

PIRG Study Released

The North Carolina Public Interest Research Group (NC PIRG) recently released a major study which details the costs and benefits of state legislation that would place a minimum deposit upon all beverage containers. The report, entitled "Throwaway Containers: No-Return for North Carolina", concludes that Minimum Deposit Law would have "significant benefits for North Carolina."

"The excessive use of throwaway containers by bottle and can manufacturers has risen sharply in the last ten years," said Finis Williams, a Duke University senior and co-author of the report. "We found that the per capita consumption of beverage containers has grown 164 percent in the decade from 1959-1969, but the actual consumption of beverages increased by only 29 percent."

The NC PIRG study examines the costs and benefits to the state from the passage of a Minimum Deposit Law, and summarizes the economic, environmental, and energy consequences as follows:

- a two-thirds reduction in beverage container litter, which makes up about one-half of the state's total litter problem;
- a reduction of 5-8 percent in the amount of solid waste which must be collected and disposed of, and a corresponding reduction in costs to the state of \$500,000-\$800,000 each year;
- a reduced energy demand and use of natural resources, because returnable containers consume only one-third to one-quarter the energy required by metal cans and throwaway glass containers; we estimate the resulting energy savings as equivalent to heating the homes of over 100,000 persons per year;
- no legal barriers exist to enactment of such legislation;
- mixed economic impacts, including a potential gain of more than 600 new jobs for the state, together with increased production or handling costs for some parts of the beverage and container industry; overall increased costs to the industry are estimated to be one to two cents per container the first year, and these costs are expected to decline after the first year.

Legislation was introduced in both the N.C. House and Senate recently by Representative Charles Webb and Senator Charles Vickery. We urge its prompt passage by the General Assembly."

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Day Camp

The Scotland County Enrichment Day Camp will be held at St. Andrews for a five week period during June and July, 1975. Operating daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., enrollment will consist of approximately sixty second, third, and fourth graders who ordinarily would not be able to participate in a day camp because of the fees and the fact that they are behind in their school work. The purpose of the alternate day camp and school is to work with the children of the community in an effort to bring about an increase in the growth and knowledge of all the people involved in the project. Ten education majors and student teachers from St. Andrews, with the assistance of the St. Andrews faculty and community professional in education and recreation, will provide the service.

The total enrichment program will include projects in academics, arts and crafts, recreation, special activities and community involvement. Special features of the day camp are breakfast and lunch will be provided for the children in the program; they will have access to St. Andrews facilities; and, the students will be exposed to an open classroom situation which will be based on a learning center technique.

Scotland County Enrichment Day Camp is to be financed through donations from churches, community organizations, the St. Andrews Student Government, and the State of North Carolina. A small charge of \$2.50 a week per child in the program will also be required; however, some scholarships will be available.

Wild Week

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and past the Development Office and the Guidance Center to the Liberal Arts Building, where they must take the sidewalk between the LAB and Avinger down to the lake, tag their teammate and collapse in a heap.

As the cyclists pile up on the shore, another contestant will pit his skill against the fish, eels and unknown horrors of Lake Ansley Moore, swimming across to the boat landing at the St. Andrews Beach and Yacht Club near New Meck. As he emerges from the water and begins to pull off the green slime he will have accumulated in transit, two more players will begin scooping water out of the lake at the landing and transporting it to a large and quite empty trashcan at Wilmington Hall which must be filled. Successful dispatching of this problem will enable the team to move on the Spoon in Mouth (as opposed to foot) Contest, in which people must put a spoon in their mouth, balance an egg on it, and walk it down the ramp at The Wall to a lamppost at the far end of the lake front side of the College Union, where they may turn in their egg, throw it at the officials, or eat it.

Two sacks sewn together comprise the equipment in the Two Sack Jump/Fall, which goes from the end of the Egg Walk to point on the College Union service road. There a male team member must ride a female member piggyback around the back of historic Old Meck and back to the front of the College Union Building, where the race ends and the survivors repair to lunch.

After lunch a bluegrass music festival and beer will be served up on the lakefront as the college prepares for The Launching, a formal, BYOB affair on the causewalk at which the Lloyd Henson Band

will hold forth beginning at 8 p.m.

For those able to make it on Sunday morning, there will be a post-Launching brunch at 11:30 in the cafeteria, with which the official revelries will come to an end.

Monday at 9 p.m. Gray Eubank will present "The Homecoming of Beorhthelm's Son", a play by J.R.R. Tolkien described by Eubank as "an experiment in environment and theatre." The play will take place on the courtyard at Avinger Auditorium.

May 14 will see a production of "Epitaph", a play by Chris Taylor to be presented at Farrago at 11:30 a.m. as a Common Experience event. At 7 p.m. May 15 in the Liberal Arts Auditorium there will be a showing of student made films.

Perkinson

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prefer to use the services of an already established organization, such as The Lance, to spread news than to add to the proliferation of newsletters and bulletins around campus with one of his own, as was suggested by a student.

The president's schedule this week and next calls for over a dozen meetings with departments of the faculty and students as well as part of his "orientation" to the college. Asked toward the end of his talk with the freshmen what he thought about the social life on campus, Perkinson smiled and said, "Right now I'm not sure, but I'll be living in Concord—the guest room, that is—(laughter) for a month and ought to get to know pretty well as time passes."

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