

Union Board of Directors passes fee hike

by John Fleisher
News Editor

An increase in student fees for operations of the Student Center in 1979-80 was approved in the Union Board of Directors' Thursday night meeting. The increase will be \$5 per semester during the regular academic year and \$2 per Summer session.

The proposed hike must now be approved by Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business George Worsley, Chancellor Joab Thomas, and the UNC Board of Governors before being enacted.

The increase, the second in student fees to be approved within two weeks

(a student health service fee hike was approved Nov. 30), passed by a vote of eight in favor, one opposed, and three abstaining.

Voicing strong support for the hike were Student Center President Ron Luciani and Student Center Secretary-Treasurer Roger Crowe. They, along with Associate Dean of Student Affairs Henry Bowers, termed the jump necessary to offset rising inflation in operational costs of the Center.

"Before recommending this action, we asked the business office to study out budgetary figures and the expected rate of inflation for the future," Bowers said. "Their projected figures left no doubt in our minds that the increase is

absolutely essential to keep the building open."

John Thompson, a student at-large member of the board, cast the only dissenting vote. He said during debate that he favored cuts in budgetary items instead of a fee increase.

Counter productive

"If that isn't feasible, why not raise prices across the board for all things the Center offers, like haircuts, moves and snacks?" he said. "I think students who use the building should be the ones to pay for the increased costs, not those who don't."

Bowers, however, said such a move

would be counter-productive since Student Center prices are already "pretty high." He said prices are continuing to rise because the Center pays increasingly high amounts to receive goods for resale.

When questioned about alternatives to a fee increase, Crowe said the Operational Budget Committee had considered charging rent to the various student organizations which use the building. He said the idea was scrapped because it would be "passing the buck."

"If we did that, the organizations we would be charging rent would just ask for fee increases to pay for it because the cost would be high," Crowe said. "That would accomplish nothing."

Student Senate President Nick Stratas asked Luciani what would happen if the hike were not approved.

"If that happened we'd be in trouble," he said. "We'd have to make tremendous cuts in our operations and expenditures and I don't think the students want that."

Efficient operation

Under questioning, Bowers said he felt the efficiency rating of the Student Center is one of the highest of all the buildings on campus. He said the rising wage figures of the large staff is another reason the increase in fees is needed.

"Our staff is extremely efficient but it costs money to maintain the building and pay our employees," he said. "We should realize that with the costs of everything else going up, we have to bring in more funds to keep up."

When the vote was taken, Stratas said he was abstaining because he is "fundamentally opposed to fee increases."

"I realize that the Student Center is in need of more money but I have to see fee jumps going on all over the place," he said. "Student Government was planning to have a 35-cent increase but we dropped it because we didn't want to burden the students with higher costs."



Staff photo by Gene Deas

That time again

Don't we all feel that way? Today's the last day of classes and it's been a long time coming. Unfortunately, it will get worse before it gets better, as two excruciating weeks of exams are on the way.

Oriental speaking courses offered

by Leo Blume
Staff Writer

If you have ever had a desire to visit the Orient and converse with the residents there in their native tongue, then the Department of Foreign Languages may have just what you need.

For students with a special desire or need to learn, the Foreign Language Department offers self-instructional courses in conversational Japanese and Chinese.

As with most other foreign language courses, these carry three hours credit

and may be audited. Also typical is the standard letter grade received by students at the end of one of these courses.

The method of instruction, however, is what makes these courses unique, according to Alan Gonzalez, coordinator of the Self-Instructional Language Program.

"In this course, the student is primarily responsible for instructing himself with the aid of course materials and a tutor that we provide," he said.

In this program there are no classes as such, Gonzalez said. Rather, students meet twice a week with a

tutor, a native speaker selected for his or her ability to speak standard Japanese or Chinese.

The tutors do not discuss grammar or culture but instead concentrate on drilling students in conversational practice, Gonzalez said.

In addition to the tutorials, the student also learns from instructional materials in the foreign language department's language lab and from materials included in the required textbook. Of the two sources, the tapes in the language lab are by far the more important, Gonzalez said.

"The main instrument of learning in

these courses is the audio tapes provided in our language lab," he said.

"Since the course is self-instructional, a student can not hope to succeed without making extensive use of the tapes."

The instructional tapes may be used in two ways. First, the student can use the tapes to sharpen his speaking skills within the language lab itself.

Secondly, he can without charge bring his own cassettes to the lab where the recorded lesson will be transferred to his tape via one of the department's high speed duplicators.

The latter method is preferred by Gonzalez. "If the student has his own taped copy of the lesson he can study outside the lab and devote more time and concentration to the study effort," he said.

Time and concentration could be considered prerequisites for one of these self-instructional courses. Gonzalez recommends between sixty and ninety minutes of study per day.

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All-night party set for February

by John Fleisher
News Editor

State's many party-lovers should get their dreams fulfilled Feb. 2, as the Union Activities Board and the Inter-Residence Council are joining forces to produce one of the year's biggest bashes.

From 5 p.m. until 4 a.m., the Student Center will be the site of what its president, Ron Luciani, terms a "giant zoo party." It will feature food, free beer, dancing, movies and contests.

"We've modeled this party after the one that was held at the University of South Carolina earlier this year," he said. "They had an all-night party and its success was fantastic. We'll try to accomplish the same thing."

The party is scheduled to begin with dinner, hopefully a steak cookout, according to Joe Mills of the IRC. "We're checking prices, trying to get the best deal we can," he said. "We'd like to keep the price down to around \$3 or \$3.50 and still provide a good steak, baked potato and salad meal."

The numerous activities will include

movies in Stewart Theater, among which will be "Duck Soup," "Dr. Know," and "In Her Majesty's Secret Service," with more expected to be obtained.

Luciani said University Food Services plans to offer plenty of inexpensive snacks, including pizza, hamburgers, ice cream and hot dogs.

Other activities planned include a mock horse race with prizes offered for winning "gamblers," a complete casino on the fourth floor of the Student Center with bingo, cakewalks, and other contests, and pool and foosball tournaments in the basement.

Luciani said similar all-night parties are being held on campuses across the country. "They're going over like gangbusters and we plan to do it too. The more students who participate, the better it will be," he said.

Mills said the costs of the different activities are at present unknown. He said most of them will probably be free, although some movies will require payment.

"I can say that any charges made will be nominal. We definitely will not break even on this and we're not trying to," he

said. "This is designed as a fun party and no one should be inhibited by high costs."

Luciani said the party will be open to State students only, so ID and registration cards will be required.

He said the different residence halls will set up and man the activities.

Dixon lectures in Stewart

by Jeffrey Jobe
Staff Writer

"Next semester, everyone will be seeing more serious students at State," predicted psychic Jeanne Dixon, who spoke in Stewart Theater Tuesday night. "There will also be more serious conflicts within State next semester."

Dixon spoke candidly and answered questions about her life, predictions and prophecies. "I don't believe America is ready for honest government," Dixon said. "Until people vote for honest government and not the beautiful promises the politicians make, we won't have it."

Commenting on politicians, government and America in general, Dixon stated, "The only way America can be saved is by having a man like Winston Churchill come along."

She said Churchill told the people the truth, and said more of our politicians should do the same.

"There is a difference between a prophecy and a prediction (forecast)," said Dixon. "A prophecy is a vision sent by God while a forecast is the picking

up of thoughts and then predicting."

"The vision takes seven days to be completed," Dixon said. "On the fourth day, God shows the thing that encompasses the whole world. Only God can create a vision. Also, the vision can begin to occur anywhere at



Jeanne Dixon

In 1952, Dixon prophesied the assassination of John F. Kennedy as president during 1963.

"God used Kennedy," said Dixon. "The Great Good God was using him for showing spiritual unity."

"There was this great wave of love and understanding throughout the world after Kennedy was killed," Dixon said. "But it didn't last."

Dixon said mankind is divided up into two categories: builders and destroyers. Instead of keeping the unity that appeared at the time of Kennedy's assassination, according to Dixon, the destroyers had their way.

Claiming that everyone has extra sensory perception (ESP), even plants, Dixon said, "Some people just have it to a greater extent than other people. Dixon eats health food which means things like drinking, smoking, or taking certain medicines are out."

"I eat meat maybe every other year," said Dixon. "I have destroyed no animal or human."

Claiming that money was not her God, Dixon said that all of her money goes for pre-natal research to help

prevent defective children.

"We should really pray for the children," Dixon said. "They face many big boulders, slings and arrows before them."

Before she left, Dixon made the following predictions:

"Edward Kennedy will be elected president if he runs in 1984. If he runs in 1980, he will be assassinated."

"Hopefully, within our lifetimes, you will see a comet come to the Earth to be in three days and nights of total darkness. People will find the eternal flame because of this (their faith)."

"The Second Coming of Christ will be in 1999."

Final issue

This is the final issue of the Technician for the fall semester of 1978. Publication will resume Jan. 8, 1979.

