

## Thomas opposes PCB plan

by Terry D. Martin  
Staff Writer

Chancellor Joab Thomas expressed concern Monday over the news that State property is still being considered as a possible site for burial of cancer-causing polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) laden dirt which is to be scraped from along the roadside of over 270 miles of N. C. roads where it was illegally dumped last month.

"We hope very much that it won't be buried on this pasture land which we use for beef cattle operations," Thomas said in a phone interview Monday night.

The property lies off Highway 40 near Reedy Creek in western Wake County, little more than a mile from the city limits. Carter Stadium and the State Fairgrounds, State administrators have joined Wake County Commissioners in asking Governor Jim Hunt to seek another site for burial of the material.

"We have as much expertise on this as anyone (and he Governor Hunt) is aware of our opinions," Thomas said. "We're talking about a substance that will be around for two or three hundred years and we just don't want to take a chance of that material getting into the water supply."

The plans being considered by the (N.C.) Department of Human Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) call for the over 40,000 cubic yards of PCB-contaminated dirt to be buried in an area buffered by dense clay or lined with plastic to lessen the likelihood of the toxic pollutant being leached from the soil into

surrounding ground water. The State property being considered, along with several other sites, is a short distance uphill of the Crabtree Valley water basin.

Officials have declined to identify the other sites being considered for the

material and the underlying water level. Although soil tests on the Reedy Creek site have been inconclusive, the depth of the ground water there reportedly varies between 30 and 17 feet in some areas.

Department of Human Resources spokeswoman June E. Milby however, confirmed that the site is still under consideration.

"The last word—which is basically the same as where we were before—is that any site is feasible," she said Monday. "We won't know until all the scientific data is in and all the geological information is tabulated."

"The Governor will make the final decision, which may take two weeks," she said.

The Department of Human Resources is responsible for selecting a burial site, which must first be approved by Hunt and then EPA officials.

PCB has been shown to cause neurological disorders, chloracne—a hereditary and permanent skin irritation, swollen limbs, red and runny eyes, dizzying headaches, liver and stomach damage, anemia, cancer and genetic mutations.

One of the most serious aspects of the substance is that it is bioaccumulative, meaning that it is passed along the biological food chain and retained in increasing amounts as it lodges in the fatty-lipid layers of the body.

For example, fish taken from contaminated waters have been found to contain PCB levels of up to 100,000 times greater than the concentrations in the water.

One of the most toxic contaminants known to man, PCB must be destroyed

by incineration at 2300 degrees or buried in sites meeting rigid state and federal regulations—of which there are only three presently in the nation.

Incomplete combustion at lower temperatures can lead to the emission of deadly vapors.

If a suitable site could be located in N. C., the Department of Human Resources estimates that the cost of burying an anticipated 72 million pounds of dirt could reach \$2.5 million.

If however, such a location cannot be located, the state may have to transport the contaminated dirt to South Carolina, where a site is expected to meet with EPA approval soon. That venture could double the costs to \$5 million.

Other than that, the material may have to be hauled to Livingston, Alabama—the nearest federally-approved PCB dumping ground—at even higher expected expense.

PCB is used predominantly as transformer fluid to make transformers less susceptible to flames and is produced predominantly by Monsanto in the United States. Ward Transformer and Carolina Power & Light Co. both report using the material in transformers and capacitors in Raleigh.

CP&L disposes of its outdated fluid at the Alabama site, where the company is charged \$58 per barrel for burial.

Three New York men have been arrested and charged with illegally dumping PCB-containing wastes they allegedly procured from Ward Transformer Co.

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This bit of artistry—and vandalism—appeared in a number of places on campus Tuesday morning, including areas near Riddick, Mann, Broughton and Harrison Halls, the Student Supply Store and then Hill Library and, of course, this door of the Student Center, according to Security officers. The symbols denote the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, but according to Assistant Director of Student Development Herb Council, its members have denied responsibility for the paint job. Council said the paint should soon be removed.

## Senators to be installed; bills to be considered

Installation of new Student Senators, approval of appointments made last semester by Student Body President Tom Hendrickson and consideration of two pieces of emergency legislation will highlight the semester's first meeting of the Student Senate, according to Senate President Nick Stratas.

