



## 5-Year Man on Campus

With Ellison Clary

## Travel Through A Death Trap? We Do It Often

Most student here pass through a potential death trap twice a day. They do it once when they enter the campus and again when they leave. They're pretty brave, these students. They know what lurks for them, but they don't usually flinch.

No, they just thread their way through the various hazards at the intersection of Highway 49 and Suther Road and then dodge their fellow students at the first intersection on campus.

So, if you want to see a real thrill show, stand at either intersection at about 8:20 a.m. any day between Monday and Friday. But be sure your're far enough away so you won't be sliced by flying debris if the inevitable happens that morning.

Where 49 and Suther meet, you'll see a heart-stopper. There'll be a line of autos backed up for at least a half mile to the south on the highway and another string of cars a block long to the east on Suther.

The driver of the lead car in the 49 line will be trying to negotiate a left turn onto the campus in the face of traffic careening from the opposite direction.

## First Car In Trouble

Over on Suther Road, the first car there will be in double trouble. He'll be attempting to allude cars coming in both directions on 49 while trying to get someone in the left turn line to give him a break. He'll also be ever on the lookout for fast moving trucks and the like which often pass the 49 turners on the right.

And if some poor soul wants to leave campus through the same intersection, he doesn't have much chance until after the 8:30 rush.

What's the cause of all this danger? As every student knows, the major cause is lack a traffic signal.

Oh, there are stop signs, one on Suther and the other at the campus entrance. They don't help the situation much.

There have been wrecks at this intersection several times in the past. Fortunately, the only serious damage in these instances has been to property.

This won't continue forever. Someday, and it may be soon, someone will be seriously injured or maybe even killed right out at the front entrance.

Then maybe someone will put up a signal. "To stop this waste of young lives," they'll say.

Students on campus often ask, "Why isn't something done about it?" That's a good question.

Administration officials have been in touch with such authorities as Mecklenburg County Police, N. C. State Patrol, and the State Highway Commission over a period of almost three years now. They have gotten very little response from these agencies.

The administration has been told the intersection is too far from Charlotte city limits to warrant a traffic signal.

County Police say they are too busy and undermanned to send a unit out to direct traffic during peak hours. Yet, just last week, the county boys had enough time weighing on their hands to hide in a pasture and watch for students who might not come to a complete stop at a ridiculously well guarded intersection just one block from the death trap.

## Too Busy To Help

This one is where Suther Road runs into rural road 3228. On the entire length of road 3228, which is a little less than a mile, there are just two houses. Nothing else at all. Naturally, the stop sign at the intersection is on Suther Road.

So, one of these days, when someone is involved in a multi-car accident at our main entrance, the county boy off in the cow pasture won't have far to drive to investigate.

That is, unless he's followed some student down Old Concord Road to write him a ticket for failing to heed the sign. In that case, he might have a longer ride.

University business manager Ken Batchelor says there will probably be no action taken in regard to the local death trap until after Highway 49 is widened to four lanes. This project is scheduled to begin in March of the coming year. Batchelor says he hasn't heard from the Highway Commission in almost a year.

He says that when 49 is widened, there will probably be a special lane for left turns in front of the school.

In the meantime, it appears there's not much left to do except to drive several miles out of the way to use the Mallard Creek entrance. Or, of course, defy the ever growing odds at the death trap and make sure auto and life insurance policies are paid up.

It's a shame, isn't it? Yes, and they'll all say it is after it happens. And it's going to happen someday--maybe soon.

# Harris To Give 'Last Lecture' Today, Says 'Take It Seriously'

BY RODNEY SMITH

The second in a series of Last Lectures presented by the University Union will be delivered in the Parquet Room at 11:30 a.m. today. The speaker will be Miss Pat Harris, Chairman of the Sociology Department.

According to Miss Harris, the series is designed to serve two purposes. It offers the professor an opportunity to reflect upon his academic existence and to ask himself, "Just what is it that I have to say to the students, outside of the textbook approach to learning?" The series also gives the students an opportunity to see what the professors really think and feel.

"I hope that both students and faculty take this Last Lecture concept seriously. It is not so much to entertain as it is to say what's really on your mind," Miss Harris says.

She stated that she did not know why she was asked to give her last lecture, but the Journal's theory is that she was asked because the students know that she is concerned with students as people and wishes to see students get a well-balanced education.

The general topic of Miss Harris's lecture is centered around the idea of giving the solutions that she's found for the problems that face students. Since Miss Harris has been a professor only a year and a half, she is quite familiar with the issues that face college students. She intends to articulate the conditions that she thinks prevent us from having a meaningful educational experience.

Included in Miss Harris's theory is the belief that we loose something in the success-oriented valve that is prevalent in our society. "Of course," she admits, "this is a part of education, but not the sum total of educational goals."

## 40 Chorus Members In 'Messiah'

BY ANN McNUTT

The 167-voice Charlotte Community Chorus, under the direction of UNC-C's choral director Mr. Harvey Woodruff, performed Handel's masterpiece "The Messiah" Sunday afternoon at Ovens Auditorium.

This year some 40 UNC-C chorus students joined the Charlotte group in the city's 15th annual performance of Handel's work. "The Messiah" is presented every year to the public free-of-charge by the Charlotte Music Club and co-sponsored by the Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Company.

Mr. Woodruff, who conducted the chorus and also the 39-piece orchestra, is the first conductor to direct the production twice. He led "The Messiah" 14 years ago.

Sunday's performance marked the 225th anniversary of the first presentation of this grand work by chorus and soloists in Dublin in 1742.

Soloists this year were; soprano, Marilyn Burris, the 1967 "Singer of the Year"; tenor, Kent Morgan, a St. Andrews College student; Hannah Woods Gross, a former Charlottean alto; and James Barry, minister of music at Myers Park Baptist Church.

"The Messiah" helped to usher in the Christmas season and to remind those who attended or who heard the performance of the real meaning of Christmas.

The presentation, given before a capacity crowd, was broadcast live by radio station WBT. The video tape of the performance will be aired again on a later date.

A graduate of L.S.U., Miss Harris believes that her lecture will be a bit different from Dr. McCall's. Since they are from

different disciplines, they will 'in terpret things from a different frame of reference."

"Dr. McCall is more inclined

to be literary; whereas, I am more technical. A person cannot help but be influenced by his field of study," says Miss Harris.

The Union extends an enthusiastic welcome to all interested students. This should be everybody!

## Combined Chorus To Present Christmas Show

BY ROD SMITH

The UNC-C Combined Chorus will present their 1967 Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 13 at 11:30 in the Parquet Room. Under the direction of Miss Boyette and Mr. Woodruff, the chorus will sing selections from Handel's Messiah, selections from The Bible, and several well-known carols. The two mixed choruses, accompanied by June Kelly and

Sandra Little, have combined for the program. In order to give more students the opportunity to participate in a choral group on this campus, two choruses have been organized this year. Each group is exposed to a wide variety of choral literature, independent of the other and having its own director and accompanist. All members of the academic community and other interested persons are urged to attend.

I Was Shy—

Until I Shopped At Jancy Hat

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