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Jules Bergman

Jules Bergman, science editor for ABC-TV, was recently at UNC-A to address the Asheville public and to hold a science seminar which covered various topics. Mr. Bergman's documentary work encompasses all the latest developments in science, health, technology, and industry. His film documentaries for ABC have covered computers, health problems, cities, oil, sports, injuries, automobiles, the SST, earthquakes, and US arms and security.

On Friday evening, October 28, Mr. Bergman addressed the Asheville public in the Carmichael Humanities Lecture Hall on the topic of "2000 AD: The Way It Will Be." Stating that the year "2000 can be either interrogative, declarative, presumptuous, or insane," he added that in order to reach 2000 AD "We need a new kind of humanistic technology."

Mr. Bergman speculated that by the year 2000, we will have put the genetic code to work, thus eliminating many congenital birth defects, and that preventive work will have begun, minimizing heart attacks and cancer. He further observed that the average life span will be eighty-five to ninety years, hence allowing the possibility of one returning to school at the age of forty

to prepare for a second career.

In the area of science, Bergman cited solar energy as being our saviour, but added that it would have to be more efficient and less expensive before it really becomes competitive. On the subject of nuclear warfare, Bergman said that "we should give nuclear weapons to all countries, and then nuclear warfare could be ended because no one would use them except some radical like Idi Amin and he should be assassinated." He also predicted the use of laser weapons, but said it would be quite a while before they would become practical.

As we reach the year 2000 AD, Bergman felt that the central point should be that "man must prevail, if we lose track of that, then we lose everything else." He further asserted that "we too often avoid using our best brains and instruments," and that "technology is neutral; it is man that controls it." Additionally, Bergman touched on such topics as the Vietnam War, aviation, energy, the possibility of Hydrogen being a power source, genetics, and medical and scientific advancements. Referring to his job, Bergman said at time it was "baloney, sickening, and a pain."

-Allison Phillips



Photo by Gene Jones

Senate Meeting

Committee Appointments

The UNC-A Student Senate met Tuesday, November 1 at 3:30 in the Student Government Office in Lipinsky Student Center. Senators present were: Parham, Skeelee, Reed, Reynolds, Kent, Brown, Finley, Williams, Putnam, Keesler, Harvey, Smith, Neuschaefer, Saunders. Senator Penland entered at 3:35. Roll was called and last week's minutes were read and approved. Others present were Branham, Bigelow, Crowley, Greeson, Parker, Eller, and Stuart.

Our two new senators, Steve Finley, Junior Senator and Kay Reynolds, Dorm Senator, were recognized and welcomed to the senate. Dale Saunders, expressing the views of the BSA, said that the BSA funds for Ruth Jones would be donated independently of the Hardship Relief Fund which was set up in the Oct. 25 meeting.

Bill No. 18 was introduced to be voted on at the next regular meeting. Bill No. 18 reads as follows: I hereby appoint the following people to the Committee on Recreation and Intramurals: Donna Brown, John Clarke, Gary

Stone, Liz Harris, Bill Adams. President Branham stated that this bill replaces a former committee called Recreational Facilities Committee.

The senate then moved on to the introduction of Bill No. 19. Bill No. 19 states: As an Executive Appointment, I hereby appoint Leonard Crowley to the Publications Board. There was a short discussion with Mr. Crowley on his qualifications for the Publications Board. Senator Kent made the motion, seconded by Parham, to suspend the rules and vote on Bill No. 19. The motion passed unanimously. With no further discussion brought up, Mr. Crowley was asked to leave the room and a vote was called. Bill No. 19 was passed with Senators Williams, Putnam, and Penland abstaining, and Senator Smith voting nay.

After a short discussion on the promotion of the upcoming concert, Senator Keesler made the motion, seconded by Reed, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously since everyone was already out of the door.

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Theatre UNC-Asheville will open the 1977 Forum Theatre series with John Millington Synge's "In the Shadow of the Glen" on November 3 at 4:00 p.m. in the Carol Belk Theatre.

The play, an Irish Folk Comedy, is directed by H. Byron Ballard. It centers on a man's attempt to catch his faithless wife by playing dead. The cast includes Valerie Stewart, Max Reagon, Fred Jones, and Michael Hyatt.

Tuesday, November 8, Forum Theatre presents "All Saint's Day" by Marian Winters an off-Broad-

way playwright. Directed by Julie Guemple, this tragic drama involves the lives of two vagabonds who are overtaken by an ominous presence on Halloween, the eve of All Saint's Day. Fred Jones and Tom Lee are in the cast.

Forum Theatre is a series of student directed one act plays. Refreshments will be served in the theatre lobby at 3:30 p.m. Each performance will be at 4:00 p.m. The audience is asked to stay after the show for discussion with the director and cast.

Rape Series Begins

Melissa Winfrey

This article is to be the first in a series of articles concerning the subject of sexual assault (RAPE). Due to class conflicts many students were unable to attend the seminar held in September. Therefore, we are trying to give them an opportunity to acquire the knowledge missed through print.

"It is the fantasies of rape, or perhaps we should say the myths, that have formed our ideas of rape because they are all we hear about it."

Medea & Thompson, *Against Rape*

Myth No. 1: Rape is an impulsive act of passion.
FACT: 71% of all rapes are planned. The place arranged, enticement was used, or the victim was deliberately sought and a plan made to coerce her into sexual relations.

Myth No. 2: Women cry "RAPE" as a form of revenge against former male friends.

FACT: Of adult victims (over 18) the vast majority were raped by strangers. Children who are raped are more likely to know their assailant. Unfounded rapes make up .4% of complaints.

Myth No. 3: Only women who dress provocatively and are in places where they should not be are raped. In other words, women who are raped are asking for it in one way or the other.

FACT: Women of all ages, races, and economic backgrounds get raped. Only 16% are explosive acts. Rape is a crime of violence.
Myth No. 4: If you are going to be raped you might as well relax and enjoy it.

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