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An exchange worth making

Editor's note: For most students Fall Break is ample time away from the University and Chapel Hill. For others, however, only a semester away can do the trick. If you're one who's sick of seeing the Old Well, hurry: Applications for the spring semester of the New Hampshire Exchange are due Oct. 17. Check in Room 1 of Steele Building.

By SAM KITTNER

It was dark out when we rolled into Durham, N.H., but white specks of snow gleamed in my headlights as we entered the one-way, two-block traffic circle of Main Street. I glanced at Kevin and then out to the wintry scene in front of us. "It's like we have no conception of what we're about to get ourselves into, but I know we're certainly getting ourselves into something," I mumbled. Kevin nodded, although he was so wrapped up in examining our new environment that the words probably didn't register.

What we, and five others, had gotten ourselves into last semester, of course, was the unusual exchange program between UNC and the University of New Hampshire. It's unusual because it's a domestic exchange program, not like most college exchange programs, which involve foreign universities. UNH actually has exchanges going with several schools across the country. At first I figured they all had these programs simply to let people know that UNH exists. I mean, you don't hear much about UNH unless you keep up with college ice hockey.

Durham, N.H., is a small town about 20 miles from the coast and less than two hours from Boston. Main Street has a handful of dining places, three bars and a few shops. There's little growth in Durham and the townspeople seem to want to keep it that way. You've got to drive almost half an hour just to catch a first-run movie.

Renowned in New Hampshire as a first school, UNH instituted policies a few years ago designed to rid itself of the stigma. One policy was to strictly follow the state's liquor laws, including the uniform drinking age of 20, and to use resident assistants as enforcers. The RAs



have the power and are encouraged to bust those under the legal drinking age, the vast majority of dorm residents, who are caught with alcohol. The places where students of legal age can drink are limited, creating a closed-door drinking environment that leads to a strained relationship between students and their RAs.

UNH is not a wealthy state university. Many of the facilities seem inadequate. This may be because of New Hampshire's aversion to taxes. But using Carolina as a basis of comparison might be unfair. I found it startling, although flattering, when several teachers and students reacted, "Oh, UNC is a good school," when I mentioned that I was on exchange.

Despite these shortcomings, there were more good things about the exchange than bad. While I got quite a bit out of my classes, the nature of exchange programs, plus my personal approach to being in New England for the

semester, allowed me not to worry that much about academics, and I had time to do things that were really interesting.

I traveled frequently. With my trusty car and other exchangers, including many from the California schools, I took roadtrips almost every weekend. There was time for several pleasant afternoon rides up the coast into Maine, which was about an hour away.

Ski trips were by far some of the better excursions. There were many opportunities to go downhill skiing in New Hampshire — including a P.E. class that could be taken for credit. The New Hampshire Outing Club even provided equipment and lodging in the White Mountains.

Being in New Hampshire in the winter also offered a rare political opportunity. Because the state holds the nation's first primary, I got to see five of the original Democratic candidates speak.

I often talked with my friends at home about my experiences, but mostly, I had time to be by myself and think about some of the stuff I wanted to sort out. Broadly speaking, just doing different things in a different place with different people was educational.

The New Hampshire semester for me was a positive experience, and the UNH administration and students should be commended, not only for their initiation of the exchange, but for their kind and caring attitude toward the students. Unfortunately, it seems there is more commitment on their end. The administration was tardy in its dealings with UNH last semester and caused UNH and the students involved a lot of hassles. The University and students should consider the value of programs such as the New Hampshire Exchange: They add to the exchange of ideas that academic institutions are committed to and even improve the relationships between states and regions. Everything on my end of the exchange wasn't perfect, but the program was worthwhile. University administrators and students may wish to examine the merit of such programs and join in.

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Bedtime for Ronnie?

No one's denying it. At 73, Ronald Reagan is already the oldest president in U.S. history. If it wasn't known to everyone already, it became more evident during his Sunday night debate with boyish-looking Democratic candidate Walter Mondale, a mere 56.

