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This minature billboard which graced the sidewalk in front of the colliseum tunnel this week advertises Engineer's Day, which will be Saturday in the Court of the Carolinas it will feature games, contests, and lots of free booze.

Council to sponsor engineers' field day

by Lonnie Radford Staff Writer

Engineers take notel Saturday, October 5 is your day. From 11:30 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, the Engineers' Council is sponsoring its first annual field day for engineers in the Court of the Carolinas.

the Carolinas. "We'll all have a good time," said Ned McCoy, president of the Engi4 neers' Council.

Net McCoy, president of the engre-neers' Council. Teams from all Engineering curri-cula, organized by their technical societies, will compete in various events, with the winning team receiving "a big trophy," McCoy said. The events will include such games as the beer chugging contest, three-legged races, wheelbarrow races, pie-eating and pyramid-building, ac-cording to McCoy. There will also be 10 to 15 kegs of beer to be consumed, he said.

The Engineers' Council is putting up over half the money for the field day.

Student tutors needed

by Andrea Cole Staff Writer

You have graduated from high school now and unless you have children who are in elementary or high school, the threat of the competency test won't bother you for a while.

threat of the competency test won t bother you for a while. But the test will affect you, if you plan to have children. Ted Largent, a junior in political science and business, is heading up a group to involve college students in helping prepare high school students for the competency test. Largent's goal is to enlist volunteers from campus organizations including

from campus organizations including clubs, dorms, fraternities, and soror-

lites. Largent is an intern working in the office of Ben Ruffin, special assistant to Gov. Jim Hunt: Largent's job it to thoroughly research competency test-

ing. He is doing a project involving two groups of students from different schools and different counties but of similar background, race and economic

status. Largent will compare competency test scores of the two groups to deter-mine if location is important in learning. For example, Largent will be comparing Durham and Wake County schools to see if any difference is evident in the school systems. Another important part of Largent's project is to review the competency test and decide which questions should be thrown out. be thrown out.

"The test stresses everyday situa-tions. Things people will have to deal with all the time," Largent said. Largent needs organizations to work

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Ted Largent together and come up with enough money to buy two competency test preparatory books to help high school students who will be taking the test on Nov. 1 and 2. The preparatory

Nov. 1 and 2. The preparatory books cost about \$150 apiece. The books are a collection of the basic information a student is supposed to be taught during his 12 years of schooling.

years of schooling. Largent plans to announce the tutoring project to local P.T.A.'s so parents can bring their children. Tutors are needed in reading and math. "Math gives everyone prob-lems," Largent said. Sincerity and a little extra time are the only nuilfications necessary for

binerity and a little extra time are the only qualifications necessary for getting involved in the tutorial program, Largent said. "Anyone who is interested can contact me`at 611-D Lee," he said. Largent said getting this program started soon is very important. He said

less than a month is left before students start taking the competency

Black enrollment increases

by John Flesher News Editor

News Editor State is one of four campuses within the University of North Carolina system whose fall enrollment figures reveal numbers promised by UNC officials to the department of Health. Education and Welfare. State joins UNC Chapel Hill, West-ern Carolina and UNC Greensboro in surpassing the 30 per cent increase in black enrollment necessary at all campuses for the next five years if UNC is to meet HEW requirements. An arcreement reached by UNC officials have termed unrealistic. Mew officials have agreed to accept lesser figures, however, if UNC can demonstrate a "good-faith effort" toward reaching the goal. Increased effort

Increased effort

State's 45 per cent increase in black

State's 45 per cent increase in black freshmen ir epresents a jump from 151 black freshmen in the fail of 1977 to 234 in 1978. Director of Undergraduate Admissions Anna Keller attributed the state over the past several years. We've really gone out to draw more minurity students here and the success with the state several years and state several years. We've really gone out to draw more minurity students here and the success with a state side efforts to increase state several years and the success state several wears. We've had has been encouraging." Keller said. She said efforts to increase state since their numbers stopped young and began to level off during to the state since their numbers stopped young and began to level off during to the state since their numbers stopped young and began to level off during to the state since their numbers stopped young and began to level off during the past of the state stopped young and began to level off during the generation of great concern for us was fur own Wake County, which has work own Wake County, which has work own Wake County, which has work own was here there stop all high school sminors in the county jass fail and invited them to University Day. The

In some parts of the United States, Spanish could be an "official" language if a current proposal before Congress is passed

if a current proposal before Congress is passed. Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Native American, and several other foreign languages would be designated "official" if five percent of the area population spoke the language. Alan Gonzalez, head of foreign languages and literatures department, said that the increased use of foreign languages in the United States is inevitable.

