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## Gimme a sticker

With dreams of "R" decals on their minds, these students were in line early Thursday morning in an attempt to beat the crowd. Unfortunately, hundreds of other students had the same idea. With enrollment expected to grow in future years, the parking situation is expected to get worse, university officials have said. (Staff photo by Steve Wilson)

## Pub Board passes resolution calling for clarification of WKNC incident

by Jeffrey Jobe  
News Editor

A resolution questioning the expulsion of radio station WKNC-FM from Reynolds Coliseum on Change Day was passed in the Publications Authority's first meeting of the semester Wednesday, during which former Agromeck and Windhover Editor John Gough was elected 1979-80 board chairman. The resolution, introduced by Technician Editor John Fleisher, states that the Authority "calls into question the manner through which WKNC-FM was asked to discontinue broadcasting" on the occasion and asks that "the concerned parties meet in a formal setting to discuss official policy" on the issue.

Fleisher proposed the resolution after Jim Pickett, WKNC station manager, requested the board's support of his effort to learn why the station was forced to stop broadcasting by Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Thomas Stafford.

### Rule broken?

"I just want to know whether we broke some kind of rule by doing what we did or whether the person ordering us out did so of his own accord," Pickett said. "If there's a rule against it, fine, but we need to know so we can try to get it changed—and if not, we need to know whether this will happen again if we try to broadcast in the Coliseum." Fleisher, who authored an editorial in

Wednesday's Technician criticizing Stafford's action, said his resolution urges settlement of the controversy but does not state official Pub Board opinion.

"I don't think we should rush in as a board and condemn someone until all the angles have been considered," he said. "Once representatives of WKNC and the administration have had a chance to decide what the policy is on the issue, we can pass further resolutions if the situation warrants it."

### Budgets approved

In other business, the Authority approved budgets totalling \$280,418 for fiscal 1979-80. By far the biggest budget was that of

## Registration cards found; search for culprit still on

by Jeffrey Jobe  
News Editor

Approximately all of the 1,500 blank registration cards that were stolen from the Department of Registration and Records on Change Day were recovered from a book depositor at the D. H. Hill Library Tuesday night by a Security officer, a university official reports.

"Security found the registration cards Tuesday night in a book drop box," David Lanier, assistant registrar, said. "They brought them in to us Wednesday morning."

The cards were discovered in a Students Supply Store red and white plastic bag. As far as the Department of Registration and Records could tell, all of the cards were returned.

### Still be cautious

"We are still going to be cautious about all the registration cards," Lanier said. "But it looks like all of the cards are back."

Just in case all of the cards were not returned, Registration and Records has prepared lists of all the students registered at State. These lists will be

distributed to any place on campus that requests it.

"We are going to be in touch with the Athletics Department and give them a list," Lanier said. "They can check the registration cards against the lists and see if the student is registered."

In the past, all a student had to do to get a student identification was bring a current registration card to Harris Hall.

"Whenever a student comes to get an ID photo, we will check the current registration list to prevent students from getting a fake ID," Lanier said.

According to Lanier, the registration lists are updated every day to be as accurate as possible.

"If any department on campus has reason to believe a registration card is not valid, call us and we can verify it," Lanier said.

Yet unless one of the missing registration cards turns up, there is a good possibility the person or persons who stole the cards will not get into any trouble.

"Unless the persons come forward and confess or unless the registration cards start showing up, we won't be

able to catch the person," Lanier said. "We will be watching for them, though," he added.

If a student was caught attempting to use a false registration card, the penalties could range from a reprimand to suspension.

"The degree of the punishment would be decided by the student Judicial Board," Lanier said. "A student could get anything from a reprimand to being suspended. It also depends on how much the student had tried to use the card."

### Not fair

The cards, which are worth approximately \$109 apiece, entitle the student to everything from football tickets to the use of the library.

"It's not fair for the students who paid full academic fees or for the students who stand in line to get tickets for a ball game only to find that all the tickets are gone—because some of those tickets could go to students who haven't paid any fees," Lanier said.