Students get chance to learn Oriental languages

He also emphasized that there is no room for procrastination in this program. "If you don't study and practice the lessons continually throughout the course, you can not hope to do well," he said.

Before a person is allowed to enter one of these courses he must schedule an interview with Gonzalez. In the interview, Gonzalez tells the student what the course consists of.

"During these interviews," Gonzalez said, "I tell students exactly what to expect and what not to expect. I also

stress that this program is not for the average student seeking to fulfill his foreign language requirements. The student must have a strong motivation to learn and the willpower to keep at his studies."

Graded by final

Besides being self-instructional, another novel aspect of these courses is that no tests are given during the semester. The student is graded solely on the basis of his performance on a

comprehensive final exam at the end of the semester, Gonzalez said.

The exam is not given by the tutor but rather by an impartial outsider, he said. "For the exam, we have a qualified non-involved examiner come in to test each student individually on the conversational skills he should have mastered during the semester," Gonzalez stated.

Currently, the examiner is a professor of far eastern studies at Duke University whose only functions at State are to administer exams and to

preside at two problem sessions that are held for the student's benefit during the course of the semester.

The programs in Japanese and Chinese are offered in four levels over two years. Gonzalez said at the end of the fourth level the student should have a "functional" use of the language.

"At the end of two years you may not be able to speak the language fluently but you should have enough ability to get by in most, everyday situations," he said.

At the moment, only about 15 people, not all of whom are regular students at State, are involved in the program.

Gonzalez said that some of the non-State students are travellers while others are businessmen who expect to be sent by their employers to the Orient.

Gonzalez said he would like to see an expansion of the current program to include not only the spoken language but also the written language. He said he would also like to see added emphasis placed on cultural learning.

He said, however, that because of budget constraints and lack of interest such extensions of the present program are not now feasible.

"If demand for the courses were greater," he said, "we would be justified in attempting to expand them but not enough interest has been shown yet."

Despite the current lack of widespread acceptance, Gonzalez said that he was hopeful that in the future the program would not only cover written Chinese and Japanese but might be expanded to other languages as well.

Service groups meet

A special dinner was held Wednesday night in the Student Center honoring the student members of Blue Key, Golden Chain, the N.C. Fellows Program, and Thirty and Three.

Sponsored by State's Alumni Associates, the meeting featured a speech by Norfleet Sugg, executive vice-president of the N.C. Agri-Business Council and former chairman of the Alumni Association.

David Basnight, associated director of the Alumni Association and advisor of the SSAA, said

the organization hopes to make the dinner an annual affair.

"We felt the dinner would serve the dual purpose of giving recognition to students who have made outstanding achievements and allowing them to get together and meet each other," Basnight said.

'Bridge gap'

The organizations for whom the dinner was held are service-oriented and, combined, have about 70 members.

The SSAA is a two-year-old organization formed, Basnight said, to "bridge the gap between students and alumni."

"In the past, students would go through four years of school here, graduate, and become alumni without ever knowing what the Alumni Association does for them," he said. "Now students have the chance to find out what we're all about."

Any interested students can join SSAA, Basnight said. There are presently about 25 members.



The Technician ran an incorrect picture of Roy Park, resigning chairman of State's Development Council, in Wednesday's paper. The correct picture of Park is above. The Technician apologizes for the error.

Learning Assistance Center has plan to speed up studying

State's Learning Assistance Center has created a program designed to increase students' study speed and comprehension.

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He served as Director of the University's Reading Study Center for 25 years. For ten years he was editor of *The Reading Teacher* published by the International Reading Association. As a worldwide leader in reading education, Dr. Stauffer is one of four people to be installed in the Reading Hall of Fame.

Executives recommend tough courses

by Craig Anderson, Staff Writer

A combination of technical and business degrees is seen as an ideal preparation for advancement in business, according to several major corporation executives.

One Southeastern regional executive for Exxon Corporation who asked not to be named said that "if a person had this type of preparation he would be well equipped for a variety of companies."

Francis Cambell, assistant staff manager for Southern Bell, said that "if a person wants to pursue technical and business courses, then

he can get ahead in our company."

She added, though, that "it is hard to mix a thorough technical and business knowledge curriculum in undergraduate work. It takes time to concentrate in any one of those areas."

Increased sophistication

Allan Luke, Production Manager for the Crown Zellerbach company in Raleigh, said that to rise to a managerial position "a technical background is important, but one has to be well rounded."

Luke said that in reviewing job applicants his com-

pany looked for certain Liberal Arts courses rather than just technical studies.

"For a manager, psychology and industrial psychology are really more important than just the hard technical knowledge," he said.

At Southern Bell, Cambell said, the difficulty of courses as well as extracurricular activities are considered in reviewing applicants.

"We do look at courses a student has taken and the difficulty of those courses, especially when we are trying to fill a certain type of job," she said.

According to Cambell, the increased sophistication in the study and application of

business principals has made it more important to have fared well in tough courses.

While college studies are important to help a person rise in the business world, many executives feel that performance with the company is the vital component to success.

"The courses you take are not that important. What you have learned, and how well you can do it is the thing that is important," said the Exxon source.

"As an executive you do whatever you have to do to improve communications skills as well as the ability to think and act quickly," he added.

Weekend weather

	Low	Hi	Weather
Friday		70-74°F	Chance of showers
Saturday	49-53°F	68-72°F	Chance of showers
Sunday	46-50	50's	Clearing

The skies should be partly cloudy Friday and mostly cloudy Saturday with an increasing chance of showers. Sunday should show some improvement later in the day with cooler temperatures.

Forecasters: Mike Moss, Dennis Doll and Russ Bullock of the NCSU Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society.

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Illegal or not, cockfighting remains popular

SKIATOOK, OKLAHOMA (PNS)—It's called the "Sport of Kings," but none of the 100 or so spectators crammed into the tin-roofed barn a few miles from this small northeastern Oklahoma town looked much like royalty.

They were perched on white-washed bleachers that were splattered with blood, dirt and tobacco spit. They were watching a small arena in front of them, anxiously waiting for the first bout to begin.

A bald man wearing thick black glasses entered the ring. He held a bright red rooster which jerked its head back and forth as it glared at the crowd.

Attached to its feet were two slender needles. Each steel spear was two inches long. Each was razor sharp. Each was strapped around the bird's natural spur.

Within seconds a teenage boy also stepped into the ring. He carried a golden rooster which he stroked absent-mindedly. That bird also wore steel spurs.

The teenager and the man

walked to the center of the ring and pushed the birds within inches of each other.

The roosters pecked at each other's eyes, twisting and turning, trying to free themselves and attack. Only the two handlers kept the birds from blinding each other.

The crowd came alive. A fat woman in a print dress waved \$5 above her head. "Got five on Big Red," she cried. "Got five on red."

A small freckled-faced boy pulled a wadded dollar bill from his blue jeans and poked a pal in the ribs.

"Betcha that gold kills the red one dead," he said.

A group of men in overalls and cowboy boots agreed on wagers in between spits of tobacco.

"Cut 'em loose!" the umpire yelled as the handlers released the birds.

The two cocks collided in mid-air, slashing with their prongs. Both birds connected. They fell to the ground locked together as the crowd jumped and screamed.

The red rooster had

impaled the golden bird in the neck. The gold cock had stabbed the red bird near its wing.

"Handlers," the umpire called.

The boy and man hurried to free their birds. The umpire nodded his head and the birds were turned loose again.

Five times the birds would lock together. Five times the spurs would strike until finally the two birds fell exhausted—locked together. Only their breasts moved as they gasped for air.

The teenager tilted his bird's head and opened its mouth to let the blood from its beak run out of its throat back into its stomach, giving it a few more seconds of life.

"He's a goner boy!" the fat woman yelled.

"Die you old hen," another woman screamed.

By now, many of the spectators had moved to the small fence that enclosed the ring, some knelt for a better view.

Big Red also was bleeding. The umpire drew an "H"

in the dirt and the two handlers placed their birds inside the symbol.

"Let 'em go!" the umpire ordered.

This time, neither bird bolted forward. The gold cock stood still, proud. The red cock inched forward.

Suddenly, the golden bird —its once brilliant feathers now covered with dust and blood—collapsed.

Johnny a winner

The red cock stepped next to it. As if it were an ancient gladiator waiting for approval from the emperor, the bird seemed to pause and glance at the crowd.

"Kill 'em Johnny!" a fan yelled, calling the bird by its owner's name. "Kill 'em."

The bird raised a spur and plunged it into the golden rooster's neck. Blood spurted from its beak as the crowd applauded and cheered and the umpire declared a winner.

Most of the crowd was so busy collecting gambling debts, they did not seem to notice that Big Red also had

collapsed. The handlers picked up the birds as two new contestants entered.

"Good fight boy," the man said.

"Thanks," the teenager replied. "I'm gonna miss this bird," he said, stroking the dead rooster.

