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Raleigh shelves parking measure

by Tim Cole
Staff Writer

The Public Works Committee of the City of Raleigh took no action on a proposal by residents of the area north of the State campus to limit parking in the area at its Jan. 9 meeting.

The committee members shelved the proposal after almost an hour of debate between student leaders, property owners, and committee members. The committee will again take up the proposal at its next meeting on Jan. 23.

Representatives of the citizens' group said that they wanted the elimination of all non-resident parking in the area. They said the problem came when the students parked for extended periods of time.

Committee proposed

Mike Leary of State's Association for Off-campus students proposed that a committee be set up to give the problem further study. The proposed committee would be made up of representatives of the Raleigh Transportation Department, the State Transportation Department, Capital Area Transit, the Off-campus students association, the residents of the area and student government.

He called the proposed plan an interim solution. "By no means is this

any longterm solution," said Leary. Tom Hendrickson, student body president, next addressed the committee. He called Leary's committee idea a good one, saying "The committee could help to find a true solution instead of a cosmetic cover-up."

Nick Stratas, student senate president, reminded committee members of the great benefit to the community derived from State. He also suggested that a trial period for the parking changes be set up.

State transportation director, Molly pipes, was asked, but declined to give an opinion on the matter.

Cooperation offered

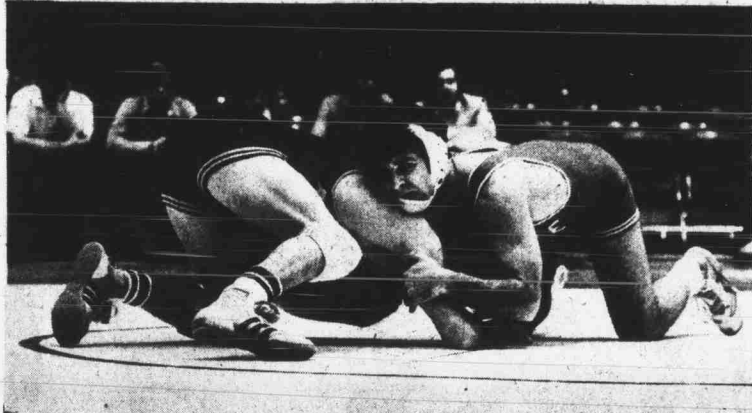
Committee member Smedes York said the city would like to cooperate in any way it could with State.

"There are times that the total solution that is satisfactory to everybody is unavailable," said York. Miriam Block told the committee members that "We cannot store cars on the street."

George Worsley, vice-chancellor for business added that while cars can't be stored on the street, "We cannot tell students not to bring cars to Raleigh." Blackburn said that visitor permits are not presently planned but that the problem would be addressed if it came up.

"The problem is simply a shortage of parking. If additional parking is not provided, then we are simply going to push these students into other areas," Blackburn said.

"We have to admit we have a shortage of parking, and have to do something about it before next Fall," he said.



Staff photo by Larry Merritt

Lucky thirteen

State's wrestling team won its 13th consecutive match, upending 20th ranked Navy, 19-15 Tuesday night in Reynolds Coliseum. Mike Zito, top, was one of five Pack winners, taking a 7-4 decision at 126-pounds. Other winners were Jim Zenz, 118, 20-7; Steve Koob, 134, 6-5; Joe Lidowski, 190, 11-6 and heavyweight Paul Finn, 3-2. Paul Thorpe earned a draw at 158-pounds. The win lifts the Wolfpacks record to 6-0 for the season. State returns to action Monday night when it host East Stroudsburg State in Reynolds Coliseum.

Power outage hits campus

by Jeffrey Jobe
Staff Writer

The flow of electricity to State buildings and dormitories was interrupted for several hours early last Thursday morning by a power failure on campus.

Kevin Nelson, assistant to the Director of Resident Facilities, said that early Thursday the power had gone out at State.

"We hooked up a temporary

generator to provide minimum power for Bowen, Carroll, and Metcalf dorms," Nelson said. "Elevator service was cut and the residents were advised to not wash their laundry in the dorms (to conserve electricity). By Friday afternoon everything was back in order."

Short-circuit

The power failure was due to a primary cable under the ground and underneath the manhole cover between Owen and Tucker dorms' short-circuiting.

"In layman's terms, the failure was due to a bad splice that had cracked," Nelson said. "Moisture got in the cable and froze in it, thereby cracking the cable."

"I'm inclined to think that it was the transformer problems," he said.

John Alford, Line Service Superintendent of Carolina Power and Light said "State has their own distribution of power. The power comes from a substation not far from Sullivan and near the railroad tracks. The college facilities handle the distribution."

Cable burn-out

"The blackout was not felt here at CP&L," Alford said. Another CP&L employee commented that the problem was in the facilities that State has.

Eli Panee, Director of Resident Facilities, said that the act of the underground primary cable burning out did not represent a safety hazard.

"While this is not common (cable to burn in two), it is not unusual," Panee said. "It's not dangerous."

"The blackout was due to a primary cable burning in two in between Owen and Tucker in that manhole there," said Carl Fulp, Superintendent of Plant Development for the Physical Plant. "The cause has not really been determined yet."

The average lifetime of a cable is currently estimated to be around twenty years. The cable that was burned out had been in the ground since 1965, when the buildings were built.

"I don't think it was moisture," Fulp said. "I think it was age because cables do get old."

"This is subject to happen anywhere on campus," Fulp said. "It depends (varies) on the age of the cable."

No hazard seen

Claiming that there was no hazard involved in the failure of the cable, Fulp said that a person would have to be beside the cable the instant it failed in order to be hurt.

The cable, which carries 12,470 volts and an average daily amperage of 40, was finally repaired around 4 p.m. Friday. The cable was then reconnected to the system.

When a cable blows or burns, breakers go off in every building, thereby shutting off power. The breakers can be reset in all the buildings not connected to the damaged cable.

"It took us about 2 1/2 hours to find the trouble and between 1 1/2 to 3 hours to reconnect power to the other buildings," Fulp said.

"This could damage the equipment," Fulp said. "Everytime a cable fails, it hurts the equipment."

Women's athletics discussed

by Tim Cole
Staff Writer

Title IX guidelines concerning women's athletics released early in December by the Department of Health Education and Welfare are still vague and not yet finalized, according to State officials.

Director of Athletics Willis Casey said the extent of the effects of the guidelines will be largely determined by whether football is included along with all other sports in the ruling.

"If football is exempt, there will be no problems," Casey said. "We're already committed to a program that will take us far beyond what will be required (in other sports)."

"Football is the key," he added. Chancellor Joab Thomas agreed that the effect at State would be determined by the degree to which the new guidelines are taken literally. "State could live with a liberal interpretation exempting football," he said.

Thomas also said that the ruling, if strictly enforced, could be detrimental to women's athletics. "If we are required to take football and average it with other sports it would be very costly, not only to men's but to women's athletics as well," he said.

Both Thomas and Casey expressed the sentiment that State is very active and interested in women's athletics.

"Before we had Title IX they (the Wolfpack Club) went on record as supporting women's athletics," Casey said.

Thomas and Casey also agreed that the point of HEW's argument is money for athletics. HEW wants an equal number of dollars per athlete in both men's and women's programs. Each administrator shared HEW's total disregard for revenue and non-revenue status of sports.

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Joab Thomas

Twenty years on force

Security Chief Blackwood to resign

by Terry Martin
Asst. News Editor

Twenty years. They don't retire your number. There's no gold-plated set of handcuffs, no memorial banner, no Outstanding Security Chief award.

But then nobody ever said there would be.

Neither did they mention the calls at all hours of the night, the drunken disorderlies, the irate parkers, the unequalled abuse that goes with the position of Security Chief.

A position that will be vacated Friday when Worth T. Blackwood clocks out for

the final time.

He's seen it all.

Blackwood arrived on a peaceable State campus of 7,000 at the tail end of the fifties: pre-coed, pre-Vietnam, pre-parking problems. Dwight Eisenhower was president, Roman Gabriel was a sophomore.

Lured from RPD

Dan Allen Drive marked the city limits of the Capital City. Riddick parking lot was Riddick football stadium and the building which houses his office was the fieldhouse for the Red and White.

A naval veteran of World War II, Blackwood was lured

to State after a seven-year stint with the Raleigh Police Department where he had served as a patrol officer, motorcycle officer, radio dispatcher, desk lieutenant and a member of the Bootleg Squad.

"I did it all," he said. "It wasn't easy."

For \$190 a month, Blackwood operated one of the four police cruisers which made up the automotive force of the Raleigh Police Department in 1952. His beat consisted of the eastern quadrant of the city—a section always restless, perpetually active.

Like the man who patrolled it.

"Lots of nights I'd run with the siren on all night," he said. "Calls would back up and still be coming in. There was no one to back you up. Sometimes I'd pick up a drunk in the car, have to answer other calls and by the time I was through he'd have sobered up and I'd let him out."

Injuries were part of the job. Continually broken ribs, lost teeth, fractured limbs and shredded uniforms were his trademark.

"Some reason or another, I always managed to get injured," he said.

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On the Brickyard

'To change or not to change?' Students ask on hassles of Change Day

by Andrea Cole
Staff Writer

The lines wound around and around. A frazzled student ran a hand through his hair, took a deep breath and squeezed closer to the person ahead of him.

He'd been waiting in the PSY 200 line for 30 minutes. He'd taken only three steps forward.

Change Day. These magic words bring visions of bespectled professors sitting behind never-ending tables with piles of 302's, 405's, 999's.

"It's every man for himself in this place," one student was heard grumbling as he fought his way to the head of the line.

"On the Brickyard" asked several students their opinions of Registration and Change Day.

Jan Faulkner of Henderson, a sophomore majoring in Recreation said, "I'm used to Registration now. I know what time to come so I don't have to stand in line. But last year, they sent me to four different places. It was a couple of hours before I could even get my schedule. I had to go traipsing all over campus."

