

Shopping for dollars

by Phred Vultee
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Step right up, folks, here it is. No jostling please; everybody will get a turn. Here's your chance to get some of it back. It's time to play a little game.

Here is an opportunity to regain some of the grocery money, some of the late-hours beer funds spent over the last year. Granted, the odds are not so good, but it's closer than Nevada and doesn't require the initial investment of your shirt. Plus, the ultimate goal is the American dream: something for nothing.

You can play it any time you go to the supermarket. "Let's Go to the Races" is Big Star's version, while the A&P counters with the quaintly named "Super Ca\$h Bingo." They're both simple games, requiring nothing more difficult than opening a paper card and waiting with bated breath.

But they seem to be drawing in the customers.

There is a line at Big Star's window after every televised race, a hopeful crowd waiting to check their cards against the winners. Expressions go rapidly from hopeful to dejected, and the pile of discarded slips grows in the

garbage. There are, however, some 4,710 winners in the state every week, and a few of them are skipping around Chapel Hill.

You can spot them easily. The grin gets a little wider as they square their shoulders and march to the office to collect their winnings—generally less than \$10, but occasionally (just often enough to whet the interest) one of the big \$1000 cards turns up. This is cause for general celebration—one of our number has won. Someone has beaten the capitalists at their own game. The rest will be back to spend and hope next week, but at least they know it can be done.

"Let's Go to the Races" is the more exciting game, partly because the illusion of involvement is greater. Maybe, with enough yelling and cheering, the horse that is in your \$100 column will break out and win. Never mind that the show may have been taped a month ago and that number 7 (which you don't have) is getting ready for his dramatic come-from-behind victory. Your horse still might hold out. Just this once.

After a little practice the winning horses are easy to pick. They are the ones nobody has on their tickets, the



Staff photo by Charles Hardy

Playing supermarket games is a great way to win some extra money and lose a little sanity.

ones that save it all for the final stretch every week. The show (aired Saturday evenings on WRAL-TV) is structured to give the appearance of realism, bolstering the flagging hopes of the faithful. Oddsmakers do their war dance, and the horses parade as if this were a real race and not a preplanned facsimile. Try as you might to recognize all this, it's almost impossible to avoid hollering "Come on, you godawful turkey, hold that seven-length lead!" He won't—hell, you've got three of him in the \$100 race and the odds are a little too high.

Super Ca\$h Bingo is more staid, more suited to business majors and little old ladies who get all the excitement they need from professional wrestling. The cashier gives you a card with four bingo numbers and you run home to feverishly

file them in your master game card. Five in a row, and the prize is yours. It begins to seem a little unlikely when you and all your friends have four identical rows of four in the \$1000 game and you all need the same little button.

Bingo also offers the Instant Winner, a phenomenon unknown to horseplayers. If your button says "Instant Winner" you pick up your cash on the spot and spend 80% on a sixpack to celebrate. Such is life. The system reclaims its own.

There are grocery stores (and cold-hearted ones they must be, too) that refuse to engage in this type of activity. A pox on them! Their prices may be a little lower as a result, but they deny the public a great thrill. This weekly perusal of past races, this fevered scanning of Bingo cards is enough 'o satisfy me. And, apparently, a good number of others as well.

So if anybody out there has Super Ca\$h Bingo number xxx (no point in revealing it now, is there?), let me know. That'll give me Bingo four ways in the big game. Oh, you need it too; you'll have it five ways and probably a win in the \$100 game? Well, no harm in asking.

'Cellar Door' deadline set

The deadline for submission of manuscripts and graphics for the fall edition of *Cellar Door* magazine is Oct. 15. Guidelines for prose and poetry manuscripts, as well as for photographs and line drawings are available at the Union Desk. All works should be submitted at the Union Desk.

English grads sponsor Simic Sentence to speak

Charles Simic is a sentence.
A sentence has a beginning and an end.

Is he a simple or compound sentence?
It depends on the weather,
It depends on the stars above.

What is the subject of the sentence?
The subject is your beloved Charles Simic.

How many verbs are there in the sentence?
Eating, sleeping and fucking are some of its verbs.

What is the object of the sentence?
The object, my little ones,
Is not yet in sight.

And who is writing this awkward sentence?
A blackmailer, a girl in love,
And an applicant for a job.

Will they end with a period or a question mark?
They'll end with an exclamation point and an ink spot.

Charles Simic, the young American poet and translator, will be featured here in two public programs on Thursday and Friday.

Simic, 38, has translated editions of modern Yugoslav poets as well as individual poems. He has published a number of volumes of his own poetry and his work also appears in *The New Naked Poetry* and *Contemporary American Poets*. Most recently, he co-edited *Another Republic*, which includes translations of 17 European and South American writers.

He emigrated from Yugoslavia to Paris in 1948 with his mother and later joined his father in Chicago. He has studied and written poetry at the University of Chicago and New York University, served as a military policeman in the U.S. Army and edited the photography magazine, *Aperture*.

Simic now teaches at the University of New Hampshire.

At 7:00 p.m. Thursday, the UNC Slavic and Eastern European studies committee will present "An Evening With Charles Simic: Poems and Translations" in the Frank Porter Graham room of the Carolina Union.

