

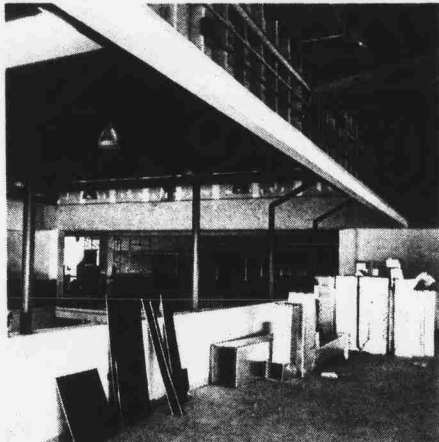
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State's newest school, the School of Veterinary Medicine, is being constructed in stages that will correspond to the progress of the school's first class. A recent major change in the school's requirements is that a two-credit course in medical vocabulary is no longer mandatory because, since it is only offered at State, it would cause difficulties for applicants from other universities.

Vet School officials announce changes in policy

by Patsy Poole
News Editor

Representatives from State's School of Veterinary Medicine, which will admit its first class this fall, have announced three changes in the school's admission policies.

First, a two-credit course in medical vocabulary has been dropped from vet school requirements, according to Don Howard, associate dean and director of academic affairs at the vet school.

Howard said the course is no longer mandatory because it is only offered at State and thus poses a problem for applicants from other universities.

"The class really is worthwhile and we still highly recommend it," Howard said.

Another change involves

juniors who are in the process of completing animal science and biochemistry courses at the time of application deadline.

Howard said these students will be allowed to apply, but they must have completed the courses before the end of the spring semester prior to their enrollment at the vet school.

According to Howard, this revision will allow more juniors to apply.

State and A&T in Greensboro are the only N.C. schools offering the animal-science courses required by State's vet school.

Howard said A&T is offering the courses this summer and they will probably be available at State next summer.

The third change Howard mentioned is that the vet school application deadline has been moved from Feb. 15 to Jan. 15.

Proposed renovations may be finished by fall

by Patsy Poole
News Editor

Renovations of the Erdahl-Cloyd Annex in the D.H. Hill Library may be complete by August, according to Henry Bowers, associate dean of student affairs.

Bowers said planned changes include the installation of new electronic games and a television lounge.

George Armstrong, general manager of State's Students' Supply Stores is awaiting construction cost estimates to

decide whether there will be a supply store in the annex.

When the area is remodeled, all the pool tables currently in the games room will be removed.

"Those tables have been there since the building was constructed in 1954," Bowers said.

The tables will be sold and campus organizations will probably have first chance at purchasing them, according to Bowers.

He said residence halls and fraternities may be interested in buying them.

State's provost chosen as interim chancellor

by Patsy Poole
News Editor

Nash N. Winstead, provost and vice chancellor of State since 1974, will serve as interim chancellor starting July 1, while a search committee is seeking a permanent replacement for Chancellor Joab L. Thomas.

Winstead, an alumnus of State and a member of the faculty since 1953, will fill the position when Thomas leaves to become president of the University of Alabama.

UNC-school system President William C. Friday announced the appointment during a recent meeting of the Board of Governors.

Winstead, 55, will act as chief administrator of State's more than 20,000 students as well as its multimillion dollar research program and extension services in all of North Carolina's 100 counties.

He earned his bachelor's degree in agronomy in 1948 and his master's degree in plant pathology at State in 1951. Winstead obtained his doctorate degree in plant pathology at the University of Wisconsin in 1953.

After earning his doctorate, Winstead returned to State as an assistant professor of plant pathology and has held various positions here for more than 25 years.

A chancellor-search committee, headed by State's Board of Trustees Committee Chairman George M. Wood, is now in the process of finding a replacement for Thomas.

The committee will make recommendations which will be reviewed by Friday. He will then select a new chancellor from those recommended.

