



Photo by Townsend

by Damon Hickey

The late Jack Benny once told his television audience about a meeting of the American Library Association he said was in town. They had some good speakers, according to Benny, but every time one of them stood up to make a speech, all the delegates said, "Shhh!"

No one is likely to identify Connie Regenos, Louis Romine, Rose Simon, or Damon Hickey with that discredited image of librarians. We are all loud-mouthed extraverts who enjoy conversing with people rather than trying to maintain the silence so precious to librarians of yore. So it comes as something of a shock to be asked by students to keep our voices down so that they can study.

There are some very good reasons why it's not practical anymore for librarians and library users to try to simulate the atmosphere of a Benedictine monastery. But there are also good reasons for having large areas where quiet can be maintained. For one thing, there is nowhere else on

campus where you can be sure of quiet for study. For another, most people need quiet areas adjacent to the library materials they are consulting in order to use them effectively.

But the present arrangement of the library discourages the development of such sanctuaries. Public service people (the loudmouths mentioned above) inhabit every nook and cranny, from the front desk to the reference room and all the way through the bookstacks to the office of Hickey and Romine at the back of the building.

Recently someone conceived the brilliant idea of centralizing public services so that the rest of the building would be left in peace. So within the next year or two, the front room may get a face-lifting, and both the circulation and reference operations would be moved into it. Current periodicals and reserve books would move down the hall to the big room that now houses reference books. There students would be able to read and study,

totally undisturbed by noisy librarians.

The conversational and typing noises now generated by Hickey and Romine in the bookstacks will be removed over spring break to two small offices (seminar rooms 2 and) on the third floor, up the stairs near the Quaker Room. That will free all the study carrels in the stacks from the grip of noise pollution. Unfortunately, it will also eliminate seminar room 2 as a study room. We hope, that the liberation of three floors of study carrels will compensate for the loss.

Also, we now have some areas that are quiet and available for study when not in use by classes; the Fine Arts Room (with sofas, tables, and comfortable chairs) on the third floor, up the stairs near the Xerox machine; and the Curriculum Materials Center (old reserve room), down the stairs near the Reference Room.

We welcome the community's reaction to our proposed changes. We also urge you, if you feel that someone is being unnecessarily noisy, to ask that person (even if I'm the offender, which is not unlikely) to lower his or her voice. After all, we grew up being told to be quiet in the library; so we're used to it.

Women's Center Speaker

The Women's Center will be sponsoring a talk/discussion with Kathy Adams, a part-time professor in the psychology department on Wednesday, February 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the Gallery. She will be speaking on "The Unnecessary Dichotomy Be-

tween Careers and Home-making". Currently finishing up her PhD in experimental psychology from the University of Alabama, she helped teach a course on the psychology of women while a graduate student. Refreshments will be served.

Do monasteries fall under the heading of "other such institutions"? Have you noticed how much violence there is in coed high schools? One fight I saw in high school comes to mind because of its brutality. They literally tore tufts of hair from each other's heads, they bit and scratched and kicked each other's groins. No holds were barred. One woman's hands were badly cut by a razorblade effectively hidden under the other woman's beehive hair-do.

What about the violence of the late sixties, the violence which followed the sexual revolution. What about the ghetto riots. You can't tell me these riots weren't related to the frustrations of being black and poor and almost hopeless

in a rich racist society. If someone wrote the GUILFORDIAN claiming that ghetto riots were simply a manifestation of testosterone levels and/or a lack of sexual activity he would be rightly ridiculed. To make that sort of claim about the Lebanese people is equally ridiculous.

I also believe that love is good for the body, mind and society. Sex also is healthy whether you're gay, bisexual or heterosexual. Yes I agree that we are creatures of the body...but we're much more as well, we're social creatures and we're thinking creatures. Body, mind and society are all interrelated and no theory that only considers one while ignoring the others can explain human behavior.

David B. Freeman

International Scene: Peru and Its People

by Aki

Since 1968 Peru started a radical change, and nobody knows toward where yet.

Lima is quiet. Some people have written: "Lima the horrible". By quiet, I mean nothing happens. I mean there are changes of government and other fusses; but not much happens that helps the

people. So the people lived on without much hope -- until 1968.

Peru, by geography is divided into three regions. The cities are located on the coast. The mountain ranges run north to south. They're the Andes. The Inca Empire flourished there, high up, dominating. The vast, un-

known jungle lies on the East. The Amazon River nourishes the exotic trees (and the mosquitoes) on its way toward Brazil.

Peru, by class, is divided into three sections. The Indians live mostly in the provinces. Lima is the biggest thing they aspire to. They

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Speaker on Angolan Crisis to Appear in Founders

By Nashon N. Udoto

The International Relations Club (IRC) and BASIB are co-sponsoring a speaking on Monday, February 23, 1976. The speaker is Mr. Musa Kamara. He will be speaking on the Angolan crisis. He will begin his address at 7:00 p.m. in the Gallery room of Founders Hall and his speech plus questioning session will not last for more than 1½ hours. Refreshments will be served after the question period.

Mr. Musa Kamara, currently the president of PASOA (Pan-African Student Organi-

zation in the Americas) works at A&T University as the Assistant Director of Instructional Development. He is also an assistant professor in the Agricultural education department. Mr. Kamara is from Sierra Leone, West Africa.

From my personal contact with Mr. Kamara, I find him a very informed person on African affairs. He has been invited by many institutions both in and around Greensboro to address himself on a variety of topics about the struggles in African countries geared towards political and economic independence. The civil war in Angola happens to

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