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The Panama Canal treaty was predicted to be ratified by the U.S. Senate after an expected three to four week debate period, according to Senators George McGovern (right) and Mark Hatfield, both of whom spoke at State's Alternative Futures symposium.

Earth needs Man's responsibility

by John Fleisher
News Editor
and
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News Editor

"I remember the beauty and fragility of the sea life when I went swimming 20 and 30 years ago. Where I used to be able to see underwater 100 and 200 feet, I can now see only a few feet."

Jean-Michel Cousteau, celebrated writer, lecturer and environmentalist, stressed that the quality of all life is contingent upon the quality of earth's water. He said that Man has the wrong perspective about the amount of water in the oceans, rivers and atmosphere.

"We look at the ocean life we looked at the land 200 years ago—a place for us to hunt and trap and kill," said Cousteau. "But, despite our efforts, we are not catching the abundance of fish that were caught in the past."

Conservation main concern

Cousteau emphasized the need to conserve the ocean's resources and the impending worldwide environmental crisis in an earlier news conference.

"The main concern for me is the survival of our species," he said. "I have children and I want them to be able to see what I have seen and experience what I have experienced. The realization that they are not able to see these things has been one of the major frustrations of my life."

Cousteau denied that the ocean, vast though it is, could continue to absorb the amount of pollution that it presently is receiving.

"People do not realize that the ocean, big or not, has been deluged with garbage for decades and it just can't take much more."

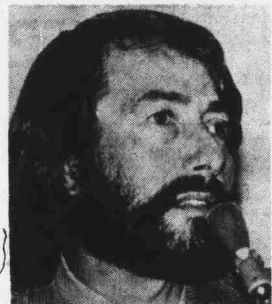
he said.

Because of man's negligence in the field of conservation for so long, Cousteau said, he can expect serious environmental repercussions within 10 years. He predicted a chain-reaction death wave throughout the world beginning with many types of marine life.

An example of such a catastrophe cited by Cousteau is the destruction of vast acres of marshlands along the coastlines of the U.S.

He said that many kinds of plants and small animals that are the vital first links in food chains have been destroyed by mass development of factories, housing projects and the like.

"When these small animals and plants



Jean-Michel Cousteau

are gone, smaller fish will lose their food supplies and die," he said. "Then the larger fish who depend on them for food will die. Then, the men who depend on fishing for a

livelihood and those who need the fish for food will suffer a similar fate. Soon the death rate will reach epidemic proportions." He said that such a chain of events happens slowly and is not easily observable to most people until too late.

Mining threatens sea world

Cousteau said that mining operations are presently going on in the oceans and that the amount of mining will increase in the future as man looks for new materials sources.

He said operations are presently underway to mine ores, minerals, diamonds and, of course, oil. Cousteau said that all these mining operations present "potential problems for the environment."

Cousteau said the entire ecological system is connected and that care should be taken in planning future sources for the materials Man needs. He said the thermodynamic system of the ocean could be tapped as an energy source rather than continuing to focus attention on fossil fuels and nuclear energy.

The current energy crisis, Cousteau said, will probably give rise to a widespread famine by the middle of the next decade. He predicted that the disaster would stem from a shortage of energy needed to produce fertilizers, on which virtually all the world depends. "When our energy runs low enough, nations will begin to hoard their supplies of fertilizer, which will result in absolute chaos in scores of countries," he said. He added that the "worst part" of the problem is that it has passed the point of being solvable.

Cousteau said that even though it is too late to avoid many of the impending catastrophes, their effects could be minimized if comprehensive conservation

address on "Nutrition and Agricultural Policy."

"Nutrition obviously is a matter of utmost importance," McGovern said. He was instrumental in drafting a resolution in 1968 to create the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs and has served as committee chairman since then.

McGovern quoted the Secretary of Agriculture: "The cornerstone of American agriculture and food policy ought to be nutrition."

McGovern also said that Dr. Julius Richmond, assistant secretary for Health,

had indicated that evidence suggests that diet is the major factor in determining our vulnerability to such diseases as heart disease and hypertension.

"I believe nutrition is moving to the forefront in health maintenance and preventive medicine," McGovern said. "Improving diets by sound nutrition is not a threat but a boom to agriculture. Wholesome, farm-grown foods are the most healthy, not junk foods, and they offer more profit to the farmers. There ought to be a natural coalition between the farmers and consumers," he added.

He said there would soon be an increase in nutritional education programs throughout the 50 states. "I hope the U.S. can also make a serious attempt not only in the science of killing but in the science of health, healing, and life."

Questions from the audience ranged from nuclear energy to food processing.

"I'm not for moving ahead on nuclear development in this country," McGovern said while the audience applauded. "The danger of nuclear accidents, there have been too many close calls. We have come to a precipice which could be a major disaster."

McGovern introduced a bill in the Senate which stated that no state can be used as a depository for nuclear waste until a referendum was held on the issue in that state. He said he thought the direction President Carter was leaning in was a "shift to coal then to nuclear power."

Canal treaty debated

Majority concur

by Debbie Hill
Staff Writer

Two senators who will vote on the Panama Canal Treaty were at State Wednesday and predicted that the treaty will pass through the U.S. Senate.

Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) said in a press conference Wednesday night that he predicted a "hard fight" and a "heated debate." He said that Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia had told him that he would not bring the treaty to the floor until he had the votes to ratify it.

Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) concurred that the treaty would be ratified.

Hatfield said he thought public opinion was indication that the majority would support the treaty if two major changes recommended to the Foreign Relations Committee were clarified: 1. The right of the U.S. to insure the operation of the canal; 2. The right of U.S. ships to go to the head of the line in an emergency.

McGovern said no one could predict how long the Panama Canal Treaty debate would last, but he anticipated it to take

three to four weeks.

Hatfield was asked his opinion of the Marston affair. David Marston was a U.S. attorney for Philadelphia who "said he was fired last month for being a Republican" while reportedly investigating a Democratic congressman, according to an article published in Thursday's "The News and Observer."

Marston affair typical

"I think it (the Marston affair) is typical of many other cases in which the President has demonstrated incompetence by the kind of White House crew he has put together," said Hatfield. "The left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing. I feel sorry for the President in many ways," he said in reference to

campaign promises President Carter had made. Hatfield said his comments were "not partisan."

McGovern said he agreed with Hatfield in that the Marston affair was an example of "first class incompetence which should have been disposed of months ago." McGovern said the Marston affair brought up "images of Watergate."