"It's really the students who lose when anybody does something like this."

## McKinney rejects petition for Kamphoefner retention

by Steve Watson  
Staff Writer

Design students recently presented a petition to Claude E. McKinney, dean of the School of Design, asking that Dr. Henry Kamphoefner, a former dean and teacher, be rehired.

The petition carried approximately 50 students' signatures, according to Tom Bennet, senior in Design. The students wanted Kamphoefner, dean emeritus of the School of Design, to teach a seminar course entitled "Ideas in Design". The course is quite popular among students.

Kamphoefner, 72, was not rehired to teach this year, despite the petition. According to McKinney, "the chancellor and provost are the ones who ultimately would have to approve his rehiring."

For Kamphoefner to be rehired, either special funds would have to be

utilized or an emergency would have to exist. Neither situation applies, according to McKinney.

"We are not going to make exceptions for Dr. Kamphoefner," said McKinney. "I think everything has been said about the matter that can be said."

When asked if student petitions would be of any value, McKinney replied, "No, not really."

Although efforts on the part of students and faculty to get Kamphoefner back have failed so far, Kamphoefner would still agree to teach if the efforts were successful and the administration requested his services.

"I would teach if asked, but not for free. I would request at least one dollar for the semester," explained Kamphoefner.

According to University sources, this appears unlikely.

## The News in Brief

### Freshman, grad elections coming shortly

#### Open house

The Union Activities Board will be having an open house "Committee Night" on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 9:00 p.m. in the North Gallery, second floor of the Student Center. The UAB is holding the open house to give new students a chance to sign up for Student Center committees.

#### Deadlines

Tuesday, Sept. 4 is the last day to add a course without the instructor's permission. Monday, Sept. 10 is the last day to register, add a course, drop a course or withdraw with a refund. Monday, Sept. 24 is

the last day to drop an undergraduate course. Friday, Oct. 26 is the last day to drop a 500 or 600 level course.

#### Decal sales

Friday, Aug. 31 is the last day for obtaining a parking permit. No more "R" or "C" decals are available, but approximately 1,000 "F" permits remain.

#### Agromeck sales

Sales of the student yearbook, the Agromeck, will begin Tuesday, the first floor of the Student Center and the basement of the Erdahl

Cloyd Union. Yearbooks may be purchased from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

The yearbooks will be \$5.00 if you plan to pick it up or \$7.00 if you wish it mailed to you. The books will be distributed beginning April 20, 1980. The Agromeck's theme this year will be "Life styles," and the 400 page yearbook will be the largest since 1963.

#### I.D. pictures

I.D. photos will be taken on Wednesday Sept. 5, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in Harris Hall, Room 100. Additional schedules for taking photos will be posted in the future.

## On the Brickyard

### Students react to question of coliseum music on Registration Day

by Patricia Perez-Canto  
Staff Writer

Student reaction was found by the Technician to be overwhelmingly against the decision to not permit WKNC-FM to broadcast in Reynolds Coliseum on Registration Day.

When several State students were asked to comment on the action, all replied with similar remarks.

Anne Whealy, a junior in Horticulture, felt the stopping of the broadcasting was not fair.

"They probably should have asked to turn it down if it was really bothering people," Whealy said. "If they hadn't complied to that request, they had every reason to ask them to leave. But as they just told them to stop...well? I wish there was



Anne Whealy

music there. It would make it much more fun.

They should put some fans in there too." "The music was playing while I was there and I didn't even hear it," Phil Suggs, a sophomore in Horticulture said. "They shouldn't have told WKNC to stop broad casting, they should have told them to cut it down. I

think music is a good idea. At least there are other things to concentrate on than the hustle and bustle that goes on there."

Thad Bisselle, a sophomore in business management though the idea of music being played was good.

"It didn't bother me. I think if it had been too loud,



Phil Suggs



Pam Whitaker

it would have. But I didn't think it was too loud," Bisselle said.

