

## Dorm residents talk in tongues

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In addition to those students who are lucky enough to reside in UNC's newest dormitory, Carmichael Residence Hall also houses some special residents. These students have chosen to live in an experimental housing situation designed to encourage oral participation in the Romance languages of French, German, and Spanish.

Housing the students according to their linguistic abilities is designed to result in increased verbal communication in their languages.

Three separate language sections comprise the program. German is the primary language in the west wing of Carmichael's first floor while French and Spanish fill the hall of the second floor's west wing.

Spero Zacharias, a senior, lives on Carmichael's second floor. Originally a student at the University of Seville in Spain, Zacharias was one of two students chosen to attend UNC as a participant in the foreign language experiment.

Zacharias, an international studies major, is grateful to be living in Carmichael. "The good thing about living here," Zacharias said, "is that it is convenient to everything on campus."

Other students are participating in the program as a result of their academic majors, personal interests or simply their desires to speak a second language fluently. A few come from homes where English is the second language.

To fill the 47 spaces available last year, the committee began reviewing applications from interested students. Selection was based on applicants' interest, commitment and desire to experience foreign culture.

Although students of foreign language, international studies, and international business and those interested in the Study Abroad Program were given slight priority, Masters said. "Any well-qualified person was given due consideration."

This year, the committee's choices were hastened due to a limited amount of time. In the final breakdown, 12 Spanish women, seven Spanish men, 20 French women, and eight French men evolved as worthy participants and moved into Carmichael.

With their acceptance into the program, the students signed a pledge to speak the language of their choice to the best of their abilities. They are supposed to speak their appropriate languages in the suite, in the room and at group functions.



Students relax in Spanish live/learn section of Carmichael Residence Hall

Exceptions to this pledge include conversations with guests and telephone conversations.

Gary Linker, a senior computer science major, said that the students stick to the rules and speak the language in the dorm. Linker admits that he often has to look words up, but that that does not bother him.

Participants also keep a weekly

journal in which they are to record their experiences in the Living/Learning Program. In order to keep interests high, participants are required to attend a minimum number of activities each semester. These activities include a monthly dinner, monthly lectures, and weekly discussion groups. A five-dollar donation from each student aids in

the program's costs.

The Living/Learning Program, in its first year, is destined for success. According to Dr. Mallory Masters, chairman and program coordinator, student commitment and participation will be the essence of the program's future, and this year's participants show "a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm."

## CAA changes ticket pickup

By JUSTIN MCGUIRE  
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Changes in basketball ticket distribution from the last year's Saturday distribution and plans for Homecoming Weekend against N.C. State highlight the coming year for the Carolina Athletic Association, said Mark Pavao, Carolina Athletic Association president.

Basketball ticket distribution has been changed to a "football style" distribution on Mondays starting at 8 a.m. at the Smith Center ticket office, Pavao said. It was changed from last year's weekend distribution to better serve students, he said. "Every possible consideration has been made to make sure there is no need for a student to skip classes in order to obtain tickets."

Ticket distribution will be random so students won't be rewarded for standing in line overnight. "A student who gets in line at 11 a.m. has as good a chance of getting good seats as one who gets in line at 8 a.m. or 5 p.m. or even Tuesday or Wednesday," Pavao said.

The other major responsibility of the CAA is planning Homecoming Week. Homecoming this year will be Oct. 18 against N.C. State. Plans are going well for the week-long festival for students and alumni and Pavao said he was "very optimistic" that the week of events will have something to interest everyone.

Other plans for this year include: publishing 16-page sports newsletter that includes information on club sports, intramurals and schedules for all varsity sports. The newsletter will be distributed this week to dormitories, fraternities and sororities and can be picked up in the CAA's office.

helping the Carolina Parents Association to plan the reception for this weekend's parent's game.

trying to interest the University in building a fitness trail in and around campus. The trail would be a marked path 1.5 to two miles long with a fitness station every few yards. The stations would include chin-up bars, benches for sit-ups and instructions on proper exercise.

## Phys Ed instructors warned of easy As

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The teaching faculty of the physical education department should be prepared to justify the grades they give their students if over 50 percent of those grades are As, according to a bulletin sent to the faculty members.