"Students should be encouraged to come at different times—mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Also, I have come across faculty who were real short with me like I should have known the answer in the first place," she said.

David Pope of Dunn, a freshman in T.M.M. commented, "Registration's not

too hard. It's pretty simple. But sometimes it's time-consuming.

"Change Day is a pain in the ass. Some system ought to be worked out so that you don't have to stand in line so long. Maybe the students should be briefed before Change Day so students would know how to use the new forms," he said.

Bobby Hill of Dunn, a freshman in Business Management, said, "Registration Day is okay as long as people stagger the time they come. I've found that the faculty are not too helpful. You can never find them when you need them."

"I've heard people talk about how terrible and time-consuming Change Day is. I'll experience it tomorrow. I think it would help if there were more aides on Change Day. Then it would be simpler for people who aren't quite geniuses," he said.

Timmy Mallard of New Bern, a sophomore in Forestry said, "Registration Day has been pretty easy for me both years I've been here. The only problem is when everybody flies down to the coliseum in the morning and lines up. It's ridiculous."

"Change Day is a mess. Even though they have it separated into different hours for different last names, it piles

up. I think they should leave two hour between each group," he said.

"Last year I thought the faculty was very considerate. They tried to help the students."

"I think I'd like to have registration by mail. Then we'd just have to come for Change Day," Mallard said.

Sharon Moody of Raleigh, a junior in Recreation said, "Registration is pretty easy. I don't like to come early and wait in line. I've never been here early. I hear if you just come when you get up you don't have to wait in line."

"I don't mind Change Day either. I

usually get the classes I want. Sometimes you just have to be patient. I got everything I wanted this semester so I'm not in much of a complaining mood," she said.

Cindy Holmes of Raleigh, a senior in Microbiology said, "Registration isn't bad. I don't mind it. I look forward to it. The only problem I've ever had is finding my advisor for verification signature."

"I haven't had to go through Change Day that much. I guess I've been lucky. If there were some way they could have different curriculum at different buildings, I think that would help eliminate some of the crowd," he said.



Jan Faulkner



David Pope



Bobby Hill



Timmy Mallard



Sharon Moody



Cindy Holmes

Blackwood retiring Friday

Security chief recalls turbulent years

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At 140 pounds, Blackwood's credo was "I'm little, but I'm loud."

The wounds healed, but the austere salary of a Raleigh policeman little saved the financial woes of a growing family, after working the "graveyard shift" (11 p.m. - 7 a.m.) at R.P.D., Blackwood would bag groceries at Big Star from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. before catching an afternoon nap and reporting to campus to park cars from 7:30 until time to don his officer's uniform.

When State offered him the position of Security Chief in 1959 at an annual salary of \$4,800, there was little decision to be made.

Blackwood took over a Security force of seven officers on Aug. 6 of that year. They had no weapons, no nightsticks—and the only vehicle was "a worn-out, red surplus Army jeep."

"We had a pick-up truck used by the Physical Plant to haul dirt during the day which we could use at night," Blackwood said. "But we only had one radio on the

entire campus. At night we had to slide the guts out of the jeep and hook it up to the pick-up."

Two years later, Blackwood said, a Student-baker Lark was added to the force, but it took four years before Security officers had the power of arrest.

"I had to respond to all calls, night and day, involving an arrest," Blackwood said. "It wasn't easy, I assure you."

Blackwood said his wife learned to adjust to his hectic

schedule. "She never prepared a meal until I walked through the door," he said. "She knew better."

From that initial crew of seven men, whose jobs included unclogging drains and cleaning up after students, Blackwood built and polished a force that today numbers 22 officers and four cruisers. In that time he also witnessed the transformation of a tightly-knit campus to a sprawling university—and the evolution of a new breed of student.

"When I first came here, the students were great," he said. "They would play tricks in fun, rarely malicious, really didn't damage too much."

Then came Vietnam. "Many would come to school just to avoid the military," he said. "There were demonstrations, protests and a noticeably different attitude that really disrupted the campus."

During that period, an arsonist played havoc with the campus, burning Pullen Hall and setting fires in Gardner Hall, Beeton and

Bagwell.

After a nine-month investigation, in which State Bureau of Investigation agents were called in, a student was finally apprehended and confessed to the burnings.

Meanwhile, a murder-suicide occurred in Gardner Hall, in which a graduate student shot and killed a secretary before turning the gun on himself.

"That was the most trying time I've had here," Blackwood said.

Soon after, the campus initiated stricter parking and towing policies. That move triggered a student outrage

which still plagues Security officials, Blackwood said. "The student attitude became hostile," he said. "They figured all we did was ticket and tow their cars and it became a constant headache."

Even so, Blackwood said student attitudes have mel-

lowed as he prepares to leave State. "Right now working relations between us and the students are the best they've ever been," he said. "They're working with us instead of against us."

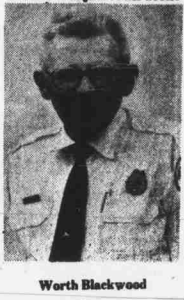
But as the campus population has swelled, the de-

mands have multiplied. Red tape, increased administrative duties and additional paperwork have too long saddled Blackwood's restless spirit.

"I'm not an inside man, I'm used to being able to get out," Blackwood said. "I used to be able to cruise campus

and meet students. I've always been an outside man. I miss it."

Not missed will be the frustrations and headaches that have too long landed on the desk of the Chief of Security. A desk which, after 20 years, will be vacant.



Worth Blackwood

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Title IX rules uncertain

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"Most advocates for a very rigid allocation of funds ignore the source of the income," Thomas said.

Casey said State has a lack of facilities for women. He said there are only 300 lockers for women on the entire campus, all of which are in Carmichael Gymnasium.

Casey said the lack of facilities for women at State is not only in athletics, but also in physical education and other physical activities areas.

Renovation planned

Casey added that the bottom floor of the coliseum will be renovated to accommodate the women's athletics facilities. "We plan to grow and to add additional women's sports," he said.

Thomas said that the cost of compliance, if the rules are stringently enforced, could come to between

one-fourth and one-half million dollars.

"We would have to cut down expenditure in other sports. Alternately, the money could come from the Wolfpack Club, gate receipts, or as some women's groups have suggested, an increase in student fees," he said.

The funds could not come from North Carolina funds as the state does not support inter-collegiate athletics directly.

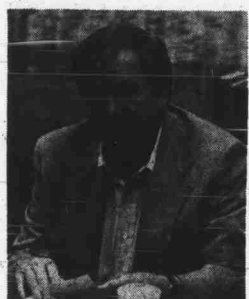
Thomas concluded that strict enforcement could have severe repercussions at State.

"We need to recognize the difference between a recognized national sport and a developing national sport," he said.

The national impact will be much the same as at State, Casey said that reasonable enforcement (the exclusion of football) would help on a national scale.

Thomas said that the impact around the nation will vary at each institution.

"Those schools which have made the greatest effort will be hurt most," he said.



Willis Casey

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Program gives students chance to travel

by Jeffrey Job
Staff Writer

The National Student Exchange Program midway through its second year at State offers local students a chance to visit other universities and colleges for the same tuition they would normally pay here.

Unfortunately, the program has not been fully used by the students, according to Director of Student Development Jeff Mann.

"This year, we could have sent a maximum of 30 students to other schools," said Mann. "We only sent 20 students because those were the only applicants. All who wanted to go and were eligible have either gone or have been accepted."

"It's a shame it is not utilized to the maximum," Mann said. "Most of the students came from the engineering, agriculture and life, of humanities schools but any student is eligible from any school."

"I would encourage all students to go," Mann said. "It's a good program."

Any Sophomore of Junior next year and who has an overall GPA of 2.5 or better can go, Mann said. "The students have to spend their senior year at State and can stay no longer than one year at a different campus," he added.

Students can pick from 34 different colleges or universities. They range from

Maine to Hawaii. "We are under the 'B' plan at State," said Mann. "State Students pay our tuition and fees here but pay for their own meals, transportation and housing cost at the other campuses."

"Plan 'A' which we are not under, is where students pay in-state tuition at the college they are attending," Mann said. "Plan 'B' benefits us because State has one of the lowest tuitions in the nation."

The program tries to bring as many students to State as are going to other colleges. This year there were 19 students visiting State.

The applications for next year must be turned in by February 28. Applications are

available in 214 Harris Hall and are to be turned into Mann's office with a \$10 non-refundable fee.

"The fee just insures us that the applicant is really interested in the program," said Mann. "After the participants are selected, I attend an Exchange Conference where we try to place all of the students."

"It's almost like trading baseball cards since each coordinator has a card on each student that he tries to trade for a different one," Mann said. "State is a popular school so we really have no trouble placing most of the students."

There is no need for students to fear that they will not receive credit for the courses they take, Mann

said. A sheet outlining their schedules at the other campuses is filled out before they leave State. The sheet is signed, thereby insuring that credit will be given.

"The students receive credit but their grades made at the other school will not be figured into their GPA at State, Mann said. "If a student has a 3.0 when he or she leaves, the student will have a 3.0 when he or she returns. A transcript of your actual letter grades will be in your folder, however."

"This program is better than transferring to a different school because you get the tuition break and most of the red tape is cut through," said Mann.

Students are chosen based on their GPA, what they would gain from the exchange, and their extracurricular activities," Mann said. "This year, I want to place every student. Any

student is welcome to come by and ask any questions. Beth Stancil, a junior in computer science, attended Indiana University/Purdue at Fort Wayne this past semester.

"I liked Purdue, Stancil said. "But I had to come back at State this semester if I intend to get the courses I need to graduate next December."

"It's ridiculous more people don't do because the credits transfer," Stancil said. "It's a good opportunity to go to another school. "Purdue was not as hard as State and the professors were easier," Stancil said.

"But it was very, very cold there. Everybody up there noticed my Southern accent. Everybody had to talk to me to hear it."

"People up there, though, think you are ignorant if you have a Southern accent," Stancil said. "I'm glad I got to

show them that the idea was wrong."