"I think you can do your scheduling while the music is on—it's not as if you were studying or anything that needs your complete concentration. It's a good idea, I think, to listen to music those days." Pam Whitaker, a senior in

Industrial Engineering, believes the idea of broadcasting music during Registration day is a good one. "I think it was a good idea if it wasn't distracting anybody. I think it should have been left on. If no one was bothered, I don't know why it was turned off."

"I definitely think that it was WKNC's right to play music," Stephen Larson, a freshman in Horticulture said. "Music is played in most offices, so I don't know how it could have bothered the workers. A lot of tension is minimized. As it's not hurting anybody, I can't find the justification for an action like that."

Dale Burleson, another student who was at Registration while music was being played, said, "Many people who work in offices have music, so I don't

understand how they could have been disturbed." The junior in Computer Science remarked that the music was not distracting him at all.

"I think it was a good idea

for WKNC to have broadcast music. Other times you only hear the buzz of people talking. I could hear more involved with the students. I think they did a background that kept it from being a wall to wall

group of people talking. WKNC was walked on—they were only trying to get more involved with the students. I think they did WKNC dirty," Burleson said.

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## They don't calculate cricket chirps to forecast weather

by Steve Watson  
Features Writer

Maybe you've never believed a weather forecast in your life. You just laugh when the DJ says the chance of rain today is 5 percent, and your windshield wipers are working overtime.

If this is the case, read on, and the ritual of weather forecasting will be revealed.

At night, only three or four people are at the National Weather Service office at RDU airport. They are busy but happy. It's an unusual place.

It was only 10 p.m. and one of the forecasters was leaving for the night. As he opened the door, he turned quickly, almost as an afterthought.

"When you find out how we make the weather forecast, let me know, all right?" he said smiling, then hurried out. Radar, walls and wall controls, rows of teletype machines chattering endlessly, strange maps with circles and numbers (new ones continuously replacing the old) a radio station. Out of this maze comes a smiling face.

"What would you like to know?"  
The man is Jan Price. There are basically two kinds of people there, forecasters and observers. Observers pull in the data on temperature, barometric pressure and whatever else seems relevant. Observers may eventually become apprentice forecasters. Then the good ones become forecasters. Jan Price is a forecaster.

You can sometimes hear him in the morning on Mary O'Dell's "Talk About the Weather" on WPTF.

Price was on "aviation" that night, monitoring information for aircraft. The "public" man puts out the forecasts you read and hear.

But "aviation requires a more constant vigil, because slight changes in atmospheric conditions can be crucial to aircraft," Price said.

"This time of year," he continued, "we get storms building up in the late afternoon and dying out by midnight." Having made this very prediction for that evening, he was checking out the radar from time to time to see that the storms were dying out as he had said they would. They were.

Price manipulated the radar almost like a toy, eager to explain what it could do. If you've seen weather radar on TV, you've seen storms appear like ink blots on the screen. The Weather Bureau determines the rain's location, the clouds, altitude and the storm's intensity.

In Raleigh, the radar picks up considerable surface noise from buildings and other obstructions.

"The thing sees the water tower out of Apex and thinks it's a severe storm," Price said.

So how does it pick up storms around Raleigh?  
"The radar shoots out its signal in a straight line," Price explained. "To get the whole state, we have to aim it pretty much straight and level. This picks up the clutter we see around Raleigh."

"To get the immediate area, all we do is tilt the radar up a bit, above the buildings and towers. The area we see then is very localized."

The phone rang. It was Bob DeBardelaben calling up to confirm the identity of some radar patterns he was getting. He was going on the air shortly.

Although it plays an important part in predicting the weather, the radar room is not where forecasts are made. There are no fortune tellers there. Just facts and observations.

"Forecasts begin with observations such as pressure readings, temperatures, dew-points and wind velocities and directions," Price said.

"Observations are taken from many altitudes and from all over the country. The facts are wired into the National Meteorological Center in Washington D.C. every so often throughout the day."

The accumulated data is put into a computer which is programmed with prediction models. The end result is a series of predictions for all sections of the country. These are sent out to all stations.

What comes into the center at RDU are streams of maps and words, observations and national forecasts. Then the local forecasters go to work.

