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Food rate revisions are sparse

by Andrea Cole
Features Editor

Although orange juice sold by University Food Services (UFS) has been reduced in price to compete with Students' Supply Store (SSS) snack bar orange juice, as promised by UFS Director Art White, no other food price changes will be immediately instituted. White reduced UFS orange juice even though he purchases it for a slightly higher cost from a different dealer than does the SSS snack bar, he said.

After studying the price situation, White said differences in prices couldn't be eliminated within a few weeks. But SSS Manager G. Robert Armstrong and White will be working to coordinate food prices, White said.

Initial plans

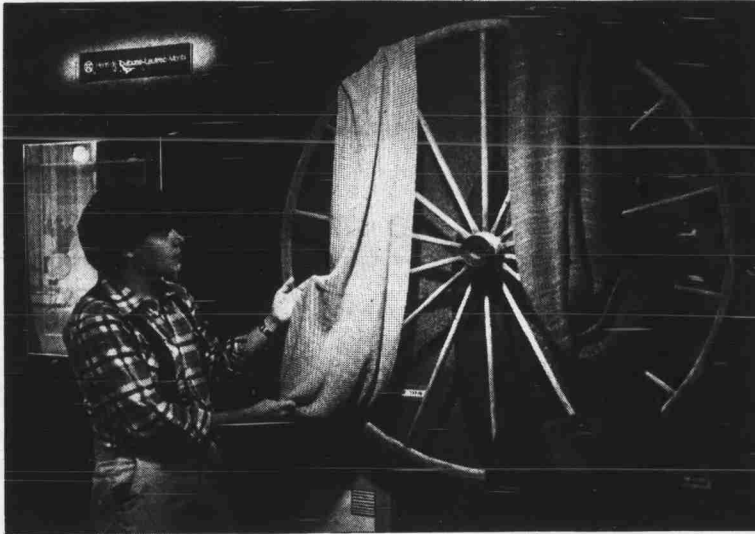
He had initially planned to eliminate the inconsistency between prices of identical UFS and SSS snack bar food products on or before Nov. 9. However, during that time, the issue of the snack bar's possible closing had to take precedence, White said.

"One of the problems I had was that I was tied up with the snack bar controversy," he said.

Since that time, White has compared the price lists of the SSS snack bar and UFS and has discovered that although UFS may be higher on some items, the SSS snack bar is higher on others, he said.

"Where he's offering a deal here, we're offering a deal there," White said.

Armstrong and White will look at comparable items which both UFS and the SSS snack bar sell and try to equalize the prices, White said.



Textile display

It's not an exhibit of antique wagon wheel covers but one of the exhibits on display from the School of Design on the second floor of the Student Center. One student, Charles Simon, discusses the cloth weave patterns in his exhibit. (Staff photo by William Proctor)

Groups accept new food policy

by Terry Moore
Staff Writer

The Union Activities Board, international groups and the Student Center staff remain "satisfied" with the revision of the Student Center food policy, officials indicate.

The food policy, revised in early October, originally stated that no food whatsoever could be brought into the Student Center by student organizations. The revised policy allows recognized student organizations to bring

in refreshments which do not require temperature as a control for sanitation. For example, chips and dips, punch and cookies, and beer and pretzels are permitted.

The Student Center food policy also requires that all Student Center-sponsored activities arrange food events through the University Student Center food service. Student Center-sponsored activities include those activities held by the Union Activities Board, international dinners, Student Center staff functions, along with

Stewart Theater, Thompson Theater and symposiums.

According to Mike Crabb, director of University Student Center Food Service, "There have been no problems whatsoever. The original groups that were concerned find it (the revision of the policy) very satisfying. To the best of my knowledge, the organizations find the policy fair."

Crabb, who began working at State on July 1, has been to other schools

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For emergency situations

Public Safety acquires new power source

by Kathryn Markle
Contributing Writer

A permanent emergency generator is now operational in Public Safety headquarters, ready to supply the department with power if a blackout occurs on campus, according to Director James Cunningham. It was installed on Nov. 13.

"It's a miracle it's installed," Cunningham said.

ingham said. "That whole thing was the most amazing Chinese fire drill."

Cunningham ordered the generator in January when he realized Public Safety simply couldn't operate efficiently without an emergency backup system.

The emergency generator had been on order for months. When Hurricane David passed through in September, Cunningham was worried about the

side effects it might have had in Raleigh.

A generator finally arrived Sept. 4, but it was not the permanent generator they had ordered. It was a two-wheel portable emergency generator that was installed temporarily until the permanent generator arrived.

After the mix-up in shipment was corrected, Public Safety ran into even

more problems.

"The generator came, but there wasn't a fuel tank. Then the fuel tank came, but the Physical Plant didn't hook it up," Cunningham said. "They came, and forgot to bring something; then they brought it, and it's operational now."

"I knew we needed one after the two

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Sunset

When the sun sets, students either settle down for a long night of studying or a wild night of partying. Either way—sunset signals the end of a day's classes and a time to rest and recuperate before beginning again—in the morning. (Staff photo by William Proctor)

Oregon professor dispels myths on elderly

by Mike Mahan
Staff Writer

Unflattering myths about the elderly in contemporary society are causing unfair treatment of still-productive citizens, according to University of Oregon Professor Carl W. Carmichael, who lectured in Thompson Theatre Monday night.

"There are some possibly significant myths that are not necessarily accurate—do not reflect reality—in the normal aging process," Carmichael said. Memory loss and intellectual deterioration are two myths he elaborated on.

Carmichael, head of the Department

of Gerontology at the University of Oregon, addressed an audience of about 100 students and a State professor of gerontology.

Recent theories

In his speech, he attacked recent theories that misrepresent the elderly population.

"When one considers that the typical subject in a lot of experiments that are run from which we draw conclusions about elderly people in our culture, do not represent the typical aged person, I think we have a very serious problem," he said.