McGovern is currently Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs. Hatfield praised the committee as being "the single most important breakthrough in the whole nutritional front."

Both senators came to State Wednesday to participate in the "Alternative Futures" symposium co-ordinated by the University Student Center and the Department of Residence Life.

Health Services bulletin

In the event of massive outbreak of influenza on campus, students should be aware of influenza symptoms and treatment.

a soft diet.

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If influenza symptoms are present, those students with chronic diseases (diabetes, asthma, or heart disease) or tendency to lung infections should report to the Student Health Service for medical treatment.

Due to the number of beds available (45), only the most serious cases of influenza and those students having no one to care for them can be accommodated overnight in the Infirmary.

Students needing medical advice may telephone the Infirmary at 737-2564.

Summer at Oxford possible

by Lonnie Radford
Staff Writer

Instead of going home to Smalltown, USA, and working at the local lumber mill, why not do something different this summer?

One interesting (and cheap) alternative is to take up studies at Oxford, England. State, along with UNC-Asheville, is co-sponsoring an undergraduate summer study session at St. Benet's Hall, Oxford. The program is appropriately called "A Summer at Oxford."

The program offers five three-credit courses: two in literature, one in Political Science/Economics, one in Sociology, and one interdisciplinary Special Topics course on "Town and Urban Planning." Course credits can be transferred to State.

Total cost

Fees for the program total \$650. This includes room, board and tuition, according to Associate Professor Charles Carlton of the History Department. The only additional resources students would need would be spending money and plane fare.

As for financial aid, Carlton stated that the "Resident Life" people have two scholarships. He added that "this program is one of the few things in which cost has gone down since last year." He explained that plane fare could be cheaper this year, especially if students take the Laker "Skytrain." The cost of a New York to London round-trip-ticket for the Skytrain is \$237.

Carlton said the trip is limited to 45 students and that "it's filling up fairly fast." The program is to be held from July 2 to July 28.

The courses will be taught mainly by faculty associated with Oxford University, according to Carlton. There will be visiting speakers and field trips to various parts of England where appropriate, he explained. The maximum load for students is two courses.

Carlton, who has been on the trip the last five years, asserted that the program offers "a total education. It consists of a small community of people knowing each other. Everyone eats dinner together in an informal setting, not bureaucratic."

The students reside in St. Benet's Hall, a private hall of Oxford University, he added.

Students will have free time to travel on weekends and many stay for an extended period of time after the end of the program to travel in Europe, according to Carlton. He explained that students can buy inexpensive tickets that allow them to travel on any railroad on the continent.

To further reduce expenses, students can stay at Youth Hostels in Europe for "about \$2 a night," he added. "They are all students there. You get to know people and find out how much you learned in French 101."

Burford Cherry, a State student who participated in the program last summer, said "I thought it was fantastic, one of the

best things I've ever done as far as academics are concerned." He said it was very educational and that "their system is more personal than our education system."

Personal atmosphere

Cherry explained that there were only six to eight students in each class. "It's sort of a fraternity-like atmosphere. Everybody eats dinner together and it gives you an opportunity to get in a more personal-type atmosphere," he said.

Cherry added that the professors sent out course outlines about five weeks before

the program started. He encouraged students to do their reading before they left for England so they would have more time to travel.

"Doing the reading ahead of time keeps you from getting bogged down with a lot of books," he explained. "On weekends you're free to do just about anything you want to."

Cherry added that he had traveled to many different places on weekends while participating in the program, even visiting Paris one weekend.

Application deadline for the program is April 15. Students wishing further information can contact Dean Gerald Hawkins in the office of Student Affairs.



Staff photo by Chris Seward

Hanging around

Strange things happen when the time for mid-term exams approaches, but it would seem that a more down-to-earth attitude should be taken toward them.

McGovern against nuclear plants, favors health education programs

by Debbie Hill
Staff Writer

"I'd rather be here in Raleigh tonight as the loser of the 1972 presidential race than to trade places with the winner." Senator George McGovern (D-S.D.) said to the Steward Theatre audience at State Wednesday night.

"One can be thankful, at least none of us involved in that campaign are in jail. Maybe there should be a new definition of winning and losing," he continued. McGovern thanked those in the audience who supported him in 1972, then he began his

Registration drive to end

Feb. 13 and Feb. 15 will be the last days of the Spring semester drive to get students to register their bicycles, according to Ricky Taylor, chairman of the bicycle subcommittee of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Parking and Traffic.

"The drives so far have been disappointing," said Taylor. "Only 854 bicycles have been registered out of the estimated 5,000 on campus."

Taylor explained that it is important for bicycles to be registered in order to protect them from theft and to increase the chance of having the bicycle returned if it is stolen.

"It is required in State's Parking and Traffic Regulations that all bicycles be registered," said Taylor. "By holding these bicycle registration drives, we are making it easier for students to both protect their bicycles and obey traffic regulations."

The drives are held by the bicycle subcommittee and the Association for Off-Campus Students, with the cooperation of Student Government. The registration table will be located in the Old Student Union from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. on both days.

—Robin Ludlow

Concert held at Deja Vu

by Spencer Parks
Staff Writer

Money isn't worth much these days, but for a cold \$2.50 you can sit back, drink a few brews and get down on some fine boogie music Feb. 13.

Starting at 8 p.m., the Cafe

Deja Vu will be presenting four bands in one show, with music ranging from jazz to country folk. Featured artists will be Skatin, a fine boogie band; Sam Milner singing country and folk; Ami Pierce will follow with some folk music; while Sporting Life will swing out with

traditional jazz.

Proceeds from the show will be given to the Kudzu Alliance, a Triangle Area group opposing construction of the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant. The funds are earmarked to help cover publication costs of the group.

Entertainment

Sarbu plays with Symphony

Maestro John Gosling, who will conduct the North Carolina Symphony for its Monday, Feb. 13, concert, recently announced the concert program.

The concert will be performed in the Raleigh Civic Center at 8:15 p.m.

The concert will feature violinist Eugene Sarbu performing the Brahms Violin Concerto. Other works to be performed by the North Carolina Symphony are the Divertimento from Stravinsky's "The Fairy's Kiss" and Haydn's Symphony No. 100, called the "Military Symphony."

Winner in 1975 of the Kathleen and Joseph M. Bryan Young Artists Competition of the North Carolina Symphony, Sarbu returns to North Carolina for the third consecutive year as a guest soloist with the North Carolina Symphony. He has performed throughout North America and Europe, soloing with such orchestras as the Pittsburgh Symphony, L'Orchestra de la Suisse Romande, and the Dallas Symphony.