"In Spain, three different languages are spoken and in France, four different languages are spoken," Gonzales pointed out. "It's a fact of life that the use of foreign languages in America will be increasing.

be increasing the U.S. should be practical, though, about the member of languages deemed official. "It should be done according to the number of people that speak the language," he said.

More acceptance John Kelly, an associate professor of foreign languages, said, "It's not that foreign languages are being used more nowadays, it is just that they are being accented more

nowadays, it is just that they are being accepted more. "People are realizing that not all people speak English," Kelly said. In five years, it is predicted that Hispanics will be the largest minority in the United States. And today, Spanish is the second most frequently spoken language in the United States. With these facts, Kelly pointed out, Americans should know the language. Charles El Kabas of the foreign language department stressed that in order to deal with people from foreign countries, one needs to know there language.

countries, one needs to know there Innuare. Gonzales, Kelly and El Kabas all agreed that students should take more foreign language course. We at State and the students a disservice by not having them know at least one foreign anguage." Gonzales said. To for the world could understand one onother, that there would be far fewer conflicts or arguments with our international neighbors. "You can't force a language on people," said Gonzales, "but if you learn your neighbor's language, he will be more willing to accept you as an equal." Also, Gonzales pointed out, many students in the future will be searching:

Spanish tongue widespread



<text><text><text><text> Anna Keller "It's just been a joint effort of nearly everyone on campus," Keller said. "Minority increases are very important to us and we're proud of the progress units made." information on the uninority high schoolers State Fair Energy Dome to house exhibits constructed by students

"everything that relates to the state of the art of energy in North Carolina," according to Al Brothers, project chairman. Displays on everything from coal gasification to log splitting, nuclear power plants to organic toilets and solar panels to peat ovens are now under construction.

solar panels to pear over a under construction. "These are not pie-in-the-sky pro-jects," Don Fowler of Industrial Extension said. They represent "the knife edge of technology," according to

Students from throughout the university have played a part in the

by Carl Bethea

Energy will be the focus of the 1978 State Fair. The Energy Dome, a product of State efforts, will house over 100 exhibits on energy use, energy conservation and energy resources. Exhibits will include displays on the latest advancements in energy produc-tion and conservation and a statewide overview of energy uses and resources. Associated functions will include televised debates and a solar-cooked

reakfast. The Energy Dome will include

"At least one foreign language should e required at State in every urriculum," said Gonzales. "By not oing so, we are failing our students."

Kelly, who also thinks at least one foreign language should be required, mentioned that knowing a foreign language will help one better appreciate your English and to know its limits. "Mawho effect attachment the language

"Maybe after studying the language for two years," Kelly said, "the student could go overseas to visit the country the language came from."

El Kabas said three factors are pushing Americans to foreign lan

Energy Do

Foreign language use growing for jobs overseas. And one of the needed qualifications will be to be able to speak the language.

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neighbor, you should know his language, said El Kabas. "It is natural for people outside the U.S. to learn a foreign language." El Kabas said. 'It is not so natural for Americans to learn a foreign language. "Many foreigners resent this partic-ular American habit." he added. "Americans expect everyone to know English, yet many Americans refuse to learn a foreign language.

Mutual blan

- El Kabas said that all students at State should be encouraged to learn a foreign language. While he admitted the current method of teaching a foreign language can be boring, he said that new teaching methods are possible. "Part of the blame rests on the teachers while the rest of the hame lies with the students," he said. "Student apathy runs high in regard to anything foreign. Just last year Studio I on Hillsborough Street tried to show foreign films. Since the students didn't come to see them. Studio I now shows X-rated movies," said El Kabas.

El Kabas said that all students at

said. Civil engineering, agriculture engi-neering and nuclear engineering stu-dents have played key roles in the Energy Dome - project. Their dispays include a model of an energy efficient house, a "solar barn", and an advanced nuclear power plant.

subject." Numerous clubs and organizations have aided in the project. Leopold Wildlife Club members and L-5 Society members literally built a mountain on Saturday. The scale model mountain, complete with dam, will represent advances in water power usage. Debates on energy production and usage will be taped in the Energy Dome. They will be aired over UNC-TV during prime-time hours. The debate topics include nuclear energy, solar energy, and "conservation and culture shock"

She added, however, that she is still disappointed that more Wake County blacks are overlooking State and said intense efforts to recruit them will continue.

She said future efforts will be made to involve the entire Raleigh black community in the quest to get more black students.

Better image

"We're going to solicit aid from black churches and civic groups toward improving our image," she said. "We're worried that too many black students think of us as just an agricultural and mechanical school instead of one which can offer them about any type of oducation thew want." education they want.

