



# Union Mall: A Desert Of Bricks

While the Physical Plant is endeavoring to make the brick mall behind the Union complete, they should finish the job by putting something on it. The barren brick desert was a joke for a while but it now looks as if they might be serious about the whole thing.

It is true that bricks are an improvement over the mud and dirt that used to fill the area and that no one is going to wear conspicuous tracks through the bricks. But there is something being overlooked.

To most individuals that go to class here, the mall is a familiar sight, but to the stranger to campus, think how really unusual the mall is. In the heart of campus is a tremendous barren rock floor broken only by dying trees and Physical Plant workers trying to finish some small part of it.

There is no particular point to the brick covering, other than being better than dirt, and worst of all there is nothing at all on it, decorative or practical.

Every time that warm weather arrives there are thousands of students in the mall area with the simple intent of enjoying the few minutes between classes. And there they stand in the middle of a rock desert. All of the walls are covered with students all staring toward the middle of a nothingness. There are no benches, no shady spots, no monuments, no broken patterns, and no sense in having it that way.

For once there seems to be a center of campus for students located near the Union. Why is no advantage being taken of it?

To begin with, the Physical Plant couldn't care less whether there is a student gathering or not. Therefore there must be an incentive. This should be from the students at large under the direction of the Union . . . either from the Union student officials, Student Government, or the class officers if they really want to do something.

If as much money can be spent making the mall useful by putting something on it now as was spent in trying to keep the campus clean with small green cans, then the problem should already be solved. There is no problem in figuring out what to put on the area unless it is making a choice of alternatives. What are needed most are simple benches for people to sit on and some sort of covered area is a close second. As long as it is in keeping with the style of the area, this would make the mall a showplace instead of a desert.

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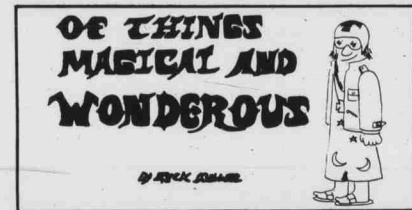
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Julia Hardy, where ever you are, please come home! After writing me a truly "wonderous" letter you left me no return address. I lie in abject loneliness waiting for some word of you.

After all, anyone who is four feet-nine inches tall, seventeen years old, and has hair on her toes can't be all bad.

We are recruiting staff members, nothing more and nothing less.

There will be a meeting for all prospective staff members on February 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 256 in the Union. Anyone, interested or not, whom we can lay hands upon will be henceforth dragged to the Technician office, chained to a desk, and be made to slave like your truly upon this democratic(?) publication.

A groovy Groundhog Day to everyone.

The most "in" car in the entire world is a refrigerator-white 1961 English Ford Anglia 105E Deluxe with a crooked black racing stripe down the right side—made from freezer tape.

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However, if driven by anyone over the age of thirty it immediately becomes "out".

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Memorandum: Editor in Chief (or thereabouts)  
To: Staff of Technician

It is hereby ordered that all staff members will make a concerted effort to clean up this office.

All trash, paper, rotting sandwiches, Wendell Wilkie buttons, broken furniture, etc. is to be cleared away or the entire staff will suffer dire consequences—such as a trip to the Physical Plant forced labor camps.

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## Pass - Fail Found Lacking

by Bob Spann

Spring 1968 marks the second semester that State students are able to take courses on a pass-fail basis. Students taking advantage of this program are placed in a regular course section, and are responsible for assignments, attendance and quizzes just as are the students taking the same course under the grade point system. However, instead of a grade, the "credit-only" pupil receives a mark of "satisfactory" or "unsatisfactory" that affects his hourly standing but not his quality point average.

Students are able to take up to 12 hours of credit-only courses in a "free elective" category.

In theory credit only courses are a good idea. They enable a student to take a course in a department outside his field of interest that he normally would not attempt under the grade point system. However in practice the present pass-fail system is not as good as it sounds. The majority of students at State only have 12 or less hours of free electives. Often these electives are in prescribed fields such as English, humanities, science or math. The average student does not have that many completely "free" hours to take whatever he pleases. Usually students taking courses under pass-fail would have taken the course anyway.

However, the pass-fail system would be improved greatly if it were extended to include all courses a student takes that are outside his field of interest.