American by both birth and training, Gosling is currently serving his sixth year as artistic director and conductor of the North Carolina Symphony. He has previously served in this capacity with several orchestras.

Piano recital to be held at St. Mary's

Pianist Jane Perry-Camp, assistant professor of music at Sweet Briar College in Virginia, will present a formal recital at St. Mary's College on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m. in Smedes Parlor.

Perry-Camp will perform works by Mozart, Beethoven, Debussy, and Schubert at the free, public recital.

tras including the Erie Philharmonic and the Monterey Symphony Orchestra. A popular guest conductor, he has appeared with a number of orchestras both in the U.S. and world-wide. Gosling is also the founder of "Music from Bear Valley," a festival held each year in California's High Sierra mountains.

The symphony, which received critical acclaim for its New York debut at Carnegie Hall in March, is the only major

orchestra between Atlanta and Washington, D.C. Performing evening concerts to adults and educational matinees to N.C. school children, the symphony and its ensembles last year traveled over 20,000 miles and performed to audiences numbering more than a quarter of a million people.

For further information on the concert or on tickets, contact the Symphony office in Memorial Auditorium or call 733-2750.

Two concerts planned

by Martin Ericson
Staff Writer

Jazz and choral music highlight this weekend's entertainment at the Student Center but Sunday can be reserved for studying.

Today

A Winter Concert is the order of the day in Stewart Theatre on today. Featuring State's own University Choir and Fanfare Band. Including works by Dvorak, Ives and Sibelius, this concert will probably last between one and one and a half hours and offers a relaxing way to start the evening. Admission is free and the concert will start at 8 p.m.

Saturday

If you come by the Student Center this Sturday and the building is moving with a Dixieland beat, don't be surprised. The Preservation Hall Jazz Band will be giving two shows in Stewart Theatre—one at 3 p.m. and another at 8 p.m. Jazz performed in the original style (by some of the original performers) is this group's strong point. I saw them about eight years ago at Wake Forest and they nearly tore Wait Chapel down. The evening performance has long since sold out. For this concert I can truly say that a good time will be had by all.

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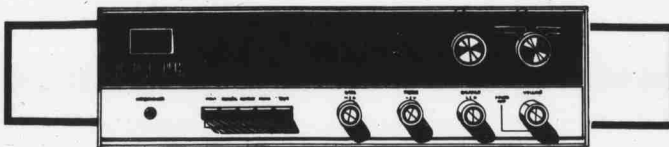
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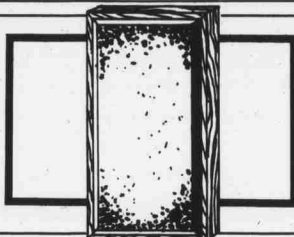
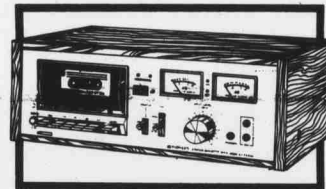
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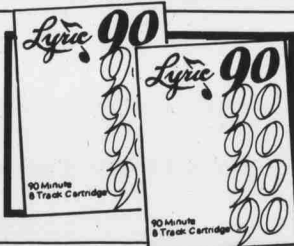
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'It was incredible what those kids could do'

Collegiate 4-H starts new club at School for Blind

by Helen Tart
Features Writer

"They are just like other kids. One child another person was working with said, 'I can't do this, don't you know I'm blind?' as an excuse like another child might say 'I can't do this, I'm just a little kid.'"

Mary Toy spoke of the blind students she worked with at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind. As a Wake County 4-H agent, Toy helped organize a new 4-H club at the school with the aid of N.C. State's Collegiate 4-H club.

"Our first project was making God's eyes and we found out that we didn't have enough planned to keep these kids busy," Carolyn Harrington, who helped organize the club, said.

God's eyes are an arts and crafts classic

consisting of colorful yarns wrapped around two crossed sticks in a diamond pattern. At the first club meeting last month, about 30 fourth, fifth, and sixth graders participated in this activity.

"It was incredible what those kids could do," Toy said. "There was one totally blind little girl in my group who understood the concept God's eye immediately."

"She gave me her hands and said 'Show me.' I took her hands and made the movements with her hands and after a minute she said 'I see now.'"

"The school teaches them to use those phrases without hesitation; 'I see' is simply one way to say 'I understand,'" Toy explained.

"We had really underestimated their abilities. It was an eye-opener for all of us."

All of us included two county workers, two high school volunteers, and two N.C.

State students from the collegiate club. They divided the children into small groups and each worked with one group.

Toy hopes to recruit more volunteers to work with the students. "These children need individual attention," she said. "We already have two more students who we have definitely said they would help next time and four other possibilities."

Using a school setting rather than a community setting is unusual for a 4-H club. "4-H is a community concept rather than a school concept," Toy said. "However, the blind school is a community setting and they were interested in having a club."

The idea for the club grew out of an annual field day for the handicapped sponsored by the 4-H club on the Meredith campus, Harrington explained.

"The field day was a kind of day of rides,

Harrington said. "We had pony rides, hay rides, and games. We brought over goats, sheep, and other farm animals and had a 'touch farm.' Then we ended the day with hot dogs, soda, and ice cream. They seemed to have such a good time, we thought they might like to start a club."

Club meetings are limited to one hour a week during the students' free hour. "The schedules of these kids are very structured. The hour that we met with them is their free hour for the day. They have to participate in some activity during that period each day," Harrington said. "The kids seemed to enjoy the first meeting and they seemed to want us to return."

"One thing we noticed about the kids is that they are all basketball fiends. If we could get some of the players from State or other colleges, they would love it. They

would just go crazy," Toy said.

Working with two wide a range of ages in the group was a problem the county office had to avoid, Toy said. "The school picked the age group we would be working with. Usually a club is in the community where the older members have already been through what the younger members are experiencing and can help them."

"Here we are starting in a place where none of the students have experienced this before," she said. "Later we may include some of the students in this group who go on to a higher grade."

The Collegiate 4-H Club is active in other ways, Terry Bass, president, explained.

"We do a million different things," he said. "We work with the elderly as a part of a national program for the elderly by collegiate clubs throughout the country."

"We cooperate with the Wake County 4-H in projects and are in charge of some senior 4-H work as junior or adult leaders," he continued. "We have workshops and generally go along with the 4-H program."

"The members of a 4-H club usually continue in 4-H as leaders," Bass said.