The chancellor search committee consists of 13 members. Four members of State's Faculty



Nash Winstead

Senate, two representatives of the University's Alumni Association, five members from the board of trustees, and two students will make up the group whose task is finding a new chancellor.

"We were really surprised at the time and effort involved in evaluating transcripts," he said. In excess of 1,200 faculty hours were spent interviewing applicants, according to Howard.

However, he described the time spent as "a good investment in general since the attrition rates for schools of veterinary medicine are characteristically very low."

Howard said the school's hiring of faculty is on schedule. Within the past eight months several new members have been recruited.

Interviews are now being conducted for positions in the areas

of equine surgery, physiology and emunology.

"Our faculty is about 35 percent complete. When we have finished hiring, probably by June of 1983, there should be about 30-35 faculty members on staff," he said.

Howard said the nature of medical-school programs commonly dictates a close relationship between faculty and students.

"Most medical schools have a student-faculty ratio of about four to one. I believe we will have an excellent faculty and school," he said.

Howard also said the two buildings needed for fall classes

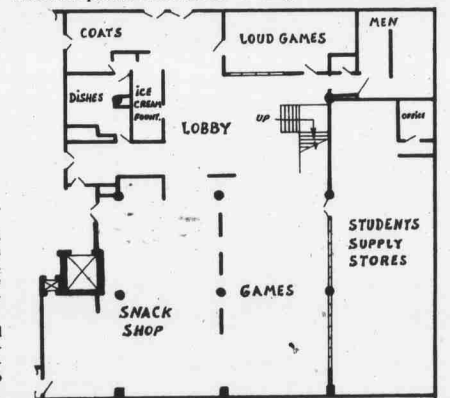
should be completed by mid-August.

The construction of the remaining facilities and additional faculty are staged to correspond with the progress of the school's first class, he said.

According to Howard, a main reason for the school's success thus far was the support Chancellor Joab L. Thomas gave the project.

Thomas allowed State's individual schools to do a lot of decision-making on their own, Howard said.

He also said he anticipates nothing but continued support and philosophical backing from a new chancellor.



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Features

Tape records mystic air of memorable beach journey

Editor's note: The following story is written from personal experience acquired during a recent trip to the beach. All quotations are exact except for names, which have been changed for obvious reasons.

by Mike Mahan

Several smiling figures shift in their chairs that surround a table in a hotel room at Myrtle Beach. Words spoken are constantly being interrupted by words from other people. The conversation shifts from nonsense topic to nonsense topic. It's the kind of scene one might see inside a dorm room late at night. But the atmosphere is much more laid back. Everyone is through with school and enjoying the hell out of themselves at the Technician's annual beach trip.

A joint was passed earlier for those who wanted to inflate the atmosphere with even more felicity. Now everyone sips on drinks — beer, rum, bourbon mixed with Coke, Mello Yellow, Sprite. A forgotten tape recorder sits in the midst of the happy confusion, recording all sounds.

Mitch enters

Conversation in the room is temporarily halted by the entrance of Mitch, a rather large, blond-haired fellow holding a portable tape recorder in his hand. Tim, who is taller but thinner than Mitch and with red hair, addresses Mitch. His laughter merges into words: "Well, we were wondering where you were at man."

Before Tim can finish his sentence Annette, a tall blonde with a voice that changes pitches almost as frequently as a mockingbird's does, interrupts with a statement constructed from prior conversation: "Hey, the organizational structure of your life has been going downhill ever since you left."

Tim and Annette laugh a little and again Tim's laughter merges into another statement: "That's right... That's it on the top of a nail."

Mitch speaks, trying hard to get a word into the disarrayed conversation: "Listen you guys, I ..."

Annette's questionable answer

Phil, a large, heavysset man with red hair and glasses, speaks up, alluding to Annette's earlier statement on the organizational structure of Mitch's life: "Where's yours been going Annette?"

Annette answers Phil with a question: "Where's yours been going Phil?"

"I don't have one," Phil says. "Another question with a question; that ...," Annette begins, before being interrupted by Tim who says, "What?"

