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High number of bikes stolen

by John Fleisher
Staff Writer

"It's a real problem everywhere you go, but it just seems to flourish on college campuses where there is plenty of opportunity," said Bill Williams, director of Security, concerning one of Security's biggest problems—bike thefts.

Bicycle robberies have greatly increased since the beginning of the 10-speed craze several years ago. According to Williams, the trend shows little indication of slowing down.

"During August we were notified of 14 bike ripoffs, with the total value of the property being around \$1,785," he said. "In September, 15 more were reported, and their combined costs come to about \$1,992. From those, we have apprehended only one thief thus far. Fortunately, he was not a student here."

Most of the robberies are not done by State students, according to Williams.

"We believe that there is a big illegal market on stolen bikes, and that the operation at State is a well-organized one that

does business with that market," said Williams.

Williams explained that the actual band of crooks consists mostly of people in their early teens.

"On several occasions, our officers have chased trespassing kids off the campus who they knew darn well were going to steal bikes. We believe this is a better way to go about it rather than allowing them to hang around and then catch them in the act. The idea we are most interested in is prevention, not punishment," said Williams.

When asked why so many bike thefts are occurring, Williams replied, "For one thing, there are a lot more bikes at State than there used to be. The actual number is difficult to compute, but I'd put it at nearly 5,000.

"Then, of course, this is a large campus and even with the Security force we have, everything that goes on can't be seen. But you will often find that the owners of the bikes have a lot to do with whether or not a robbery occurs.

Unfortunately it's not a laughing matter. It just stands to reason that the better locks are going to cost more, and people who want to keep their property should be willing to invest in a little security system for it," said Williams.

The Student Supply Store has several high quality lock and chain sets, including one that Williams described as being impervious to almost any device a thief might use.

"It is actually a sort of steel bar instead of a chain," said Williams. "It works very well because it is solid steel all the way through—not just at the surface. I suppose you could get through it with a blowtorch, but how many people are going to try that?"

Another measure students can take to reduce bike thefts is to register their machines with the Student Government. Forms can be obtained from the Traffic and Records office, Room 100 of the Coliseum.

"This is something that students seldom do, and I can't understand why," said Williams. "It doesn't take much time, and it doesn't cost a cent. It greatly enhances the chances of recovery in the event of theft—without it, chances are practically nil. Also, students should write down their serial numbers somewhere; these help in recovering lost bikes."

At present, only about 660 bikes are registered. Actually, bicycle registration is required, but according to Williams, it would be extremely difficult to enforce.

Still another mistake that students often make is moving the bike racks from one place to another. "The bike racks have been placed in spots that are well-lit and usually busy," said Williams. "If they

are moved to another spot, the chances of theft are made greater."

Finally, there is the act that most people hate to perform and seldom do: report suspicious characters.

"I wish that people would drop the idea that it is 'finking' or 'ratting,'" said Williams. "It is the mutual protection of property by owners and concerned citizens. You don't have to be absolutely sure that a robbery is taking place; you can just say that you see something that looks unusual and we'll check it out."

Efforts increased

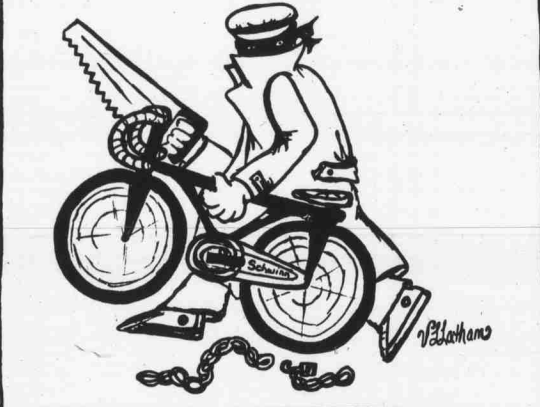
Security, too, has increased its efforts to stop bicycle thefts. It has organized the Student Auxiliary Patrol, which operates from midnight to 5 a.m. every day. The students are trained by the regular Security force and are equipped with two-way radios.

"The student patrol has been a big help in cutting down night thefts," Williams commented. "Its basic jobs are to observe and to communicate. The students watch the parking lots and residence halls, and notify us if any trouble starts."

For the past several weeks, Security has been helping to organize the Crime Awareness and Prevention program, with the purpose of cutting down crime on the State campus.

Next week, the subject of the program will be bikes. Posters, handouts, pamphlets, and guest speakers in certain groups and dorms will all convey the same message: take care of your bikes.

"Our main purpose is to get the point across," said Williams. "We want the students to know what the situation is and what they can do to improve it. If they will do their part, we will do ours."



Egypt gets books

by Elton Vaughn
Staff Writer

Ten thousand books and scholarly journals are presently en route to the Mansoura University in Egypt as a gift from State's faculty and the Raleigh community.

The valuable book collection, valued at more than \$75,000 was begun earlier this year following an October visit by numerous State officials to the University.

During the visit, Chancellor Jobb Thomas and his colleagues noted that the university was teaching 30,000 students with minimal library resources.

"We were invited by officials to visit the university in two capacities," explains Thomas. "Firstly, as a group of

consultants we were to look at the program and give advice. Secondly, we were to explore ways in which we might form a cooperative relationship. It is very significant for State to have more intimate knowledge of the Arab world."

Thomas said the visit was a very interesting experience and that an exchange program with the university has been established.

The book drive was launched to assist another university and in the process, to help repay an ancient debt of scholastic achievements developed in the Middle East thousands of years before State was founded.

"State has been eager for interaction with institutions in other parts of the world, and this interaction runs much

deeper than one or two persons who have been international responsibilities," said Jackson Rigney, dean of International Programs at State. "This is demonstrated by the great outpouring of contributions to this drive from hundreds of faculty members and students."

Rigney also said the project was greatly facilitated by the Ahmed Azzam, director of the cultural and educational bureau of the Egyptian Embassy in Washington. Azzam made arrangements for the embassy to handle packaging and transportation of the books to Mansoura University.

Mansoura University is near the site of one of the ancient world's greatest libraries which was located at Alexandria and destroyed in the third century.

Correction

In the article about venereal disease and wanted pregnancies in its Monday edition, the *Technician* incorrectly reported that State's Health Educator Marianne Turnbull shows a 55-minute video tape on contraceptives at 3 p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday. The actual time of the film's showing is 3:30 p.m.

The article also gave incorrect information about the diaphragm. The story should have said the diaphragm is an excellent method of birth control when used responsibly, according to Turnbull.

Also, using a condom is an aid, not a prevention, for venereal disease.

Dreams come true in P.E. course

by Laura Detwiler
Staff Writer

Did you ever want to be a cowboy and work on a ranch, but could not because you did not know how to ride a horse?

Now your dreams can come true, for you can learn to ride a horse in a program offered by State's Department of Physical Education.

P.E. 254, "Beginning Equitation—Position and Control," is a full semester in

length and gives one hour of credit for successful completion of the course. Classes meet once per week for one hour and 10 minutes at McNair's Country Acres Stable, located on the Dover Farm Road. The farm is six miles from campus.

The course has an additional cost of \$90 per student.

Only 20 students may enroll in the class and this allows for a four-to-one student/teacher ratio.