According to Toy, the blind school club reflects a trend in 4-H programs. Their five-year goal is to broaden the range of people involved in 4-H.

"4-H started out as a way to offer rural children some of the advantages that city children had," Toy said. "Now 4-H is trying to serve a larger number of communities and to become more than a farm kid's club. There are many 4-H clubs in urban communities and we want to involve more of the urban community in 4-H, for example, underprivileged children and the handicapped."

What do you know? Anyone can participate in the new College Bowl

by Craig Anderson
Staff Writer

Who painted the Mona Lisa? If you know the answer to this question you might be interested in joining a College Bowl team.

The College Bowl consists of matches between two teams of four students each, who will be asked questions dealing with the arts, sciences, literature,

history, sports and current events.

Both questions and rules for the game come from the College Bowl Company, which once televised a similar type of competition between schools on a national level.

During the past few weeks Student Center President David Hinton has been touring the various residence areas at State explaining the new activi-

ty. He said that the fraternities were reacting "very favorably" and in the dormitories "the RA staff is going along with the idea so far."

"I hope to have as many people as possible participate in the program," he continued. Hinton said he would like to have a team from each organization at State. Hopefully the College Bowl will represent each facet of the student body, he

said.

A committee has been set up to oversee the operation of the Bowl. On Wednesday, Feb. 8 co-chairpersons Robert Cook and Glendora Plummer were picked to head the College Bowl Committee.

Hinton said they were chosen because "both showed energy and a willingness to work with the idea." Their duties will be to "set up matches, find space and

appoint moderators or act as time themselves." He said that the committee still needs members to help organize the games.

Matches will be held on campus, either in the meeting rooms of the Student Center, in the Cultural Center or "wherever we can find the space, maybe even in the dormitory lounges," according to Hinton.

"We don't know if we will compete on an intercollegiate

level this semester," said Hinton. He added that the intercollegiate competition after the preliminary matches are held at State. Currently, Wake Forest University is the only school in this area with a College Bowl.

Basically, the College Bowl costs nothing. "There are few things in life that are free, and the College Bowl is one of them," quipped Hinton.

To participate in the matches students should bring the

names of four students and one substitute to the Programs Office by Feb. 22. "Each team needs a captain," Hinton said.

According to Hinton, the first match will be either on Feb. 27 or March 13.

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So that all Crier announcements may be run, items submitted should be less than 25 words. No Crier item will be run more than three times and no more than three announcements for a single organization will be run in an issue. The deadline for all Crier entries is 11:59 a.m. at 5 p.m.

THERE WILL BE a meeting of the College Bowl Committee Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 5:00 p.m. in 3114 of the Student Union. All interested persons are urged to attend.

SPECIAL AGRONOMY Club meeting for prospective members. McKinnon Room, Williams Hall, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14.

A MEETING OF THE SBE and TBE Club will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14, Weaver Lab. Speaker, No dinner.

NOMINATIONS FOR PAMS Outstanding Teacher and Alumni Distinguished Professor Awards should be turned in to 103 Cox no later than 1 p.m. Feb. 13. Forms are available in all PAMS departmental offices.

REFEREES WANTED for ISB basketball tournament. Paid \$250.00. Sign up at 3115-B Student Center. Games start Saturday, Feb. 18 until April 1. Time given later. No games spring break.

THE PUBLICATIONS AUTHORITY will meet Monday, Feb. 13, at 5:00 p.m. in the Harris Hall Conference Room. Among the items of business will be the selection of WKNC's 1978-79 station manager. All members of the University community are invited to attend.

WOMEN'S RUGBY Practice has started. Tuesday and Thursday at 4:45 p.m. on the Upper Intramural Field. All interested come out and join us.

STUDENTS in Pre-Vet are invited to attend an informative meeting at 11:00 a.m. Saturday morning in Williams Auditorium. Students from Tusgee and Auburn vet schools will speak and answer questions. Everyone welcome.

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INTERNATIONAL MARDI GRAS Carnival! Saturday, Feb. 18th, Student Center Ballroom. Band, entertainment, refreshments. Prizes for the best costumes. Start getting your costume together now!

THE GERMAN CLUB will sponsor a lecture, "From Judeo German to Yiddish: On the History of a Language" by Professor A. Tito Alt of Duke University. The lecture will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 8:00 p.m. in 2215 Williams Hall.

RAFFLE! Buy a chance for two court side seats at the Carolina game. 25 cents. Contact an Arnold Air Society member or come by 137 Coliseum. Drawing Feb. 14.

ALL STUDENTS interested in "Students for the Election of McNeill Smith for U.S. Senate" are invited to attend an organizational meeting on Monday, at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Everyone welcome. Please attend! For more info, call 737-2969, 755-0144 or (851-5894 after 6 p.m.).

WOMEN'S INTRAMURAL Softball: Entries will be taken through Feb. 23. Sign up in 210 Carmichael Gym. Play begins March 14.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL Officials: Sign up in 210 Carmichael Gym if interested. Clinic: Feb. 28 at 5:00 p.m. in 211 Carmichael Gym.

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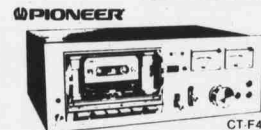
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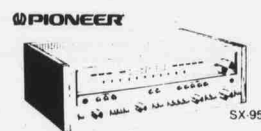
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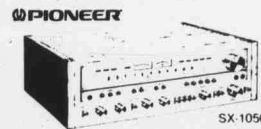
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State hopes to move into second place when it hosts tough 14th-ranked Wake Forest Saturday night at 7:30

by David Carroll
Sports Editor

This time of the year was always predictable a couple of weeks ago. The weather would be cold and North Carolina's basketball team would be in first place in the ACC Coast Conference.

Once again, the weather is freezing and the Tar Heels look like they will capture the regular season conference title. Carolina is in a very enviable position, possessing a 7-2 league mark with only one road game left on its schedule (when it plays against State here Feb. 23).

State hopes to strengthen its position in the ACC race when it hosts 14th-ranked Wake Forest Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The

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Wolfpack, which boasts a 4-3 league record, would move into a tie for second with Duke if it knocks off the Deacs.

Probably the only way that State could win the regular season championship is if it wins all five of its ACC games. Two are at home and three are on the road.

"This is going to be a very big week as far as the regular season conference race is

concerned," analyzed State coach Norm Sloan. "We have the most important game left on the schedule at this point when we play Wake Forest Saturday. We kind of are in control of our own destiny in that if we win the rest of our games we would be no worse off than a tie for first and I have a feeling it could be better than that."

