in various preparatory courses for occupations.

The planning stage is usually programmed for the college using SIGI, and suggests educational course programs for



each occupation. Spanel said, however, that SIGI was not set up specifically for UNC since its use is temporary. In the strategy stage SIGI evaluates occupations according to the rewards they offer and how easy they are to enter.

The computer, which is used almost like a bank machine, gives students definite feedback about what is important to them and provides a computer printout of this information for students to keep, Spanel said.

Glen Martin, assistant director for individual counseling and coordinator of training at Nash Hall, said SIGI was a popular part of a permanent computer-assisted guidance program at Ohio State University, where he worked as an intern at the Counseling and Consultation Service last year.

"Students seem to really enjoy it — maybe it's the novelty," Martin said. "We had waiting lines up to three and four weeks in advance at Ohio State."

Spanel learned about SIGI in a computer guidance programs workshop, she said. The computer system has been loaned to Nash Hall by Radio Shack and the Educational Testing Service in Princeton free of charge.

Spanel said the University had hoped to obtain a permanent SIGI system, and estimated its cost between \$5,500 to \$7,000. "It's expensive, and we don't have the budget for it now, but we're always hopeful."

Only 35 to 40 students will be able to use the computer next month, and all interested students should preregister at Nash Hall before Tuesday, Feb. 1 by calling 962-2175, Spanel said.

Students must be willing to commit one hour per week to complete the program, she added. The four-hour process is divided into one-hour sessions each week for one month. Counselor assistance is available, and students are given a pre- and post-SIGI questionnaire.

Technical wizardry redeems boring plot

By JEFF GROVE
Arts Editor

Review

The most unusual film to be released in this year's Christmas rush would have to be *The Dark Crystal*. The film, a labor of love for Muppet creator Jim Henson, was six years in the making because it uses no human actors. Instead, Henson relies on sophisticated, ultra-realistic puppets as characters. They make for fascinating entertainment despite the movie's twice-told storyline.

The Dark Crystal is set on a distant planet ruled by the evil Skeksis, a race of vulture-like lizards. They derive their power from the energy of the Dark Crystal, which had been benevolent until a misguided experiment cracked it a thousand years earlier. The planet's three suns are due to align soon, and this would energize the Crystal and render the Skeksis invulnerable.

There is an ancient prophecy, though, that a member of the Gelfling race will repair the Crystal in time to destroy the Skeksis. Consequently, the Skeksis have tried to kill all the Gelflings. Unknown to the Skeksis, however, two Gelflings, a male named Jen and a female named Kira, have survived the holocaust and are racing against time to repair the Dark Crystal.

If this good-versus-evil struggle sounds familiar, it should. It is the classic "quest" story in Western literature. Jen is the brave but naive hero assigned to destroy evil, Kira is the wise and beautiful woman who aids him, and the Skeksis are his seemingly unbeatable foes. The story is as old as Homer's *Odyssey* and

craps up in such diverse works as Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* and Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*. With no new variables, the story is boring because everyone has heard it before.

What makes the movie so fascinating is its technical wizardry. Every penny of its \$40 million budget shows on the screen. From walking trees to singing rivers, *The Dark Crystal* never ceases to pour out one meticulous detail after another. The Skeksis' castle, for example, is no clean, drafty stone fortress. Its walls are slimy, and tiny furry things scuttle about in the shadows.

And, while Jen and Kira remain rather flat characters, physically reminiscent of Barbie and Ken dolls, the supporting cast is rich in diverse attitudes and motives. The emperor of the Skeksis is a power-mad despot. His outcast Chamberlain is all anxiety as he tries to get back in the Skeksis' good graces. Kira's pet, Fizzgig, a two-jawed ball of fur with the temper of a Doberman pinscher, provides the requisite comic relief while remaining fiercely loyal and protective.

But the real gem of characterization is Aughra, a sorceress/astrologer/junk collector who aids Jen by giving him a missing sliver of the Dark Crystal. An enigmatic figure, Aughra has a habit of removing her one eye from its socket and leaving it lying around to spy on people. The old crone is both funny and frightening with her raspy voice and arthritic movements.

Jim Henson and co-director Frank Oz (creator of both *Miss Piggy* and *Yoda*) greatly enrich the film, giving life to conceptual designer Brian Froud's outlandish but believable creatures. Their work demands a second viewing because everything cannot be taken in at one show.

David Odell's script is another matter. It is peppered with every cliché in the book, and only once manages to parody the banalities of most fantasy films instead of falling victim to them. When Kira rescues Jen from an almost hopeless situation by sprouting wings and flying him away, Jen says, "Wings! I don't have wings." Kira matter-of-factly replies, "Of course not. You're a boy."