"This gives the individual the attention he needs as well as the experience of

working with a group," said Nicholson.

Although the class is called "Beginning Equitation," more experienced riders are welcome. At the beginning of the semester students are tested on their skills and placed accordingly. An experienced rider will be given a spirited mount while beginners will be given a calmer horse.

The course teaches forward riding (hunt seat), with emphasis on position and control. The students learn to use natural aids, body position and weight placement, hands, voice and legs, to control the horse, control the horse.

The first lessons are taken in a riding pasture, while succeeding lessons are taken on open pastures. According to Ruth Nicholson of the P.E. department, this allows the students "to experience the extension in the stride of the horse on uneven terrain."

There is a day of games, competition and trail riding to "round out the experience planned for the student."

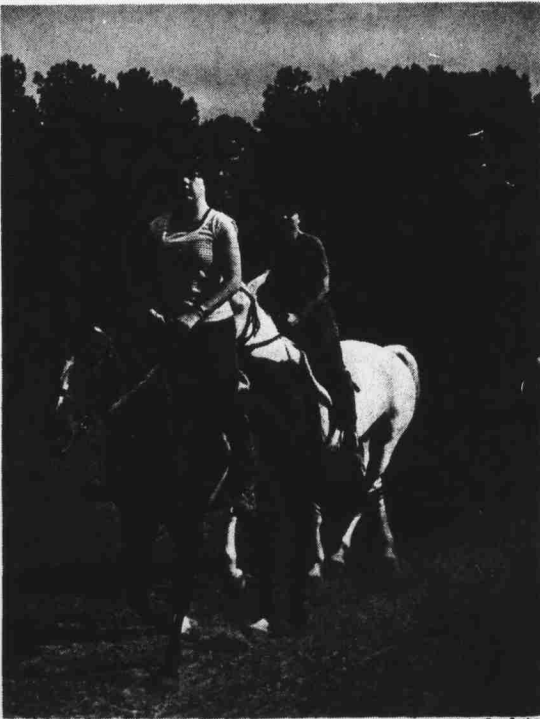
The course teaches students how to prepare the horse, how to take care of the track and some basic horse-care techniques.

McNair's stable has 25 well-schooled horses with three natural gaits: walk, trot and canter. There is an outdoor riding ring, riding trails and pastureland. An indoor ring is provided for riding during inclement weather and it is the only indoor ring in the Raleigh area.

The stable is owned by Katherine and Caroline McNair. They also teach students from Peace College and Saint Mary's College.

The classes are taught by Nicholson, Sallie Van Meter and Marilyn Brown, all of the P.E. department. The McNairs also assist with the teaching.

An orientation program of interested students will be held in room 211, Carmichael Gymnasium, on Oct. 25 at 7.



Staff photo by Ron Srebro

These students may look like they are just "horsing around," but actually they are taking a class at State. Beginning Equitation is a P.E. course which students may take to fulfill their P.E. requirement.

Crime factors

"There are three principal factors that influence the committing of a crime," Williams continued, "and they are desire, ability, and opportunity. We can do very little about the first two, but we can do a lot about the last one. That's where the students themselves come into the picture."

Williams said nearly all bike owners have locks and chains, but far too often they are inadequate.

"There are jokes about people who spend \$200 for a bike and \$3 for a lock, but

State's nuclear reactor

Pulstar is safe, effective

by Leo Blume
Staff Writer

Amidst the current nationwide controversy over the safety of nuclear power, it may come as a surprise to many students to learn that there is a nuclear reactor in the heart of campus.

Located in Burlington Engineering Laboratories, has the distinction of being the only research reactor in the state.

The reactor, which is called by its brand-name Pulstar, was purchased from AMF Corporation in 1972.

Thomas Eleman, head of the nuclear engineering department, described the reactor as a facility designed exclusively for research and educational endeavors.

"No electric power is generated," he said. "This reactor is only about one three-thousandth the size of a common power company reactor."

"As such, the reactor produces only one megawatt of thermal power. None of the heat produced, however, is actually put to use. State's reactor is the 'swimming pool' type, thus called because the reactor core is completely submerged in water. The water, in turn, is surrounded on five sides by high-density concrete. The sixth side, the top, is covered by 20 feet of water, thereby permitting visual observation of the reactor core.

Radiation shield

The ultra-pure water in which the Pulstar is submerged serves as both a radiation shield and as a heat exchanging medium. In the shielding capacity, the water absorbs all the reactor's radiation without itself becoming radioactive.

In the heat transfer mode, the heated water is passed through a heat exchanger and various filtering devices before being returned to the reactor

pool. The heat processed by the heat exchanger is vented harmlessly into the atmosphere.

In light of public concern over radioactive waste disposal, it is comforting to know that this is not a problem at the University's reactor. Wastes generated by the reactor are insufficient to produce a core meltdown or pose a significant waste disposal problem.

Safety features

The operational safety afforded by Pulstar's small size is enhanced by a variety of other safety features. Some of these include electronic radiation detectors, a heat-sensing system for fire protection, and fail-safe systems for shutting down the reactor in the event of malfunction.

Another precautionary device in use is a radiation-sensitive film badge worn by everyone who enters the reactor bay, the structure that encloses the reactor core. In the unlikely event that a person is exposed to radiation, photographic film in the badge would be exposed, thereby alerting him of the danger.

All these safety features, like the rest of the rules governing reactor operation, are mandated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The commission sees, through spot inspections, that their regulations are strictly adhered to. "All possible contingencies have been taken into account. Everything that can be prepared for has been," said Tom Bray, reactor supervisor.

The reactor, which operates an average of 15 to 25 hours per week, performs a variety of functions.

It is used for the instruction of students in the nuclear engineering curriculum as well as in neutron activation analysis—a process by which trace impurities of a material may be measured by making the material radioactive. The reactor

is also used to produce radioactive isotopes which are used in both tracing experiments and medical research.

Bray said that State's nuclear reactor program began in 1950 when State became the first university in the nation to operate on its campus a research reactor. "A research reactor, as distinguished from an experimental reactor, is one that is tried and true," Bray said.

State's first reactor, which yielded much valuable data on nuclear reactor design, operated until 1973 when their duties were totally taken over by the bigger and more modern Pulstar. The Pulstar itself had been in part-time use since the latter part of 1972.

Reactor administrators are basically pleased with the present direction of State's nuclear reactor program and are completely satisfied with its safety. They foresee a continuation of the present program, with an expansion of research services possible in the future.



State's nuclear reactor is used exclusively for research and educational purposes. The reactor is smaller than ones used by power companies, and so none of the power produced is actually put to use.

Seniors aided in job hunt by placement center

It's not too soon for fall and spring graduates to begin job hunting—that's the latest word from the Career Planning and Placement Center, who for the first time has computerized lists of job recruiters available.

"The idea of IBS print-outs of scheduled recruiter visits to State's campus was initiated last fall," said Fran Deskins of the center.

There are now several copies of the printouts available for inspection in the

Center's office in room 28 Danby.

"Scheduled employers on one IBM printout are listed in alphabetical order by employers' names. On a second printout scheduled recruiters are listed in alphabetical order by academic department," Deskins said.