It was a good program but I like the South better and I intend to stay in the South, Stancil said.

Vicky Chomo, an exchange student from California State University at Chico, is spending a year at State. A junior in Ag. and Life, Chomo expressed a desire to stay on another year at State if she could.

"I think the experience is good," Chomo said. "It's a real eye-opener because people are not really different. We are all the same besides a slight speaking accent."

"The instructors here are very nice," Chomo said. "My suite- and dorm-mates were very open and friendly toward me."

"I would highly recommend the program to anyone," Chomo said. "I have no negative statements about the program."

Chomo did notice two differences in the South: dating and the role of women.

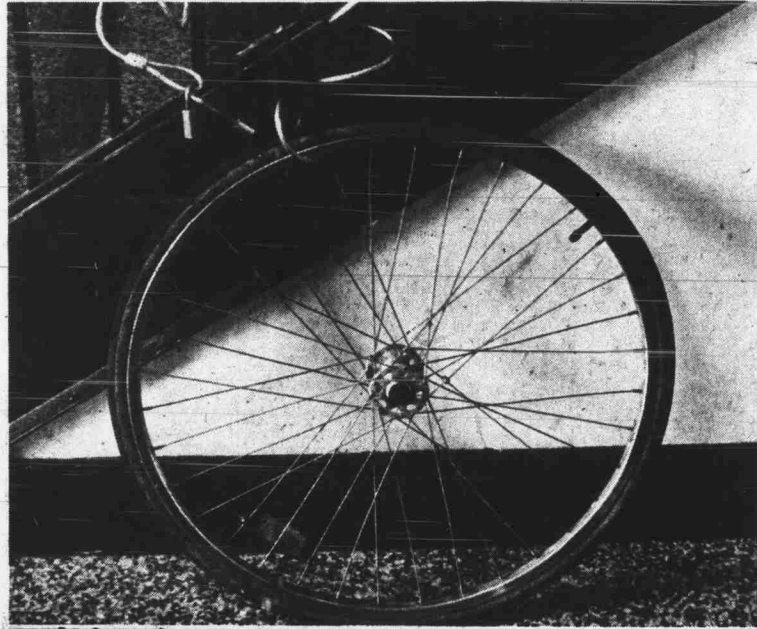
"The dating is less structured in California," Chomo said. "We don't even call going out 'a date'."

"It's not usual for a girl to go out with a group of girls, a group of guys, or one person," Chomo said. "It seems that people here place too much emphasis on having 'a date' on Friday or Saturday night."

"Also, the women's role here is very backward as portrayed on television," Chomo said. "You couldn't do that in California with all of those groups out there."

Leland Speece, a junior in electrical engineering from State commented on his stay last spring semester at Oregon State.

"The program is terrific," said Speece. "More should go. It's a great way to travel."



If you sometimes feel "locked up" and "tired" don't feel bad their are others in the same situation.

Early-semester special

Store has special hours

by Tim Cole
Staff Writer

The Students Supply Store will be open extra hours during the first four weeks of the Spring semester, according to Robert Armstrong, supply store manager.

Armstrong said the store will be open on Monday nights until eight during the first four weeks of the semester.

He indicated that the primary reason for these extra hours is to give night students an opportunity to purchase books and supplies for their courses. He added that this is the same policy used in previous years.

Asked about the possibility of the store being opened on Saturdays, Armstrong replied that he knows of no such plans. "Such a change in policy would require a decision by the chancellor," he said.

Many changes have been made in the internal arrangement of the store to accommodate the "book rush" of the first few weeks after the start of the semester.

The non-text books have been moved from the main sales floor to make room

for large pallets of books for the large classes. The cash registers have been moved from the normal position on the side of the store facing the Student Center Courtyard, to a more spacious area by the large columns on the side of the building.

Asked about the possibility of opening the store after major athletic events on campus, he replied that the store currently operated a "Wolfpack Country Store" at the football games at Carter Stadium.

Armstrong also noted that the parking situation around the store would make it difficult to be open after basketball games. He added that if plans to close Dunn Avenue in front of the supply store were approved and completed, the parking situation would be worsened.

"The supply store is self-supporting. It is a business like any other," Armstrong said. He added that, like any other store, the supply store has to operate at a profit.

Armstrong also said that the possibility of the store's being open for athletic events may also be influenced by the new wage law that has gone into effect this past Jan. 1. It is as yet

unknown whether the store will be required to comply with the new law or not.

Originally the Students Supply Store was privately owned. The original store had its supply section in the King Religious Center, and the book section was in Leazar Hall. In 1945 the store was sold to the campus, with the former owner being paid by being retained as store manager until 1963.

The first part of the present store was occupied in 1960.

Changes projected for the future include computerization of cash registers to go along with the recent acquisition of a mini-computer in the accounting department.

Armstrong also spoke about the store's problem with bad checks. He said that he felt that the store has a responsibility to the students to help them realize the responsibility that a checkbook demands.

"We teach the responsibility of writing a check," Armstrong said. "I like to make sure they (the students) understand their responsibility. "Many students are on their own for the first time when they come to State. They often write their first or second check in this store," Armstrong said.

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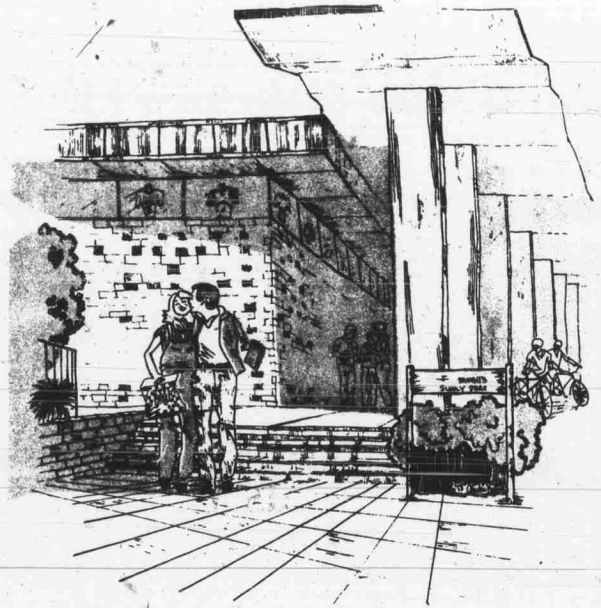
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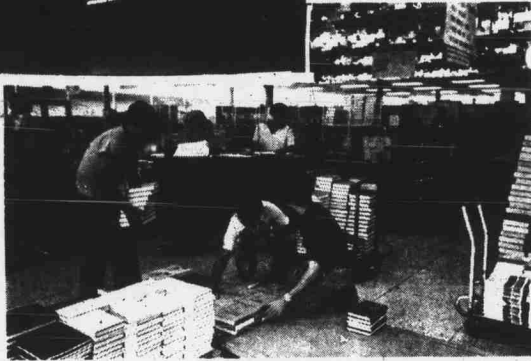
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STUDENTS SUPPLY STORE

'Not just beer-drinkers'

Greeks discuss rush, hell week and brotherhood

by Andrea Cole
Features Writer

"By the grace of God and the wisdom of Alexander Graham Bell, you have now reached the Pika house. May I help you?" a pledge answered the phone at Pi Kappa Alpha.

Fraternities. Hell-raising, beer-bopping, beer-drinking, toga-partying, get-down boogieing.

Shag a little here—gator it a little there. And don't forget Hell Week.

Because of movies like "Animal House" and "Fraternity Row", these are the images that are often conjured up when fraternities are mentioned.

How realistic is "Animal House" and its zany characters? What is the Greek system all about in the eyes

of fraternity leaders at State? Brotherhood is the word, used by fraternity leaders to describe the Greek System. Steve Cordell of Pi Kappa Phi put brotherhood at the top of the list of important characteristics of the Greek System.

Brotherhood—the term can be understandably confusing to non-Greeks. They say they are indeed as close as blood brothers.

"Brotherhood is the most important thing about the Greek System. You can always find somebody to do exactly what you want. Even if it's play golf in the middle of the night," said Barry Flood of Kappa Sigma.

"In a fraternity, you're tight with people. There's supposed to be so close a

bond that you'll be friends for life," added another Kappa Sigma brother, Randy Royal.

If about 40 or 50 men are going to live in the same house, eat at the same table, party together, and work together, then they're all going to act and dress pretty much the same. Right?

Fraternity leaders answer with a resounding no. Greeks would like to be rid of all stereotypes connected with fraternities. Individuality and diversity are stressed instead.

"A terrible thing that Greeks would like to shake is the stereotyping. This house is so diversified. We've got country boys, mountain boys, guys from all over the State," said Bob Sorrels of Phi Kappa Tau.

We don't care what guys look like. There's no stereo-

type. We're looking for a guy that's outgoing," said Sigma Pi brother George Burnette.

And then there's the age old stereotype of the fraternity dress code—the standards which dictate what a "brother" puts on when he gets up in the morning.

"I'm sitting here in overalls, a flannel shirt, and hunting boots. We're not all a bunch of Eod, butto-down, Khaki-wearing topsiders," said Pruitt of Delta Upsilon.

"I don't think what I wear is 'preppy,'" said David Loop of Sigma Nu. "I'm just trying to look nice."

"We get a good deal on clothes," added Delta Upsilon brother Warren Plonk.

A student who wanders over to fraternity row on a Friday or Saturday night around nine might get the impression that the houses

have been gearing up for the partying all week.

Bathrooms filled to the brim with 90 proof, sawdust-covered floors for the grain party, and tables spread around for casino night are just a few of many organized parties put on by the Greeks.

Fraternity leaders want to stifle another myth. They say that a hard worker, not a good partyer, is who they're looking for during rush.

"We're looking for somebody with a head on his shoulders—somebody who knows why he's in school," said Alan Kritz of Sigma Alpha Mu.