Reagan, an acknowledged master of the media, resembled more at times an absent-minded professor than leader of the most powerful nation on earth. And Mondale, hungry for an issue to revitalize his campaign, has seized on a previously taboo subject. "You've got to be careful when you elect a president," he later said. "You can't just ask, 'How do they look?' You also have to ask, 'How do they feel?'"

Mondale should have left well enough alone.

Of the many differences between the candidates, age is unlikely to sway many voters. And, despite the wishes of Democratic doomsayers, Reagan is not about to roll over and die.

Reagan, as photo opportunity after

photo opportunity has shown us in the past, is a physically fit man. He can still cut a cord of wood. He has weathered an assassination attempt and emerged unscathed. A hearing aid is the only visible sign of Reagan's age.

And Reagan isn't alone among the geriatric set running the country. Ranking House Democrat "Tip" O'Neill, who insists that age is an issue, is 72 himself. South Carolina's Sen. Strom Thurmond is an octogenarian — and a shoo-in for re-election this year.

As Reagan campaign spokesman James Lake suggested, Reagan may have had an "off night" Sunday. All eyes will be on the president Oct. 21, though, in the second Great Debate. Should Reagan fare no better this time, some validity could emerge to Mondale's attacks.

In the meantime, attention should focus on real issues. If not, Mondale may well spend four more years watching Reagan and the nation grow old together.

Give us a break

It's finally here — the moment everyone's been waiting for. No, it's not election day: Three more weeks of political rhetoric must be endured before voters can safely turn on the tube again. No, it's time for that marvelous holiday, that wondrous respite: Fall Break. And it couldn't have come a minute too soon.

Fall Break is perhaps the best vacation of the academic year. It's just long enough for most students to go home, see their families and regain a little sanity. And unlike Spring Break, it's just short enough, and cold enough, to discourage going to the beach and squandering two precious days on an amnesia-inducing party spree. Fall Break is that time for freshmen to go home and get an ego fix at their high school's football game on Friday night. For sophomores and juniors, catching up, if possible, will be the order of the holiday. If not possible, then it will be time to prep Mom and Dad for the December surprise.

And then there are the seniors who, like us, have begun to feel 400 years old. For them, Fall Break will mean updating their resumes and working on interview techniques in hopes of getting a job come May — not that far away, considering how fast Fall Break seems to have snuck up.

Yes, it's come none too soon: Lots of resting and lots of work to be done. There is one side of Fall Break this year, however, that's bad. Those who decide to blow off Friday classes and leave tonight or tomorrow morning will miss University Day and the chance to see Gov. Jim Hunt speak, minus the good Senator Helms. We encourage students to stay: University Day offers a great opportunity to reflect on the tradition and pageantry of our school. But if students decide not to stick around, who can blame them? After all, home-cooking awaits, and the Jim and Jesse Debating Show will be playing in the privacy of their homes on Saturday night.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Redneck Contest is fun at expense of others

To the editor:

In the fine intellectual tradition of *Hee Haw*, UNC's "Biggest Redneck Contest" promises to be a good time for a few but an affront to

many. Regardless of its ostensible purpose, I am embarrassed to be part of a university which condones such sport. I challenge any of the students who are thinking of entering the contest to wear their costume

to the local farmers' market or to an N.C. State class on irrigation systems and look any of those hard working people in the eye. Let's

devise other, less offensive ways to raise spirit for the State game and money for charity.

Mary L. Seelhorst
Chapel Hill

1984 minus 1793 equals?

To the editor:

In Wednesday's issue of the *DTH* there was an inaccurate headline and an inaccurate statement in the front-page story, "A Carolina tradition, University Day to celebrate UNC's 400th anniversary." The story stated that "Classes will be canceled... for the convocation celebrating the 400th anniversary of the University." While many people have argued that Carolina is the oldest state university, few have ever asserted that it was founded before the establishment of the first colony in the "New World," the Ralph Lane Colony on Roanoke Island (1585). In order to clear up the confusion on the actual anniversary of the University, a brief history is in order. A university was mandated in 1776 by the Constitution of North Carolina. Yet, it was not until 1789 that the University was actually chartered in the General Assembly through a bill sponsored by William R. Davie. For the next four years, the trustees were to find suitable land and get the necessary funding to establish the University. The location could not be within "five miles of the permanent seat of government, or any of the places

of holding the courts of law or equity," according to the charter. The reason behind this stipulation was that officials did not want students to be exposed to the drunkenness associated with such places as courts.

