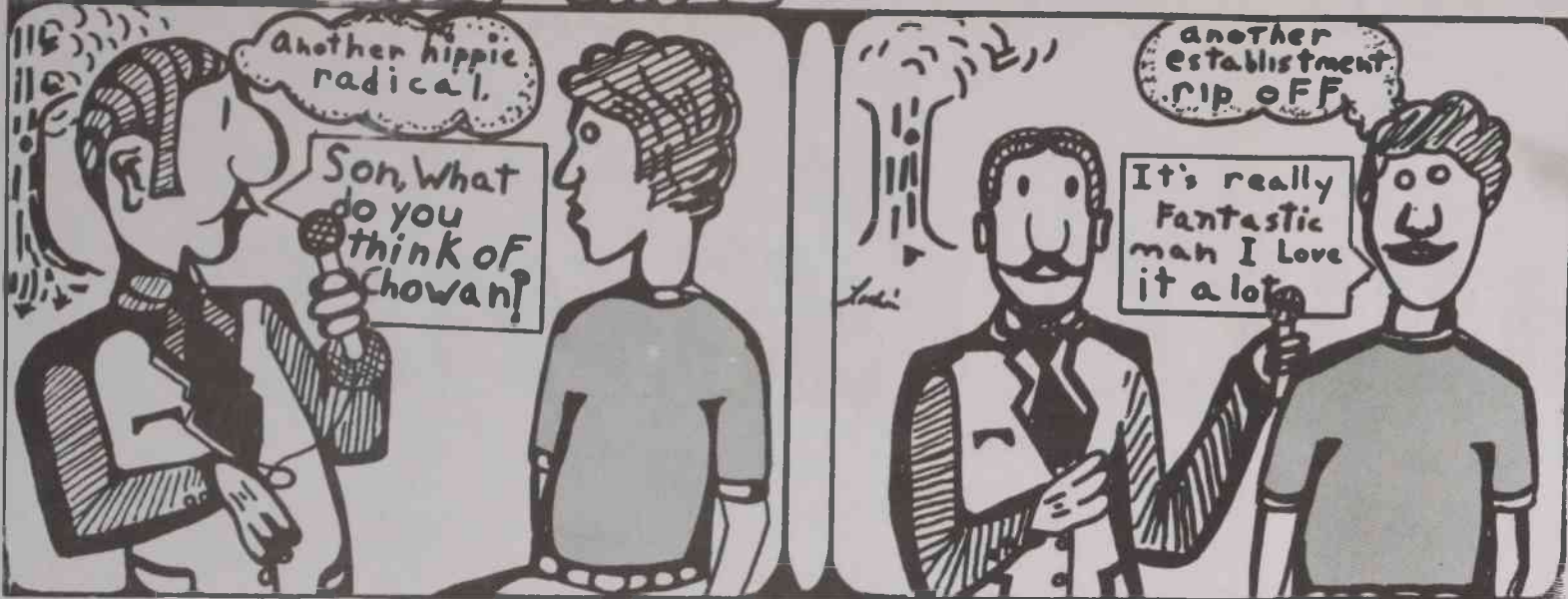


BETWEEN THE LINES



Common Sense Needed

"Common sense and good nature will do a lot to make the pilgrimage of life not too difficult." — W. Somerset Maugham

During the last week over 12 cases have been investigated and heard by various persons and committees responsible for discipline in the college community.

"Each case," according to Clayton Lewis, Dean of students, "centered around one element which contributed to the infraction. The students involved took leave of their common sense — sound, ordinary, good judgment."

When can one rightfully take, without permission, the property of another? When can one justify falsifying information?

When do you think one or two citizens in the college community have the right to impose fear and bodily harm on one of lesser strength?

"Where can I find a man governed by reason instead of habits and urges?" Kahlil Gibran.

Be A Friend

In the midst of a dismal Friday afternoon I sat on the back steps of my home staring into the rain and indulging in the luxury of just thinking. My mind churned with thoughts of schoolwork, ideas and people. Primarily, I was concerned with how they related to me and my future.

Momentarily, I was distracted by the family cat's meowing as she rubbed against my legs. Almost instinctively, I placed this childhood acquaintance in my lap. After a few more minutes of purring, she drifted off to sleep.

Following several more minutes of cold rain, oozing mud and grinding introspection, I became aware of a stray dog who had wandered onto the steps and stood beside me. Wagging his tail, he looked up at me as if waiting for something.

"What on earth do you want?" was my first response. Naturally, I did not receive a verbal reply. My attempts to ignore the canine were of no avail. He still stood there wagging his tail and looking at me expectantly.

