

The Quick & The Dead

Although this campus has no problems with turnpike traffic running through it, more speed humps are needed. They are needed but the low brick walls that have been constructed in the past are not needed.

Speeding on this campus is restricted to any area over thirty feet in length. There are very few of these in a straight line and speeds rarely exceed thirty miles per hour. It is impossible to go much faster. Due to the traffic patterns there will never be a problem of a two car collision or getting run off the road.

The real problem lies in the fact that this is a largely pedestrian campus. It would not take much of a slip for a driver to wipe out a half dozen students on foot in several areas. This can be verified by many nearly-creamed pedestrians and shattered drivers alike. To be near the streets at rush hours is a hard life for everyone concerned. It is hard for drivers to see quick pedestrians and hard for pedestrians to see quick drivers. And parked cars don't help.

Speed humps and crosswalks would insure that the drivers will not be too quick and they will know where to expect pedestrians to be crossing. It will insure the pedestrian that if he ever makes a mistake, he will have time to change his mind before the lights go out.

Although the humps are desirable, asphalt walls are not. When humps are constructed on this campus they tend to reach enormous heights and come in high frequency. There is no progress in building a system that will cause several thousand dollars damage to shock absorbers, brakes, mufflers, frames, and bumpers. There is a happy medium.

There are certain locations where the situation is especially dangerous. Yarrowbough Drive next to Leazar Cafeteria is one example. An absence of utter catastrophe in this area can only be credited to the quick collegiate mind. Another area whose safety is extremely dubious is the street area around the tunnel nearest Harrelson leading to the Student Supply Store area. The difference between the herds of people and the cars range around a half inch and constantly change. If the driver doesn't collect a few extra passengers on his fender there, he can be assured that he will pick off a few between the next tunnel and Mann Hall. It is almost a sure thing.

Something needs to be done before the point has to be proven in blood.

Well, Freshmen?

The nomination books for freshman positions in Student Government are now open. That is what Student Government has said. The question remains as to what the freshmen will do about it.

The fable of the freshman is a long and pitiful one. Typically the freshman is green, open-eyed, and easy to fall. Each of these freshmen is told when they get here that they are the best group ever to arrive. This may well be true since the qualifications and competition for entrance are getting harder each year. On top of this the standards of the institution are not getting any easier so that each graduating class carries more prestige and knowledge than the last. So far as this argument goes it is true. If one more big step is taken, the true value of the freshman class can be seen, until the time that they graduate. This big step is how much they do outside the academic field.

Everyone at this school has an academic interest. That is why they are in school. One good measure of the value of the class could be determined by the average GPA. Any machine could produce a better set of grades, however, so this is not to say that GPA is the only determinate. Far from this, the class value is also the ability of the class to act in addition to the ability to soak up facts and processes.

Different students have different interests. Outside the academic world is available athletics, clubs, fraternities, any type of Union functions, SB, or publications. No one walks this campus with a one track mind. If they did, they would not be here.

Due to some dubious implication of background, characteristic to the individual, and a general lack of get-up-and-go by previous campus generations, each class generally falls into the machine. The machine implicates a four year or longer struggle for existence with minimal private activity, and withdrawal from the land of the living.

Maybe this class will really beat the system and maybe they won't. They have the potential but have not yet shown the promise that is expected. It is the little things that count like elections and their share in the other mentioned activities.

Someday, whether they realize it or not, today's freshmen will take over this campus. There is only the hope that they will start now to make it a better world for themselves and those who follow them.

Their tradition begins now. Let's see what they will do with it.

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To the Editor:

I wish to address my remarks to a series of comments made by David D. Brown in the Technician of Friday, October 6. Quite frankly, the criticism aimed at a so-called dove position re. U.S. policy in Vietnam seemed to be more glandular than intellectual. It seems somewhat ludicrous to argue away the interpretation of the Vietnam conflict as a basically civil disorder (or at least one that began as such) with a rather unenlightening response: i.e. "Hogwash." I would imagine that if one were to feel that a particular interpretation of a specific historical reality was erroneous; then, it should not be so arduous an endeavor to categorize a criticism with specific reference and evidence. Of course, I am assuming that any critic, so readily outspoken, would have a fairly intellectual understanding of that which he is criticizing.

