

## CREDIT OPEC FOR CURBING OIL APPETITE

An Editorial  
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*Despite harrowing economic forecasts for 1980, I advance, with temerity, an ambivalent perspective on recent OPEC oil price increases. That is: America's prodigal consumption of oil will begin to abate only when petroleum prices reach the economic threshold of pain.*

*OPEC price hikes, as galling as we proud Americans find them, are the only restraining force I have been able to discern at work on the national energy scene. Therefore, I aver that Americans should credit OPEC, albeit grudgingly, with providing increasing incentives to curb our voracious appetite for oil.*

*In popular discussions of America's energy plight, the starting point is often the same — the OPEC cartel is blamed for doing us in when the villain is actually the average American. Such an attitude smacks of scapegoatism. Market decisions on petroleum purchases are ours to make. OPEC does not ask us to buy their oil; they simply supply it (for now).*

*Thus, Americans face two limpid and ineluctable choices. We can continue to subject the commonweal to the whims of the OPEC cartel, or we can exercise national restraint by diligently practicing sound conservation measures. For rational and patriotic reasons, I opt for the latter choice. Is there really any other?*

## ART FOR SALE

An exhibition and sale of original graphic art will be held Tuesday, January 29, in the lobby of Carmichael Humanities Building from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Marson Graphics, of Baltimore, specializes in original etchings, woodcuts, lithographs and serigraphs. Featured will be works by Chagall, Daumier, Fantin-Latour, Maillol, Rouault and Whistler.

A selection of works by contemporary artists such as Baskin, Coughlin, O'Connor, Kacsmarek and Eggers will also be included.

The collection is priced with prints beginning at \$5. A representative will be present to answer questions about the work, the artists and the various graphic techniques employed. The prints are shown in open portfolios in an informal atmosphere.

## EDUCATIONAL BARGAIN FOR UNC-A FAMILY

The University of North Carolina at Asheville participates in two separate programs providing tuition free courses for eligible employees.

The Educational Assistance Program is authorized by the N.C. Office of State Personnel. The details of this program are available in the State Personnel manual which is on file in our Personnel Office. Under this program only full-time permanent employees who have completed six months of continuous service with the institution are eligible to participate.

Part-time permanent employees are also eligible if they work half-time or more and if they have had one year of continuous service.

The eligible employee may take a course at any of the accredited high schools, business schools, community colleges, technical institutes, or colleges or universities or correspondence schools.

The course taken must be directly job-related. Courses taken purely for cultural or personal enrichment do not qualify.

Under this program the employee is expected to obtain the advance written approval from our personnel department and is expected to pay for all the necessary expenses of the course. Following successful completion of the course the employee may request reimbursement for tuition, registration fees and laboratory fees.

The second program that we participate in is the Tuition Remission Program as authorized by the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina. This program allows eligible full-time employees to take a course tuition-free during the period of their normal employment. This free tuition privilege must be requested, and approval is not automatic. It can be allowed for only one course in each academic term. The application form for taking a course under this program is available in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Finance.

Employees who have obtained this form and have received written approval will not be expected to pay the tuition at the time of registration. If approval has not been received at that time, the employee is expected to pay for all costs and will receive a refund if and when subsequent approval is obtained.

Under this program, only tuition is provided. The employee must pay for

## BUDGET REQUESTS DUE FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Recognized student organizations and activities who are requesting funds from the Campus Commission on Student Services Funds for Second Semester activities are reminded that budgets are due on January 23, 1980. Budget Request forms and instructions may be obtained in the Office of Student Affairs or the Office of Student Activities. They are to be returned to the Office of Student Affairs no later than 4 p.m., Wednesday, January 23. Budgets from student organizations who were not recognized during First Semester are due in the Office of Student Affairs no later than 4 p.m. on January 30.

The Campus Commission is charged with the responsibility of receiving requests for funds from student organizations and activities for the purpose of financing programs or activities of general student interest not provided for by standing committees, organizations, or other functions. Any student organization even a Type I, may request funds for a specific activity which is of general student interest. The Campus Commission has oversight responsibilities for the financial integrity of all programs that it funds and provides for regular and a proper accounting for funds awarded to each function or program. On occasion the Campus Commission calls for special reports or audits of programs that it funds.

As a matter of policy the Commission **will not** fund requests for the following:

1. Travel which specifically benefits the members of a particular student organization or activity.
2. Regular office supplies which may be received through the Inter-Organizational Council.
3. Telephones.
4. Registration fees for conferences or conventions which specifically benefit the members of a particular student organization.
5. Food purchases which specifically benefit the members of a particular student organization.
6. Alcoholic beverages.
7. Equipment which specifically benefits the members of a particular student organization.
8. Jewelry or clothing which specifically benefits the members of a particular student organization.