

# High school students work to make the grade in a college town

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Chapel Hill is a great college town — just ask those 22,000 college students who make it their home. The town also is a great place for high school students because the university atmosphere makes an impact on high school life.

"The University is the major industry in the town and the kids are connected with it because many of their parents work there," said Marvin Koenig, principal of Chapel Hill Senior High School.

Many of the parents who work at UNC are very well-educated, and as a result, academics tend to be a major focus for students.

"There is a lot of pressure to succeed. Parents are successful. The students have to be successful," Koenig said. "It's often not good enough to be a good student; they have to be fantastic students."

College academics rub off on high school students even if their parents are not part of the network of professors and administrators at the University.

"I think the biggest difference that we've noticed is that the children here are very bright," said David Moreau Sr., whose son attends Chapel Hill Senior High School.

"At our high school there is the question of where you are going to school instead of are you going to school," said Chapel Hill Senior High School senior David Moreau Jr.

Tony Yount, a teacher at the high school, said students are very transcript-conscious and worry

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about which college they are going to attend.

While about 60 Chapel Hill Senior High School students choose to go to the University every year, the University of Virginia, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and Brown University are also very popular choices for graduating seniors.

Most students find that going to high school in a university town prepares them for college life better than other students who don't have that college town atmosphere.

"They are much more prepared and know what they have to deal with. That is what we get from students coming back after a year at the University," said Yount.

Tracey Johnson, who graduated from Chapel Hill Senior High School in 1987, attributes such good preparation to the high standards set at the school.

"I think that the teachers at Chapel Hill High are really demanding," UNC freshman Johnson said. "Your senior year they make you do a lot more out of class, like the professors here."

In addition to using Davis Library as a resource for schoolwork, Chapel Hill Senior High School's sports teams are able to use practice fields, swimming pools and gymnasiums at the University. High school graduation is now being held in the Smith Center.

"The University is very good for

us. We are able to attract an excellent faculty because of the close proximity," said Koenig. The high school also gets a number of visiting speakers from the University to talk to its high school students.

The University affects the students' lives in other areas. Kids growing up in Chapel Hill may be introduced to drugs and alcohol at an earlier age than others, but most residents do not feel that the high school students can get the drugs any easier because of the location.

"I don't believe it's any easier to get drugs here than in any other metropolitan areas in North Carolina," said Moreau Sr.

Most of the students do visit older friends at residence halls on campus, but they don't attend many college parties on a regular basis. They go to Swensen's at University Square, drive around the town or go to private high school parties. Students also attend UNC sporting events, such as football games, when they can get tickets.

Although it may be every high school student's dream to date a gorgeous college student, not many high school students presently date college students.

"The only couples I know of are the ones who started going out in high school and continued their relationships after one has gone off to college," said Moreau Jr.

Fashion for the high school crowd isn't set by the college crowd, although both groups share some of the same clothing ideas. But high school fashions are so varied that nothing is really shocking to see,



Chapel Hill Senior High School students Kristen Schrieber (left), Debbie Harrison and Jenny Levine

students said.

"There really isn't a set style here. Students can dress how they want to," Yount said. "A kid can come to school here with orange hair and nobody notices."

The town changes every May when the University's classes are over and undergraduates pack up to go home for the summer. The

changing population and the out-of-town students don't really bother the high school students.

"It doesn't bother me at all. Everybody who comes (to Chapel Hill) falls in love with it and wants to call it home. I've lived here so long, I'm used to it," said Moreau Jr.

One drawback to high school life

in a college town seems to be a small amount of school spirit. High school athletic events are poorly attended and the conventional wisdom has always been that the university sports overshadow the high school sports, according to Yount.

But in the end, the relationship between the high school and the University is one that works well.

## Committee surveys UNC student-athletes

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In the spring of 1987, the Faculty Athletics Committee conducted a preliminary survey with the help of athletes from six varsity teams.

The survey was designed by committee members to focus on how athletics affect the academics of a student-athlete.

"The survey was just an overview," said Richard Hiskey, chairman of the committee. "We were just testing the

waters to see if the survey would be taken seriously."

The main objective was to see if the students were having any problems that could be ironed out, Hiskey said.

"We were anxious to talk and get the impression of the students," Hiskey said.

Within the sports surveyed, it was found that student-athletes spend between 30 and 35 hours a week participating in their sports. The

students did not feel this amount of time has produced any academic problems.

The most prominent factor, according to the survey results, is that women athletes perform better academically than all other athletes, Hiskey said. "We are very proud of this," he said.

Along with the survey finished last spring, a new committee has been developed to study the academic environment presented to student-

athletes at UNC.