In verifying his conclusion about

studies, he said that most studies on the elderly are done in nursing homes in which the average age is 82.

"The typical person over 65 does not live in a nursing home," he said.

Carmichael also spoke about health care problems and the elderly, saying that elderly people experience negative attitudes when in health settings.

"There are a number of studies that indicate that there are some problems there (in health settings) in terms of assumptions that medically related people make about them (the elderly)," Carmichael said.

Although there are present problems that the elderly experience,

there are also some positive programs going on, Carmichael explained.

"The Meals on Wheels program has been very successful in this country," he said.

Cuban contact offered

Carmichael tied its success to communication "primarily because it has offered human contact" to the elderly.

In speaking about the media's effect on attitudes toward the elderly, Carmichael spoke mostly about television.

"A lot of the time we too quickly blame the media for bringing about

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Tempers flare during forum on Iranian crisis

by Denise Manning
Staff Writer

An informal discussion on the Iranian crisis Monday night between Iranian and American students deteriorated into a shouting match between differing Iranian factions when questions from the floor were allowed. Anti- and pro-Khomeini forces traded verbal barbs as students and faculty observed the forum sponsored by the Political Science Department. Dr. John Gilbert and Dr. Keith Peterson, political science professors, moderated the forum. The main speaker for the American students was Student Body President J.D. Hayworth, and the main speaker for the Iranian students was Ali Soltanieh.

After opening remarks by Hayworth and Soltanieh concerning the seizure of the American Embassy and 62 hostages, extradition of the shah, U.S. intervention in Iran and international law, Peterson spoke to the group about international relations and international law.

Although the second half of the program was intended to be a question and answer period, it at times became a forum for impassioned speeches representing Iranian and American viewpoints, with the moderator having to call time on more than one speaker.

Among questions asked during this period was one regarding fairness of elections held in Iran, raised by an anonymous Iranian student who said, "The only choice in the election was between the monarchy and the Islamic Republic."

Soltanieh rebutted this by saying there was space provided for write-in

alternatives and a small percentage of write-in votes were counted. In a later interview, he revealed only between 40-50 percent of Iranians could read and write.

When questioned why black and women hostages were chosen for release, Soltanieh said, "Women have a special respect in Islam, in spite of Western ideas. We believe that women should be paid attention to their mentalities, not the physical. Women are supported to train a man's children. They are also encouraged to be actively involved in social activities and especially against oppression of any kind. As for the blacks, we sincerely believe they have been oppressed and

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Chancellor's mother dies

Mrs. Chemintney Elizabeth Thomas, 79, mother of State Chancellor Joab L. Thomas, died Saturday.

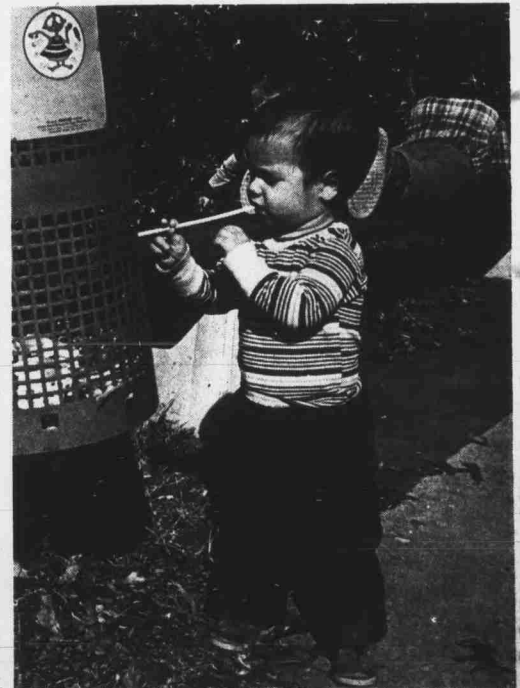
Funeral services were held Tuesday at Antioch Baptist Church in Antioch, Ala. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. today at First Baptist Church in Russellville, Ala.

Mrs. Thomas moved to Russellville in the 1920's with her late husband Ralph C. Thomas, who was superintendent of schools there.

Mrs. Thomas was active in establishing church missions in the disadvantaged sections of Russellville and she wrote, "Hear the Lambs A'Crying," a book about how local blacks survived the Depression.

Survivors, in addition to the chancellor, include a son, Dr. James Thomas, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; two daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Stewart of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Mrs. Lois McGrath of Texas.

The family requests that no flowers be sent.



Scholar

Even the most industrious of State's graduate students must take time out to satisfy idle curiosity. (Staff photo by Steve Wilson)

Sign of the Crimes

Student officer disrupts Thomas house theft

by Denise Manning
Staff Writer

A Student Patrol officer surprised two burglars attempting to break into Chancellor Job Thomas' home at approximately 10:30 p.m. Monday, according to Public Safety officials.

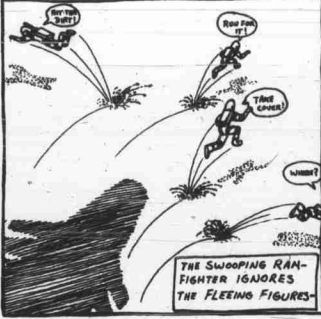
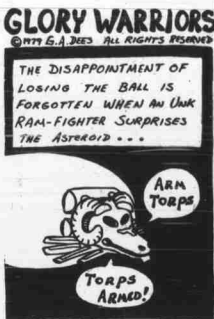
The burglars had thrown a flower pot at the Chancellor's sliding glass door which didn't break. When surprised by the Student Patrol Officer, the burglars ran away.

A flashing occurred west of North Hall Wednesday Nov. 14 around five p.m. The victim left her office and was walking to her car when she noticed a man following her. As she arrived at her car, the man dropped his pants. The victim got into her car and drove away.