Students in all curriculums are required to take several hours of courses completely outside his field of interest. Engineering students are required to take several liberal arts courses, many of which are designed for technical students only. Liberal arts students are required to take several math and science courses, many of which are not open to students in math or science. Other Schools follow the same procedure.

The purpose of such required courses is to interest the student in fields other than his own and to broaden his education.

However in many instances, just the reverse is true under the present system. Courses designed strictly for students in

a completely different curriculum are usually on a lower level than other courses taught by the same department. They are generally sketchy rather than thorough; and the student gains only a fleeting look at a different field rather than a basic comprehension of the subject matter. Good professors do not like to teach such courses as the performance of students in a field completely different from their own is usually poor. As a result, the student may receive a decent grade because the course is on a low plane, but he does not gain much in the way of an education.

Students would gain much more if they were required to take the courses regularly offered by another department rather than these "special courses". For example liberal arts students might be required to take MA102 and MA201 instead of MA111 and MA112. However if this was the case under the present grading system they would perform poorly as a rule. The same would be true of technical students taking regular liberal arts courses. This would not be true if they could take these out of department courses under the pass-fail system. They would still be required to meet the basic requirements of the course. However, they would gain a much deeper insight into the course as the subject matter is deeper. They could also concentrate on learning about another field rather than merely making a grade good enough to maintain a respectable "Q.P." average.

Professors would benefit from such a credit-only program also. Rather than have an entire class of students they must talk down to or give an entire class large amounts of outside aid, they would have only a few students in each class below the general level of the course. These few students could be given extra help with no great strain on the professor.

If such a system were adopted it would only apply to courses in a completely different field of interest from the student's own curriculum, as in the case of engineering students taking English courses. Such an extension of the present pass-fail system would encourage students to broaden their education rather than grinding through a required course for a grade. After all, that is the purpose of a college education.



## The Greek Speaks

Turn on your television and listen to the six-thirty news report. Things really seem to have run amuck. There was just Vietnam; now there is Korea. Tomorrow a new frontier may suddenly explode into the hideous realm of international crises. Britain will sometime in the future be removing her troops from the Middle East, an action that will undoubtedly warrant stepped-up U. S. military operations in these areas. The predicament of the United States is undeniably grim.

What can be inferred from the world situation? Has the United States' phenomenal and unequalled growth, her vast accumulations of wealth and power, brought her to such high a level that she can no longer realize world-wide prosperity? Must she experience the discommodities that have historically plagued world powers?—And what, will be the eventual outcome?

These are appalling questions indeed, but there stands amongst us those people who bear the answer: "Bomb the Hell out of the Bas—!"

—Oh yes, take that entire list of world problems listed above and erase them. Erase them because they carry little significance. In fact, they appear as mere trivia when compared to the real problem. What is the real problem??? "The Nuclear Threat!"

We talk today about five thousand or even twenty thousand fatalities in a year. But think of the awesome destructive force that when unleashed can annihilate millions and decimate entire cities at an instant! And then consider that for decades and decades following the event, the crippled, the deformed and the diseased—consider an entire race composed of zombies and mutants!

"Bomb"???

The fraternities as every one else have close ties with Vietnam and Korea. We have lost very dear friends in the present conflict. The Fraternities would like nothing better than to put a quick end to the crises. We find the idea of substituting nuclear bombs for American lives enticing. But we, too, are poignantly aware of the effects of Nuclear Warfare. For this reason, The Inter-Fraternity Council is co-sponsoring a very controversial movie produced by the BBC. We want everyone to see the "WAR GAME" which will be shown in the Student Union theatre, Sunday, February 11th. You will not like it.—In fact, you will probably find it repulsive.—But you must see it.

Fraternity RUSH WEEK is nearing its end. Students who were not able to take advantage of the free bus service provided by IFC might still secure rides to the Row and the individual houses by telephoning the frat you desire to visit. You will find the fraternity men most obliging. Most of the houses will be providing a wide assortment of entertainment, so come over and get involved. Remember, RUSH WEEK ends this coming Sunday.

By Stanley Thal

## Contention

To the Editor:

The graduate students on campus are most concerned about the large number of books missing from the shelves of the D. H. Hill Library. Not only are the books not on the shelves, but also they have not been checked out of the library.

The Graduate Student Association believes that the only solution to the problem is for the library to introduce an efficient policing system at the doors. Only when the library can control the movement of all books and record the name of the borrower will any student, graduate or undergraduate, be able to find any book listed in the card catalog.