In addition to listing employers, the innovative computer method lists the specific job available, the geographic location of the job opening, the name of the recruit-

ing company and the dates recruiters will be on campus.

Before scheduling an interview, a personal file must be established in the center. This biographical sketch is the first contact the student makes with the recruiter prior to the interview.

"We have counselors in the center who will help students prepare resumes or data sheets for their file," Deskins said. "After establishing a file, all prospective interviewees must sign up on

sheets posted in the placement center before the scheduled interview," said Deskins, adding that all sign-up lists are posted two weeks prior to interviews.

If an employer has not requested to interview students in a particular major but a student in that major wants an interview with the scheduled recruiter, the student may arrange an interview session only with written permission from the employer.

'Numbers' good business for black life



Ralph is similar to most students at State because if he has his choice he'll snooze in the sun all day. So will they.

A group of black men who admit to running successful numbers gambling operations in New Rochelle, N.Y., are calling on "community spirit" to support them after their arrests in a recent police crackdown.

The group, called the Friendly Five Social Club, contended the numbers are an integral part of black economic and social life and that an attack on the numbers "industry" is an attack on the black community itself.

"Numbers are a way of life here," said Wilbert (Schoolboy) Ford, one of the two top numbers operators in New Rochelle. "We are a community asset. A lot of young people have gone to college because their parents hit the numbers."

The Friendly Five said their immediate priority is to improve their image in the black community and convince the blacks to support them.

"If a numbers man got busted in Harlem," says another member of the group, "the community would be right

down at the precinct raising hell. We want our community to have that kind of spirit."

Numbers—betting on the last three digits of a number derived from the daily racing results—has been a popular though illegal sport for generations in many eastern cities, primarily among ethnic groups.

Schoolboy Ford grew up running numbers (picking up bets) for the Mafia, who previously controlled the numbers "bank" here. But in 1972, when federal indictments forced the Mafia to drop its numbers operation in New Rochelle, Schoolboy and another black man decided to set up their own bank, bringing control of the numbers to the black community.

Now he and other members of the Friendly Five—who range in age from the mid-20's to late 60's—claim their arrests were a police attempt to harass blacks back into betting their money with whites.

"The cops protect the white numbers game," complained one black runner, who

said he witnessed two policemen leave a restaurant where a white proprietor was taking numbers, then cross the street to make an arrest on a black numbers joint.

New Rochelle Police Commissioner William Hegarty acknowledges that 13 of the 15 numbers arrests—staged last Aug. 9 in a dramatic early-morning raid into stores, houses, social clubs and storefront offices—were black. But, he said, "there are just more black numbers runners out there."

"This is a bribery case, pure and simple," he added. "They came to us with an attempt to bribe two officers. I can't remember how long before that was the last numbers arrest. Petty gambling operations are not at the top of our priorities."

Hegarty claimed there is evidence that the New Rochelle numbers racket is connected with as many as five syndicates that operate in the New York vicinity.

The black numbers men maintain that numbers in New Rochelle is locally owned

and operated.

The Friendly Five contend that while police are cracking down on black gambling in New Rochelle, they are ignoring drug sales to blacks here.

One of the Five pointed to the "ape yard," two battered bleachers sitting behind home plate at a local playground. A police car was parked nearby. "You can buy every kind of dope you want from somebody in the ape yard," he said, "and the police don't touch them."

"The police in New Rochelle know everybody," said Napoleon Holmes, director of the city's Community Action Program.

New Rochelle, a city of 75,000 with a black population of 17,000, has a black unemployment rate of 15 per cent and as high as 50 per cent for black youth.

Holmes estimated that 150 families are directly supported by numbers here. "If we didn't have numbers in this town," he contended, "we'd have 150 more welfare cases."

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So that all Crier announcements may be run, all items submitted should be less than 25 words. No Crier announcement will be run more than three times and no more than two announcements for a single organization will be run in an issue. The deadline for Crier announcements is 5 p.m. on M—W—F.

THE ENGINEER'S Council will meet this Thursday in Rm. 3118, Student Center at 6:30.

LA TABLE Francaise will meet Wednesday at the Walnut Room or thereabouts from 12 to 2 p.m. Come lunch and chat with other francophones.

THE PRE-VET Club will meet tonight in room 2104 Williams Hall at 7:30 p.m. Dr. E. G. Batte is the featured speaker. Everyone welcome.

THE ASSOCIATION for Off Campus Students will meet today at 4 p.m. in the Green Room.

TERTULIA meets today at 3:30 in the Rathskellar on Hillsborough St. Anyone wishing to speak Spanish is welcome.

AIE meeting today at 12 noon in Rm. 320. Jim Foster, Manager of Distribution Services at Duke Power Co. will be guest speaker. Come early for cheap lunch - 50 cents.

MATERIALS Engineering Students: There will be a meeting of the Student Branch of ASME tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Packhouse in the basement of the University Student Center.

BIBLE STUDY today in the Nub from 4:30 to 5:30. Joe Mann will be

leading the study. Bring your Bibles.

INTER-VARSITY Christian Fellowship will meet Thursday at 7:30 in the Alumni Building. David Sealy will be the speaker.

QASUPPER Club will meet today at 5:30 at Supply Store Snack Bar to go eat at the Family Fish House. All QAs members are invited. Call 737-6998 for details.

ABLE TO WRITE in Old English? The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation needs someone to do lettering. For more info, come by 3115E Student Center or phone 737-3193.

WOMEN'S CENTER needs someone to watch children for a couple of hrs once a week while their moms are at the center. Contact Volunteer Services 3115E Student Center, 737-3193.

INTERESTED IN Anthropology? Attend first meeting of the Anthropology Society on Thursday at 7:00 in the Board Room (4125) of the Student Center. Refreshments provided.

ATTENTION ES King Village! Counseling service is now available to all residents. Check with King Village office personnel for details.

DO YOU HAVE problems or needs that seem impossible? Share them with God and other Christians as Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship gathers for prayer each day at 12:00 in the Brown Room of the Student Center.

FREE FILM: Tonight at 8 p.m. in the Library see Laurel and Hardy in their 1936 comedy, "The Bohemian Girl." Also, a cartoon will be shown.

REPRESENTATIVE from Bridges to Hope volunteer "big brother" big sister" program will be in Rm. 3115 Student Center 11:30, afternoon. Anyone interested in program please come by or call 821-0300.

TAYLOR Sociology Club is having a party Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Packhouse of the Student Center. Come join in on a good thing!

GRADUATE and faculty women: Ami Pierce, feminist musician/songwriter will be our speaker at the AWS noon luncheon Thursday in student lounge of Raleigh Presbyterian Church on Horne St. lunch will be provided.

ISB SOCCER meeting Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the Student Center Blue Room. All team representatives should attend.

SPORTS CAR Club meeting today at 7:30 p.m. in 214 Daniels. Autocross plans will be made. All members and visitors are invited. Refreshments.

WOMEN'S Gymnastics Club will be organizing on court #1 of Carmichael Gym today at 7:00 p.m.

LOST: Brown clipboard containing notes and papers. If found please call Pat at 834-7958.

THE 1978 Agromeck is conducting free portrait sittings for the yearbook October 3-26. All students are invited. 2104 Student Center and 102 Cultural Center.