The flashing suspect is a white male age 24 or 25, black hair and beard, dark eyes and weighs about 135-140 lbs. He was wearing a tan leather coat, jeans and a floppy leather hat. The victim said the beard was unusual because it was longer than most people wear them.

Public Safety responded to a bomb threat in Daniels Hall Nov. 16 at 10:35 a.m. Public Safety reported:

- 3 traffic arrests
 - 13 tickets
 - 1 vehicle towed
 - 1 subpoena served
 - 4 damage to State property
 - 3 false fire alarms
 - 5 thefts from academic buildings
 - 5 thefts from autos
 - 1 actual fire
 - 1 larceny of a billfold
 - 2 assists to motorists
 - 3 burglar alarms
 - 49 escorts
 - 6 injured students transported
 - 2 animal investigations
 - 19 suspicious persons
 - 5 suspicious vehicles
 - 49 maintenance calls
 - 5 talks to an officer
 - 3 traffic accidents
 - 7 requests for services
 - 6 illegally parked vehicles
 - 6 disturbances
 - 3 found property
 - 1 harassing phone call
- A red and white Owen Dormitory sign was stolen last week. Any person having information can confidentially call Public Safety.



Teacher gives writing help to forestry students

by Steve Watson
Staff Writer

The Forestry Department has made a strong effort to improve the writing abilities of its students by hiring an instructor from the English Department to work directly with students in forestry classes.

Gary Blank, an instructor in English, was enlisted last year to work with seniors, and the Forestry Department was so enthusiastic about the program that his efforts were expanded this year.

"We're very happy with the work he's done with our students in helping them write more clearly and effectively," Forestry Department Head John W. Johnson said. "This year we've got him working not only with seniors, but with freshmen in our 101 class."

Blank's program is multifaceted, but centers on organization of thoughts on paper, effective integration of generalizations and scientific facts, and specific matters of style and grammar. "Writing isn't just a skill

like being able to play basketball," Blank said. "It's a reflection of a person's thought processes. English 111, separated as it is from a student's curriculum, is not able to integrate the mechanics of writing with the student's major field."

Better writers requested

Business and industry requests for better writers and communicators have helped shape Blank's program. "I help them, within the

context of their forestry courses, differentiate between the purpose and style of memos, reports and letters," Blank said. "I show them how to lead into data, identify audience interests, and how to write resumes and letters of application."

Depending on the semester, Blank will help teach two or three courses. He gives short talks and written critiques of students' writing.

Industry has been enthusiastic about it, Johnson said.

"Our graduates will have to be able to put things down on paper once they're in a job in a way that their supervisors or clients will accept," Johnson said. "The clear and concise site reports will be the ones to get accepted and financed."

Most faculty don't feel comfortable grading papers on style, preferring to grade only on content, according to Johnson.

Faculty must become more aware of the importance of writing, Blank said. "The faculty don't know

what to expect out of students when they turn in written reports," Blank said. "Our education system right now segments everything. We have writing courses, then we have all the other technical courses. There's not enough integration between the two."

Administrators in the School of Engineering are thinking of establishing a similar program, Blank said. Forestry is currently the only department at State with such a program.

Cunningham likes new emergency power generator

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power out in the winter of '78," Cunningham said. "When a power outage occurred, our transmitter went out too. We had no base station."

"We have a second frequency on the units, and a portable unit in the office, but they have a very limited range," Cunningham explained.

"We had no lighting, our emergency battery light was out, and the emergency phones didn't work at all. The public lines worked, but they didn't ring; they didn't light up."

"What that meant," Cunningham said, "is that the dispatcher, the man at the board who takes the calls, had to sit there and punch buttons in case someone was screaming for help."

"It was like a Chinese fire drill any way you look at it," he admitted.

The new generator is a special cycle, Hertz diesel which is designed to run seven or eight days, according to Physical Plant Director of Engineering Carl Fulp.

"It comes on automatically when there's a power

failure and stays on until power comes back on," Fulp said.

"It will supply power to the building, keep their radios, phones and lights working," he said. "The manufacturing representative checked it Tuesday morning, after we connected it. He gave it the final test, and it was then considered to be in running order."

"We probably average one major power failure a year," Fulp said. "I say that with one major hesitation; we don't know when they're coming. The last power outage occurred in January 1978. Right offhand I can remember two in the last three or four years."

There will be about a 30 second delay before the system switches in, Cunningham said. "There's a very brief delay in the communications center, but we will have emergency lighting, and our communications will be completely functional."

When asked if Public Safety's operation was affected during the power failures, Cunningham said, "Yes, we were affected, but henceforth we will not be."

Thanksgiving forecast

	Low	High	Weather
Wednesday		Mid 70's	Sunny
Thursday	Upper 40's	Around 70	Partly cloudy
Friday	Lower 50's	Mid 60's	Showers

Nice weather will hold through Thanksgiving Day, although clouds will increase in anticipation of showers on Friday and Saturday.

Most of the east coast will enjoy a pleasant turkey day, with states west of the Appalachians receiving precipitation on Thanksgiving.

Forecast provided by Kevin Eldridge and Mark Shipham, members of the University Forecasting Service.

Damaging half-truths discussed

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change, for affecting change, when it may do little more than reflect cultural attitudes and values," Carmichael said.

Some of these negative attitudes are reinforced through the labels we use for elderly people, according to Carmichael. "It seems to me that we have a very serious language problem in that we don't have a label that doesn't connote something

negative semantically," he said.

A grandparent image is one attitude that Carmichael commented on. "An older person is a grandma or a grandpa," he said. "There's a whole large segment of the population where people are opting not to have children."

Psychological aging, Carmichael explained, may affect a person's biological aging.

"It is widely believed that our negative attitudes

toward aging are affecting how we age," he explained.

According to Carmichael, many recent studies are showing that several myths and theories on aging may be wrong.

The importance of gerontology, Carmichael said, is that the elderly are a minority group in which everyone will enter.