Also to be considered in the meeting will be approval of dates for the fall election and the announcement of new senators in the schools of Engineering and Humanities and Social Sciences. Earlier resignations have left two vacancies, Stratas said.

He said among the appointments of Hendrickson to be considered are Mark Callaway, who has been selected to be executive assistant to Attorney General Andy Carmichael, and two student members of the Athletics Committee and elections board members, (the chairman, Mark Tregde, has already been approved).

Stratas said the two bills will have to be considered emergency legislation because the Senate has not had a chance to organize itself into committees and send the bills through the normal channels.

He said, however, that both bills concern items of importance which need to be resolved soon, even before the Senate's next meeting Sept. 27.

One bill concerns the number of football tickets students can get for guests. The ordinary number of two guest tickets will hopefully be increased by the Senate to three for the West Virginia game which is being held on Parents' Day, Stratas said.

"If the legislation passes, it will allow students to get tickets for parents and a date for the West Virginia game," Stratas said.

The second bill would transfer ownership of four sailboats used by the Sailing Club from Student Government to the Physical Education Department.

Stratas said student government is presently burdened with paying for insurance for the boats, which makes them costly to keep and maintain.

"They really belong with the PE department anyway," he said. "This way the students will get as much use out of them as before and student government won't have to make the insurance payments."

He said immediate transfer of ownership is essential because the insurance company has requested instant payment of the latest bill. "They will cancel our coverage if the payment isn't made or the ownership transferred within the next few days," he said.

Stratas said students should not be concerned that the bills will not re-

ceived adequate attention by not being considered through normal legislative channels.

"There will have to be three votes on them—one to transfer them to emergency legislation, another to decide whether to consider the bill, and a third to actually vote on the bill's merits," he said.

Other business to be covered at the meeting includes a report by Student Body Treasurer Rob Lee, who will give the present condition of the Student Government finances and will explain to the new senators how to consider requests by student organizations for funding.

Lee said the merits and faults of the requests by student organizations for funding.

Lee said the merits and faults of the requests will vary but added that there are specific criteria that every request must satisfy before the Senate can consider it.

## Shows won't replace classes

# German to be taught on tube

Germany. The programs explain cultural differences while also drilling that week's vocabulary.

Yet another segment, described in PBS advertisements, looks at German children's books illustrated "with paintings bordering on surrealism."

The course began as a film series produced by the Goethe Institute in Munich under a grant from the German government in the late 60's. These 15-minute films were expanded to half-hour lessons by Oregon State University and the Oregon Educational and Public Broadcasting Service.

Pilot programs, aired last week over UNC-TV, produced a strong public response. "We are very excited about this program," said Simonsen. "Already we have received over 200 phone calls from Wilmington to Boone."

In conjunction with the televised lessons, students will be textbooks and records available through Independent Study by Extension at UNC-Chapel Hill. During the course Simonsen will administer "diagnostic tests" to determine individual weaknesses. He will return the tests by mail with an analysis of the student's progress.

At the end of the 15-week course final exams will be given at specified test centers across the state.

"We were surprised to find that there are almost 280 test centers available," Simonsen said. "They include all university campuses, community colleges, high schools, and agriculture extension offices. No student will have to drive more than 15 miles to a test center."

Students will receive a list of all test centers with their syllabus. They must then contact the center and make an appointment for the final exam.

An intermediate German course will also be shown on Saturdays at 4:30 following the replay of the beginner's program. The intermediate course will not carry college credit until next Spring.

Simonsen described the 15-minute situation episodes as "entertaining and humorous." He thinks they will keep the students' attention while also repeating a given vocabulary list.

According to PBS advertisements, the films were produced "under nine directors of the Bravarian Broadcasting Corporation with 172 actors at 82 locations throughout Germany," and represent "an ultimate in modern language instruction."

Simonsen said he believes these films will achieve the same goals as classroom courses, "without the monot-

ony." "But," he warns, "it isn't the same as having an instructor there to answer your questions."

The grammar drills following the situation episode utilize the same trick-photography techniques made famous by such shows as Seasmee Street. By "disappearing" the prefix and suffix, the programs will concentrate on building a strong understanding of the language.