Keller said a new counselor has been engaged to aid Larry Guess, the assistant director of admissions who concentrates on minority recruitment. She is Jill Jones, who will work in the Financial Aid office as well as with Admissions.

Design School students have pro-duced numerous graphics for all the projects along with their own displays on statewide energy problems. The design students' projects focus on the "integration of built systems with natural energy systems," said Gary Gumz, assistant professor of landscape architecture.

Students particip

The displays will explain the way man-made construction now intervenes in natural systems instead of utilizing fatheral energy sources. By ignoring ratural processes and energy produc-tion, man made structures force a "remendous rise in energy resources needed to supply that system." Gumz said.

Brothers said he has been amazed at "the sheer power-physical power and mental clicking-of students focusing their energy on one subject."

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Sprouting umbrellas

Sights such as this should be viewed only in a condition of sobriety. Otherwise, one might fear his latest DT has brought visions of giant multicolored mushrooms.

Bells continue to chime

by Craig Anderson Features Writer

'A legend in stone'

No, he is not a hunch-back with a shuffle limp and a sneering grin. Neither is he locked up in the tower only to have his hearing dealened. But he does ring the bells in State's Memorial Tower. He is Lennie Collins, accompanist for the Varsity Mun's Glee Club. Each Tuesday and Thursday at about 12:30 Covins makes State's Memorial Tower sing with a one note melody.

one note melody.

Unlike the bells in Notre Dame, the Tower bells are played from a keyboard squeezed in a closet size room in the basement of Holliday Hall. The chimes are played by simple touch of the keyboard which relays the musical message to the Tower. A product of the early 1940's, "The electronic chimes are not always in tune," said Collins. Any harmony, or the use of chords is not practical for the Tower, explained Collins. "The more notes that are played, the more the bleed over is." Only one song, the alma mater, does Collins play in a two note melody.

Internal speaker

From inside the keyboard room Collins said he cannot actually hear the tower as he is playing. Instead, there is an internal speaker to give the needed feedback for his playing.

To play by the chimes of the Tower would be difficult, Collins said. A one second delay between hiting the keys and sound from the Tower which would throw just about any musician out of time. At the base of the Tower are inscribed the words, "in memory of those who served their country in the World War."

This idea of a memorial was first conceived in a letter by Vance Sykes (07) advising a movement to honor "our herces" of WWI, according to an Alumni Association pamphlet "A Legend in Stone."

With this seed planted, various ideas were pandered around about what would be the most appropriate monument. One person suggested a huge arch to span the main entrance to State's campus, while others favored a tower. Finally, two architectural drawings for a tower were submitted to C.L. Mann, chairman of the

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Memorial Committee. He described the drawing choosen as a "semi-Romanesque style with Gothic treatment of the vertical lines." Mann added that it was "military in character." These plans showed the foundation to be a symbolic 38 feet square—the same number of alumni that was thought dead in WWI. In 1919 funds first began to trickle in that would eventually construct a 115 foot high tower at a cost of \$200,000, according to the program at the chimes dedication in 1947. The "Memorial Committee" was set up to gather and keep track of all the money coming in for the Twer. The Committee failed in their first drive to gei enough money in 1919, so another was begun in 1920 which acquired enough money for the base of the Tower.

the Tower. Cornerstone laying ceremonies were held in 1921 and construction was delayed until 1924 when ten icel were added each year until 1926. In the box of the cornerstone was placed a roster 0.000 alumni who served on the war, a list of the dead, copies of both Raleigh newspapers of that day, photographs of President Riddick and of the college, and some college publications, stated the alumni booklet. Built with a combination of grieving memories and New Deal overflows, the Tower grew in spurts. Four times construction began and then halted because of no money. From 1926 until 1937 a truncated pillar stood at the eastern end of campus until the Works Progress Administration' assigned \$37,000 toward the completion of the Tower.

\$37,000 toward the completion of the Tower. Even now a different shade on the stone marks the early construction from the later works. After it was fully erected, money problems plagued the Memorial Committee. Representing the North Carolina Granite Corporation, a Mr. Scargent pressed for money owed on the grauite in the lower sections of the tower. He threatened to notify the Raleigh newspapers of the debt and if that did not work, he said he would bring the matter before the general assembly. Neither turned out to be a reality. One faux pas that will last until the Tower falls is that of a mistaken fact. The name of each State alumni who died in WWI is engraved on a plaque in the side of the Tower. But on that plaque is a name that never served or

and the lost one Observer said of Jeffers: "though severely wounded, he was recovering rapidly and surely." Don't bury him before he is dead.

died in WWI, never studied at State or never was a real person; George E. Jefferson.