They tossed the birds outside, near the front door. Within an hour, five more birds would join those two. A few youngsters poked sticks at the birds that still were alive but unable to move.

The scene at the "Gaming Club" hidden by blackjack trees at the end of a muddy unmarked road apparently is typical of cockfights held across the nation from early fall until July.

Because the sport is illegal in every state but Oklahoma and Florida, it is difficult to tell how many cockfights are held each year.

Most cockfights are kept secret even in states where they are legal. Invention is by word of mouth. Strangers are not welcome. Photographs are forbidden.

Some cockfighting rings in Oklahoma have theater seats and fancy refreshment stands, but most are primi-

tive, simple rings in old barns.

Cockfighters are reluctant to talk to reporters. Telephone calls to the editor of *The Gamecock*, the sport's leading magazine, were in vain.

Advertisements in that magazine and others reveal, however, that cockfighters can be found in nearly every state—particularly southern states, New York City and southern California.

In California, fighting birds often wear slashers instead of steel prongs. As the name implies, a slasher is a sharp blade that acts like a broadsword and can easily decapitate an opponent.

Most states have ruled that cockfighting—like dog fighting—is inhumane, but the state of Oklahoma. The state Court of Criminal Appeals overturned the 1962 convictions of four men guilty of cockfighting. The justices said the men had not violated the animal cruelty acts because "fowls are not animals."

The court based its ruling on a Biblical passage that distinguished between the "beasts of the field and the fowl of the air."

In 1975, an Oklahoma

legislator tried to change the state law to include fowls as animals. His pleas were greeted in the state legislature by chants of "cock-a-doodle-doo" from the throats of his fellow House members and from concealed tape recorders.

Legislators cheered when Rep. John Monks of Muskogee spoke passionately of the "great sport of all free countries—cockfighting."

"In every country the Communists have taken over," Monks warned, "the first thing they do is outlaw cockfighting."

'American tradition'

Cockfighting was practiced by George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, Monks said. "It's an American tradition."

Monks then claimed that the fall of Great Britain as a world power could be linked to cockfighting. "The government got so big it suppressed the sports of the people and that was the first step to ruin."

The bill to end cockfighting was sent to a committee for study. It has never been discussed.

"These birds were born to

fight," says Ed Parks, a prominent Tulsa attorney and cockfighter. "Bleeding hearts get upset because a few chickens get killed, but it's a hell of a lot better to die in a ring fighting than to have some farmer pull off your head and throw you in a pot for dinner."

Breeders train the birds with "muffs" which resemble small boxing gloves. They feed the birds secret mixtures of vitamins and powdered horse marrow to make their blood thick.

Some cockfighters use drugs to pep up their birds, which can cost from \$25 to \$2,500. Entry fees for bouts range from a few dollars to several hundred, but the real money comes from gambling during the fights—not from winning the victor's purse.

Like many so-called victimless crimes, the gambling goes unnoticed by officials—at least that was the case when Big Red and the golden rooster fought to their deaths.

The umpire for one match was a local deputy sheriff. "Shucks," he said. "Ain't nothing wrong in some folks havin' some good clean fun. Why don't you just leave everybody alone."

Hispanic claim judged inaccurate

by Dan Dawes
Staff Writer

"Every twelfth of October on Columbus Day, somebody tries taking credit away from the English for helping to colonize America," according to Dr. Robert N. Elliot, assistant head of the Department of History.

And sure enough, an Associated Press (AP) wire report appeared in numerous papers including the *News and Observer*, claiming that the Spanish had a settlement near Jamestown almost a century before the English settled there.

Elliot says this is "completely overblown and erroneous."

The idea that the Spanish first settled on the Atlantic coast was recently proposed in a U.S. Department of Energy publication for Columbus Day called "A Salute to Hispanic-Americans in Science and Industry." The magazine's purpose was to "highlight the contributions

of Spanish-Americans to the development of the United States."

The publication, written by Domingo and Conchita Reyes, used a book written by John Fiske in 1893 as a historical source. The AP story reports the Fiske account of Spanish colonization as "apparently forgotten" and quotes the authors of the DOE publication as saying that later history texts "were never to record or to tell the story of this version of the discovery of North America."

Facts unsound

"This was for a good reason," said Elliot. "No one regards John Fiske as a reliable historian, not only me. He wrote a lot of popular books. He was a philosopher, a lecturer and you might call him a popular historian. But his facts are not sound."

According to Elliot, the word "permanent" is a key

factor in determining whether an attempt at colonization actually succeeds as a settlement. The Spanish venture was not permanent but the English Jamestown settlement in 1607 was.

The AP story cites the authors as saying that Spanish navigator Lucan Vasquez d'Ayllan and an explorer named Esteban Gomez sailed a fleet of six ships carrying more than 500 people and supplies from Puerto Plata on Hispaniola (now the Dominican Republic) to Virginia in 1526 and established a settlement there.

Also, the story says, "The authors do not explain what happened to San Miguel de Guadalupe but Spanish historians have written that the disappearance of early Spanish settlements along North America's eastern seaboard usually resulted from their inability to maintain ties and economic relations with Spain's main trade routes."

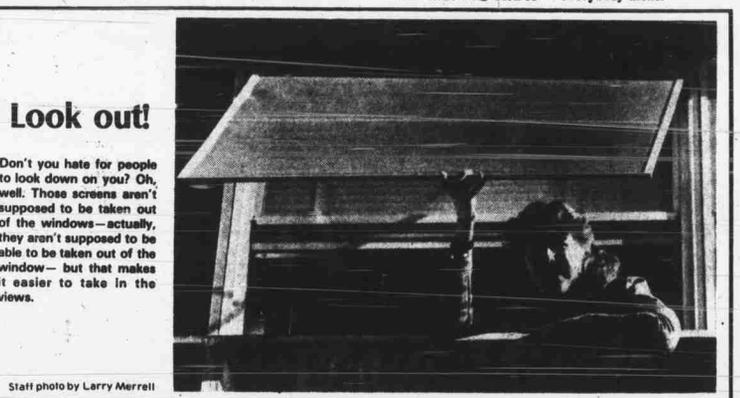
Elliot agrees with this statement in parts. But he said the DOE publication neglected to tell the problems the Spanish were having to keep a stable settlement.

Settlers move south

The settlers first chose an area near North Carolina's Cape Fear River about 20 miles south of Wilmington. However, lost supplies and the swampy area prompted them to move south where they established San Miguel de Guadalupe in South Carolina near present day Georgetown.

The group started out in June of 1526 and returned to Hispaniola in October following the death of Ayllan.

"The point is," said Elliot, "that doesn't take away from Jamestown in 1607 because that was the first permanent English settlement. The Department of Energy should get its facts straight."



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Around Orlando Sights abound

by Sylvia Adecek
Features Editor

"There are more major attractions within a two-mile drive of Orlando than any other place on earth," a brochure put out by the Orlando Chamber of Commerce.

For Wolfpack fans, Orlando offers one major attraction this season: the Tangerine Bowl.

And the fans will be there. Reynolds Coliseum reports that 14,000 Tangerine Bowl tickets have been sold through their box office and 21,000 have been sold through the Wolfpack Club. The 50,514-seat stadium where the Dec. 23 game against Pittsburg is to be held will get a taste of the red and white.

Football fans hope that the Florida sun will be shining on the day of the big game. Orlando reports a 61 degree average temperature in December. At 4 p.m. Tuesday the thermometer in Orlando read 69. Those ready to make the trip should bring a sweater for the somewhat cool nights.

At least 33 students will be boarding a bus to Orlando on a trip sponsored by the Society of Afro-American Culture. President Sherry Williams said that the group is staying one night in Orlando. The group also went to the Peach Bowl in Atlanta last year.

Members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity will also make the trip south. A spokesman for the group said that they will stay in Daytona Beach, just a few miles from Orlando.

"We're thinking about going to Disney World too," he said.

Walt Disney World, for those who haven't heard, is near Orlando. In fact, the 43 square-mile theme park is only 25 miles from Orlando. Disney World is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the winter.

Disney World is a proliferation of theme parks within a single boundary. Six separate theme parks, in fact, make up Disney World. There are so many attractions at the park that its

promoters say that at least two days are necessary to see everything Disney World has to offer.