"We want guys who will work hard for the house," said Tommy Brock of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"Omega Psi Phi is looking for well-educated people

who are willing to help other people," Tony Knox said.

"There's the myth that all that goes on in a fraternity is beer-drinking and hell-raising. We can't have people who are just going to party."

"It's easy to find somebody to drink with. But it's not so easy to find somebody who will get up on Saturday morning to help with a program for the blind for example," said Dick Lupo of Kappa Alpha.

"There are a lot of intelligent people in fraternities," commented Jim Pinay of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

"We're not just a bunch of beer-drinkers."

Fraternity leaders at State agree that developing a friendship, that will last beyond the four years at State with a group of 40-50 people is one of the most important benefits of a fraternity.

"In a fraternity, you become close to a lot more people than you would in a dorm. When I lived in a dorm, I just met the people in my suite and on my floor."

"When I graduate from State, I'll have a place to look back on and come back to," said Ted Reece of Sigma Chi.

A fraternity is a big advantage in a school with 18,000," said Kevin White of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. "A lot of people don't meet friends in class. This house makes me feel more a part of the University."

"In a dorm, you'll meet the people in your suite. In this

house, you meet 60 brothers a year," said Kevin Fisher of Farmhouse.

"Being in a fraternity gives you a chance to get close to people all over the State and nation. I can go anywhere in this state, in any county, and know somebody," he continued.

Black and white social fraternities insist that they welcome any person who is well-rounded—no stereotyping involved. Yet the fraternities at State remain segregated. Many white fraternities say they welcome blacks and don't understand the segregation.

"There are black Alpha Sigs at Wake Forest. But we only had one black guy visit the house last semester. We're all for having blacks," said Robert Shore of Alpha Sigma Phi.

"We've only had two or three black rushes ever," said Gray McRimmon of Theta Chi.

Other fraternities verbalized the problem of prejudice.

"I had a strange experience at Registration Day," said Derrick Sauls of Alpha Phi Alpha. "I was walking down the line past tables of white fraternities. The white guys in front of me were handed fraternity pamphlets. The white guys behind me were handed pamphlets. Nobody handed me anything."

"Our house's constitution allows blacks to become brothers," said Floyd Blackwell of Lambda Chi Alpha.

"But no blacks have ever rushed our house. Most people at State are eastern North Carolinians. There are still prejudices."

"Fraternity Row" illustrated the worst element often associated with the Greek System—hazing.

"We have a Hell Week, but I'm not going to tell you about it," said Smith of Alpha Gamma Rho.

"We don't get into physical stuff," said Fisher of Farmhouse. "We don't have any harassment."

Hell Week is the last week of pledge-training. The pledges paint and fix-up the house. It's not what everybody thinks it is," said Rudy Upton of Pi Kappa Alpha.

"There is no hazing," said Blackwell of Lambda Chi Alpha. "We don't have a Hell Week—we have a Help Week. We don't do anything to the pledges I wouldn't want done to me."

Fraternity leaders say that they welcome all and don't understand the anti-Greek attitude on campus. But I'm not sure why there is one," said Lupo of Kappa Alpha.

"The general attitude of people on campus is 'down with Greeks,'" said Fred Burchette of Delta Sigma.

"But I don't know why."

Editor's note: This is the first of a three part series on the fraternity system at State. Coming up: how the rush system works, a talk with Herb Council, and the real story on "preppy" clothes.

From the Goats in '02 to the shag in '79

by Sylvia Adeock
Features Editor

"Greek letter fraternities were introduced into the College during the current year. We trust that these organizations will be beneficial not only to their members, but also to the entire College."

—1903 Agromeck

N.C. State opened its doors Oct. 2, 1889. A few years later, the young men who had attended the all male agricultural and mechanical college had formed secret societies, later to be known as fraternities.

Clubs and organizations were very popular during the college's early days. In his History of North Carolina State College, David A. Lockmiller reports that "the custom of the day seemed to be, belong to a club and if you can't join of get elected, organize one of your own."

And they did just that. There were three major literary societies whose annual debates were popular and well-attended, but breaking away from established clubs was the trademark of the new societies.

1902 marked the entrance of a society called the Goats, who pledged to "maintain true manhood, virtue, and integrity."

"When we butt, we butt hard, but we would never butt a pard," they yelled. The colors were "gourd green and fodder brown."

The "Greeks," as they were called, were not sanctioned by the college. The trustees and the administration disapproved until 1903, when under the administration of George Winston the secret societies went public.

In the early teens, seven Greek letter fraternities flourished: Kappa Alpha,

Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Phi, and Alpha Zeta. Other fraternities with names like The Saints, Country Gentlemen, The Gang, and Big Seven were also popular.

These early fraternities lacked houses, but according to Lockmiller, "they excelled in initiations, good times, and the genuine spirit of fellowship."

The term brotherhood is still used today among fraternity members. In 1910, the foreword to the fraternity section in the Agromeck described the bond between two separated fraternity brothers.

"You may not have seen him for a quarter of a century . . . but when you come face to face with a boy that was initiated with you on a frosty autumn night, perhaps with 'absurd and

silly ceremonies, the flame will blaze up with a glow that will warm the lives of both of you."

In 1920 Alpha Gamma Rho was added to the list of fraternities at State. Most fraternities were small in those days, with an average of about ten or twelve members.

By 1930 Pi Kappa Phi, Phi Kappa Tau, and Lambda Chi Alpha were active. Many other fraternities that were not active now at State were a part of the 1930's.

In 1950 the list had grown to include Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Tau Kappa Epsilon. Sigma Chi also appeared, rising from a fraternity that had existed as Chi Sigma.

The first sorority also appeared—Sigma Kappa. Today there are five active sororities at State.

In 1963 most national social fraternities at State

were provided houses on Fraternity Court. In the thirties and forties most fraternity members lived in large houses on Clark Ave. and Enterprise St.

Fraternity membership declined during the turbulent sixties and rose again during the seventies. By 1960 Farmhouse appeared at State. But most other fraternities that did not use Greek letters were dead.

Today there are 20 active social fraternities at State, including Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Upsilon, Nu Gamma Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, and Theta Chi.

The social fraternity system has met with opposition from administrators in the early days and more recently from the non-Greek student population. Since the Goats in 1902, some form of fraternal organization has existed at State and at other colleges around the country.

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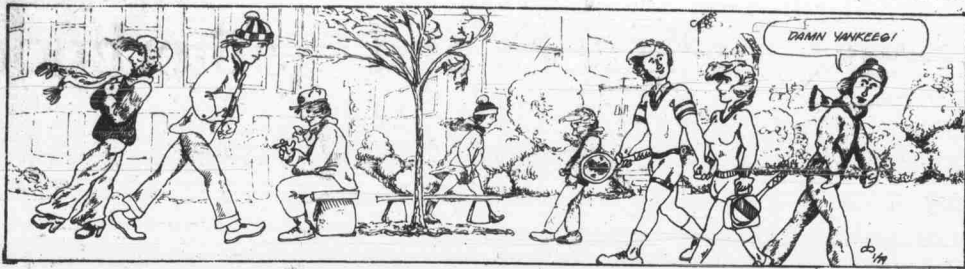
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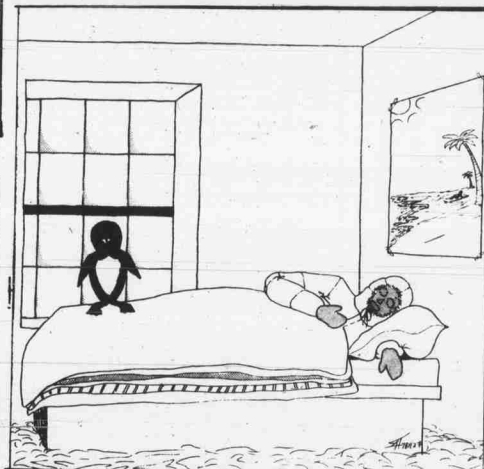
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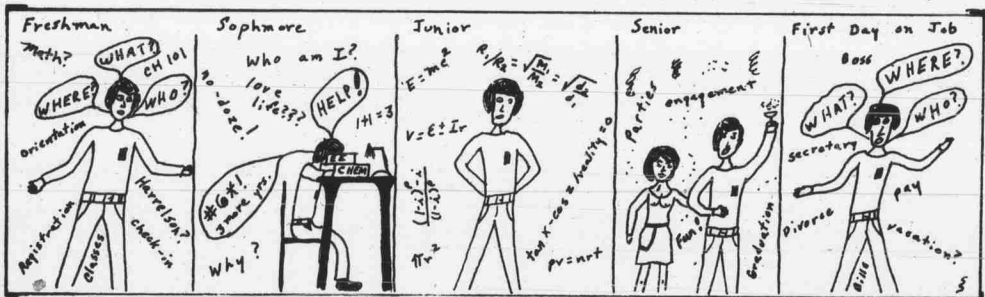
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John McEuen to perform; talks about his life, music

by Jeffrey Jobe
Entertainment Writer

John McEuen of the Dirt Band, formerly called the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, will be performing in Stewart Theatre this Thursday night, January 11 at 8:00 p.m.

In a recent *Technician* interview, McEuen spoke about the band, his life and music.

Comprised of six members, the Dirt Band has been in existence since 1966, when it was formed in Long Beach, California. McEuen, along with two other members, Jeff Hanna and Jimmie Fadden, have been with the band from the beginning.

With the Dirt Band, McEuen usually plays the banjo, guitar, fiddle and mandolin. Yet, McEuen stated that he could also play steel guitar, dobro and dulcimer, though not as good.

"When I am by myself, like I will be in Raleigh, I will play the guitar, mandolin, and banjo mainly."

just have a minute to fix them in front of all those people."

Claiming to be a musician first and a band member secondly, McEuen still enjoys performing with the Dirt Band, even though he likes the thrill of being alone on the stage.

"The Dirt Band works real good and the music is still good but by myself it is more challenging," McEuen said. "It's just me."

