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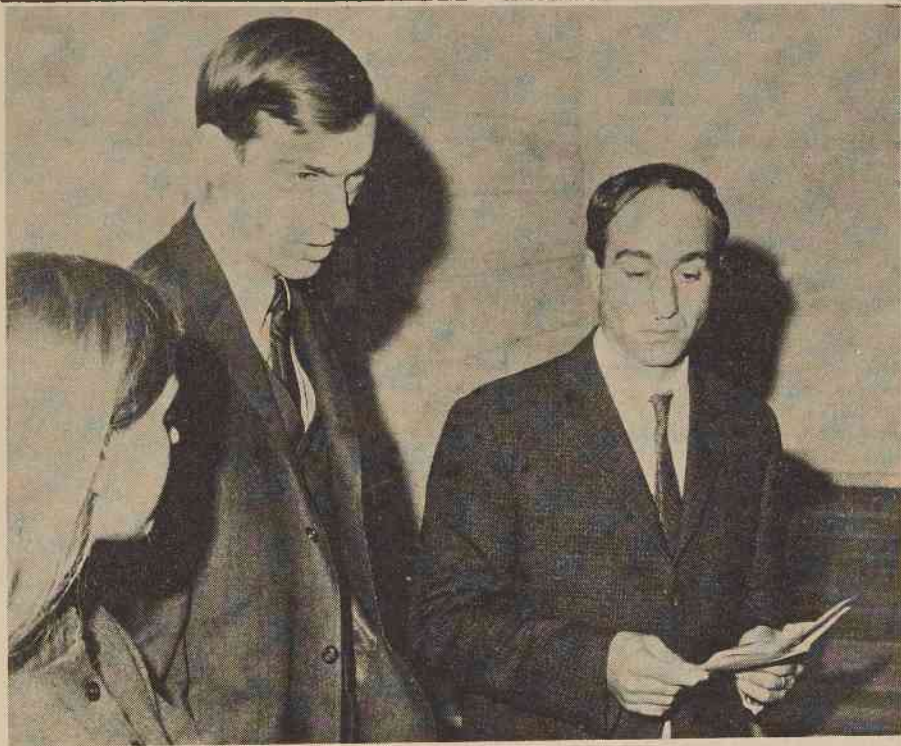
DANCE

Spyder Turner, the Tams and Tamettes at the National Guard Armory on Patton Ave. 8:00 p.m. Open to the public, admission \$3.00 per couple. Sponsored by the freshman class.

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Tom Gardner, left, of the Southern Student Organizing Committee and Dr. Farzana-

Anti-War Speakers Visit A-B Vietnam, China Are Subjects

Six members of the Southern Student Organizing Committee spoke to student audiences at Asheville - Biltmore numbering at times up to 350, Nov. 7.

The six had earlier been escorted from the Appalachian State University Campus at Boone on Friday, Nov. 3, after a student mob jeered them and destroyed their literature.

Speaking in the Social Science auditorium, the group addressed classes in political theory, anthropology, sociology and humanities class divisions.

The group, all in their late teens and early twenties, had been described as "bearded demonstrators" after the ASU incident.

Tom Gardner, chairman of SSOC, commented that if he had known he was expected to have a beard, he would have grown one for the occasion.

The clean-shaven men in the group, Tom Gardner, Randy Shannon and Bruce Smith were dressed in coats and ties and the women, Lynn Wells, Nancy Hodes and Ann Johnson were dressed in jumpers and low-heeled shoes.

Gardner spoke to three classes on the Vietnamese war, saying that the communism of Ho Chi Minh, of North Vietnam was primarily nationalistic in character and as such did not constitute a threat to the United States or its allies.

He characterized the National Liberation Front's action in South Vietnam as being aimed at the explosion of "foreign aggressors" listing first the Chinese of ancient times, the pre-World War II French, the Japanese occupation troops in WW II, and the postwar French and finally the Americans, as occupation troops from external countries.

"The Vietnamese would like to be left alone to run their own country without outside interference," Gardner said. He said that in Ho Chi Minh's formative years as a national independence leader, he sought aid from the French people, but the only response was from the French Socialist and Communist parties.

