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THE Daily Crossword by Stanley B. Whitten



Officers

gave students the opportunity to fill out a questionnaire on several senior issues such as suggestions for a commencement speaker and a class logo.

They are also the first class officers to hold an activity for the class during their junior year, she said, referring to the "junior night out at Purdy's" last spring.

The first activity as seniors is being planned for sometime this summer, Davidson said. Seniors

hear from people." Brown and Davidson can be reached this summer by calling the Carolina Fund office (962-7031). All of the officers may be reached at the senior class office (962-1987).

should also look for an informa-

tion table at drop-add in the fall

committees, some of which still

need members. "We want eve-

ryone who wants to get involved

Majors said they welcomed any

questions and suggestions students

might have. "We are all three

here," she said, "and we want to

to take an active role," he said.

Brown said there are 14 class

for a schedule of events.

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Review

are fun and pop-oriented, such as "San Antonio Girl"; others show a definite 50's rock 'n' roll influence a la Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley in songs like "I Love You Too Much." Several other tunes on the album like "The Rain Came Down" and "I Ain't Never Satisfied" are more produced and polished-sounding, with catchy choruses. Steve's voice is by no means beautiful but it is powerful a gruff of cynicism and worldweariness.

Unlike many of today's country artists, Steve Earle writes all his own songs and his lyrics are far

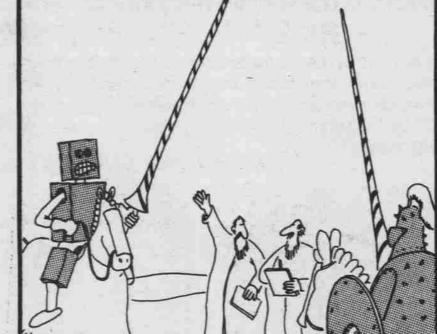
Turtles

patrol the beach at night to enforce closing hours, Bland said. Often, he said, curious people who want to get a look at a sea turtle will walk on the shore at night with flashlights — and lights frighten the turtles away.

"We really don't encourage people walking on the beach at night," he said. "We don't want (the turtles) disturbed."

Once a turtle lays her eggs, Bland said, park personnel put

The Far Side



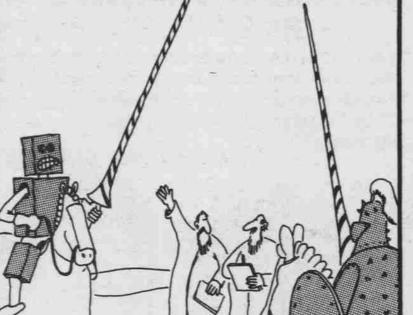
above average. Like his rock 'n' roll counterparts Springsteen and Cougar-Mellencamp, Earle is concerned with small-town life and the common man's alienation from an increasingly stressful, complicated and technological world. Themes of characters feeling as if they are trapped and need to escape run throughout the album in songs like "I Ain't Never Satisfied," "Angry Young Man," and "The Week of Living Dangerously," which is about a man who leaves his wife and kids because "There's something 'bout Mondays always makes me blue."

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mesh coverings over the nests to protect the eggs from predators. The loggerhead usually lays about 100-150 eggs, which are a little larger than golf balls, Bland said.

The eggs hatch about 60 to 90 days after they are laid, Bland said, and volunteers often pitch in to help the baby turtles make it into the water.

"We get a lot of community support," he said.



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Like any good country songwriter, Earle has a way with a story. He turns his attention outward in "The Rain Came Down," a powerful song about the plight of the farmer. Not all the songs are this bleak or serious though - "Sweet Little '66," for example, is about a '66 Chevy. Earle has also mastered the fine art of saying a lot with a little which is so important to country music. In "Nowhere Road" he sings "there's a road in Oklahoma/ straighter than a preacher/ longer than a memory."

It is ironic that although Earle's music is more untraditional than Yoakam's, Yoakam has had less acceptance in Nashville and on country radio and is seen as the rebel. In large part this is due to his outspoken criticism of musicland radio (he called Lee Greenwood the "Tony Orlando and Dawn of C & W" and claimed that the group Alabama "ought to be forever locked away in a Ramada Inn") and because he's chosen to live and record in California.

Because Dwight's music is more similar to honky-tonk country of 30 years ago by men like Hank Williams than the overproduced and mega-slick country of today from Kenny Rogers and Ronnie Milsap, his new album, "Hillbilly Deluxe" sounds very innovative and refreshing. The music itself is stripped down to its bare essentials, which allows some fine guitar and fiddle playing to stand out as well as Dwight's wonderful voice. Don't let the fact that this is country music dissuade you from listening, because it's actually quite catchy and appealing.

Like Steve Earle, Dwight Yoakam writes most of his own songs and has a way with words. In general, though, he is more concerned with male-female relationships. Songs like "Little Ways" and "This Drinkin' will kill me" are typical country lovesick-boy laments but are somewhat tongue in cheek. Dwight sings in the latter. "Death can come from this broken heart/ Or it can come from this bottle/ So why prolong the agony/ Hey, bartender I think I'll hit the throttle." Other songs also deal with unrequited love in a more dramatic and touching way. "Johnson's Love" is about a man that never gets over a lost love, and "Throughout All Time" is a mournful love song - "As the sunshine of the morning/ Broke across your golden hair/ how I wished to hold you tightly/ but I was shy and did not dare." Like Steve Earle, Yoakam is able to create vivid images using simple, colloquial language. Yoakam, like Earle, demonstrates a social conscience, as evidenced in "Readin' Rightin', Rt. 23" about coal miners in his native Kentucky. In different ways, Earle and Yoakam are both changing the face of country. They should make new converts to country and possibly even make country "cool," as well as paving the way for others. Basically these two young men represent a new generation ... and it's about time.



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