"All of you are going to be experiencing aging, not necessarily in an academic way, but in a life experiential way," Carmichael said.

Americans, Iranians debate present political situation

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even now are oppressed. In Islam, whites and blacks are equal."

One hotly debated point brought up many times by both the Americans and Iranians was the "evidence" of espionage. The Iranians said that their students found evidence of espionage. American students said that the evidence, if there was evidence, was gained illegally and therefore invalid. No definitive answer to the question was given by either side.

Many questions concerning the legality of Iran's action were asked of Soltanieh. "It was not a legal act, but it had popular support, and the people react to the actions of the American government," Soltanieh said.

"We want to say we don't condone or condemn the action of takeover of the embassy, but the blame is on the American government which caused this crisis," Soltanieh said.

One American asked whether or not it was true the shah had killed Khomeini's father and that Khomeini was now seeking revenge. Soltanieh replied, "No."

"Many American citizens in Iran are leaving Iran

unharmful. But there is a difference between the citizens and the people in the embassy—they are representatives of the American government," Soltanieh said.

Same view

In an interview after the forum, Soltanieh was asked how many Iranian students at State felt as he did. He replied, "About 75 percent."

Some Iranians disagreed with this figure, however. One Iranian, claiming to represent 35 Iranian students at State, said there were a lot of anti-Khomeini Iranians at State.

No complaints aired on food rules

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where this policy was strictly enforced. He has previously said the policy is "primarily aimed at off-campus groups."

He also has claimed that the reason that the groups must serve food from State's food service is so the university can profit.

Department of Food Service Director Art White also emphasized the satisfaction with the revised policy. He said that on Nov. 7, a meeting was held by the Student Union board of directors in which the board

discussed the reactions and results of the revision. "They think it is working out very well."

White also has spoken with Peggy Allen, Mike Crabb's receptionist/leaker who "books all banquets."

"According to Mrs. Allen," White said, "the revised policy has accommodated most of the things that the people wanted to do."

White stressed the fact that there have been no complaints concerning the policy. "We've been able to work with everyone," Student Center President

Ron Luciani said, "There hasn't been any misuse of the policy. As far as I know, no one has been caught abusing the policy."

"I thought the biggest problem would be the pot-luck dinners," Luciani said, but he also said there have been no complaints so far.

Luciani said the real trouble was when foreign groups brought in covered-dish suppers which were not prepared by State's food service.

According to Luciani, it is possible for groups to cook their foods in the kitchens of the Student Center.

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Poof. Now you see it. Poof. Now you don't.

by Scott Mills
Features Writer

A little bell rings as the door opens. Inside are crystal balls, gruesome monster faces and a green button that fades into illusion when it's pushed.

No, you haven't stumbled into the lair of the Wick-ed Witch of the South, nor are you experiencing a trip into a Tolkien novel. You are simply entering the Magic Corner, at 8913 Western Boulevard.

The Magic Corner is owned by Huey Armstrong, and is the only magic shop in the Triangle area. Upon entering the shop, employee Jennifer Freeman is there to boggle the mind by making an ordinary red handkerchief disappear and come back green.

Then she does an invisible deck trick. I pick a card from her empty hands, humor her by looking at the non-existing card, then put the card upside down in her invisible deck.

She puts the invisible deck in a box and pulls out a real deck. I can handle that, but the trick isn't over. I tell her my imaginary card is the five of clubs and smugly wait. Without even an "abracadabra," she spreads the deck, showing my five of clubs to be the only one face up.

After regaining my composure, I stammered out some questions. Ms. Freeman said they sell a wide variety of tricks and illusions as well as monster masks. They sell a lot of Tarot cards (cards that predict the future) to people interested in the occult, she said.

She has books on Tarot cards, fortune telling, ventriloquism and millions of ways to do card and coin tricks. A whole wall of the shop is filled with books.

The prices of the Magic Corner's magic range from just a couple of dollars to about \$60 for the gadgets that stage magicians use, she said. For the gypsies among us, the shop has crystal balls starting at \$40. They also custom make tricks for professional magicians that may cost up to \$750.

And they do occasionally get exotic requests for custom orders, Ms. Freeman said. People have ordered swords to swallow and special paint to paint themselves different colors.

Whether or not they paint themselves, people who visit the Magic Corner are diverse.

"Magic is getting very popular," she said. Her customers include some children, some adults and many magicians. The children and parents often come just to look around or to watch her perform magic tricks, she said. But the magicians "are the people that hang out here. They're the regulars."

A 'real live' magician

Poof. Like magic, when she finished her words, a "real live" magician walked in. Jerry White, a State student and magician, has been interested in magic for five years.

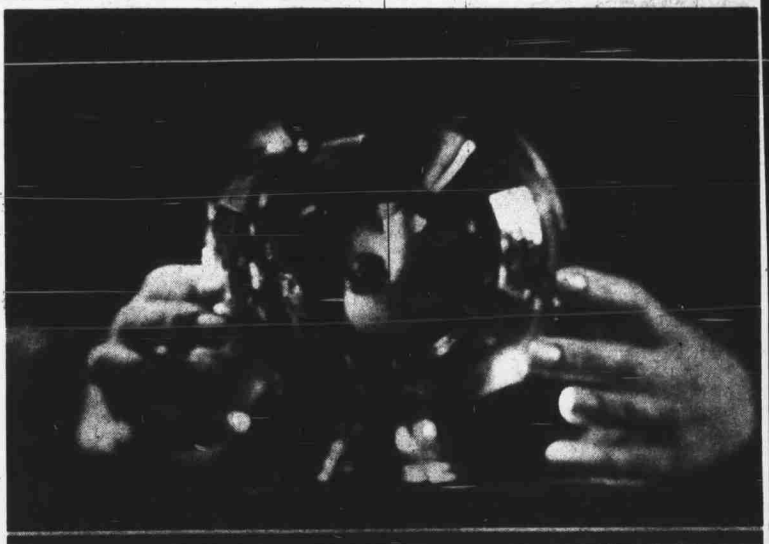
He considers his start in magic typical of the way many magicians begin. Five years ago he entered a magic shop looking for a good trick to amaze his friends. He got hooked on the "Electric Hand," a scarf trick. That's all it took.