Both the Wolfpack and Deacons will be trying to

bounce back from disappointing defeats. State lost to Furman by one point while Clemson beat Wake by 10 Wednesday.

The Deacs have been easy to figure out in conference action. They have won all five of their home games and lost the four they played on the road. Prior to losing to the Tigers, they ripped Carolina, Duke and Virginia in consecutive games and earned their high national ranking.

Sloan said that his team has "worked very hard" in preparation for Wake.

Excellent morale

"The morale is excellent," he stated. "The enthusiasm couldn't be at a higher peak. I'm real excited about this team. I couldn't have been more pleased with the progress we've

made, offensively and defensively, and the attitude we have. We've had our disappointments but it seems to be the kind of team that can get off the mat and come back at you at full speed."

State and Wake Forest are a pair of exceptionally quick teams. The Deacons are led by last season's ACC player of the year Rod Griffin, who is the league's leading scorer and rebounder. Providing additional punch are fleet guard Frank Johnson, talented forward Larry McDonald and center Larry Harrison. Point guard Mark Dale has been running the show with aplomb in recent games.

A sellout crowd of 12,400 is expected for the untelevised contest.



Staff photo by Chris Seward
Hawkeye Whitney leads the Wolfpack in scoring with a 15.2 average.

Koob and mates put winning streaks on the line at UNC

by Denny Jacobs
Asst. Sports Editor

It was another typically grueling workout—full of repeated drills and head-to-head confrontations. And as usual, the sweat came streaming down his face as if a dam had burst. To top it off, after the rest of the team had retired to the locker room, he remained to work out for a little while longer. So what else is new?

Mike Koob has a passion for hard work and challenges. No sport demands more personal sacrifice than wrestling but Koob would be the last to say so. Normally 175 pound men must shed anywhere from 20 to 30 pounds in order to compete and a midnight snack is taboo. But Koob would not trade the wrestling life for anything.

And, when State's grapplers ride their six match winning streak and 4-0 conference record into Carmichael Auditorium Saturday night, head coach Bob Guzzo would be hard-pressed to find anyone he would rather put against two-time Atlantic Coast Conference champion Jeff Reintgen than his standout sophomore.

"Mike is one of the most dedicated wrestlers we have,"

praised Guzzo. "He's a real competitor. He had a real good freshman year for us and this season he has continued to do well. And he's wrestling better and better each week."

Biggest win

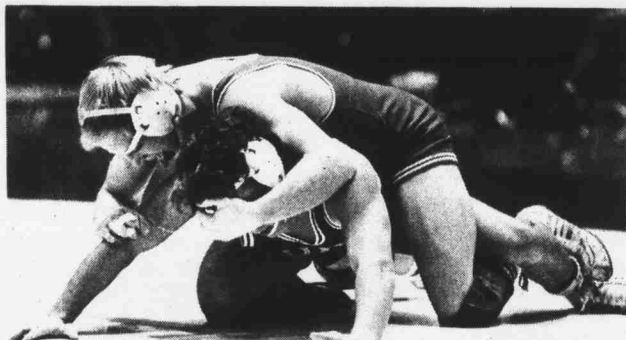
Dead right coach. After moving up a weight class to 150 this season, Koob has faced tougher opponents than a year ago but he currently owns a seven match winning streak and an 8-3-1 dual meet mark. Perhaps the Endicott, N.Y. native's biggest win of the season came against Wilkes' Mark Densberger.

Not only was it an important personal win for Koob but it was also the springboard to the Wolfpack's current string of wins.

"The Wilkes win was the turning point of the season for us as a team," recalled Koob. "It was a big win for me too."

Koob's win pulled the Pack within six points of the visitors from Pennsylvania. But he still does not feel that he has been wrestling as well as he did last year when he posted a 29-7-1 mark and placed second in the ACC tournament.

Koob is being a bit hard on himself though. He has faced



See no evil?

Sophomore grappler Mike Koob (top) puts the blinders on Wilkes' Mark Densberger.

Staff photo by Chris Seward

four nationally ranked wrestlers this season and represented State well in the process. Against mighty Penn State, ranked first in the East, Koob fought back from a 3-0 third period deficit to earn a draw with powerful Bill Vollrath.

Getting behind in a match is not Koob's idea of a good bout, but he has come back against some of the best. When Koob

squares off against the Tar Heels' Reintgen, he will get one of his sternest tests this year but he has an excellent wrestling background to draw from.

At Union Endicott High School, the hard-driving blond was the New York 138 pound champ as a senior and in his career he helped his team to a 61-1 mark and three league titles. He also won two sectional

titles and three league crowns. And Koob has added on quickly. Along with his other credentials, Koob was also named to the third freshman all-America team last year. This year he has one goal—win the ACC.

"Last year I came off a real big year with a lot of wins but this year my record is not as good. Am I better? There's only

one thing that will help me this year and that is to win the tournament."

"It makes a difference who I wrestle but I just love wrestling good guys. I wrestled a lot over the summer and guys have torn me in half that were a lot better than him. It's a mark of improvement," said Koob.

Steady improvement

And the improvement has been steady for Koob. Although he's not the most naturally talented wrestler on the team he is one of the best because he loves to work. And Guzzo hopes that work pays dividends this weekend. The coach foresees Koob's bout at 150 as a possible key to the outcome of the match and he is confident that his sophomore has what it takes to knock off Carolina's first-rate senior.

"It would be good for us to win," said Guzzo. "And I know Koobie wants it really badly. Reintgen is a class wrestler but Mike is capable of beating him."

"The thing about Koob is he knows what he wants and he loves wrestling. It is a big part of his life and he devotes a lot of time and energy to it. He simply wants to be winner."

"What can I say about Carolina?" queried Koob. "Last year we were doing well at midseason and then got blown out at the end by Virginia. If we can win these next two (Carolina Saturday and Virginia a week from Sunday) we will have beaten everyone in the conference and we'll just keep working hard to win it. There's a difference this year. Everybody goes out and gives 100 per cent

and we're all going through the same thing."

State has never beaten the Heels in Chapel Hill since Bob Guzzo came down south but with wrestlers like Mike Koob in the lineup the chances have never been better. As Koob says, "I just go out and try to win no matter what the situation." And there have been few situations that have proved to be too much for Mike Koob.

Weekend sports

Friday — Gymnastics, State at Madison (Virginia Tech, Madison), 7:00
Women's Fencing, Madison at State, 6:00
Women's basketball, ACC tournament semifinals, Charlottesville, Va.