Finally, in exasperation I reached over and patted him on the head hoping he would go away. However, his tail stopped wagging and he stood perfectly still. Thereupon, I patted him again and again. After a few minutes of this, he stretched out on the bricks. Laying his head on my feet, the dog went to sleep.

It was then that I realized that the dog had come to me for just a fraction of the love and attention I was lavishing on the cat. I couldn't help relating this to human relationships. We often write people off our lists for seemingly trivial reasons. They may be different from us. Perhaps, they may simply be new acquaintances and we'd prefer to stay in the same rut with our current friends. Our reasons may range from pride to timidity. Whatever the excuse offered, it is a cop out. We rob ourselves and the people around us when we don't give them our love. Reach out today and let somebody know you care. Be a friend.

—James Moore

This World

Have you ever stopped to sit and think
About the chain in which we all are linked

People of this world have not the time
To form prejudice in their minds

This world should be free of hate
Everything peaceful, in its own way

It seems to me know reason why
The worse the condition, the harder to try

To make this world what it was intended to be
Everyman equal, and everyman free

Their is no color of the skin
The father who judges, looks within

Their is famine & war, all over the land
Little children are crying, with out-stretched hands

The rich are succeeding, the poor always needing
The wealthy is still winning, since the beginning

This world is a trip, I wish not to take
If I owned a ticket, I'd throw it away.

Alphonso Mitchell



ECONOMIC CRISIS — (Princeton, N. J.) A Gallup poll conducted during the period September 7-10 established concern over high prices, or inflation, as the chief worry of the American people. "Concern over economic problems is greater today than at any other time since the job-lean years of the late 1930's when one-sixth of the total working force was unemployed. Presently inflation is also easily the top problem in each of the four major regions of the country. . . . Inflation has important political implications. In a recent Gallup survey 46 per cent of the public blamed the federal government for inflation whereas 25 per cent placed the blame on labor and 19 per cent on business. . . . Among those citing inflation as the top problem, many single out food prices specifically. . . . The last time economic worries played as important a role in the thinking of Americans as they do today was during the recession of 1958."

(The Nashville Tennessean, September 27, 1973)

HIGH HOSPITAL COSTS — The cost of being sick — never a bargain — is getting worse all the time — about 14 per cent worse each year, if you're hospitalized. "In 1950, one could expect to spend just under 17 dollars for a day in the hospital. By 1970, that cost had risen to an incredible 81 dollars per day. Hospital administrators claim that the rising costs are attributable to higher hospital expenses like labor." However, not many nurses, practical nurses, orderlies, janitors or maintenance personnel have seen their salaries increased 20 per cent per year.

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World News In Brief

Baptist Reject Amendment

GREENSBORO (AP)—The Baptist State Convention narrowly defeated an amendment last Wednesday that would have excluded any churches that accepted transfer members from denominations that do not require immersion.

Rejection of the amendment came on a vote of 1,248 for and 1,307 against. The convention adjourned moments after the voting.

It was the third year in a row that the baptism issue had come before the convention, which received a committee report recently showing that only 11 of its 3,452 churches do not require immersion for transfers.

The Rev. M. O. Owen, Jr., of Charlotte, first of several speakers during a 75-minute debate, called for approval of the amendment because the Bible "teaches nothing else but baptism by water." He said that he had heard there might be as many as 200 churches who accepted non-immersed members but that only 11 admitted it. Dr. Cecil Sherman of the First Baptist Church in Asheville speaking against the proposal, said he believed it was "an indirect way of getting at 11 churches." "The local church interprets the Bible. This convention is not the Vatican, too," he said.

Dr. Carl E. Bates of Charlotte, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, opposed the amendment because it "forces me to choose one side or the other, to declare myself for or against immersion. This is not a question with me and never has been."

WASHINGTON (AP)—Actor Chuck Connors says President Nixon has urged him not to put off a visit to the Soviet Union at the invitation of Soviet Party Chief Leonid Brezhnev.

And Connors said last week that he has decided to accept the invitation extended by Brezhnev last summer at San Clemente, Cal., where the two exchanged bear hugs.

Connors said he paid a farewell call on Nixon Monday of last week and said he had considered postponing the trip because there was a film he could make.

But Connors said Nixon convinced him to go, saying that his trip would be "a small indication that the detente was working."

Connors said he planned to spend about 10 days in the Soviet Union and will leave about November 28.

