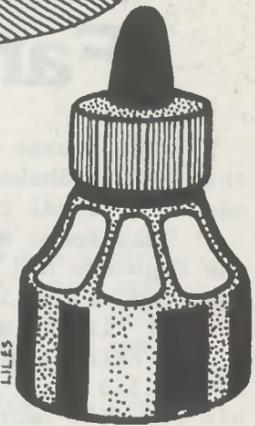
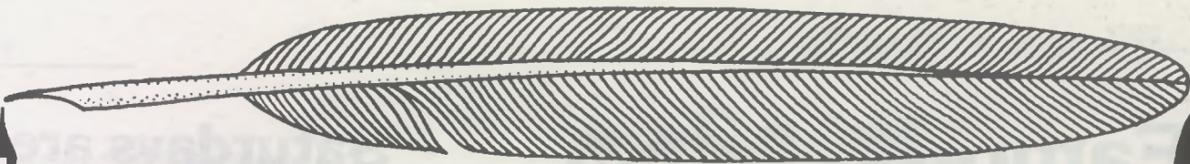


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Student Union

In the course of this year, many problems have surfaced within the school and they have been of varying degree and area. Thus, it is beyond the scope of one article to focus on all of them. The Stentorian has chosen to devote space to one particular problem of significance.

Three hundred students live on this campus and the majority are in class seven hours each day. They spend at least three hours on homework and approximately one hour in the cafeteria. They may spend one hour on work or community service. They sleep eight hours and an additional one on the necessities of life. These are very liberal estimates, yet they still only add up to twenty-one. This leaves three hours each day for a student to do as he pleases.

Three hours of free time is not a bad thing, obviously. What this typical student does with his or her three hours however, is a cause of concern. He or she might decide to stay in the dorm room and read or listen to music. The more adventurous student, however, might prefer to watch TV or simply socialize with other students. The former is no problem, but the latter is where the difficulty begins.

There are four co-ed lounges on this campus. One is on the third floor of Bryan Center and another is on the second. Both are very small and could conceivably accommodate fifteen people each as a maximum. The other lounges are larger. The one in the basement of Wyche House is rarely used by most students. It is not in a central location and offers little in the way of furniture. The only lounge which is widely used is the Hill House lounge. It is large, carpeted, comfortable, and contains a TV. Yet, it is not large enough to serve as a student union for three hundred students.

The academic portion of the school demands a great deal. Therefore, in return, the school should provide the student a place to recreate and relieve tension. The game room, which now has little equipment, is open only during meal hours. This is utterly ridiculous. Students need these opportunities for recreation when they have the time to use them, not when they are pressed for time.

Another important avenue of release for many people is sorely missing here. Every other high school student in this state has access to a gymnasium. The students here who would like to use a gym to relieve the pressures placed upon them by their classes are denied this option.

Of course, a gymnasium and a student union are in the plans for the school's future. Actually, the earliest a student would see a gymnasium is in the spring of 1984. The student union as a separate entity will never exist. It will consist of an area in the gymnasium. Before that time the school will have a new dormitory, new laboratories, and a library which encompasses an entire floor.

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Sadie Hawkins

The NCSSM Sadie Hawkins dance is scheduled for Saturday night, February 13, but many of us know nothing about the Sadie Hawkins hillbilly tradition widely observed in the United States today. Usually held on the first Saturday in November, Sadie Hawkins Day originated in the 1930's and was portrayed in the "Li'l Abner" comic strip by cartoonist Al Capp.

According to tradition, the high point of the holiday was a race of sorts in which all the single males in town were given a head start before the young ladies began their chase. If a man was caught before sundown, he had to marry his captor. Marriage is not usually a part of the bargain nowadays, but Sadie Hawkins Day is still observed as an occasion for the woman to ask her favorite fellow for a dance or a date.

Unicorns Win Tourney

Going into the North Carolina School of the Arts tournament last weekend the boys' basketball team had a record of 6-5. Although they started the season with back-to-back losses to Vance Academy, the Unicorns made up for their late start in practice with hard work on offense and defense. On their third game this effort paid off.

Thoman Gilchrist got the last basket of his season-high 31 points at the buzzer to beat the Durham Academy Cavaliers by two. Behind the leadership of Gilchrist and Henry Kuo the Unicorns have also defeated Jordan (J.V.), Hale, Wake Christian, the Raleigh Baptist Association, and the North Carolina School of the Arts.



The Unicorns defeated Carolina Friends School in the opening game of the N.C.S.A. tournament. With Thomas Gilchrist's strong play in the first half and Curtis Adair's leadership in the second, the team was able to capture the championship over a strong team on Saturday to win the tournament.

Coaches John Pollins and Larry Hartzel directed this team through its first season. They counted on strong play and hard work from their players. The team members are C. Adair, J. Adams, J. Austin, L. Blair, J. Broughton, N. Dobson, T. Gilchrist, B. Giles, H. Kuo, T. Sledge, and C. Tillman.



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