The original name of the band was Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. "That name came from one of the guys, Jeff, the lead singer," McEuen said. "Who knows where things like that come from. I thought he got it from a cereal box."

Dirt Band

However, not too long ago, the name of the band was shortened to just the Dirt Band. "Bands, like people, go through a lot of changes in their lives," McEuen said. "We had made a major change with the

Everybody got a little tired of that we realized we would have to make better records.

"We will or should be off the road until about May 1978," McEuen said. "This is the first time we've taken an actual six or seven month break. We are working on solidifying a positive direction for the band," said McEuen. "We are going to try to figure out what the best of that is. When we do, we will make sure it's more identifiable," McEuen said.

Undoubtedly, the music of the Dirt Band appeals to a wide range of fans. "Most people between 20-35 and late teenagers are probably our range of fans," McEuen said. "We are not a top 40 band or at least not in the past several years we haven't been."

"We do colleges, and we do television," McEuen said. "It's hard to tell. I happen to think we have the same type of fans as Crystal Gayle, Kenny Rodgers, and the New Riders have. But not the same type of fans as ZZ Top has."



John McEuen is still a member of the Dirt Band, but occasionally performs by himself.

Clements to appear

Special guest Vassar Clements will be appearing with John McEuen Thursday night in Stewart Theatre. Vassar Clements has been playing professionally for over a quarter of a century, but has only lately begun to receive recognition for his fiddling ability. Having long been acknowledged by country and bluegrass aficionados, the pop music field is just beginning to take notice of his talents. Clements gained his first national exposure in 1971 when the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band featured him on the classic album, *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*. Since then some of the artists and groups Vassar has performed with include the Grateful Dead, the Monkees, Elvin Bishop and Pops John Creach, along with countless others. "I enjoy playin' with different people," Vassar explains. "It's a challenge to me to play with different styles of music just to see if I can do it. I'm glad I have because it gives you a broader outlook on music."



McEuen said. "I will play some fiddle but with Vassar Clements there, I won't need to play much."

Although still a member of the Dirt Band, McEuen has been performing solo during the past three years. "I like to perform occasionally by myself," McEuen said. "Since we've been in studio, my schedule has become more adaptable."

Performs alone

"I enjoyed playing better alone," said McEuen. "It's more like fun. I enjoy playing with the Dirt Band but that's more like work."

Stressing this point, McEuen said that while he got tired of being just part of a band. "The only band I could see myself being a part of would be the Dirt Band. Performing by myself is more frightening," McEuen said. "The Dirt Band is too comfortable. There is rarely any surprises anymore."

"I used to enjoy it when things would fall apart or break while we were on stage," said McEuen. "You

addition of Al Garth, Merel Bregante, and Richard Hathaway to the band.

"We wanted to make sure people noticed our album (in reference to the album released last June)," McEuen said. "Since most of the people that we know called us that (The Dirt Band), we decided on that."

"Very few people would call us the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band," said McEuen. "They would just call us the Dirt Band."

A lot of people who have heard a few songs by the Dirt Band tend to classify them as country, if they classify them at all. The kind of music we play is not bluegrass and not country work," said McEuen. "It is more country rock oriented than anything else."

"We sing a lot of country rock and ballad types of songs. We don't play any really bluegrass," McEuen said. "We are a hard classification. That's one reason we are off the road."

"In '73, '74 and '75, we were a road band," McEuen said. "All we did was perform."

When comparing studio playing to concert playing, McEuen was of the opinion that they were both about the same. "You can really like Wendy's but sometimes it's good to go to McDonald's too. After a while, you change to something else," McEuen said. "After three weeks in a one month on the road, it's fun to go to work in the studio."

"I don't consider that the music coming from the instrument to the microphone to the tape machine tops there," McEuen said. "I like to think of it going into someone else's house at 12:30 at night after a guy has come home after a rough day and put on his headphones."

Enjoys studio work

At home, I take out the garbage, go get the car washed, go the cleaners, and maybe pick up one of my kids from school," McEuen said. "Then I may put on one of my favorite records and listen to it."

McEuen is different from

some musicians in that he doesn't dread studio work. In the studio he still feels like he is playing to an audience.

Song inspiration

When asked how he comes up with ideas for his songs, McEuen replied that he really didn't know how "but I wish I did so I could do it more often. I am not what you call a prolific writer," McEuen said. "Three-fourths of what I do on stage is original music."

"Some of the best things have happened from beginning to end of conception in half an hour," said McEuen. "I spend the rest of the time learning what I have just done. It's hard to tell what makes that work."

"One of my favorite tunes took me 40 minutes to write, while one tune lots of other people liked took me three days to do," said McEuen. Yet, evidently, McEuen has what it takes to create music. McEuen's family rarely travels with him on the road. "My wife has got

her job and I've got mine," McEuen said. "her job is taking care of the home life and all that while my work takes place on the road."

"I don't think she would make a whole lot of money if I stayed home and she went on the road," McEuen said. "Of course, she doesn't like it but she doesn't like me sitting around the house for three months," laughed McEuen. "She gets nervous when I'm not doing anything."

Enjoys work

"I think people are supposed to work," commented McEuen. "It just happens that I like my work a lot. I would have to like it a lot or else I would leave home. I am, however, looking forward to this 12 day tour (Raleigh, first stop)," McEuen said. "Playing with

Vassar is really going to be nice."

"I miss my family though," McEuen said. "When I am going to work, I don't really think about them a lot. After the concert when you are driving back to the hotel and you can't find a restaurant anyplace to eat at that's worth eating at and you're awake alone in your room for two or three hours, it's very easy to miss them."

"I miss my dog, my kids, everybody," McEuen said. "But when I am traveling or going on stage, that's usually all I think about at the time."

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Bluegrass is on the rise; so is Plum Hollow Band

by Moses Norton
Entertainment Writer

Honky tonking from bar to bar and partying with the hometown crowd during the holidays is even more enjoyable in the atmosphere of a live country band. This particular hoe-down scene occurred down in the southern part of the state near Hamlet, where the Plum Hollow Band appeared at a nightclub called "Crackers."

The Plum Hollow Band performs electric hillbilly music that links the traditional style to the progressive bluegrass sound that is sweeping the country. Their down to earth experience is not greatly hampered by their progressiveness, and for a bluegrass lover it's impossible not to get involved.

After almost four years of being together, Plum Hollow has played in many concerts, clubs, festivals and college campuses.

The band consists of Barney Barwell from Campbell, South Carolina, C.S.A., on the fiddle who leads the vocals and humors the crowd with his tall tales and comfortable folklore.

Nelson Baucom, from Charlotte, North Carolina, plays the electric bass, guitar and the mandolin, plus sings lead for some tunes. Nelson's brother Larry picks the banjo, guitar and bass, and helps with the vocals also.

On the drums and harmonica is Rich Moore from

Waynesboro, Virginia, who will reluctantly have to leave the group due to uncontrollable circumstances.

The newest member of the band is J.C. Matlak, from Darien, Connecticut on the electric guitar and vocals. J.C.'s brother is to be the new replacement for Rich on the drums.

Plum Hollow is booked out of Charlotte under "McWing Management, Incorporated," and has an album out entitled "Plum Hollow Band." On the album is their hit single "Run Grandpa Run," about Barney's "Standpa" who was caught moonshining down in South Carolina, and also later where Barney himself, was caught growing the wildwood flower. Other tunes on the record include the traditional "Dixie Medley," "Beer Joints in Heaven," "Boiling Cabbage Down," "Reuben," and "Crowded Hole." The age of the tune does not matter, because it's good knee slappin', bar brawlin' bluegrass!

Plum Hollow's song list includes the work of many fine groups along with their own material as well. Old tunes such as "Salty Dog Blues," by Flat and Scruggs; "Dooley," by the Dillards; "Uncle Pen," by Bill Monroe; and the "Orange Blossom Special" after Ervin T. Rouse highlights their performance.

To slow it down a little the group will do a Merle Haggard number such as "Okie From Muskogee,"

"Workin' Man Blues," or "Swinging Doors, A Juice Box, and a Bar Stool."

Western touch

Plum Hollow always adds a touch of western to their appearances with "Big Balls in Cowtown," by Bob Wills, and "Gotta Get Drunk" by Willie Nelson. They also do some of the old numbers by Don Reno, Jimmy Rodgers, and the Osborne Brothers, in addition to some recent material as well, such as "Some of Shelly's Blues" by Michael Nesmith and "Standing on the Rock" by the Ozark Mountain Daredevils.

The music of Plum Hollow is a unique mixture of different influences, but relating specifically back to bluegrass. They may take a rock and roll tune and play it in the bluegrass style, such as in the case of "I've Just Seen A Face," after the Beatles. Or, they can stick to the traditional mountain music and do "Mountain Dew," "Cripple Creek," "Boiling Cabbage Down," "Reuben," and "Crowded Hole." The age of the tune does not matter, because it's good knee slappin', bar brawlin' bluegrass!

Through the years Plum Hollow has played at many major colleges and universities of the Carolinas, with the exception of State. Plum Hollow has toured with the very popular Nitty Gritty Dirt Band up in the northern part of the nation but are

always glad to get back home in the warm South.

Some other well known artists that they have performed concerts with are the Earl Scruggs Review, Lester Flatt and the Nashville Grass, Doc Watson, Vassar Clements, Country Joe McDonald, Starbuck, the Amazing Rhythm Aces, Pablo Cruise, and Elvin Bishop.

To start the new year off right, Plum Hollow will travel to Hawaii to do a concert tour, then return home to prepare for a new album to be released in the spring.

The future of the Plum Hollow Band is looking good as the bluegrass boom steadily creeps through the rural and urban areas of the country. With its slight progressiveness, one can't help sensing something special—the sounds of Plum Hollow, making the foot pounce rhythmically on the earth, and the larynx exert the yell of a charging rebel soldier.



The European group Blondie is relatively unknown in this country, but has released a unique album called Parallel Lines.

