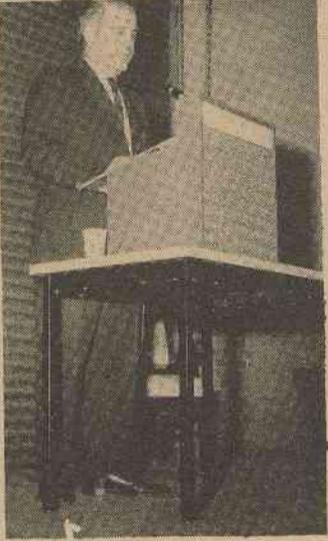


# Reasoner, Noted Commentator, Speaks

By BRIAN NEUENSCHWANDER  
Noted journalist and television commentator Harry Reasoner lectured to a large crowd Tuesday night in the Laurinburg National Guard Armory. Earlier in the evening, a coffee was held for Reasoner in the Student Center, where a group of students gathered to ask questions of him and to hear his opinions on both domestic and foreign news issues.

Reasoner, who has been a com-



mentator for CBS since 1956, has hosted such CBS specials as "The Fat American," "The Teenage Smoker," and "The Other Face of Dixie." Through the years, Reasoner has become one of the best known television personalities in the country. He appears on CBS morning and afternoon reports and is host of the Sunday night "CBS Reports."

Reasoner prefaced his lecture on the failure of objectivity in American journalism with some remarks about the rising tide of cynicism in the world. This cynicism may be detected in almost all areas of human activity, and it is this, not disagreement or party spirit which presents in reality the greatest danger to America today. Reasoner cited examples of cynicism in the advertising industry, in politics, in journalism and in family life. There is a growing necessity for better communication between individuals - a need for, as he says, "Caring."

Part of the lack of communication between individuals or among groups, Reasoner admitted, is the failure of the doctrine of objectivity in American news media. The opinions of people are

valid only if the newspaper they read presents the facts objectively - only if the broadcast they listen to is unbiased. Some of the responsibility for growing cynicism, implied Reasoner, rests with the news industry in its failure to report as clearly and fairly as possible.

Reasoner expounded four possible solutions for this lapse in American news coverage. First, companies can simply admit their biases and continue in that light to editorialize. This, however, is a rather poor method because too many people tend to forget this bias and accept the news as objective. Another possibility is to so involve the reporter in his job that he is able to report all sides of an issue with equal enthusiasm and directness. Thirdly, the correspondent may act simply as a "blotter" and relay all stories as he sees them and when he sees them.

The best possible answer to the problem of slanted reporting, Reasoner feels, is a "new professionalism." Reporters must be instilled with a high concept of duty - just as all true professionals must. He must relay events as he sees them, not as he feels them. But bland "stacked



fact" reporting can be as misleading to the public as bias. The reporter must be able to use years of experience and knowledge of news events to present to the news consumer a picture which is not only accurate in detail, but true to the spirit of the event. The spirit of truth is nearly always illusive. And, as Reasoner stated, "The secret to the illusiveness of truth is the illusive quality of caring." "Caring" is the strongest wea-

pon we have in the fight against cynicism. The consumer of news also has his duty in the quest of objectivity in news reporting. He must care enough not to use the news merely as a lever to back up his hostilities and prejudices. Reasoner told of the fear many of his generation have because college students apparently do not care enough. In closing, he exhorted college students not to fear sentimentality, continued on page 7

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## IRC Presents Exciting Programs

The International Relations Club, while perhaps one of the most exciting and most important clubs on campus, is probably one of the least well known organizations. A brief glance at the club's activities this year will illustrate its variety and its importance to the intelligent student.

Speakers for the programs this year could be divided into three groups: student speakers, crisis area speakers, and information speakers. The first program of the year fell into the first category. In late September Sarah Yancey gave a "Report on Russia." She had spent a summer abroad gaining college credit as she toured Russia. Her talk helped to explain Russian attitudes and to destroy American misconceptions. The third program, a December meeting on the "Image of the American Abroad," also falls into this category. Mrs. Olga Horn, a faculty member of Swiss origin, and Linda Fisher, a student who had spent a summer in Switzerland, discussed European feelings toward Americans in this representative European Country.

In the second division of "crisis area speakers" fell the second program of the year. In November Lt. Col. Driscoll of the Special Forces discussed the American policy and involvement in Viet Nam. Also in the division of crisis came the program of January 14. The speaker was Tshimbalanga Marc, a qualified authority on the subject. Dr. David McLean acted as translator when necessary. The next program on a world

trouble spot will be in April. Dr. Brian Rose will speak on the future of the white man in the Republic (formally the Union) of South Africa.