On October 12, 1793, the first building on the campus was erected, now known as Old East. It is the laying of the cornerstone that the University of North Carolina celebrates each October 12, making this the 191st, not 400th, anniversary of the founding of the University. It was not until February 12, 1795, that the first student, Hinton James, arrived in Chapel Hill. He was the only student until others started arriving two weeks later.

North Carolina is celebrating its 400th anniversary, commemorating Sir Walter Raleigh's expeditions and settlements along the coast of Carolina starting in 1584.

I hope this letter has cleared up some of the confusion surrounding the birthdate of the University, and the misinformation in the Wednesday issue.

David Davis
Mangum

No screeching

To the editor:

Every day, I am amazed by the self-righteous rantings in the Pit. Have these men no sympathy for the average student who seeks relief from a morning of lectures and wishes to eat his lunch in peace? Must they continue to promulgate their religion at an ear-splitting pitch? Can they not appreciate that to some religion is quiet, deep and personal (like abortion) and should not be lowered to the level of a market stall? Of course, there are also those of us who are miserable sinners (and happily so) and would really prefer not to have to endure this selfish level of noise pollution. The civilized young Pit screechers should keep their tirades to a dull roar and let me have lunch in peace.

Richard Hoile
Chapel Hill

Whoa, Max!

To the editor:

I'd like to invite Max "Cowboy" Lloyd to get off his rocking horse and on to something that moves — the UNC Honor Court. His comment comparing the Honor Court to an "artificially high horse" ("Norberg passes CGC's first test," *DTH*, Oct. 9) ignored the fact that there is a horse of 80 heads (not to mention 40 heads) working to make just decisions and to promote our honor system.

It will be a short trip to the glue factory for Max if he forgets again.