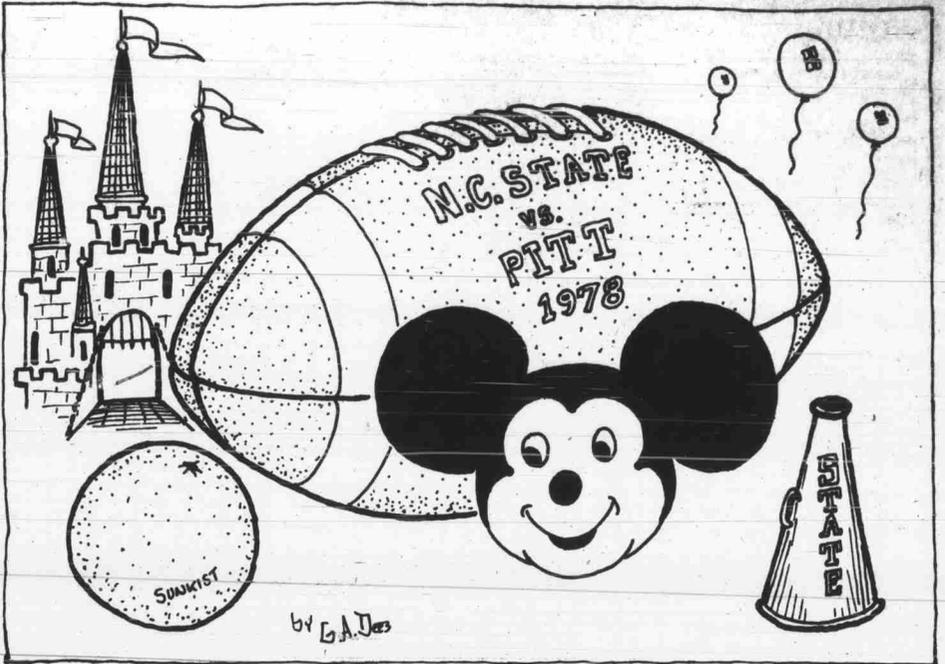
Admission inside to the Magic Kingdom is \$6.75 for adults. But the cost doesn't end there; many attractions and rides require additional tickets.

Fifteen miles from Orlando is the "largest theme park of its kind in the world: Sea World. And just south of Orlando is Wet 'n Wild—12 acres worth of water fit for sliding, swimming and splashing.

The Wolfpack Club has two chartered planes for Orlando.

"And we may get a third," said a spokesman for the group. The group is arriving to Dec. 21 to give families the opportunity to do some sightseeing.

Orlando is located in the middle of Florida's peninsula. But Florida is not very wide, so its famed sunny beaches are not too far from Orlando. That in itself is reason enough to make the trip to Florida.



Staff photo by Larry Marroti

"El perro lee el libro... oh, skip it. Bet there are lots of students who'd be tempted to ask this brainy canine to take some exams for them next week.

Soaring—a quiet high

by Patricia Perez-Canto...
Features Writer

It looked white and beautiful, waiting patiently on the field. I sat on the front seat of the glider strapped in tightly.

"Don't touch anything," Bill Via of Medowlark Gliderport told me. I hadn't been thinking of touching anything anyway. "The only thing you have to do is pull this little stick when Mamad tells you," he said, "and then release it, O.K.?"

I nodded. He patted my shoulder, grinned, and said, "You'll love it."

They closed the top, waved at Mamad and me and we were towed up in the air, ready to glide.

Speed: about 45 miles an hour. And the world below became smaller and smaller as we climbed up.

1000 feet, 1500, 2000, 2500, 3000...

"Release!" Mamad Takallu, my pilot and the president of State's Soaring Club, broke my excited watch on the land below.

I pulled the stick towards me and released it. The umbilical chord was broken and the tow plane was gone.

We were all alone as we soared through the air. The world was small below and all around was bright blue sky.

There was no noise, only the soft wind that blew passed us. I was in a beautiful, graceful bird up in the sky.

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to duplicate the flight of the birds.

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The sailplane is a fully maneuverable aircraft. As one of the members of the club said: "It is wrong to believe that gliding is a dangerous sport. Statistics show that sailplanes are safer than any other type of aircraft."

Soaring has become an increasingly popular sport in recent years in the United States. State can boast of one of the few college soaring clubs in the country. It was organized last Fall by faculty members and interested students.

Anyone can join State's soaring club. No previous experience is necessary. Training to get a private pilot license with sailplane rating is a part of the club's activities.

The club flies out of a gliderport in Franklinton, N.C. recently acquired by Via. He owns Medowlark Gliderport as a commercial operation. The Club gets special rates and at the same time the members are trying to purchase their own trainer sailplane.

"When we can have our own sailplane, it won't cost anything except for the tow. This is how it works in European universities," Takallu said.

If you've ever looked up in wonder at the birds and wished that you could fly, you don't need to become a member of the Soaring Club to do it. You can go and have a ride for a few dollars. It's worth it.



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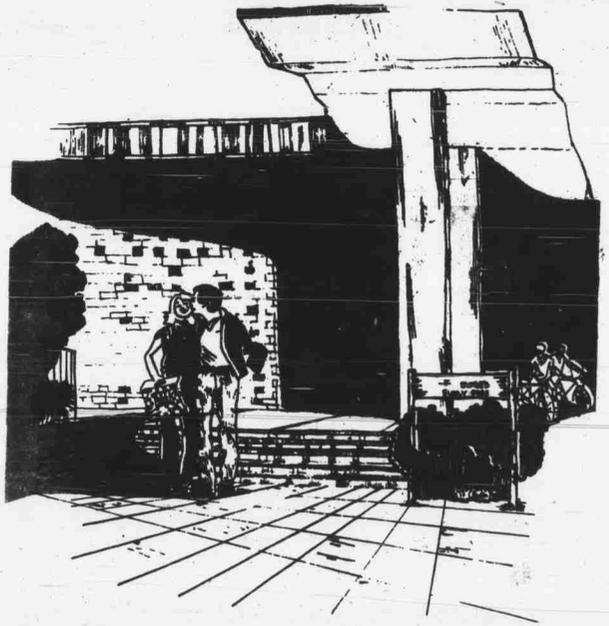
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The road is long for Starling

by Braxton Wesley Smith
Entertainment Writer

Robert Starling, an alumni of State, is trying to make the step to stardom following the star-strung road of hit male singers. Robert performed at the Village Subway last Tuesday and Wednesday nights, singing a variety of songs composed by himself, as well as singing several crowd pleasers by performers such as Billy Joel, Jackson Browne, Loggins & Messina, and the Beatles.

Robert is a folk-jazz singer who combines the guitar, piano, and harmonica into his subtle, tasteful music. A

few originals by Robert are "Helpless Child," a song about himself striving to hit the big time, but unwilling to let go of his ideals. "Welcome to the Island" is a song written about Hilton Head, S.C., and "Goodnight My Lady, Goodnight" is a song about the traveler and his lady he must continually leave for the road. Each song is mellow in its own way, engulfing the intent crowd with Robert's ideas of "love, dreams, and places."

Although a native of Garner, N.C., Robert established his career in Raleigh at the old Frog and Nightgown, and at Café Deja Vu. His guitar debut

begin much earlier at the age of 5 on a popular local television show. That early exposure lead him to join several rock and roll bands before becoming a folk-jazzist.

While performing at a concert, Robert realized that his ideals and emotions laid in the folk-jazz sound, so he settled down to performing alone and in 100 percent control of his destiny. I don't want to make it if it means giving up the total control of my life," Starling said.

As he stands now, Robert is establishing a name for himself among the great male singers. He performs in areas ranging from Wash-

ington, to Florida, to the Mississippi. He has even travelled to New York to record one of his first songs, which he wrote while a student at State, called "Catch a Falling Star."

Robert says he enjoys playing colleges because "Colleges are more open minded and they are not trying to make a profit off drinks. The people focus more on the music rather

than the drinking." But he added that most people in Raleigh seem to desire foot-stomping music rather than the mellow style.

Robert is making plans to

perform at State in the near future, possibly at the Coffeehouse. He will also be performing on December 27 at the Cafe Deja Vu for his yearly Christmas special.

By the early spring, Robert will debut his first album, consisting of all original material, and including Vassar Clements on fiddle for backup.

Robert Starling is a total idealist putting 100 percent into his music and lyrics. Robert believes in himself, as do his followers, because he allows the audience to dream. Hopefully, someday their hopes and his dreams will come true.



Robert Starling will be appearing at the Cafe Deja Vu on December 27 for his yearly Christmas special.

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Bob Seger - *Night Moves*

Thursday, Dec. 14

Joni Mitchell - *Miles of Isles*
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Tuesday, Dec. 12

Randy Meisner - *Randy Meisner*
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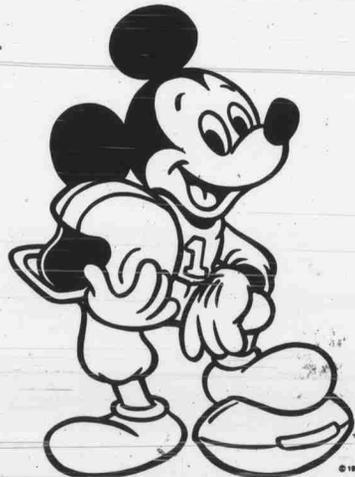


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CONCERT NOTES

Musician-in-residence

David Anderson, NCSU Musician-in-Residence, will feature the improvisation ensemble "Bl Laceria" in his final fall concert Sunday, December 10th at 8:00 P.M. in State's Stewart Theater.

