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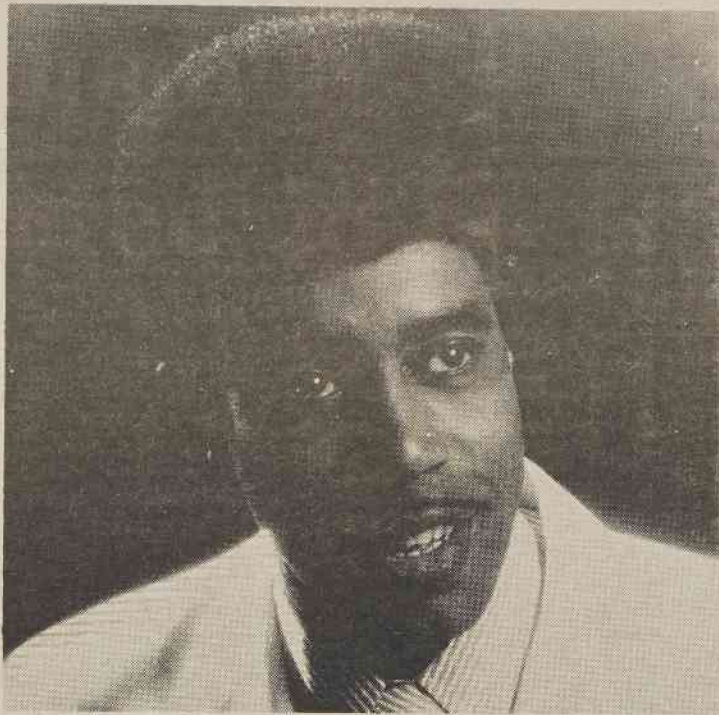
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Clifford Currie, pictured above, backed up by Jonah and the Whale, will be featured at the Social Commission dance which will be held February 7 at 8:00 p.m. Currie is best known for his hit "She Shot a Hole in My Soul." Tickets for the dance may be purchased in the campus book store or Almand's Drug in Downtown Rocky Mount for \$3.00 per couple, \$2.00 stag.

## Pool Room Reopened; Vandalism Corrected

BY GARY CHRISTOPHER

Attorney General Jim Gill used his prerogative on January 16 to close the campus game room as a result of the extensive damage that was inflicted upon one pool table and several other implements of recreation.

Gill stated that the condition of the room was "deplorable" and that students had made it their practice to destroy the game room machinery as quickly as it could be re-

paired. The pool room was closed as a last resort after it was discovered that a plexiglass window and frame that had been replaced three days earlier were destroyed. At that time Gill conferred with SGA President John Roberts and with the Athletic Commission Chairman, Hugh Cross, and the decision was made to close the room for a week.

Gill questioned, "How can game room privileges be given if no responsibility is taken by students? No one is being hurt

except the students who use the room."

When the game room reopened at noon on January 23, it had a rather new face. The pool table that had been damaged was removed by workmen of the Thorpe Music Company, the firm from which the amusements are rented. The decision to remove the pool table and several pinball machines came from the SGA. Gill said that the Thorpe company was undoubtedly losing money on repair bills, and although Mr. Thorpe had consented to provide the pool tables at his loss, the SGA decided that this was asking too much. The table was therefore removed rather than repaired. "Although profits are divided between the SGA and the Thorpe Company, it is Mr. Thorpe alone who must take the brunt of the damage. And it is a rather embarrassing situation to ask his repairmen to come out here two or three times a week." Although the

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## Inter-Faith And Religious Life Begin Sunday Services

As a result of student requests there will be a series of Sunday morning worship services sponsored by the Religious Life Committee. Gary Christopher, Chairman of the Inter-Faith Commission said that the first of these services will be held on February 1 in Garber Chapel, and that the frequency of subsequent services will depend on student involvement.

Requests from the Senate as well as from individual students prompted the adoption of the Sunday services which will be on an informal yet thought-provoking level.

The program is seeking to be diversified and to meet student needs as much as possible.

Students are urged to make suggestions and to become involved in the presentation of the services. The first worship service will be conducted by President Collins, while subsequent programs will largely be in the hands of students.

## Explosions Occur; Search Conducted

Tom Fredericks, campus ARC, commenting on the two explosions set in South Hall on January 22, 1970, said, "I was up on third floor between 12:30 A.M. and 1:00 A.M. and an explosion went off down on the second floor landing, so I went down and saw someone standing there, who has been suspected of having fireworks in the past."

Fredericks stated that there were two explosions which oc-

curred Thursday night, but no one was injured. The first one was set at approximately 12:45 A.M. and the second at about 1:30 A.M., resulting in a room search of six rooms, one on first floor and five on second floor.