Despite the unrelieved triviality of most of the script, the characters and settings combine to make *The Dark Crystal* well worth seeing.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Compiled by Janet Olson

Public service announcements must be turned into the box outside the DTH office in the Carolina Union by 1 p.m. if they are to run the next day. Only announcements from University recognized and campus organizations will be printed. All announcements must be limited to 25 words and can run only for two days.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Dr. Marcia Ory will speak on "Advancing Edges in Research on Aging" at noon in 231 School of Public Health.

The African Student Organization will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Carolina Union. A slide presentation and short film will be shown and folk music will be performed.

There will be a bloodmobile from noon to 5 p.m. in the Morehead Center (basement of Cobb Drive), sponsored by the Morehead Confederation.

La Terraza: Todos estan bienvenidos para divertirse a las 4 p.m. en el Upper Deck.

Dr. Peter Mark, African Studies, will speak on Senegambian Masking Traditions as Evidence of Social History at 3 p.m. in the Carolina Union.

Death and Dying: The Physician's Perspective will be shown at noon in the Conference room on the second floor of the Health Sciences Library.

The UNC Women's Crew Team encourages you to join us at 6 a.m. Monday through Friday on Pitzer Field and at 8 a.m. Saturday. Call Mo at 942-3765 for information.

COMING EVENTS

New AIESEC members: Don't forget the training session at noon Sunday in the Carolina Union. All are welcome and encouraged.

UNC's Summer Immersion Program in French at Chicoutimi, Quebec will meet for information and/or registration on Monday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. in Toy Lounge, 4th floor of Dey Hall. Please be there — application deadline is March 1.

The Grail — Valkyries will hold a mandatory meeting at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Carolina Union. See the daily schedule for the room number. Nominations will be accepted.

The Carolina Gay Association will sponsor a fund-raising dance at 9 p.m. Sunday at After Dark (beside Brendle's) on the Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard.

UNC Circle K will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Carolina Union. Lots is happening; it is important to attend. Bring T-shirt and pancake money.

CHEC (Contraceptive Health Education Clinic), now meeting Mondays at 4 p.m. in the Health Education Section of SHS, is geared to help UNC students to be responsible partners in matters concerning sexuality.

Speech Anxiety Group starts at 7 p.m. Monday. Screening interview is required. Contact the Counseling Center, Nash Hall at 962-2175 for registration and additional information.

AIESEC will meet at 5 p.m. Monday. Everyone must attend. Nominations for Tuesday's election will be discussed.

Lambda, Carolina Gay Association's newsletter, has an important meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the CGA office to plan the February issue. New staffers are welcome.

Dr. Martin Meyer, a senior policy specialist in the drinking water and sanitation section of UNICEF, will speak on "Water for the World: What Next?" at noon Monday in 331 Roseau Hall.

The Order of the Bell Tower will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in 221 Creelwood Hall.

The Guardians of Light and Time will meet at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Carolina Union for a special Anniversary/Baker's Birthday Party. All Dr. Who fans welcome.

Pi Delta Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity would like to invite everyone to the 1993 Que Cabaret Saturday at the Hotel Europa.

All candidates submitting petitions for the Feb. 8 elections are required to attend a meeting at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Carolina Union.

The Chief Hangers will hold open auditions at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Pi Mu Alpha room upstairs in Hill Hall. Call Wylie at 933-4542 or Bill at 968-9195 for an appointment.

The Sexuality Education and Counseling Service (SECS) will hold a mandatory meeting for all counselors at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Carolina Union.

There will be a New Jewish Agenda meeting Sunday. For more information, call 967-4311.

UNC Cycling Club members interested in discussing next year's budget will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday in the upstairs lounge of the Carolina Union.

Rides for the UNC Cycling Club meet at 1 p.m. Sunday at Carr Mill. All cyclists are welcome.

"Treasures for the Acland: Recent Acquisitions" opens Sunday at the Acland Art Museum. These include Europe, Japan and India master photographs.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

"Great Choral Masterpieces," a special-interest class begins Feb. 3. Registration must be completed one week prior to the beginning of class.

The Grail — Valkyries are now accepting nominations for election into the order. Applications are available at the Union Desk. Deadline is Feb. 11 at 5 p.m.

The Lawrence Wildlife Traveling Fellowship is awarded annually to a returning undergraduate to aid in summer travel. Applications are available at the Campus Y, the Carolina Union and the Wesley Foundation.

Nominations for the Society of Jesus are due by Feb. 18 and should be submitted to 103-A Carr Building. Extra forms are available at Carr or the Union Desk.

NTE (National Teacher Examinations), Core Battery, March 5. Registration must be received by Jan. 31 with appropriate fee. Applications are available in 101 Nash Hall. Please note that core and Specialty Tests now are on different dates.

ZBT gives shuttle service second chance

By JEFF SLAGLE
Staff Writer

A bus-shuttle service for campus residents reinstated by the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity has attracted significantly more riders than it did two years ago, ZBT spokesmen said this week.

