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Good Evening!



America's Going to Pot
Congress is debating the decriminalization of marijuana. A recent report by the government finds stiff penalties do not limit use. See story below.

TOP NEWS OF THE DAY

On the national scene: Flooding in six southeastern states has left 23,000 people homeless and 19 dead — coupled with the 69 dead as a result of the crash of a hail-battered jetliner Tuesday the total number of weather-related deaths for the past three days is 110 ... the Carter administration has announced it will start a program to immunize 20 million children against common childhood diseases by the fall of 1979 ... the federal government is planning a new consumer interest agency to represent consumer interests in court and throughout government it was announced yesterday ... illegal guns were seized in a dawn raid yesterday at four Hanafi Moslem homes; Hammam Abdul Khallis, leader of last months' seige of Washington is now in jail pending trial ... a bill to create \$4 billion worth of public works jobs is deadlocked in Congress ... Tom Bradley, the first black mayor of Los Angeles, swamped 11 white opponents to win reelection to that post yesterday ... On the international scene: Fidel Castro is in Moscow to meet with Leonid Brezhnev on the subject of stronger Soviet-Cuban relations ... the Canadian government has decreed that English and French will be the official languages in Quebec; Quebec which claims 80 per cent of its' populace speaks French has said "no way" ... fierce fighting continues in Lebanon; Palestinian guerillas and rightest Christians are shelling each other with artillery trying to gain control of an important strip along the Israeli border ...

VARIETY SHOW

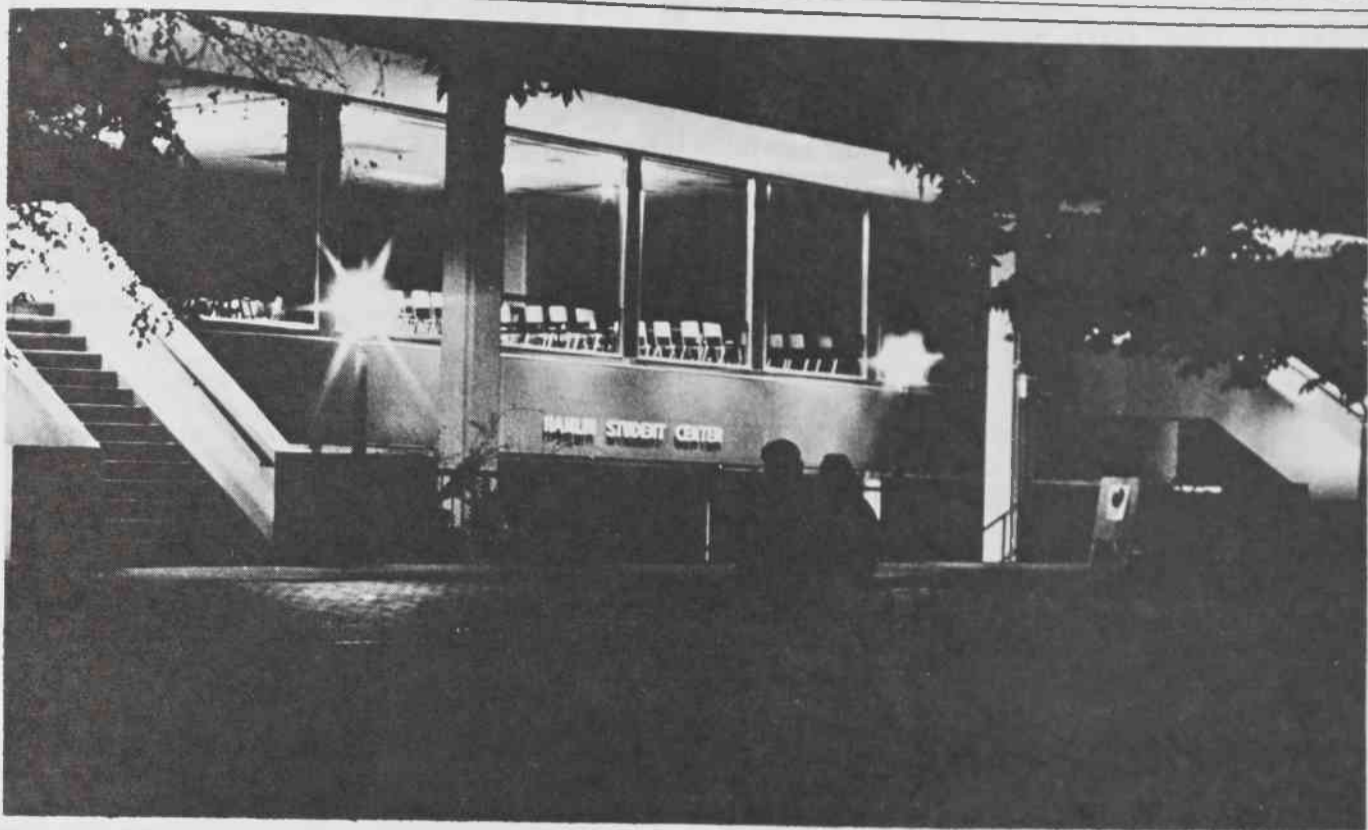
The MENC (Music Educators National Conference) will sponsor a variety show at the fountain tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission will be free and refreshments will be sold.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

A large number of ACC Jaycees are needed to assist in this event tomorrow at Fike High School. See Mr. Tingle in the Student Personnel Office as soon as possible.

HITCHCOCK FESTIVAL CONTINUES

"Psycho" will be shown next Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in Hardy Alumni Hall.