1978 Agromecks will be on sale at the portrait sittings October 3-26. 2104 Student Center and 102 Cultural Center. Only \$3.00.

ATTENTION: All VIE and TED students: Free beer! VICA meeting today at 7:00 p.m. on the Poe Hall patio.

NC SU HOCKEY - All team members and any other interested students who would like to carpool to Charlotte Friday to see the NY Islanders play the Atlanta Flames, call Richard Jorday, 737-5334.

ASME luncheon 12:00 today in Br 2211. Dr. Rolin Barrett, active ASME senior chapter member, will speak. An important meeting for non-members as well as members. Be there!

CLOGGING CLUB meeting will begin Thursday 7:30 p.m., rear basement lounge of W. Raleigh Presbyterian Church on Horne St., next to Baxley's. All invited.

THE AIME WILL meet today in Rm. 110A Williams Hall, at 7:30. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ron Fodor, who will talk about "Geologic Processes on Meteorite Parent Bodies."

THE AIR FORCE Officer Qualifying Test will be given on Saturday in Reynolds Coliseum at 8 a.m. Students with at least four semesters remaining in fall '78 may be eligible for a scholarship and an Air Force commission. Stop by Reynolds Coliseum, Room 145 or call 737-2417 for details.

ALPHA LAMBDA Delta, Freshman Honor Society, will hold a cookout for all Spring '77 initiates Thursday at 5:00 on the Pullen Park Island. Plans for the year will be discussed. Please make reservations with Pres. Frank Stone, 851-6833.

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the serious page

Lambert Der



"WELL, WOULD YOU WANT YOUR DAUGHTER TO MARRY A MAN WHO'S FAVORITE TV SHOW IS SIXTY-FOURTH IN THE NIELSEN RATINGS?"

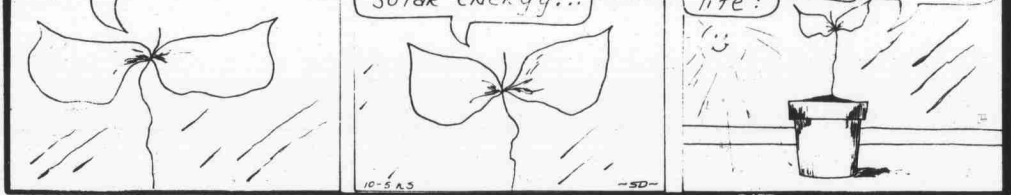
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People are really strange. FOR INSTANCE...

I don't see why people find it so hard to use solar energy...

After all, I've used solar energy all my life!



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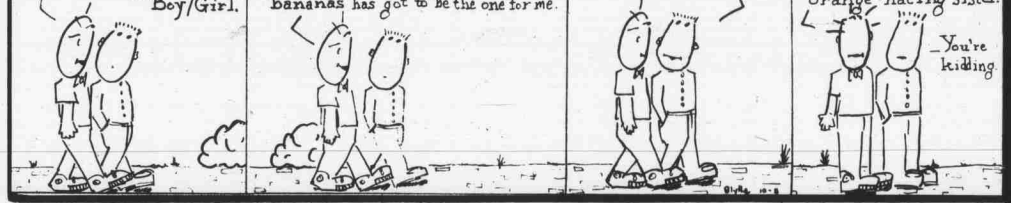
Last week I tried getting a date with that new dating service, "Boy/Girl."

I specified that I wanted a girl who disliked fruit as much as I do... any girl who hates apples and bananas has got to be the one for me.

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Cartoonists!

Remember to come to the meeting today at 6:00 p.m. in the Technician office.

Thanx

TAYLOR SOCIOLOGY CLUB PARTY

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AT STEWART THEATRE

raleigh and chapel hill schoolkids' records

Knighted English actor visits Stewart

Large variety of activities presented this week

by Martin Ericson
Staff Writer

The events scheduled this week by the Union Activities Board include a lecture, a concert, a show featuring black fashion models, six films, an independence celebration and a live performance by a knighted English actor. So much for the statistics; now for the details.

Tonight

There will be two activities tonight. They conflict but because of their radically different natures I doubt this will cause much trouble. In Stewart Theatre at 8:00 p.m. Lectures Committee will present one of America's most successful and well known poets, Nikki Giovanni. Also known for her recording work and lecturing, Giovanni has received numerous awards from colleges, literary societies and women's magazines. Tickets are \$.50 for State students and \$1.50 for the public and may be obtained now from the Stewart Theatre box office.

The other will be the Sight & Sound screening of a Laurel & Hardy film in the Erdahl-Cloyd Theatre at 8 p.m. in *The Bohemian Girl*. Stan and Ollie are part of a travelling gypsy caravan when they adopt an abandoned girl who turns out to be a princess. This 1936 film is free for NCSU students, staff and faculty.

Thursday

Two films—take your pick. In Stewart the second film of the Warner Brothers Film Series will be shown. At 8 p.m. *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, 1938 Errol Flynn film, comes to the silver screen. Also starring Olivia de Havilland, Basil Rathbone, Claude Rains and Alan Hale, this is the definitive swashbuckler about the story of you-know-who. Single admission is \$1.00 for State students and \$1.50 for the public.

A more serious film from Bulgaria is at the Erdahl-Cloyd Theatre Thursday as a part of the Foreign Film Series. A brutal story of rape, murder and revenge set in the 17th century, this award-winning film is acclaimed as one of the best from Eastern Europe. Free for members of the university community.

Saturday
A celebration of Nigeria's independence will be held this Saturday in the Student Center ballroom. The students from Nigeria will serve their native food, have a program of dances, music, a film and a costume parade. The festivities start at 6:30. Tickets are on sale now at the Program Office (3114 Student Center) and are \$2.00 for students and \$3.00 for non-students.

The Films Committee is sponsoring two films this Saturday. The first is the 1960 release of the H.G. Wells classic *The Time Machine*. Starring Rod Taylor, Yvette Mimieux and Sebastian Cabot, this is the story of a man who builds a machine that takes him thousands of years into the future where he finds a civilization of

young children terrorized by the hideous underground Morlocks. Showtime is 7:00 p.m. and the tickets are on sale starting today at the Stewart Theatre box office—\$.50 apiece.

The class of the film fare this week, at least in my estimation, is the 1975 John Huston film version of Rudyard Kipling's gem of a story, *The Man Who Would Be King*. The gemlike quality carries over into the film. Sean Connery is excellent. This is the best of his post-Bond films, and if you didn't like Bond, come see this anyway, he's that good. Michael Caine plays Sean's bosom buddy and his is also first-rate. Christopher Plummer's bit part is good too. Full of adventure, pageantry, splendor—obviously I'm blown away by this

film. Look for me front row center. Shows at 9:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. with tickets on sale now at \$.75 a head

Sunday

The Black Students Committee is sponsoring a fashion show 8:00 p.m. on Sunday. The show will feature internationally known black models in drama, comedy, high fashion modeling, and also promised some audience participation. The show will be in Stewart and tickets are on sale now at the box office at the rate of \$1.00 for State students and \$2.00 for everybody else.