"The committee is interested in the view of freshmen and how they feel about their new setting when they get to school," Hiskey said. "We want to know if they feel overwhelmed or if they have too many demands placed on them by the athletic program."

After the results are interpreted, the committee may consider conducting another survey this spring, Hiskey said.

### Thanksgiving Holiday Library Schedule

Undergraduate Library	
Wednesday, Nov. 25	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 26	CLOSED
Friday, Nov. 27	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 28	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 29	resume regular schedule
Davis Library	
Wednesday, Nov. 25	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 26	CLOSED
Friday, Nov. 27	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 28	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 29	noon - midnight
Monday, Nov. 30	resume regular schedule

## U.S. Postal Service to sell stamps by phone

By KYLE HUDSON  
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Waiting in long lines at the post office to buy stamps may become a thing of the past.

With a new service offered by the U.S. Postal Service, customers in five cities across the nation can now order stamps by phone.

The Postal Service proposed the new stamps by phone program at the beginning of this year, said Tanya Perkins, a Postal Service spokeswoman.

Perkins said the Postal Service began testing the idea in several U.S. cities on Sept. 1. The five cities serving as test markets are New York City, Dallas, Sacramento, Miami and Norfolk, Va. So far, there are no plans to bring the new service to any city in North Carolina, she said.

Customers in the test market cities

can place orders for stamps over the phone and receive the stamps in the mail.

Ordering stamps by phone is a little more expensive than buying them at the post office, Perkins said that there was a \$2 handling charge for all orders, and customers must pay for the stamps using a credit card.

"This program came about under Postmaster General Preston Tisch in response to consumer inquiry," Perkins said. She said that customers in large cities were tired of standing in line for as long as 30 minutes to purchase stamps.

Perkins said response to the program had been good.

"There have been over 10,000 orders so far," she said. "Households are placing more orders, but businesses are placing orders of higher

volume."

Perkins said the average household order was \$46. Business orders average \$146. There is a minimum of \$11 for over-the-phone orders.

Assistant Postmaster General Gordon Morison said those people who used the stamps by phone program probably would order more stamps than they would buy otherwise.

But he also predicted that while purchasing patterns would change in areas where the new service is available, overall sales would not increase.

Morison said the stamps by phone program was only part of a whole package of convenience features the Postal Service offered. There is also a stamps by mail program, and some supermarkets in the Washington, D.C., area are offering stamps to their customers.

Although there are no immediate plans to bring the stamps by phone program to North Carolina, Morison did say that more cities would be added to the program after the first of the year. He did not offer any specific details.

Rutledge Tufts, manager of the UNC Student Stores, said the new program should have no big impact for students.

Tufts said that even if the stamps by phone program came to the area, most students probably would continue to buy their stamps in the Student Stores.

Most students are unaware of the new program, and those who have heard of it doubt that they will use it.

"Who buys \$11 worth of stamps at a time?" said Mike Spirtas, a freshman from Potomac, Md. "Before I came to UNC, I bought a booklet of stamps for \$4.40, and I thought I'd never use them up."

## Dwindling profits force Grump's bakery to close

Those students who have run down Franklin Street, stopping only to grab a doughnut at Grump's bakery, will now have to search elsewhere to find a satisfying snack.

Grump's, which has been open on Franklin Street for three and a half years, closed Nov. 9, owner George Lawrence said.

"I don't intend to re-open," he said. "I intend to sell. I couldn't be there to supervise, I didn't have enough business and I was losing money."

"Ninety percent of small businesses fail, and we just happened to be one of them," he added.

Lawrence said he was looking for

a buyer for the bakery. Although Grump's closed, Lawrence said The Bread Shop, another store he manages on Franklin Street, is doing well.

Student response to Grump's closing varied.

"I really liked their chocolate-covered doughnuts," said Tonya Oxendine, a senior sociology major from Charlotte. "I was extremely disappointed that they closed."

Janet Stepp, a junior international studies major from Hendersonville, said, "I'm really sorry it closed, but the hours weren't convenient for me anyway." — MYRNA MILLER



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**Tuesday**

4:30 p.m. The Elections Board will meet in Union 224.

5:45 p.m. Anglican Student Fellowship will celebrate Thanksgiving with turkey and all the trimmings at the Chapel of the Cross. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**Items of Interest**

6 p.m. Students for Bob Jordan will meet in the Union auditorium. All students and faculty are invited to hear Betsy Jordan, daughter of Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan, speak about the upcoming governor's race in 1988.

6:30 p.m. The Order of the Bell Tower will have a meeting and Thanksgiving potluck in Union 206.

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