He charged \$10 for his first show in front of 200 people. His name started getting around, and now he's doing a pretty good business, he said.

Nowadays, he charges about \$35-45 to perform for a crowd of up to around 40 people, White said. A larger audience, up to 60 people, costs about \$60. Really, it depends on the magician, he said. The best magician in Raleigh may charge \$250, whereas novices to the magic world often charge \$10.

The conversation was interrupted by a customer's entrance and an impressive show by White and Ms. Freeman. White produced some sponge balls from nowhere, and Ms. Freeman gave birth to a family of sponge rabbits in the customer's hand.

The magic continued. White made cards appear then disappear. He seemingly put a pen through a quarter. He did psychic tricks in which he guessed a card we were thinking about.



"Double bubble toll and trouble." This line's sure to be near and dear to every magician's heart. And the local hangout for tricksters seems to be the one and only Magic Corner where crystal balls such as the one pictured above are sold. (Staff photo by Steve Wilson)

Skill like that doesn't just pop out of a hat either. The real serious pros may practice five hours a day perfecting their routine, he said. He practices about an hour and a half to two hours a day. The time is spent in concentrated learning and routine sleight of hand moves practiced while watching TV.

Confidence is the key

The key to being a successful magician is confidence, White said. Magic is so simple that the audience doesn't think to see how it's done. The magician's dilemma is "once you do a trick, you can't see how anyone would not guess it," he said. You have to perform right in front of the audience and convince yourself that they won't figure it out. "Magic takes guts," White said.

He thinks the risk and large amount of work is worth it. "Magic is entertaining for me as well as the audience. Everyone likes to fool people," he said.

But can you make a living discombobulating people with magic? You really can't in a relatively small city like Raleigh because people would tire of seeing the same guy over and over, White said.

"You can make money in magic," he said. You just have to move around from city to city or hit different places in a big city like New York, he added.

In any case, White appears to be a permanent patronizer of the Magic Corner. He'll continue practicing his baffling routine, and Ms. Freeman will perfect the invisible deck. As for me, I decided it was time to disappear before they decided to practice sawing onlookers in half.

CYCLE SENSE

by Tom Campbell
Features Writer

Last week, Cycle Sense introduced the clincher tire, the tube-inflated tire commonly found on 10-speed bicycles. Tires that gradually go flat may have a leaky tube valve.

To test the valve for leaks, pump the tube up and listen closely to the valve, or check for bubbles after applying a drop of spit with the end of a finger. If the valve leaks, the valve core may be tightened or unscrewed and replaced in just a few seconds. (See figure one). Get valve cores from worn tubes or buy them at a bike shop.

If the valve is not the problem, the leak must be on the inner tube. To remove the tube for inspection, the whole wheel must be detached from the bike frame.

Convenient removal

Some bicycles have quick release hubs and brakes which let the wheels be removed (or stolen) with no tools and great convenience. Standard hubs require wrenches to loosen nuts which fasten the wheel axles to the bike frame.

Rear wheels are more complicated to remove than front wheels because the chain must be unwound from around the gear sprockets on the free wheel. Make a mental note of how the gear system looks before taking the rear wheel off, and remember the order that nuts and washers are removed. (See figure two).

Do this carefully, and there should be little problem in getting all parts

back in their proper places.

Once the wheel is off, remove the flat tire from the rim using tire irons—inexpensive tools used as levers to pry the tire bead out of the rim. Only one bead must be pulled out of the rim to remove the tube.

Work carefully, using tire irons with blunted ends, if possible, to prevent damage to the tube. Proceed around the tire, prying with the tire irons and holding them in place by hooking them into the spokes. (See figure three).

Usually the tire irons are used in sets of three. When all three irons have been used to pry a section of tire bead out of the rim, the iron in the center will become loose and can be removed for re-use in another region of the tire.

When one bead has been completely freed from the rim, the faulty tube may be pulled out. Inflate the tube slightly, and check for leaks by listening or looking for bubbles when the tube is dunked in water.

Patching a puncture

Once the puncture is found, circling it with an ink pen will make it easier to keep track of while patching the tube.

Several types of patches are found in bike shops. Ask for a kit that will patch the tubes you own. Be sure the instructions for the kit are printed in English, or ask the bike shop sales clerk for directions. Most convenient, but more costly, is to keep a spare kit on hand for such repairs.

Before the patched tube is slipped back into

the tire, check around inside. The offending tack shaft or bit of glass that caused the flat may still be embedded, ready to cause a new puncture.

When the tire is clear, dust some-talcum powder inside to make reattaching the tube inside a little easier.

Put enough air in the tube so it takes shape but doesn't bulge. Then placing the valve alongside the hole for it in the rim, reinsert the tube into the tire, and insert the valve stem through the rim. (See figure four).

The tire bead must then be pushed back into the rim with the fingers. Try to avoid using the tire irons for pushing the bead back inside the rim because irons can easily pinch the tube inside and puncture it.

When the tire is again evenly mounted on the rim, inflate the tube slowly until the recommended air pressure is reached. The final step is to put the wheel back on the bike frame. Hold the wheel centered while tightening the axle nuts or quick release hub levers.

Spin the wheel above the ground to make sure the wheel doesn't rub the frame or brakes as it revolves. With some practice, fixing a flat tire can take less than half an hour.

Double the danger

What is it?



the Cube!

by Mark Hendrickson
Contributing Writer

Editor's note: There will be a backgammon tournament Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Student Senate Chambers, third floor Student Center. It is open to all State students. Students may sign up in 3114 Student Center and must pay a \$1 non-refundable entry fee. There will be a single elimination. Prizes will be awarded to the champion and first three runners-up.