The first "information speaker" of the year will address the International Relations Club at 7:00 P.M. on February 15 in the small dining room. Col. Jack Carter, formerly of the Royal Marines and now a representative in the U. S. of the British Joint Staff, will explain the function of a large embassy in a national capital. The next program of a similar nature will be at 6:30 P.M. on March 10 in the small lounge when Mr. Wilber Kelly of the U. S. State Department will speak on how one may begin a career in the State Department. He will meet with interested students in the small dining room that afternoon.

But these meetings do not comprise the extent of the activities of the International Relations Club. It is also about to participate in the Great Decisions study program of the Foreign Policy Committee. It may send representatives to the 18th annual AIRC Conference on April 1-4 at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. The Conference will examine U. S. Foreign Policy and the Sino-Soviet split. IRC members may take part in a six and one-half week study tour of the Caribbean area. This analysis of Caribbean history and current politics is worth six hours college credit. The total cost including air transportation from New York to San Juan and all

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## Knights Revenge Loss To Monarchs

Well, Sports Fans, the Lord seems willing and the creek sure isn't rising because the Knights are on the winning trail. The Knights won the second conference game in a row Wednesday night with a 76-74 win over Methodist College. This placed the Knights fifth in the Dixie Conference standings. A win over Charlotte College tonight will place the Knights in a tie for third place.

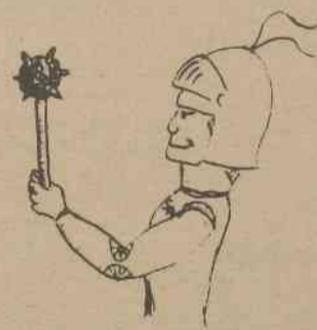
A different and better team took the court Wednesday night as the Knights gained control of the game and held the lead most of the game. Even though the game was a squeaker, the Knights seemed to have the game all the way. One of the major factors in the game was the referees. To quote a fan, "Whichever team wins this game will have to beat seven other people!"

The Knights had five players in double figures as each player would pick up where the others left off. High scorer for the Knights was Benny Brockwell with 22 points. Bryan Ferguson and Roger Dixon were each tied with 12 points. Larry Taylor poured in 13 points before he fouled out of the game. Vann Taylor came on to make several "clutch" shots for the Knights as he hit for 11 points. Guy Starling had 4 points and Jim Wilson 2 to round out the Knight's scoring. Roger Dixon commented and as it could be seen by every spectator there that the team "played its heart out!"

The Knights play Charlotte

here tonight and a win would place the Knights in a tie for third place. The standings at the end of regular conference play means a lot to the pairing off for the conference tournament play in Rocky Mount next week.

Again, the LANCE is happy to congratulate the Knights on their fine victory and wish the best of luck for success in the tournament play.



### 'HELLO, DOLLY!' STARTS TRAVELING

NEW YORK (AP) - Australia is the first overseas country to get a production of "Hello, Dolly!" Starring in the production, which opens March 27, is Carole Cook, a west coast protege of Lucille Ball.

The hit Broadway musical's down-under version is being directed by Fred Hebert, an associate in Frederick Brisson Productions, who previously staged "The Pajama Game" in Sydney.

## Inter-Dorm Council Request

The Inter-Dormitory Council is making plans for the second Annual Awards night tentatively scheduled for May 13, 1965 at 7 p.m. They are offering organizations the opportunity to recognize at this time any outstanding members of their organizations, or to make any other awards. They would like to have a list of the awards by April 14 in order to complete the plans for the printed programs.

## Kirkham Recital

The School of Music of St. Andrews Presbyterian College will present in Junior Recital Miss Edna Kirkham. The recital will be held in the Choral Auditorium of the Vardell Building at 8:15 p.m. on February 17.

Miss Kirkham, a junior from Wilmington, is a student of Mr. Lewis Hoy, Associate Professor of Piano.

The public is invited to attend.

## HOME HAIRCUTS IN ATLANTA

ATLANTA (AP) - The buyer for the notions section of a big department store says the sale of hair clippers has risen 500 per cent in the past two years. The reason: higher barbershop prices.

The buyer reported one store executive's wife cuts the hair of her four boys and sometimes takes a whack at her husband.