Many graduate students here have attended schools where exit from the library was strictly controlled. Books were checked to insure that they had been signed out, and briefcases and pocketbooks were either inspected for hidden books or were forbidden in the stacks. While this may sound like excessive invasion of privacy, in fact it caused very little annoyance. Any inconvenience was greatly outweighed by the pleasure of being able to locate any book in the library.

With such a system in operation at N.C. State, the Graduate Student Association anticipates funds presently being used to replace books, being made available to buy new books and to keep the library open for longer hours.

Jo-Ann Sampson





## State Students Redesign Pullen

Raleigh city officials listened with interest as 11 landscape architectural students at N. C. State University presented plans for a revitalized Pullen Park.

The plans were drawn as a result of City Manager W. H. Carper's request for ideas on the park improvement to the acting head of the Department of Landscape Architecture, Lewis Clarke.

Carper said he was "excited and pleased" with the plans and would like to display some of them in the Raleigh Municipal Building Lobby. "We wanted some ideas on developing the park into a more regional type of facility rather than using it just for athletic activities which could be put in other areas in the city. The students did a good job, and they presented some ideas that might be developed further."

The third year landscape students in Clarke's class, who are just beginning to specialize in their major area, worked for eight weeks to produce their sheets of drawings for presentation to city officials.

Most of their suggestions for improvements to the park included lakes, waterways and recreational areas. One plan pictured the park as a large garden spot. One student proposed an ice skating pond and a dining and dancing area; another suggested a mini-train system with small stations throughout the park for the convenience of visitors. Several plans included small boating facilities on a large lake. Some students envisioned the park as an area set aside for the people of Raleigh and for visitors from throughout the State to spend an entire day with activities to cater to all ages and interests.

The students who drew proposed Pullen Park improvements are:

Joseph F. Allen, Curtis F. Baggett, William L. Bowling, Larry D. Cockerham, James W. Cox, A. Settle Dockery, James B. LeVine, Luther E. Smith, Fred J. Wooten, Nicholas P. Young, and Elliot Miller.



The Erdahl-Cloyd Union will present *Downing Country* in its third-nightclub series of the academic year. Shows will be nightly February 12-17 at 8:15 and 9:00 in the State Room. Admission will be 50 cents and refreshments will be available. Tickets may be purchased at the Union ticket office, from any member of the Special Functions committee, or at the door.

Gravas, a folk guitarist, plays a 12-string instrument and also indulges in some rock and jazz.

## Letterman At Coliseum Tomorrow

Under the auspices of New Arts, Inc., the Erdahl-Cloyd Union and Interfraternity Council present *The Lettermen* in concert Tuesday night, February 6, in the Coliseum at 8:00.

This concert marks the fourth New Arts presentation of the 1967-68 series. The Lettermen, widely hailed pop and folk singers, were preceded by Glenn Yarbrough, the Lee Evans Trio, and Buddy Rich.

This series has brought talent and variety to our campus and has received acclaim and support from greater Raleigh, as well.

The next New Arts concert is the Preservation Hall Jazz Band on February 17.

The final concert of the series will take place this spring, when recording artist Dionne Warwick is featured. Admission is by season

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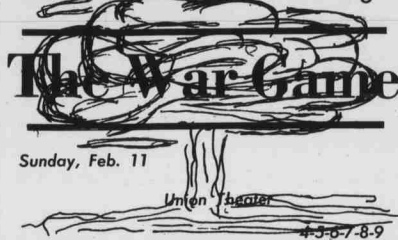
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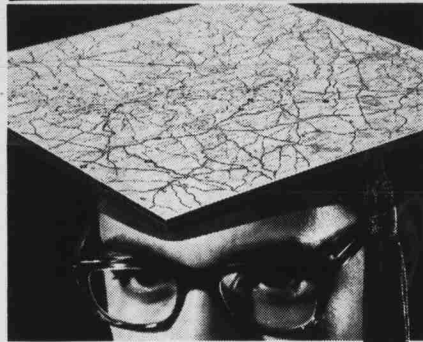
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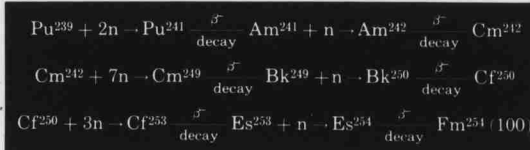
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# Pack Beats Tigers, 78-66

by Carlyle Gravelly  
Sports Editor

Led by Eddie Biedenbach's 17 points and Nelson Isley's 16, the Pack won a highly contested ACC victory over Clemson Saturday night. The final score was 78-66, but the score doesn't tell a lot about the game.

