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First Phase of RC Review Completed

There was a time last fall when some among us wondered whether the university's proposed review of RC would ever get off the ground. At long last, it did; surveys were sent out (and returned!) and two outside consultants visited and assessed RC this spring. Both the survey results and the consultants' reports were very positive. As far as your support is concerned, consultant Carl Trindle noted: "No one could ask for more enthusiastic expressions of love and support than were returned in the most recent survey of alumni . . . They echo current students' views: RC made UNC-G appealing, prepared them for leadership roles, instilled confidence in their intellectual capacity and encouraged them to question received wisdom."

The consultants' reports brought forth several practical improvements: The RC offices were painted and a new--and decent--copier was finally installed. Solutions to the more vexatious issues facing the college will not be as easy to produce. Still remaining to be settled are:

- The need for a new director. Fran has one year remaining on her interim appointment, which may, of course, be extended.
- The issue of faculty recruitment. Even sympathetic department heads are finding it increasingly more difficult to release faculty to teach within RC. The money simply is not there. Some solutions under consideration include hiring retired or non-tenure track faculty.
- The competition posed by new programs. UNC-G is considering several initiatives that might draw from the same potential pool of students and faculty that RC relies upon.
- The university's curriculum demands. The question of how RC's core courses fit into the university's all-university liberal education requirements (AULER) is still undecided. Trindle did have this to say in RC's favor: "The curriculum developed at RC is simply a masterpiece of integration and execution of an interdisciplinary view of the Western experience. To sacrifice this design to the exigencies and vagaries of staffing would be unconscionable."

Stay tuned; we'll keep you posted.

Director's Letter

Dear Faithful Followers of RC,

When I came to this job last summer, Betty gave me a copy of a journal entry Warren Ashby had written about being director of the Residential College. Like all of Warren's musings, it was very introspective and hopeful. I kept it in the drawer of my desk this year, and whenever things got difficult, I took it out and read it again. (Betty is a good therapist; she knows a comfort blanket when she sees one, and she knows who will need such a blanket.) What Warren said to me over and over again was that it was worth it. All the meetings, the administrative forms and deadlines, the frustrations, and the very real human problems that come with sitting in this office are worth it. And because I loved Warren, I believed him, but. . .

I have always been less hopeful about things than he was. Years ago, after hearing us both react to a visit by a chancellor (Warren thought it went very well; I thought that no real issues were addressed adequately) Murray labeled us Snow White and the Wicked Witch. Warren actually used to initial notes to me "SW." Anyway, as good a talisman as the journal was, I needed something more to believe in, and you gave it to me this spring

I took the alumni questionnaires you returned as part of the review of RC with me when we went to the coast over spring break. On a cool and overcast day, I sat down and began reading. The first part was easy to deal with; everyone answered positively that RC was important to their education, that the classes there were different from others they took and that they provided a good foundation in the liberal arts, and everyone said "yes," they would recommend the program to a child or friend. Good statistics, but we had expected this.

What I had not anticipated were the essays so many people wrote, really old-time testimonials about how RC had changed their lives, given them ideas and values that they use today, given them memories and living friendships that are fundamental to who they are and what they do. I forgot to look for quotations to use in my report for the consultants, I forgot to stop and think about dinner, I forgot to worry about all the details and problems of running RC. I was lost in these deeply moving, very personal tributes to a community of friends and scholars by those who were themselves part of this community. It took several Kleenex and a long walk on the shore to clear my head. And I still hear your words. They are part of my everyday sense of what really matters along with Warren's faith in this great undertaking. With your encouragement, I may even turn from witch to princess some day. I can sense it starting already.

Thank you,
Fran





Alumni Notes and News

Phyllis Corbett Ashworth's ('70) husband Tom died last June. Phyllis lives in Wytheville, Va.

Annette Godwin Atkins ('79) volunteered with Operation Smile in Panama last summer (the program treats people with facial and orthopedic deformities). In Greensboro, she is a clinical nurse coordinator in pediatrics at Moses Cone Hospital and a graduate nursing student at UNC-G.

Ellen Cummings Barcus ('75) and her husband Ken have a new baby girl, Julia Michelle, born June 1.

Arthur Burnette ('87) married Angela Baker last August in Raleigh. He is a lead collections analyst at NationsBank, and she is with VIP Formal Wear. They live in Greensboro.

Suzanne Cartwright Buschke ('71) was awarded the Certificate in General Insurance by the Insurance Institute of America. She lives in Mine Hill, N.J.

Joe Carriker ('72) lives in Charlotte and is general manager of the Lamplighter restaurant.

Kim Chaney ('82) is getting married on July 4 to Jeff Bay. They'll be living in Apex.

Wallace Daniel ('79) is product manager with Air Products and Chemicals in Raleigh.

Michael Driver ('87) is one of three owners of the Infiniti, a downtown Greensboro club.

Brooke Giddens ('72) lives in Panchatoula, La. with her husband and children.

Susan Gray ('84) married Eric Craig last summer in Asheboro. They live in Hammond, La.

Holly Horton ('88) is marketing & development assistant at the Greensboro Music Academy.

Pam Hurley ('76) teaches English at UNC-W, and her husband Mike is finishing his MBA there. Their son M.J. is now 8.

Anna Jordan ('79) directs children's education at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

Tom Kerr ('72) is returning to N.C. after 15 years in Texas. His temporary address is H-2, Lake Point Drive, Pinehurst 28374, and he'd like to track down old friends from the 1971-75 years.

Ken Kienas ('71) married Chris Rozanski in November, and their first child is due this summer.