Simic will read his own poetry at 3:30 p.m. Friday in 223 Greenlaw Hall. This program is sponsored by the Graduate English Club.

Student support sought Group opposes execution

by Mary Anne Rhyne
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Nineteen North Carolina organizations will seek the support of UNC students for their effort to prevent new death penalty legislation.

The North Carolina Coalition Against the Death Penalty will organize the effort. Its major plans include a conference to initiate student efforts and plan strategy.

The conference is scheduled for Oct. 9 at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro.

"The conference is not so much for education as for planning strategy and firming up plans," said Alan McGregor, leader of the drive to gain student support.

McGregor said the conference is vital in organizing against new state legislature candidates promising to push new death penalty legislation. The legislators hope to discuss the penalty in January.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled July 2 that the North Carolina mandatory death penalty law was unconstitutional.

The Oct. 9 conference will include workshops on legislative strategy, politics of the death penalty, community education and organization and the death row experience.

The Rev. Joe Ingle will be one of the featured speakers at the conference. Ingle is a

representative from the Southern Coalition on Jails and Prisons in Nashville, Tenn. He is considered an expert on the death penalty in the South, McGregor said.

This is the second such conference the Coalition has sponsored. The first conference was held in May to initiate the Coalition's organizational efforts.

The group hopes to organize students to begin a petition campaign. Students in Charlotte already have started a similar campaign but the Coalition hopes to extend the efforts.

Volunteers will be needed to go door-to-door obtaining signatures on the petitions. A letter-writing campaign will also be organized at the conference.

A 24-hour fast is planned for late October. McGregor said the fast will be a vigil to obtain signatures on petitions to ban the death penalty.

The Coalition publishes literature which student groups may request for distribution. A 15-minute film, "Cruel and Unusual Punishment," is also available to campus and community organizations. The film shows an actual execution.

The Coalition is an organizational group of 19 individual organizations working against the penalty as one of its activities. The Chapel Hill Peace Center and N.C. Civil Liberties Union are local members of the Coalition.

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Less gas not to disrupt UNC

Expected cutbacks in the state's natural gas supply will not affect the operations of the University because of back-up fuel supplies, according to Allen Waters, director of UNC Operations and Engineering.

"We are not in danger because we have always had gas cutbacks. This question of shortage comes up every year.

"In the winter, we shift to coal and oil when we get a cutback (in natural gas)," Waters said.

He said the weather situation affects the natural gas cutbacks.

"Last winter, we were lucky because the weather was mild. It is too soon to determine the amount of this winter's cutback at this time. The earliest that we can

tell is usually November," Waters said.

He said it was more convenient for the University to use natural gas because it is cheaper and easier to burn.

"In having three fuel sources, the University has a flexible supply. If we have a cutback in gas, we will just use more coal and oil," Waters said.

Waters said sizable cutbacks in gas were not anticipated.

"We foresaw a very bad situation with just a gasoline source. As a result of our anticipating a future difficulty, we now have two additional fuel sources.

"We can burn oil, gas and coal. And we feel comfortable," he said.

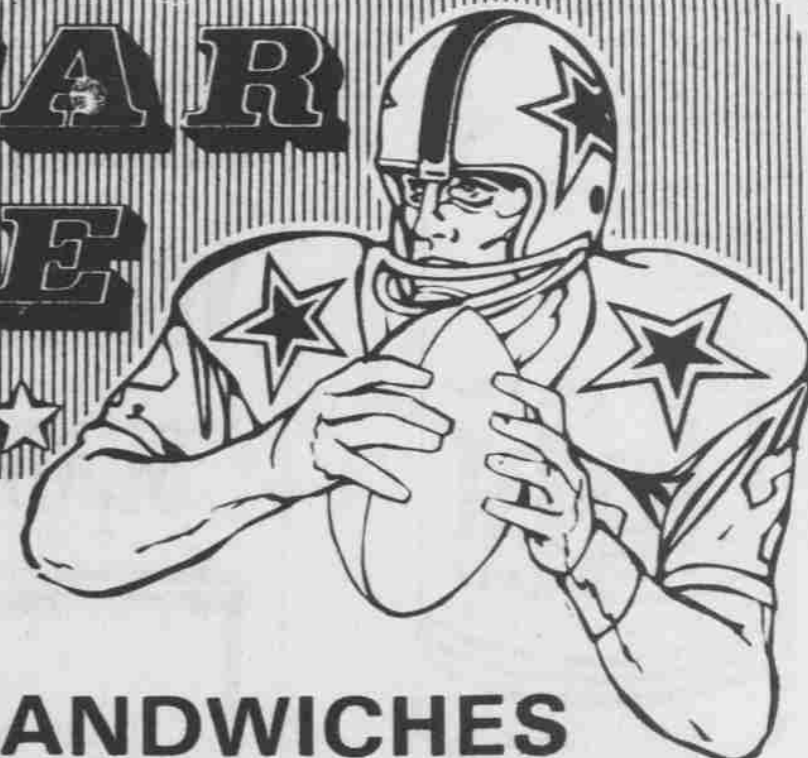
WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING ON CAMPUS?

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