

Physical Plant Director Faces Myriad Difficulties

News Perspective

by George Panton
News Editor

J. McCree Smith, director of the Physical Plant, has come under considerable criticism recently concerning repairs in the residence halls, janitorial service, and his "negative" attitude towards students. Most of the criticism at first glance appears valid and steps should be taken to correct the problems. However the question remains "are these events valid enough to call for Smith's dismissal?"

Smith's major fault has been his poor relationship with the average State student. Students feel their complaints are met with deaf ears or are routinely dismissed by Smith. Yet it is not against the State student as some would have us believe.

After last fall's State-Carolina football game no one had more school spirit than Smith. He was concerned over the fact that all he could see in the State student section was a field of Carolina blue shirts. He wanted the State to wear red as a sign of support for the team and to distinguish themselves from the Carolina students at the game.

Follows Rules

McCree Smith follows the rules to the letter. Yet can he be criticized for enforcing these rules? In most cases the rules were made by the Department of Student Housing, Student Activities or some other campus agency like the Traffic Committee. If the rules are unjust, the complaints should be made against the agency responsible for formulating the rule, not the enforcer.

Smith and the Physical Plant receive such criticism solely because they are the ones who have direct contact with the students, whether it be through a janitor or a campus policeman.

Union Landscaping

Smith did not want the Physical Plant to undertake the massive Union landscaping project. However bids from private contractors were hundred of thousands of dollars above the money on hand to carry out the project. The PP was directed to do the work over Smith's protests.

The project was undertaken only after Smith had been assured he would receive additional bricklayers necessary to build the many retaining walls. As events progressed the PP did not receive the promised bricklayers, which resulted in delaying completion of the project.

Proper Perspective

Is there "generally poor landscaping on campus"? and can Smith be held responsible? These two questions can be answered "no."

News Perspective has been informed that it was almost a sole effort of Smith that the campus has been landscaped. The job is not finished but what can one expect when there is very little or no money allocated for landscaping.

Smith has formed a nursery to grow the literally thousands of plants necessary to landscape the campus. The retaining wall behind the Dave Clark Laboratory was made out of old cobblestones. Smith saved the stones and converted what was once a muddy clay bank into an attractive area.

Janitors

State's janitors receive approximately half of what the lowest paid 1967 State graduate will earn this year. With salaries just above the subsistence level, one can not expect to get a Shady maid or an English butler.

Smith does not determine what the janitors are paid. He works from a budget. The salaries are determined one way or another by the administration and the General Assembly of North Carolina.

North Mops Up In Doubleheader

Clemson Falls

Friday Night
State 72, USC 59
UNC 96, Clemson 74

Saturday Night
State 69, Clemson 67
UNC 84, USC 80

Pack's record to 13-7 overall and 8-3 in the conference.
With the win, the Pack takes sole possession of third place in the ACC race, with three more conference games to play.
During one stretch of almost four minutes in the first half, Nelson Isley, a sophomore left-hander, provided all the fire-power that the Pack could muster. Isley hit on five straight shots to keep State in the game, including one with 0:08 seconds left in the game which assured the Pack of the win. "If it had not been for Biedenbach, Clemson would have won. He just came up with clutch play after clutch play," was the praise that Sloan gave the 6-2 senior guard.

Biedenbach scored the last six points for the Pack to ensure the victory and run the

Pack half was marked by the same streaky play that

the Pack had had in the South Carolina game Friday night. The lead saw-sawed back and forth with the Pack taking the lead for good with 0:08 left in the game on a shot from 18 feet by Biedenbach. That was the last score of the game, since the Tigers were unable to get off a shot after their toss-in.

The first game saw Carolina demolish Clemson, 96-74, with Larry Miller pouring in 29 points.

Braucher destroyed the South Carolina zone. When they shifted to a man-to-man defense in an effort to shut off Braucher, Biedenbach and Joe Serdin (18 points) took charge with superb ball handling to finish the Gamecocks.

Braucher scored 28 points, a new career high for him, with 12 field goals and four free throws. Biedenbach had 15 points after getting 23 at Carolina three days earlier.

The last lead for the Gamecocks was with 7:53 remaining at 50-49 on a jumper by Skip Harlaka from the top of the key. From that point Vann Williford hit two straight and Braucher added another to give the Pack a 55-50 lead with 6:17 to play.