Marc Matney ('81) and his wife Rene have a new daughter, Rachel Marie, born May 1.

Susan McCann ('80) got an MSW from Chapel Hill in 1991; she is HIV/AIDS care coordinator at Philadelphia's Pennsylvania Hospital and lives with husband Chuck Colvard in Palmyra, N.J.

Mary McLamb ('84) married Michael Bishop last July in Lillington, N.C. She teaches English and Latin at West Brunswick High School, and he is with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Martha Ann Ferrell Patterson ('82) and her husband Rob are settled in New Bern; their son Rolvix Patterson III is now about 14 months old.

Teresa Ramsey ('87) married Michael Cotter last September at the Fort Bragg Post Chapel. Both work at Ciba in Greensboro.

Mary Bosch Read ('71) is assistant director of publications at Washington State U. She and her husband John and their 13-year-old daughter Sarah live in Moscow, Idaho.

Julie Rece ('78) received her master's degree in rehabilitation nursing last year from Thomas Jefferson University. She lives in Philadelphia and works at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital.

Erika Schlager ('77) and her husband Robert Hand have a new baby, Jakob Schlager Hand, born May 26.

Felixa Sommer ('72) and **David Boutwell** ('72) announced that their baby girl, Mary Alice Grace, was born May 26.

Rick Stone ('73) is recovering from an emergency appendectomy.

Bruce Vail ('77) is still commuting every weekend from his home in Peachtree City, Ga. to his wife's house in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Kristin Waehling ('87) is now acting director of student activities at Guilford College.

Carol Witherspoon ('80) married Richard McPeeters last September in Black Mountain. She is curator of community programs at Greensboro's Natural Science Center.

... from the "How old are they?" file:

Emily Arndt graduated from UNC-Asheville in May, with a self-designed major in American Studies (in this case, a blend of political science and sociology).

Caroline Tisdale married John Moseley on May 29 in Greensboro.

... and in the "Who woulda thunk it" category:

Fred "Nerves of Steel" Nash is back for his sixth year as RC's residence director.

FRIENDS OF RC

Alumni dues: \$10.00 per year for non-current students
\$ 5.00 per year for 1st- and 2nd-year graduates

Make your check payable to The Residential College and mail to:

Friends of RC, Residential College, UNC-Greensboro, Greensboro, NC 27412

Name: _____

Your current address/phone: _____

In addition to my alumni association dues, I'd like to contribute
_____ to the Rick Johnson computer fund and _____ to the discretionary fund.



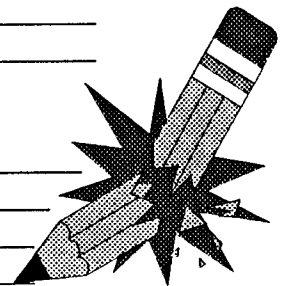
I'd also like to lighten Betty's load: Send me a Murray-Man T-shirt!

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At \$8.00 per shirt, I've enclosed a check for _____

News: _____

Names and addresses of other RCers (please help us out!)



News Roundup

Party madness strikes again . . . The Jan. 30 party for Dick Whitlock was a smash hit, one of our all-time favorites in the RG party countdown. Everyone had a chance to talk with both Dick and Beverly, mingle with the gang, listen to Mark Freundt's great jazz, and enjoy Abby Wilcox's terrific food and party-giving flair. More than \$600 was collected in Dick's honor--thanks to all who contributed money or sent items for the scrapbook.

Computer lab cometh . . . In case you need proof that miracles still happen, how's this: UNC-G is establishing a student computer lab in RC that will be linked to the UNC-G database and computer network. The lab, intended to be permanent, will consist of four personal computers and, we hope, a laser printer. The PCs are expected to be in place by the start of the school year--the furniture has arrived, so there's hope--and one of the university's computer gurus has promised to hold sessions for the students. One note: The university made it clear that the lab is for student use only, not for faculty or staff, so RC still needs a new computer.

Summer program falters . . . The Summer Residential College program bit the dust this year due to low enrollment. During each of the first two years, approximately 40 high-school students attended the three-week program, earning three hours of college credit in the process. This was the "make or break" year, when the program needed to be self-supporting. Unfortunately, the \$1,200 tuition fee put UNC-G in competition with universities that offer study in settings considerably more exotic than what UNC-G has to offer.

Recruitment flourishes . . . On a brighter note, next year's crop of RCers looks quite promising. Betty devoted much of the past year to coordinating recruiting efforts, and all of her work paid off handsomely; at this point, RC has competitive scholars on its waiting list.

Reunion approaches . . . Heads up for those of you who were freshmen in 1980, '81, and '82--the next RC reunion is for you! You'll receive more information later this fall; in the meantime, mark your calendars for the May 13-14 weekend. And if you know someone who was a freshman in those years, please send us their address (see alumni membership form).

Money woes return . . . Your alumni association isn't flat broke, but we're hurting. And we've got things we need to do--like fund the next reunion. So help us out! Join the RC alumni association and, if you can, make a contribution to the computer fund or the RC discretionary fund (which collects money for major improvements RC can't otherwise afford). Last but not least--buy a Murray-Man T-shirt! We've got money tied up in them, which is why Betty's driving everyone crazy in her attempt to unload the dang things. So, for once in your life, give Betty a break: Buy a Murray-Man T-shirt! (Check the all-purpose membership form.)



Coming Attractions

- Aug. 20 -- Hospitality room for new students
- Oct. 31 -- Hallowe'en party
- Dec. 9 -- Alums prepare "exam survival" bags
- April 8-10 -- Valle Crucis retreat
- May 13-14 -- Reunion for '80, '81, '82 freshmen

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