'Parallel Lines' defines rock-n-roll

by Tex Powell
Entertainment Writer

Blondie is a European group relatively unknown in this country, which is a bloody shame. This group actually defines—not re-defines—rock 'n' roll.

Blondie's new album Parallel Lines, (on the Chrysalis label) is a marvelous work of real rock 'n' roll, the kind of high energy frivolity that started a musical revolution so long ago.

Blondie reminds the listener of early Beatles or mid sixties American rock

'n' roll. Their music is light without being bubblegum and real without being esoteric. Blondie crawls inside one's mind and persuades one to think, but the only response it actually provides is enjoyment. This is the kind of music that sounds really great on your car radio.

As much as it is fun, Blondie's music is art. The lyrics, written primarily by vocalist Deborah Harry and keyboardist Jimmy Destri, create another realm in music. Listened to closely, Blondie sounds like nothing else.

Parallel Lines is a collection. Each

track sounds like any other, but not alike the others. Every separate song is different and individual and totally dislike any other on the album, yet they all belong together. The music makes a listener think in a frame. The similarities are not in the music, but in the atmosphere it creates. It's really quite hard to describe.

Parallel Lines is a unique album with a lot of good listening within it. This could be the album to make America discover Blondie. Until that happens, though, no one knows what they are missing.

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Pack on right track for offensive Terps

by Denny Jacobs
Sports Editor

State head basketball coach Norm Sloan is not looking for marked improvement out of his Wolfpack cagers entering tonight's vital Atlantic Coast Conference rematch with Maryland. In fact, he'd be well satisfied if his squad can continue at its level of play as exhibited in last weekend's Duke-State Doubleheader.

If anyone has approached him after the Pack's inauspicious conference debut in Cole Field House before Christmas, the response likely would have been far different. But things have changed considerably since then and Sloan only hopes it stays that way. It's not difficult to understand why.

The Wolfpack enjoyed an uneasy combination of the right amount of just about everything over the weekend in its lopsided wins over Tulane and Long Beach State. Defense, offense, rebounding and a smooth transition game. It all came together at once. Now, it's more a question of keeping it together than anything else.

"I have to be quite pleased with the improvement we showed at both ends of the

floor, both offensively and defensively," explained Sloan. "I'm quite pleased with the progress we've made. We still have a long way to go however."

And it all starts with the Terps. To a player, the Wolfpack was disappointed with its previous performance against Lefty Driesell's charges and tonight's contest tips off the meat of the conference slate. There are a few breaks from now through tournament time.

Important game

"We're very excited about the upcoming game," said Sloan. "Everyone realizes it's a very important game for us. You have to win at home, particularly if you've lost to that team on the road."

"We got behind early in the first game that State dropped 124-110 and we had to come out of the zone and get after them. We don't plan to do things much differently this time. Hopefully we'll do a better job this time than we did the time before though."

The Terps come to town on the heels of a disappointing home-court loss to Wake Forest Saturday. The Deacons used a slowdown offense to upset Maryland's

tempo, as the Terps became impatient on offense when they got the ball.

Still, Sloan is not one to overlook Maryland's obvious firepower. Ernest Graham, who accounted for a school record 44 points in the team's first meeting, continues to lead Maryland scorers. In fact both teams set school records in the initial meeting. Maryland's 124 points and State's 110 both set new standards.

"They have a lot of great athletes with tremendous offensive potential," noted Sloan. "They're just a very difficult team to contain offensively. I just hope they're not shooting as well as last time."

"Hopefully in addition to that our defense can do a better job too. We've shown some improvement in that area since then."

For State, which boasts an 11-2 record and an eighth place national ranking, the recent surge has been the result of a total team effort. Burly forward, who has grabbed 6.3 rebounds per game, Hawkeye Whitney leads the scoring with 17.7 points per game while point guard Clyde Austin is averaging 16 points an outing. Tiny Pinder, who is the team leader in rebounds

with 6.4 per contest, gives the Pack three players in double digits, hitting at a 12.3 clip. Whitney scored 35 points in the first meeting while hauling down 13 rebounds.

Austin takes charge

But it is Austin who most controls the Wolfpack's fate from his point guard position—particularly offensively.

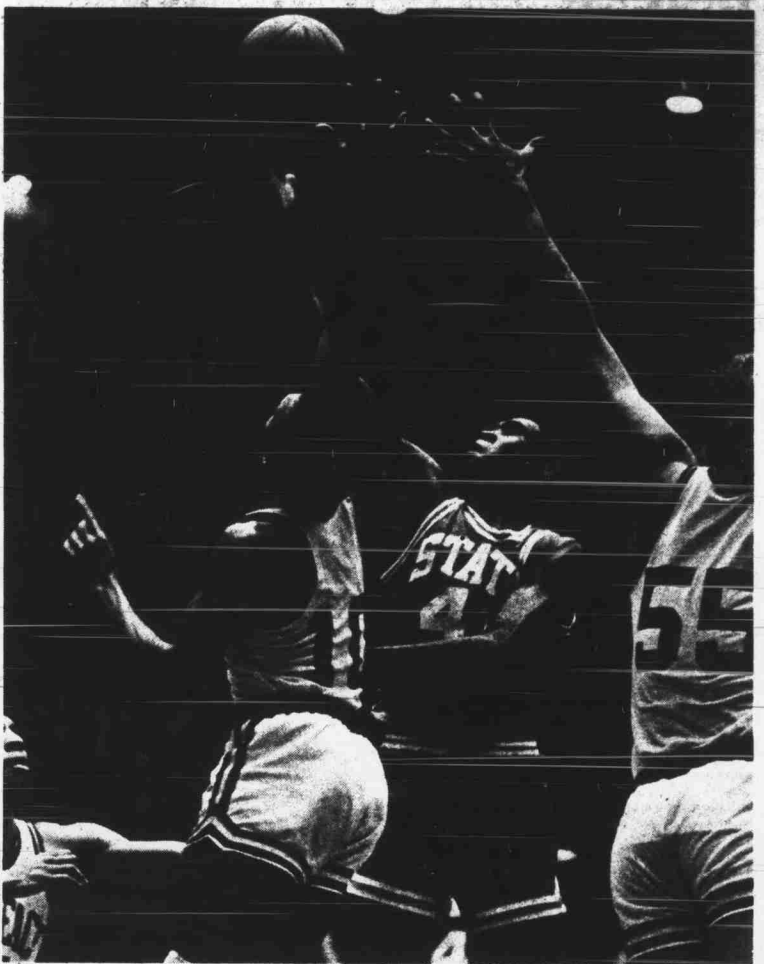
"Clyde is doing an outstanding job running our offense," praised Sloan. "I've often felt he doesn't receive the proper recognition for the job he does. He runs the whole show for us. He sets everything up in our offense and gets us going."

"In addition, he's a great scorer and that's an unusual and almost unbeatable combination."

So far this season the combination has been effective to say the least. And Austin for one hopes to continue on the same track tonight.

"I know what I have to do and I'll just go out and play as hard as I can—to the best of my ability."

Sloan would have no argument with that.



Tiny to the hoop

Senior Tiny Pinder and teammates look forward to evening their ACC record tonight in Reynolds Coliseum.

Ring in the new year with a barrage of football

The beginning of any new year brings about many annual rituals. Along with the well-intentioned resolutions, the—damn they didn't get lost in the mail—Christmas bills, the loosening of the belts a notch or two, and the after-effects of ringing in the new year without regard to consequences, there remains another inescapable constant. Which is not to say that more than one holiday spirit wouldn't like to flee merrily from its grasp.

No, it's not snow (in North Carolina?) or cold weather. It's the annual barrage of football, collegiate and professional, courtesy of Roone Arlege and associates. And with each passing year, it continues to spread to the point that it has become virtually synonymous with the initiation of January. Thankfully Howard Cosell and Monday Night Football have been laid to rest, much like the rapidly wilting Christmas tree, prior to this visual assault.

But for those that are able to wade through the entire lineup, which included 11 hours of coverage on New Year's Day, or perhaps more wisely those who elected to pick and choose the games they most wanted to see in an effort to bypass an added trip to the optometrist, it is worth the wait. When the cameramen are able to draw themselves away from the scantily clothed cheerleaders (it must get cold this time of year) and other frills that are provided to give it that TV touch, the on-field action is often compelling.

Generally speaking the quality of play rises considerably from the fare offered on most Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays throughout the regular season. Viewers are not the only ones with problems trying to absorb it all. Indeed, there are so many games that even Sports Illustrated and other major publications across the nation can't keep up with them all. The stakes are greater and accordingly the performances are intensified.

'Bama deserves No. 1

Despite what the final UPI coaches poll would like to tell, it is hard to imagine that Alabama is not truly the mythical national champion—at least to the objective observer if such a creature still exists. A strong case can be made for Oklahoma deserving the top spot but what did the Sooners prove by squashing Nebraska for the second time this season. O.K., so they proved that if they don't fumble the scoreboard will bear out the true verdict of the contest. The fact remains they presented themselves with little real challenge in the Orange Bowl.

Meanwhile, Bear Bryant took the Crimson Tide into a game that by all rights should have been a winner-take-all event if the polls are to mean anything at all. At times that tends to take a good stretch of the imagination which perhaps is the lesson to be learned by this plethora of controlled madness. Alabama met the No. 1 ranked and only undefeated major college team in the nation when it battled Penn State. That should count for something.

It took GREAT goal line stand by the Crimson Tide in the closing minutes to preserve the win. Isn't that the character of which national champions are made? It's getting increasingly difficult to say. Maybe TV isn't the gospel after all. Remember, it

90 Proof

Denny Jacobs

was the tube that billed the Alabama-Penn State duel as a clash for the national title.

Maybe it was that the coaches felt badly for the official who, later pictures reveal decisively, blew a touchdown call in Southern Cal's favor in its Rose Bowl victory over Michigan. Suffice to say that if the polls are to mean anything then Alabama was the only choice. A playoff system seems to be the only answer but as long as the major bowls continue to call the shots that is as likely as a lasting settlement being made tomorrow between the Arabs and Israelis.