The sad fact, to me, is that the oversimplified view of the world as depicted by Mr. Brown in his comments, is not incongruous with the public position as taken by the State Department. I maintain that the burden of historical evidence sheds considerable doubt on the notion that views Communism (like Ahab viewed the whale) as a symbol of all assailable evil and the United States as an everlasting fortress of goodness and light.

I would like to close by suggesting that the thoroughly impartial viewer might see a great deal of irony in a situation in which a great nation proclaims itself protector of the downtrodden of the world and simultaneously allows its own cities to smolder and burn among cries of desperation from its own have-nots.

Joseph A. Aprile

Congratulations

To the North Carolina State University Football Team:

For once in my short career I am sure of complete student support as I congratulate all of you on your efforts in the 1967-68 season. As you well know, the students at N. C. State, consider our team "Number One." Congratulations

How To Double Cyclist's Life Span

by Merry Chambers

Charles Frazelle's motorcycle accident of last week points out the possible dangers of riding a motorcycle, especially without a helmet.

As of January 1, 1968, North Carolina law will require all operators, and passengers, of motorcycles to wear helmets and for the vehicle to be equipped with a rear-view mirror which will afford the operator a clear, undistorted and unobstructed view of a minimum of 200 feet to the rear.

The University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center has studied motorcycle accidents and has come up with several tips for cycle operators. First of all, the most common accident reported concerning motorcycles is one also involving a car. In most cases, these accidents are the "fault" of the car drivers, primarily because car drivers just do not "see" motorcycles. In other words, most car drivers haven't learned to look for cycles as part of their every day driving pattern.

The solution to this problem is, of course, to make car drivers more aware; however, until this is accomplished, the cyclist can help by being more conspicuous. Turn on your light at all times and wear light clothing. Also remember that since they aren't looking for you, you'll have to look out for them.

The second point is that of stopping distances. Motorcycles can not be counted on to stop as quickly as a car, nor can an amateur stop a motorcycle with the efficiency that he could stop a car. Therefore it is necessary to adjust both your following speed and your following room to allow more time to stop. It also helps to occupy the middle of the lane in which you're riding. This will give you more room to maneuver and it discourages car drivers from trying to slide past you in the face of oncoming traffic.

Thirdly is the case of wearing a helmet. Legs get the beating in minor accidents, but head injuries are the result of major ones. Helmets are necessary not only for the driver, but also for all passengers. (This includes your girl friend and since "variety is the spice of life" it might be wise to get one that will accommodate girls of all sizes.)

For a helmet to do any good, it will probably be expensive (\$25-\$40). Look for an approved sticker on the inside from the Snell Foundation, American Standards Association or the USA Standards Institute. It might also prove more convenient to select a helmet that can be locked to your cycle. That way you don't have to lug it around with you whether to class or to the movies.

Be aware of road conditions is the fourth point. Holes, loose gravel, sand, wet leaves or wet pavement can all be dangerous. In the winter, avoid shadows on the road as ice melts less slowly out of the sun.

Points five and six concern other North Carolina laws which apply to motorcycles. All motor vehicles, including motorcycles (any two or three-wheeled automotive vehicle having one or two saddles) must be safety inspected at least once a year. Also, North Carolina laws allow for passengers providing there is a seat for them.

again to you and State's coaching staff as we prepare for our fifth win of the season this Saturday.

Sincerely,

Wes McClure

President of the Student Body

One And Eleven Sixteenths

To the Editor:

I would be very much pleased to learn what the position of the Department of Student Housing is toward the extermination of varmints in the residence halls. While I was sitting here at my desk a big cockroach ran across the floor and into my roommate's closet. I grabbed a golf club and bravely went to the closet after him. I probed around and it shot across the floor and under my closet. When I opened the door it ran out and I bashed it. It is one and eleven-sixteenths inches long. Healthy, huh? I hate to think it got that large eating my clothes! It may have been a little shorter before it got six-ironed, though.