It is important that the physical education instructors take grading seriously, said John Billing, professor and chairman of the physical education department.

The Office of Institutional Research completes an annual study on campus grade dispersment, and the Office of the Provost compiles a list of those grades for study, he said.

"Grade inflation" has been a campus-wide problem for the past five years, Billing said. "There's no such thing as a gentleman's C anymore. Students expect to make As and Bs."

There's a whole new group of teaching assistants in the physical education department, Billing said. "They must be aware that grades are supposed to mean something."

"We don't think that there should be some mandate of so many Fs and so many As," Billing said, adding that standards shouldn't be so low that students can walk into a classroom and automatically receive an A.

With this "scheme for appropriate grading action," faculty members

who award an unusually high amount of As will be questioned on their teaching methods, such as assigning written and skills tests, Billing said.

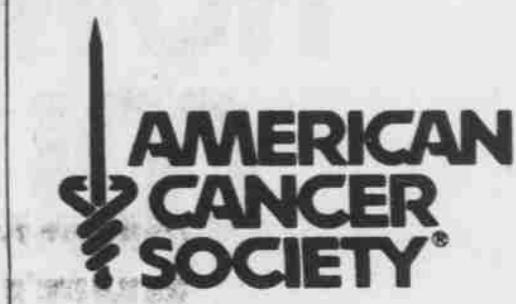
Students should not be graded solely on attendance either, he said. "I don't like blanket grades."

Standards for the students are not that difficult, Billing said. Class members are started at an appropriate level, and all they must do is be there, do the drills and do the text, he said.

Also, Student Health identifies those students with health limitations, and they are assigned to adaptive classes where they work individually with Boyd Newnam, associate professor of the physical education department, Billing said.

There is no problem with special privileges being awarded to athletes, he said. The concern is with the student body in general.

Over 4,000 students are enrolled in physical education classes each semester, and there are only 600 athletes combined on all of the varsity teams, Billing said.



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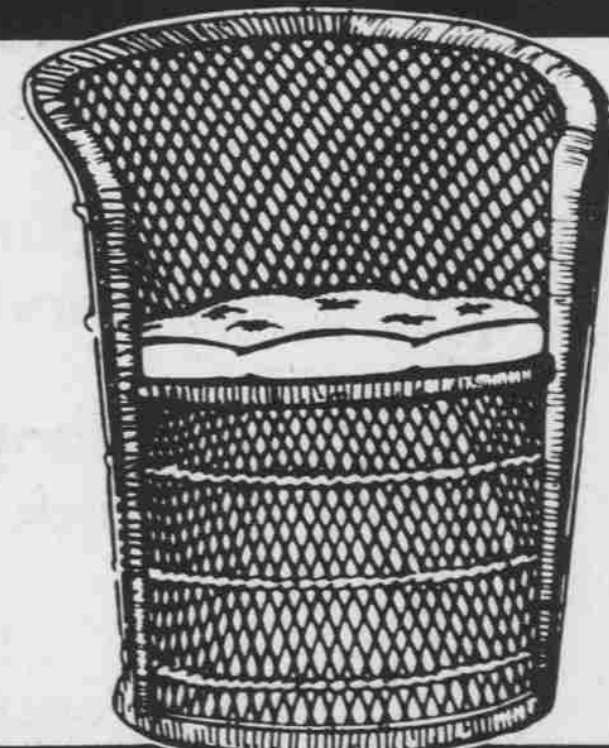


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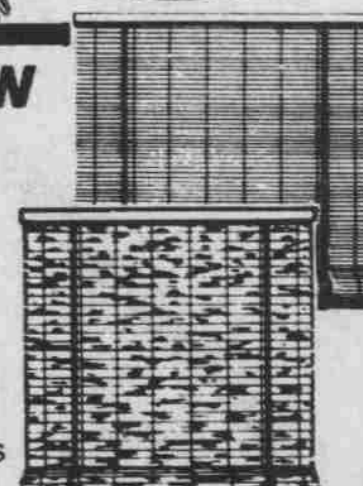
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