"... just resolves all kinds of conflicts," Annette finishes.

"I didn't hear it," Tim says in a high voice. "I didn't hear it."

Then, as if he understood completely, Tim says, "Oh."

Poolside conversations

The scene changes as Tim, Annette and Mitch step outside the room into the blinding sunlight that bathes the hotel's patrons, who surround the hotel's aqua-blue swimming pool. The three partiers walk toward a row of individuals sunbathing, some of whom are almost as wasted as the three partiers are. Richard, a medium-built, black-haired comedian of sorts, walks away from the row of sunbathing friends and is approached by the three partiers.

"Richard," Mitch says, greeting Richard with his tape recorder held out.

"Something about the weather?" Richard asks.

"Yeah, something about the weather," Mitch answers.

"Uh, the forecast for tonight is dark turning to early scattered light in the morning," Richard says.

The three partiers sit down amongst their friends, talking to one another and to others who surround them. Clyde, a tall, thin, brown-haired fellow, is asked about the sports for today. He says simply, "Today's baseball scores are six, two, four, nine and three." It is learned that there is no news in Myrtle Beach, but Tim has a Features Story:

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Mitch leaves, comes back with a small cigar in his mouth and sits down next to Tim. Mitch and Tim become involved in a discussion of an earlier volleyball game. The conversation begins slowly. It increases in intensity until both individuals exchange

words as swiftly as fencers exchange strokes:

"Who won?"

"We lost."

"We lost?"

"We lost the championship."

"We lost the championship but we won... we won one game; we lost two. Isn't that correct?"

"Well, I'll tell you, the thing about it was the started splitting up; we had different players..."

"But we had a general breakdown..."

"We had a lot of different players..."

"...in morale."

"...and because, you know..."

"... everyone was thinking about alcohol. We lost that spirit because we were thinking about alcohol."

"... it-it-it-it just all sort of fell apart at the end."

"And we fell apart at the end." "If we all had more in our systems we might've made it."

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"Contestant number one, if I were all thumbs . . . ?"

They're never too old to meet their match

by Jay Blackwell
Features Writer

"Contestant number three, if I were all thumbs, what would you do to relax me?"

"I'd turn those thumbs into fingers."

This is one of the question-and-answer dialogues heard during an updated version of "The Dating Game" at Crabtree Valley Mall on May 19. But unlike most of the contestants on the popular television series, these players ranged in age from 63-77.

In compliance with May being declared Senior Citizens Month, Crabtree sponsored its first Senior Citizens Dating Game. Mary Jones and Jill Minck, Crabtree's public-information officers and coordinators of the event, chose the candidates from applications received across the state.

"We've really had a fantastic time working with these people," Jones said. "They're the biggest bunch of kids you'll ever get to know."

"It seems there is so little done for senior citizens that this sounded like a good idea. Even if nothing else happens, at least they (senior citizens) will have a chance to meet other people in

the community and get to chat and socialize."

The lower and upper thirds of the mall were literally congested with people. There were rows of people sitting in front of the stage, lines of people standing alongside those seated, people leaning on the bannister, people standing on the balcony, people moving in little streams trying to see what all the other people were looking at and people peeking out from their shopping trying to see what was going on.

The good thing about the crowd is that the ages ranged from some pouting toddlers to the older folks the event was arranged for.

Before the game got under way Maury O'dell, the emcee, entertained the audience with a few jokes then presented the first group of eligible bachelors. After the men walked on stage, 77-year old Mattie Bell of Raleigh walked on stage and began asking questions to tap her would-be date. When the questioning and answering was over, Bell chose 65-year-old Dalton Warren, also of Raleigh, because she thought "... he sounds like he can take care of me."

In the second game, Bill Hancock, 67, a yacht captain and an extensive traveller from Morehead City, N.C., chose Blanche Bradley of Raleigh as his date. Maybe her promise to turn his thumbs to fingers went further than she thought.