Although Simonsen discourages State students from enrolling in the course, he said the programs will be "very useful" to those already taking FLG 101 and 102.

Enrollment deadline for the course is September 22.

Other TV courses offered by Independent Study by Extension include "Introduction to World Religions" (REL 111) and "The Black Family" (AFAM 65).

The religion course centers around a Time-Life/BBC production: "The Long Search." It will be aired on Sundays at 2:00 and repeated on Thursdays at 8:00 P.M.

"The Black Family" utilizes the novel/television series "Roots." No scheduling information is available at present.

## Supply Store, DJ's combine to stop textbook thefts

coming books matching the description.

The Students Supply Store also reserves the right to check a student's records if he or she is suspected of reselling a stolen book.

According to Setzer, "It looks suspicious if a sophomore in Liberal Arts tries reselling an advanced engineering textbook."

Stealing textbooks is illegal. Everybody realizes this and most people even abide by it. For the few who don't, however, the Students Supply Store is safeguarding against theft for the eighth year in a row.

Precautions start as soon as a student enters the Students Supply Store, according to Book Department Supervisor Jan Setzer.

Guards at the door check entering students for any merchandise that could possibly have been brought in the store. Books should be left either in the lockers or shelves placed in the entrance lobby.

"This will keep people from being confused or embarrassed about leaving the store with unpaid merchandise," said Setzer.

Book thieves usually intend to sell stolen books to a bookstore, which is probably the Students Supply Store or D.J.'s Bookstore. Setzer suggested the best "preventive medicine" is to put the owner's name and some other distinguishing mark at a strategic spot in the book.

If a book is then stolen, the student should immediately tell an employee in the book department. The employee can then check its stack of returned books using the student's written description, or keep an eye out for in-

Both stores keep track of repeated offenders and will inform the other of an attempt to resell a stolen textbook in case he tries returning it in the other store.

According to Setzer, most University book stores do not go to such much trouble in helping theft victims. Also, the return value is usually lower for legitimate returns.

Setzer advised students not to make any marks in their textbooks until they were certain about staying in a course. Ten percent of the return price is kept

by the Supply Store for the first two weeks of the semester, and 20 percent afterwards.

Also, the Co-op Bookstore on the second floor of the Student Center will be selling books at reduced prices until Sept. 6, said Setzer.

Occurrence of complaints

Most book thefts don't occur at the beginning of a semester, according to Setzer. The Students Supply Store receives an average of two or three theft complaints per week throughout the semester, particularly before holidays and at the semester's end.

"The student may be particularly hard pressed for money at these times, plus he would be harder to track down during the summer," said Setzer.

In spite of precautions the Students Supply Store takes in allowing sales returns, only about one out of 20 thefts are ever tracked down.

"I suspect we try a lot of them [stolen books] back, but the victim waits too late to report it, or there's not enough information to identify the book," said Setzer.

The Students Supply Store also keeps in close touch with D.J.'s Bookstore on Hillsborough Street.



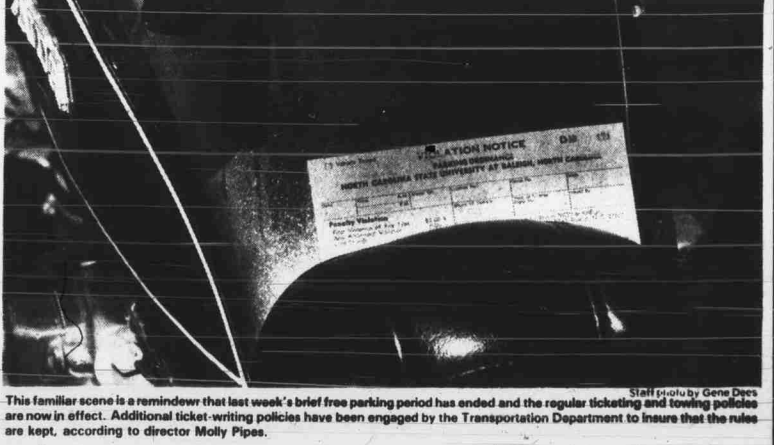
Joab Thomas

burial, saying "there's no point in stirring up people about something that may not be a problem for them."