Anyway, the point is that \$133 per semester should buy more than a roach-infested room, especially at a state-subsidized institution.

Scott

P.S. If anyone wants to see a well-nourished roach, come to 55 Owen.

Same Strippers, Same Audience

by Mel Harrison

"Move down in close, everybody. I don't want ya to miss nothing. All you guys and gals from 16 to 60 move on down front and listen to me. If you're not 16 you won't understand it and if you're over 60, you don't need it."

With this, a crowd of about two dozen eager spectators moved in closer to the platform to hear what was at least the funniest, if not the best, show on the midway. As usual, the boys from State were in front.

"As you see here, I have an ordinary kitchen chair; no wires, no batteries, just an ordinary old chair. Now I tell you what I'm gonna do: I'm gonna make this old chair fly right over your heads."

The hopelessly entranced victims again took a collective giant step forward and waited breathlessly to witness this great illusion.

"Come here son, I want you to give me a—by the way son, are you 16? Now ladies and gentlemen, I'm gonna have to ask that no children remain in front of the stage while I'm performing this trick. We have over \$3 million worth of rides on the midway and they're all for the children—Now I need a volunteer to help me do this trick."

On this happy note, an entire crowd of eager volunteers stepped forward to take advantage of the great opportunity.

This was a familiar scene at the 100th annual North

Carolina State Fair. The Raynell Show, and the others were a welcome sight to the thousands of poor slobs who didn't know better. These were the guys who, either didn't get a good look at the "beautiful (you gotta be kidding) young ladies (?)" until the man already had their money, or were so far gone that they just didn't care.

"Now I want you to meet the star of tonight's show: Miss Pagan Jones, the 'Golden Goddess of Burlesque.' I can truthfully say that this girl has the most perfect body in the world today. Her body measurements are, and get this, 45-22-35."

She is indeed a wonder. Her act is something else. After suffering (?) through all the non-dancers the audience is rewarded with an act by Miss Jones, the show's grand finale. She crawls onto the stage and tries to stand up.

Several aspects of the shows, however, are at least worthy of mention. "Each and every girl with this show is a star burlesque or night club dancer."

After watching each and every girl in that show dance, one can only come to the conclusion that the art of dancing has deteriorated in recent years.

"Now, I'd like you to meet Miss Patty Regan, the girl with the \$100,000 treasure chest."

That whole damn show isn't worth \$100,000 dollars.

All these things be as they may, the girls shows at the fair still have their old appeal to the same old people.

Some pass by in disgust while still others yield to temptation. They go in for various reasons and come out feeling either happy, grossed out, or just plain disappointed.



They all have one thing in common, however. None of them ever gets to see that old kitchen chair fly right over their heads.

It is doubtful that John Bunyan would be surprised if he were here to witness all these things. If he doesn't believe it, he has only to come back next year. Nothing ever really changes, it just gets older—but no wiser.



Crystal Ball Clear Again?

Last week was a very successful week with the crystal ball. Nine of the ten teams predicted to win came out on top, including State over Houston and Duke over Army in two of the big intercollegiate upsets of the weekend. Throwing good fortune to the winds, the sports staff will try again and hope for as good or better results.

State vs. Maryland—Maryland will be looking for its first win of the campaign after losses to Oklahoma and Syracuse. State will be out to win its fifth straight at the beginning of the season, something it has not done since 1913 when the Pack went 6-1. State to win.

Carolina vs. Air Force—Carolina will be gunning for a win to prevent setting a record no one could be proud of, longest losing streak with 12 in the school's history. The Air Force will be trying to please the home fans by bringing home their third win of the campaign. Air Force to win.

Duke vs. Virginia—Duke will be out to win its second conference game to remain in the running for the title, and the Devils will be playing for keeps. Virginia will be trying for a win in their homecoming game, and will also be going for their second straight conference win with no losses. Duke to win.

Wake Forest vs. Memphis State—Memphis State was upset last week by Utah State and will be out for blood this week. Wake will be trying for its first win of the year.

but they won't get it. Memphis State to win.

