

CONSIDER...

by Eric Garner

In the fall of last semester, as students arrived on campus, they were confronted by a group of Resident Assistants who were selling a fabulous discount card for \$5.00 known as the I.R.H.A. (Inter Residence Hall Association) membership card. This card would allow you to receive discounts or free admission to social events on campus such as dances, movies, and concerts.

From the \$5.00, two dollars were kept by the IRHA and three was sent back to the Hall Council of each dorm. Since that time only limited functions have been sponsored by IRHA. It is true that Inter Dorm government on this campus is virtually inactive because there is no constitution to guide any group to act as an organized system of government.

At present a constitution is being drawn up by several concerned students.

It will take a couple of months for this constitution to become effective and IRHA (or whatever organization develops) can be reorganized. It will be this fall before any organization can be effective. In the meantime, what is happening to that \$5.00? Several Hall Councils across campus have contemplated the idea of refunding most of the \$3.00 which it has since so little of it has been spent. There is still the \$2.00 which the IRHA holds. Should that be refunded too? It is fairly obvious that the unorganized (and at present, non-constitutional) IRHA cannot sponsor enough activities in the remaining two and a half months of school to give the students their \$5.00 worth.

Please send comments to the Housing Office or any statements to "Letters to the Editor," Hilltop, P.O. Box 1148-C. It is your \$5.00 we are concerned about.

von Daniken Replies

At the conclusion of my mini-term course Was God an Astronaut?, the 25 members of the class and I drafted a letter to Erich von Daniken. Von Daniken is the author of three books dealing with this theme. The students were encouraged to write a frank paragraph. I in turn would write an introduction and have the entire document typed and sent to von Daniken. Von Daniken's lengthy reply arrived just recently. I have translated it from the German and have attempted, in doing so, to keep as closely to von Daniken's words as I could. Therefore, the language may seem somewhat stilted at times.

Dear Mr. Kramer:

I thank you for your letter of January 30 and for your interest in my work.

It was with pleasure that I read the different opinions of your students on my

books, Chariots of the Gods and Gods from Outer Space. You will certainly understand that I can not answer each one individually. I would however like to answer some of the counter-points collectively.

I. Why have we been visited by extraterrestrial beings and what was the purpose of this visit?

Intelligence means constantly "increasing knowledge." If someone somewhere in the Universe has reached a technological standard that makes possible space travel involving great distances, they will surely want to increase their knowledge. One will therefore answer the final question of Philosophy: Are we alone?

Now it has been proven that in the case of intergalactic flights at very high speeds, time differ-



SOUNDS of SINGING YOUTH HERE MONDAY

by Jonathan Riddle

The 1974 edition of "Sounds of Singing Youth" from Hendersonville will present a new Christian folk musical "I'm Here, God's Here--Now We Can Start" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 4 in Moore Auditorium.

In September of last year this musical group was selected by Word Music Inc. of Waco, Texas, to present the North Carolina premiere of the new musical by Ralph Carmichael and

Kurt Kaiser.

The new musical is a unique worship experience, complete with the use of a five-screen multimedia presentation. While the group is singing, over 500 slides will be shown depicting the songs. This will help the listener to become involved in the total message of the musical.

The 1974 edition of the "Sound of Singing Youth" numbers 120 singers and 13 instrumentalists.

Soloists for the musical include: Clay Richardson, Elaine Jones, Diane Dunn, Debbie Mashburn, Jim Pearce, Joel Hudson, Robyn Croft, Jeff Cooper, Wendy Walker, Patti Rogers, Debbie Mack, Rob Tolleson, Susan Hinson, Lynn Heatherly, Donna Jones and Kathy Jewett.

All students of the college are invited to this presentation, a unique worship experience.

need an internship ?

Twenty-five internships are available for students in the Department of Natural and Economic Resources' Summer Intern Program.

Applicants must have completed two years of college or technical training to qualify for the internships.

This is the program's third year. It is designed to



supplement student classroom work with practical experience, while providing the department with assistance in problem solving, according to Dr. Arthur Cooper, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources. Most of the internship programs are located in the Raleigh area, with some scattered across the state. The students usually work for 12 consecutive weeks between May 6 and August 30.

Among the projects to be covered are land use planning, computerized inventory of state air quality and fuels, and geological properties of New Hanover County.

Sincerely yours,
Erich von Daniken

This is part I of von Daniken's letter to Mr. Kramer. The Hilltop will publish part II in the next issue and the conclusion, Part III in the following issue.

Information blanks may be obtained from the Personnel Office Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Box 27687, Raleigh, 27611, or by calling (919) 829-4860.

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