Saturday — Men's fencing, State at Clemson, 10:00
Women's fencing, State at Clemson, 1:00
Indoor track, State Invitational, 10:00
Men's basketball, Wake Forest at State, 7:30
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Dunn and O'Brien part of the family

by Shannon Crowson
Sports Writer

The clear blue waters of the State pool had finally stilled after the Wolfpack's women swimmers had churned up the liquid to wallop Auburn, 93-38. As the crowd cleared and the swimmers emerged from the locker rooms, Coach Don Easterling had one comment to make: "They've meant so much. For one thing, they're seniors — and I'm still not ready for them to graduate. They're a couple of my favorite children, and I'm not gonna let them go."

Easterling was talking about his two senior stars, Michele Dunn and Eileen O'Brien. In the Auburn meet, Dunn swept both the 50 and 100 back, while O'Brien took seconds in the 100 and 200 free. Each pulled an additional first as a member of the 200 medley relay, while O'Brien had another first with the 200 free relay. Both girls transferred to State their junior year from Indian River Community College in Florida, and both are Speech-Communications majors.

Incidentally, O'Brien and Dunn are All-Americans.

Different attitudes

According to Easterling, however, that's where the similarity stops. "Michele trusts what I say very much and she tends to accept things well. Eileen, on the other hand, is a worrier. She is very dedicated and has a lot of talent, but she's the kind that wants to be first all of the time."

The "senior nostalgia" bug hasn't hit Dunn or O'Brien just yet, however. O'Brien immediately made mention of the fact that "I didn't think about it being our last swim here at all. We've still got some big meets

left, and I guess I'll feel it more then."

Dunn echoed the sentiments of her teammate and added that "I guess that right now, we're looking towards the meet against Carolina on Valentine's Day."

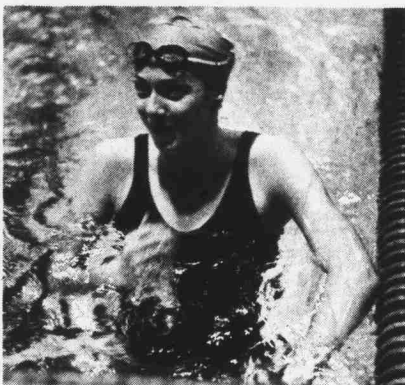
Dunn and O'Brien will have their work cut out for them. Easterling discussed the strong Tar Heel swimmers, saying, "It's going to be awfully tight against Carolina. They have twelve girls that can practically walk on water! They beat us in December in the NCAAIAW's, but they haven't made a lot of their national qualifying times. We'll probably have our best and closest meet at Chapel Hill because neither team has the edge; I think that we'll take diving, though."

Tough competition

On Dunn and O'Brien's competition, the Wolfpack coach said that "Michele and Eileen will really have it tough. Michele will be up against Ann Marshall, who is very strong. But, supposedly Ann has been very sick with the flu for the past three weeks, and that will naturally affect her somewhat. Eileen has to swim Bonnie Brown. She is a recordholder, and swims all their freestyles. Eileen will really have to put out to beat her."

Dunn said that "We'll be 10 times more psyched for this meet. Every event is important, and they're definitely tough all around. It was encouraging for us to beat Auburn, because they beat Carolina Friday. When we found out about that, all of a sudden we started to worry. But, it turned out that we really didn't have that much trouble with them."

About their two years of swimming for the Wolfpack,



Staff photo by Chris Seward

Seniors Eileen O'Brien (bottom) and Michele Dunn are two of the Wolfpack's most valuable swimmers. O'Brien excels in the freestyle while Dunn's forte is the backstroke.

O'Brien commented, "There's a lot of things I could say. I liked working with Coach Easterling, and it's been easier than I thought it would be at times. The whole team is very close, and they accept you right away. When Michele and I first came here, we didn't know anyone. But by being on the team, we kind of had a set of friends immediately. This team is closer than any other team on campus."

A tall blonde, Dunn smiled and said, "There's a lot of people here that I'm never going to forget. Also, it's been a lot of fun watching some of the younger ones develop. I've enjoyed it, but I'm also ready to graduate."

The two are basically pleased with their success here at State. Between them, a room could literally be filled with their awards, but even winners like these two never lose sight of their goals. In other words, they never quit working.

And quoting her coach with her teammate nodding approval, Dunn said it all. "Once you're satisfied, you might as well quit." The waves the two have made may be a long time settling.

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Rouse and women cagers prepared for ACC tourney

by Jimmy Carroll
Sports Writer

The transition from high school to college is enjoyable for plenty of students, and for Ginger Rouse it has finally become such an experience.

Granted, Rouse took awhile to get her game going, but once the State guard reached high gear there have been no opponents to slow her down.

The high flying Wolfpack (20-1) heads into this weekend's first Atlantic Coast Conference tournament at Charlottesville, Va., with the coveted No. 1 seeding and an automatic berth in tonight's semifinals. State meets the winner of Thursday night's North Carolina-Wake Forest game tonight at 7 p.m. Maryland (No. 2), Clemson (No. 3) and Carolina (No. 4) were heavy favorites in their first-round encounters.

The play of Rouse, a 5-10 native of Fairfax, Va., has been instrumental in earning State the bye and its No. 2 national ranking.

High expectations

"At the first of the season Ginger had trouble adjusting to college ball, but that's because she expected so much of herself," said former State All-American Susan Yow, now a Wolfpack graduate assistant.

"I like to expect a lot from myself," admitted Rouse. "It makes me work hard."

And hard work was, according to Yow, the solution to Rouse's problem, which began when she aggravated a back injury suffered in high school and missed a crucial week and a half of practice just prior to the Wolfpack's season opener.

"The more practice she missed, the more confidence she lost," said Yow. "We came back from Christmas and practiced three times a day, long hours."



Talented freshman guard Ginger Rouse brings the ball upcourt.

Ginger came in on her own time and talked to the coaches about what she'd missed. I think she's improved every game."

Excellent shooter

That improvement has resulted in a red-hot .542 shooting percentage, second only to Genia Beasley among starters and by far the best percentage among backcourt players. She's the team's co-leader in steals with 31 and second in assists with 38. Her 8.6 per game scoring average is fifth on the

Earnhardt injured

Starting forward Cristy Earnhardt has a strained muscle in her lower left leg, and is a doubtful participant in the women's ACC tournament at Charlottesville, Va., this weekend according to an athletic spokesman.