Monday

Monday's event is the long-awaited Jean Luc Ponty concert in Stewart. As of press time there were some tickets left to 9:30 p.m. and more to 7:30 p.m. show. They're still only \$4.00 apiece and are on sale at the Stewart Theatre box office. As the ads say, if you want to hear some electrifying violin, turn on out.

Another activity on Monday is the Thirties Series film at Erdahl-Cloyd at eight. George Cukor's *Little Women* is the original version of Louisa May Alcott's novel about a family of girls and their widowed mother struggling through the mid-1800's. It stars Katharine Hepburn, Joan Bennett, and Edna May Oliver. Free to the university community.

Tuesday and Wednesday

Culminating the week will be two performances of "Shakespeare's People". Featuring Sir Michael Redgrave with a distinguished supporting cast, this is a collection of the Bard's better known scenes, songs, and soliloquies. This production promised to capture some of Shakespeare's magic and can be viewed this coming Tuesday and Wednesday at eight in Stewart. Tickets are \$3 for State students and \$5.00 for the public.

Sex overly exploited, 'Soap' fails

By Charles Lasitter
Staff Writer

Just about three weeks ago, all sorts of church groups, concerned upstanding citizens, and spinster-like-old ladies, were raising as much hell as humanly possible about the opening of a show that they had never seen.

It was the show which ABC had been billing all year as the "adult comedy," and a show which they said would be a true "breakthrough" in television comedy. They said it would be as revolutionary as *All in the Family*, and would pull 50 percent share with ease.

Well it just didn't happen. Sure, *Soap* captured a 39 percent share of the audience the first week, and that's respectable enough; but it's nowhere near what ABC was shooting for.

The show was so controversial that local ABC affiliate WRAL-TV wouldn't show *Soap*, but it now seems that all this preliminary worrying was ill-founded. The controversy surrounding the show is the result of some incredible pandering

of the show by the network, which is not at all what it was cracked up to be.

The show has very little if any material that could be considered "raucy." Some of the shows strongest words are "fruit," and "naked," hardly noteworthy by any standards.

Yes, the show does talk about things like sex change operations, impotency, infidelity, and voyeurism, but today's society is hardly Puritanical, and is growing less so by the minute.

As a result of the pressure, ABC directed that some scenes be rewritten, robbing the show of any teeth it might have. It was one of the dangers the shows producers faced, given the type of show that it is, and one of the things which could really destroy any chance the show might have of succeeding.

On reviewing the first three episodes, it is apparent that the show is not the blockbuster ABC expected, and the reasons are fairly clear.

It's a shallow show, with shallow acting and an empty plot. The show has no direction except to exploit sex, and it even does a poor job at that. As the episodes advance, the scripts will become more and more trite, and the show will be doomed. So much the better.

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Packed crowd at Cameron Stadium

While Winchester and Gross die, Buffett revives Duke's audience

By Eddie Jones
Staff Writer
and
Kevin Spencer
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background vocals that carried it on the AM charts. Try as he might to rock the crowd, Gross could not and finally relieved the crowd of his presence. Then, as if Cameron Indoor Stadium had been relocated in

the Keys of southern Florida, Buffett and his Coral Reefer Band changed the attitudes and mental latitudes of the crowd with the title cut of his latest album, by the same name.

Varying his selections with local favorites from his days at the Pier and popular tunes from *Changes in Attitudes*, *Changes in Latitudes*, Buffett kept the crowd rocking and laughing with his moving songs and numerous one liners.

"We're going to take you down to my part of the country now, down to the Caribbean. Where people go to check out the chiquitos. This song 'bout all those Americans down there who don't have enough money to get back home. Where you've got just enough money to buy a plane ticket back or drink for three days, and you always choose the latter. Where after you've had your three day drink, you turn to all the other broke Americans and ask, 'How the fuck am I gonna get home? My parents think I'm in school!'"

Buffett then took the crowd down to the "Banana Republics" for a temporary stay.

With the Coral Reefer Band backstage taking a break, Buffett introduced the crowd to "God's Own Drunk," a humorous dialog between a bear and a drunk. The middle climax of the concert, "God's Own Drunk" drew numerous cheers and calls from the incapacitated crowd, obviously familiar with the song from Buffett's *Living and*



Jimmy Buffett



"You've been a great audience, Durham: have a good night and don't hit me on the way home."

Dying in 'a time

Introducing some new material from his upcoming album, Buffett kept the attention of the audience with "African Companion," and "Don't Say Manana Unless You Mean It." In the typical "I don't give a damn" Buffett fashion he also introduced a half completed number tentatively entitled "We're The Generation Our Parents Warned Us About."

"I got that title from some graffiti on a bathroom stall door while I was busy one day and it struck me as humorous."

Concluding the introduction of the Coral Reefer Band, including the crowd stopping "Fingers" Taylor on harmonica, Buffett set the crowd up for his grand finale with "Migration," and "Why Don't We Get Drunk and Screw." Then in a resounding manner he brought the show to an end with "Lampica Trama."

In the hot and deafening stadium, Buffett was obliged to return for an encore after an exhausted crowd made it obvious that it was not time to leave.

Bringing back memories of the girls from Mary Wash, Buffett again tried to conclude the concert with "This Hotel Room."

Still not satisfied, Buffett was induced into returning for a second encore which brought the crowd to a point of exhilaration. With an unnamed instrumental, Buffett rocked as the house lights came on and finally bid the crowd goodnight saying, "You've been a great audience Durham, have a good night and don't hit me on the way home."

A long time friend of Raleigh, Jimmy Buffett and his Coral Reefer Band, took their Caribbean rock and roll to Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium Saturday night, giving the near capacity crowd one of the finest concerts this area has heard in a while.

Rescuing the audience from the hillbilly sound of Jesse Winchester and the stagnant rock and roll of Henry Gross, Buffett shared his experiences and songs with a very receptive crowd.

Relying on local favorites in addition to several popular numbers off his new platinum *Changes in Attitudes*, *Changes in Latitudes*, Buffett converted the crowd into a hand clapping, footstomping, "cooking audience."

For a while the atmosphere of the concert appeared doomed as Winchester tried to keep an anxious audience calm. After an encore which was more of a mistake than an invitation to sing again, Winchester finished and one of the nights many long stage breaks began.

Again the audience's patience was tested as Henry Gross proved why his hit single "Shannon" is the only hit he has ever had. Even "Shannon" suffered without the crisp

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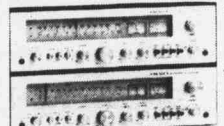
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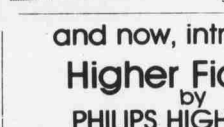
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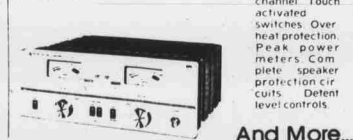
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Mills cites aggressiveness

by Denny Jacobs
Staff Writer

Like any normal well adjusted child growing up in the basketball crazy Big Four area, Jim Mills was virtually weaned on roundball, but unlike most of his buddies Mills has found something he enjoys more—soccer.

Mills, who along with fellow Wolfpacker Tony Warren helped Enloe to the state cage finals in 1975, discovered his new outlet quite unexpectedly.

