

Carolina Review: Garrison Arrested

Reality...Sam Garrison, the veteran head warden of North Carolina's only maximum security prison for men, was arrested and charged recently with driving under the influence of alcohol.

DUI is a serious offense that just isn't taken as seriously as it should be. Because newspaper people (editors and columnists, reporters and printers, and anyone else connected to the business) are notorious tipsters of the spirits, it's even possible that they have some twitches of guilt when they offer periodic, stabbing blurbs at the few public officials who are occasionally caught for DUI. After all, unless the offense occurs during working hours, whose business is it?

Except that public officials are, by choice, in the public domain and, by choice, employees of the taxpayer. Some public officials are elected; some appointed. Some, like Sam Garrison, work up through the ranks as career professionals -- Garrison began his prison career years ago as a guard.

Consequently, just as an employer in private industry should be aware of any shortcomings or problems his employees

might have that could possibly affect job performance, so should the public sector be aware of their worker's deficiencies.

Of course, a random and lone DUI doesn't prove any such deficiency in Sam Garrison's performance as chief warden at Central Prison in downtown Raleigh.

Garrison has apparently done a more than creditable job as warden. It's a tough position with a lot of pressure, especially these last several years of his term. His is a giant of a man--well over six feet tall and probably weighing 250 pounds or better. A friend once described him as a hardfisted, tough-talking streetfighter with the heart of a teddy bear. The job no doubt requires a man of that description.

Certainly Central Prison has not been racked by much of the devastating traumas associated with maximum security units in other states.

So Garrison probably could have been forgiven (not necessarily easily, but forgiven) for the careless indiscretion that took place a couple of Sundays ago.

Garrison's mistake, after the very serious offense of DUI, was maybe in what he

chose not to say:

"Well, it was the weekend. I'd been visiting friends and I just got caught doing something I shouldn't have been doing--drinking and driving. With hindsight, I'm glad I did get caught since I got a relatively inexpensive lesson, and no one was hurt by my carelessness. Maybe others during this remember what happened to me and will have second thoughts about drinking and then getting on the streets to endanger their own lives, their loved ones, and tragically, the innocent victims. It's an especially valuable lesson right now during the holiday season; I know I've learned from it."

That ain't what the good warden said. Instead, Garrison, responded quite differently when asked about his DUI charge. Garrison said he was on medication for an ear infection, an infection he has had for six months now. But apparently he didn't mention the medication to the officer at the time of arrest. The warden fairly maintained that he staggered when he walked, on or off the medication, let alone drive, supposedly. About his refusal to take a breathalyzer test, he said he didn't trust them. "I got some strong feelings about that," he said.

And what about the alcohol the arresting officer said he smelled on Garrison's breath? "I'd rather not comment on that right now," Garrison said.

Now that type of response suggests a more serious problem than the very serious DUI--an inability to face reality. Or maybe he's telling the truth.



The most consumed food in U.S.: fluid milk and cream.



TREES PRESENTED -- Bob Holman, right, Community Activity Chairman of the Edenton-Chowan Optimist Club, presents a tree to Barbara Copeland, left, of Chowan Hospital Unit B. This tree, and another one at Elder Lodge, were given by the Optimist Club as part of the community involvement carried out by the club.

Installing Woodstoves

Woodburning stoves can save energy, but they also can kill if they are not installed and used properly.

The N. C. Insurance News Service reports that woodburning stoves have caused many deaths and injuries during the past few heating seasons. In many other cases no one died or suffered injury, but fire destroyed or severely damaged homes.

Ironically, Benjamin Franklin designed the Franklin stove to eliminate the dangers of an open fireplace. If it is used properly, any woodburning stove will remove those hazards.

But the stove creates its own hazards if it is installed improperly. Homeowners create one of the most common hazards by placing the stove or its pipe too close to surfaces that can catch on fire. One insurance company reported a North Carolina fire in which two persons died because the stove was installed too close to a wooden surface.

The National Fire Protection Association recommends a three-foot clearance between the stove and any wall, ceiling or other material that will burn. Firewood must be stacked away from the stove. One company reported a home fire with thousands of dollars worth of damage because the wood stack near the stove caught on fire. The homeowner should place the stove itself on a pad that will not catch fire.

The homeowner or commercial installer can create a serious hazard by improperly installing the stove pipe which carries the smoke and gas into the chimney or directly to the outside. The heat buildup in the stove pipe can be enough to ignite walls, ceilings and other surfaces. You must provide at least a foot and a half of clearance between the pipe and surfaces that will burn. The joints of the pipe must be fitted properly to prevent sparks from escaping.

If you use an existing fireplace chimney, it must be sealed off below the stove pipe's point of entry to prevent toxic gases from backing up into the room. This can be done by sealing off the fireplace opening or sealing off the flue itself between the stovepipe connection and the fireplace opening.

You should avoid connecting more than one heating device to a single chimney flue because flue gases and sparks may pass from one flue opening into another and unsatisfactory operation may result. Be sure your chimney is in good condition and that it has a flue lining. You should check for missing flue tiles and cracked masonry. You may want to have a mason check the chimney for you and make any repairs that may be needed.

If you have no suitable chimney, or if you prefer not to close off your fireplace, you can use a factory-built chimney or a metal smokestack. Make sure that what you use has been

approved by Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) or another recognized testing laboratory. A factory-built chimney or metal smokestack should rise three feet above any roof ridge that is within 10 feet of the stack.

Once you have a safe installation, there are some other things to remember about safe operation.