Earnhardt, who is the Wolfpack's third leading scorer with a 9.3 point average, was injured in practice last Friday.

grinning with a touch of embarrassment. "I try and concentrate on taking the shot when I have it, but when I'm off I feel there are other people on the team that should shoot."

The accuracy of that statement is reflected by her 38 assists.

"She offers a lot of versatility," said Yow. "She can play guard or forward, she's a strong rebounder and an excellent passer."

According to Rouse, her biggest improvements have been accepting the responsibility as a floor leader and in her overall defensive play.

"I wasn't really sure of myself when the season began," she said. "I wasn't adjusting to the leadership role. I wasn't aggressive enough. That came around with time and game experience."

"My defense is much better. It's a totally different concept of defense than in high school. In high school we learned to stay between our man and the basket. Here we stay between our man and the ball. It's so much more effective."

Rouse selected State from among 60 schools that offered scholarships, and the Wolfpack coaches have rejoiced since the day Rouse arrived.

"She has a lot to offer to the team besides basketball," said Yow. "You'd always like to recruit someone like Ginger."

Scuba and diving club meeting set for Monday

State's scuba and diving club will have a meeting in room 232 of Carmichael Gym Monday, Feb. 13 at 8:00 p.m.

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The Alternative Futures Symposium has been going on this past week on State's campus and, not surprisingly, has been warmly greeted by the students. It has been a huge success and very informative for the entire student body.

The symposium incorporated various mediums to portray its theme effectively during the week. Several films were offered for students and an impressive list of speakers, such as Sen. George McGovern, Sen. Mark Hatfield, Dr. Jean-Michel Cousteau, Dr. Arthur Schlesinger Jr. and Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, participated in the symposium.

But we would not suggest that the symposium has been met with a huge success simply because of these speakers. Admittedly, many students probably did attend the programs simply to catch a glimpse at the man Richard Nixon beat in 1972 for the presidency or to see what the son of ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau really looks like. But

rather, we feel students are honestly interested in learning more about alternative futures that could occur within our lifetime. It is to the credit of State students that their interest was enough to see them turn out for the films and speakers, often in standing-room only crowds.

The idea of having a symposium on the State campus is an excellent one. It allows for students to be able to listen to knowledgeable speakers in specific areas of concern outside the confines of the classroom. And it creates a spirit of awareness among students about the possibilities that the future could have.

Last year State had the Human Survival Symposium, and it too met with success. The one this year on alternative futures has received good response from students again. We suggest that these symposiums are excellent educational tools for covering specific topics of student interest and that they should be continued each year providing student interest continues.

Good plan

With tuition, book prices, room rent, and food prices rising in most private and state colleges and universities in the United States, President Carter's proposal to entitle two million college students to additional federal grants is a saving grace to the pocketbooks of college students and their families.

Under the Carter administration plan, students from families with annual incomes between \$16,000 and \$25,000, none of whom are now eligible for federally sponsored scholarships, would automatically be entitled to grants of \$250 a year under the Middle Income College Assistance Act proposed Wednesday by the President.

An example of the impact of the proposal, according to the Carter administration, would be the effect it would have on a family of four with an annual income of \$20,000 and assets of \$21,000 in which both parents are employed and one child is in college. The student, not now eligible for a government scholarship, would get the minimum grant of \$250 under the President's proposals.

In a family of five with an income of \$16,000 and assets of \$18,000, with both parents employed and one child in college, the student is now eligible for a \$408 scholarship. Under the revised formula, however, the student would be entitled to \$885.

Carter's plan represents an immediate relief for many families who are facing the rising costs of

sending their children to college. Although the grants and scholarships proposed by the administration represent no large financial figure, it still should aid families with one or several children in school at the same time.

Opponents of the Carter plan have suggested that taxpayers subtract a portion of the college expenses from their payment to the Internal Revenue Service. For example, a family with one child in school could deduct \$500, or some other arbitrary figure, from their income taxes. But the administration maintains and rightly so that the tax credit proposals are inequitable because they would give the bulk of the aid to families with income in excess of \$25,000. This action would not reach those families who most need financial aid for their children attending college. And if the proposal passes in Congress according to the Carter plan, the federal government would have more control over who receives financial aid from the government for college students.

Certainly a man making in the \$40,000 salary range annually or above should be able to send his children to school, but they should not qualify and take away funds that could be used for others who are in greater need.

So if your family's annual salary ranges between \$16,000 and \$25,000 and you're feeling the college crunch right now, hold on. President Carter has a good plan on the way; it only needs Congress' approval.

Pure white snow hard to find

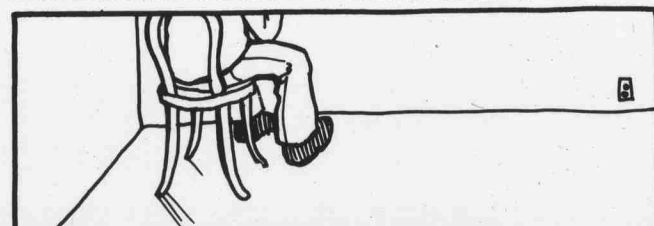
by Wendy McBane
Contributing Writer

Other than the ring around the moon last Saturday night—a sure sign of snow in 10 days—and the weather reports to which no one paid serious credence, Raleigh had little warning about the snow that silently besieged the town early Thursday morning.

The area behind Lee dorm looked more like a set from *Love Story* than the celebrated Lee

Beach when I looked out that morning. With its white covering and the snow still falling, the field could have been the epitome of Ivy League college athletic fields. There was even a lone gentleman shuffling aimless paths through the fluff.

Suddenly struck with inspiration, the man shoved out a big "S" in the middle of the field with his feet and followed it with an "N," "O," and "W." After pausing to examine his work, he added a final exclamation point.



Why don't people understand that, sometimes, in order to get away, one has to get away? This is relatively easy to accomplish (as easy as driving a car), but the social conflicts are tedious. You can never leave it with a simple "I've got to get away." People will not digest it... and once I try to explain things—I only dig a deeper hole. But then, in a spasm of realization, I say to myself "Who cares?"... Certainly not me and probably not the people I'm worrying about. Why is it so hard for people to see that you've got to be selfish with yourself... because you'll never do well making anybody else happy unless you're happy first?...

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letters

Science needed

To the Editor:

After reading David Berle's article entitled "Local Citizens Join to Fight Shearon Harris Construction," I thought it would be appropriate to express a factual viewpoint on the subject. The lesser known facts that the Citizens Against Nuclear Power (CANP) point out might be better labeled as lesser known fiction.