Thomas, however, expressed little assurance that the prescribed precautions would be adequate.

"I don't trust just putting plastic down that holes can be punched in," he said. "A heavy basic clay layer is needed to contain it. We're concerned about putting any toxic material in an area that's this permeable. We hope they find a more appropriate site."

The EPA requires that there be a 50-



This familiar scene is a reminder that last week's brief free parking period has ended and the regular ticketing and towing policies are now in effect. Additional ticket-writing policies have been engaged by the Transportation Department to insure that the rules are kept, according to director Molly Pipes.

# SAAC plans educational, political, social activities

by Ellen Vaughan  
Staff Writer

One of State's "most outstanding black organizations," SAAC, is again well established and contemplating numerous exciting activities for this year, according to its president, Sherry Williams.

"The foremost goal anticipated among our tremendous membership drive," Williams said.

SAAC, The Society of Afro American Culture, started as an organization to relieve racial tension on State's campus, Williams said.

"It was originally called DARE, (DIRECT ACTION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY). As the organization and the black enrollment grew, DARE had to redefine its purpose and it changed into what is now SAAC, she said.

According to Williams, the principle purpose of SAAC has become an "organized black voice" on State's campus. "We are striving for 100 percent membership of the black student population," she said.

When it originally started, SAAC represented all black students because it was the only black organization. Now the power is decentralized, because there are various black organizations at State. However, Williams said that SAAC is again striving to take on the roll of

representing all of the black students. SAAC has three spheres of influence: social, political and educational activities. These objectives were written into the constitution when SAAC was first chartered in 1968.

"SAAC membership is open to all State Students," said Williams. "We hope this year's membership will be the largest ever."

### Membership fee

"This year, the format is slightly different," said Williams. "In the past, all of the black organizations paid a fee to SAAC, which entitled the organization, as well as each individual member, to membership. This year it's different. Each individual has to buy his own membership. The fee is \$1 per semester.

The money is used for operational expenses. "Unlike other student organizations, we are not allocated money from the university," stated Williams.

"Therefore, we must raise money through membership dues and other fund raising activities, such as doughnut sales and dances.

In order to join, the organization, a student must buy a membership card while attending a SAAC meeting, which is held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Cultural Center, or a membership disco.

According to Williams, SAAC has numerous activities in store for this year.

"To spearhead our fall membership drive, on September 16, we're sponsoring a membership disco in the Student Center Ballroom," said Williams.

"And one of our most important plans is to establish a black alumni association."

She said attempts to create such an organization in the past have failed.

By establishing a black alumni association, Williams said that, chiefly, SAAC would be corresponding with State's black graduates as well as

obtaining monetary support. The alumni would also have periodical meetings.

Jesse Jackson

Another one of the highlight activities being considered is the goal to invite some prominent speaker. "Hopefully, we can get a member of the Congressional Black Caucus or Jesse Jackson," stated Williams.

Last year, one of the most exciting activities that SAAC sponsored was the Martin Luther King Jr. program in which many campus organizations contributed monetary support.

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Other activities that were held in the past were a black history program and a black faculty and student get-acquainted meeting. Also, SAAC students were in charge of Casino Night that was held during Pan-African Week.

Williams said other activities planned for this year include another black faculty-student get acquainted meeting, a weekly study hall and a monthly Games Night in the Cultural Center, and finally, a race relations workshop in October.

SAAC will also hold a memorial service for the late Larry Eberhart, a former State football player who died this summer, Williams said.

SAAC's officers this year include Williams, president; Venessa Roberson, Political Affairs Chairperson; Cheryl Lipscomb, Social Affairs officer; Sonita Cannady, Communications officer, and Orlando Hawkins, secretary-treasurer.

Williams, a junior majoring in Political Science and Business Management, said she was influenced by an upperclassman in becoming a member of SAAC. In addition, she said that she was agreeable with SAAC's format proposal.

"I am very excited about being president of SAAC," Williams added. "I am also optimistic that we will achieve all of our goals."

