

Streakers Take It All Off For Tradition's Sake

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Taking it all off and running across campus in their birthday suits isn't just an adventure for students, it's a tradition.

Streaking, a successor to the panty raids of the 1950s, began in the 1960s and had its heyday in the 1970s, said Donald Boulton, vice chancellor of student affairs at the U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

In the early '70s, people went on a rampage to set records for the Guinness Book of World Records.

Along with trying to see how many people could fit in a phone booth or a Volkswagen, students tried to get as many people as possible to streak at once, he said. But instances of streaking are not gone from today's campus climate:

■ At the U. of California, Los Angeles, an exuberant fan of the Bruin football team this fall stripped off his clothes and ran across the Rose Bowl after the team won its game against San Diego State.

■ A similar incident during a football game at the U. of Delaware in November resulted in the arrest of a sophomore, who wore only a mask and running shoes during his sprint on the field.

■ A man wearing only a beer box over his head and a sock over his genitals streaked across the campus quad this fall at the U. of Alaska, Anchorage, to protest a change in the school's alcohol policy. The new provision disallows alcohol to be brought into dorms which house students under the age of 21.

■ For the last 30 years, residents of the all-male Lewis Resident Hall at UNC have chosen one night to serenade the women's residence halls — in the buff, of course.

In each case, residents have been threatened with expulsion or arrest as a consequence for baring all. Students caught are often banned from the dorms or areas where they are found with their pants down.

In the mid-1970s, UNC Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor



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An unidentified student at the U. of North Carolina streaks to the delight of residents of an all-female dorm.

banned students from trying to attain the streaking record, as they had been successful doing in the past.

Boulton said although he never streaked, he decided to help students organize a streak to prevent riots similar to those occurring at other universities where streaking was banned. "I told (Taylor) we should let students do it because it would be better than a riot," Boulton said.

UNC organized a streak of 900 people and held the record for 24 hours. Later streaking fads included running naked while someone was speaking or performing on stage.

Boulton defined a real streak: "A true streak is when the weather is below freezing and you can only wear sneakers and a scarf around your neck."

Streaking also is a form of protest. In 1975, a male student streaked during a university housing "gripe session," according to an article in *The Daily Tar Heel*.

The student ran through the room, yelled "nothing personal," and threw a lemon meringue pie at the director of university housing.

Don Shaw, a UNC professor, said men were not the only ones who streaked. He said a friend once told him he'd seen a group of female students streaking by a campus statue.

Streaking was covered in the papers, but it was difficult to find printable pictures, said Cathy Packer, assistant journalism professor. Not everyone was amused. "Some girls wished (the streakers would) just keep their pants on."

By the '80s, says Kim Deloatch, a clinical instructor in the school of pharmacy and a 1980 UNC graduate, said streaking had died down. Occasionally, entire floors of male dormitories streaked, but these incidents did not make the papers and most women were not offended, she said.

Zinczenko Named College Journalist of the Year

David A. Zinczenko, Moravian College (Pennsylvania) senior, has been named 1990 U. College Journalist of the Year.

Zinczenko was presented a check for \$2,000 from the U. Foundation for Excellence, Achievement and Leadership at the annual awards ceremony of the Associated Collegiate Press/College Media Advisers at their fall convention in Washington, D.C.

Zinczenko was awarded high marks from a panel of judges, made up of professional journalists and college media advisers, for his research and series stories on the Moravian College faculty evaluation process.

Judge Chris Carroll of Tulane U. said, "David identified a campus problem and formulated a comprehensive method with which to investigate. (This was) an innovative and enormous project that demonstrated the highest regard for objectivity, balance and professional standards. This was combined with a display of courage, given the obvious obstacles the subject presented, and an example of truly fine writing. The effort seems to have made a tangible contribution to the college."

Robert Allen Ridenour, a June graduate of Oklahoma State U. and former writer for the *O'Collegian*, was voted first runner-up and received a check for \$1,000 from the U. Foundation for his in-depth running story on failing OSU athletes that were being reinstated by his school's president.

Judge Tom Rolnicki, Executive Director of Associated Collegiate



Robert Ridenour (left), Nicole Carroll and David Zinczenko were brought to Washington, D.C. as finalists for the U. College Journalist of the Year Award as guests of the U. Foundation.

Press, stated, "Ridenour's tenacious reporting, clear writing and careful editing paid off in this story about the abuse of power. He got his story in the best tradition of newspaper 'watchdog' journalism and alerted his readers to an important situation at his university."

Nicole Carroll, senior at Arizona State U. and a member of the *State Press* staff, was selected as second runner-up and received a check for \$500 from the U. Foundation for her 18-story entry on a year-long controversy between church and state on her campus.

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