"We take all this data, look at the forecasts from Washington and adapt it all to North Carolina," Price said. "We divide the state up into 11 zones. But even at that, each zone is so big that the weather can vary quite a bit from one end of the zone to the other. Sometimes we end up looking pretty foolish," he admitted.

The forecasters and weather maps you see in the evening paper and the radio or TV report at six are sometimes alarmingly different.

"The stuff you see in the papers is relatively old, since papers have to go to press very early in the day. The weather patterns can and often do change before the papers hit the street," Price said.

"In North Carolina we have the mountains and the Gulf Stream both of which change the weather. Sometimes this change is rapid and hard to predict."

Have you ever wondered what a 40 percent chance of rain really means? Price, often the original source of that phrase for the day, said rain can be very hard to predict. This is especially so in the summer.

"What we get in the summer is hot surface air rising in localized areas, turning over and mixing with cooler air at higher altitudes. This turbulence can result in rain. But just when and where this will happen is impossible to say, so we end up giving the whole area something like a 40 percent chance of rain."

"Then it always happens that someone was expecting rain and didn't get it. Someone else figured 40 percent was less than 50-50, yet he gets rain and wasn't counting on it. Then we end up looking bad to both of them."

"But there's really no way we can be more specific," Price said.

A voice could be heard on the loudspeaker. It was the Hurricane Hotline in Miami reporting on Hurricane David. The men here were interested but showed no concern or alarm over the hotline news.

Old, well-worn teletypes clicked away while we watched. New forecasts and observations kept pouring in. Miles of paper and maps. Teletypes are on the way out, of course. Computer terminals are already installed to take their place.

Local weather information can be heard on a radio equipped with a weather band (162.55 MHz) in the Raleigh area.

"The NOAA Weather Radio Network is new in this area. We have Shaw University graduates working broadcasts, giving out the latest weather data, updated every one to three hours."

The broadcasts are tailored to local areas' needs. There are several area broadcasts in North Carolina, including Cape Hatteras (162.55), New Bern (162.40) and Wilmington



Whipped cream ready to be spooned onto a generous helping of strawberry pie? No—clouds brewing over unsuspecting earth. (Staff photo by Gene Dees)

(162.55). A weather frequency receiver is necessary, unless you have a multi-band radio with a weather band on it.

The Navy and Air Force used to train most of the meteorologists in the country, Price said. Universities have taken over much of the training now, and they seem to be doing a good job.

"I'm real happy with it (meteorology)," Price said. "I enjoy what I do."

The others in the room agreed.

But if your grandpa insists he can predict the weather better than any of "them" don't laugh. He may be right.

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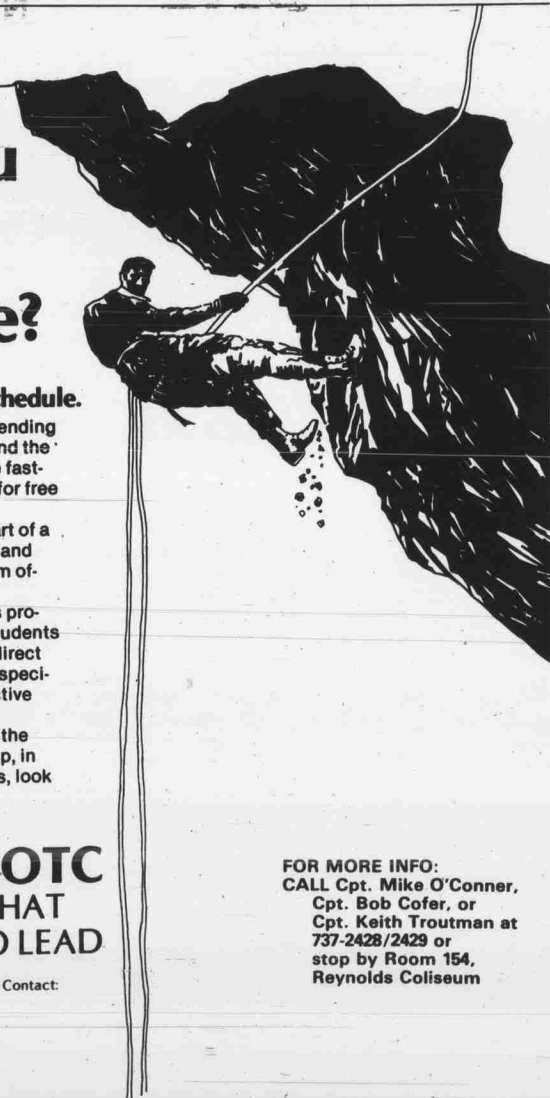
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Get to know the UAB!