"Bl Laceria" is a unique group of four musicians who play their own music in their own way. Their concerts are totally improvised from ideas, rather than written music, and their ideas are startlingly original conceptions of electronic sounds, acoustic effects and a sort of musical "stream of consciousness."

Quartet

The quartet is comprised of the fundamental colors of a symphony orchestra and is like an orchestra in miniature consisting of one string player, Maurice Hood; woodwinds, Robert Price; brass, Les Gay; and percussion, David Anderson, who also does electronic sound with the group.

Larry Austin, noted composer and editor of *Source Magazine* says of the group, "New music is in their ears. They 'intuit' their way through their music with ease and often with beauty and wit."

Merrill Ellis, composer and director of the North Texas Electronic Music Center, observes: "This is a truly unique musical experience which must be seen as well as heard. They approach New Music with a sensitivity that is rare in today's musical world."

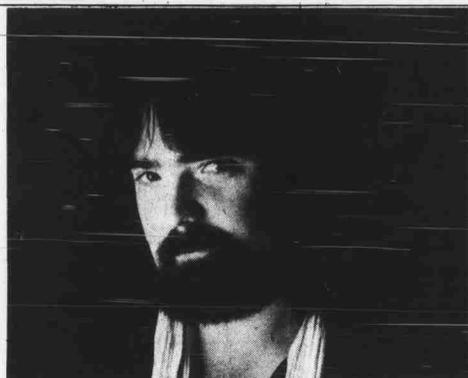
The concert is free.

Annual Christmas concert

On Friday evening, December 8, the N.C. State University Department of Music will present its Annual Christmas Concert. The event will be held in Reynolds Coliseum. Concert time is 8:00 p.m. Musical groups appearing on the program will be the Symphonic Band, the Varsity Men's Glee Club, the Women's Chorale, the University Choir, the New Horizons Choir, the University Singers and the NCS Pipes & Drums. The public is cordially invited. There is no admission charge.

Raleigh Chamber Players

The Raleigh Chamber Players, directed by Tony Danby, will present a concert on Sunday, December 10 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Student Center on the campus of North Carolina State University. The program will include a concerto by Telemann for flute, oboe d'amore and violin, and the cantata "Ich habe genug" by Bach, with John P. Williams as soloist. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. For other information, phone J.M.A. Danby, 737-3210 or 787-6018.



Richard T. Bear's debut album is definitely worth listening to.

Bear cuts unique album

by Stan Limmiatis
Entertainment Writer

Richard T. Bear's debut album, *Red Hot and Blue* is a not-so-typical example of an LP of this type. Though his sound is somewhat unrefined, this album is evidence that Bear is already well on the way to perfecting his own style.

His vocals have been compared to poor Kris Kristoferson, and his music to below average Bob Seger. But if listened to for what it is—rock-n-roll with a blues flavor—*Red Hot and Blue* is a damn good album.

Bear has toured with Carly Simon and Jeff Beck, his performance being strong, all out, and unrestrained. He has performed at colleges and concert halls across the nation, and has also appeared

along with Jefferson Airplane at Fillmore East.

Bear's strong piano, which he learned to play by ear, is what really makes his music and what gives his sound the strong, unique flavor it has. The lyrics on the LP range from the profoundly sensitive cut entitled "Lay Your Head Against My Pillow," to the humorous "Suicide."

On the whole, *Red Hot and Blue* is an album worth hearing. Richard T. Bear's music is rock-n-roll and blues, with a definitely unique twist imparted by his lyrics and piano.

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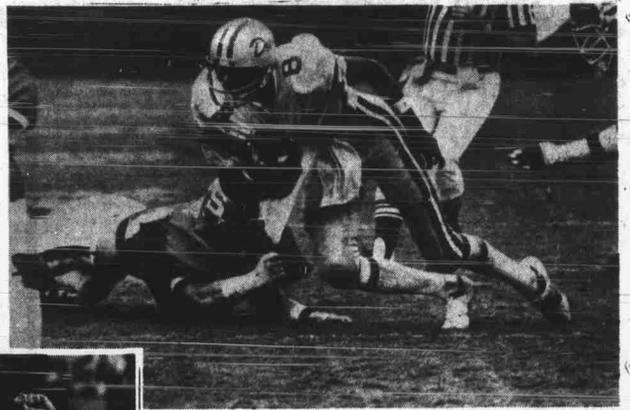
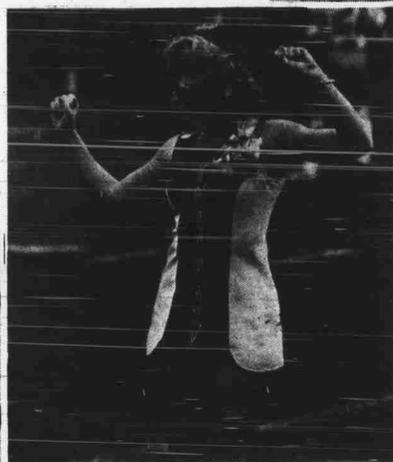
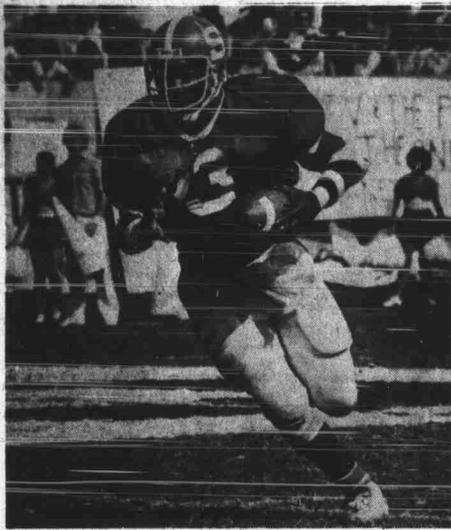
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Reverse discrimination grows

Bakke case duplicated

(Joel Dreyfuss is the author of a book on the Bakke case to be published by Harcourt, Brace, Javanovich in 1979. He is a former staff reporter for the Washington Post and the New York Post.)

PNS—Their names may not be very familiar at this point, but chances are that James Cramer and Brian Weber will become as much a part of the nation's vocabulary in the future as Allan Bakke was during the past year.

These two white men have filed charges of "reverse discrimination" that could have an even greater national impact than last year's highly touted racial melodrama involving the space engineer who wanted to become a doctor.

The U.S. Supreme Court's Bakke decision last spring primarily affected university admissions procedures. The suits brought by Cramer and Weber challenge voluntary affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to minorities and women in employment.

And since the issue here involves jobs, a Supreme Court decision could affect thousands of programs and millions of jobs.

Cramer and Weber, who were seeking positions at opposite ends of the social and economic spectrum, asked the courts to determine how much special

consideration should be given to women and minorities when there is no established proof of past discrimination.

Weber, a 31-year-old laboratory technician at a Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Co. plant in Gramercy, Louisiana, applied for a training program that would lead to a skilled craft job. But the company, finding that there were only 5 blacks among 273 skilled workers, had signed an agreement with the United Steelworkers Union to admit one black for every white selected for the program until black representation reflected the black population of the area around the plant. When Weber was turned down he sued the company and the union.

'Less qualified'

Cramer, a 52-year-old sociologist, taught at Virginia Commonwealth University for a year and twice applied for permanent positions in his department. When women were hired for both spots, Cramer sued, contending that he was not considered because he was a male and that the women hired were "less qualified."

The U.S. Supreme Court has not yet agreed to accept either case, but the same political and economic pressures that forced it to confront the issue raised by Bakke are at work on behalf of Weber and Cramer.

In ordering Bakke admitted to the medical school of the University of California at Davis, the Court ruled that race could be a factor in university admissions but that rigid racial quotas were unfair.

However, the narrowness of the ruling and the multiplicity of opinions among the Justices left many issues unresolved. Weber's case would force the court to address the issue of voluntary affirmative action in employment while Cramer would extend the debate into the area of sex discrimination.

Opponents of affirmative action have had little success in challenging programs instituted after past discrimination was documented. After Bakke, officials at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) felt that voluntary programs, often reached through out-of-court settlements, were still safe.

But last year's 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling on behalf of Weber threatens these voluntary agreements. "There can be no basis for preferring minority workers if there has been no discriminatory act that displaced them from their rightful place" in the employment scheme," the Fifth Circuit said in a 2-1 decision.

Companies say the decision leaves them in an unacceptable bind: If they don't adopt voluntary affir-

mative action programs they can be sued by minority workers; if they do admit past discrimination, minority workers can sue them for back pay and damages.

Law suits threatened

EEOC chairperson Eleanor Holmes Norton says the government's entire anti-discrimination effort would be damaged if companies decided to wait until they were sued.

"The basic social policy behind law enforcement is to have a much greater number of companies that we can sue believe they must voluntarily keep us from suing them by adopting voluntary affirmative action," says Norton. "No law enforcement agency could sue everybody in violation."