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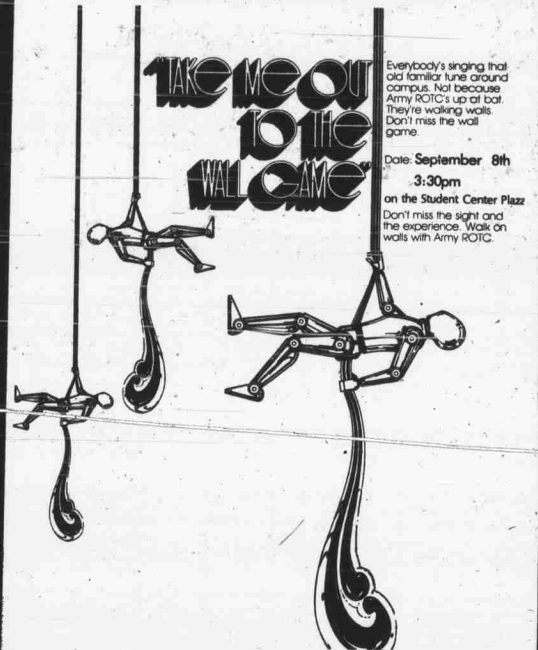
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# Plans to dispose of PCB concern State officials

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The arrests mark the end of a month-long search for the dumpers by SBI and law enforcement agents in surrounding states after brown oily strips of a pungent-smelling substance were found along 270 miles of N.C. roadside, snaking through 15 counties.

Eight miles of Wake County roadside near Zebulon along N.C. 97 identified Wake as the sixth such county to suffer contamination on August 8—one week after the first sightings in Johnston County.

The discovery led law enforcement officials to believe that the dumpings

were the result of "waste scavengers" attempting to circumvent the Toxic Substances Control Act, which went into effect Aug. 1.

The act called for strict control of toxic wastes inventories and was expected to initiate higher disposal costs due to stricter control of toxic wastes inventories and was expected to initiate higher disposal costs due to stricter regulations.

Public health officials have since issued notices to farmers along these contaminated routes, warning them against eating any crops grown within 200 yards of the spills, as there was a pronounced fear of the particles

becoming airborne.

The Department of Transportation two weeks ago began posting signs along the roads, warning of the contamination. In addition, tons of activated charcoal were spread along the routes in hopes of chemically binding the PCB, to slow its emission into the surrounding environment, or at least to cover the sites, lessening the likelihood of the pollutant being windborne.

Tests of water samples from the wells of residents in the stricken areas, as well as blood tests of some of the residents have shown no sign of contamination as yet.

In the meantime, the state has begun

plans to excavate the top three inches of soil along at least 210 miles of highway known to exhibit signs of upper-soil layer saturation.

A State chemist who has worked with PCBs for over seven years, likens the contaminant to radioactive plutonium, calling it the world's worst pollutant, "the most persistent thing in the universe."

The source said, "I guarantee you if a canister of radioactive material was lying exposed along the roadside they wouldn't be dumping dirt on it. One gram of PCB is more than dangerous. We're talking about between 4000 and 5000 grams per gallon, thousands of

gallons spread over 270 miles—there has never been such a potentially disastrous occurrence as this in this state."

"I'll tell you one thing: I'd hate to be living in one of these areas and be pregnant," the source said.

Dr. Philip Landrigan, medical specialist at the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, estimated that once the substance enters the environment it will remain there, it effects showing for years to come. He said the average American consumes 5-10 parts per billion of PCB daily, each ingestion remaining in the body and adding to the possibility of long-term health effects.

Milby estimated that once buried, the PCB would constitute less than 1/20th of one percent of the 72 million pounds of contaminated dirt and foliage.

Before 1971 PCBs were used in the manufacture of thermostats, hydraulic fluids, polystyrene coffee cups, bread wrappers, baby bottle liners, printing inks and carbonless carbon paper.

Since then, when the biomagnification of the substance in the environment became apparent, its use has been curtailed. Medical authorities as yet are uncertain as to the specific long-term consequences of PCB exposure.