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Bits of Life

By MARY FISHER LEMONS
Guest Columnist

Through the air he fell, parachute trailing limply behind him. Roy Sandidge was killed instantly as he hit the ground.

A senior religion and philosophy major at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Roy had parachuted from other planes at Pope Air Force Base. Surely he did not know this would be his fatal jump.

An intelligent student, he had a creative and razorsharp mind. He would have been an asset to any college campus. His sudden death reminds us of several things—things we should remember more often . . . more readily.

—We have no life without death, no death without life. We must be grateful for the part of life we do share.

—Life is a mystery. Not one of us has power to lengthen his life indefinitely. Not one of us knows when he will no longer exist in this world.

—Our life is just a small part of eternity. Man, a small but significant part of a huge fellowship—a fellowship that could also be a brotherhood but which is not.

—We live in a world in which we cannot give up. Life is filled with sorrow and pain. It holds more than its share of mysteries and unanswered questions, which we must continue to investigate.

Roy Sandidge wanted a meaningful life. He questioned what he did not understand. Life concerned him; and then, in a most unexpected moment, it was snatched away.

He jumped from a plane and pulled the parachute cord—an act he had done many times. The cord which heretofore had been only a routine part of his drop from the plane to the ground now quickly turned into a fatal act.

How many things we do every day that we consider trivial . . . and yet they can quickly become more significant than we ever supposed.

