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ACTION Symposium Today



Foreign students talk about college in America at a dinner held on campus Friday, November 3.

U.N. Dinner For Area Foreign Students Held

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College students are basically the same all over the world. This statement was proven at a dinner given by the old Collegiate Council of the United Nations of UNC-C for the foreign students attending colleges in the Charlotte area. Last Friday night students from Davidson, Queens, Belmont Abbey, Sacred Heart, Johnson C. Smith, Wingate, Catawba, and UNC-C met on this campus to enjoy an international dinner and to meet other students in this area who are from other countries. Also invited to the dinner were foreign language and political science majors from UNC-C who would be interested in meeting these students from other countries. Chancellor and Mrs. Colvard served as official hosts for the dinner which was highlighted by a group sing-along of such favorites as Beatle songs and folksongs. The student were then invited to stay for the UNC-C dance featuring the Catalinas.

During the dinner and later at the dance several of the foreign exchange students were willing to discuss their views of life here in the United States as well as give some insight into to the pattern of life in their own countries.

Eduardo Tobiasson, a first semester senior at Belmont Abbey from Peru said that the only major problem he had run into in studying in a foreign country and language was the problem of trying to understand his professors in class. The fact that here in the United States unchaperoned dates were allowed seemed to make up for all the other problems, however.

Another student who seemed very pleased with the dating situation in the U. S. was Joaquin Lago from Puerto Rico and also a student

at Belmont Abbey. Joaquin said that besides the North Carolina girls, he liked steak and music by the Association.

The friendliness of the people here was the most outstanding characteristic of the U. S. cited by Luis Rodriguez who has come from Cuba to study at Belmont Abbey. He went on to say that in his travels he has discovered that kids are the same everywhere, and proved his point by saying that he enjoys going to the Cellar, a popular teenage spot here in Charlotte.

George Berner, a Finland student on a one-year foreign exchange program to Davidson, was among the students who felt that the young people in the United States were not given as much freedom as those in the European countries. He was surprised to find that private parties given by teenagers here were usually chaperoned by at least one parent. He also expressed the complaint that here girls expected to be called and asked for a date in advance while in Finland girls were more willing to go out with boys after meeting them at a cafe or dance. George then said that he had found the fraternity parties at Davidson a good means of meeting girls and having a good time.

Alfonso Carrillo, a student from Ecuador studying at Davidson, said that he had found the young people in the U.S. to be more happy-go-lucky than those in his own country where politics and world affairs were a major to the college students. He also said that American teenagers were far more liberal in their views than those of his country.

Although some of these students said that they could notice differences between young people here in the U. S. and those of their own countries in matters

of school and political attitudes, most of the students at this international dinner seemed to have the same gripes, problems, and desires as those students who attend UNC-C every day.

The boys liked to talk about the girls, and the girls liked to talk about the boys. Even the fact that girls in the U. S. and in South America use the same tricks to catch boys was noted by one observant foreign exchange student from Cuba.

Any differences among the students present at the dinner Friday night were certainly minor and unnoticeable as students from all

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Vietnam, China, Cuba Are Topics

A "Symposium on Peace" will be presented today by the UNC-C Students for ACTION.

In conjunction with the Symposium, the ACTION group has invited representatives from the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC). SSOC is currently presenting a Peace Tour which is scheduled to visit 18 college campuses in North Carolina.

Topics will be: "Why Vietnam?", "The Myth of Chinese Aggression", and "Cuba: Today." SSOC, which began as a student civil rights group in 1964, initiated the Tour to spark debate about U.S. foreign policy and the draft. Appearing with the Tour will be Tom Gardner, Chairman of SSOC, who has just returned from a meeting where he and other American peace workers met representatives of North Vietnam and the National Liberation Front; Nancy Hodes, who lived in Peking, China from 1955-1960 and who studied Far Western Affairs at Radcliffe College; and Bruce Smith, graduate of the Upland Institute who has just returned from a month trip to Cuba. SSOC will show newsreel and documentary films.

Also participating in the

symposium will be Mr. Jesse Riley and the Reverend Tom Edge, leaders of the Charlotte Citizens for Peace in Vietnam (Peace Vigil.) Mr. Riley holds a Masters Degree in chemistry from the University of Chicago and has worked in the research department of Universal Oil Products and Shell Oil. For the last 24 years Mr. Riley has been associated in research with the Celanese Corporation.

Reverend Tom Edge was ordained in 1960 by the Lutheran Church after completing his studies at Concordia College in Fort Wayne, Indiana and Concordia Theological Seminary at St. Louis. Pastor Edge was mission developer for the Lutheran Church in the Philadelphia area. At that time he did post-graduate work at the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia. Early this year he became Pastor for the All Saints Lutheran Church in Charlotte.

In addition, ACTION is expecting participation in its Symposium by members of the Charlotte chapter of the League of Women Voters.

The Symposium will be from 11:30 a.m.-8 or 9 p.m. in room C200 at this campus.

Participation is open to students, faculty, administration, and any interested citizens.

Amphitheatre Is Started

Construction has begun on the University of North Carolina at Charlotte's amphitheater which will be the site of Charlotte's bicentennial drama. The drama is being written by LeGette Blythe, writer-in-residence at UNC-C.

The site of the amphitheater is North of a campus rhododendron garden and east of the Mary Alexander Boulevard which cuts through the campus to connect Highway 49 with Mallard Creek Church Road.

The amphitheater was designed

by Cameron, Little and Associates with construction being done by Blythe Brothers Company. The amphitheater will have a seating capacity of 4,000 with additional space for 3,000 persons on a grassy slope surrounding the main seating area. It was designed so that it can be partially covered later and so that a band shell could be erected. For a scenic effect, the stage will be separated from the seating area by a water mote.

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Homer Gaddis closely observes a County Policeman as he keeps a watchful eye on the people who found the stricter enforcement of the school drinking policy hard to cope with, at the Union dance Friday night.

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