Sarah E. Raper
Undergraduate Court chairman

Doonesbury



The Man from UNCLE



Peanuts

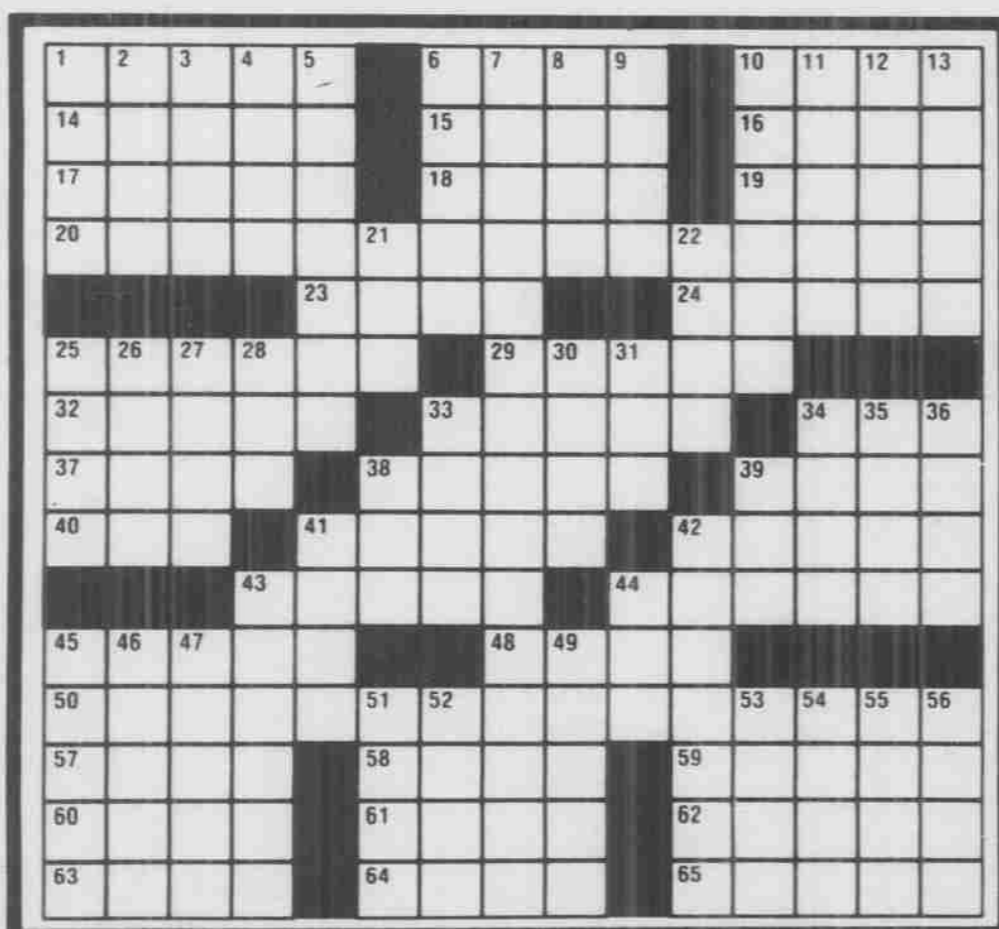


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THE Daily Crossword by James Barrick

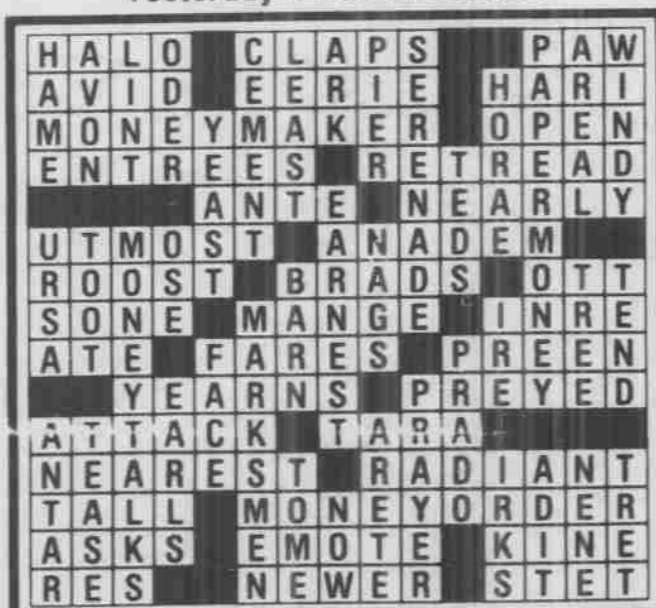
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32 Influence
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37 Part of AM
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40 Scot. explorer
41 Antelope
42 Self-esteem
43 Down the length of
44 Annul
45 Bridges
48 McCartney or Muni
50 Railroad employee
57 Lab compound
58 Laugh loudly
59 Statue of sorts
60 Land measure
61 Lost
62 Coin toss outcome
63 Fasting time
64 Thin but tough
65 St. — fire



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



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3 Kids
4 Beige
5 Young actress
6 Precipitation
7 Dollar's value
8 Way out

- 9 Mr. Arnaz
10 Black eye
11 Mannerly
12 Call at sea
13 Pavilions
21 Devilfish
22 Augury
25 Wound mark
26 Part of the arm
27 Repetition
28 Street, Fr.
30 Kind of reader
31 Club
33 Bates the actor
34 Ambler the writer
35 Spin
36 Lively dance
38 Ziegfeld or Holiday
39 Eagle
41 If not
42 Item for artists
43 Sock

- 44 — de-sac
45 Rustle
46 — nez
47 Oak-to-be
49 Put to rest
51 Unbend
52 "— Fan Tutte"
53 Anthracite
54 Shipshape
55 Christianity today
56 Diana or Betsy