Super Bowl extravaganza

While the college season has come to an end with the exception of a few more all-star games in which seniors try to raise their future professional stock, the NFL has finally boiled down to its most deserving teams have earned the right to perform in front of a sold-out Orange Bowl stadium along with about 100 million television viewers.

It is a little fuzzy now but it wasn't all that long ago that people were expressing their doubts as to whether the world champion Dallas Cowboys would return for an attempt at back-to-back titles. They left little doubt that they belong. In fact, the miracle Atlanta Falcons have Tom Landry's answer to the invincible machine its toughest test. And everyone knows that miracles don't go on forever. When playing their game, there can be little questioning that the Cowboys are the cream of the NFC.

And what of the Pittsburgh Steelers who cruised through the extended 16-game schedule to a 14-2 mark, tops in the NFL. Denver and finally Houston proved little match for the Steeler power. In spite of the fact that the AFC championship game against the Oilers was played on a field more suited to hockey players, Terry Bradshaw and crew totally dismantled a Houston attack that had marched convincingly over Miami and New England to make the semi-finals. In fact, Houston was playing perhaps the best football in the playoffs aside from the Super Bowl contestants.

Now, football enthusiasts can get lost in the two-week media blitz that will likely include cover stories in nearly every major publication in the country. And though it never seems to live up to its billing, the Pittsburgh-Dallas clash, on paper at least, should be a dandy in the immortal words of Don Meredith. Both teams have it all with hardly a hint of weakness.

State track team needs interested women

There will be a meeting for any women interested in trying out for State's track team Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of Case Athletic Center. First year head coach Tom Jones

expressed an interest in any girls who has the desire to come to the meeting.

Anyone who is unable to make it to the meeting should contact coach Jones at her convenience.

Rogers fits right in with cage success

by Bryan Black
Sports Writer

State's women's basketball coach Kay Yow had little reason to go out on a limb in search of recruits for this season's squad.

After all, last year's team was 29-5 and finished third in the nation and all five starters were coming back. One of the starters was already an All-America and another was being touted for the same honor.

Yow was returning five other lettermen to go with the five starters, so there was no need to waste time recruiting might-be's could-have-been's, or possibilities.

Instead, Yow turned her attention toward a player that could help her team immediately...and she couldn't have been more successful. Connie Rogers, a 5-8 guard from Asheville, is the lone freshman on the veteran Wolfpack ballclub. She has blended with the 10 returning lettermen remarkably well and is now an integral part of a team whose game to game improvement is steam-rolling since losing a pair of games a month ago in Las Vegas.

Rogers, who sports an effervescent personality, has stepped into the starting point-guard position lately as starters, Ginger Rouse and Ronnie Laughlin have battled injuries. Her lively energy abounds while she's on the court, but at the same time, she plays with the steadiness and cool of an upperclassman.

She has appeared in all 11 games, averaging seven points per outing. Rogers has accumulated 21 assists and has shot with extreme accuracy, 57 percent from the floor and is leading the team from the charity stripe at 94 percent.

Basketball is kind of a special thing with the Rogers family. Her father was an All-America guard at Western Carolina and her grandfather was captain of the team when he played at the same school.

"My whole family is sort of sports oriented," Rogers said. "But I didn't feel pressured at all by my family to play. It's always just been a fun thing to do."

In fact, she began playing basketball when she was seven and never discovered that her father had played college ball until one day, at the age of 12, she was leafing through an old scrapbook and saw some pictures of her father during his playing days.

"I thought that was really great. I was really interested already and I didn't even know at the time that my father had played," she confessed.

"When I was about seven we put up a basketball goal. It was in a cow pasture really," Rogers said with a trace of a laugh. "My dad and my grandfather and I would go out there and play around and I guess that's how I got started."

"And I realize now that if it hadn't been for my dad, having the patience to work with me on shooting, passing, dribbling, or whatever, there's no way I'd be here at State right now."

Rogers began playing in organized leagues in the fifth grade, continued through junior high, and started on the varsity as a freshman at Erwin High in Asheville. That year she averaged 18 points per game.

Her average hovered around 20 points per contest during her sophomore, junior, and senior years, allowing her to earn an illustrious distinction.

She is the only second player in North Carolina history to be named all-state three times. The other player is now her teammate at State, All-America Genia Beasley. Rogers finished with a 19 point average for her four years at Erwin and threaded the cords for 1,960 points during her career there.

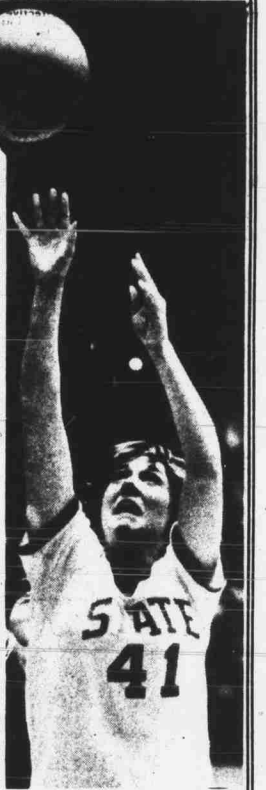
Naturally, she was recruited by numerous schools, but she narrowed it down to Clemson, Tennessee and State. But State had an edge in the recruiting war. Rogers had come to Reynolds Coliseum last year on the night the Wolfpack dealt last season's national champion, UCLA, a crushing defeat.

"After I watched that game I knew then that I would love to be a part of N.C. State basketball," she reflected. "I have not regretted coming here one bit," Rogers added. "I've enjoyed every minute of it."

"It took a while to get adjusted and I have to admit that, my first semester was a real learning experience, but I thoroughly enjoyed it."

Rogers' roommate is senior forward and co-captain Lorraine Owen, who is fast becoming known as the Pack's super-sub. Rogers credits Owen with easing her adjustment to college life. "Lorraine has really helped me a lot. She's helped me adjust in so many ways. I couldn't begin to name them. I couldn't ask for a better roommate."

The Wolfpack, ranked 10th with a



Freshman Connie Rogers

record of 9-3, takes on Wake Forest tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum. It is conceivable that the State women could overlook the De cons and glance on to Saturday's game with fifth-rated Tennessee. However, Rogers is quick to dispel any such notion.

"I look forward to every game regardless of the opponent," said Rogers. "We're taking each game one at a time. That's what we've been doing lately and that's what we've got to continue to do if we're going to keep winning."

"That's quite a mature outlook coming from the only freshman on a women's basketball team that is one of the best teams in the entire United States."

Technician Opinion

Debate unfortunate

With the local-option vote for liquor by the drink appearing Friday in Wake County, it appears that both proponents and opponents of the bill are campaigning with the same material used in last year's battle in the General Assembly. Proponents continue to state that it is the best way to dispense alcoholic beverages, whereas opponents still claim that no self-respecting Tarheel would vote for it because it is, after all, the Devil's work.

That the two factions continue to debate in this manner is unfortunate, for with all the bickering going on no one is taking the time to inform voters of the benefits and drawbacks of liquor by the drink. Rather than asking local residents to make a rational decision based on information gathered from states which permit the sale of liquor by the drink, the two groups wage the war almost completely on subjective information.

However, by gleaming information from that offered by both camps, it is possible to arrive at some logical conclusions which should help voters make the best decision for them.

Looking at the positive economical aspects of the bill, it is apparent that Wake County must

ratify the bill if it is to increase the local trade balance with surrounding counties. With the Research Triangle only a stone's throw away, Raleigh's convention traffic would be assured an increase if the bill is adopted. If it is not, the same assurance exists that such traffic will begin flowing with greater intensity to the Chapel Hill area, where Orange County has already adopted liquor by the drink.

Local restaurants also could expect to lose some patrons who would be willing to drive to neighboring counties to enjoy cocktails before dinner. Durham County restaurateurs vocally reported a sharp decline in their business after Orange county ratified their local option bill, and there is no reason to hope Wake County would be any different.

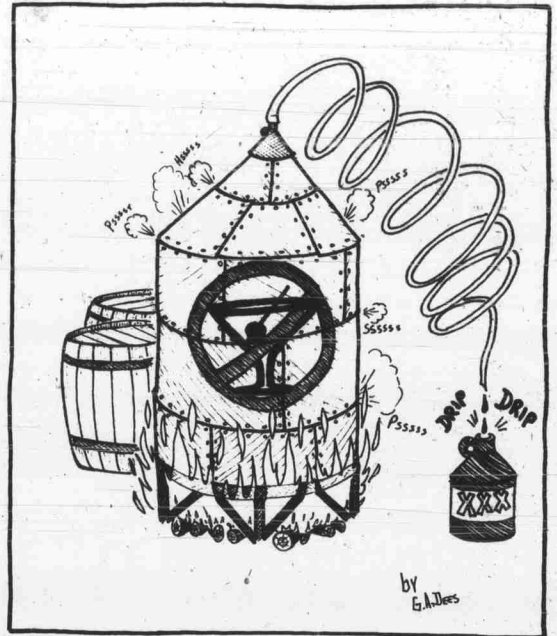
From the negative point of view, some voters fear that if liquor by the drink is locally adopted, the county will experience a sharp increase in the number of drunken drivers. The Department of Transportation is closely monitoring the number of arrests of drunken drivers in Mecklenburg County, where the local option was passed in November, but the report has not yet been completed so no

information on that is available.

The fear also exists that if the bill is ratified, a bar will spring up on every street corner. This belief is unfounded, though, because the General Assembly worded the bill in such a way that only restaurants seating more than 36 persons, hotels and motels serving food, and private clubs will be permitted to serve drinks. That is, most roadside bars will not be permitted to serve mixed drinks.

It is at this point that the moral issue comes into the debate. Some are concerned that if liquor is made more available, more people will drink, bringing up the philosophical dangers and attributes of small amounts of alcohol. Questions about the effects of such drinking on the children of the area have also been raised; but, again, this is a subjective question which must be answered on an individual level.