Don't start fires with flammable liquids. You can kill or injure yourself with such a dangerous practice even if your stove, pipes and chimney are hazard-free. Even if you aren't killed or injured, starting a fire with gasoline or other flammable liquid can destroy or severely damage your home.

Don't use your stove for burning trash. You could start a chimney fire.

You should open the damper near the stove before starting a fire. Build the fire on a shallow bed of ashes which provide a heat reflecting surface. Use a small amount of crumpled paper and cover it with a new small sticks of wood (kinding). You can add larger pieces when the draft is started up the chimney.

Your woodstove can help you save energy, but improper installation or careless use can cost you everything.

Letter To The Herald Editor

Dear Editor:

The 1981 holiday season may remind many of us that some things haven't changed. This year, once again, we feasted upon a traditional (and probably lavish) turkey dinner, watched spectacular holiday parades, gathered around the television set to watch myriad football games and fought crowds in search of the perfect gift.

Some things haven't changed in other parts of the world either. This year, as in years past, people have been forced to flee their homelands, find shelter in crowded and unsanitary refugee camps and suffer the debilitating effects of malnutrition and disease.

In the Northeast African nation of Somalia, close to a million people are living in these camps. They are alive today because international relief agencies are providing them with the food, water and medical care they need to survive. But I am concerned about the dependency this assistance tends to create.

The 1981 holiday season should remind many of us that it is time for some things to change. It is time to put an end to widespread

hunger and to dependence upon daily shipments of food. Some voluntary agencies, such as Save the Children, have taken a giant step in this direction by providing the Somali refugees with the skills and resources they need and want to provide for themselves. Instead of just handing out food, Save the Children is handing out techniques for growing food and for planting seeds, trees and small-plot family gardens.

The holiday season encourages us to share our love with family and friends. This season let's share our love, caring and concern with members of the human family by helping the Somali refugees regain self-sufficiency. Any contribution, no matter how small, can help. Please mail your check today to: Save the Children, Somalia Relief Fund, Westport, CT. 06880. Attention Valerie Harper.

Sincerely,
Valerie Harper

Brown To Play In Hula Bowl

BLACKSBURG, Va. -- Robert Brown, a senior defensive end for the Virginia Tech football team, has accepted invitations to play in the Hula Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii, on January 9 and the Gold Bowl at San Diego, Calif., on January 16. Brown is a native of Edenton, N. C.

Brown, a star on Coach Bill Dooley's squad, had to turn down invitations to three other all-star games -- the Blue-Gray Classic, the Senior Bowl, and the Japan Bowl.

During the Tech's 7-4 season this year, Brown made 55 tackles, six of them

for losses. He had four quarterback sacks, totaling 40 yards in losses and hurried the passer 17 times.

Also, he was among four team members voted to the All-South Independent team selected recently by a panel of writers and broadcasters throughout the south.

Coach Dooley commented that all the players were deserving of the honor and "I'm happy for them."

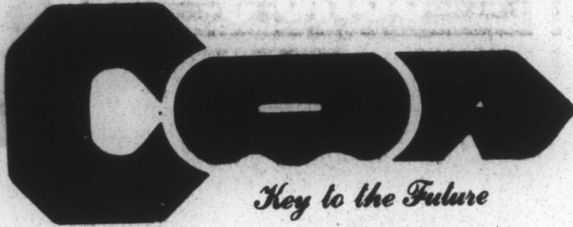
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Arts & Crafts	1-6-82	3-10-82	Wed.	1-4pm	Arrowhead Beach
Ceramics	1-5-82	3-9-82	Tues.	7-10pm	Yeopim Ceramics
Ceramics	1-6-82	3-10-82	Wed.	1-4pm	Yeopim Ceramics
Ceramics	1-7-82	3-11-82	Thurs.	7-10pm	Yeopim Ceramics
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Needlepoint	1-5-82	3-9-82	Tues.	7-10pm	Holmes High School
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Auto Mechanics	1-4-82	3-10-82	M&W	7-10pm	Stallings' Garage
Ceramics	1-4-82	3-8-82	Mon.	7-10pm	Winn Studio
Ceramics	1-5-82	3-9-82	Tues.	7-10pm	Winn Studio
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Ceramics	1-4-82	3-8-82	Mon.	9-12noon	Hobbesville
Ceramics	1-5-82	3-9-82	Tues.	9-12noon	Hobbesville
Ceramics	1-7-82	3-11-82	Thurs.	9-12noon	Hobbesville
Crocheting	1-4-82	3-8-82	Mon.	7-10pm	E I C
Crocheting	1-7-82	3-11-82	Thurs.	10-1pm	E I C
GED (High School Equiv.)	1-4-82	3-10-82	M&W	7-10pm	Gates County High
Income Tax	1-4-82	3-8-82	Mon.	7-10pm	Gates County High
Landscape Design	1-6-82	3-10-82	Wed.	7-10pm	Gates County High
Macrame	1-5-82	3-9-82	Tues.	9-12noon	Community Center
Music	1-5-82	3-9-82	Tues.	10:30-1:30pm	Buckland Center
Painting (Acrylics & Oil)	1-6-82	3-10-82	Wed.	7-10pm	Hovington Home-Sunbury
Plumbing	1-4-82	3-8-82	Mon.	7-10pm	Gates County High
Religion	1-6-82	3-10-82	Wed.	9:30-12:30pm	E I C
Religion	1-6-82	3-10-82	Wed.	7-10pm	Gates County High
Sewing	1-6-82	3-10-82	Wed.	7-10pm	Gates County High
Typing	1-4-82	3-8-82	Mon.	7-10pm	Gates County High
Upholstery	1-4-82	3-10-82	M&W	7-10pm	Middle Swamp

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