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Dropped balloon mars Martin's performance

by Shannon Crowson Entertainment Writes

At one point in his manic performance Tuesday night, comedian Steve Martin dropped one of his balloon animals and said, "I can see it now-the headline's gonna read "Dropped Balloon Mars Performance." Woll Strome it didn't

Performance. Well, Steve, it didn't. The ice cream-suited com-ie gave a high-energy, hour-rad-a-half show at the Greensboro Coliseum to a wirly enthusiastic audience. In f-ct, before the show star ed, the crowd itself was prefity entertaining to watch. pretty watch.

pretty entertaining to watch. Balloon animals perched on countless heads along with Groucho Marx false noses. Several wild and crazy guys paraded through the sections of seats in full tacky ative. And in the middle of it all was a fan dressed in a white suit and obviously spray-dyed gray hair, enjoying the attention being given him by onlookers.

onlookers. The evening began with an hour set by jaunty singer Steve Goodman. Goodman is the writer of the Arlo

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Guthrie hit "City of New Orleans". His solid acoustic Guthrie mit. Child New Orleans". His solid acoustic talents with guitar and an engaging John Denver-esqke voice made him a crowd-pleaser. Two of his songs have been recorded by Jinmy Buffett, which he performed well. Ending his set with a funny parody of country and western songs. Goodman was well-received. After Martin's short sub-ject film, "The Absent-Minded Waiter" was shown on a screen toward the front of the stage, the comedian

on a screen toward the front of the stage, the comedian dashed onto the stage and immediately sent the audi-ence into hysteria. Proclaiming that he "wasn't going to stick to just the stuff on the list." Martin launched into a non-stop comical ramble. Rarely was he-still; Martin's enefgy never wanes.

he still; Martin s energy never wanes. At one instant, he would be standing motionlessly. The next, he could be walking in the loose gait of the wild and crazy guy, or the wind-up doll mania when he was suddenly striken by an attack of the "happy feet".

(well, excuse me, getting small, and the ramblin guy) were what the crowd obvi-ously wanted to hear. Their use was carefully implemen-ted by Martin. And the use of the lines in slightly slow spots, the crowd stayed satisfied.

spots, the crowd stayed satisfied. Martin's virtuosity on the banjo is often overlooked because of his humor, but his three varied selections were well-done; il is during these becomes serious. Comedy Martin style is a blend of the almost slapstick and vaudeville. Where his divery is flawless, he often lapscos into antics such as taking pictures of the people taking pictures of Aim, making shadow sharks in the spotlight, doing various magic tricks, and banging his banjo strings noisily against the microphone.

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His routine was a mixture of old and new material, which was pleasing in two ways. The well-known lines

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The crowd was then led in song, a hilarious ditty with such lines as, "Never make love to Bigfoot". The comic. involves the audience in his show, rather than subjecting them to it, as is the rule with most our difference in the subjecting them to it, as is the rule with most our difference in the subject of the subject Even with as large a rowd as was in Greensboro,

crown as was in Greensboro, he immediately established an invisible bond between himself and the audience, and the laughter never stopped. opped. For his inevitable encore,

Martin donned a purple satin headdress that the satin headdress that the audience noisily recognized, as he swung into "King Tut". Sing ing to a backing tape, Martin mugged his way through the hit. During the short instrumental portion of the song, a roadie whisked a heaby metal type guitar into his hands, and Martin strummed two KISS-like

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chords, then the guitar was taken back away. The crowd

Martin was a huge hit, as martin was a huge hit, as the audience easily agreed, and his show was none too short. For the amount of laugh-ter and enjoyment he provided non-stop, he should ward. But this swinging yuy is not out to lunch. It's true what he said; "You can't get enough of me". And that's not a cocky statement.

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Terps serving notice

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October 1, 1977. It was a day that Wolfpack partisans well remember and Maryland faithfuis would just as soon forget. It was the day that State put an abrupt halt to the Terrapins incred-bie 21-game Atlantic Coast Conference winning streak, a Pack curraterback Lobarce ible 21-game Atlantic Coast Conference winning streak, as Pack quarterback Johnny Evans dove over from the two yard line with 27 seconds left in the game for a 24-20 win

win. State's triumph was the finishing nail in the Maryland coffin, as the Terps, then losers of three in a row (when was the last time that happened to a Jerry Clai-borne team?), finished with a "disappointing" 7-4 regular season slate.

borne teamr, innsnew with a "disappointing" 7-4 regular season slate. But the Terps have already served notice that last year is old news. Maryland, like the Wolfpack, has gotten off to a fast 4-0 start and both teams stand 1-0 in the ACC. And the similarity doesn't end there. Both teams stare nationally ranked, Maryland 13th and State 19th in the mationally ranked, Maryland 13th and State 19th in the latest UP poll, both teams have outstanding running backs in the Terps' Steve definite designs on the ACC title. Both are also coming off impressive wins. State rolled

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to 573 yards of total offense in its 34-10 romp over Wake Forest while Maryland shut down a strong Kentucky squad 20-3.