These are just some of the questions local voters must answer before going to Friday, but one thing they must remember is that each vote will have an effect on every aspect of life in Wake County, no matter how they cast their vote, their lifestyle will never be the same.



Letters

No LD.

To the Editor:

I am fully aware of the fact that there are too many regulations in all areas of college life; however, one particular rule has been omitted.

An imposter with self-serving motivations called Harris Hall, identified himself as first me, (and on a separate occasion my roommate), and obtained information on my housing status for next semester. I feel this is private information which should be made public only at my discretion. I would like to propose that Harris Hall keep all information private and release it only in the presence of the individual (with proper identification).

Name withheld by request

Shocking

To the Editor:

In response to the letter from Tim Huffman that appeared under the title, "Rational," I offer the following observations.

Mr. Huffman suggests that only engineers can appreciate the risks and problems of nuclear power development when he states that, "people don't know enough about nuclear power to like or dislike it." Contrary to this view, an NBC AP poll published in the 11/26/78 issue of the *News and Observer* revealed that only 39 percent of those polled favored nuclear power plants while 52 percent opposed further plant construction until safety questions were resolved.

Mr. Huffman offers the absurd argument that, "it doesn't matter whether you like nukes or hate them. They are here." This is the same

argument that Nixon tried to use on anti-Vietnam demonstrators when trying to convince them to support the war.

Like Mr. Huffman, I also "abhor the thought of a great nation on the brink of economic collapse." This is why I am against further development of nuclear power plants. The cheap alternatives to nukes are here. The only reason nuclear power is considered cheaper than, say, solar power is the federal government's distortion of the risks and relative costs of nuclear development. Never in these cost figures is the price of waste disposal considered. Never is the price of dismantling a commercial plant mentioned. No known technology exists for solving either of these problems. The government negates these costs by assuring responsibility for them. These costs are therefore hidden in the future taxation and government intervention that will surely become necessary.

If Mr. Huffman really wants a shock, he should look into the Nuclear Engineering Systems Reliability and Risk Assessment book recently acquired by our school library. The absurd assumptions made by engineers regarding nuclear risks will become apparent.

Phillip H. Griffin
Fr. CSC

Take a note

To the Editor:

Regarding the never-ending parking conflict on campus and the surrounding neighborhoods, has anyone taken note of the city's latest attempts to add the problem on the eastern side of campus? The city's traffic planners waited until students left town over the holidays to drop their latest bombshell—abolishing parking on the campus side of Pullen Road across from the park.

Forty parking spaces—POOF! They're gone. Come on you clowns, give us a break!

Robert May
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Military drug use spreading

PNS—HEIDELBERG, WEST GERMANY—American troops in Germany are in trouble.

Hundreds of young GIs are using illegal and dangerous drugs.

They are turning on by blowing bowls (smoking hashish), dropping pills (amphetamines) and snorting or shooting heroin that is 20 times stronger than what American addicts can buy.

As recently as Nov. 12, the Army denied it had any serious drug problem in Europe.

But the Army changed its mind after a Congressional subcommittee's 11-day fact-finding tour of U.S. bases in Germany, where most GIs in Europe are stationed. The trip was part of an investigation of drug abuse in the military by a subcommittee of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse Control.

Shortly after the tour, the Department of Defense issued an eight-part agreement signed by the DOD, the Army and Rep. Glenn English, (D-Okla.), chairman of the House subcommittee.

In that agreement, the military admits for the first time that drug abuse in Europe among young troops has reached such a dangerous level that unless "immediate action is taken to contain" the problem, the ability of U.S. troops to fight is in grave jeopardy.

The document calls for tougher inspection and better treatment programs, for reduction of the availability of illegal drugs, and for shortening of tours of duty in Europe from two to three years for young GIs to 18 months.

On the first day of the tour, Gen. George Blanchard, commander in chief, U.S. Army in Europe and the Seventh Army, assured the subcommittee that "this is no army of junkies."

He cited Army statistics, based on arrests, surveys and admissions to drug treatment programs, which indicated 7.5 percent of the 200,000 troops in Europe used hard drugs like heroin. The most frequent users, Blanchard said, were soldiers under 25. Of the 105,000 troops in that group, the Army estimates 12.5 percent use hard drugs and 31 percent smoke hashish.

But the subcommittee's findings showed double and sometimes triple the Army's figures.

Bases upon interviews with about 1,000 soldiers chosen at random from a cross-section of bases, the subcommittee found 20 to 30 percent of soldiers age 25 and younger admitting frequent hard drug use and 80 to 90 percent admitting hashish use—often while on duty.

If the subcommittee's figures are accurate, 26,250 of the 105,000 troops under age 25 are hard drug users and 84,000 soldiers use hashish regularly (at least twice a week).

The Army claims those figures are too high. It says the subcommittee picked its sample from the group which has the highest drug use—young soldiers—and is therefore a lopsided survey.

The subcommittee claims the Army's figures are based on guesswork. It claims officers are afraid to admit their units have drug users because that might be seen as a failure in their leadership.

The Army and subcommittee do agree, however, that the problem is dangerous and apparently spreading.

"There are nine users in my unit row," an officer from the 317th Engineer Battalion near Frankfurt told the subcommittee. "That's not

bad, there were 60 when I took over a year ago."

"I have 146 soldiers," said a commander of the famed Berlin Brigade, the cream of the American troops in Europe. "I know 10 of them are using heroin and two of those men, in my opinion, are addicts. I believe 64 to 70 percent of my men smoke hashish regularly."

"Sure, I blow a bowl every once in a while on duty," confided a GI stationed at a Hawk Air Defense unit near the East German border. "I chip heroin (use on weekends) too because there ain't much else to do around here, but I still am a damn good soldier."

As a member of the Hawk unit, that soldier had a 24 hour emergency schedule. He would work 24 hours and then take off 24 hours. While on duty, he was expected to be ready for combat in two hours.

Gen. Joseph Means, who is responsible for Hawk units and all air defenses in Europe, says such confessions scare him.

"My troops must be ready for immediate action," he said. "We are the first line of defense and when troops use drugs and alcohol they cannot be effective and alert."

"It frightens me to think that some soldiers in my command who are responsible for complex and dangerous weapons might be intoxicated or high."

The subcommittee also said it will examine the Army's discharge policy. Currently a soldier caught selling or using drugs is given an honorable discharge with full benefits if dismissed, no matter how long he serves.

Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman (R-N.Y.) called for immediate action by the military, not only for a strong national defense, but also because he says he is tired of answering a reoccurring question.

shots. However, a fourth shot was fired from a grassy knoll at Dealey Plaza. That the rifle shots from the reenactment of the shooting matched the shots that were recorded on the policeman's radio on Nov. 22, 1963, was no surprise to many. Hence, some conclusive evidence has been found at last that there was a conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

The committee quickly moved to correct the Warren Commission's report that Oswald was the sole killer of the President. That Richardson Preyer, North Carolina congressman and chairman of the committee, gave the report a nod lent it some credibility.

Enter the policeman who testified before the House committee that it was he who could have left his radio on when Kennedy was assassinated. In a reverse dribble, the policeman recanted his testimony last week, claiming it couldn't have been him who left his radio on. If he were the one he argued, sounds of ambulances and police cars would have been heard as Kennedy was rushed to the hospital.

So where do we go now? The House committee and Chairman Preyer stand by their committee report. The former Dallas policeman stands by his recanted testimony. Who do we believe?

Through the investigation of Martin Luther King's assassination, it is easier to see a conspiracy theory. Through committee investigation and testimony, it was learned that James Earl Ray, King's convicted killer, had been offered cash reward for killing the civil rights leader. Those men, however, who allegedly sought King's death are now dead.

Of course Ray himself threw a monkey wrench into everything by pleading guilty to the King assassination at his trial, and then arguing that he was coerced into a guilty plea by his lawyers. Ray now says that he did not kill

King, but rather a mysterious figure, "Raoul," assassinated King in Memphis.

Again we are faced with the question of where the truth lies. Even more important is the question: how much time and money should be spent investigating assassinations of American officials?

The House committee, after months of investigation and \$5 million in expenses, have virtually told us nothing new about the Kennedy and King assassinations. They claim they now have proof of a conspiracy in the Kennedy assassination, but even that "conclusive" proof still has a multitude of questions and ambiguities surrounding it.

At a time when the American people are staging Proposition 13 tax revolts and President Carter is rubbing social program protagonists' faces in the mud by slashing their social and welfare branchbuds, why is there no public outcry against spending \$5 million on an investigation that has told us absolutely nothing?

I, for one, would sincerely like to know who killed John Kennedy and Martin Luther King, and if their deaths were a result of a conspiracy. For my personal benefit, however, that knowledge isn't worth \$5 million.

Admittedly, \$5 million is just a drop in the bucket compared to this year's federal deficit or federal budget. Five million dollars could be used for something more constructive than reaffirming America's lack of knowledge concerning the Kennedy and King deaths.

Ultimately, we'll never know who killed Kennedy and King. Ray has proven to us that he cannot be trusted and Lee Harvey Oswald lies in his grave. The only realities of this whole episode are that John Kennedy and Martin Luther King are dead. In this intricate web of uncertainties and mere theories, their brutal and tragic deaths are the only facts on which we can count.

The special House of Representatives committee to investigate the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King has recently adjourned. Its findings have been quite interesting, yet after 15 million worth of research and time, the world still has no conclusive evidence concerning the murders of these two men.

The committee has concluded that the conspiracy theories surrounding President Kennedy's death may have some foundation. Apparently a Dallas policeman left his radio on during the time of Kennedy's assassination. Four shots can be heard on the tape recording that for years no one recognized as

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Greg Rogers

the shots that could have killed Kennedy.

Acoustical experts were called in by the House committee and tests were conducted to determine where the shots originated. Three bullets were fired during an experiment from the Texas Book Depository building where Lee Harvey Oswald was to have fired the fatal



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