In its appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, the Steelworkers says the Fifth Circuit's decision is already having an impact on opportunities for minorities.

"One major corporation has already advised the union that in light of the decision it has suspended implementation of the program at plants throughout the United States," according to the appeal.

The Justice Department has asked the Supreme Court to send back to determine if the Bakke decision would have any

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Majority reacts

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impact on the Court of Appeals ruling, but the justices have not yet announced what they will do.

The impact of the threat of lawsuits was recently illustrated by an agreement between the New York Times Co. and a group of women who had charged sex discrimination. While denying any wrongdoing, the Times agreed to pay \$350,000 and start an affirmative action program. Harriet Raab, the attorney for the women, says the suit forced the newspaper to change its hiring practices.

In 1970 and 1971, she said only 6 percent of the editors and reporters hired were female.

But the plan to set hiring goals for women may not go unchallenged. Recently, a white male reporter at the St. Louis Post Dispatch filed a complaint of "reverse discrimination" with the EEOC after a woman was selected for the paper's Washington bureau.

Government pressure

The flurry of complaints by white males reflects a mood of resistance to affirmative action fueled by intense competition for increasingly scarce desirable jobs. Efforts to "deregulate" affirmative action also reflect the public's mistrust of government bureaucracy and intervention.

But proponents of affirmative action argue that racism and sexism are very real elements in the selection process. Government pressure, they contend, is essential in guaranteeing equal opportunities for minorities in an extremely tight job market.

The impact of the national mood on minority admissions was recently documented by the Association of American Medical Colleges, which reported that minority enrollment at U.S. medical schools has remained level during the past three years.

Black enrollment declined from a high of 6.3 percent to 1974 to less than six percent last year while total enrollment at medical schools was increasing.

The latest round of lawsuits once again raises the issue of how far American society must go to overcome the inequities of past discrimination against minorities and women. Recently polls show a willingness to provide more training for minorities but a reluctance to face minorities in head-to-head competition.

Last spring, the U.S. Supreme Court carefully sidestepped arguments by Bakke and his supporters that the choice was between "better" and "less" qualified applicants, or even that "reverse discrimination" was a valid term. But racial attitudes—and

apparent differences in grade point averages—made it easy for many whites to believe that Bakke was more deserving of an opportunity to attend medical school than a faceless group of minorities.

The issues raised in the Weber and Cramer cases may force the public to confront what some observers believe to be the real issues of our time — too many well-qualified applicants for too few positions.

Better understanding

The Weber case does not involve rigorous academic qualifications that were at the core of the Bakke case. Cramer's suit against affirmative action for women may bring to public attention the fact that women often equal or surpass men in the traditional qualifications.

Also, because sexist attitudes did not always bear the social stigma attached to racism, it is often easier to prove past discrimination against women.

The efforts of Brian Weber and James Cramer to improve their positions in society could well lead to a better public understanding of what affirmative action really is: an attempt to redistribute a limited number of opportunities among a large number of equally deserving individuals.



And who are the naughty characters? Refugees from a funny farm? The American delegation to Timbuktu? The presidential cabinet? No, but you're getting warmer. Actually, it's a fraction of the faithful Technician staffers — the ones who work while you sleep, preparing the paper which gets you off on the right foot every morning — or sends you back to bed, as the case may be. Well, whatever you think of us, we want to wish you a happy holiday and we'll be back next year.

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Junior high?

To the Editor:

I have just finished reading the article discussing the widespread vandalism that now plagues our campus, ("Vandals Plague State's Campus," Dec. 4, p. 1). It is a confusing situation to me because the acts being committed sound like things that happen at junior high and high schools. The question to be answered is, "When will these vandals wake up and realize that they are college students?"

There may be a little justification in painting towers or walls as a bit of fun and interschool rivalry, but there is no justification for acts such as breaking the emergency security lights or tearing up traffic signs. I'm only a freshman, but it seems to me that by the time a person reaches the age to attend college, he should have reached a higher level of maturity than that exhibited by the vandals.

One word of warning to the vandals—Security Director Cunningham had the right idea when he put you in the victim's shoes. Remember, you might not always be the aggressor, and you too might one night need a blue light to help you escape an assault. Personally, I hope there isn't one and you get the (expletive deleted) stomped out of you.

Don Smith
Fr. SPV

understand is, what sort of a Grinch would steal one of the tokens we use to symbolize this special time? It would seem that anyone who would steal a Christmas tree would have no use for one.

Steven W. Pantor
Student Center

Recall

To the Editor:

This letter probably will not appear in the Technician, but I am submitting it anyway. Mr. Martin's two part series on campus vandalism has made me recall several acts of vandalism in Bagwell dormitory.

Now most on-campus students are probably aware of the common but quite minor acts of dormitory vandalism. And these acts of simple hell raising (water fights, toilet paper decorating, etc.) should not be confused with the severe kinds of vandalism in the dorms (kicking in door panels, burning student property). What you should admit, Mr. holler than thou Martin, that you religiously participated in the latter of the above mentioned "practices." Are you telling former Bagwell residents and the NCSU students that you are a reformed vandal? Give the students a break Martin.

Dennis Fallon
Sr. CHE

The real problem is not inadequate lights but a few more immature (expletive deleted) who don't belong on a college campus but in grammar school or Central Prison. If anyone is caught vandalizing these lights, I sincerely hope that they get all the punishment that they deserve.

Norman Doggett
Jr. CHA

What a proof

To the Editor:

At this point in the semester, those of us who are going to panic are already doing it, and those of us who are going to mellow out are indeed, mellow. Most of us reached our prime around mid-terms and have been going unsteadily downhill ever since.

Whipped on by threats, coercion and a large supply of self-inflicted guilt, we have fervently studied, sometimes to discover it was the "wrong thing." What are we trying to prove remains an enigma. Some professors are positive we got here by mistake and there's little we can do in mass to persuade them otherwise.

Besides, they could be right.

Cathy Hobson
Sr. Psych.

Rebuttal

To the Editor:

In reply to the letter by Wilmer Lee (Dec. 6), I agree with him that the Technician—not the student body—should be blamed for the lack of coverage of Vanessa Hill, last year's homecoming queen. Also, Mr. Lee's views on

getting involved were very appropriate. However, I do not see the necessity for his statement about blacks being admitted with a lower predicted grade point average. True, some minority students are admitted with lower PGPA's, but their extracurricular activities and performance on entrance tests obviously proved to someone that they are capable of doing college level work successfully. And Mr. Lee, after 400 years of saying "Hell no, you can't come to this school because you're Black, Indian, etc, don't you feel that you owe it to these people to elevate them into the mainstream of American life by educating them so that they can not only help themselves, but also our country as well?"

I'd like to meet you someday Mr. Lee. I feel that we would have a very interesting conversation! Take it easy. Congratulations again, Joan.

A concerned friend

Clarification

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the feature story about Dance Visions that appeared in the Technician on Monday, December 4, 1978.

First of all, Dance Visions was pleased that the Technician provided us with the exposure received as a result of the article printed. However, I would like to correct what I feel to be some serious errors bordering on misrepresentations in the article. Perhaps your writer could use a few pointers on taking interview notes or better still how to translate them.

Dance Visions gave four dance clinics this semester in cooperation with the Inter-Residence Council of NCSU. We have

not limited ourselves to any specific number of clinics per semester and obviously your writer failed to clarify that this is the first semester in which the clinics were held.

Also, the dance company was organized in February of 1978 and our first performance was held during the Pan African week festival held in April, not February as was stated. Another point is that Dance Visions currently consists of 16 NCSU students, all of whom at this point are black. We did have one white student audition for the company and she was selected for participation. She later resigned from Dance Visions because of work commitments. We don't have the hangup about the color of our dancers that the writer of that article seems to have.

Myra Blalock is unknown to Dance Visions. Myra Bullock serves as dancing consultant along with Wanda Hill of the NCSU Counseling Center who is our advisor. Our sponsors are as follows: Inter-Residence Council, Black Students, Board, Dance Committee, Lee, Sullivan, and Bragaw Dorms and Residence Life.

The final mistake (probably because the article ended there) was to state that Dance Visions will next perform in March. Dance Visions at this time has not scheduled performances for the spring semester. At present we are preparing for a spring recital hopefully to present in March. Granted, this is a minor error; we, like the Technician, want your readers to have the accurate facts.

Rhonda Bennett
Jr. Txt.
and Dance Visions

Why a tree

To the Editor:

I wish to utilize this public forum to speak to the two guys who stole the Christmas tree from the ground floor lobby of the Student Center Monday night. I want to express to you the emotions I felt when I came down the stairs from the Informatin Desk just minutes after you went out the door with the tree. At first, I felt extreme anger—I can assure you that had I come down the steps sooner your "fun" would have been disrupted. But my anger soon faded into a feeling of disbelief and perplexity. Let me ask you but one question—"Why?"