South Carolina took the opening tip and converted it

into at 5-0 lead before the Pack could score. Then a series of hot and cold streaks for both teams found Carolina on top 30-28 at the half.

The last 3:15 of the game saw the Gamecocks in a full court press and fouling for the ball. But then State's shooting from the charity line picked up and they iced the game.

For the first time in several games, the Pack won the battle

of the boards, pulling in 46

rebounds to the Cocks 42. Vann Williford had 13, including several in the last minutes.

"Williford played his best

board game. We know what his

contribution meant to us tonight," commented Coach Norm Sloan. There was also praise for Braucher. "Dick was just tremendous. He has been outstanding all year and tonight he did everything well."

This was State's seventh

straight game of shooting over

50%.

In the nightcap, the Tar

Heels of Carolina made the

two days perfect for the state,

seeking out an \$8-80 win over

South Carolina after trailing

at times late in the game by as much as nine points.

Manifold and muffler found

in front of Kilgore late Thurs-

day night. Can be picked up if identified at Security Office in Riddick Stadium.

Aeronautics Club will meet

Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Mc-

Kimmon Room, Williams Hall.

Leopard Wildlife Club will

meet at 8 p.m. in 3214 Gardner.

Special call meeting.

ASME will meet Tuesday at

4 p.m. in Page 102. Program on Steel in America will fea-

ture a film and M. E. Graham

of Republic Steel's Research

Center will speak.

WNC staff will meet to-

night at 7:30 in the station's

studios. Attendance is required.

The Agricultural Council

will meet tomorrow night at

7 in 101-A Patterson.

Washay in shape of aircraft

carrier "strayed" from 265

Harselton. Was presented to

Capt. V. F. McCormack 30

years ago, has sentimental

value. Please return to Union

information desk.

The Monogram Club will

meet tomorrow night at 7:30

in Carmichael Gym.

The team's visit on campus is sponsored by the Tompkins Textile Council and the School of Textiles. The team will present a panel discussion and answer questions on business and their experiences in business.

The meeting will be held in Nelson Auditorium at 9 am on

February 28. The meeting is open to all students.

The YPO is an international organization whose mem-

bership comprises successful chief executives who have become

presidents of sizeable companies before the age of 40. There

are over 1850 members in more than 30 chapters in the United

States, four in Canada, one in Europe, one in Japan, and

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much paper is thrown off the high-rise residence halls every night? The PP has to clean it up. How many signs are painted around campus? The PP has to remove them. How many green trash baskets have been stolen or damaged? Someone is going to have to pay for the cost of buying new trash baskets or removing signs, and that someone will sooner or later be the student.

Difficult Job

Smith's job is one of the most difficult on campus. He is responsible for the Physical Plant which stretches into hundreds of acres and over 80 major buildings.

The students may complain about Smith; however, he has plenty of reasons to complain about the State student. How

Public Image Problem

Smith's problem is his public relations image. If he would not growl at students who come to him with legitimate complaints, he would receive more respect. But the student must also realize that he is a very busy man.

Smith is a capable administrator. He wants everything to be first class, whether it is the Physical Plant equipment or his demands of quality from private contractors working on campus.

However there are legitimate complaints about the Physical Plant and these should be corrected.

Students should realize the Physical Plant and Smith are not out to get them; Smith should realize the students and student press are not out to find fault with him. There is a credibility gap between the Physical Plant and the student body. Without useful communications between the two, serious problems will continue to arise.

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Approximately 20 students, reportedly from Gold, stuffed and burned an effigy of J. McCree Smith in front of Syme Friday night. (photo by Holcombe)

Smith Answers Charges

by Jerry Williams

Editor's Note: This article is taken from an interview with J. McCree Smith, director of the Physical Plant, tape-recorded last Friday. Smith's comments are printed in regular type; the questions of the interviewer are in italics.

If we have made an error we want to correct it. It is not our practice or our policy to be unreasonable or unfair or foment unreasonable or unfair charges.

What about the charges that the Campus Police are neglecting the students? Some have complained about the bombing incident in Gold where the Campus Police came by and said that they did not want to know anything about it and weren't going to do anything for repairs?

