

Major Y: his heart belongs to his band

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John Yes-a-who? "If you can say 'tonsillitis' you can say my name," UNC band director John F. Yesulaitis said. "But you can just call me 'Major Y.'"

Upon entering Major Y's office, it doesn't take long to figure out where his heart is. The walls are decorated with articles and pictures of the UNC Marching Tar Heels. His desk is covered with notes from band members, athletic passes and sheet music. Band members keep dropping by to say hello.

Yesulaitis is beginning his 17th year as band director. He directs the Marching Tar Heels, the concert band and the pep band. When Yesulaitis first came to UNC in 1964, the marching band had 180 members. Now, the Marching Tar Heels, nicknamed The Pride of the ACC, are 240 strong.

A native of Coaldale, Pa., Yesulaitis received his bachelor's degree in music education at the University of Maryland and his master's in music at the Catholic

University of America. He joined the U.S. Army Band in Washington D.C. in 1936 as a French-horn player and six years later was appointed warrant officer bandleader.

During World War II, Yesulaitis was conductor of the 7th and 77th Infantry Division bands and spent more than three years in the combat zones of the Pacific. In 1947, he was appointed associate conductor of the Air Force Band and Symphony Orchestra in Washington D.C. He held that post until 1963.

The retired Air Force major said he loves university life. "The young people really keep you on your toes," he said. "They're enthusiastic and they like a challenge. Give them a challenge and more than likely they'll come through with flying colors."

Yesulaitis devotes almost all of his time to the band. However, he said when he does find some spare time, he enjoys fishing and working around his house. He is married and has two daughters: Joan, 14, and Mary, 16. He said his daughters "play at" music. Joan plays



Major John Yesulaitis

the clarinet and Mary plays the flute.

The main function of the marching band is to support the Tar Heel teams and to promote school spirit among the students, he said. Coaches have said that having the band on the field when the team comes out really peps up the players because they can sense the band's support, he said.

Major Y seems to be well-liked by most of the band members. "He's one cool dude," a freshmen band member said.

Although Yesulaitis will be 64 this month, he said he has no plans to retire any time in the near future. "I'll stay on as long as the University will keep me on," he said. "But if music ever quits appealing to me, or if I think I'm not doing a good job, I'll gladly retire. I care about the band and I wouldn't do anything to hurt it."

Yesulaitis is modest about his role with the band. "I don't make the band," he said. "It may sound trite, but I keep telling people we're like a family. We all work together and care about each other. Caring is what it's all about."

Media Board choice

Taylor to publish 1981 'yack'

By ROANN BISHOP
Staff Writer

The UNC Media Board Monday unanimously approved the Taylor Publishing Company of Dallas, Texas, to receive the printing contract for the 1981 *Yackety Yack*.

Taylor received the approval over American Yearbook Co. of Clarksville, Tenn., and Hunter Publishing Co. of Winston-Salem, N.C.

Taylor presented the lowest bid of the three companies, agreeing to print the *Yack* for approximately \$14,000 less than Hunter, which presented the highest bid.

Hunter, which printed the 1976-1979 *Yacks* and which is now printing the '80 *Yack*, had production problems with past issues of the *Yack*.

"Taylor has the cheapest bid and I believe that they can do the best job," said Cathy Robinson, editor of the 1981 *Yack*.

Trey Monroe, photography editor of the 1981 *Yack*, said that Taylor's quality of black and white photos equaled American Yearbook, but that Taylor's color quality was superior to that of American.

The head of the college yearbook division for Taylor, Dick LoPachin, will be in charge of the 1981 *Yack* account, Robinson said.

Taylor printed the 1973-1975 issues of the *Yack*. In other action, the Media Board unanimously approved the budget of the *Carolina Quarterly* for the 1980-1981 fiscal year.

Quarterly editor Dorothy Hill also announced that the short story "Between the Lines," written by Lee

Smith and published in the winter 1980 issue of the *Carolina Quarterly*, has won an O. Henry Award.

The story will be published by Doubleday in a collection of fiction chosen from publications throughout the nation in the last year.

The board also discussed naming a portion of the Carolina Union addition the "Jimmy Everhart Media Center." That portion would house most campus publications.

The board also suggested placing a plaque in memory of Jimmy Everhart in the new addition of the Union.

Everhart, former chairman of the Media Board, was killed this summer in an auto accident in Lakeview, S.C.

Noise law invoked during 5 parties

Although Chapel Hill police received five noise complaints over the past weekend, Ben Callahan of the Chapel Hill Police Department said, "no arrests were made, and everyone complied by turning down their music when asked."

Friday night, police officers found the noise levels too loud at Crooks Corner restaurant in Carrboro and at parties at Foxcroft and Kingswood apartments. The music was lowered at all parties immediately.

Party-goers at both St. Anthony Hall and Chi Phi fraternities turned down their music Saturday night, after the noise levels were found to be 10-14 decibels above the allowed limit of 55 decibels.

Callahan said that officers visited each noise source only once and that everyone seemed cooperative.

—RACHEL PERRY

Job recruiters here

The following employers and graduate school representatives will be on campus to discuss job opportunities and academic programs on the dates indicated.

Students can sign up for appointments with these representatives eight days ahead of the visit in the University Placement Services, 211 Hanes Hall.

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Sept. 24	U.S. Air Force
Sept. 25	Thom McAn
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