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While State head coach Bo Rein figures it's too early in the season to call Saturday's

the season to call Saturday's rematch with the Terps a crucial game, he knows better than most what the effect the outcome might have on the race for the conference crown. Still, Wolfpack fans long for another memorable moment.

"Every year we play these guys it (the game) doesn't get any bigger or smaller," he said. "Both teams have played one conference game and after this game there's still a long road to go no matter who wins."

matter who wins." But the fact that Maryland has already beaten UNC, the preseason pick for top honors, makes it just that much more of a key game for the Wolfpack.

the Wolfpack. Beating the notoriously physical Terps in Byrd Stadium will be no easy chore, though. Maryland uses a balanced attack from its multiple I formations, mixing its running and passing well, and its wide tackle six defense has prematurely grayed the hair of more than one offensive co-ordinator.

"There's no question about it," analyzed Rein, "Mary-land takes a physical ap-proach to the game on both sides of the ball. Yet, the biggest problems they pre-sent are a sophisticated passing offense and a sophis-ticated defensive scheme. Ther always are outstanding

They always are outstanding in the kicking game." Which doesn't leave much room for error on the part of the Wolfpack. And that's Rein's thinking. State can not afford to turn over the ball as it has in its first four remove

games. "If we are to have a chance at winning, we must put it all together this week—elimin-ate the mistakes we've been experiencing from time to

time. "They look like a team that wants it. They've gotten better each week," continued Rein. "Anyone who beats Maryland earns it. It will be a head fought game and that's what we're gearing. our selves for."

selves for." Atkins, a 220-pound senior tailback who has been plagued by injuries through-out much of his career at Maryland. is physically sound this year and gives the Terps a Heisman candidate of their own. While Brown leads the ACC in rushing with 616 yards on 120 carries

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for five touchdowns and a 5.1 play average, Atkins is cless behind with 542 yards on 107 sttempts for four TD's and an identical 5.1 average. Brown now has 3,868 career rushing yards to move within range of becoming only the sixth player in NCAA history to reach the 4,000 yard plateau. The versatile High Point native, who completed two of three passes for 40 yards and made two receptions for 31 more against Wake Forest, cur-rently ranks No. 4 nationally in rushing this year with a 154 yards per game average. And when Atkins goes out, the Terps give opponents a different look with Alvin Maddox. "One bloodies your nose

Maddox. "One bloodies your nose when he runs over you," said Rein, "and the other leaves you standing in the dark." Meanwhile, senior Tim O'Hare has scopped in and quarterbacking situation. O'Hare has connected on 40 of 70 pass attempts for 573 yards and three touchdowns, while tossing a single inter-ception. Against Wake Recent

Against Wake Forest State's young secondary and State's young secondary got a workout and Mike Nall, ACC defensive back of the week for his play against the



eacons, admits it is tougher to prepare for the Terps

Maryland next

by Bryan Black

show's that we have defi-nitely made some progress." (fross said. Co-captain Jim Mills, State's top goalie, did not play against Wilmington because of a shoulder injury. However, his back-up, Tim Perry, was onthing short of sensational. Perry accumu-lated 18 saves in the match. Hiram King got the Wolfpack an early lead when he scored 10 minutes into the game. Three minutes later, freshman Tom Fink drove one into the net on an assist by senior Stephen Rea. The Pack held an insurmountable 20 head at the helf. day. The victory ended a string of three Wolfpack losses. Not only that, shutting out Wilmington carried a deeper State coach Larry Gross

Pack held an insurm 2-0 lead at the half.

2-0 lead at the half. Fink recorded his second goal of the day unassisted, that coming 32 minutes into the second period, giving State the margin of victory.

Gross pointed out that along with King and Fink, freshman Jimmy Burman played exceptionally well against Wilmington. The Wolfpack's record was boosted to 4-3 I overall with the win, while Wilmington, which was ranked 13th in the south coming in, fielt to 4-3. Staring State in the face now is a tremendously important home ball game. The Wolfpack takes on Maryland at 2:00 tomorrow afternoon on the State soccer field.

Booters shoot blank

afternoon on the state same field. "Maryland is an extremely strong team," commented Gross. "They are definitely vying for the second place spot in the ACC. We're certainly going after a win against them and it's going to be a very stern test for us."