I'm just as much interested in finding out about this as the students would be. And I've called and asked for Pete Burkheimer who wrote this (the editorial that appeared in Friday's *Technician*) and if he can get me information on specifics then we'll get our records and see what we can find from what happened.

I can't reconcile a statement that you say is allegedly made by a Campus Policeman that they didn't want to know anything about it. A Campus Policeman is a human being and he may make a statement taken out of context that may not sound any better than a student—statement a student might make taken out of context. I can't answer this.

The Campus Police have limited responsibilities; they're not detectives; they're not really concerned with things that are student affairs. Their primary purpose is—they have two prime purposes—one is traffic control, which is a daytime activity largely; and the nighttime activity, which is primarily one of patrolling and attempting to protect University property.

Now you might say that the "bombing"—your paper, I believe, said that it might have been a cherry bomb, which is a firecracker. Suppose a student did this. And we don't know. And the Campus Police don't know. And actually the fact that they are not detectives; they're not equipped.

The Raleigh City Police or the SBI, if there is some suspicion that this is subversive or something very intriguing, they should be brought into this. It's certainly beyond the capabilities of our Campus Security system. It's Campus Security, not Campus Police.

The Campus Police would have—if we were in an isolated location where we did not have municipal police or a state bureau of investigation, we might be more fully equipped. I think that we would all agree, is not a proper interpretation of what they're doing or what they might be expected to find myself—frankly, the guess I had in mind as to the cause of this was entirely wrong.

So if I had given you a quotation as to what I had thought was wrong with the dormitory, I would have been in error. And at the time I was called, I did not know except for this erroneous opinion that I had in my mind which I failed—I declined to give your man because I did not know. And when I did not know, the truthful thing for me to tell you was I did not know. I told you I didn't know.

Now, if the contractor said I did know, the contractor is making an incorrect statement and I can prove. I have a letter from Mr. Boney and the same letter went to the *Newspaper and Observer* and to your *Technician*. So I knew about it at the same time that you knew about it.

Do you have any other general comments about the situation of complaints about the Physical Plant and its services?

We are just as much concerned with being able to do a good job as the students or the faculty or the staff are in wanting us to do a good job. Now, if there are complaints, we want to know what they are and specifics so that we can get hold of what might be wrong.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band, a traditional Dixieland group from New Orleans, played to a near-capacity crowd at the Coliseum Saturday night in one of the most successful of the New Arts concerts to date. The group captivated a wildly enthusiastic audience for two hours despite the State-Clemson basketball game.

No Cars For Cops

Have you ever wondered why the "security" officers on campus carry guns and drive semi-marked cars?

According to the security office the reason for the semi-marked cars is that many students roam the campus at night, and "security" never knows what they will run into next. Tongue-in-cheek, the explanation will suffice for the lack of a better one—after all, even if their is no use for them, they do look official.

But the cars are a mystery. The only explanation for their existence seems to be that the "security" officers must get tired of walking.

The solution is to use all Cushman scooters like the few that they operate at present. Since there seems to be some sort of ban on picking up moving violations, there is no need for the big money-eating cars. Ask anyone who has been here for four or more years how many times they have seen moving violations enforced. Then ask a freshman how many times he has seen a violation made. If the senior has 1% of what the freshman comes up, you have won money.

Where is the "security" force. Go check your windows.

Idea's Withheld

In the Contention section of this page is one particular letter which the author signed with a note stating that his letter should be run with "name not withheld" by request because he believed what he was saying.

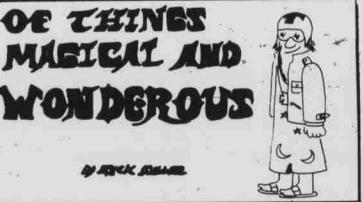
Give the man a gold medal, there ought to be more people who hold his point of view. As part of the policy for the Contention section the Technician will withhold the name of the author of the letter as long as an actual name is on the letter and the request is made. This is done because there are certain personal reasons that people may have which would make printing their name detrimental.

The case in point was set up as an exception to the rule made to order for an unusual set of circumstances. But somehow the exception has become a fact a few weeks ago and is still prominent.