## Smith cares only about winning

by Bryan Black  
Sports Editor



State quarterback Scott Smith drops back to pass during a practice this week. (Staff photo by Chris Steele)

Scott Smith doesn't care how many touchdowns passes he throws. And he doesn't care how many he scores either.

The only thing the Wolfpack's easygoing quarterback really cares about is winning football games.

Smith has been mentioned as a top candidate to wind up as the All-ACC quarterback this season, but he finds that a little hard to understand.

"My priority is to make this team a winner and to accomplish some things this team hasn't accomplished in a while," Smith said, after a practice session this week in which he lost eight pounds. "To do that, we've got to take each game one at a time."

"I haven't set any goals for myself statistically. I just really hope to better myself—be more consistent, be more of a leader. But I don't see how people can talk about me as the All-ACC quarterback when there's Stanley Driskell at Duke and Matt Kupec at Carolina."

"If I did end up with that honor, I'd accept it because I'd know the team was a winner. In order for something like that to happen to me, the team would have to be a winner. And if we win, I'll be happy." Smith moved into State's

starting quarterback position prior to last season. As a college quarterback, he was untested and as last season opened, many questioned the ability of the man State had calling the signals.

He started every game last year and State head coach Bo Rein was quick to point to Smith's steady improvement. Rein often described Smith's performance as "workmanlike." When it was over, the six-foot, 180-pounder had guided the team to a 9-3 record and win over Pittsburgh in the Tangerine Bowl.

However, Smith's passing ability was still questioned. Those doubters saw Ted Brown taking handoff after handoff—but this year, there is no Ted Brown.

"I've come a long way since I came here," the second year starter said. "I was primarily a running quarterback in high school, but through working with weights and on my passing, I've come to a point where I really feel my passing is coming along."

"I felt at times last year it was coming along and other times I felt exactly the opposite. This year I want to get consistent. We've really emphasized the passing game more, but still we're primarily a running team. But we know we have to pass more this year."

Smith has a countless number of qualified receivers to throw to, but in

particular, he's got a pro-style tight end named Lin Dawson and a speedy wide receiver named Mike Quick.

"I know I've got to get the ball to Lin and Mike," Smith said. "They're really big play people. I'm not taking anything away from the rest of the receivers, but I know I've got to get it to Lin and Mike."

Smith feels his total passing game is starting to come together.

"I feel like play-action passes are what I do best right now and it wasn't until my sophomore year that he firm into the quarterback position. That 10th grade year, Smith started the last four games for his Lakeshore High School

team. Smith's team, from College Park, Ga., won each of those four games.

He took Lakeshore to a 9-1 season his junior year and bettered that, moving the team to a 12-1 mark his senior season. The only loss that final season was in the state championship game to the team ranked No.2 among all the high schools in the nation that year.

Smith's major is business management and he feels his curriculum will give him the base he needs when he finishes playing football.

"It gives me a wide area

of what kind of job I can get. I won't restrict me to where I can get a job."

But he's not sure he's quite ready to put football out of his life.

"I've really thought about maybe going into coaching, but with the degree I'll get, it'll be nice to have something like that to fall back on."

He doesn't have any big dreams about playing professionally.

"I've got to be realistic about it. I'm not really pro ball material. I'm not your strong-armed, 40-yards-on-the-line passer. I always wanted to play college football. I've fulfilled that dream and whatever happens after that happens."

