

UNC in the '20s — smaller, but still fun

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As a slight breeze rustled fading leaves on the oaks surrounding the Old Well, the brown-eyed, brown-haired 17-year-old looked around curiously. He felt nervous.

After carrying his trunks and suitcases up to room 23 of Old East, he unpacked his fall suits, winter coats and heavy jackets. Although only September, Willis Benton Pipkin knew it'd be a long time before he returned to his native Reidsville, N.C. — in 1922, very few students owned cars.

"It was a right sharp transition from a country high school to the University," recalled Pipkin, 79, from his Reidsville home.

The University he stepped into consisted mainly of the buildings clustered around the Old Well, with the newly-built Grimes dormitory and Wilson Library, under construction, marking the campus' outer limits.

Living in Old East, Pipkin had to travel across the unpaved and often muddy Cameron Avenue to Bynum gym whenever he wanted to take a shower. Old East lacked complete plumbing.

Frequent editorials ran in the *Tar Heel* (not yet daily, only twice a week) raving about the over-population of mudpuddles and lack of sidewalks, said Joseph Maryon "Spike" Saunders, a 1925 graduate editor of the *Tar Heel* and, for 47 years, alumni secretary.

In 1923, Calvin Coolidge lived in the White House and memories of World War I, finished five years earlier, hung in the air like smoke after a fire. "There

was very little money, things were more spartan," Pipkin said.

Almost every student wore hobnail shoes, a surplus from the war — the bottom of these leather shoes was covered with nails. "You had to wear out the nails before you wore out the shoes," Pipkin said.

Students soon found the shoes more than practical. "You'd get a running start, then stop, and you'd skate down the concrete floors of the new classrooms," Pipkin said with a chuckle.

In 1923, 81 females attended the University as juniors, seniors and graduate students. No coeds lived on campus.

With about 2,000 students at UNC and 499 in Pipkin's freshman class, the few females created somewhat of an uproar. Frequent cries of, "Woman on campus!" or "Angels on campus!" resounded whenever one of the rowdier male students spotted a coed.

Pipkin described UNC's atmosphere as fairly studious, with students taking three courses five days a week for 15 hours credit each 13-week quarter.

Most students dressed in coats and ties for class, including the fashionable bow ties, and real dare devils sported knickers.

As always, college for some marked a time for craziness. Flag and telephone pole-sitting marathons became the rage, along with goldfish eating. "They'd try to break a record and get in Guinness," Pipkin said. "The fads usually lasted about six months."

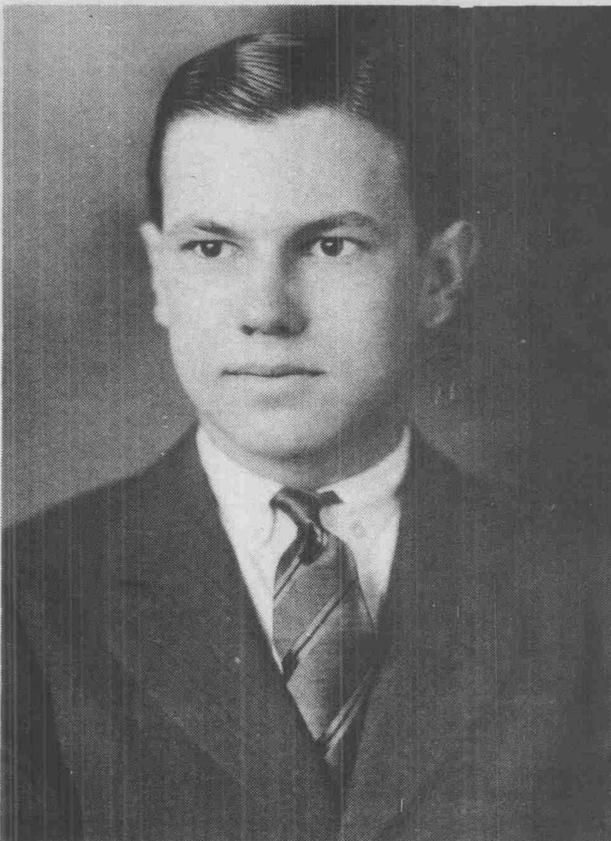
Pipkin also recalled a night when a cow ended up on the third floor of Old West. "They had more trouble getting that cow back down than they counted on."

Since prohibition made buying or selling alcohol illegal, the students survived without beer. Still, some made contacts with bootleggers for supplies of white lightning and near beer. "There were always people who knew where the bootleggers were and where to buy it," Saunders said.

While prohibition may have slowed down some parties, it speeded up opportunities for transportation. Autos used by captured bootleggers were auctioned off every other Saturday in Reidsville. "It was a pretty good source of cars," Pipkin said.

Even so, traveling was an ordeal and students remained on campus. "We got to know each other," Pipkin said. "You'd get to know people from all over the state. We stayed on campus because we had to travel by train, and that wasn't too inviting."

Without TV or stereos, the students



Willis Benton Pipkin

entertained each other with "bull, bull, bull," Pipkin said. "We'd get in front of the fireplace at the fraternity house and talk for hours."

The three seasonal German dances with their soft, sweet music offered alternative entertainment, Saunders said.