There is no reason why such a great number of letters should be written without the name of the author. The policy may have to be revised in the future if more authors decide that their writings should be anonymous because it is in style.

What ever happened to the good ole college ideal of standing up and saying what had to be said regardless of the circumstances? Nobody will get shot for having their name with their ideas and their ideas may even be better read if the reader knows the author wasn't about half afraid to say what he wanted.

The column is always open and has been well used in the past. Hopefully it will always be used as one of the few places where any student can have his thoughts heard. But it would be more advantageous to the author and the column if the author were not afraid to say what was on his mind.



If you want to add to the unemployment figures, you can either sleep in movies or win at poker.

I have been told by a little human type female who thinks she's a Hobbit to lay off Wes McClure. I'm sorry but this is not possible.

He has raised the "red flag" in front of our paper, the "red flag" of freedom of the press. In his proposed constitution, the Board of Publications would be controlled mainly by the powers that control SG at a given instant.

It would be more fitting if he took over publication of the A.R.A. Slater menus.

Did you realize that the paper that I'm writing this mess on is different from what you are reading this mess (again) on.

Seeing's as how—which is bad English by the way—no one ever reads the Editorial Page Policy, you should read last Monday's paper and look at the bottom of the policy box.

There will be found things both magical and almost wonderous.

Now look what you get for not reading the whole paper.

All in all can only fall, With a crushing but meaningless blow.

Thudd

There once was a man named McCree
Who was head of a thing called PP
Said he, "We've not time
To paint in old Sime;
We're nailing the beds down you see."

the Syme Poet Laureate

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To the Editor:

In regard to your recent editorial "Heart of Apathy".

Frankly it is getting rather tiring reading editorials pointing out the apathy and irresponsibility of the dormitory students living in the "high right area" of this campus. Firstly, I consider it no concern of the University or any other student on this campus (except my roommate) how slowly I desire to live in my room. If an individual is of sufficient age to attend a university he is also of sufficient age to live in any atmosphere he desires. As for damage, it is doubtful whether it is any more likely to occur in a dirty

rather than in an impeccably clean room. However, destruction when it occurs is more than compensated for by deductions from the students' general deposits.

Secondly, a glazier at the landscape around Lee, Sullivan, or Bragaw would be helpful, but not necessary to confirm the accumulation of garbage strewn there by the inhabitants. The landscape around Lee and Sullivan is nonexistent, and the upkeep of that around Bragaw lax (stating it politely in due respect to our illustrious P.P.).

Perhaps when the mud bath around Lee, the unkempt field around Bragaw, and other deficiencies are more responsibly dealt with on the part of the University, the students may have the desire to keep the area clean. The high-rise area (along with other neglected portions of the campus) does have the potential of becoming a positive feature on this University's campus. However, the University itself must first show some concern before it self-righteously expects this of the average student. If the residents of these dormitories were to suddenly cease throwing garbage about, the area would be gloriously transformed from what appears to be a garbage heap to what it should be.

Greg Dray

To the Editor:

After reading the pros and cons on the dismissal of a prankster from this university in successive issues of the *Technician*, I have derived the conclusion that the Campus Code Board feels capable of justifying its action by asserting that there are other judicial systems just as wrong and maybe even more wrong.

Yes, emotion was aroused and action was forthcoming. This tends to strengthen my opinion that somewhere among the Student Body, there is someone who would betray his friends, family, and country if sufficiently enticed. After all, the Rosenbergs acted not from a sense of moral responsibility but in anticipation of personal gain.

Arthur C. Bell
Name not withheld
because I believe
what I say

To the Editor:

Well, I knew it couldn't last. After last week's Contention article describing the unparalleled merits of our mop man, we didn't see him for several days. Naturally we assumed that N. B. Watts had noted his achievements and promoted our man. But today, when we walked into the suite at lunch—yeah—the old familiar stench. The odor was so thick you could cut it with a knife.

Perhaps his return was due to the "Janitors (?) Respond" article. I'd never read such a semi-literate bunch of drivel in all my life. You could have set a retarded chipmunk loose on the typewriter and gotten better results.