Nighthawks

Almost hidden, two students find a quiet place to talk by the Student Center at night. (Photo by Jimmy Cobb-The Pine Knot)

Frazier Named Department Head

Dr. Robert C. Frazier, professor of mathematics, has been named as chairman of the Atlantic Christian College Department of Mathematics, according to an announcement by Milton L. Adams, acting president of the college.

He will succeed Dr. E. D. Winstead, whose resignation as chairman of the department of mathematics will become effective at the end of the current academic year.

Born in Guilford County, Dr. Frazier earned the A.B. degree at Atlantic Christian College, the M.A. degree at East Carolina University, the M.S. degree at the University of Illinois, and the Ed.D degree at Florida State University.

A member of the Atlantic Christian College faculty since 1959, he earlier taught in the North Carolina public schools. Dr. Frazier is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the Mathematical Association of America, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), and the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCCTM). He has served as

president for NCCTM on several occasions.

Dr. Frazier is a member of the Evening Optimist Club of Wilson and is currently serving his second term as treasurer of the organization. He is a former president of the club and served as a member of its board of directors for four years.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Bissette of Bailey. They have three children. The Fraziers are members of the West Nash Methodist Church where he has served as chairman of the Administrative Board, chairman of the Council on Ministries, charge lay leader, Sunday School teacher and superintendent.

On the district level he has served as a Wilson sub-district lay leader. He has served the N.C. Conference of The United Methodist Church as a member of the Division of Lay Life and Work, Division of Education, and member of Methodist Foundations, Inc.

Dr. Frazier will assume his duties as department chairman at the beginning of the 1977-78 academic year.

Penalties Don't Stop Grass Use

Harsh penalties don't keep people from smoking marijuana and moderate use probably poses no substantial health hazard, says a new government-financed report.

The 375-page report, issued today by the National Governors Conference, also says states that have decriminalized marijuana possession have shown a "substantial" savings of tax dollars.

The report, prepared for the governors by a Washington research firm under a grant from the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration says reducing criminal penalties for pot possession does "not generally lead to an immediate increase in total marijuana use, although the long-term effects of penalty reductions are less clear."

The report said its findings on marijuana use in relation to

penalty reductions "implies that harsh penalty structures do not in themselves deter personal possession and private use of the drug."

The study was based on a survey of previous data, visits to nine states in which a law decriminalizing marijuana possession has been enacted or attempted and on interviews with state officials, the governors association said.

"Statewide data were used when available," the report said. "When such data did not exist, local data and the subjective estimates of knowledgeable political, criminal justice and other officials were used. Care was taken to interview individuals with differing views on the issue."

"Data from Oregon since its decriminalization showed no increase in use during the first two years," the report said.

News in Brief

SNCAE Members Honored by State

The Atlantic Christian College chapter of the Student North Carolina Association of Educators and three members of the chapter were honored at the state North Carolina Association of educators (NCEA) convention held in Asheville during the past weekend.

The ACC chapter was awarded a certificate for having the largest membership among all colleges and universities in the state. This was the second time the college was so honored. A silver certificate was also presented to the chapter by the Student NEA for its increase in membership during the past year.

Cathy Hux, an English major from Roanoke Rapids, was elected to the Executive committee as coordinator of Cluster One. She will coordinate the activities of five northeastern colleges and universities during the 1977-78 academic year.

Casts Selected for One-Act Plays

Student directors have selected their casts for four comic one-acts which will be presented April 21 and 22 in Howard Chapel.

"Clevinger's Trial," co-directed by Walter Knight and Ray Connell, will star John Stone, Randy Fagan, Joe Thompson, Bill Bennett, Bobby Traylor, and Kathi Beilstein.

Jimmy Ward directs "The Footsteps of Doves," starring Cliff Blowe, Donna Perrin, Robin Moore, and Ray Connell.

Donna Perrin will direct Cathy Sue Edwards and Carl Frazier in "I'm Herbert," and Cliff Blowe is directing Susan Williams and Jimmy Ward in "Postcards."

Art Majors to Exhibit in Gallery

Atlantic Christian College art majors will display the best work they have produced during the year at the annual Art Students Exhibit to be shown in Case Art Gallery, on the college campus, April 6-15.

The student exhibit will be shown in two parts. The senior group will be displayed April 6-15, then a general student show from April 18 to May 3.

Ten graduating seniors participating in the show are: Janet Copeland of Edenton, Melissa Green of Roanoke Rapids, and Mark Mosier of Raleigh, commercial art majors; Paul Boyd of Greenville, Duane Creech of Greensboro, Robert Daniels of New Bern, Marilyn Sorrell of Benson, and Gloria Hasselbach of Goldsboro, painting majors; Becky Weinheimer of Wilson, printmaker; and Lynn Morrow of Battleboro, potter.

'Saints and Sinners' to be Performed

John W. Morrow Jr., artistic director of Carolina Regional Theatre (CRT), returns to Carolina stages again in the upcoming production of CRT's "Saints and Sinners," which will be presented at Atlantic Christian College, Wednesday, April 20, at 8 p.m., in Hardy Alumni Hall.

Morrow, who served for four years as director for the Little Theatre of Charlotte, is well known to many North Carolinians for his work with "Unto These Hills" in Cherokee. He has been associated with the popular outdoor drama since 1963 and has played virtually every major role in the show including Major James Davis and Tsali, the man Davis ordered shot by a firing squad. From 1971 to 1975, Morrow was assistant director of the drama, and for the 1976 season was director of the production.