

SGA Submits Annual Report

The Student Government Association of the 1976-77 year brought to reality many idealistic goals. Characterized as an energetic board, many negative attitudes disappeared as enthusiastic individuals pulled together to unite and build a closer community. "Support" became a key word when the S.G.A. became more vocal and extroverted during the year in creating and expressing views.

Meetings were well attended by the student body. The majority of the meetings were long and extensive, but productive decisions were made to improve student life and communication. There was a definite change in participation and concern of students. The standing committees contributed to the function of government and provided an increased amount of student entertainment. The Student Center Committee was very active and provided such movies as: *Airport '75*; *The Reincarnation of Peter Proud*; *The World's Greatest Athlete*; *Funny Lady*, etc.

Concert and Lecture, in cooperation with the Entertainment committee, exposed the campus to new educational experiences such as the Danish Gym Team and P.D.Q. Bach. The campus was provided with a variety of concerts: Nantucket band, K.C. and the Sunshine Band, Jimmy Buffet, Atlanta Rhythm Section and Earl Scruggs Review. Also entertainment was provided several times during the Supper meal in the cafeteria. This was a new idea and proved to be successful. The Homecoming Committee provided an excellent Homecoming with the theme: "A Visit to Walt Disney World." In addition to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee a special committee was set up to rewrite the Constitution.

In an attempt to broaden the communication between surrounding colleges and universities, the S.G.A. participated in the United Student Appeal Incorporation project which originated at Methodist

College in Fayetteville. The purpose of the project is to jointly strive to raise money for a National Health Agency, such as the American Cancer Society. Ricky Clayton became a member of the Board of Trustees.

This year it was a goal of the board to strengthen the communication of students-faculty and administration. A social was planned and carried through by students on November 22. The event was a beautiful success which was enjoyed by all who attended. At the social Dr. Arthur Wenger was honored with the presentation of a tree to be planted in front of the New Library with an engraved plaque, for appreciation of his 20 years of giving to the students of ACC. It is recommended that the social idea become either an annual or semester event. The executive board also participated in Operation Santa Claus, sponsored by the Wilson County Mental Health Association.

Many organizations were formed during the year which increased the social life of the campus: ACC Gospel Choir, ACC Trailblazers, Sport Parachute Club, Music Educators National Conference (MENC), Alpha Omega Christian Fellowship, ACC Jaycees and Future Educators of the Hearing (FEHI).

Many Students shared a concern over the disciplinary systems of the college. A resolution was brought to the executive board and passed asking for higher officials to review the disciplinary systems. An adhoc committee was formed by Dr. Wenger to review the present system. The committee is busy at work.

A committee is presently planning a Parent's Day which will be held next Fall.

In many ways this year was different. The death of our beloved President, Dr. Wenger, touched the hearts of all of our college campus. The resignation of Dean Swindell, Dr. Winstead, and Dr. St. John was shared as the board vocalized feelings through resolutions.

Respectively submitted,
Ricky Clayton

Departmental News

Art

The Art Department's annual Student Art Show is going on now in the art gallery. Paintings, sketches, sculptures, weavings, and other art representing the work of this year's art majors is being displayed. The art is excellent, and it would be very worthwhile to pay a visit to the gallery to see the show. The show opened on Tuesday and will continue through May 3.

Chris Wilson's Design class is presently participating in a mural project at the Caswell Center in Kinston, N.C. The class, along with classes from many other colleges and universities, participated in a preliminary competition from which only a few colleges were picked to produce murals for the center. The class, made up of art education majors, is doing about 9 murals for the center.

Norbert Irvine was recently chosen as president-elect of the North Carolina Art Education

Association for 1977-79.

He will serve as president of the association in 1979-81. He will also serve on the association's executive board for the years 1981-83.

English

On Friday, April 15, Professor Michael Reynolds of N.C. State University lectured on "Ernest Hemingway and A Farewell to Arms" in Hines Hall. Professor Reynolds is the author of "Hemingway's First War: The Making of 'A Farewell to Arms.'" He has also done extensive study of Hemingway's original letters and manuscripts, especially concerning "A Farewell to Arms."

