

SOAPBOX

By CLIFTON BARNES

A policy of special detention is being tried again this year as an alternative to suspension.

This special detention is organized work details on campus lasting each afternoon (3:30-4:30) and for the most part a minimum of five afternoons. It is used only on request by the student and with the permission of the principal.

If earthly possible there should be no suspension and the work details mandatory. But Assistant principal Robert Miller says, "You can't force a student to work. They do that only on their own request."

I believe more harm comes out on the streets during a school day than good. Mr. Miller says, "That's quite often true; especially those students who have unconcerned parents or those whose parents are working," get into trouble during suspended days.

Drugs, crime, and overall stupidity come from being out of school with others who are of a low caliber.

I hope this special detention works, but I doubt many students will choose to engage in it. That's why I wish something firmer could be established to suspend suspension.

History Published

By STAN MILLER

Probably the publication that has done the best job of depicting the history of the city of Rocky Mount is the book

Rocky Mount: A Pictorial History by Bugs Barringer, Dot Barringer and Lela Chesson.

Going back as far as when aboriginal hunters roamed this area thousands of years ago, this book shows how the Rocky

Mount area grew to what it is today. The people, places and events that made Rocky Mount an important city in the eastern portion of this state are all covered in this book.

Names like Kay Kaiser, Vernon Sechriest, Hal Orr, Ray Bandy, Jim Garner, Jim Clack and Phil Ford are just a few

that appeared in this book. The places are all in Rocky Mount, and the events covered include nearly all those that have taken place in the city.

The book is comprised mainly of photographs, but they are enough to tell about the past of this area lying on the Nash-Edgecombe county line. Anyone who lives or has lived in Rocky Mount should get this book. There probably will be nothing that could surpass it to come in the future.

Serenity Unlimited Holds Meeting

The local chapter of Alateen, Serenity Unlimited, held the quarterly district meeting October 9 at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Alateen is a group of teenagers who have friends or relatives with an alcoholic problem. These teenagers are not concerned with the alcoholic's problem. They discuss the problem in their personal life caused by the alcoholic.

Several local teenagers and their sponsor conducted the

meeting. After discussing recent business, the teenagers spoke to the group. They told what the Alateen program meant to them and how they applied the steps and traditions to their personal problems. The district was represented by Al-Anons and Alateen from Sandy Cross, Edenton and Elizabeth City.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon and Alateen meet on Monday nights at 8:00, at the Church of the Good Shepard.

Fire Week Observed

Fire Prevention Week was observed October 9th-15th. On October 13, there was an Open House at the Fire Headquarters on George Street. The purpose of this Open House was to acquaint the public with different types of fire extinguishers, and smoke detectors. The public was also welcome to tour the headquarters facilities.

Captain Bill Soden, Director of Fire Prevention, visited Rocky Mount Senior High on

Monday, October 10, and on Wednesday, October 12. He showed two different films on Fire Prevention. Approximately 1035 students viewed these films.

On October 17, there was a Fire Drill at school. It took 2 minutes and 30 seconds to completely evacuate the building. The Fire Drill Committee stated that this was entirely too long. The Fire Drill Committee are working on a new fire exit system.



EMERSON AND PAT MODEL: Emerson Harrison and Pat Warren model the latest styles in men's fashions at Wallace's Men's Wear Tarrytown. Photo by B. Hutchisson

Male Fashion Trend Constantly Changing

By LINDA ROBERSON

At one time a man's wardrobe consisted of jeans and T-shirts; however, this once popular fashion trend has been abolished thanks to the introduction of button-down shirts, cable knit sweaters, D-ring pants and Khakis.

Male fashions are taking on a classy look this fall. All across college campuses, the look is monogrammed button-down shirts either on the cuff of the sleeve, or the collar. Teamed up with these button-down shirts,

are khakis. The shoes are top-siders and Penny loafers.

For the more sophisticated suit, it's the Herringbone blazer with suede elbow patches. The legs of dress pants are slimming down to create a more tailored appearance. Underneath this blazer, V-Neck sweaters are being shown to replace the over-used vest and to up-date the classic sweater vest.

The cable knit sweater is a major part of the male's wardrobe. These sweaters can be seen in both solids and lavish patterns. The pants to accentuate this look are a cross between dress and casual with a ribbon trim. The shoes this fall are complete with tassels.

With so many different looks to choose from this year, the man can enjoy quite a bit of variety in his lifestyle.

Story Of An African Struggle

By DAVID GOFF

Science fiction fans, start saving your money or go down to the library to get "Faced In The Flames" by Peter Tate. This novel of an African country's struggle to get into the United Nations provides a fast moving plot with surprises at every turn.

Although most people believe science-fiction novels to be stories about trips to other planets or invasions from Mars, Peter Tate offers a refreshing, unusual alternative. The action takes place in the not distant future, about 1980 or 1990, and leaves the reader with a feeling that someday, Tate may be hailed as a prophet.

Admission of the African country of Zimbabwe is the issue the U. N. has to deal with. The Roman Catholic Church deals with both sides playing against the middle, telling Zimbabwe it will help them get in

the U. N., and asking the U. N. to keep it out. Tate leads the reader from the U. N. building in New York, to the Vatican in Rome, to Africa, and also to England where he introduces

Simeon, a former activist both sides are pleading to for help. Simeon, disenchanted with politics because of a dead wife, refuses to help, but in the end leads the three groups together.

The title tells the church's policy in Africa by describing what happens to those who don't believe in Catholicism the "one faith" ideology is revived in Rome and unbelievers are

subjected to a "New Inquisition." Tate stresses the failings of the U. N. and their inability to handle world affairs alone as they are forced to seek the Church's help.

Tate shows his literary skill by weaving several parts into a

complete, whole book. The reader must be ready to concentrate on the story, or he will become completely lost in the fastly shifting setting of the book. Not cast in the mold of traditional science-fiction, "Faced

In The Flames" offers a distinct prediction of the near future. Tate obviously has studied current events and trends in Africa especially as well as the rest of the world. He ties in

trends of the faltering U. N., the rising Church, and the explosive situation in Africa to make significant comment on the possible future of world affairs. Although a true science-fiction, "Faced In The Flames"

leaves the reader with the feeling that he is living in the year 2000 and reading a recent world history book.