"A lot of young guys say they want to play in the pros, but with me, I'd watch college football on Saturday afternoons with Chris Schenkel and all that and I've always thought college football was more exciting. I'm to the point where I've fulfilled my dreams and now I'd like to finish up on a good note with the team being successful and leave here with a winning team and a winning background."

As far as the team goes, Smith has only set one goal he'd like to see the team take direct aim on.

"You can't overlook the thought of winning the conference championship," he said. "It's nice to go to a bowl game, but we know the bowl game will take care of itself if we win the conference championship."

Although Smith may have satisfied his dream of playing college football, he's not shutting the door on the pros.

"I'd give it a shot if I get the chance. Anybody would be a fool not to. But really, that's the farthest thing from my mind right now. The only thing I'm thinking about is a week from Saturday and getting that first win."

### Rifle tryouts

Rifle team tryouts for this season will be held Monday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Thompson Indoor Rifle Range, located behind and beneath Thompson Theatre. Positions are limited, so only those with experience (NRA competition, junior clubs, etc.) need apply.

This year, the rifle team will branch out. Edie Reynolds, assistant coach for the Wolfpack riflers, is attempting to establish a women's team. All interested female students are invited to tryouts Thursday, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

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# Technician Opinion

## Save energy

It was good to hear that the University is planning strenuous energy conservation efforts, as it is certainly our duty to do what we can to ease the energy crunch.

It should surprise no one that State is among the biggest energy users in Raleigh, nor that we spend about \$3.5 million on energy a year. Right now, though, money isn't the most pressing issue at hand, for the energy crisis has caused us all to be more concerned with having enough to maintain our present way of life than its cost.

Scientists seem to be moving with maddening slowness in developing alternative fuel sources, and the oil companies don't appear to be setting Olympic records where increasing supply is concerned. But while politicians point fingers in an effort to find out who's to blame and who should be improving the situation, the average American can and should do whatever possible to conserve available energy. That includes us.

The steam heating system used in residence halls has been a source of waste for years. Last year, though, an automated conservation system was installed, which led to plenty of complaints from students about freezing in some areas and roasting in others. The system definitely can use some work, but its presence is vital to keep waste at a minimum.

The Physical Plant has taken other conservation measures, including installation of flow

restrictors in showers to minimize water usage, as well as thermostatic radiation control devices. Additionally, its workers have made numerous repairs, including adding insulation to 28 campus buildings (you'll get a tax break for doing that in your home), lowering temperature of hot water, and keeping pipes maintained. These measures are good ones and more should be sought. But one of the P-Plant's most admirable actions directed at alleviating the energy problem is one others can and should imitate: keeping the temperature of the building in which it is housed at 80 degrees, no matter what the weather.

Any building on campus that is centrally air conditioned, with the exception of labs which require especially low temperatures, should be regulated to comply with President Carter's maximum of 78 degrees. And, of course, there's nothing wrong with going the second mile and keeping the temperature at 80 degrees as the Physical Plant has done.

Additionally, students should do their part by turning off fans and other electrical appliances except when it is absolutely necessary to keep them on. Avoiding driving in favor of walking is another good idea. There is a multitude of measures we all can take to help save energy, and it bears our serious attention, for if worst comes to worst we will all fry—or freeze—together.

## Charles Lasitter

### More cooperation needed

An isolated mistake is easier to forgive than an additional blunder in a string of stupidities, and in this light, the Administration's Registration day closing of WKNC's remote broadcast is a serious matter.

The incident fits easily into the long established pattern of the University's dealings with the publications, and this makes it harder to "forgive and forget" as some of the Administration's lower level representatives would like for the students involved to do.

The heavy handed action on the part of Stafford lacked diplomacy, forethought, taste, and a number of other characteristics which ought to be present in any Administration action concerning students—even ones on the staffs of publications.

The problem rests in the nature of the relationship between the publications and the University, where university officials improperly identify the publications as "them" instead of seeing that their members are students like any others on campus.

It has reached the point where some members of publications view the Administration with varying degrees of distrust, at times bordering on outright contempt. This is altogether unnecessary and could prove to be detrimental in future relationships between the publications and the Administration.