"I played basketball ever since I was really little and just got burned out on it. Some friends of mine played soccer at Enloe and in my junior year they came up to me and told me they needed a goalie. I went to try out and loved it and have been playing ever since."

to scrap when it's in front of the goal, create some loose balls and hopefully a few garbage goals. You can't lay back or you'll get burned."

As opposing teams are fast finding out, it is no easy chore to burn Mills. An all league goalie and team MVP at Enloe, Mills once made 35 saves in a single game while at UNC-Ashville and boasts two shutouts so far this year, but is quick to credit the team's play for his success.

"When you're playing well and the defense is playing with you, it's not really that hard. Bill (Attack) has played real good ball and controlled the middle so I don't have to come out too much. That makes it easy for me, because I can concentrate more on blocking the angles."

Like a Coach

The sophomore goalie is somewhat bewildered as to what seems to be bothering the Pack booters so far this season, but hopes they'll turn things around against UNC-Wilmington today.

Less Aggressive

"I really can't understand what's happened to us. Against High Point we played so well, going after loose balls and controlling the action but since then we seem to have lost some of our aggressiveness.

"Soccer's an aggressive game, particularly in the ACC. You have to crash into people going after head balls when the ball's in our attacking end. You've got

Mills is like another coach on the field as he constantly barks out signals to his teammates from his command post on the rear guard.

"From where I stand, I can see things developing easier than the players who have to concentrate more on a certain individual," explains the sophomore. "Talking also helps keep me mentally in the game. Sometimes a goalie doesn't touch the ball for a long time and by talking a lot it keeps me concentrating on the game and thinking."

Goalenders, like dare devils, are an unusual breed of people always reaching out for some-

thing they probably should not, sometimes getting a foot in the mouth for their troubles.

"It takes a certain amount of craziness to want to be a goalie," admits the unabashed Mills. "You have to be able to dive at people's feet and into crowds in front of the goal, but I love it. You couldn't keep me from it."

"Before a game I'm in another world but once I touch the ball I'm fine. I get so into playing I can't think about anything else the day of a game."

Mills likens the responsibilities of a goaltender to that of a safety in football.

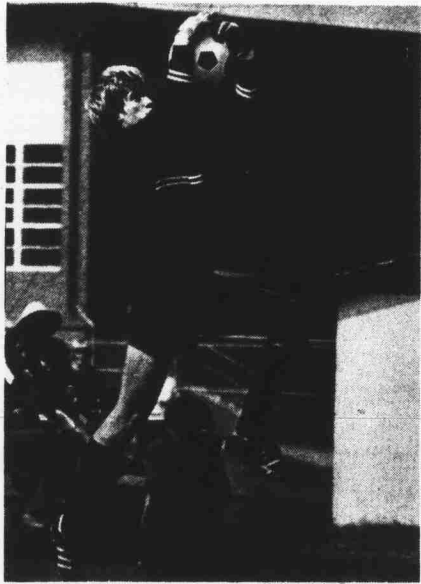
"You've got to take chances. It really feels helpless sometimes trying to cover that 24'x8' area and if you make a mistake you're lost—you feel like you've let the whole team down."

Great feeling

"It's a great feeling when you make a big save and hear the crowd. It's a rush. There's just so much adrenaline flowing all you have to do is react. Nothing feels better than hugging the ball after a good save."

"But after you've made the save you have to put it out of your mind and start thinking about the next one or you'll get burned for sure. When you start thinking about what you did right or wrong you're not in the game and you're sure to get beat."

Mills and mates will surely have to be thinking today at



Staff photo by Denny Jacobs

State Goalie Jim Mills soars for a save earlier this year.

4:00 when the Seahawks come to Raleigh in what could be the most important game of the year for the Wolfpack. State needs a win to get back up to .500 and a victory over UNC-W, ranked fourth in the South,

would go a long way to restore confidence amongst the booters.

"I'm optimistic about the rest of the year," professed Mills. "All we have to do is go out and get it."

Wolfpack smashes Elon in three sets

by Mark Kratz

State's women's volleyball team overcame a sluggish start Monday night to smash outmanned Elon 15-7, 15-4, 16-14 and raise its record to 6-1. The Fighting Christians were never really in the match as Wolfpack coaches Nora Lynn Finch and Kay Yow pulled their starters and played primarily substitutes in game three.

Elon opened up a 5-0 spread before Debbie Davis came off the bench to put State on the board. Behind the spiking of Christine Chambers and Donna Andrews, the Wolfpack charged into a 9-5 lead which they never relinquished. Cham-

bers blocked an attempted Elon spike for the final marker as State won 15-7.

Elon hitters returned Olga de Souza's first three serves into the net to begin game three. Chambers followed with two quick tallies on a spike and a block, and when Elon failed to return another de Souza serve, it was all but over a very stingy Wolfpack defense gave up only four points in the rout.

Much depth

Reserves Ann Rea, Pam Jordan, Nita Horne, and Sue Freyler proved State had a lot of depth and treated the sparse crowd to the only exciting game

of the evening. After Elon jumped on top 2-0, Ann Rea won back service on a spike and went behind the line to teach Elon a few quick lessons on how to serve. Before she finished State had taken a 7-2 lead. Elon battled back, but the Pack maintained a narrow lead on spikes by Rea and Freyler and some heads-up saves by Horne and Jordan. Elon knotted the score at 14-14, but a Davis block and an unreturned serve by Chambers ended the match.

The women spikers face Wake Forest and conference foe East Carolina at 7 p.m. on Thursday in Carmichael Gym. After this, the women will not play at home again until November 4.

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As women remain 2-0

Julie Shea paces women

by Shannon Crowson
Staff Writer

The Wolfpack women's cross country team is undefeated at this point with a 2-0 record, and a great deal of the credit goes to freshman Julie Shea.

Shea is not unused to heavy competition, or in actuality, competition of any kind. She has run since the age of nine, for the most part coached by her father Michael, who is a physical education instructor at State. She also swam competitively for several years, but in the end chose to specialize in running.

Her success is simple to document from that time on. She has run in meets all across the United States, holds the record for the high school mile (4:43.1 — "I hate that point one," she said), and went to the Soviet Union this past summer as a member of the Senior Women's AAU track squad.

Yet these are facts, concrete, necessary, and impressive. But what is the person like behind the records and publicity? The fact comes out that Julie Shea is one hell of a runner and has been for a long time — but what is she like?

I guess that I don't know what I expected on the rainy Sunday morning after the Maryland game. Walking to Shea's dorm, Welch, I could almost feel the confusion, chaos, and resultant hangovers from the night before. A cloud of sleep seemed to hang over the campus, because it was still early.

Organized

Knocking on her door, I instantly entered a place of organization and reason. Shea and her roommate, Janet Snell, were studying, obviously relaxed.

I guess I was surprised; maybe I had expected shelves of shiny trophies or at least a sign that a track star lived there.

An attractive girl and a tall one (5'9"), she talked quietly and seriously, giving an impression of intelligence and insight.

She talked at length about the Russian trip this summer, expressing surprise at different aspects of Soviet life, such as the lack of fashion and the country's overall poverty.