The Tigers had a two-point lead at halftime and built up a five-point lead with 17:58 left to play before the Pack came back to tie the game at 41-41 with 16:32 left. They tied the score on two field goals and a free throw by Biedenbach and two free throws by Isley. The Pack took the lead to keep with 15:47 left in the game on a field goal by Isley and began to pull away.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the game was an argument on a basket. A Tiger shot and a blocking foul was called on one of his teammates. A tip-in fell and an argument ensued as to whether

the basket was good. Both coaches came onto the court and a nice argument started. The Pack and Coach Norm Sloan won and the basket was not allowed.

The Pack pulled to a 15 point lead with 8:51 left in the game before hitting a cold spell during which the Tigers out-scored the Pack 10 to 7 to make the final score 78-66.

The other scorers for the Pack were Dick Braucher with 13, and Vann Williford and

Bill Kretzer with 12 each. The game's leading scorer was Clemson-center Richie Mahafey with 21 points, followed by Butch Zatezal, the conference's leading scorer, with 19 points. Curt Eckard added 14 for the Tigers in the losing effort.

The Tigers out-rebounded the Pack 47-36 with Mahafey pulling down 18. The Pack's leading rebounder was Biedenbach with 7.

State won the game on its shooting, making 53.4% of its shots from the field while Clemson made only 33.7% of its shots.

This win gives the Pack a 5-2 conference mark and a tie for third place with Duke and a 10-6 overall mark.

The Pack's next game will be with the Virginia Cavaliers Saturday night in the Coliseum at 8 p.m. The fresh will meet Old Dominion in the preliminary at 6 p.m.



# Intramural Clipboard

Tucker #2 defeated Kappa Alpha 69-56 to capture the Intramural Dixie Classic Basketball Championship on January 8th.

Kappa Alpha jumped off to a 13-8 lead in the first six minutes of play behind the shooting of Bill Lawson, but Tucker #2, led by their #7 center Gene Cathey, came storming back to take an 18-15 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Tucker #2 continued their hot hand as they consistently controlled the boards and set up fast breaks for easy baskets. They were paced by Ralph Brown who had 9 points in this fast moving quarter. Kappa Alpha could not find the range and were outscored in the second quarter 12-0. At halftime the score was 40-33.

In the third quarter Tucker #2 cooled off and scored only 14 points, but KA could not

take advantage of the lapse as they scored 16. At the end of the third quarter the score was 56-39.

The start of the fourth quarter saw KA cut the Tucker #2 lead to 9 points but could get no closer as Tucker #2 controlled the boards and waited for the easy shot.

It was a case of Tucker #2's height, defense, and speed upsetting the outside shooting and fast breaks of KA.

The scoring for each team: KA: Bill Lawson—11, Steve Horney—10, Bob Cato—6, Myers—14, Anderson—9, Rickman—4, Lee—2.

Tucker #2: Gene Cathey—20, Ralph Brown—18, Glenn Lee—10, Pete Wish—10, Hallis Alkis—9, and Jim Davis—2.

In the finals of the volleyball tournaments in the fraternity and residence hall divisions, Sigma Chi defeated SPE for the fraternity crown while Tucker #2 beat Turlington for the resident crown. Both matches went only two games, with each team blanking their opponent.

Sigma Chi beat SPE two games to none winning by the scores of 15-8 and 17-15. The second game was a lot closer than the first with SPE making a valiant attempt to win.

Tucker #2 defeated Turlington by the scores of 15-11 and 15-7 as they proved to be too much for Turlington. The outstanding players for Tucker #2 were Hallis Alkis and Bruce Leith while Butch McSwain was outstanding for Turlington.

# Tankmen Win 13th Straight

With John Calvert and Bob Birnbrauer each winning two events, the State swimming team dethroned the Seminoles of Florida State, 69-44, Friday afternoon.

Calvert, a three time all-America and second in the NCAA individual medley last year, won the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard backstroke.

Birnbrauer won in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle in close decisions. This is the first time that Birnbrauer has competed in a 50-yard freestyle in three years.

The Pack won the first event of the meet, the 400-yard medley relay, to take a 7-0 lead that they never lost.