For these special evenings, the boys donned tuxedos or tails, and the girls, ornate gowns. "We had dance cards and breaking in would come in," Saunders said. "The girl who had the most breaks, she counted that just like the polls. To break, I guess you were supposed to have had an introduction. Then, there would be the daring breakers..."

Although most boys wore their hair traditionally, cut short and parted in the middle, girls began to flaunt the

stylish bob cut. "Anyone who had a bob was a real pioneer," Saunders said.

In 1925, the cost of Saunders' senior year, including room, board, tuition and books, totaled about \$700. "The catalog said you could get by on about \$400 or \$500," he said. "Of course, you could buy more cans of beans for \$1 than than now."

If a student couldn't afford the \$60 tuition, he could sign up to teach school in North Carolina for two years after graduation and be exempted, Saunders said.

With about 2,000 students and an equal number of residents, most folks in the tranquil town knew each other. "I loved the serenity of it," Pipkin said. "At full blast there were only about 4,500 people."

Campus Calendar	Friday
The Carolina Student Fund/DTH Campus Calendar will appear daily. Announcements to be run in the expanded version on Mondays and Thursdays must be placed in the box outside the Carolina Student Fund office on the third floor of South Building by 3 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Wednesday, respectively. The deadlines for the limited editions will be noon one day before the announcement is to run. Only announcements from University recognized and campus organizations will be printed.	7 p.m. IVCF will have an all campus meeting in the basement of University Methodist Church. "Rear Window" Union movie, admission is \$1.25, also shown at 9:30 p.m. and midnight.
Thursday	Saturday
9:30 a.m. The University of Richmond Law School will be signing up interested persons in 211 Hanes until 3 p.m.	9:30 a.m. Anglican Student Fellowship will have a Saturday Breakfast in the Chapel of the Cross.
3 p.m. Senator Wilma Woodard and Rep. Ann Barnes will speak on "Education, Comparable Worth, and Women's Roles in the Legislature" in CR-1 in the Law School.	7 p.m. "What's New Pussycat," "What's up Doc?," "What's Up Tigerlily?" Union movies, admission is free.
3:30 p.m. Career Planning and Placement will have an Interviewing Workshop in 209 Hanes.	Sunday
5:30 p.m. Campus Y will have a Pot-Luck Dinner in the Forest Theatre.	7 p.m. Animation Film Festival in the Union Auditorium, admission is free, also shown at 9:30 p.m.
6 p.m. Career Planning and Placement will sponsor a presentation by Irving Trust Company in 210 Hanes.	8 p.m. Students for Mondale will meet to watch the debate on the 2nd floor of the Union.
7 p.m. Campus Crusade for Christ will have a large group meeting in the Union.	Items of Interest
"Badlands," the Union Free-flick, will be shown also at 9:30 p.m.	Applications for "Breakfast with the Chancellor" will be available at the Union Desk until Tuesday, Oct. 23. The breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 25. Additional information is available at the CSF office 968-0015.
Career Planning and Placement will sponsor HBO and Co., the Hospital Computer Co., in 209 Hanes.	A symposium of Gun Control will be held in Moot Court room at Duke Law School. Call 684-3119 for information.
8 p.m. IVCF will have an organizational meeting for the IVCF Choir.	SAM (Selecting a Major) Workshop will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18, Monday, Oct. 22, Tuesday, Oct. 23, or Wednesday, Oct. 24 in 204 Steele Building from 3-4:30 p.m. Sign up in 209 Steele.

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said Carter was the most committed to nuclear arms control.

The SALT II treaty negotiated by Carter was met with a storm of Congressional protest and was never ratified.

Drinan blamed much of our nuclear policy on Congress and urged Congress to be more active in making U.S. foreign policy.

"Congress has gone along with the theory that we should arm more to bring the Soviets to the table," he said, echoing the rationale of the Reagan administration's approach to dealing with the Soviet Union.

Drinan endorsed Democratic presidential candidate Fritz Mondale and said a Reagan victory would bring a further escalation of the arms race.

"He'll be worse than he was in his four years because he'll say that he has a mandate to continue his policies."

On the N.C. Senate race, Drinan said he favored Gov. Jim Hunt over Republican Sen. Jesse Helms.

"I hope that you will elect Gov. Hunt to be senator," he said. "The whole world knows this state deserves more than Sen. Helms."

after World War II, according to Drinan. The Baruch Plan failed, with the United States blaming the Soviets for walking out.

"The Baruch Plan, our first arms control attempt, failed miserably and we have to take the blame," he said.

The next step in the evolution of the U.S. nuclear armament was the development of the strategic triad — nuclear submarines, land-based missiles and bombers. The triad involves arming the Army, Navy and Air Force with nuclear weapons so that if one leg of the triad is unable to attack, the other two legs will be able to respond.

"I cannot see any justification for the triad," Drinan said.

While Kennedy's Nuclear Test Ban Treaty was the first successful nuclear arms control agreement, he said Reagan was alone among post-Kennedy presidents in opposing an updated test-ban treaty.

A public outcry against the placing of anti-ballistic missiles in Andover, Mass., led to a national boycotting of ABM's in the early '70s and eventually to Nixon's signing SALT I in 1972, Drinan said.

Of all United States presidents, he

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