

Weekend Choir Outing - 1975

by Sally McAllister

At four thirty on Saturday afternoon, you may have noticed a caravan of four cars and one van leaving from Dana Auditorium with the car in the rear playing "chinese fire-drill" at the intersection. Did you by any chance wonder who in the world these people were, or where they were going? It was the choir! Our destiny? It was Sara Beth Terrell's farm, about forty-five minutes away, for what turned out to be an even better outing than we had planned on.

After a very scenic ride in the country, we arrived at the farm about five thirty and found that our menu for the night had been increased: one car load had stopped to buy marshmallows. Yea marshmallows! (This reporter is addicted to them). We milled around, petting the nearby horses, posing for photographer Bec Enos, and meeting Sara Beth's parents, brothers and sisters.

Next, the group was swept into a thrilling two games of volleyball with Pat Townsend's team challenging Barb Smith's team. Oh, and I can't forget our coach, Ed Lowe, who incidentally was on the losing team for both games. Sorry, coach, but hoorah for Barb's team! After becoming hot, sweating, and vavenous, everyone refreshed themselves with iced tea and ice water, and had no trouble whatsoever downing a few roasted weanies, potatoe chips, chocolate chip cookies and marshmallows.

After eating, part of the group lingered near the fire while others wandered up into the nearby pasture and proceeded to serenade the various cows and horses with the group's latest hits. One horse, obviously so moved by the talented voices he was hearing, couldn't contain himself any longer and began to nuzzle a few people.

Following a beautiful sunset, these serendaders waded through mounds of manure back to the fire, and joined the rest of the group in a round of square dancing called by the one and only Dave and Barb MacInnes. Square dancing for what seemed an eternity was, to me, the best part of the whole night.

This outing gave us new members the best possible chance to get to know the older members and in a much more fun way than asking our neighbor after choir practice,



Ed Lowe shows talents other than directing the choir Photo by Enos

"Who was the boy in the blue shirt three rows behind me, tonight?"

Judging from the classes and our Saturday outing, the club is like one big happy family. Everyone is so nice and friendly. Thank you Ed and old choir members for including us, helping us learn our songs, and for just being the neat club you are.

Recycling on Campus

Biophile club is now starting recycling stations around the campus. Newspapers, flat paper, cardboard, tin cans and all glass except for brown glass are being collected. Biophile needs people to look after recycling stations in Milner and Bryan dorms. If you are interested contact Amy McAllister in Hobbs 25 or Aki in English dorm. Don't throw away your newspapers, recycle them!

Sketch book Lost

Don White, a photographer for the *Gullfordian*, has lost a sketchbook in which were the negatives from an entire summer's work in photography. This is a serious loss. The book is an "Aquabee" 14" x 17", spiral bound, 100 pages with a yellow cover. Anyone finding the book is asked to return it to Don in Milner 355, or to the *Gullfordian* office, second floor Founders', or the information desk in Founders.

Geology Class Says Fare Well to Clay Pipe Co.

by Crystal Palmer

On Tuesday, September 9, Dr. Donald Gibbon of Guilford's Geology Department took his Minerology class on a field trip to Pomona Clay Pipe Co., 4609 W. Market Street.

For the past ninety years, Pomona has been turning this area's red clay (mixed with some sandstone) into bricks, pots, children's modeling clay, chimney flues, 24 inch diameter drain pipes and various other products. Pomona will not be in Greensboro much longer, however, as plans are underway to move all production to the company's plant in Gulf, N.C., where natural gas is cheaper and their facilities are newer and more efficient. This change-over made the perfect opportunity for a geology class visit. We could actually walk right into some of the idle kilns.

In between admiring the huge pieces as they were formed, drawing finger pictures in the fine red dust and joking about the squat, round-roofed brick kilns ("They look like something out of Mesopotamia!" whispered Prof. Gibbon in an aside), we began to get an idea of the physical and

chemical processes at work. We learned the reasons for careful control of the firing temperatures (some of the chemical bonds in the clay must be altered, causing it to fuse into hard terra-cotta, others must be unaffected, or the material becomes too brittle) and the effects of the rates of heating and cooling (a kilnful of fired objects takes days to cool down from its maximum temperature; even so, the clay is partially fused into glass). We also learned about the influence of water (the clay is dried out and re-moistened several times in the molding process and finally dried for 72 hours to help prevent it shattering in the kiln; water expands it as it gets hot!) and the importance of having enough air in the kiln (lack of oxygen turns the clay bright blue!).

The Pomona field trip was the first of many which the Geology Department has planned for this semester. Some of these, especially two during Fall Break, are open to all those interested. One of these goes to the Western North Carolina mountains, the other to the N.C. coast (accompanying, but not identical to, the Coastal Ecology seminar sponsored by the Biology Department).

Poetry Contest

To challenge student participation in creative self-expression, International Publications is sponsoring a nationwide College Poetry Contest open to all college and university students in the United States.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter by your having the enclosed, camera-ready Contest Announcement inserted in your student newspaper, if possible either in the end-of-September or the beginning-of-October issue or, at your discretion, in both issues. These suggested dates would allow the students adequate time to meet the contest deadline of October 25.

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The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Scholarship Committee annually announces its scholarship for one year of graduate study, resulting in a master's degree, at a university in Scotland. The scholarship is awarded to a senior with superior academic records and with limited means so that the student may have an opportunity for graduate study in the homeland of his/her ancestors. The scholarship covers the costs of transportation, tuition, and living expenses of the scholar for one academic year, beginning in the fall months and ending in June of the following year. Applications will be accepted by the Scholarship Committee until April 15, 1976. Application blanks, correct address, and more detailed information available in the Academic Dean's office, Archdale 106.

Up for Grabs

Forms have been distributed for application for the North Carolina Tuition Grant of \$200 to all apparently eligible students. If you have not received one and believe that you may qualify for this grant, please request one at the Registrar's office.