For a recent all-campus party, the ZBTs chartered a bus from Chapel Hill Transit for about \$25 per hour, and set up a 9 p.m.-to-midnight route encompassing the two-mile distance from several dormitories to their Finley Golf Course Road fraternity house.

In 1981, the ZBTs tried the same thing, but a poor turnout for the service convinced the fraternity that the idea was ahead of its time.

Brian Hunicutt, ZBT member and president of the Interfraternity Council, said his fraternity gave the service another chance for two reasons — to attract more people to the party and to reduce the number of people who might drive home drunk.

The crackdown on drunken driving may have accounted for some of the increased ridership, ZBT member Ken Boxer and Hunicutt agreed.

Martin Lindsey of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, also located on Finley Golf Course Road, said that his fraternity would probably not institute bus service for its all-campus parties because students were responsible enough not to drink too much if they had to drive.

The ZBTs used the service because "they felt state and local efforts to stop drunken driving might hurt the attendance at their parties," Lindsey said.

This in turn would injure the ZBT rush and consequently, the ability of the house itself, he added.

Boxer agreed that the bus was good publicity for the ZBTs because of the banners hung along its sides and because people thought it was a "fun idea to just get on a bus and go to a party."

The service probably also helped many students who were unfamiliar with that section of Chapel Hill to find the fraternity house, he said.

Chapel Hill police said they thought the ride service was a good idea.

Sign-up system tries to cut lines

By LYNN PEITHMAN
Special to the DTH

"It's almost like it's harder to get interviews than it is basketball tickets," said Majcya Harris, director of the University Career Planning and Placement Service.

For the past few weeks, UNC students have been waiting in line since 3 a.m. every day outside the Hanes Hall placement service to sign up for job interviews with local and national businesses.

Because of this inconvenience, the placement service is changing the interview system, beginning Monday.

"The current system is really just insane," Harris said. "That's the only way to describe it. We feel really sorry for the students."

The new system will combine a lottery with a ranking system. First, the placement service will post a list of companies coming to interview at UNC during the following two weeks. Then students can pick the three they would like most to interview with and submit their

list to the placement office. The office will draw students' names from a lottery and assign the interviews according to the students' own preferences.

Harris said she hoped the new system would be fair to all students, and that it should help "to eliminate the need to wait (in line) in the wee hours of the morning."

The new system "will be much harder on the staff, but we feel it's not fair for the students to wait so long," Harris said.

The night before the service posted the sign-up sheet for interviews with Wachovia Bank, students began waiting at 3 a.m. Harris said there was "a steady stream of students" — about 200 — waiting. "It was a seven-hour line, just continuous."

In the past, students began waiting at 5 or 6 a.m., two or three hours before the office opened. "It seems that it gets earlier and earlier," Harris said. This past week, there were 30 to 40 students waiting in line every day, she added.

The following employers and graduate school representatives will be on campus to discuss job opportunities and academic programs on the dates indicated.

Students can sign up for appointments with these representatives eight days ahead of the visit in the UNC Office of Career Planning & Placement Services, 211 Hanes Hall. A resume is necessary at the time a student signs up for an interview. This is put in the folder accompanying the sign-up sheet.

Date	Organization	Organization
Monday, Feb. 7	National Security Agency First Union National Bank "Davidson's"	*Camp Cheerio Arthur Andersen & Company
Tuesday, Feb. 8	Arthur Andersen & Company Duke Power Company Irving Trust Company W. S. Peebles & Company	Westvaco Corporation RVI Home Care Lithonia Lighting
Wednesday, Feb. 9	Lithonia Lighting Cumberland County Schools Data General Corporation K-Mart Corporation	Lynchburg Public Schools Keller Mfg. Co., Inc. S.C. National Bank (Charleston) S.C. National Bank (Columbia)
Thursday, Feb. 10	Feat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. Scovill Inc.	Westvaco Corporation U. of Baltimore (Booth at Union)
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Applications are now being accepted for the positions of editors and business managers of several UNC publications: *The Phoenix*, *Yackety Yack*, *Carolina Quarterly*, and *Cellar Door*. The deadline for *The Phoenix* and

Carolina Quarterly positions is today, while the deadline for the *Yackety Yack* and *Cellar Door* applications is Feb. 11.

All applications should include a cover letter, a resume, and three letters of recommendation. The selection of *The Phoenix* and *Carolina Quarterly* positions will be made by the Media Board on Jan. 31, while the selection for the *Yackety Yack* and *Cellar Door* positions will be made on Feb. 28.

Chemistry scholarship available to sophomores

Alpha Chi Sigma, UNC's professional chemistry fraternity, is sponsoring a Sophomore Award in Chemistry. The award will be given on the basis of a research paper on "The Uses of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance in Conformational Analysis." All papers must be no longer than 20 double-spaced, typed pages, and must be submitted by April 1.

Only sophomores who are enrolled in or have taken Chemistry 41, 42, 61 or 62 are eligible. Interested students should come by 18-4 Venable Hall for more information.

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