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State coach Larry Gross said the keys to the win were an aggressive defense and the fact that the Wolfpack controlled the tempo of the contest. The felt his team dominated the first half and simply played super defense. "To defeat a LUNC-Will-mington team which had beaten North Carolina 4-1 to prepare for the Terps. "They complement the pass with the running game," he noted. "That's what makes it so effective. You can't tell when the pass is coming. O'Hare's got a strong arm and he throws the ball real well. "It'so him error definition." the ball real well. "It's a big game definitely for the ACC," he continued. "If we beat Maryland we'll be 20. It's a big challenge and I'm looking forward to playing them. I know we haven't played to our full capability so far..." Sports Four / Technician Obie Jones



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With the arrival of Fall Break comes an event which students must mark with a wary event which students must mark with a wary regarded by students as a valuable opportunity of evaluate progress in their courses, the report has become almost worthless in helping the student effect changes in his or her semester load.

in his or her semester load. Until two years ago, the University permitted undergraduate students to drop courses without hindrance until nine weeks into the semester. Thus, the mid-semester report arrived to the student, leaving him about wo weeks to counsel with the professor of a

The post arrived to the student, leaving num adout two weeks to counsel with the professor of a course in which he is doing poorly, or to drop the course completely if it appears that a "good" grade is not possible. However, during the academic year of 1976, University administrators came up with the bright idea of shortening the drop period from the existing nine-week period to a four-week period, saying that by that time most students had a fairly good idea of their academic progress and that more time to drop courses was merely wasteful. Students countered with the fact that in many courses there is no test or progress until a mid-semester exam is administered. The University then vowed to attempt to make

professors give some kind of progress test during the four week period.

by Wendy McBane

One Friday afternoon is set out for the Proce-to buy groceries for the weekend. After cruising the aisles I pulled up to the check-out counter with the following items: laundry detergent, a 10-pack of Carefree sugarless bubblegum, a bottle of salad dressing (no

three pounds of white seedless grapes and a Three Musketeers Bar that had caught my eye. These were to be my victuals for a whole

eye misse were to be my victuals for a whole ... Akother example: Not long ago I went on a shopping spree and returned with many bright bags of bargains. My haul included a halter dress, a swim suit, sandals, a frilly little top-all great buys in August-and earings to match them all. I had not, however, purchased a single pair of woolly socks, a jacket, or anything with sleeves. The true significance of these omissions will become apparent, I fear, in about two weeks. I suffer a peculiar mental deficiency when it comes to shopping, be it large or small expenditures. I can handle this bent of personality well enough when there's no

expenditures. I can nandle this bent of personality well enough when there's no urgency involved, when I can later, sanely, re-examine my purchases and then set about to somehow assimilate them into my wardrobe. It is the rush order, the occasion absolutely requiring a new dress Saturday night, that trips me up. In such a case, I enter the shiny, slick, chick would of the denortheme to run would be the denortheme to run w

In such a case, I enter the shiny, slick, chick world of the department store under the influence of my customary shopping daze. I buy a beautiful dress. It is ususally too beautiful for the occasion. It's too beautiful, in fact, to ever be practical. The season in which the dress may be worn occurs twice a year in spring and fall and lats for about two weeks. It invariably requires dry cleaning and can never be worn as a jumper. Since rush order dresses are rarely found on sale, they're easily \$40 adornments for my closet. The debit may be even more if the dress has no coordinate among my haphazardly purchased collection of footwar.

But the small blunders hurt more that

big \$40 splurges. After all, with them I at least end up with a nice dress should the occasion

ever arise for wearing it. Someday my children can wear it for Halloween. But what

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Students, unfortunately, accepted this with little contest and the shortened period was made effective.

Two years later, many professors still are Two years later, many protessors still are not giving students any progress report until well after the four-week period and, in some cases, not until the mid-semester report itself. Students are required to drop by the end of the first semester month, but are required to do so without any idea of how they are faring with the course. And, in many instances, a student's concent of how he is processing is far different

the course. And, in many instances, a student's concept of how he is progressing is far different from he view of the professor. But. with the short drop period, there is nothing the student can do except grit it out as well as possible. Two years have passed, and it seems that the University is not making an attempt to live up to its end of the bargain. Admittedly there are few reasons why students ne ad nine weeks to drop a course, provided they are supplied with input from the professor regarding their progress.

with input from the professor regarding their progress. _____Under the present system, the University is acting like the highway patrolman who tells motorists without speedometers that he will be glad to inform them of their speed, after he's ticketed the driver for speeding. Unless the University is willing to make and stand by a firm policy regarding the date by which the students must be informed of their progress, it would be well advised to reconsider its blunder.