Admittedly, the Administration doesn't have to do anything it doesn't want to do when dealing with students. The Administration is all powerful, and does not even have to take into account the feelings of any group on campus. All organizations not under their umbrella are strictly there in an advisory capacity.

But wouldn't it be nice to be nice? Wouldn't it really be OK to sit down and discuss alternatives with the parties involved before making the decision?

From an Administration standpoint, it would not require much time or effort for this consultation; it could even prove to be

beneficial in long term relationships. Without this type of cooperation, on the other hand, long term consequences could be chilling.

Inequities have a way of piling up and being remembered. They tend to short-circuit trust, to exaggerate future difficulties and to stifle cooperation. This can't be tolerated by people who ought to be working shoulder to shoulder.

A moment's consideration will show that these groups cannot afford to be at odds.

Here is a relationship of two monopolies in desperate need of each other. There is only one Administration, and only one group of student publications. The newspaper could not easily report on any other Administration's programs or difficulties. The Administration would find it at least as difficult to get its message across without losing credibility in the absence of an independent press.

Hardly a day goes by that some publication doesn't describe an Administration policy or report on their inactivity on an issue. The *Technician* is the veritable bulletin board of the Administration.

By the same token, the paper's newsday would be reduced considerably if it could not report on the activities of the University's bureaucracy. New course listings, the availability of night courses or the existence of placement services all frequent the pages of the thrice weekly paper.

Good will is not a tangible thing, and is therefore easily forgotten. We regularly take it for granted in our daily dealings with all sorts of people, but without it the road of life would be quite hard.

It makes no sense, then, for the Administration not to expend what little energy is needed to tap this valuable resource. Living without this necessary cooperation would be like living without the natural beauty of the environment: We might be able to do it, but who'd really want to try?



## Legislation would hamper right to know

American Journal  
David Armstrong

charged with crimes, but many should have been.

Those law enforcement officers tried to destroy the Constitution in order to save it. The broad outline of their adventures are well-known. The details, however, are still being sketched in and many remain to be discovered. That's where the FOIA comes in.

Webster specifically proposes to: (1) destroy, at the FBI's discretion, files over 10 years old; (2) deny files to convicted felons, i.e., much of the prison population; (3) deny all citizens their personal investigative files until seven years after their requests are made; (4) broaden the already substantial powers of the agency to withhold material it feels would jeopardize FBI sources of information or methods of operation.

That wouldn't leave much leverage in the hands of ordinary citizens—the guy who wonders why his mail consistently arrived three weeks late in 1968, the woman who wonders just who that person who sat in the corner at meetings of her feminist consciousness-raising group in 1971, talking notes and never talking to anyone. It would, however, help to repair the FBI's badly battered public image by once again wrapping the agency in a shroud of secrecy.

Actually, some of Webster's proposed amendments would write into law things that the FBI already does. Americans are routinely denied sizable chunks of their files and received records with extensive passages blocked

out. Many times, even censored documents are pried loose only by means of a FOIA lawsuit.

Moreover, the FBI, by its own admission, has been industriously shredding many files over five years old—to lighten the load of paperwork, agency spokespeople explain. And, in a neat example of doublethink, to helpfully delete old records that would otherwise follow the poor citizen around. Thus, the FBI employs libertarian arguments to get civil liberties.

In anticipation, perhaps, of its renewed legal insulation, the FBI has grown noticeably less cooperative about releasing FOIA documents in recent months. Says Roland Hartley of the Center for National Security Studies in Washington, D.C., "Getting information of this type depends on which way the political tides are going at a given moment. Right now, they're definitely running against individuals and organizations attempting to use the Act."

William Webster's amendments would administer the coup de grace to an already-weakened Freedom of Information Act. They would deprive citizens of their right to know just what their government has been doing to them. They would also shred an important part of the historical record of the last 10 to 15 years, seriously handicapping journalists, authors and scholars who are working to put the pieces of that puzzle together.

