

Absentee Policy

Faculty Cracks Down

Students were shocked late last week when it was announced by the college that the faculty had approved a new absentee policy for the campus. The announcement angered students, most of whom did not even understand what the new policy said.

The previous policy concerning "cuts" stated that no student was allowed cuts totalling more than one-quarter of the number of times in which the class met. This policy included both excused and unexcused absences. After "overcutting," the student could only receive a passing grade by appealing the punishment set to a higher authority.

The new policy gives the individual professors for each course the right to establish his own absentee policy. This policy

must be explained to the student on the first day of class. Should the student miss three successive class meetings, he is reported to the Dean, who will then check to see what is wrong or why the student is missing from the class. Should the student "cut" excessively, according to the professor the student may receive a lowered grade, a dismissal from the course or possibly even a dismissal from the college.

While many a student cried "foul," and complained that the policy was much too strict for college students, in many ways the policy shows some improvements from the previous one. For example, now each professor must let his students know how many absences he feels to be excessive; thereby letting the student know where he stands before it is too late.

Further, the mandatory maximum limit of 1/4 the number of class meetings is lifted, if the professor considers even that to be too strict. Also, the policy does not state that the student's name is turned in after three absences; instead, the name is turned in only after three successive absences.

In an effort to help explain the new policy to the students, Dean Davis will be holding a forum at which students may ask questions and present their views concerning the policy. This forum will be held on Tuesday, March 27, at 11:00 a.m.

Forum on New Cut Policy Scheduled

Due to the recent concern by many students over the newly established class absence policy, a forum will be held on Tuesday, March 27, at 11 a.m., in Hardy Alumni Hall. Dr. F. Mark Davis, Dean of the College and author of the policy, will be questioned by a panel of students and staff who have been appointed by the SGA President.

The purpose of this event will be to achieve a better understanding between the student body and the administration concerning the absence policy

while opening lines of communication.

If you, the students, have questions you wish considered for delivery to Dr. Davis during the forum, they may be submitted to the panel in writing. The deadline for sending any questions is 12 noon, Friday, March 23. Please address your questions to: Student Forum, c/o SGA, P.O. Box 5356, Campus.

Attendance to this event is open to all students and staff.

George T. Murphy
SGA President

Baroque Ensemble to Perform

The noted San Francisco Baroque Ensemble will appear in concert at Atlantic Christian College, on Monday, March 26, at 8 p.m., in Hardy Alumni Hall.

The program of baroque music will be played on faithful copies of original 17th and 18th century instruments.

The ensemble is comprised of young musicians who joined forces in 1977, and have just completed a successful concert series in San Francisco entitled, "Musick for These Distracted Times." They released a recording of chamber music of Francois Couperin in the fall of 1978.

Janet See, who plays a solid ivory flute copied from one made by Grenser around 1750, studied in the Netherlands with Frans Vester and Frans Bruegen. Michael Sands, who plays a baroque violin made in Paris by Socquet in 1770, studied in Europe with Sigiswald and

Wieland Kuijken. Margaret Panofsky received her graduate degree in viola de gamba from the New England Conservatory and studied with Grace Feldman and Robert Donnington. Davitt Moroney was a student of Thurston Dart at Kings College in London, and of Kenneth Gilbert. He was awarded the prestigious Harkness Fellowship for research at the University of California at Berkeley in 1975.

The group was well received in the San Francisco area. A March 1978 review in the San Francisco Chronicle said, "This is a young group, highly skilled on their respective instruments. They also possess the musical intelligence capable of putting together a lively and stimulating program that goes beyond ars antiqua for its own sake."

The concert is open to the public free of charge.



Coffeehouse Huge Success

BY CINDY WATERS

On Sunday night, March 18, the CCA presented a coffeehouse in Hardy Alumni Hall. A large crowd of approximately 100 people attended. There was standing room only and the audience was very responsive to all the performances. The talent included singers, instrumentalists, and comedians. The mistress of ceremonies was Kathy

Hasty.

The singers included Isaac Cross, Edie Dean, Jayne Peacock, Shawn Keifer, Micah Christian, David Swain, Dan Cheek, Cindy Waters, Sharon Moorefield, Ruth Heinaman, Ron Anderson, Pat Wood, Marjorie Lamm and Dan Attlerud.

The instrumentalists and accompanists included Marilyn Bryan, Cindy Waters, Dan Cheek, David Swain, Micah Christian, Mike Adkerson, Lester Southern, Mose Stocks, Dan Attlerud and Gordon Brandt.

The comedians included Jayne Peacock, Edie Deans, Graylette deKizzer, Mary Ann Barbee, Carl Frazier and J. Fred Pierce.

Also included in the evening was a time of sharing. The audi-

ence was given a time to stand up and say what they were thankful for. Many were thankful for parents, friends, sunshine, the coffeehouse, music and God.

This was a very enjoyable evening for performers and audience alike. If you were not there, you really missed a wonderful evening of music, fun, popcorn and fellowship.

Thanks go to Kathy Hasty, mistress of ceremonies; Mike Adkerson, sound technician; Kenny Smith, lighting technician; and all those who helped with setting up, refreshments, or cleaning up.

What a wonderful way to begin another week here on the campus of ACC.

News Briefs

Here and There

Low turnout by city voters here in Wilson may have been the key to last week's failure of the liquor-by-the-drink referendum to carry in Wilson County. Had the vote been restricted to the city of Wilson, the measure would likely have passed.

Statistics show that 56% of the voters in the city voted in favor of liquor-by-the-drink, while only 29% of the county voters supported the proposal. None of the nine county precincts voted in favor of it.

Opposition forces rejoiced over the victory. James B. Hunt, Sr., a leader of the anti-liquor group, felt that his supporters deserved the win in light of the

hard work that he and his troops had done.

Those who supported liquor-by-the-drink in Wilson were disappointed, primarily over the added revenue that they felt would have come into the county had the measure passed.

This defeat brings the total number of counties who have rejected liquor-by-the-drink to three, including Dare and Alamance counties. Also, the cities of Black Mountain, Burlington and Graham have voted down the issue. A total of six counties, including Wake, Orange, and Mecklenburg, and 12 cities have adopted liquor-by-the-drink.

by Chuck Herring

So machines cannot make mistakes? In Florida this week, a patrolman clocked a speeder moving at the fast clip of 86 miles-per-hour! The flagrant offender? A tree, by the side of the road. There were no reports as to whether the tree had its license revoked.

During next week's elections, a constitutional amendment will be voted on by the students. The amendment deals with Article IV, Section III, F, of the SGA bylaws, which concern election procedures. The amendment states that "a majority of the votes cast shall constitute election except in a runoff situation where election shall be by plurality."

Finalist Selected

The following candidates were elected as the ten finalists for Homecoming Queen. Each of these ladies will be on the final Homecoming court.

Mary Baggett, representing Student National Education Association.

Nancy Bridges, representing the Junior Class.

Teri Davis, representing Women's Interdorm.

Mitzi Jordan, representing the Senior Class.

Sabrina Lanier, representing the Sophomore Class.

Kimberliegh McCrae, representing the Educators of the Hearing Impaired.

Melodye Parker, representing Men's Interdorm.

Jane Roebuck, representing Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority.

Dee Waters, representing Delta Zeta Sorority.

Daphne Winslow, representing Sigma Phi Epsilon.