Did you see Chinatown? If so, you'll remember there was more going on in that movie than Jack Nicholson's doomed pursuit of Faye Dunaway. Chinatown was a fictionalized version of something that really happened: the diversion of water from California's once-fertile Owens Valley to Los Angeles, a mammoth theft that left the valley a near-desert, made LA, a metropolis and turned handsome profits for a few speculators. speculators. The politics of water have always been of vital importance in America's arid West, and it

by David Armstrong

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is over water that a white-hot political contest has again been joined. This is the battle over enforcement of the Reclamation Act of 1902, a conflict that has all the makings of a filmic thriller: the clash of wills between America's top politicians; the predatory corporations and their phalanx of lawyers and lobbyists: the understaffed but effective reform group. First prize is the future of the richest farm lands in the nation's largest agricultural state. The Reclamation Act governs the use of federally subsidized water for irrigation. It imits to 160 acres the amount of land for which an owner can receive public water. The law was designed to bring into being the small family farm that was once the culmination of the American dream, on the arid acreage of 17 Western states. Most of the effectively enforced. Through a complex system of leasing arrangements, control of nuch of the land has passed to small family farmers like Southern Pacific Railroad, Then age the JG Roswell. Co and the

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Tarmers like Southern Pacific Railroad, Tennaco, the J.G. Boswell Co. and the Chandler clan, owners of the powerful Los Angeles Times, which has campaigned st the law

ise titantic tillers of the soil went unchal-The lenged until 1976, when National Land for People, a Fresno, Calif.-based reform group, obtained a court order requiring the U.S. Department of the Interior to issue updated

American Journal

regulations for implementation of the law. The oup also won the early, enthusiastic support

group also won the early, entrusastic support of California's ambitious young governor, Jerry Brown, who extolled the family farm as "the bedrock of our democratic institutions." Pressing ahead, NLP demanded that: (1) no individual be permitted to own more than 160 acres of irrigated land in affected areas; (2) no operation of more that 640 acres (up to

(2) no operation of more that 640 acres (up to four family members with 160 acres each) be permitted. (3) no leasing be permitted, except in emergencies and then for only two years; (4) owners must like within 15 miles of their land; (5) illegal excess land be sold by lottery, so that everyone has a chance to share in the productivity their tax dollars helped create. NLP won approval of its position in princi-ple when Cecil Andrus; Jimmy Carter's new Secretary of the Interior, conceded late last year: "The 'family farmers' whom the law was designed to benefit sometimes can be found in the corporate board rooms of Los Angeles or New York, in Carthene tax havens, or 'farming' out of the 40th floor of an office building."

far, so good for the reformers. So far, so good for the reformers. When Andrus issued his own proposed new regulations, however, they indicated a considerably looser reading of the law that had been hoped for. Andrus would allow 160 acres each to an unlimited number of family members, plus 160 acres for lease. He would also permit landowners to live up to 50 miles from their land; but Andrus would accept the lottery plan.

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lottery plan. That is not entirely what NLP had in mind, but Mark Lasher, speaking in a telephone interview from the group's Fresno head-quarters, called it "a giant step forward. It's the first time in decades that an administration has seriously proposed to enforce the law." Andrus' proposals have yet to be accepted, however, and if large landholders get their way, they never will be. Some landholders succeeded last Decemer in obtaining a court ruling of their own that requires an environmental impact report before the number of the four tensor tens

implementation of the law for up to two years. "This is merely a maneuver on the part of the large landowners for a delay," opines Lasher. "I've never heard of them being concerned about the environment before. In fact, J, we seen a few spraying their farm-workers with pesticides. But we're not opposed to the report per see. We're convinced it will show the benefits, ecologically and economically, of the family farm."

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Corporate farmers are loath to lose subsidies like that. And with the political clout that has made them fixtures in California politics, they have been able to water down Jerry Brown's earlier endorsement of the law. Brown, who will run for re-election, this fall, came out Jan. 13 with a revised position suggested exemptions for some areas, urged that landowners be allowed to reside 50 miles from their water districts (not their land) and rejected the lottery. This is a considerably tamer stand than Brown took prior to NLP's court order, when there appeared to be no chance that Washington would enforce the law. (For more information contact. National Corporate farmers are loath to lose

(For more information contact: National Land for People, 2348 N. Cornelia, Fresno, Calif. 93711. (209) 327-6516)

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possible use will I ever have for Fuchsia fingernail polish? (It was only 50 cents) Or a dozen eggs after spending six months untouched in my refrigerator? ("I really ought to eat something nutritious," I had thought.) Or one of those "Nothing" bras that do exactly that. (It was so pretty.) It was because of my peculiar afflication that I had tried to overlook the fact that I was out of mascare a lwas scraning the sides of

