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## Critics Should Offer New Alternatives To The Sign

The new green sign in front of Main Hall has evoked much criticism from students in the past few weeks. But how much of this criticism has gone beyond an expression of dislike toward constructive ideas for improvement? The fact that the student body wishes the sign to be removed has been well established. We should not expect action, however, until a suggestion has been made for a suitable replacement. Many possible locations and styles for a sign exist. For example, could a metallic historical marker, similar to those seen throughout North Carolina, be secured by the college and placed on Church Street by the library?

As citizens of the college community, we certainly possess the right to dissent. Such a right carries with it a responsibility to consider a solution for the problem in question. Anyone who is concerned enough to offer thoughtful criticism should have considered the issue at hand so carefully as to be able to suggest a solution.

An issue now exists on campus—the sign. Let us exercise our right to dissent. But let us make sure our criticism is valid by meeting our responsibility and suggesting a replacement for the standing marker.

C. J. Q.

## Imaginative Student Dreams Of Fun-Filled Cemeteries

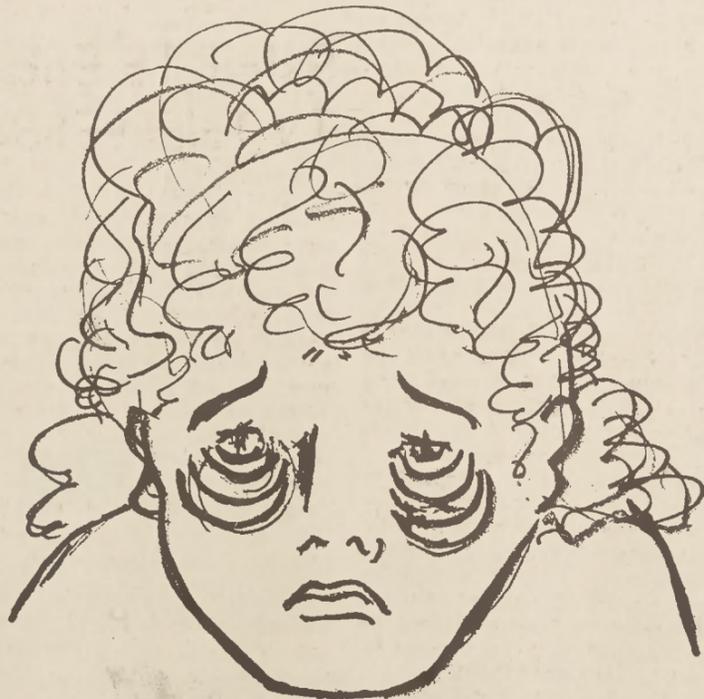
By Lynn Flanders

Cemeteries aren't as much fun as they used to be, and that's why I'd never like to be dead in one. All the new kinds of cemeteries are supposed to be calm and serene, so if you ever decide to go wandering around one, you'd just better be calm and serene. Some people go wandering around being afflicted with bereavement which is O.K. if you like to walk around being afflicted with bereavement. I don't think I'd like that and if I were dead, I wouldn't like a whole lot of people just moping around my cemetery being like that.

When I'm dead, I want people to be happy when they come to see me. I want little kids and their dogs to be running through and I want the balloon man to sell his balloons in my cemetery and I want people to pick some of the pretty flowers, but not all of them. Then I'd really be happy just knowing that people are enjoying my cemetery, and if they didn't want to see ghosts they wouldn't have to see any. But, if they wanted to play with some, we'd have a couple extra on hand. Then we could have a party and that's fun. And a lot more people would hear about how much fun you can have in a cemetery and then everybody would want to come and we could have a hotdog stand and maybe a Coke machine with lemonade in it, because when it's hot, lemonade is really good, except the hotdog stand and the coke machine would have to be outside the cemetery so it wouldn't be ugly.

That's the way I'd like my cemetery to be if I were supposed to be dead in one. I'd like to know that people are having fun in my cemetery and that they're all the time not being calm and serene and

afflicted. That's what I'd really like—a cemetery for my own self where I can see all the sit-ins and the parades and the little kids with their hot dogs and even the old balloon man because he's my friend. So, whenever you decide to pass away (that's how my mother says you're supposed to say it when you're talking about somebody being dead), just come on over to my cemetery, because it's really going to be pretty and we can just sit back and enjoy ourselves.



... 14 Days 'Till School's Out ...

## Around The Square By Carol Carson

Lavaliers, serenades, prize-winning plants, a coke machine, a Honda, and an engagement helped to make this past week at Salem another unique one.

Chris Mathews won silver, china, and crystal this week, but, more than that, she added a Lambda Chi lavalier to her possessions. George Findley, a Wake man from Palm Beach, Florida, followed an example set by many of his fraternity brothers and secured Salem freshman Chris last weekend.

Monday was Sue Wooten's birthday. She'll find this year's day hard to forget, for not only was she twenty, but she also became lavaliered to Andy Beard, a Beta from Davidson. Don't you wish you'd celebrate a birthday like that!

What's this about being asked to wear a lavalier after only two dates? You freshmen must have been extra attentive—or was he a Lambda Chi?

Debbie Yager's serenade last Wednesday night was certainly pretty, but to Clewell it came as a total surprise. Sorry those "jets" took off during the first song, Debbie!

Four spotlights illuminated more than Nancy Taylor and the Sigma Chi's during the serenade Monday night. Clewell girls got a chance to be in the movies... but with hair rollers and a beauty mask? I guess we'll forgive them for the

## WRA Sponsors Tennis Match

The morning of May Day proved to be a big one for Jane Bray and Donald McLeod, who were the winners of the student-faculty tennis tournament. Play began at 9 a.m. with eight matches. The winners of the first round moved to the second round while the losers went into a loser's bracket. This bracket was ultimately won by Bevie Carter and John Spitz.