Anyway, our man banged in with his buckets at 12:10 P.M. He stood in the bathroom, rattled, flushed, and stank until his superior came and took him out at 12:35 P.M. Our man has nearly cut his time in half. It's a pity he can't do the same with his body odor. Since he's used our shaving equipment and hairbrush, we'd be more willing to let him use the shower, and all the lye soap he'd want.

For several days there, we were getting excellent service from the first crew, who really do provide acceptable service. We thought maybe old N. B. Watts had eliminated the dead wood from the staff. (Which reminds me—if our man laid down and closed his eyes you'd swear by the smell he'd been dead for three weeks.) No such luck.

In the interest of public health we'll fight this issue to the finish. In the meantime, keep those calls and letters coming to N. B. Watts, Peeler Hall—755-2406.

Name Withheld by Request

To the Editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the letter written by "The Custodians" in the February 12 issue of the *Technician*. It was really pleasing to be told what a filthy slob I am by the clean, speedy, and efficient "Custodians" of N.C.S.U., whose salaries I help to pay.

First of all, I wish to agree with the "Custodians" that it would take them years to clean up after me. At the rate they work, it is quite likely that it would take years; indeed, some of them are even unable to keep themselves clean.

I wish to thank the "Custodians" for informing me that "all work without any play makes Johnnie a dull boy." At least I now know that State has few dull janitors, especially from overwork. I had always thought however, that "Custodians" were hired for work and not play.

I was touched to learn that our "Custodian" might be willing to go to class to take exams for the students. Maybe that way, the dishonest among their multitude can put some of the articles they "find" while "cleaning out" a room to good use. These "Custodians" had better be careful, though, when posing as students, for students are prone to be drafted, and custodians do not appear to be.

One common student complaint which the "Custodians" failed to comment on was that of discourtesy to dorm dwellers by the janitors. Maybe the janitor, whose workday ends at four in the afternoon, cannot understand that a student whose workday may end at two in the morning, is angry when awakened at eight A.M. by the clanging of trash cans and the flashing of overhead lights. Discourtesy by the janitor is probably not deliberate, but it still does little to endear the janitor with the student he serves. Our custodians should realize that courtesy works both ways.

This reply to the "Custodians" letter should not be taken to mean that all custodians at State are lazy, dirty, disreputable, and dishonest. On the contrary, it is written with the hope that action will be taken on valid student complaints in order to dismiss janitors who are unsatisfactory in their work.

Bruce W. Hurley
Junior PSAM

To the Editor:

Every so often here on the campus, pitiful wails can be heard as a contractor installs another hump. Little cars lose mufflers on them and big cars ruin tires screeching to a stop, and everyone agrees that the whole idea is insulting, maddening, and mainly asinine—isn't there a better way?

Well, of course these is: everyone can (ha) start obeying the 20 mph speed limit, and the traffic committee will gratefully take up all the humps. They don't like them either—who does?

Barring this possibility (let's be reasonable), maybe people would slow down if there were just a little enforcement of the speed limit. True, nobody wants cars through campus, but my God, you can't violate the parking regulations without getting plastered with tickets; can't some of this efficiency be used to make speed limits stick? Has anyone ever heard of getting a speeding ticket on this campus?

Now, this is not a complaint directed toward the "Campus Cops". They perform a thankless job well, and, believe it or not, they really are for the students. But let's expand their assignment or the force, a little bit. Can't somebody take care of numbers? What about a "whammy"?

To save mufflers, tires, a lot of profanity and maybe some lives, consider the following possibilities:

- Have some CC's whose job it is to stop speeders.
- Have reasonable speed limits; the blanket 20 mph limit is mainly irritating some places and actually too fast in others.
- Set fines high enough, and the probability of getting caught high enough, so that those %\$&%\$ humps can come out, and so people would have to realign their tires once a month, and so the people for whom the humps are intended can really start suffering.

R. D. Wauchoppe

A Credibility Gap

by Larry Stahl

The events of recent weeks have once again laid the Johnson administration open to claims concerning the credibility gap. Either the administration was misled as to Viet Cong strength or it was misinformed.

In Viet Nam the communists have eroded the confidence in the Thieu government at the cost of many lives on both sides. We certainly cannot be winning the war if the Viet Cong can move so easily into the provincial capitals. Of course, the Viet Cong are not winning the minds of the populace or an open rebellion would have taken place.