"You know, you wouldn't believe the way they fed the American team when we were over there. A lot of us became really weak — they didn't even give us milk to drink," she said. "What they call 'soda' there was the most horrible stuff I'd ever tasted. The only thing I could compare it to — it tasted like pink bubble gum juice."

Shea, who is in the School of Design, also expressed disappointment in the lack of long distance races for women in the 1980 Olympics. "My favorite event is the ten-mile, but the next Olympics won't have a race over 1500 meters (just shy of a mile). Women are able to run distances; they've run the marathon. It doesn't seem fair, because the Communist countries really control the vote for the addition of events."

She also had a hard time deciding between State and the University of Texas at Austin, saying that, "I'll try it here for a year, and if I don't like it, I'll go somewhere in Texas or California."

I thought that then I would try to ask her an interesting question, so I tried the old "what-do-you-do-in-your-spare-time" type of things, to which I got the answer I expected.

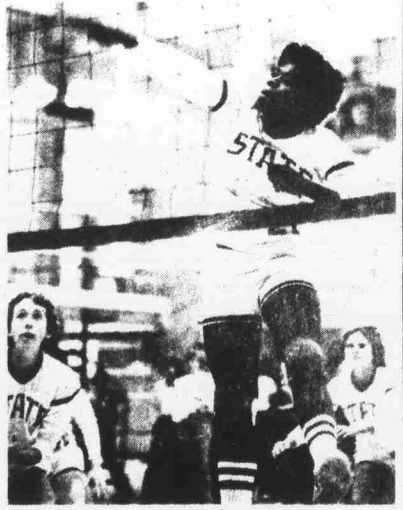
With a slight smile, she replied, "I don't have any spare time." "Well, if you did what would you like to do?" "Ice skate."

So much for that, but it wasn't difficult to come to some conclusions. Between studies and running, she doesn't have free time. That is where the dedication really comes in. She works hard in a way that may seem unusual to outsiders, but it's her normality.

Different strokes for different folks. Sly Stone would say, but Julie Shea has worked, and will continue to work hard for her success. That is admirable, when the majority of us can't force ourselves at times to crack open a book.

And as a consolation, I did see a Nike tucked away at the back of her desk as I left. It was a good thing to see, and better than a thousand trophies.

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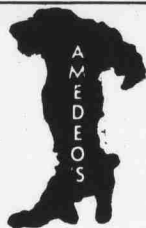


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Technician Opinion

Morality vs. legality

The issue of homosexuality has been a much talked about subject in the news recently and has aroused spirited debate over its moral values. Some people view it as immoral, such as Anita Bryant who engineered a public stand against it in Florida some months back, while others accept it as a lifestyle, as the formation of gay associations across the country testify.

But the Supreme Court Monday was wrong in allowing a ruling of a state court of Washington to stand which states that homosexuals are immoral and may be fired from their jobs. The court simply overstepped its constitutional authority somewhat in the case.

The court refused to hear the appeal of James Gaylord, who was fired in 1972 when his homosexuality was discovered by officials at the Tacoma high school where he had taught for 13 years.

Gaylord contended, and rightfully so, that his constitutional rights to privacy, liberty, freedom of expression and equal protection under the law were violated when his homosexuality was used to dismiss him. The Washington State Supreme Court had earlier ruled that homosexuality is immoral and Gaylord could be fired, even though he was accused of no homosexual act.

Undoubtedly, the Supreme Court has established quite a precedent in the area of sexual preferences and by declaring homosexuality immoral, has squeezed its constitutionally provided authority in interpreting the law. Specifically, the Constitution gives the Supreme Court the right to determine disputes and "controversies between a state, or the citizens thereof," and even more specifically, its right of

judicial review over cases is given as mentioned in The Judiciary Act of 1789.

But at the same time, the Constitution also provides a citizen in its preamble the rights to "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." But in the Supreme Court's decision on the morality of homosexuality, it expressly denies this right of freedom and liberty to people who prefer the homosexual lifestyle, and it is in this area that the Supreme Court errs.

The Supreme Court is treading on dangerous ground when it deals in questions of morality and not those of legality.

This country was founded on the grounds of freedom and liberty, but by denying such liberties to decide one's lifestyle, the Supreme Court has made a mockery of the justice it is supposed to hand out. Everyone should have the right to decide the lifestyle they will live, and no one should, not even the Supreme Court, have the right to tell someone how to live.

Federal laws and past court interpretations of the Constitution make illegal most forms of discrimination based on race, religion, sex, age and nationality. But sexual preference has been given no special protection by any of the courts, and now when the Supreme Court has that chance to give people the right to live as they choose, they completely mishandle the opportunity.

In the future, the Supreme Court should perhaps keep itself busy with questions of legality and constitutionality, and stay away from questions of morality. For with human nature being what it is, the tendency is too great to allow a few men to decide what is morally right for a whole nation.

Greg Rogers

Creative chaos

Hopefully, no one will take Wake District Court Judge Henry V. Barnette's new discovery too seriously, for if they do, it's chaos here we come.

Barnette said last week that he has found a loophole in the state's spotlight law that makes it impossible to enforce as long as a motorist stops initially.

Barnette said he discovered the loophole a year ago. Since then he has not convicted a single red light runner who stopped at least briefly.

"The mandate just says come to a stop," Barnette said. "It doesn't say anything about remaining stopped."

And that's true. Technically, there is nothing in the statutes which require a driver to stay stopped throughout a red light. There is a Raleigh city ordinance which requires a motorist to remain stopped at a red light and stay put until the light turns green, but the state law, which does not mention this, takes precedence over the city one.

Now it's cute and even somewhat comical that Barnette isn't fining motorists for not remaining at stoplights until they turn green. Most assuredly, the driver who is ticketed for committing such an "illegal" act is quite happy to have his or her case tried before Judge Barnette. What better way to get off the hook than to have a judge who doesn't enforce the law in the first place.

But setting aside all comedy and cuteness, Barnette is being too picky with a law and is literally looking at only the words, and not its intent. When the General Assembly first wrote the law, they had all intentions of it meaning that a driver should stay stopped until a light turns green. But Barnette has violated this spirit of the law, and is instead nit-picking with its intent.

Can you imagine what would result if Barnette's interpretation of the law becomes the rule of thumb for the average motorists? Simple and unadulterated chaos, no ifs, ands or but's about it.

But the sad part to the whole story is that according to Wake Dist. Atty. Burley B. Mitchell Jr., the state cannot appeal the judge's decision unless they challenge the constitutionality of the law. But since Barnette has said only that the law is ineffective, not unconstitutional, the state's hands are tied.

And meanwhile, Barnette said until the General Assembly rewrites the law, he will continue to find the spotlight violators not guilty as long as they stop once.

So until the General Assembly finds the time to deal with this most "important" chance in a law (as if the legislators don't have enough of trivia as it is), or until Judge Barnette has a change of mind, feel free to simply "stop" at the next spotlight you approach, and then move on, providing the traffic permits.



Transit system needs political will

by David Armstrong
Contributing Writer

In New York City's cavernous Penn Station, the escalator connecting tracks 15 and 16 sits motionless. The escalator is broken. It has been broken for more than a year. No one—not the anxious rail commuters who queue up to scale the 40-year-old device on foot, not the uniformed station personnel—knows when it will be repaired or replaced. The escalator sits motionless because the Long Island Railroad, which used to operate it, and Amtrak, the national rail passenger corporation that runs it now, cannot agree who is responsible for fixing it.