Gardner advocated the withdrawal of U. S. military forces, but urged U. S. economic aid to be continued to forestall repetition of the chaos caused by the French total withdrawal after their 1954 defeat at Dienbien Phu.

He said an international agency, such as the United Nations, should be given jurisdiction in the Vietnamese war.

Miss Nancy Hodes, who spent five years in Peking while with her family, spoke on what she termed "The Myth of Chinese Aggression."

She maintained that the U. S. has totally exaggerated the danger from Communist China, saying that their public pronouncements both to the international community and internally, do not bear out western hemisphere fears of an aggressive Communist China.

She said that China, as contrasted to the U. S., has no troops actively engaged in combat outside its borders.

When questioned about the presence of Chinese troops in Tibet, she said that traditionally Tibet has been considered a part of China, even by the Nationalist Chinese leader Chiang Kai Shek of Taiwan.

At the beginning of her address, Miss Hodes apologized for the sketchiness of her presentation, saying "my notes were grabbed and destroyed by the ASU kids." A round of applause from a small group seated in the front of the auditorium greeted her statement.

The other members, with the exception of Bruce Smith, did not address the several classes during the six hour discussion and question and answer period that began at 9 a.m.

Smith assisted Miss Hodes and Gardner in answering questions from the floor.

During the day, the SSOC group showed two movies, "The Magician" a Polish allegory showing how children are led into "militarism" and a film by the American Friends Service Committee entitled "Alternatives" which

outlined legal alternatives to military service, including conscientious objection to war. A slide show of scenes from North Vietnam, taken by Felix Greene, a British journalist in 1965 was included in the film presentation.

Following the sessions in the Social Sciences auditorium, 10 A-B students met with Miss Ann Johnson, Miss Hodes and Smith to consider the possibility of forming a peace discussion group at the college.

Gardner recently attended a conference of American peace activists and representatives of the National Liberation Front in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. Smith spent a month in Cuba during the summer of 1967 after working with the American Friends Service Committee in Mexico.

The SSOC group headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., and financed "primarily through foundations such as the Field Foundation and Kaplan Foundation," is currently touring colleges in

North Carolina. On their schedule is UNC - C, Belmont Abbey, Queens, St. Andrews, Pembroke, Methodist, Atlantic Christian, ECU, NSU, Guilford, UNC - at Greensboro and Western Carolina University.

Freshman Class Needs Over \$1000 To Pay Off Raffle, Dance Expenses

Saturday night dance at the National Guard Armory is an important event for the freshmen class. They need to have 400 paid couples attend the event to satisfy their present debts.

The class debt was incurred in several ways. They still owe \$200 on a car that was raffled off first term. The automobile cost \$380 originally, but it sorta turned out to be

\$434 towards the end," said one Freshman class officer.

Dr. Phillip Walker, professor of history, won the car and loaned \$200 to the freshmen to pay for the vehicle.

"He will be paid back," said class president Danny Kienker, "with money earned on the dance."

\$700 is needed to pay for the band at this dance, in addition to a \$75 building rental, \$45 for concessions, \$35 for posters and \$25 for police crowd control.

"We are selling tickets for \$2.00 that will entitle the holder to half price admission to any of our next five dances."

\$1080 will have to be made on the dance to break even, and another \$100 will be needed as a down-payment for the next dance planned by the class.

The contract for the Saturday night event was signed in late August by the freshmen. Social Chairman. A contract for the second dance has not been signed. Admission will be \$3.00 per couple and will be open to

the public.

A spokesman for the freshman class commented on possible courses of action if the dance does not solve their problems. "Accessing the freshmen has been considered, but a decision on it will be put off 'till we hit bottom,'" he said.

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SGA president Guy Batsel emphasized that "this was the first attempt at providing costly entertainment for students by any group other than the SGA. The freshmen's experience should set a trend for what organizations can do in the future."

Highsmith Announces Name Of Building

A-B College will name its Student Center for the late Louis Lipinsky Sr., business and civic leader who headed up the bond drive to secure Asheville - Biltmore's present campus site.

The announcement was made Wednesday by Dr. William Highsmith, A-B President, before an all-college assembly. It follows action by the board of trustees.

Mr. Lipinsky served as a member of the board of trustees and director of the Asheville - Biltmore Foundation until his death in 1966.