St-iff photo by Linda Brafford
Maury O'dell announces the gifts Mattie Bell (center) and Dalton Warren have won for participating in "The Dating Game."

other contestants received a dinner for two and a \$25 shopping spree at Crabtree. All gifts were donated by the establishments sponsoring the event.

The Senior Citizens Dating Game turned out to be an all-around success. The silver-haired citizens were able to get out and meet each other, Mattie and Bill

were able to get a date and go out, and Crabtree was once again able to spread a little cheer — and its pockets.

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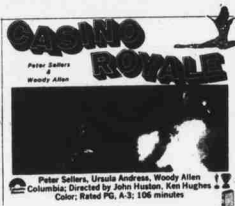
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The life and times of the Lone Ranger made public

by Dick Hunnemann
Entertainment Editor

The story of how the West was won has been told many times. They are all classic stories. There is one famous story however, which has yet to be historically analyzed. The whys and wherefores of the theme and casting of this story have been masked since the days of radio entertainment. *The Legend of the Lone Ranger* has never been told.

Finally, the real reasons why the infamous crime fighter wore that humiliating mask, shot only silver bullets, rode a brilliantly white horse and always hung around with that Indian have been revealed to the public. And if there were any void in my adolescent awareness it was the meaning of the name "Kemo sabe."

The story begins in Texas in 1854, a period when an ex-

Festival in need of wheels

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Two cars are needed by mid-May, two by June 1 and three more by June 12. In addition, a station wagon will be needed by June 1. All vehicles will be used until the festival ends July 31.

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cavalry officer and his band of vagabonds, called the Cavendish Gang, are terrorizing the countryside. It was during this period that young John Reid (Marc Gilpin) had the occasion to save a young Indian boy named Tonto (Patrick Montaya) from the outlaws.

Tonto befriended little John Reid - who by now you have surmised will grow up to be the Lone Ranger - and taught him some Indian culture. The two soon parted ways for what they thought would be forever. But before saying goodbye, Tonto gave Reid an Indian necklace to wear.

The ensuing years were hard times in that region of the West. It was a time when "your heart

couldn't tell you what to do - your gut told you." Those years were good to the now older John Reid (Klinton Spillsbury) however, who graduated from law school back east and who returned to the West to promote justice.

Because of emotional reasons, Reid joins a posse of Texas Rangers headed by his brother Dan (John Bennett Perry) to hunt down the Cavendish Gang, which murdered the town's newspaper editor. During the hunt all of the Rangers in the posse were killed in an ambush. John Reid was badly wounded and would have died also had he not been found and nursed to health by an Indian

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Staff photo by Linda Brafford
Monte Kiffin sat in for Kemo sabe to promote the opening of *The Legend of the Lone Ranger* and the Wolfpack Club.

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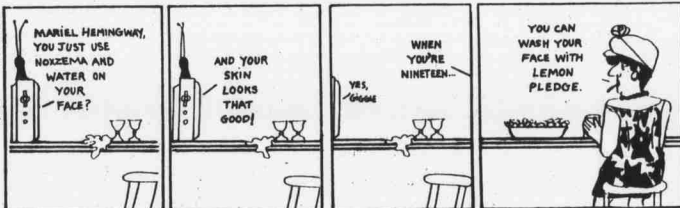
by Eleanor W. Hunsemann
Entertainment Writer

That woman must be on drugs, by Nicole Hollander; \$3.95, St. Martin's Press.

Sylvia, that wild and witty

Charlie Brown of feminist humor, is back again in Nicole Hollander's newest collection of cartoons entitled *That woman must be on drugs*.

Sylvia has the last word on everything, from cosmetics to



But why the mask?

(Continued from page 4)

who turned out to be an older Tonto (Michael Horse). Tonto recognized Reid because of the necklace he was wearing.

Reid recovered and vowed to avenge his brother's death by assuming the role of the Lone Ranger and catching the Cavendish Gang with the help of Tonto. But why the mask? You will have to find that out for yourself.