That, as the saying goes, is a helluva way to run a railroad.

This comic opera impasse could pass unnoticed, were it not such an unfortunately accurate metaphor for the present state of mass transit in America. As in the case of the orphaned escalator, the know-how for upgrading our public transportation system is here. The money is here—somewhere. The need for the safe, energy-efficient, non-polluting transportation that public transit provides when it's taken seriously is here.

But the political will is needed to animate our sagging mass transit system is among the missing. The consequences range all the way from a chronically broken conveyance in New York City to broken-down rail and bus systems in most parts of the country, a state of affairs perhaps closer to social tragedy than comedy.

It was not always that way. As recently as the 1940's, America had one of the finest public transportation systems in the world. Fast, clean trains carried passengers and freight between towns, while within them, electric streetcars and trolleys, cable cars, ferries and buses helped stitch the community together. Americans have had a crush on the automobile since the first teenager revved up the first internal combustion engine, of course, but cars were at first only part of a balanced transportation system. Then along came something called National City Lines.

NCL—as detailed by commentators like San

Francisco's Harry Anderson on his "In Transit" radio broadcasts several years back—was the Trojan horse of mass transit. Bankrolled primarily by General Motors (the nation's largest manufacturer of buses), Firestone Tire and Rubber and Standard Oil of California, NCL went around the country in the late Forties buying up as many municipal transit systems as it could. Once safely in the fold, those systems switched from clean, quiet electric light rail to gasoline-burning buses—vehicles built, fueled and serviced by NCL's parent companies.

By the Fifties, most municipal transit districts had switched to buses, and long distance trucks, airplanes and buses had largely replaced trains. More recently, transit has been further weakened by escalating costs and subsequent cutbacks in service. The yearly operational deficit of Boston's MBTA has, for example, jumped 65 percent since 1973 to \$180 million, while Amtrak has given up even the pretence of providing

of the interstate highway system will cost over \$40 billion. This is more than the projected cost of the entire 42,500 mile system in 1957.

Transit advocates, pointing out that the Interstate system was financed with public money for the use of private cars, trucks and buses, are nearly unanimous in calling for public financing of all modes of mass transit. "Even Amtrak is a halfway measure," said Harry Anderson. "Why does a supposedly public agency have to have stockholders and a profit incentive written into its charter? It's because of our country. We're afraid to say it takes public money to finance transportation for the public good. But it does."

If Brock Adams gets his way, public subsidies, already as high as 75 percent in a transit-conscious city like Boston, will increase. Ultimately, Adams envisions subway and intracity rail systems for first generation cities like New York, light rail (streetcars and trolleys) and buses for second generation cities like Detroit, and high occupancy lanes for buses and cars in third generation cities geared to the automobile, like Phoenix.

The Carter Administration has so far produced an uneven report card on transit, slashing Amtrak's budget request by \$46 million, while earmarking \$1.6 billion over the next several years for upgrading service in the Northeastern Corridor from Washington to Boston, where 40 percent of the nation's rail passenger traffic originates.

Meanwhile, several localities have undertaken effective projects of their own. One of them is Philadelphia, which has rebuilt rather than extending its old rail transit system, gradually extending it with new track. Adams and others think this may be a model for the future, subplanting expensive, all-new subway projects like San Francisco's Bart and Washington's Metro.

Regardless of specific approaches, it will be a long road back for transit. Not least among its turn-offs: the noise, dirt, crime and unreliability associated with present-day public transportation. Yet there are psychological pluses to transit, too, as Anderson is quick to point out.

Riding public transit," he said, "reminds you you're not the only one in the world. Unlike the insulation of the automobile, on transit, you're reminded that cultures are various, that accents and foods are various. Transit helps you learn to live with other people."

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passenger service in many parts of the country.

For all this, transit-watchers feel the trend away from transit, if not reversing, is at least slowing down. One reason for this mood of guarded optimism is the new Secretary of Transportation, Brock Adams. "Detroit will still be selling the same number of cars," Adams allowed in a recent interview with the *San Francisco Examiner*. "Americans like the conveniences and freedom of the automobile." But "we're out of the era of unlimited land for freeways, and there is great resistance to their construction in urban areas."

While transit finances look dire indeed, inflation, inefficiency and greed have taken their toll on the automotive culture, too. While Detroit recalls ever more of its cars for safety failures, a recent study by the Department of Transportation shows that completing the final 4,200 miles

Letters

Arrant proposal

To the Editor,

I think the telephone proposal to increase dorm rent by \$30 to \$40 annually is an arrant one. I really cannot see any advantage that it might have other than the phone being connected on the first day that we arrive for school each year.

As a resident of Lee dorm, my first month's bill is usually about \$4.60 which is supposed to be service and installation charges only.

This price does not include any out of town calls. And throughout the year, only on one occasion have I had a monthly bill to exceed \$1.12 (service charge only).

However, do not get the wrong impression, for I am an out-of-state student. But 99.9 percent of my long distance phone calls are collect.

So, as a result, this new phone proposal would be excessively expensive as compared to the current system.

Perhaps the vast majority of the students do agree with the proposal, but according to September 26 and 28 *Technicians*, neither the news writers nor the students interviewed knew in-depth all the facts. For I, as well as a few others have studied the proposal and found that most students (those who live in a suite of eight) will

suffer a tremendous loss.

When calculated, the loss would be about \$20 a year if room rent was raised \$40 annually, and about \$10 if increased \$30.

Why should some have to suffer such a great loss? I don't understand why it is so imperative that the suite phones be connected on the first day anyway.

There are pay phones located in all dorms. Besides, this won't cost students anything extra due to the fact that all calls have to be paid for eventually.

So what if you have to walk across campus the first few days (or as much as two weeks) to see your friends. Walking is good exercise, and the fresh air is good for you.

Since I am an out-of-state student, I could use the money that I would be losing on the phone bill to go home. This money is especially needed since I can only afford to go home once or twice a year.

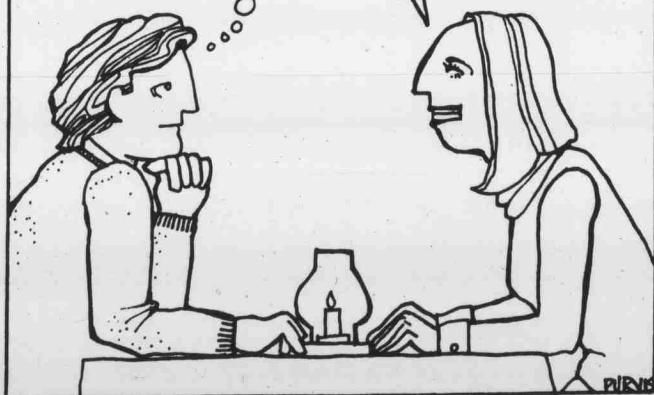
And even if I don't use it to help buy my bus or plane ticket home, I could also use it for everyday college expenses.

Consequently, I feel that the new phone proposal will do more harm than good. Thus, I am emphatically against it and hope that it is not adopted.

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