No matter what one's beliefs, the Christmas season is a time when people search for the inner goodness of man and the life he leads, seeking the peace, the joy, the hope and the love that we so often miss. What I cannot

Some don't feel

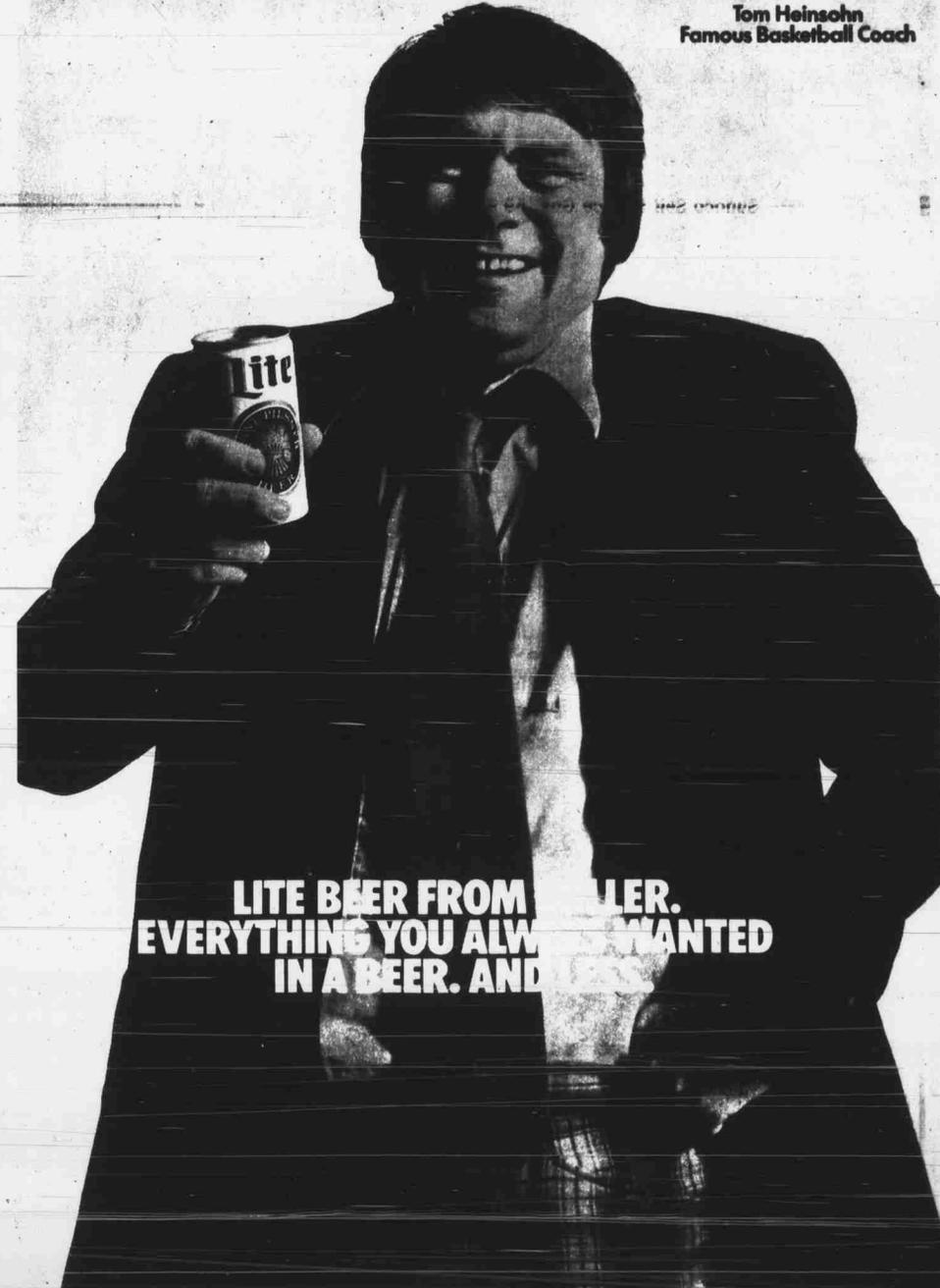
To the Editor:

I praise the NCSU Security Dept. for installing the blue lights on the emergency phones. I think this was a good move to make the phones easier to find, in an effort to make NCSU a safer place to live. However, a few students don't feel this way.

The lights did not last one week when they were first installed directly on phone posts. Vandals stole the blue cases, broke the bulbs, and pulled out the wires. Security then had to spend more of our (the students) money to replace these lights with more expensive ones that were welded to a pipe above the phone. Security hoped that this might discourage or eliminate the problem of vandalism. Yet now I have seen these poles bent, and the lights busted.

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Technician Opinion Change?

Any student who has gone through the rigors of Change Day, and that includes most, knows that one has to get his advisor to sign a Drop/Add Form (a.k.a. Schedule Revision Form) because the University says so.

But every student who has tried it knows (and this still includes most) that one doesn't have to get his advisor to sign the thing because: a) if it is not signed no one cares anyway, b) if you want to, you can forge his or her name, and c) no matter whose name you sign, even Donald Duck, Richard Nixon, or Dr. Elmo Firesign, they'll take it anyway. The Technician printed a photo last semester of a form signed by Santa Claus.

If the University started really enforcing the rule about having the forms signed, a lot of people could be in trouble. Forgery, for one thing, is a serious matter, whether inside the University or not. Many people have gotten around this by signing a fictitious name, so that they couldn't technically be charged with forgery, but it is still a bad situation.

The Technician called for a change six months ago, and a bill is going before the Student Senate tonight that will do away with the requirement. The bill, sponsored by Student Body Treasurer Jerry Kirk points out that the student often finds it difficult or impossible to get hold of his or her advisor on Change Day, and that students have to act immediately to have the courses they want before they are closed out.

Coupled with this argument is the fact that the regulation, even if taken seriously by the

students and the University, would be of little value. Academic advisors have no power to tell the students they absolutely cannot take a course.

Why, then, make it mandatory for them to sign the forms? Presumably the idea was to make sure that the advisors at least knew what the students in his charge were doing. This is nice, but students, as the bill points out, are supposed to be mature, and should be able to make their own decisions about what courses they are going to take, and even, if they are going to talk to their advisors.

Many students find themselves annoyed and frustrated on Change Day, having to mix'n'match courses on the spur of the moment. Why make it more difficult by forcing them to complete an exercise in useless bureaucracy?

Regardless of what anyone says, State is attempting to make progressive moves. Two years ago, this was a dominate issue in the student's minds because the power the administration had over their daily lives, as well as the administration's inability to handle certain problems of the students. We have made positive strides, and that is something that should be remembered by every person who feels shafted by the University machine.

(Reprinted from the Jan. 21, 1976 Technician.)

Ed. note.



Letters

Exclusive

To the Editor:

Since your photographer, Wayne Bloom, took the bait, and the picture in today's Technician, I can't resist the temptation to explain that the personalized license plate THE-1, stands for THUNDER HILL ESTATES, a secluded land development near Blowing Rock, N.C. Now you know the rest of the story.

William W. Austin
3221 Birnan Wood Road
Raleigh, N.C. 27607

On the queen

To the Editor:

The other day I was reading the Technician and couldn't help but notice the amusing letter to the Editor from T. Clark. It seems that Mr. Clark was a little annoyed because a black homecoming queen didn't make the front page of the Technician and then he asks the question: Are we really wanted here? Well, Mr. Clark, personally, your letter annoyed me.

For the past 20 years or so, blacks have been crying and bitching about not getting equal justice, equal pay, and equal educational opportunities among other things. One of the results of all this has been that affirmative action goals are now being used in hiring practices and admissions. To top all this, blacks are being recruited to attend N.C. State and black high school students are being invited to visit the campus at taxpayers' expense; however, no special effort is being made to recruit white students. So, obviously, your question is inane. Someone does want you here. Joey Califano surely does, and there is no effort I know of to keep blacks out of N.C. State.

Personally, I don't give a damn whether you come here or not. If you can hack the academic part, that's fine; if you can't, that's fine also. Maybe you would like N.C. Central or Shaw better, but don't try to hand us that bull that you're not wanted here. Love it or leave it.

Joe Turk
Sr. F.S.

that they were indeed NOT "Homos"...they don't deserve that much credit.

Edgar Dalrymple, author of "Duh...", was visited by a large group of overgrown Becton yardapes and received verbal abuse, physical intimidation, an egg thrown on his windows, a pizza ordered for him, and a multitude of crank calls that lasted until the early hours of the morning, (including one at 10:00 a.m. Thursday that prompted this letter) and other examples of immature, assinine, childish behavior.

It is quite obvious, to those in this world who can repeat the alphabet and count higher than seven; that the purpose of the letter was not to attack Becton students. But, in fact, the letter was directed at pointing out that the original article "Nuclear Protectors Gather" was a piece of irresponsible and misleading journalism. But it is quite obvious that the boys from Becton did not, or could not, read that far.