Mascara: An emotional buy

out of mascara. I was scraping the sides of three dried-up tubes of various formulations rather than face the truth. I had to buy some

Reckonings

Shopping for mascara is never easy. You don't buy it often enough to get any continuity in your consumerism. The favored of my current mascara collection probably hasn't been manufactured in a year. Unlike toothpaste, a certain brand is not part of your upbrigging

toothpaste, a certain owner that mascara is too one problem is that mascara is too expensive to just play around with until you hit upon the right brand. It ranges from the \$1.19 Maybelline, Ultra-lash to the middle class \$2.45 Revion line to behind-the-counter concoctions that pull premium bucks. By keeping with the middle line, I give myself room to mess up without crippling my budget. I also avoid that sickening sensation of facing room to mess up without crippling my budget. I also avoid that sickening sensation of facing a useless, \$8 tube of glop each day in the top drawer.

I fancy there are two kinds of mascara-the If ancy there are two kinds of mascara—the right kind and the wrong kind. Though the first division be sparce (perhaps only the twinkle in some cover girl's eye), not so with the second. There you find mascaras with p_nk tubes and green lids, and those with a funny odor, among others.

Some people like mascara that, given erspiration, smears all over one's face. They te it because they don't sweat and because s easy to take off at night. Take it off? Who's got time to take it off?

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Give me something waterproof. Some come with polymer fibers. They're like lint with wires. They adhere to your skimpy lashes, making them thicker and

longer with stroke of the special brush. That it, they adhere for an hour or so. They they shed into your eyes for the rest of the day. Wearing polymer fiber mascara is not unlike having your own little air inversion over your head. Based on these experiences, I eliminated many brands at the Revo cosmetics counter. I glibly choose one of the few remaining and headed out

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headed out. What had I bought? Cover Girl Professional Mascara. It only cost \$1.77. What kind of mascara can you buy for a mere shore Girl, that's what kind. One step above Maybelline. The preferred brand of all aighth graders. What color was it? Brown. Not Sable, not Smokey Brown, not Misty Brown. Not even Medium Brown. Plain of brown. Despite all my precautions, it appeared that I had done it again, made a thoughtless, emotional purchase.

notional purchase. "AUUUCH!" I mentally screamed. I amined the silver and blue package. What

ridiculous colors to use to promote the sale of cosmetics. Leave silver and blue on race cars where they belong.

"Designed for professional models," the package read. Well, didn't that suit me to a

I read about the "Curl-Brush" specially I read about the "Curl-Brush" specially contoured to fit the shape of my lashes. "Gets at little lashes you never knew you had," it said. I looked at the diagram and knew I'd poke my eye out in the process. I tested the mess the next morning, poking my eye only once. Miracle of miracles, it seemed to work. I passed the whole day without wiping smudges from my face or removing debris from my eyeball. Maybe this is a turning point in my life.



I would like to respond to the letter in Monday's "Technician" about cyclists. I understand and agree with the point that this particular cyclist was at fault, however, I feel that motorists should hear the cyclists' point of view also.

that motorists should near the cyclusts promo-view also. Motorists often take for granted their right to operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina. They also sometimes feel that they are the only persons granted these privileges. Not only does the cyclist have rights on the road but pedestrians also should be given access to the streets. If motorists wish for the cyclists to respect their rights, they must respect the cyclists' rights and vice versa. A motorist that crowda a blke as he or she reases it is not a very good example to be set

passes it is not a very good example to be set for the cyclist. If both the motorist and the cyclist would start by improving their own road skills, then neither would have to worry about the other.



Rights for cycles



To the Editor:

Pranks galore

Unfortunately, practical jokers come with the territory when living on campus. These may be upperclassmen, they act like freshmer with time on their hands. Most jokes are only

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that, but a small percentage may cost someone money or hurt someone's reputation.

reputation. Whoever called me on Oct. 2 wasn't worried about the energy crisis. After two very bad imitations, he called both Domino's and PTA and ordered a pizza in my name, using my phone & room numbers. Both made wasted trips, and I am wondering what else he used my name for. Whoever did I to ught to think of others before pulling a prank.

Free truth To the Editor

Three cheers and Amen! to Craig A. Misener for his letter on Monday. Many of us on campus are tired of the same thing. We would like to see an end to the bias that we see in the cartoons on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. There is nothing wrong with satire on human frailities, however, when it debases and abuses half the population something is wrong.

wrong. Personally, I have the greatest respect for the Women's Liberation Movement (which I feel Sunshine represents) because the basic ideal is freedom for all. Freedom is an elusive concept, but it is attainable. Freedom is mental not physical. "Whom the Son has set free is free indeed." "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

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