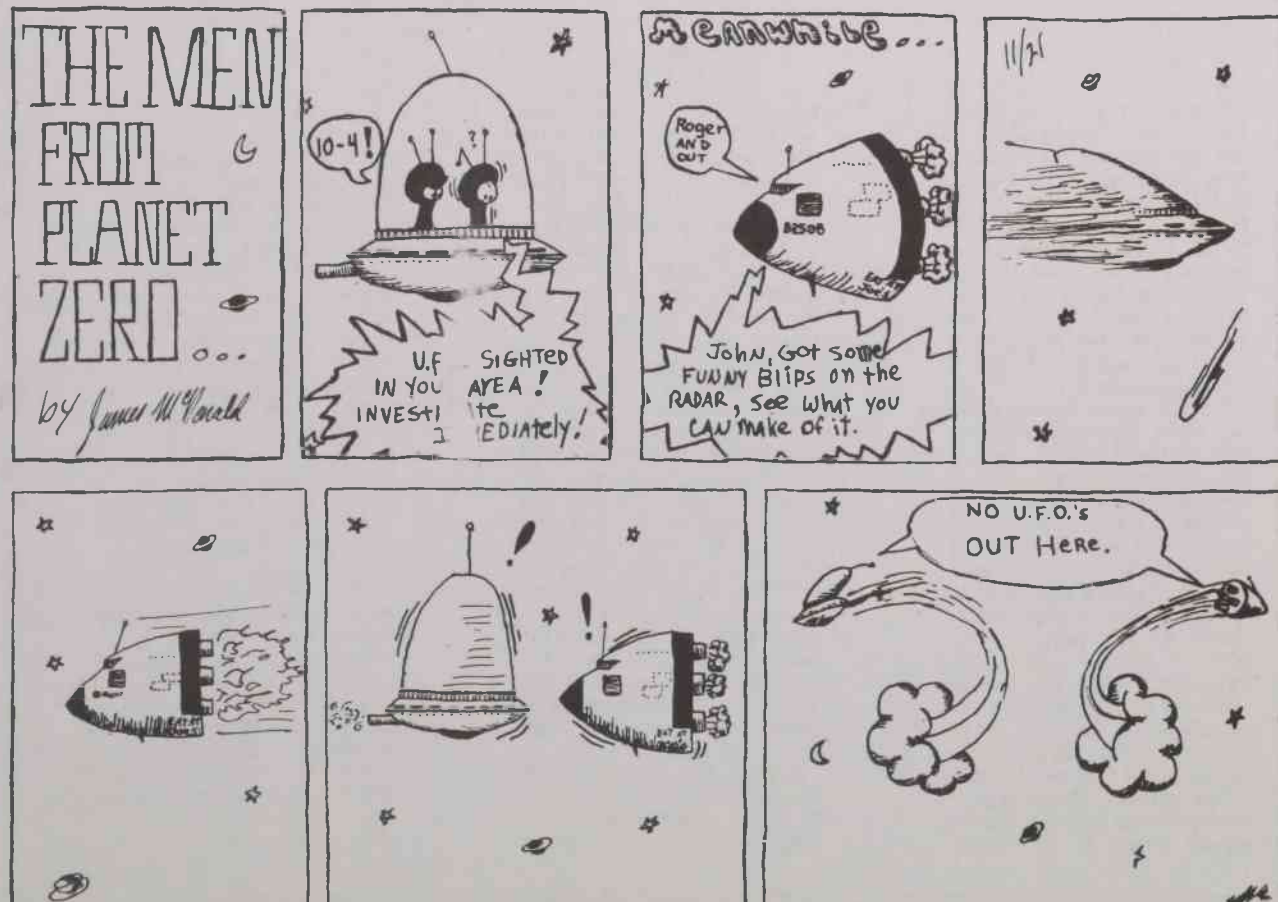
Jerry Lee Lewis' Son Killed In Wreck

COCKRUM, Miss. (AP)—Jerry Lee Lewis, Jr., 19, oldest son of the rock and roll singer, was killed in a traffic accident near this tiny north Mississippi town.

Desoto County Sheriff's officers said young Lewis was driving a jeep that was towing a car when the two vehicles slammed into a bridge Tuesday night. They said he died of a neck

A spokesman for the family said the body was flown to Louisiana early Wednesday aboard one of Lewis' planes for funeral services.

Young Lewis was the second son of the en' to die at an early age. Several years ago, a young son drowned in a swimming pool. A spokesman said all of Lewis' pending engagements have been canceled.



Literary Musings

By PROF. ROBERT G. MULDER

Some Thoughts At Random About Chapel

Chapel is about like the weather. Wasn't it Will Rogers who said: "Everybody's talking about the weather but nobody's doing anything about it."?

For nine years I have played the chapel organ, alternately with another professor for seven of those years. While I do not say this boastfully, I feel that I do know something about the area of Chowan life known as Chapel-assembly.

Not any of the complaints one hears are new. The same old dissatisfactions are aired year after year — Why do we have to attend? How can they (meaning the administration, I suppose) make us attend church (meaning chapel)? Don't they know they can't force religion down someone's throat.

These questions never change — at least they haven't in nine years. But we've "come a long way, Baby!" When I was a student here, it was an everyday requirement. I simply can't see now why anyone would object so vehemently to attending a short session once a week.

But even more than that, I can't see how students can be so disrespectful as to do some of the things they do when we have invited guest speakers on campus. From my secluded nest beside the organ, I am able to observe what goes on in most of the auditorium while our guests are speaking, and how they continue is often a mystery to me.

General chatter is sprinkled around the auditorium as plentifully as showers in April. Homework assignments are prepared seriously and letter reading seems to be a chapel must. The singing of the hymn is an ideal time, seemingly, to laugh and exchange the latest gossip, and to catch up on sleep is commonplace.

Many times I have been embarrassed for Dr. Taylor. As a part of his responsibility to the college, he invites guests to speak to our student body. Thus, he has to sit, many times uncomfortably, behind the speaker who is thrown before a captive audience where only God knows what the reaction may be at any given time.

I have a sure-cure for the problem, but I'm certain this solution would be ignored by the Powers. It seems that chapel is here to stay, in spite of the continued redness of some of our students and despite the humiliation brought upon many of our outside speakers.

We must, if we can, seek to improve the attitude of our fellow-people who attend. Perhaps an identification of the problem presented and a recognition of what constitutes common courtesy and decency are two steps toward improvement of an already embarrassing situation.

God or Tyrants? Chicken

By MIKE BOULIA

Chairman, Publicity Committee

Do you really care about what goes on in this college? Some of you have gripes concerning different areas in the system. If it's the food, get behind the cafeteria committee and support your views. What about girls' curfew, dorm visitation, or anything else you would like to see changed?

DO something about it. If you do not want to write an article and have it put in the paper, there will be a bulletin put out by the publicity committee after Thanksgiving. A suggestion box will be placed in the cafeteria for the students who care enough to participate. Don't just sit there and gripe, do something about it.

The following is the second in a series of SGA Newsletters of special entertainment in this area:

November 21, Canned Heat, Municipal Auditorium, Charlotte.

November 21, J. Geils Band, Cumberland County Auditorium, Fayetteville.

November 22, Mandrill, Greensboro Coliseum.

December 1, Steve Stills, Cumberland County Auditorium, Fayetteville.

December 2, Allman Brothers Band, William & Mary Coliseum.

December 9, Alice Cooper, Greensboro Coliseum.

January 17, Bob Dylan and The Band, Charlotte Coliseum.

January 24, Blood, Sweat and Tears, Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh.

Public Affairs
CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Cameron Finance Corp., is closing its Public Affairs Office because it has become a luxury the corporation can no longer afford.