



Evelyn Jones

Miss FSU Discusses Reign; Has Hole Pierced In Nose

By TEREZIA MELVIN

"I never imagined the day I would be Miss F.S.U. It has truly been a challenge and a great joy. The experiences I encountered have all been very precious ones that will always remain a part of me." These are the words of Evelyn Jones, Miss F.S.U. as she contemplates on her reign thus far.

Miss F.S.U., a native of Boston feels that this has been a thrilling year for both her and her family, especially for her father who has always referred to her as Miss Tarheel. She says "Inwardly", I'll always reign as Miss F.S.U. even though outwardly my reign ends soon.

Evelyn says that as Miss F.S.U. she doesn't regard herself as a queen to be catered to, but as one of the many sisters attending our University who was so fortunate as to have won this coveted title.

"I accepted the honor as a 'giver' of my time, energy and love to our University in continuing to uphold its pride and dignity," she said.

During her reign Miss F.S.U. has encountered many happy moments. She has received countless letters from well-wishers. One such letter came from a prisoner who saw her picture in the Afro-American and asked her to be his pen pal. The prisoner felt very proud of our Miss F.S.U., a sister who was "making it."

Miss F.S.U. extends a grateful

hand to all the Broncos and the countless others who have been so kind.

Miss F.S.U. says "To the future Miss F.S.U.'s, it is my every wish that their experiences bring them even greater joys to remember."

By ARGIE HOCUTT

African tradition leaves Evelyn Jones, Miss FSU, with a permanent hole in her nose. In the early 60's, having the ears pierced was the fad. Before that it was putting a gold crown on the tooth. As times change, however, that changed too. Now many people are having their noses pierced.

Evelyn, a native of Boston, said, "having your nose pierced is not a rare thing in my hometown." She had her nose pierced during Christmas while home on break.

According to her, the actual process only took about 10 seconds, but it takes about eight days for the nose to heal. Evelyn's hole is on the right side. She said she chose to have it on that side because "long ago slaves had their noses pierced on the left side. Since I don't consider myself a slave, I had mine pierced on the right."

Evelyn has a gold stud in the hole, but hopes someday to have a ruby like her aunt's. She also said that there are three places where the hole in the nose can be placed, the right or left side, or the center where a ring is worn.

George Purcell — Now D-Jay; Got Idea From Bill Hennessey

To the people who know him as a student at Fayetteville State University, he's George Purcell. To those who enjoy his disc jockey type dance parties, he's "Gorgeous George and the Mean Record Machine."

A senior at FSU majoring in business education, George recently put together a record show to earn extra spending money. To date his outfit includes three German-made speakers, a turntable, microphones, strobe lights, black lights, a psychedelic poster, and an impressive music library containing the best in soul music. He spins the records and flashes his multi-colored lights while young people jive to the music.

George says he got the idea for his own deejay show while watching WIDU radio's "Big Bad Bill" Hennessey perform the same type of thing recently at the Pope AFB Recreation Center where he is employed as a part-

time staff member.

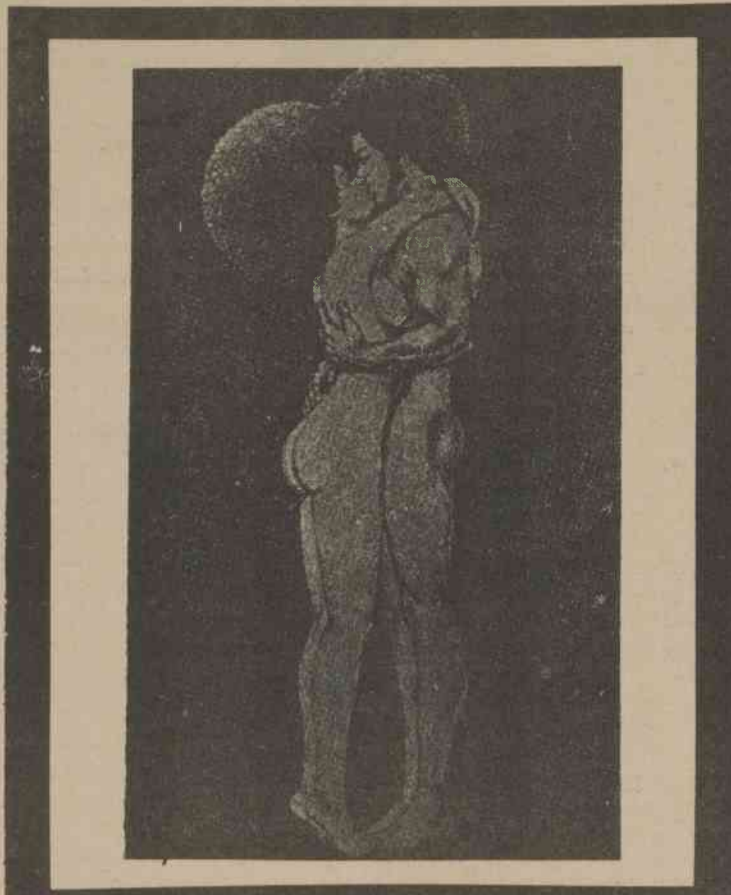
"After watching him for a while, I thought, shoot, I can do that well, maybe better," said George recently. "So," he continued, "I invested about \$300 in some basic equipment and put together my own show."