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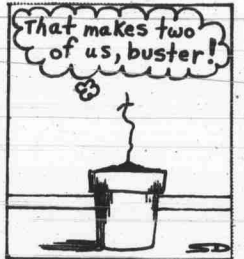
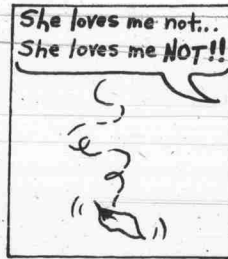
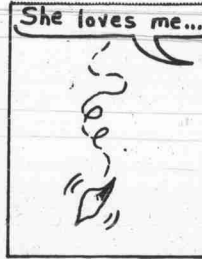
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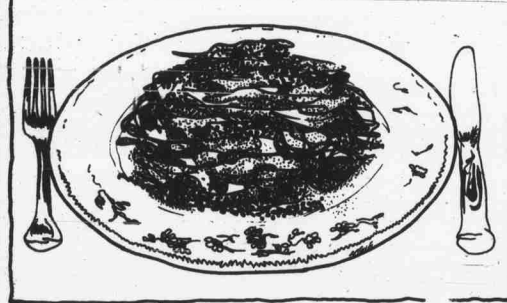


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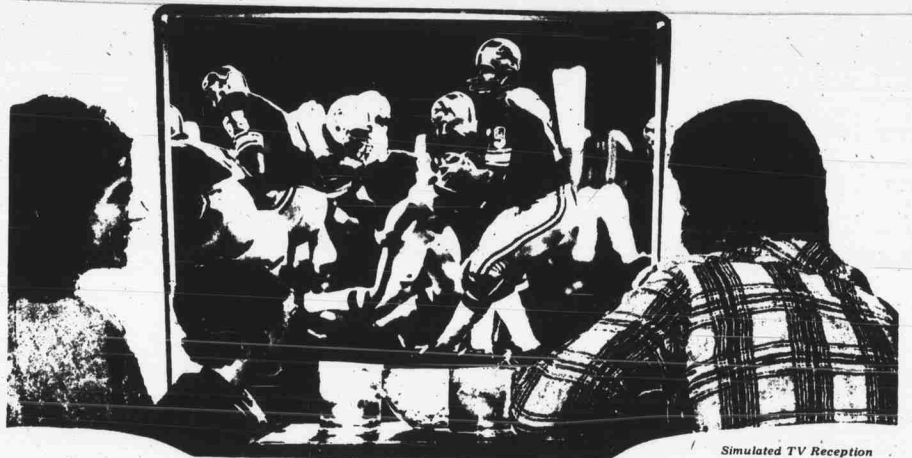
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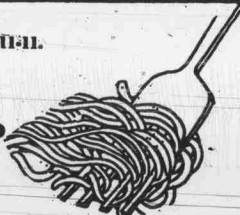
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Neil Simon's California Suite will be performed in Stewart Theatre Oct. 18 as part of the 1978-79 Signature Series.

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The Stewart Theatre announces its core series of stellar performances, the Signature Series of seven touring shows plus a special North Carolina bonus.

The season membership price remains the same as last year, for both the Evening and Mostly Matinee series. This means that eight shows cost less than the total individual ticket prices for as few as five shows. Memberships are on sale from August 27 through October 6 at the Stewart Theatre Box Office.

**Side by Side** by Sondheim, the dazzling kaleidoscope of Stephen Sondheim's greatest hits, will open its cross-country tour in the Stewart Theatre on October 7.

The Oxford-Cambridge Shakespeare Company, an elite ensemble of selected graduates from England's two finest institutions, gives comedy of Errors a hilarious rendition on October 12.

In writing **California Suite**, "Neil Simon is at his best. He tops his own jokes like a pole-vaulter setting records!" (Clive Barnes). This uproarious comedy set in the saloons of Los Angeles will be performed on October 18.

The (ir)reverent story of Jesus, **Your Arms Too Short to Box with God**, is staged as a hand-clapping revival by Vinnette Carroll. This "celebration of the human voice, the heart and the spirit" (NBC) will charm Raleigh audiences on February 24.