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The cube can be turned only before one throws the dice. The opponent then has the option to accept the cube

High scores rare

If accepted, the cube is in his control with its doubling option. If he finds himself in an advantageous position, he might double—turn the cube to number four and push it back toward the first player.

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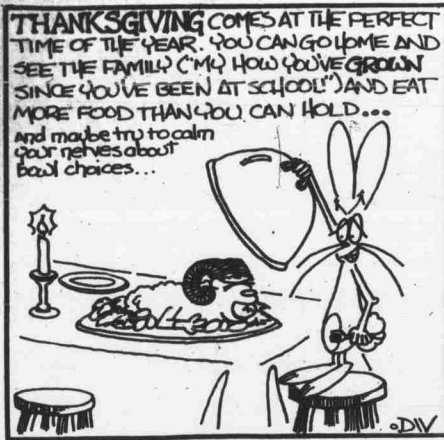
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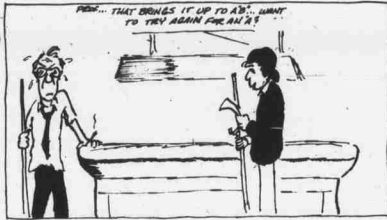
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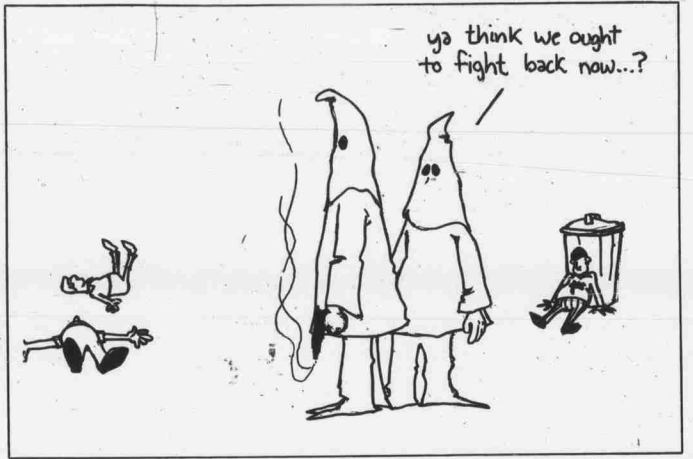


the serious page

Mike Ensor



Richard Stephenson



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SKI CLUB will hold a meeting Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. in room 211 Carmichael Gym. Weekend trips to N.C. mountains and spring vacation trip to Snowshoe, W. Va. will be discussed. Everyone is welcome.

WINTER COLOR GUARD auditions held on Thursday, Nov. 29, 4:30 p.m. Meet Meri Wilson in front of Carmichael Gym. Equipment provided. For info call Meri at 1103 C. Mehall, 737-6056.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA Service Fraternity election of spring officers Tuesday, Nov. 27, 8:30 p.m. Chapter Room. SSAA at 6 p.m.

TEST TAKING WORKSHOPS: Molly Glender, Counselor, Friday, Nov. 30, 2:30-4 p.m.; Matt Call Laugie and Friday, Dec. 7, 2:30-4 p.m.; 218 Harris. Both workshops will include information on techniques of reviewing lecture and text book notes and tips for taking both objective and subjective notes.

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ADCS (Association for OH Campus Student) meeting Thursday, Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Brown Room of the Student Center. All students welcome.

NCSU MED TECH Club will tour Rex Hospital Lab, instead of regular meeting, Nov. 29 at 3:30 or 7:30. Sign up by Nov. 28 at 1627 Gardner Hall and meet there for trip. Everyone invited.

REFLECTIONS LUNCHEON topic Wednesday is "Search For God in Gay Literature." Meets noon to 1 p.m. in Board Room, Student Center. Bring lunch. GLCA sponsor.

AGROMONY CLUB meeting and election of new officers on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the McKinnon Room of Williams Hall. All members are urged to attend.

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DANCE VISIONS: State's Modern Dance Ensemble will present its Fall Recital Monday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m. Stewart Theatre. Free.

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UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES wishes to document the activities of student and faculty organizations at State. Would like to receive minutes of meetings, reports, announcements of entertainments or other activities, newsletters, photographs (dated and identified), scrapbooks, correspondence, programs of events, etc. Call 737-2273.

GAY AND LESBIAN CHRISTIAN Alliance invites you to a post-Thanksgiving pot luck dinner and worship services at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Community United Church of Christ, Wade Ave. and Dixie Trail, 832-1582, 737-2414.

BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT: Monday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m. Student Senate chamber, 3rd floor Student Center. Open to all NCSU students. Sign up in 3114 Student Center. \$1 nonrefundable entry fee. Sponsored by UAB Recreation Committee and Sirots.

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Technician Opinion

Prepare emergency measures

Any rejoicing over the release of 10 hostages from the U.S. embassy in Iran has been diluted by the ominous news that the remaining Americans face trials as "spies" and punishment under Islamic law if convicted. If Khomeini and his cohorts proceed with that unconscionable plan, U.S. government officials must not hesitate to use any action at their disposal—including food cutoffs and even military intervention—to free the captives.

It is to our leaders' credit that such drastic measures have not been resorted to thus far. President Carter's firm-yet-controlled attitude and tactics are indicative of the maturation our nation has undergone in the 20th century. Barely 80 years ago, our declaration of war on Spain was sparked by the bombing of a ship, of which Spain's involvement was never proven. Our entrance into World War I was not provoked by direct attacks, although Americans were among victims of torpedoed ships on the high seas. And even as late as the 1950s and 1960s, we were willing to send troops into Asia to prevent Communist takeover of governments that were not our own.