In the United States, hindsight is proving once again to be better-than foresight. New York's white Knight, Robert Kennedy, protests against the administration's handling of the Vietnamese situation on one program and turns around and declares that he will support President Johnson in 1968.

Eugene McCarthy suffers from credibility gaposis by virtue of just being a candidate. He should review the films of his hockey fling and take the hint.

While speaking about credibility, it would be unfair to omit George Romney. There is a real example of a credibility gap. We should remember that George has been "brainwashed", but does the disease have to linger for such a long time?

I would say something about George Wallace, but this article has to pass the censor's desk.

We all suffer from a credibility gap. People want to have more facts than anyone else, but they like to hear those facts as if they were gold. A world where everyone has the same information would be pretty dull.

North Carolina is headed for big things this year. We are making a valiant effort to lead

the nation in bank robberies. We average slightly more than one robbery a week. In a conservative state such as ours, people will probably start putting money in their pillow cases. Then we will see more house burglaries. The Klan is also helping North Carolina's

to find a youth movement. They are mixing classroom work with practical projects. In Terror I the classroom phase consists of the technical aspects of building a cross that will burn. The practical phase involves burning the cross in front of the house of a ninety old Negro.

Then we have the zoo study commission. Some doubt exists as to the need for a zoo in this state. The study commission will decide that we really do not need a zoo after they spend their allotted money.

Yes sir, North Carolina is growing and progressing by leaps and bounds.

After a summer of smugly laughing at our northern cousins for their seeming inability to cope with the race problem, the people of South Carolina are beginning to find the problem on their own back steps. The longer southerners put off the race question, the more violent the reaction to segregation will be.

Segregation is a lost cause. There is no way to stop integration in public places. The Federal government has had to take the initiative in civil rights because the people by their failure to face the problem forced them to settle the issue.

Today the Federal government exerts enough control to enforce the Civil Rights Acts. Those who drag their feet will have nothing but trouble. The trouble will come from the government and the Negroes.

government which are later found twisted or untrue to Washington's embarrassment and the public's dismay. Even if we concede that some matters should be kept secret for the sake of national security, is it not better to say "no comment" than to lie and "use" the public by false information? Can it be that we are evolving a government of lies that George Orwell warned us about in his book 1984? Can we tolerate our use of those methods of Communist countries that we abhor so much?

If the government is granted the right to lie, then we can hardly expect anyone to believe anything it says. Words will have no meaning. There is no telling how much further the administration will go once it is allowed to lie indiscriminately.

Adair Stevenson once said that a public official's principal concern should be "to find

the right words, the true, faithful, explicit words which will make the issues plain and his position on those issues clear."

Men such as Stevenson and President Kennedy were highly respected for their integrity. Unfortunately, we cannot say the same for the present administration.

Perhaps it is somewhat hypocritical to have a campus honor code that expects students to practice honesty while the government pays little attention to it. What sort of example are they giving us? No, Mr. Thiel, that we cannot, we must not justify dishonesty, especially in government.

Alexander J. Hekiman
C.E. Graduate Student

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in regards to the article written by George Pantin in which he quotes N. B. Watts, or rather his double-talk, on the topic of dorm searches. I would like to make one or two statements in behalf of the students of Becton Hall. First of all, there seems to be a slight difference between the policies stated by Watts and the actions of the persons within his department. Below are some examples of this misinterpretation of "searching" policies:

- On February 1, 1968, two members of the University Staff entered a number of rooms on the 3rd floor of Becton. Unfortunately for the residents, the rooms were empty, so undauntedly the pair proceeded to search every drawer, box, and suitcase in each of the rooms. In one room the occupants mail was inspected to insure compliance with university policy.
- At least twice this year, the Physical Plant has been unable to supply this dorm with water, just plain simple H₂O. Let me cite Watts' closing remark. "We ask the Physical Plant to make, any repairs" and we know they are going to do it right." Well, they've had two tries and constant water pressure is still a draw.
- As for power failures the entire campus was without power October 28, 1967 for virtually the entire afternoon.

In conclusion, many of the Becton residents have thought up ways to waylay the P. P. However, we will evaluate the results before resorting to other methods.