Fredericks commented, "The reason was to find any explosives, firecrackers, cherry-bombs, or gunpowder we could find." The search was (Continued on Page 2)

## Weekly News Review

By JOHN HINNANT  
**International**

Newsmen report starvation, rape and looting to be occurring deep in Biafra. Over 7000 tons of food, or enough to feed five million people for 20 days, lies in warehouses, stopped by an embargo by Nigeria because the agencies donating the food helped the starving Biafrans during the war. Thousands of children too weak to move because of starvation are expected to die in the next week if

food is not forthcoming. A Londoner stated, "God help these children. Nobody else seems to want to. I cannot believe this is happening." Several nurses described the Nigerian troops as "monsters" and report cases of beatings and rape among their own number. 1970 appears to have begun with a horrible example of man's inhumanity to man.

### National

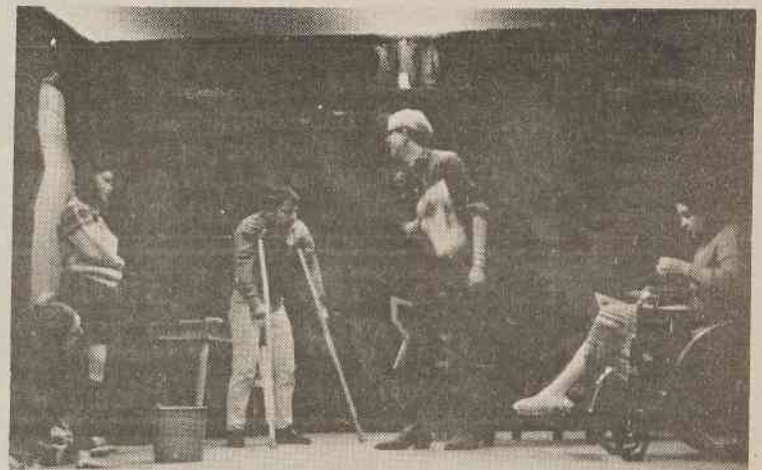
Thursday at 12:30, President Nixon delivered his State of the

Union message to a joint session of Congress. Going against the traditionally detailed speeches, Nixon based his message on broad national priorities. The major concerns of his administration will be inflation, crime, federal spending, and pollution. Under the topic of pollution, Nixon urged the Congress to spend over 10 billion dollars over a period of 5 years to find a way to stop the destruction of our environment.

Monday the Supreme Court declared that local draft boards could not speed the induction of Viet Nam protestors by a 5/3 decision. Justice Douglas stated in the majority report that the law does not give the Selective Service "free-wheeling authority to ride herd on the registrants using immediate induction as a disciplinary or vindictive measure."

The Selective Service Board has issued instructions to the local draft boards not to draft persons whose lottery numbers exceed 60 during the month of February.

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Judy Johnson, Martha Polley, Ed Hardy, Sam Morris, and Barbara Epps rehearse an emotional scene from "The Hundred and First." More cuts of the one-acts are on page 4. It is one of three one-acts scheduled to open in the experimental theatre January 29.

## Student-Directed Comedies Produced

Wesleyan College Theatre Department's one-acts are scheduled to open Thursday night, the 29th in the experimental theatre. The plays, three contemporary comedies are entirely student-cast, student-produced, and student-directed, with the drama faculty acting only as advisors.

The one acts are "A Morning After the Fig Tree Bloomed," "The Hundred and First" and "The Sandbox," directed by Ann Bland, Bob Bronough, and Sheila Glover, respectively.

Working along with the directors and cast are the production crews. Rick Houck is set designer and technical director

as well as the head of set construction and pain crews. Bill Watson is stage manager, Nancy Hannon, head of properties, Betty Lee, costumes, Jan Turner, publicity, and Helen Steiner, makeup crew.

The plays, which are farcical, deal with aspects of society as each playwright sees it. They ridicule the middle class, while at the same time they express man's lost identity, as his true nature becomes "socialized."

The plays will be presented on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights the 29, 30, and 31st at 8:30. The cost of tickets is fifty cents, and they are sold at the bookstore.

## SAAB Reaches Goal For Ad Building Elevator

Bill Brantley, spokesman for the Students Against Architectural Barriers, announced last week that the organization has achieved its goal of \$6,000 toward installation of an elevator in the main classroom building. SAAB instituted the project less than one year ago--in March, 1969. The SAAB expressed the

hope that the administration would now push for the installation of the elevator. SAAB spokesman, Bill Brantley, stated that they wish to thank all of the contributors on the Wesleyan campus and in the Rocky Mount area who helped them raise the \$6,000.