Now, however, when another nation plainly and deliberately has committed an act of war against us, we willingly submit to insult, frustration and national humiliation in the hope of winning the release of our people without bloodshed. And, war hawks' screeching to the contrary, that is the only responsible position to take. If we are the peace-loving nation we claim to be, we must adapt the stance of military intervention in only the most dire of emergencies, especially with the ever-present threat of nuclear war looming dangerously over our heads. Additionally, in the present case sending troops to rescue the hostages might bring us into a war without accomplishing a thing, since chances are good that at the first sign of military action on our part the Iranian hoodlums will execute the remaining Americans in captivity.

For that reason, the United States should utilize all alternative measures short of force in the hope of placing such great pressure on

Iran that it will have no choice but to release the hostages. At present, intensive negotiations and other diplomatic exercises are sufficient. However, if the ridiculous "trials" of which Khomeini speaks are begun, we will have to resort to desperate measures. We absolutely cannot allow our citizens to be subjected to the kangaroo court charades for which Iran's Islamic government has become famous, especially in light of its track record for punishment of convicted "spies" and "traitors."

The minute an American hostage is put on trial in Iran, the United States should halt all food shipments to that country. Such a move would be bound to cripple our antagonists, since they presently get much of their grain and wheat from us. Skeptics argue that the Khomeini regime would merely shop from other nations if we halt our food sales, but we could keep the venture's success at a minimum by using diplomatic pressures and even economic sanctions against any country refusing to participate in our embargo. Few governments in the world are not economically beholden to the United States in some manner; even the Soviet Union is heavily dependent on American grain to feed its populace.

If monetary and diplomatic measures fail, and all alternative possibilities are exhausted, we must not rule out taking our chances with the troops. We grant that some—if not all—of the hostages might be killed in a military rescue attempt, so such action must come only when it is certain that without it they will face execution. But if it is made necessary, so be it.

The United States government is obligated to protect the lives of our fellow citizens if at all possible. Occasionally, such protection requires risky and potentially harmful actions. It is our sincere hope that the Iranians will realize the madness of harming any of the hostages and will eventually release them in favor of airing their grievances through internationally-accepted diplomatic channels. If they do not, the world must hold them responsible for whatever the consequences ensue.

We should be thankful

As the final Thanksgiving holiday of the 1970s approaches, we as a nation and as students have ample cause to pause and give thanks for what we have. We will risk sounding like the proverbial broken record and voice an oft-repeated truth: It's far from perfect, but our situation as Americans and as members of our generation is better than that of most others.

It is true that the United States faces economic woes, an energy crisis, and, yes, Mr. Carter, a "crisis of confidence," all of which pose potential threats to our existence as a nation. But scarcely another country does not have similar problems in more abundant proportions. Our government is stable, even if public opinion of it is less than enthusiastic. Our economy, while sputtering, has faced and overcome worse difficulties than it now faces, and it is monitored by professionals whose expertise far exceeds those of past years. Researchers are making constant breakthroughs in the energy field, and with conservation on the part of the public and

adequate funding from the government, there is every reason to believe we will pass the energy test with flying colors.

Closer to home, we attend a major university known for its quality in the scientific and agricultural curricula. While the job market is as tight as ever, State annually turns out hundreds of graduates well-qualified for prestigious employment at the same time that our researchers' innovations are creating more jobs. And while our numerous battles with the administration can cause disillusionment, the recent progress made on the snack bar controversy demonstrates that, when we as students voice our concerns loudly enough, they will be heard.

Indeed, our lives are not as bad as we sometimes choose to view them. It would behoove us all to count our blessings more often, but we should take special care to do so during the time our society has set aside for such pleasant thoughts. Happy Thanksgiving, State, and be sure to study over the holidays.

A tribute to Mrs. Thomas

The festive mood of Thanksgiving among State students, administrators and faculty has been blighted by the death of Chancellor Joab Thomas' mother. Mrs. Chemintney Elizabeth Thomas died Saturday, and her family is in her Russellville, Alabama home for funeral services.

Throughout her long and fruitful life, Mrs. Thomas was known for her work with the poor citizens of Russellville. Sensitive to the

plight of local blacks, she authored a book describing their struggle to survive the Depression. Her loving concern for her fellow human beings was evident through her actions, and as we members of the University community share the pride our chancellor has in her.

Additionally, we share the Thomas family's grief at her passing and extend our heartfelt sympathy.



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forum

GPA standards supported

In reference to a minimum GPA, I would like to remind some of the "upperclassmen" of the difference between a 2.0 and a 3.0. You do realize that it can be one-half a lousy point. In my opinion, someone with a 79 average in a course is no less knowledgeable in that subject than someone with a 79.5. Yet, the letter grade received makes a big difference in GPA.

There are too many variables involved to put an exact limit on GPA. These variables include: easy professors, easy courses, cheating, luck, etc. Why do some of you feel the need for a GPA limit? Do you feel threatened because you may be one of those who had access to one or more of these variables? Give those of us who didn't a break.

It is, to my knowledge, impossible for a student at State to receive less than a 2.0 in his or her major. The argument concerning a CE with a 1.0 is irrelevant. Maybe he worked hard in his CE courses, but he didn't give a damn about some non-applicable courses. So you take a course three times, the point is you passed it and not when you passed it.

My conclusion is that a GPA can be very misleading. It contains nothing but a small relation to the education you receive. It would be very unfair to prevent someone from obtaining a degree because of a cut-off point for a GPA. I do agree with the minimum set by the University. It allows for variations from a rigid 2.0, but not to the point of giving away degrees to people who do not work.

Just because you are lucky or just plain smart doesn't give you the right to even attempt to restrict the education and opportunities of the unfortunate souls on this campus. It will all wash out in the real world when you graduate, so don't worry about someone else's GPA. Be proud of your high grades because you worked hard for them. I am proud of my low grades because I worked hard for them, too.

Russell Laing
SR LEB

Iranians 'puppets'?