Where was the competency test when we needed it?

Fred Sipe
Roommate of E.D.
Fr. Env. Design/Architecture

Good stuff

To the Editor:

The Annex is now serving dark brown sludge topped with a shot of hot water instead of coffee. I will not dwell nostalgically on what was previously served under the heading "coffee," but it at least had a familiar bitterness I have grown accustomed to.

But the "coffee" that comes from these new push button, chrome-plated swirl dispensers tastes like it was made from the dust that collects around my shoes at the bottom of my closet. This past Monday morning I actually got thirsty while drinking it. I needed a glass of ice water to help wash it down. I inquired of a woman behind the counter about the ingredients, and she assured me that it was brewed coffee.

She did not mention how many days of brewing it took to make it the gooey consistency that eventually squirts into my cup. But if the styrofoam cups are strong enough to take it, I guess I am too.

Cathy Hobson
Sr. Psych

Letters to the Editor should be no longer than 250 words, typed or written legible and must include the writer's address and phone number along with his or her classification and curriculum. Letters containing possibly libelous or obscene material will be edited.

Fall '78 in brief

A Monday night at Monday's and this guy with baby-smooth skin and half-closed eyes loves me. We've been sitting here drinking beer for only 15 minutes, but he feels like he knows me already.

He really wants to show me a good time, he says, because he really likes me. What was my name again? He wants to take me home. Or I can take him home. He wants to kiss me all over and make all my fantasies come true.

He's also rapidly encroaching on my bar stool and I'm starting to get more than offended. Do I look stupid? Where are the other members of my party?

Ya'll ready to go?

"No pets in the residence hall," says Residence Life. What about the pets that are already here? There are enough vermin in my room to stock a small prison.

I can understand why the roaches, which come in three grades—infant, adolescent, and the size of a small cat—are here but I can't figure out the flies. What do they live on? Just when I think every last fly is finally gone, buzzzz, a plump, green-looking one will start circling. He'll later retreat to a window sill where he'll sit motionless for three days before taking to the skies again.

"C plus— You approached a difficult topic with imagination and subtlety, but your remarks paper mixes insightful comments with confused remarks."

What am I doing in the middle of nowhere driving east out of Asheboro at 1 a.m.?
"Cause he left. "Cause he's in the middle of nowhere driving west out of Asheboro. "Cause I sure was not going to stay in that little room by myself. "Cause we won't fight again. "Cause speed and distance help.

There's a 7-Eleven outside Siler City. "Open 24 hours to serve you," the sign reads.
"What are you looking for?" the grinning old man asks. "Whatever it is, we ain't got it."

Back on 64, behind a big truck loaded with soybeans, I eat my Reese cups and sip a grape soda.

Reckonings

Wendy Mc Bane

It's as close to go home as it is to Raleigh, so where am I going? Raleigh's got a 24-hour A&P with cold wine. Home's got people who love me. I could sleep with my sisters and eat breakfast in the morning. Or I could drink a bottle or so of whatever's cold and be sick in the morning.

I miss the turn to go home. No sense in turning back, I think, but then I relent and take the second turn.

The house is dark as I drive in. It's 2:30 a.m. The dogs don't even bark. I flip on the living room light for no reason and hear my parent's bed creaking as my father tries to figure out who's up. I flip the light off, go back to the bedrooms, and push open their door.

"Hey," my father says uncertainly.

"It's me."

"Oh, I was just getting a gun."

"I know."

"What you doing out this time of night?"

"I was kinda driving by and thought I'd stop."

"Where you been?"

"Asheboro."

"Going back to Raleigh in the morning?"

"Yeah."

"Well, see you in the morning."

Impressions of the Homecoming parade from a NCSU grad student who graduated from Cornell in '73.

"I was over in the Design School when I heard music, so I went outside. There was this parade coming down the street. There were girls wearing sequined suits and twirling batons, then a band in uniform—76 trombones, the whole bit. Then came girls waving flags. Then floats and beautiful girls wearing evening gowns and riding in Corvettes.

"I couldn't believe it. We never had anything like that at Ithaca. It was another age."

Thanksgiving—I hadn't seen such a spread since the previous Christmas. As I covered the turkey printed on my paper plate, it became evident that everything I wanted wouldn't fit on one plate. An unnecessarily frank uncle suggested that I needed side planks.

After dinner came a bit of wisdom from an uncle given to philosophizing: "What difference does money make as long as you and your family are provided for. If I have \$10 million sitting here, tell me, how many beers can I drink at one time?"

"What did we do in anthropology today?"
"The topic of the lecture was 'Have we Killed the Second Christ?' It was about Jim Jones, or Jimmy, as he is affectionately known by our professor."

"Engineering Concepts Final Project," one member of the group read once more from the assignment sheet. "Construct a four-legged chair one foot square and one foot tall which will support the weight of your professor, 175 pounds, out of newspaper and adhesive."

The group sat in a small circle amidst piles and rolls of newspaper. Everyone's hands were black and gummy. They were gathered around a still soft mass of rolled newspapers, Elmer's glue, and tape. They waited silently for the miracle of the equation "effort equals success" to transform it into the sturdy stool which would hold 175 pounds.

"How are we going to put the legs on?"

"There's no way this thing is going to dry before tomorrow."

"Maybe we could bake it in an oven at a real low temperature."

"You reckon we should glue the legs on?"

"It doesn't make any difference, it's not going to work anyway."

"What's the name of this course, 'Trial and Error'?"

"Pull yourself together, troopers, nobody leaves until those legs are on."

From a telephone call to home, with one parent on each extension:

"How are your grades?"

"I'm doing real well in math. I have an 'A' in math, an 'A', but I have an 'F' in chemistry."

"An 'F'? How can you have an 'F'?"

"Spend one hour, dear, one hour, tonight on chemistry."

"One hour? You don't even comprehend..."

"You must work harder. You must budget your time."

"Spend one hour tonight on chemistry."

"You can't do 200 problems in one hour and the test is tomorrow."

"Work harder for the final."

"It's too late. Working harder isn't going to help. Can't you understand that. I failed every test. I have flunked the course."

"You have to have it, you know, you have to have chemistry."

"I'll get it in the spring."

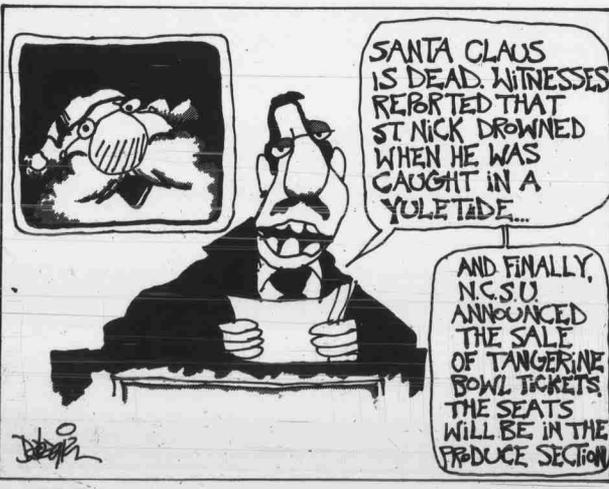
"How are your other grades?"

"Fine. 'As' and 'Bs' in everything. Except P.E. I'll probably make a 'C' in P.E."

"What! You swim, play tennis, and you have a 'C' in gym."

"In playing?"

"Can you do 42 sit-ups in 30 seconds?"



About acceptance

To the Editor:

In response to T. Clark's polemic, it needs to be pointed out that tolerant acceptance is a reciprocal relationship. It is most difficult to love the unloving or befriend the unfriendly.

A minority is accepted only when the majority perceives it as "worthy." Unfair as it may be, the criterion of "worthiness" is more stringent for a minority than the standard set by the majority for itself. Being unfair, however, does not make a fact less true.

It could be suggested that one reason minorities are not better accepted is that they do not strive for acceptance but rather that they expect acceptance as a matter of course. The majority view such an attitude as insolent and arrogant.

J. Quick
JR. EE

Popular belief

To the Editor:

Contrary to popular belief, there are some Becton residents who can read. Unfortunately, their low level of education has left them unprepared to appreciate the subtleties of humor.

The violent reaction of Bectonites, harassing Ed Dalrymple in his room, including physical intimidation, obnoxious phone calls, and verbal abuse, proves that Becton is not full of homosexuals, as Ed satirically stated in his Nov. 29 letter. Rather, they are showing themselves to be a group of cretinous assholes.

If Becton residents wish to be respected by the University community, they should develop self respect and a mental security that will hold them steadfast in the eyes of heterosexuals everywhere.

Joe Williams
and seven others

Yardapes

To the Editor:

In heated response to the printed letter "Duh..." of Wednesday, Nov. 29, I must say that I was greatly misled after reading the statement "Becton Students say, We're Homos." After meeting several disturbed Becton boys late Wednesday night, I realized

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