It's become a cliché to say that those who ignore the lessons of history are condemned to repeat them. But like a lot of clichés, this one has a core of truth. Keeping a viable Freedom of Information Act—or, better still, strengthening it—is one way to ensure that we're not all kept after school.

## From the editor's mailbag: a strange letter

The following is a copy of a memo that we sent to Harris Hall.  
TO: Department of Resident Life  
FROM: Two males in a triple room  
TOPIC: Request for a roommate of the female gender

As inhabitants of a three-occupant dorm room, in which the third roommate has not yet appeared, it has come to our attention that having a female as a third party would be mutually advantageous.

Such a situation would, of course, be strictly platonic. After all, we are honorable, civilized gentlemen, and would treat a

roommate of the feminine gender with the utmost respect, courtesy and chivalry.

One of the advantages offered by this type of arrangement would be the effect on our personal habits. With a lady in the room, we are certain to keep ourselves and our possessions in order. No longer would we keep decaying garbage in the closet. We would use a fungicide to eliminate the mold on the heaps of dirty laundry—at least until she did the laundry.

She would have a favorable effect on the room itself. We are certain that she would be a better interior decorator than we. Her presence would inhibit us from destroying

any furniture for amusement. Also, since women give off more heat than men, it would save energy during the winter, with all involved being given the opportunity of a little extra warmth.

One valuable advantage for the lady would be protection. We would be very happy to escort her to classes, the library, parked cars and other places of interest.

We once again stress that this relationship would be strictly platonic. In any case, being freshmen, we wouldn't know what to do anyway.

Sam Adams  
David Knecht  
115 Bagwell

## forum

### Unfair statement

The issue concerning the WKNC "buster" was indeed another example where the students' so-called "best interests" were neglected. I enjoyed the music played during registration and I'm sure the majority of the other students did too.

However, I'm upset that J.G. Byrum, operations director of WKNC has blatantly pointed a finger at the Gay and Lesbian Christian Alliance.

Mr. Byrum, the Gay and Lesbian Christian Alliance had, and has, as much right as any other group to pass out (NOT SHOVE) fliers regardless of anyone's convictions, moral or otherwise. If you're

unable either blame your problem on all (groups) or none. That is only fair.

Again, I sympathize with WKNC. I feel that the administration was wrong in stopping your broadcasting.

Instead of pointing a finger how about getting some students involved to remedy this hassling by the administration?

Todd Ellis,  
Jr. RRA

### Bad situation

The vandalism and thefts on this campus happen so often and in such enormous proportions that I feel something not only should, but MUST be done about it. I have felt strongly that the crime rate on this campus should be curbed by some means for a long time, but until I had my experience Wednesday, I had taken only a passive approach to solution of this major problem.

I am speaking indirectly about the overall lack of respect for both school and personal property on this campus. Senseless abuse of both types of property in innumerable cases is obvious everywhere here—in academic buildings, dorms and student parking areas. A student absolutely CANNOT go anywhere on campus without observing some case of destruction or hearing a victim describe a recent loss.

Directly, I am speaking of the theft and vandalism of my motorcycle on Wednesday

night. Some overbuilt moron or party-happy freshman got some jollies by throwing it off the concrete stairs between the tennis courts and Carmichael Gymnasium. Although the motorcycle was not worth an outlandish amount, it was invaluable to me, as it was my only mode of transportation.

The major point I am trying to stress here is that both student morals and security efficiency have so greatly deteriorated that nothing is safe on campus. No matter WHO it was that tottered my motorcycle, there was no reason why they did it except that they were valueless cretins with no common decency or peer respect.

Furthermore, the fact that the motorcycle was parked at the intersection of two major

sidewalks when stolen, reveals that security forces are not providing sufficient coverage of the campus.

I justify this proclamation by the fact that I was not contacted about the theft until afternoon on the day after this occurrence.

To sum up, I think that security needs to open their eyes and hustle a little more. I know they aren't paid enough for what they do, but they are supposed to do SOMETHING. My final appeal is for students to wise up to these occurrences—someday it will happen to you.

Rob Shoaf  
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