While the Lone Ranger and Tonto swept the countryside to the beat of the William Tell Overture, the Cavendish Gang struck again by kidnapping President Ulysses S. Grant (Jason Robards), who happened to be passing through on a hunting trip. In the rescue of the president such greats as Wild Bill Hickok, General George Custer and Buffalo Bill Cody (Richard Farnsworth, Lincoln

Tate, Ted Flicker respectively) made an explosive appearance.

The Legend of the Lone Ranger is an original story — not a remake or an extension of another project. The material on the Lone Ranger, dating back to radio days through movies, television and all the people who played the Lone Ranger, accounted for the source or basis of the film.

It is an enjoyable film. Many a childhood memory of the champion of justice will be re-kindled. Yes, he still leaves his silver bullet after his silent but touching exits, and of course in the end is the familiar "Who is that masked man?" Why, that's the Lone Ranger.

The Legend of the Lone Ranger is now appearing at the Cinema Twin Theatre in Mission Valley Shopping Center.

paid political advertisements. She spends her time cracking jokes in front of the television set, drowning her sorrows in the bathtub or sharing her shrewd wit with customers, or victims, of Harry's bar.

This middle-aged, street-smart feminist is the cartoon wonder of Nicole Hollander, the woman who first said, "A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle."

Through Sylvia, Hollander lashes out at many shortcomings of society. She comments on TV, game shows, pets, commercialism in television newscasting. However, most of the book's emphasis lies in woman-man relationships, both on the societal level and the individual level. Sylvia's quick comebacks to the regular lines used by men to pick up women in bars are hysterical. Hollander puts Sylvia's foot

down on the last pages with a comment that has you laughing and flipping to the front of the book again, searching for more. Mr. Intelligent asks, the outspoken Sylvia, "How come on-ly ugly women are for the Equal Rights Amendment?"

"How come the guys who ask that question always have bad breath?" Sylvia inquires.

Excellent!

Museum dedication near

A dedication ceremony for the yet-to-be-completed N.C. Museum of Art will take place on Thursday, May 28 at 4:30 p.m. Speakers will be Gov. James B. Hunt Jr.; former state senator Thomas B. White, chairman of

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Technician Opinion

The name of the game on Hill is interpretation

A matter on the minds of America's leaders today is the state of the nation's economy. After a convincing 253-to-176 endorsement of his fiscal year 1982 federal budget by a Democrat-dominated House of Representatives two weeks ago, President Ronald Reagan has revealed a desire of many Democrats and Republicans for leaner government.

The most significant point about this recent phenomenon on Capitol Hill is Reagan's bipartisan support of an program initially expected to be opposed by the Democratic bloc. Says *Newsweek*, "Even the solidly Democratic House of Representatives fell to an irresistible force named Ronald Reagan."

Party platforms aside, the federal government under the past administration had taken into its embrace a menagerie of social programs that it simply could not finance or administer in the way they were intended. For example, the present welfare system permits some of the 3.8 million welfare recipients to collect monthly Treasury checks that exceed those of the working poor.

The work ethic is the basis for a healthy economy. Reagan's austerity budget may appear unduly harsh on

the nation's poor, but the tighter reins imposed on agencies will tend to make bureaucrats more picky about who gets what.

However, the president is guilty of adding political sugar coating to his controversial budget cutting in the form of tax cuts. The logic of reducing taxes eludes many except perhaps Reagan himself. His support undoubtedly would be lacking if the American public were to pay identical taxes for reduced services and increased defense spending.

A balanced budget is the basis for a healthy economy. Balancing receipts against disbursements is an established procedure in all private businesses and organizations and should be so in the public sector as well. Reagan's tax cut would not bring us any closer to the balanced budget needed for economic well-being.

Therefore, the Reagan Administration's economic proposals should be taken with a grain of salt by Republicans, Democrats and independents alike. Everyone generally wants the same results — the creation of economic opportunity for everyone and improved national economic stability. It appears that the only differences arise in each person's interpretation.