Serious lovers of great literature eagerly look forward to the annual spring residency by the Acting Company, an enthusiastic and talented ensemble. This year will prove no exception. Grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the North Carolina Theatre Arts Section enable us to present a week, March 26 through April 1, of sterling performances beginning with Shakespeare's **Romeo and Juliet**. **Broadway**, a robust and brassy farce, took theatre goers by storm in 1926 with its hilarious portrayal of the false glamour of a New York speakeasy, complete with music. **Antigone** is Anouilh's updated tragedy of filial loyalty and truth opposing the forces of power and greed.

These seven performances will be joined by the bonus show, Gilbert and Sullivan's **riddigore**. Back by popular demand, North Carolina's own Durham Savoyards will provide a rousing good time for all with their April 28 performance of this lively operetta of a coast village maiden named Rose maybud.

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# Comedy series features film stars

The 1978-79 Comedy Film Star Series in NCSU's Stewart Theatre features famous film stars from 1925-1972, from Harold Lloyd and Buster Keaton to Jack Lemmon and Woody Allen. The 13-film series will be sold to the public as a package, so one must buy during the season campaign to cash in on a year's worth of the best and most hilarious film world has to offer.

Harold Lloyd stars in **The Freshman**, a terrific silent comedy about a student who strives to be the most popular man on campus. John Mirsalis, the NCSU impresario, will provide live piano accompaniment. Jack Lemmon and Shirley Maclaine live up **The Apartment** and Cary Grant stars in **Arabic and Old Lace**, the zany comedy about two little old ladies who poison lonely old men. Busby Berkeley directed Dick Powell, Ruby Keeler and Ginger Rogers in **The Gold Diggers of 1933**. What more could anyone want in a musical comedy! In **Adam's Rib**, Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn are

husband and wife lawyers in a marvelous battle of the sexes. She defends a girl who tried to shoot a two-timing husband and Tracy's prosecuting attorney. The Marx Brothers, with their typical lunacy, succeed in disrupting an entire opera company in **A Night At The Opera**. Peter Sellers stars as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau in the hilarious murder mystery, **A Shot in the Dark**. In **Go West**, Easterner Buster Keaton goes west to find success. Along the way he battles cattle rustlers and finds his true love, a cow named "Brown Eyes." **The Tall Blond Man With One Black Shoe** is an incredibly funny satire about an eccentric violinist set up as a decoy for an espionage ring. You'll wish you could see this one twice! **Maak**, Robert Redford and Jane Fonda in **Barefoot in the Park**, Charlie Chaplin in **City Lights** and Woody Allen and Diane Keaton in **Play It Again, Sam**, complete the series. All events in the 13-show Comedy Film Star Series are on Thursday nights at 8 p.m. Each film will be preceded by a selected short.



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Student seating for all games will be on a reserve seat basis. Tickets will be distributed by an alphabetic priority system for the games except for the Duke game (Homecoming).

Students will occupy the following sections: East side of stadium, Section 5,6,7,8, lower deck and 12,13,14 upper deck.

For reserved seat games the maximum number of tickets that a student may pick up is four. A student may pick up four student tickets provided he has four registration cards and I.D.'s, one of which must be a priority I.D. and he/she has priority that day or any day after their priority day. All students must show their I.D. and Registration cards with each student ticket stub at the stadium on game day. The Coliseum Box Office will distribute tickets from windows 1,2,3,4 from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the first distribution day and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the remaining days.

A student may buy one season date ticket for \$24 at the Coliseum Box Office. This ticket is non-refundable and entitles the holder to the same seating opportunities as a student. When bought for the individual games, date tickets will be \$8. A student may purchase one date ticket provided he/she has I.D. and Registration card.

Any group may apply for group seating by complying with the following regulations: a group representative must turn in the required I.D.'s and registration cards and money (only one guest or date ticket per I.D. and registration card allowed) along with a list of exactly how many student, date or guest tickets are being requested to the Box Office main window inside the Coliseum; requests for group seating will be accepted only between the time of 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. on the first day of each distribution week. Those groups desiring block seating but who are not present between the above time must forfeit group seating for the game; the minimum number of I.D.'s requested to get block seating is 20 and there is a maximum of 120 total tickets (including students, date or guest) allowable for each group. Block seating requests will be filled with tickets located in Section 8 of the lower deck and Section 14 of the upper deck.