The play in the winner's bracket continued to the semi-finals when Jane and Mr. McLeod played Betsy Payne and Paul Peterson with the Bray-McLeod team winning, giving them a berth in the finals. The other final's berth went to Nancy Richardson and Jerry Surratt, who defeated Susan Harvard and James Edwards in the semi-finals. The finals were held at 11:30 a.m., and Jane and Mr. McLeod won by a 6-2 score over Nancy and Mr. Surratt in an excellent display of tennis.

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candid shots since the songs were so pretty. Next time don't plug in the extension cord, Sisters'!

Salem may be well known for her rhododendrons as well as for her girls and her music. A father who should know what he's talking about remarked that the blooming plants on either side of the driveway between Sisters' and South were quite valuable. We have prize-winning planting, girls!

B. B. James met the coke man-to-call-in-an-emergency, after she'd met a policeman while, attired in p. j.'s, she held up several cases of cokes inside the machine for over half an hour. It seems that the machine wouldn't surrender its treasure for a dime, and B. B. tried to encourage it. Now the number to call is enshrined under glass in Clewell's front office. Next time please stay fully dressed, though. The basement's drafty when your hand is being refrigerated.

Julia Daniels discovered a new way to gain entrance to the infr-

mary. Her Honda burn was quite serious, but I heard a rumor that she's going to ride one again. That's the spirit, Julia!

Mark Livingstone from The Streets of New York has come to visit Salem's campus as Ran Sheffer. Ran, an editor for a Winston-Salem publisher, and a former Peace Corps man in Thailand, has engaged Mary Sterns for a late summer wedding. Ran, an ATCO, spent two years at Davidson and graduated from Carolina before meeting Salem sophomore, Mary. Play practice was really worthwhile for her!

A note of warning must end this article, as I have heard strange tales of a Pied Piper in a blue coat haunting our campus. She is usually seen walking to and from Clewell and the F.D. in sandals and that blue coat, playing strange tunes on her flute (a souvenir from Founders' Day). Be careful... her tune may lure you away to play, too!

## Editorials Express Views On ECC University Status

(Editor's Note:) Although the North Carolina General Assembly recently defeated East Carolina College's bid for separate university status, the issue will probably remain in the news. The following articles express two of the prevalent views on the question. Gentlemen:

I urge you to support East Carolina College's bid to become a separate university. I have many reasons to support this request; however, the primary ones are as follows:

Under the present consolidated organization, there will be for North Carolina's college students only one educational philosophy stemming from one focal point and then dispersed to the other units in the system. In a separate state-supported system, this can be avoided and North Carolina's students will have a choice of educational philosophies still within the framework of the state-supported system.

Secondly, the accusation that ECC will create duplication is hypocritical because the present system now is educationally duplicated at the four existing campuses. North Carolina State University is now offering liberal arts degrees that are available at UNC-CH. Several years ago N. C. State College was a highly specialized technical institution with nationally recognized identity. Now its program is leading it toward "another" good liberal arts school.

Also, Woman's College at Greensboro was formerly known as the country's second largest and best women's institution in the United States. Now, male students are on the campus and there is rumor of a sports program to compete with other colleges. In summary, Woman's College has lost its identity and is becoming "another" liberal arts university.

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte has been created. This campus must have professors, physical facilities and money to operate as does UNC-CH, UNC-G, and N. C. State University at Raleigh, yet still offer the identical liberal arts curriculum that is available at these above listed units. Is this not duplication in its purest form?

It has also been stated that educational competition among separate state-supported universities will bring economic disaster to the state and that general competition should be avoided. It is human nature to compete and as humans we all want the most results from our money for the least effort or expenditure. By competition, the people of North Carolina would be the beneficiaries

because competition would bring the highest utilization of money spent on the educational process.

The only method to determine what unit is fulfilling its goals and using its facilities to its highest capabilities is by competition.

Perhaps the greatest fear in the consolidated system lies in its "bigness." On the national scene one can see what happens when one gets too big. Politically, North Carolina has fought the bigness of a centralized federalism and has been historically in favor of localism. Yet, in education we propose to create a centralized giant that will be a monster to handle in the future because this system will lose its touch with the local citizenry. Every day we fight to maintain our identity and try to prevent becoming a number. Must we hasten this trend by creating a non-individualistic educational system whereby a student loses his identity in the bigness of a vast educational empire?

I ask you to please vote to create a separate university at East Carolina and to prevent North Carolina from degenerating into a chaotic condition that now exists in the State of California.

Michael L. Bunting  
A letter to the General Assembly reprinted from the Greensboro Daily News.

That was a strange concept of a university which Durham's Dr. Lenox Baker expressed at last week's legislative hearing on the bid of East Carolina College to become a university separate from the Consolidated University. Dr. Baker said that the state, in granting the college independent university status, would be supporting "the education of the little man, the average man, not the Phi Beta Kappa or the Ph.D."

Perhaps Dr. Baker, who is chairman of the State Board of Health, was not expressing the college administration's view of the role of the Greenville institution. He said he had never seen the campus at Greenville and was "flattered" when supporters of the college asked him to appear at the hearing. But Dr. Baker was not exactly expressing an official view, he was expressing a view widely held among North Carolinians who want East Carolina College to become a university separate from the Consolidated University system.

North Carolina, of course, should be concerned about the education of young people who are classified as "average." Certainly mediocre students deserve as much attention (Continued on Page 4)