South Carolina vs. Florida State—The Gamecocks have won more games already than they were predicted to do by most pollsters. The balloon broke last week at Georgia and will stay broken this week as Florida State will be seeking to avenge the 20-10 upset they suffered two weeks ago at the hands of State and even their record against ACC competition. Florida State to win.

Clemson vs. Auburn—Frank Howard will have to get his Tigers up and win this if he wants to get a good record this year since he has already lost two games. Auburn is a good offensive team, witness their 48-7 pasting of Kentucky last week. Their defense is also adequate to hold the Tigers if they can be consistent in their play. Auburn to win.

Alabama vs. Vanderbilt—Bear Bryant's boys are on their way to a good season after a rather shaky start. They should be easily capable of handling the Commodores' attack and ramming home enough points to come out on top. Alabama to win.

Mississippi vs. Georgia—One of the Southeast's biggest rivalries, Ole Miss and Georgia are renewing their annual grudge fight with Ole Miss wanting a win after their loss last week to one of their other rivals, Alabama, will be after the Bulldogs. Georgia, after their fourth win, will be trying for a big enough win to go to one of the post-season

bowl games or defend their Cotton Bowl title. Georgia to win.

UCLA vs. California—The highly ranked UCLA's will be after their fifth straight win. After squeaking by Penn State last weekend, they will be out to win big, and California should not be too much

of an obstacle. UCLA to win. **Southern California vs. Notre Dame**—The Trojans will be after their fifth straight win to keep their top national rating. Notre Dame must win to remain in contention for the second straight national championship which they seek. Notre Dame to win in a close one.

Rugbers Unbeaten

The Rugby Club won its second match of the season Sunday, defeating Washington, D.C. 11-3, before a small but enthusiastic crowd.

State's backfield led by Englishman John Wilson provided the most exciting plays in the game as they repeatedly shield Washington's defenses. Ron Bingham and Ed Payne drew the crowd to their feet with long runs and deft ball handling. The two forward packs were evenly matched, neither being able to dominate the other at any time during the game.

Ball handling proved to be the deciding factor. State's backs ran with the ball, as opposed to Washington's kicking game and moved to Washington's goal twice in the second half where tries were scored by wing-forwards Butch Robertson and Jack Holmes. Washington scored early in the first half but failed at the conversion attempt. Junis Andrews scored on a penalty kick for State in the first half to tie the score at 3-3. Andrews also converted one try in the second half.

In a game played Sunday afternoon in Durham, State's "B" team lost to a more experienced Duke team 18-0. This was the first test for State's fledgling "All Whites." Leon Ross, Mike Hargett, Doug Deremer and John England made outstanding showings in the game.

Sunday at 2 p.m. in Riddick, State will host the Duke Rugby Club. The rivalry between these two teams is often bitter and guarantees a hard, fast game at every meeting. Admission to the game is free.



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Intramural Clipboard

The girls at State have their own intramural program this year. With this new program, there is hope to be a new and greater interest in girls' intramurals. Sign up cards for the various sports have been sent to the girls residence halls and their response has been excellent. Off-campus girls are requested to fill out intramural activity cards at the Intramural Office. This is certain to be a fun-filled year for girls' intramurals so don't just read the results, come out and join the fun.

The results of the Resident Pitch and Putt Tournament October 3 found Bagwell the champion with the low team score of 229. Danny Turrentine of Bagwell took medalist honors with a score of 83. Also combining for the winning score were Kigsen—87, Walker—81, and Keever—88. Syme gained the runner up spot with a score of 232. Lee #1—237 and Bragan N #1—239 rounded out the first four places.

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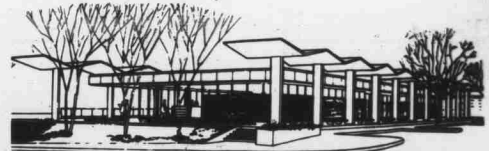
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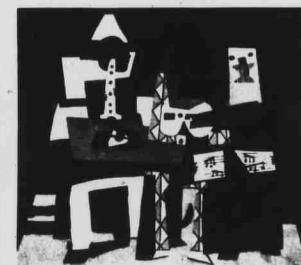
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