Name withheld by Request

To the Editor:

I am in complete agreement with Mr. Taylor's idea for the initiation of a student comment column in the *Technician*. I think a weekly, bi-weekly, or tri-weekly student commentary of the major current issues would be a worthy addition to the *Technician* and of great interest to the student body.

Often verbal debates about such issues as the Viet Nam war or the draft become so emotional that nothing significant is accomplished. Intelligent and well thought out

written opinions could be printed in the *Technician*, thereby giving anyone who wished a chance to speak his mind without ridicule.

The pros of a particular argument of an issue could be published in one edition and the cons in the following issue.

The dates that the comments on the particular topics are to be published could be published well in advance in order that the students could have time to get their comments in to the *Technician*.

Of course, there are many ways that the column could

be conducted. The main object is to give the student body an opportunity to express their opinions to their fellow students and also to discover how their fellow students feel about the problems confronting us on a level broader than that of on-campus issues.

Gil Pitt

After viewing with great interest the raging debate over the attitude of our beloved janitors, I have decided the key problem is being overlooked. Does the average janitor take his daily work as a challenge, trying to accomplish as much as is humanly possible within eight hours? Are the dorm rates accusations unfounded and based on anxieties due to other sources such as Carolina basketball games? All decisions will be rejected by some as unfair. Mr. Watts faces the dilemma of trying to make everyone happy without increasing the budget. To this problem I have a constructive solution. Co-ed roommates! The female species could dust the rooms and take turns cleaning the bathroom with other female members of the suite. The male in his traditional role of physical superiority would dump the garbage with great vigor. The daily chores would only take five minutes leaving the rest of the day for more pleasant tasks such as studying. The janitors would be careful with nothing to do except collect their checks. They could watch their own T.V. at home and sleep in their own phone booths. With everyone happy the *Technician* could use the increase in space on the editorial page for more of their intellectually stimulating cartoons.

Todd Sabin
Jr. Physics

Union Presents The New Poetry Scene

A door into the current poetic scene will be opened this week by the North Carolinian.

Riding the North Carolina circuit, the young poet Stanley Moss will read and discuss his poetry at 8 p.m. Monday at the Erdahl-Cloyd Union.

Moss' reputation has developed swiftly during the past ten years, with poems published in *Poetry*, *The New Republic*, *The Nation*, *Sewanee Review* and *Poetry Northwest*. He has appeared abroad as well, in such British magazines as *Encounter* and *The London Magazine*.

His first book, *The Wrong Angel*, was published two years ago, and another is in the works for this year.

According to one critic, Moss' poetry is "clear, tough, concrete, and subtle. It suggests all that is good in contemporary poetry."

Writing in the *Hudson Review*, Hayden Carruth suggested that *The Wrong Angel* may "appear in retrospect to

have been the second most important book of the quarter."

The poet Stanley Kunitz,

precious academic poetry being produced today, asserted that Moss' poems are welcome "for what they are not, as well as for what they are. They are not fashionable, empty, precious, tricky, improvisational, or exhibitionistic. Nothing in these poems is shallow." *"The Wrong Angel,"* said Kunitz, "is a disturbing book."

An editor and a translator, Moss has worked as poetry editor for the New American Library, New Directions, and the famous Italian journal *Botteghe Oscure*. He is presently employed as poetry editor at Book Week.

A native New Yorker, Moss was born in 1926.

While on the circuit, he will appear at Davidson, Wake Forest, ECU, North Carolina Wesleyan, UNC at Chapel Hill, and UNC at Greensboro.

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To Catch A Man... COLD?

by Pete Knowland

Any observant male over the past week has certainly noticed an abundance of cold weather. If his eyelids have not frozen shut, he has also noticed an abundance of legs. Any normal snowman with any foresight, or hindsight for that matter, would stop and ask himself why. Why would any self-respecting skirt decide to advertise in this frigid climate? What have they got to sell?

Wednesday was Valentine's Day. Everybody knows what happens then. In Okefenokee, Miss Hepzibah receives 39 cards, while Miz Bear, from a total population of 18 eligible bachelors (not counting 21 married men), gets none. It could be that Miss Hepzibah wears a skirt, what little of it there is, and Miss Bear wears a blacksmith's apron.