# Wolfpack opens with ECU Saturday

For the 1978 State football team, the wait is coming to an end. The long hours of preparation and training are virtually completed, and the Wolfpack's season gets underway Saturday.

And for a player like N.C. State's Jim Ritcher, the start (Saturday, 7 p.m., at Carter Stadium) against the Pirates of East Carolina, is arriving none too soon.

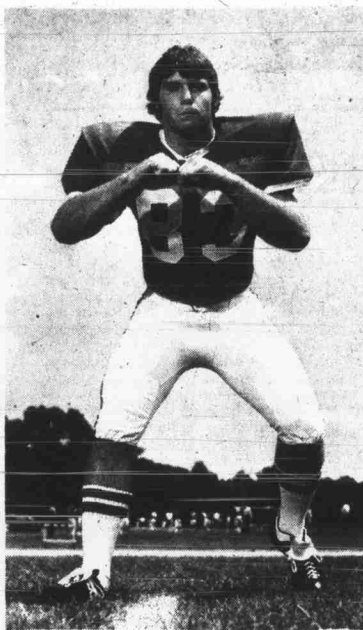
"I just wish that the season had started last weekend," said the junior from Medina, Ohio. "We're all really excited to get on with the season."

"The games are what football is all about," emphasized Ritcher.

And, indeed, they are. In the past few weeks, a great deal of attention has been focused on the positions where many feel those games will be decided.

Areas, such as running back where Heisman candidate Ted Brown holds forth, or quarterback, where Scott Smith seeks to continue the excellence of former State standouts Dave Buckley and Johnny Evans.

But the Wolfpack's chances for '78 will also hinge, to large extent, on the ability of the "up-front" people, the likes of people named Gillespie and Dieterich, Gupton and Stanton, Cowher and Wescoe... and Ritcher.



For, if the Wolfpack's Brown is a Heisman candidate—and he is—then Ritcher, a key "up-front" person, is just as surely of All-America caliber.

### The best

State coach Bo Rein is unwavering in his praise of the veteran center. "Taking into account the type of offense that we play, and the defenses that we face, Jim's the best that we've had here." "He's undoubtedly the quickest," added Rein, "and he's enabled us to take advantage of that quickness by using blocking schemes that we've never considered before."

"Jim's ability just makes the other guys' jobs on the offensive line that much easier."

That's an impressive recommendation for anyone. But about the least impressed person is Ritcher himself.

The 6-3, 242-pounder, who has run a 4.6 40-yard dash, is just anxious to get on with what he does best...namely playing football.

### Work together

"A new season gives us all a chance to start with a clean slate," said Ritcher. "I don't

consider myself a leader on the offensive line. We're all leaders there—and followers. We just try to work together, to pick each other up."

"I guess we all really want to do well this year, especially for Ted. We'd like to see him go as far as he can in the Heisman."

The State standout feels that blocking for Brown is no big chore. "It's so easy," said Ritcher. "You don't have to make a good block, just give him a little daylight and he'll find it."

Ritcher is also confident of new quarterback Smith's abilities. "Scott is our leader, and we all feel he's going to do a good job for us."

### Much pride

"Doing a good job" is something the junior sociology major feels is important—whether it's on the football field or in his "second" profession of criminal justice.

"After college, I'd like to give pro football a shot. Then, I'd like to get into some type of investigative work, either private or with a public agency," says Ritcher.

And "doing a good job" is what Rein has always received from Ritcher.

"You know that he's going

to be out there at practice every day, giving it his darnest," said the Wolfpack mentor. "He's a leader, a great example for the whole team."

### Wait over

So now, for Jim Ritcher and the rest of the Wolfpack, the wait is almost over and the action begins Saturday.

## Gymnastic meeting today

The State men's varsity gymnastics team will have an open meeting for all those interested tonight at 7:30 on the ground floor of Case Athletics Center.

"I'm hoping that people with a minimum background at State will come and try out," said Wolfpack coach John Candler. "We're trying to add depth, which is now at a bare minimum."

"This is our first year for having home meets. We also hope for larger plans in the future."

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