Miss Roadlander and Miss Newman, CANP leaders, state that the price of uranium is expected to rise from \$40/lb. to \$200/lb. by 1984. None of the government studies on uranium supplies and prices support this wild claim.

No mention is made of the rise in coal prices and the present UMW strike. *The Technician* further states that the estimated cost of construction has risen from \$1.1 billion to \$4.5 billion. We have the intervenors and "envisementalists" such as CANP and Kudzu

Alliance to thank for this added cost; their constant legal delays place an added financial burden on all of CP&L's customers.

The women point out that there is no permanent storage facility for nuclear waste. This is a political problem, not a technological one. The waste can be calcined and stored in salt deposits as we have been doing for many years with the waste from our military program. (I personally feel that Chapel Hill makes an excellent burial site).

I am disappointed that Mr. Berle insulted the intelligence of the student body by printing such unsubstantial claims in a "news" article. I doubt that anyone would go to his barber to have an appendectomy or to his dentist to get a haircut (although you may be an exception to the latter, Mr. Berle), yet the *Technician* disregards one of the finest Engineering Schools in the nation and instead consults two "kitchen scientists," who wouldn't know a steam generator from a reactor vessel, about the construction of a nuclear power plant.

I do enjoy science fiction, but try including

some science next time, Mr. Berle.

Richard Redano
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Unreasonable ideas

To the Editor:

Currently, the HEW-UNC game of Simon Says, (or maybe Mother-May-I), is in favor of HEW. HEW is trying desperately to further desegregate UNC's institutions, but at the expense of the educational quality given the students. Its sole objective is to get black students among white students—at seemingly any cost.

HEW's most recent plan for desegregation of UNC entails moving certain programs from predominantly black institutions to vice versa. Their only reason is to attract more whites to black campuses and more blacks to white campuses. For example, HEW asked that UNC move UNC-G's MBA program to a predominantly black institution far away. The results are unknown, and only predictions can be made.

Would the white students migrate accordingly? I think not. They would go to Elon, Guilford, Wake Forest, or somewhere else closer to their homes. HEW does not realize that racial predominance is not the first, and of course not the only, reason a student may choose a particular institution. Distance from home, athletic prestige, scholarship offers, housing opportunities, and other factors help a student decide.

I find HEW's obscure and warped view of the situation a real threat for only one reason. They control almost 17 per cent of UNC's operating budget (not including capital improvements). HEW has threatened to hurt UNC financially if it does not comply with the proposals set forth by Joseph A. Califano, Jr., HEW's dastardly director. This type of defrauding should not have to be tolerated by the UNC system or any other university system in the nation.

William C. Friday, UNC President, and our hero thus far, has kept UNC's federal funding while trying to appease HEW. He has expressed to the department a desire to solve the problem, but has not agreed to any of their inefficient and unreasonable plans. Let's back him as he defends our educational institutions and upholds the principles of strong academics without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or handicap.

Admittedly, UNC has its problems, as does every system, but federal control should be avoided at all costs. Let our funding be cut if necessary. Principles and control are at stake! UNC should clear up its own problems and be proud. I certainly hope that Mr. Califano will soon recognize that his ideas are unreasonable and that he should come to an intelligent level of thought.

C. Bruce Hodgkin
Fr. LA

Reckonings

With head down, collar up, and hands deep in his pockets, he walked off the field like Carol Burnett's chairwoman exiting the darkened stage after a big production number.

Many Northerners scoff at the general chaos that results every time snow falls south of the Mason-Dixon line. They just don't understand. The emotion's not panic, it's revelry. Schools and offices close on the pretext of traffic hazards, but the real, deep-down reason is best expressed in the school kid's exclamation "It's snowing!" Down here, where snow cream and sledding are rare, that's enough.

The radio announced that area schools and offices were closed but, alas, N.C. State wasn't included. While driving to class, for many, was a feat best left unattempted, walking to class was feasible, provided one could dodge snowballs and resist the temptation to retaliate.

Students carefully tested for fickle footing before making a full commitment to each step. Would that gray ice stay put or would it skiddle across the bricks to a new locale?

People with chains for their tires drove smugly down uncleared streets and pancake turners were rapidly converted into windshield scrapers.

The trouble with snow, especially with urban snow, is that nobody will leave it alone. Its crystalline purity doesn't demand enough respect. People tromp on it, small boys shovel it, highway departments plow it, cities salt it, and kids roll it into big brown snowmen and before you know it, it's not snow at all.

It's slowly transformed from a thing of unskillful innocence to a creature that's downright hideous. Is anything more offensive than gray slush or muddied drifts?

Early last Saturday morning, when the snow locally was fast becoming the gray over red breed, a friend and I drove out of Raleigh in search of some virgin white.

We were going to the falls of the Neuse River. We followed a friend's directions to the general area then spotted a sign—Falls, three miles. We crossed some railroad tracks. A white frame building by the tracks had a sign on its side reading "Neuse, N.C." We continued and came to a small town, the classic North Carolina mill village, complete with a red mill and the Riverside Remnant Shop.

After one more icy road, I spotted the falls. We crossed a creek, parked the car, and took to the

woods to find some decent snow.

Down rutted roads that forked and wandered deeper into the woods, we went. But larger boot prints in the snow went before us. An empty shell identified our predecessor as a hunter.

We came to a shed-like structure with two sides closed in. It had a fireplace and some snow-covered chairs. "Neuse River River Rats" a spraypainted message on the wall proclaimed. None were present though, so we continued down a new trail.

Besides the random wanderings of rabbits and foxes, the path was fresh. Shortly we reached the bottom of the long decline where the water from the creek was backed up into the woods. The stream in its expanded form was some 20 yards wide. Twenty yards of thick ice.

There were many small trees and several beaver-hewn stumps in the ice but there was still room to play around. Starting at one end of a clearing, we would run a way, then throw out our feet and slide. It was about marvelous how far you could slide on that ice.

Deep shattering groans came from the ice and cracks threatened but it never broke through. Even if the water was only a foot or so deep, it was still a daring adventure. Shoes soaked in icy water would have been a disaster not far removed from drowning.

We returned to the car via another route so we wouldn't have to retrace our own footprints.

We had come in search of the unsold white and had found it. Like true adventurers, we left with another mission already at hand. The new objective? Hot chocolate, bagels with cream cheese and strawberry preserves, and a cuddly blanket.

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