His lecture covered many different facets of "A Farewell to Arms." The differences between the original manuscripts and modern editions of the book were discussed. Hemingway's life in

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ALTHOUGH ATLANTIC Christian's new library building is nearing completion, college officials indicate that it will not be open for inspection until after graduation.

Graduate Record Exams Undergo Change

College seniors planning to take the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) Aptitude Test next fall will see some changes in the exam. A new section designed to measure analytical skills will be added to the traditional areas that test verbal and quantitative skills.

The change, the first since the current form of the Aptitude Test was introduced in the 1940's, is based on an extensive research effort initiated by the Graduate Record Examinations Board that showed that analytical skills can be distinguished from verbal and quantitative skills and are related to academic success.

Students, faculty members, and administrators from all over the country were consulted in the various planning stages of the change in the exam.

Educational Testing Service (ETS), which administers the exam for the GRE Board, explains that the additional measure will enable students to demonstrate a wider array of academic talents when they apply for admission to graduate schools.

Heart Seminars to be Held

On Wednesday, April 27, a series of public information seminars will be presented by the students and staff of the Nursing Department. The "Healthy Hearts Day" seminars have been planned as the primary fund-raising activity for the 1977 Heart Fund.

The seminars will be conducted on a thirty minute schedule beginning at 1:30 p.m. and continuing until 4 p.m. After a 5-10 minute introductory session on early recognition, the seminars will cover several areas which include **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation** (external cardiac massage accompanied by artificial respiration)

If you discover someone who has collapsed, chances are you can save him if you know CPR. CPR will teach you how to tell whether his heart has stopped, or whether he has just fainted. If

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Janis Somerville, GRE program director at ETS, said, "The new measure will test a student's skills in a number of areas. Students will be able to show their ability to recognize logical relationships, draw conclusions from a complex series of statements, and determine relationships between independent or interdependent categories of groups."

She explained that, like the traditional measures of the GRE, the new test will use various kinds of questions.

"Three types will be used in the analytical section: analysis of explanations, logical diagrams, and analytical reasoning questions, each designed to test a different aspect of analytical ability," she said.

In addition, a Sample Aptitude Test containing the same number and types of questions as the actual exam can be ordered at one dollar per copy.

Both publications will be available on August 1.

Despite the new addition, the GRE will remain a three-hour test since the verbal and quantitative portions have been shortened and the time saved allocated to the new measure.

"The same research effort that produced the new measure also yielded shorter versions of the verbal and quantitative sections that are comparable in reliability and usefulness to the earlier and longer sections," explained Somerville.

The GRE is taken each year by about 300,000 college students as part of the admissions process to graduate school. The exam is offered six times a year throughout the nation.

For further information contact; Jim Neilland or John Smith; Educational Testing Service; Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

77 Grads Face Good Job Market

Graduates of the Class of 1977 can look forward to the best job-hunting season in years in 1976-77, according to the College Placement Council's December survey of more than 600 public and private employers.

After two straight years of decline, hiring of new college graduates is expected to increase by 12 per cent overall compared with last year, the survey shows. And for the first time since December 1973, the council is projecting a rise in

employment of liberal arts majors, perhaps by as much as eight per cent.

At the same time last year, the council forecast a five per cent across-the-board decrease in hiring this year, but conditions improved during the recruiting season and CPC's year-end survey in June showed a decrease of only two per cent. Now, many employers say 1976-77 may prove to be the top hiring year of the last four or five, the council reports.

Women and the Pill

(CPS) — According to the conclusions of recent British and U.S. studies, women in their later childbearing years face a higher risk of death when they are smokers and use oral contraceptives. Based on these and previous studies, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is considering a recommendation against the use of the "pill" by women over 40.

The study assesses the risks of women who don't use the pill, women who use the pill but don't smoke, and those who use the

pill and do smoke. Some of the comparisons and conclusions may shake the smokers up.

—nonsmokers, any age, using the pill face less risk of death than the normal risk that exists from pregnancy and child-bearing faced by women using no birth control.

—users who smoke over 40 face almost three times the death risk of women who use no birth control.

—women in their 30's who are heavy smokers may find more hazards than using no fertility control.