Therefore, the gullible public, or rather one half of the gullible public, must act now to prevent inflation, excuse me, "infatuation." They must not let their strong hearts rule their weak minds. Fishnet stockings, no matter how big the holes are, are just another web to get caught in. Mini-skirts are not fringe benefits, but the curtain on the last act of "All the World's a Stage."

Speaking of curtains, and game over, and such, remember what year this is. Why, this is 1968, leap year of course. Saddle Hawkins is a booming business now. Would you believe that half of the world's population is women? Those are pretty staggering odds, especially if you are unprepared.

Man to man, what have we got? Our superior male intellect is of no use now... I mean, who really thinks before he swims? All those stark knoo-caps surmounting curving calves and thighs are really just low-down, underhanded camouflage. It's what's underneath that counts... battle dress! So, run for your lives, fight for your independence, but don't shoot till you see the whites of their eyes.

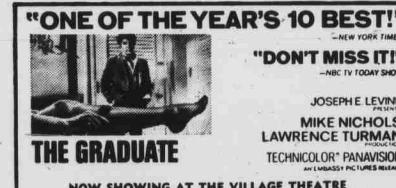


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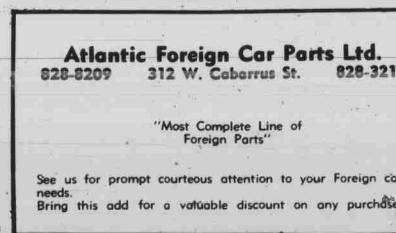


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The Bar Jonah The War Game: Is The Place Can't Anything Prevent This?

by Linda Stuart

What is the Bar Jonah?

How many students have been to our student-run coffee house in the basement of King Religious Center lately? For that matter, how many know much about the Bar Jonah?

To begin with, it is open from 8:00 P.M. until everyone goes home every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday nights. It serves (self-service) coffee, cider, and donuts.

But it is more than a place to get a cup of coffee. It is a place to go to relax, to get together with friends for a while, to participate in the spontaneous entertainment, or to watch the planned programs.

The Bar Jonah has a definite atmosphere about it. It's dark. The only light comes from the red light on the coffee urn and the chandeliers on the tables.

The walls are covered with sayings, designs, and cartoons. At the Bar Jonah, you can "Join the underground," or agree that "Nietzsche is dead." You can admire the latest design from the mind of a Design School student or ignore the Dove cartoons.

Besides these extra bits of entertainment, the Bar Jonah often has planned programs. Such people as Dr. Guy Owen and Duncan Stuart have appeared. It has also hosted entertainers such as Bunyan Webb and Danny Grivas. There are occasionally showings of films, such as *The War Game*. The future holds plans for many more of these things.

The Bar Jonah is operated entirely by students. They prepare all the refreshments, plan all the shows, and supervise all the money. It is supported by contributions and the money made on the sale of refreshments and used paperback books.

Any Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday nights you want something to do, try the Bar Jonah. You might be glad you did.

Winter Concert Is At Coliseum

On February 20, 1968, 8:00 P.M. at Reynolds Coliseum, the N.C. State Symphonic Band, under the direction of Donald B. Adcock and the Varsity Men's Glee Club directed by Milton C. Bliss, will present their Annual Winter Concert.

Three local soloists will be featured in the Glee Club segment of the program. They will perform in excerpts from the Opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod. Helen Miller, noted Raleigh Soprano, will sing the role of Margarita. John Miller, Director of Raleigh Little Theatre, will sing the Bass role of Mephistopheles. Thad Ferree, a junior majoring in Architecture from High Point will sing the tenor role of Faust.

In addition, the Varsity Men's Glee Club will sing the famous "Soldiers Chorus" from the Opera. Other works by the Glee Club will be: "Heavenly Light", by Kopylow, "Jefferson" by Luther Noss, "Truth Shall Deliver" by William Schuman and "Steal Away" by William Dawson, which features Tom Shaw, tenor from Durham.

The Symphonic Band will open their program with Mozart's Overture to the Opera "The Impresario". They will also play "Chester" by William Schuman, "Concert Suite" by Frederick Ashe, and "Three Revolutionary Marches" by Bedrich Smetana.

This concert, a traditional event by these two groups, is open to the public. There is no admission charge.

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