Lefever acceptance urged

When the Congress returns from the Memorial Day recess the Senate Foreign Relations committee, headed by Senator Charles H. Percy, will vote out its recommendation concerning President Ronald Reagan's nominee for assistant secretary of state for human rights, Ernest W. Lefever. At this time it is probable the committee will render a negative decision. Lefever's chances in the full Senate however, are much better and Reagan expects him to be confirmed.

The caterwalling of fanatic human-rights activists in opposition to Lefever is interesting. Several liberal Democrats have urged the president to withdraw the nomination. Percy has reportedly recommended the same because, in the words of one of his aides, Lefever might "hurt the foreign policy goals of the administration by casting doubt on Reagan's solid commitment to human rights." To his credit the president is holding firm.

As a mortal, Reagan has his faults. One of them is not the inability to recruit qualified representatives to serve in the ranks of his conservative administration. Lefever is an excellent choice for the considered position.

Opponents have zeroed in on Lefever's work with the conservative Ethics and Public Policy Center, which received a \$20,000 contribution from the Nestle corporation. Shortly thereafter, the center reprinted and circulated an article favorable to the exportation of baby formula to poor countries — a formula produced by Nestle and other American companies. Lefever has insisted there was no connection.

Regardless, the issue is now mute in view of the stance recently taken by the Reagan administration with regard to last week's vote by member nations of the World Health

From the Right

Thomas P. DeWitt

Organization. As WHO attempted to move into the regulation of international trade by restricting the advertising and promotion of the formula, the United States cast the lone dissenting vote. The administration took the correct position; in support of global free trade, against collectivism. Standing on principle this administration now stands as the world's leading voice for human rights, rights that are best exercised in the free market. America has been presented by Reagan as the antithesis of the collectivist and socialist aspirations of global organizations like WHO and the United Nations.

To witness the parallelism here is to understand that Lefever would not, as Percy claims, damage the human rights commitment of the Reagan administration. Michael Novak, chief American delegate to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, made note of the consistent and common philosophy when he stated that "Human rights . . . are not established by writing words on paper or by moving air with one's lips. (They) are established by building specific types of institutions of quite exact design. Human rights are established, further, when such institutions begin to live through organized, articulate, free, law-abiding interests — through free associations of every sort among free people."

We should see in the years to come a developing, effective, realistic assessment of our role in facilitating the rise of "specific types of institutions of quite exact design." The mission cannot, shall not be easy.

Setbacks will be highly visible; progress silently real. The forward motion will occur amid a

shroud of secrecy minus the cacaphonic naivete, the vapidity of the mawkish Carter style. Under the banner of human rights progress is stifled, delayed by megaphones and pointing fingers when friendly regimes are involved. Regimes that may be influenced to lighten their peoples' burden of oppressive institutions by quiet diplomacy often become paranoid, frightened and worse when loudly attacked by one otherwise considered a dependable friend.

In 1978 Lefever wrote the following in the Heritage Foundation's *Policy Review*: "The human-rights activists tend to underestimate the totalitarian threat to the West and the totalitarian temptation in the Third World. They neglect or trivialize the fundamental political and moral struggle of our time — the protracted conflict between forces of total government based on coercion and the proponents of limited government based on popular consent and humane law. In their preoccupation with the minor abridgement of certain rights in authoritarian states, they often overlook the massive threat to the liberty of millions (posed by totalitarian states) . . . There is little the U.S. government can or should do to advance human rights."

In that statement Lefever spelled out what has become the fulcrum of Reagan's commitment to human rights. We must surely do all that we can. Yet in truth we can do little on a day-to-day basis. A vote for Lefever would be a vote for common sense and foresight, a true recognition of the role we must play. That role does not consist of being a judge nor an arbiter but the world's exemplar for those human rights embodied in the natural law to which all men are subject.