"Mr. Lipinsky was the first to see the importance of a quality institute of higher learning if the Asheville areas growth was to be continued" commented a college spokesman.

Lipinsky has assisted A-B in the donation of equipment, several scholarships, and books to strengthen the collection of Ramsey Library.



Louis Lipinsky, Sr.

New N. C. Draft Ruling May Affect A-B Students

Just what is going on in the draft deferment dept? No one at A-B seems to know.

On November 9 State Selective Service Director William H. McCachren told representatives of 11 North Carolina colleges and universities that an agreement to relax draft agreement requirements for certain undergraduate students in the state had been made.

Exactly how the students on A-B's campus will be affected remains in doubt. Dr. Highsmith has promised to "look into the

matter."

McCachren, in the Raleigh meeting said the deferment requirements are being relaxed because some colleges have rules which do not allow students to fulfill provisions of the deferment law passed last June 30.

Under the law now in effect a student must complete 25 per cent of the total requirement for graduation by the end of his freshman year, 50 per cent of the end of the sophomore year, 75 per cent by the end of junior year and must graduate in four years.

The problem has been, McCachren said, that some schools do not allow students to take the required percentage of hours. In the case of transfer students may are not allowed credit for all hours taken at other schools and often fail to meet the minimum requirements.

Local draft boards will be

advised to consider giving student deferment of any student meeting "meeting current criteria or standards" of his college, McCachren said. Such students must apply in writing, he added.

Other requirements for deferment must be met however. These include a provisions that a student must finish four or five year academic programs within the allotted time.

McCachren said also the student must meet one of the following requirements:

1. He must not be more than six semester hours or nine quarter hours short of the percentage required under the law unless the school says the shortage is because it did not allow a greater number of hours.
2. The school certifies that the student has progressed to the next higher class.

Academic Calendar Revisions Studied

Two new academic calendars, one almost entirely eliminating the traditional exam period, are presently under study by the A-B ad hoc Calendar Committee for next year.

The committee, headed by Dr. Kenneth Nickerson, Social Science Chairman was formed to study the present calendar and propose changes for the next year. The committee met Tuesday.

New features in the two calendars include:

- 1--A 60 - minute class period, with the usual 10-minute break, which would put classes meeting at 8, 9:10, 10:20, 11:40, etc.
- 2--A full day of pre-registration advising in the first three terms to provide for more leisurely and undisturbed academic advising, rather than

squeezing advising in with registration as at present. No classes or meeting would be held on this day.

3--Three days of orientation at the start of the first term to provide for extended student and faculty orientation, including at least one day for faculty advising, especially for freshmen.

4-- A de-emphasis of exams, and the elimination of an exam period at the end of each term. In the place of exams, tests would be spread throughout the term, with no one test determining a large part of the final grade.

The first calendar, which includes the 60-minute class period, full day of pre-registration advising and extended first term orientation, also includes a five-

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Greatest Pumpkin?

Our candidate for the most original jack-o-lantern of the year was this fine example left glowing in a front window of D dorm Halloween Eve. It's imaginable that trick-

or-treaters may have gotten their hopes up before discovering the occupants of the room were 'not at home'.



Jesse Hill Ford autographs his latest book in Nashville. (Photo courtesy Nashville - Tennessean)

Production Progressing; Ford To Lecture At A-B

"The Conversion of Buster Drumwright", this year's major production on campus is "going fabulously!" according to Mack Travis, director.

"The publicity campaign is going by leaps and bounds, we have secured TV coverage and 500 free invitations will be sent to prominent people in and from Western North Carolina," he continued.

The set for the production is reported to be "about two thirds" complete.

Jesse Hill Ford, author of the play, will be on the A-B campus on the Monday after Thanksgiving. He will lecture in Humanities and Literature Classes and

there will be a reception in his honor at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Center.

Mr. Ford will give a public lecture preceding the opening night's performance. The lecture is at 7:30 p.m. and curtain time is 8:30.

His latest book, "Fishes, Birds, and Sons of Men", a collection of short stories, will be on sale in the bookstore and he will autograph copies Tuesday in the Student Center.

Admission to the play, which is scheduled to run the last two days of November and the first two days of December, is 75¢ for students and \$2.00 for adults. It will be open to the public.