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Editorial

Energy Waste

A building contest has been going on these past few years between various North Carolina banking institutions in Charlotte. The current title-holder in the height category is North Carolina National Bank which recently opened a 40-story tower sheathed in reflective glass. Six-sided, it dominates the skyline with its walls carrying the shimmering outlines of the smaller, more humble buildings that surround it.

The hands down winner in the Energy Waste Category, however, is Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., whose new 32-story edifice is illuminated, from top to bottom, all night long, by 164-1,000 watt lights. According to Felix de Golian, projects director for the Wachovia Center, the lighting is a "fun way" to call attention to Charlotte's "new, vibrant downtown." Mr. de Golian sees the lighting project, which uses as much electricity in one hour as the average family does in a week, as a "very significant benefit to downtown Charlotte for the drop-in-the-bucket cost of electricity" Wachovia enjoys. Under current power rates which make electricity cheapest for those who use it the most, Wachovia pays about \$2.50 an hour for their electricity; the average residential customer would pay \$4.16.

We find Mr. deGolian's reasoning just short of ridiculous. There is no justifiable reason for such an ostentatious display of corporate ego at a time when the public at large faces skyrocketing power costs. As for Mr. deGolian's desire to leave the lights on all night, we wonder just how many people are likely to be out enjoying the Wachovia Center's significant contribution to the vibrant new downtown life of Charlotte at 3 o'clock in the morning?

For the Wachovia Center's owners to think that such blatant irresponsibility would go unnoticed is the kind of out-of-touch-with-the-public attitude that deserves a letter of protest. Address them to Felix deGolian, Projects Director, The Wachovia Center, 400 S. Tryon Street, Charlotte, N.C.

COMING EVENTS

- March 6-9: "The Chalk Garden"; 8:00 p.m.
- March 8: Baseball vs. Wesleyan; 1:00 p.m.
- March 9: Jargon Festival - Mel Edelstein
- March 10: Jargon Festival - Johnathan Williams; 7:30 p.m.
- March 12: Jargon Festival - Johnathan Williams; 11:30 a.m. evening
- March 13: Baseball vs. UNC-W; 3:00 p.m.

-Fielding Dawson Prose Reading

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Gordon Ball Relates Ginsberg Friendship

Pulitzer Prize nominee Gordon Ball visited the St. Andrews campus last week to visit his friend Ron Bayes and talk about his book "Allen Verbatim." Subtitled "Lectures on Poetry, Politics and Consciousness," the work is a compilation of lectures and talks by famed author-poet Allen Ginsberg.

Ball was introduced by Ron Bayes, who, noting that "things happen first at St. Andrews," quoted a New York Times review of Allen Verbatim scheduled to appear on March 1. The author talked with the small group in the New Meck lounge about his friendship with Ginsberg and the transcontinental van trip from which "Allen" was drawn.

In addition to discussing his book and his friendship with Ginsberg, Ball also described the career of his 48 year-old subject. Best known for his book "Howl," Ginsberg decided to become a poet his senior year at Columbia University when, as he later described it, he heard a voice reciting William Blakes poem "Sunflowers" from "Songs of Experience".

Ah, Sun-flower,! Weary of time

Who countest the steps of the sun,

Seeking after that sweet golden time

Where the traveller's journey is done:

Where the yough ined away with desire

And the pole Virgin shrouder in Snow



GORDON BALL discusses his book and the life of Allen Ginsberg in an informal session.

Arise from their graves, and aspire

Where my Sun-flower wishes to go

Noting that Ginsberg "writes enormously-music, songs, poems, prose; only about one-fifth of his work ever gets published." Ball said he was currently editing Ginsberg's journals for publication. The first installments will cover the years 1948 to 1963, with a second volume anticipated later.

After a break for refresh-

ments in Meck director Neal Bushoven's apartment, the group returned to the lounge to hear a number of unusual recorded items, including the only recording of Ginsberg reading selections from "Howl"; Ginsberg reading poetry of William Blake with accompaniment by Bob Dylan; and finally Ginsberg reading into a telephone as part of the "Dial-a-Poem" service that existed in New York in the early 1960's.

New Speaker List Proposed

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promise could be reached. The Tuesday meeting then added.

A second meeting was held on Wednesday night for those who wished to suggest further nominees. The Committee then composed a ballot hearing twenty-five names which was deposited in each seniors box last Friday. The ballots were returnable until noon on Saturday, at which time the committee began tabulating the returns. The new list, from which a speaker will be sought, was as its top ten names the following:

1. Barbara Jordan - (see above)

2. Jack Anderson-syndicates columnist - "Washington Merry-Go-Round"

3. Ken Kesey - author of "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest;" portayed in Tom Wolfes's "Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test"

4. Susie Sharp - Chief Justice of the N. C. supreme court; Only woman in America to hold that post

5. Anne Erlich - (see above)

6. James Dickey - poet, author of best-seller "Deliverance"

7. Lillian Woo-noted North Carolina consumer advocate, formerly with Consumer Protection Agency of the N. C. Department of Justice

8. Leslie Fiedler-critic; author of "Love and Death in the American Novel"

9. Herbert Marcus-noted professor of philosophy and author of "One-Dimensional Man"

10. Joyce Carol Oates-author; winner of 1970 National Book Award; professor at the University of Windsor (Canada)

The candidates will each be contacted by Dr. Hart, who will go down the list until one agrees to come. The process is expected to take several more weeks.

The statement in last week's editorial claiming that this school was first advertised "For Whites Only," is misinformation. In fact I am told that it was the underlying sentiment of many of the first faculty members that integration be the policy.

As the result of a survey taken last Fall, the weekend library hours have been changed. From now on, the library will be open on Saturday from 1-5 p.m. and on Sunday from 2-11:30 p.m. This represents an increase of 1.5 hours a week.

Recruiters from the following businesses/school systems will be on campus to interview interested seniors for career employment on the following dates:

Rose's Stores, Inc. - Thursday, March 13

Burroughs-Wellcome - Monday and Tuesday, March 17 and 18

Chesterfield County, S. C. Schools - Tuesday, April 15

Raleigh, N. C. Schools - Thursday, April 17

Wachovia Bank and Trust Company - Wednesday, April 23

For more specific information concerning each company and to sign for interviews students should contact me in the Placement Office (Ext. 397).

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