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Reconsider Amtrak cuts

Have you considered the impact of the loss of Amtrak service to Raleigh on the University? If the Department of Transportation budget cuts are passed by Congress, Amtrak will shut down outside the Northeast Corridor on Oct. 1.

Because of the many full-time students who use Amtrak throughout the country as their transportation to and from home, they — and parents — should be urged to write their senators and representatives in Washington immediately to press them to vote for Amtrak's requested fiscal year 1982 budget of \$853 million and against Reagan's Amtrak budget of \$613 million. The \$240 million difference will save the system, although it will still be forced to cut some lines as the \$853 million is a drastic compromise.

Thus far Congress has failed to see the inconsistency of the Administration's DOT budget with its own stated goal of economic recovery through across-the-board sacrifices. Reagan's FY 1982 transportation budget gives \$8.527 billion to the Federal Highway Administration, or 46.47 percent of outlays. Amtrak will get \$613 million, or 3.34 percent of outlays. This is a subsidy ratio of 14 to 1. It is obvious which area is more cost-effective and which area can stand more trimming.

Across the board? The total decrease from Carter's 1981 DOT budget to Reagan's 1982 DOT budget is 11.6 percent. In that context, the Federal Aviation Administration's cut of 6 percent is just over half of what the budget as a whole is required to cut. The Federal Highway Administration's cut is less than 1/3 of what the budget as a whole is required to cut.

In contrast, Amtrak is being required to assume three times the percent of cuts required of the DOT as a whole, four times the percent of cuts required of

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the FHA and five times the percent of cuts required of the FAA.

Amtrak riders have been sacrificing right along. In 1980, fares increased 17 percent and the number of route miles was reduced 16 percent. And revenues still went up 14.4 percent during the same year. On April 26, 1981, fares went up again — a system-wide average of 10 percent.

This is an age when other industrialized countries such as Japan, Germany, France and Great Britain are reaping the benefits of investment in intricate networks of high-speed passenger rail service — such benefits as greater passenger safety, more efficient land use, decreased energy use, less traffic congestion, cleaner air and outstanding mobility. The potential for passenger rail use is enormous. In France alone, the inter-city lines carry over 250 million passengers a year. Their commuter lines carry an additional 430 million a year.

Amtrak's ridership of 21.2 million last year may look small by comparison, but it is growing. In the first quarter FY 1981, long-distance line ridership was up 15 percent and short distance was up 10 percent over the same period last year. There can be a brighter transportation future for Americans in rail travel, but it all hinges on the decision which will be made shortly by our senators and representatives, a decision that will go against Amtrak riders and which will eliminate a viable transportation alternative unless a loud outcry is heard by Washington right now.

(Bob Stempel is a member of the National Association of Railroad Passengers.)

forum

I would like to respond to a recent letter entitled "The Textile Designers" written by Harvey Hall (Technician "forum", Friday, April 24). In his letter he concludes his remarks by asking, "Is it worth it?"

Yes, Mr. Hall, it is well worth the work, time and energy demands for myself and many other textile-design students. Textile design is a skilled profession that requires years of hard work to master. It is not for everyone, as Hall's letter so critically points out, but for a few of us it means everything.

In regard to Hall's comments concerning Professor R. Alan Donaldson, it appears Hall is filled with sour grapes due to a "C" he received on his senior project. As Donaldson's teaching assistant for two years, I have had a very good opportunity to observe Donaldson as an instructor in the classroom. He is without a doubt one of the most

conscientious and professional instructors at State. I have a great admiration for Donaldson and his efforts in developing the textile-design program at State. He is one of the few instructors that challenges a student to think for himself.

Currently I am a fabric designer with Burlington Industries, having received my master's degree in May 1980. I am happy to have been associated with Professor R. Alan Donaldson. He is a true professional in every aspect, admired by colleagues, students and textile designers around the world.

I feel confident, as Hall becomes a more mature individual, he will look back and be thankful for the opportunity to have been involved in the textile-design program under Donaldson.

Jamie B. Richard

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