Thus far, "Gorgeous George" has done one show at the Recreation Center, plus half a dozen more at locations throughout North Carolina. Most of the shows are done within a 50-mile radius of Fayetteville for a nominal fee.

"Right now, I'm just trying to get some exposure," George said. "I'll graduate from FSU next December and had planned to teach. Now, I'm not so sure. I just might try to be a fulltime deejay if I can make enough money. I plan to eventually include music other than soul in my shows in order to be able to cater to the musical tastes of all types of people," he said.

Statistics Show College VD On Upsurge

By JOSEPH HOLDEN



What is venereal disease? Most people know, but for those who don't, it is a disease that is spread from one person to another, usually by sexual intercourse. Two of the most noted venereal diseases are syphilis and gonorrhea.

One might ask if syphilis and gonorrhea really are serious diseases. Statistics show that one out of four cases reported are under twenty-one years of age, which means they are very serious indeed. Dr. C. Mason Quick FSU's campus doctor stated, that "there are more cases of VD than

any other communicable disease reported. More than 2,000,000 cases of gonorrhea are reported, or about half the reported VD cases. There have been about 75,000 cases reported of those having syphilis. There has been \$40 million spent on mental patients, which is only one of the many serious side effects of this disease."

Concerning syphilis, a bacteria enters the body from the area surrounding the sexual organs. It can affect the brain, heart, bones and other parts of the body.

The first sign of the disease is a chancre (a sore around the sex organs), that may not be picked up in a blood test. This is the primary stage, which lasts from three weeks to two months.

The second stage involves a rash. "It doesn't cause too much trouble," says Dr. Quick, "and it is possible for it to disappear."

The third stage is called the latent stage or late phase. It has no outward visible manifestation. It is only detectable by a blood test. The late phase can go on for twenty to twenty-five years. Then one can suddenly become ill and maybe die. If syphilis is cured in this stage, one can not undo the damage it has already caused. The best time for a cure is to get it cured when a chancre develops.

Gonorrhea is caused by a bacteria that is very serious and very common. It can cause sterility in both male and female, and this disease can also cause arthritis.

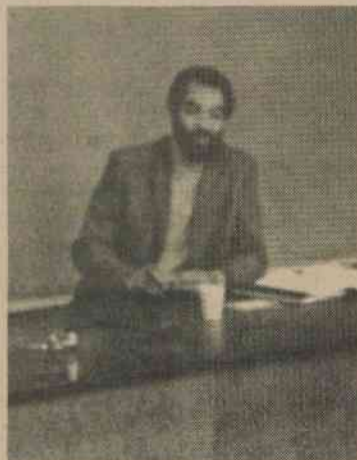
"For the male," says Dr. Quick, "he will know if he has the disease from three to seven days, seldom less than three or more than seven. But it isn't the same with the female. She can not tell in that period of time whether she has the disease or not."

A very important statement of Dr. Quick's is "Do not go to a drug store and ask for two or three penicillin pills to cure gonorrhea, because it might not be enough. Too little might just push it back for a while, but you will not be cured, it will show up later."

This information was gathered at a recent seminar on VD, conducted on campus. Statistics indicate an upsurge of the disease on college campuses.

Gerald Barrax: Many-Sided Poet

By JANICE JONES



Gerald Barrax

Now that students at FSU are aware of famous black poets such as Langston Hughes and Countee Cullen, they now are beginning to learn of black poets in North Carolina.

Gerald W. Barrax, a visitor here last week, is one such black poet. A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., he is now teaching English at North Carolina State in Raleigh. Previous experiences gained while teaching at North Carolina Central in Durham have also influenced his life.

Barrax did undergraduate work at Duquesne University where he first majored in pharmacy before later changing it to journalism and English. He took his M.A. at the University of Pittsburgh.

Barrax says, "Trial and error helps me to decide what I want out of life." To illustrate the po-

int, he then outlined the many things he had one before arriving at his present profession. For four years he served in the Air Force where he was a radio mechanic. Later he worked in a steel mill, drove a cab, was a mail carrier and postal clerk, substitute public school teacher, encyclopedia salesman and awning hanger. Although he now enjoys teaching, he is embraced with poetry.

Barrax, who used such words as *fucking* and *shit* in his works says, "A poem should speak the language of its people. If I feel

that I have to say something to express an idea or attitude, then I have to say it that way. I refuse to be limited."

Some of his published poems have appeared in Poetry, Four Quarters, Journal of Black Poetry, Colloquy, World Order, Southern Poetry Review, "Kaleidoscope: Poems by American Negro Poets", "Out of the War Shadow", "The Young American Poets", and his own volume, "Another Kind of Rain."

An example of his poetry appears below.

C FOR CHARLIE

It's a way of keeping informed I guess but I'm easier to get along with if I can just get through the day without reading a newspaper. It's the risk I take between Peanuts and Vietnam. Charlie Brown has to win a game soon for the sake of common decency or nobody will believe in anything.

What I believe now is that children would rather play in their own shit than with fire the way Charlie Brown keeps burning them in there and getting knocked on his ass just because he keeps trying. But given time enough he may prove himself a quitter and become a real kid diddling himself and setting fire to cats and other innocent small things.

Do mothers still hang gold stars in windows for sons who burned them in there? This is known as success. Patriotic brief is palpable and its taste is good and Charlie Brown's ERA was out of sight anyway.