Other winners for the Pack, who lost only one swimming event—the 400-yard freestyle relay—were Bob Houmsell in the 1000-yard freestyle, Steve Rerych in the 200-yard freestyle, Ed Ristaino in the 200-yard butterfly, Jeff Herman in

the 500-yard freestyle, and Tom Falzone in the 200-yard breast stroke.

In what proved to be a much closer meet than the one Friday afternoon with Florida State, the Pack squeezed out a 60-53 win over the tankmen from the University of Florida.

The Pack had the same double winners that it had in the Florida State meet, Bob Birnbrauer in the 100- and 200-yard freestyles and John Calvert in the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard backstroke.

Birnbrauer won the 50- and 100-yard races in the meet Friday but changed to the longer races Saturday so that Steve Rerych, State's premier freestyler, could compete in the 50-yard freestyle.

Calvert won both of his events pulling away from the field. Chuck Gantner, a junior transfer from West Point, came in second in the 200-yard backstroke and fell just short

# Wolflets Romp In Two Wins

The Pack's freshman basketball team pushed their record to 6-4 Thursday night with a 99-73 swamping of Louisiana College. This was the Wolflet's second romp over the out-classed Hurricanes.

Dan Wells, a 6-6 center poured in 30 points to lead the Wolflets.

Adding to the Pack's total were Jim Rinsinger with 18 and Doug Tilley with 16. Al Hearty added 10 more.

The game was close until five minutes were gone in the second half when the fresh broke it open. The score at halftime was 36-35.

They made their record 7-5

with an easy 94-52 win over Fort Bragg, Saturday night.

Forward Dan Wells lead the Wolflets again with 25 points. He was followed by forward Jim Rinsinger with 20 points, guard Joe Dunning with 12 points, and forward Al Hearty and center Doug Tilley with 10 points each.

Fort Bragg was lead in scoring by Ted Manning with 17 points, Bob Byrd with 11 points, and Robert Odum with 9 points.

State lead 48-17 at the half after shooting 50% from the floor to Fort Bragg's 18.6%. For the night State hit 50.6% while Fort Bragg hit 26.4%.

The Freshman's next home game is Saturday at 6 p.m. when they play host to Old Dominion before the varsity's game with Virginia. Tuesday night the Wolflets go against Duke's Blue Imps for the second time in two weeks hoping to avenge the earlier loss to them before.

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# Matmen Defeat Seahawks

by Ed Hewitt

State's wrestling team pushed its dual meet record to 4-2 and avenged a 17-16 loss last year by defeating the Seahawks of Wilmington College Friday afternoon by the score of 24-10 before a large crowd.

Wilmington's Eddie Radford won the 123-pound class with a pin over Don Cushman in 4:04 to stake the Seahawks to a 5-0 lead.

In the 130-pound class, State's Jim Pace equaled Radford's performance, pinning Chris Stone in 6:15 to tie the score at 5-5.

The third match was the most interesting of the day as State's Bob Lewis and Wilmington's Roy Jones wrestled to a 1-1 tie. The score after this match was tied at 7-7 with both teams getting two points for the draw.

The fourth match, the 145-pound class, pushed State ahead to stay as Allen Brawley defeated Jim Morrisey 2-0 in bout points, winning three match points and making the score 10-7.

Mike Couch, State's 152-pound wrestler, followed Brawley's example by defeating Dick Hudson 11-3 in bout points, to make the score 13-7.

In the 160 pound class, Wilmington attempted a comeback. Robert Elliot defeated Bob

Harry 9-3 in bout points to make the score 13-10 with three matches to go.

In many people's opinion, State's best wrestler is Greg Hicks in the 187-pound class. He extended his win streak in dual meets to 44 winning over Carl Baker 7-0 in bout points for an one sided victory.

The 177 pound class match was the fastest of the afternoon as Ben Harry defeated Steve Mundy 11-8 in bout points, getting a near fall in the second period. The match score was now 19-10 for State

and the victory assured with one more match to go.

The heavyweight match was what most of the people came to see, judging from the applause when State's heavyweight, Chuck Amato, walked onto the mats. This was Amato's first wrestling start since his sophomore year and he made it a spectacular one, pinning Bill Griffin in 7:26, to make the final score State 24, Wilmington 10.

State's next wrestling match is at home Thursday when they host the highly ranked matmen from VMI.

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