The letter by five Iranians in Monday's paper deserves comment, or more likely, disproving. The statement at the end is completely erroneous, for the Iranian people and their puppet government have more than proven themselves to be "savages" with their deed of the past week.

All the Iranian students involved in the embassy takeover should die. If God won't take care of them, then some greater power should. I say this not in support of the shah, although I do feel that it is a sick society who clamors for the cessation of life in a cancerous body. Let the shah's cancer kill him. Your cancer is tenfold.

The cancer of terrorism. The life and death decision over human lives simply to achieve an end, no matter how trivial. It must stop, and the only way to do it is assure that anyone who tries it dies. Dies as horribly as possible.

Did anyone see the 11:30 special (America Held Hostage) that aired the other night? Posing questions to Iranian students here in America, a correspondent asked one Iranian why he thought America wouldn't take over the Iranian Embassy in a similar fashion. "Americans would never do that," he replied, "America is a civilized nation."

Damn right. We're civilized. And so we put up with the Little League Caesars who think they aspire to greatness. The Israelis have the proper approach. Morris West (a famous author) flying out of Tel Aviv on the Israeli airlines got curious about two hefty dudes sitting in back of the plane. Finding out they were security, he asked what they planned to do in case of a hijack. "Shoot the hijacker," one calmly replied, "Israel will not submit to terrorism." "But," West retorted, "Isn't there a chance you could damage the fuselage?" "Very little chance," one said, "but still a remote possibility." "What do the passengers think of this?" West asked. Came the calm reply, "If they are Israelis, they will understand." "And if

they are not Israelis?" West asked. There was a silence, then one guard softly said, "Then they will take another airline."

I'm not Jewish, but save a seat for me on that flight.

Ralph Steele
SO EE

Benefits questioned

Congratulations! You are beginning to question the absurdities that both the Iranian and the American people are being party to. You should carry your query into the puzzling aspect of why the Iranians are willing to risk good relations with the United States a step further.

Why indeed! When most Americans could care less whether the shah lives or dies. Indeed, when most Americans are probably in sympathy with the Iranian's outrage at the shah's atrocities. When most Americans would probably not think twice about an Iranian death squad eradication or kidnapping the shah a la Israeli style.

Why then are the Iranians provoking us directly in the manner that they have chosen? Who stands to benefit—this is the question that should be looked at long and hard. Who stands to benefit when the Iranians are released from their crude oil supply agreement with the United States? An agreement which in effect controls the price of Iranian crude oil. Who stands to benefit when this same crude is diverted to the spot market? Who stands to benefit when the crude supply tightens and the prices go up? Who takes the worthless crude oil and refines it into a usable product which Iranians as well as Americans pay for? Who controls the spot market and is anxious for crude prices to jump. For when crude prices jump, production cost and profit margin is scaled proportionately. Who has a \$40 million a day stake in the whole bloody affair and can afford a little propaganda to initiate a hotheaded situation that would (and did) lead to the above with no one being the wiser—maybe we'll know, when the dust finally settles, and the only changes in the state of affairs are higher prices in refined crude oil products.

M.R. Sanpair
SR EE

Parade successful

For those who may have missed it, there was a Homecoming Parade at State this year. The parade, with over 40 units, included floats by Mu Beta Psi, Sigma Kappa, Alpha Gamma Rho, PAMS, Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Metcalf, Alpha Delta Pi, Delta Upsilon and Alpha Phi Omega.

Also featured were the queen finalists in Corvettes from the Raleigh Corvette Club; last year's queen, Joan Wilson; Mayor of Raleigh, Isabella Cannon; the State Marching Band, State Pipes and Drums, State Varsity Men's Glee Club, and State Kazoo Band; a color guard from Army ROTC; the Marching Cadets and Pershing Rifles; State cheerleaders and wolves; Pika Firetruck; representatives from area

businesses and Peace College; clowns; unicyclists; and the Kix Klunker and Klucker.

The parade was financed in part by Student Government, the IRC, and several community businesses. The Raleigh Merchant's Bureau provided four fine trophies for the float judging. Congratulations to Sigma Nu (1st), Alpha Gamma Rho (2nd), and Mu Beta Psi (3rd). The Chancellor's Cup, given for the float that best exemplifies the spirit of homecoming, went to Sigma Chi.

The Raleigh Times, The News and Observer, TV-5, WKNC and WKIX provided coverage of the parade. (Thanks to the Technician for the article; it ran 8 days before the parade.)

Parade Chairman Charlene Suggs should be commended for her hard work in making this year's parade the most successful in many years.

Joe Meadows
President, APO

KKK denies rights

In response to the letter "Klan Backed" printed in the 11/9 edition of the Technician, I would like to say "BULL." Caucasians in America have always had their "rights"; the KKK has only sought to deny rights to others. One look at their history proves that.

Arthur Louis
FR E

Parking discriminatory

It seems to me, with all the unbounded wisdom the administrators of State supposedly have, they should be able to come up with a better solution to parking on campus.

The problem is not how many parking stickers are sold, but to whom. The system of distribution, for the most part, is a good one. Graduate students, seniors, juniors, and sophomores should have priority over freshmen. I've noticed that there are quite a few fringe parking spaces left on West Campus, and for some reason they may not be filled by freshmen residents simply because we were born a couple of years later. The only word for that is discrimination. The people in the Department of Traffic on campus simply will not sell a parking sticker to a freshman resident.

This standpoint of not taking money from a student is a complete turnaround from the policy we've all come to know and love here at NCSUC (C stands for Corporation). The problem may be political; our own newspaper ran an article stating, "The stickers (parking) will be on sale to all students except freshmen residents. The traffic department said no stickers will be sold to freshmen for fear of setting a bad precedent."

The head people of this school are dragging their feet in this case. Why should they hurry? They have a place to park their cars.

Chuck Walker
FR/CEE



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