



Not much now but . . .



Does this really belong to Forsyth Tech?

New Building Should Be Ready Next Year

The new student center-classroom should be ready by next fall, the building and grounds committee of the board of trustees was told in November.

The building is slightly behind schedule the committee was told, but the builders have regained a week of time lost earlier in the summer.

Dr. Parry has stated that the building should be ready for occupancy by the time the fall quarters start in September. The building is being built at a cost of 1.3 million dollars and will include classrooms, a learning laboratory, a cafeteria-lounge and a library.

Dr. Parry said he hopes the new building providing the much needed classroom space will allow the

school to expand its curriculum into new areas. The school's trustees have been discussing such an expansion recently.

Dean Apple has prepared a list of courses he says the institute needs, including accounting, legal and medical secretarial courses, and expanded adult education.

He has recommended study in the area of data processing, electrical mechanical technology (teachers aides, library aides, and audio-visual aides), food services, child development, auto body repair and truck trailer maintenance, retail sales and nursing assistants.

Dean Apple has recommended continuation of the study of an associate degree nursing program.

The Fashion Scene

The 1969-70 school year started off with an exciting look in clothes. Students and faculty at FTI are in with fashion 69-70.

Girls are sporting the mini-skirts, mini-dresses, and mini-vest dresses. You can also see contrasting colors of shirts, sweaters, hi-boys and even slips.

Some of the girls at FTI find it a lot of fun wearing the fad of boys' jackets appealing.

As winter emerges, the young ladies at FTI emerge in their boots, pants, boot shoe, wide and large stacked heels, and shoes trimmed with anything you want to name. One fashion-minded young lady looks fine as a fiddle in her red leather boots and her all leather brown outfit.

To complement these wearing apparels opaque and colored stockings and knit socks. Costume jewelry includes the money chain, silver and gold bracelets, necklaces, and rings. The jewelry comes in bold colors also, the scarves, which are worn with dresses, skirts and shirts.

The men at FTI are fashionably attired daily in their knits, single and six button double breast suits. They also wear a wide variety of colored shirts. Another fad is the sweaters with the monogram initials. (Guys, you really look good.)

The bell bottoms are still in with the guys at FTI.

Leather, suede and corduroy jackets are seen among the crowd.

Even the male faculty is in with the fashion wearing double breast and six button suits, and colored shirts with ties to match.

One member of the faculty looks "great" when he wears his black boots, black suit, black shirt and white tie.

Buckle shoes, Edwardian suits, stripe shirts, fur coats, safari coats, wide ties, stripe and solid colors are also seen by our fashion-minded men at FTI.

This wraps up the FASHION SCENE at FTI for this month. Where there's fashion—look for the girl at FTI on the FASHION SCENE.

I'M TIRED

I'm tired of conventionality and eight hour days and middle class income and two-car families in suburban developments that develop

I'm tired of Sunday Sunday's one day week religion and Easter clothes and Christmas presents and Thanksgiving turkey and Fourth of July firecrackers that blow-up everything

I'm tired of patriotic unpatriots who wave a flag they never see and hate for the hell of it and fear God on Sunday and kill each other on Tuesday's

I'm tired of everything and haven't seen half of it yet

Campus Talk

The morning class of Introduction to Business held a car wash, November 22, behind the auto mechanics shop for its candidate for Christmas Queen, Belinda Craver. Those participating were: Borroughs, Claude Sparks, Frank McKissick, Larry Jester, Thomas Steele, Mary Hanes, Vickie Matthews and, of course, Belinda Craver.

"Moose" Parks, editor of FTI's first annual, says the exterior layout of the annual has been finished. Material for the interior of the annual is now in the process of being gathered.

The Circle K Club sponsored a Thanksgiving box that was placed in room 500. On Wednesday, November 26, two members of the club, Thomas Steele and Frank McKissick carried the box, which was packed full of different types of food stuffs, to the Personnel Office where Mr. Vogular, the advisor, picked it up to distribute to a needy family for Thanksgiving.

Forsyth Tech basketball team won its first game by clawing to "ribbons" the Color Carpets team by a score of 69 to 39, in the fast and furious city basketball league. Follow your "Reporter" for a complete examination of our team in the next issue of the paper.

The Christmas Dance will be held Saturday, December 20, at the Robert E. Lee Hotel. The Tyme Machine Combo will perform. Time is from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is \$1.00 for stag and \$1.50 for couples. Place is the top floor of the Robert E. Lee Hotel.

Francis Greene, our Student Council president, is asking that all student council members attend all student council meetings in the future. You were not selected to go somewhere else but to attend student council meetings and report back to your specific curriculum about the various activities. This is your job to prove to your curriculum that you can handle it!

The Halloween Dance wasn't a big success as every one had hoped. The dance was held October 31. People that were present amounted to 30. We don't call this a crowd at all, but merely a hand full.

Maybe the location was a factor. Philo Junior High School is a good way out and not a well known place. We are hoping that in the future, dances are planned with the location being a well known area, so that the student body can attend in large numbers.

FEATURED CURRICULUM

"Automobile Mechanics"

Coming into Forsyth Tech, and driving past the 500 Building, one may see an unusual sight. There is, first of all, a fence. Inside the fence is a maroon corvair, a piedmont construction tractor and several other vehicles inside it. There is also a brick building with automatic garage doors. What is this? It is the Automobile Mechanic's shop of FTI.

I went inside to inspect the shop, which has various types of machinery. A young man came in with a blue uniform on, whose name was Rick Fletcher. Rick gave me a first hand tour of the whole shop.

A group of machines that looked like computers were classified as tune-up machines and a distributor machine. Our next stop was an automatic transmission tester, a unique machine that does just what the name says, test automatic transmissions. The price of this machine was nine thousand dollars. Continuing on, our next stop was a large, square shaped, metal container that looked like an oven. Rick informed me that this was a block cooker, and explained how it worked. He said they pulled the motor from a car and stripped it down to the bare block. Then they would take the block and place it in the "cooker" overnight to be cleaned out. Our next stop was a John Beam Visual liner that looks like a portable television with a screen to check front ends of automobiles.

Over in the corner sat a model "A" coach, an antique, in which an instructor, Mr. Hines, is going to restore to its original condition. I spotted a strange looking object setting on a metal table. Rick said it was a "buick float block." I walked over to a table with a row of transmissions on it. Rick informed me that these transmissions are used for teaching purposes only, and are seldom used for anything else. Our next stop was a machine on a table called a brake drum "lathe" used for lining and refining brake drums.

He opened a door that had "tool room" inscribed on it. Inside it were several thousand dollars worth of all types of tools used in an automobile garage or shop.

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Tools specifically for use on automatic transmissions were also included. Other equipment present inside the room included an air condition tester, oil cans, spare parts, and other equipment.

After leaving the tool room, my tour stopped next at a very unusual looking machine called a brake drum "hone." The purpose of this machine is to file brake cylinders to fit the shoe. Next in line was a wheel puller which cuts time in half for the average one man job. Rick next showed me an engine "borer" which can bore an engine to the finest fraction of an inch.

My tour ventured through another door marked "Supply Room." Inside was an air compressor unit. Behind it was a transmission rack used for demonstration purposes. A spare parts shelf was also included. Rick pointed to a display engine in a stand. He said that this engine could be placed in an automobile and used. We left the room after that and then he showed me a mobile crane used to pull motors from automobiles. He said you roll the crane up to a car, open the hood and with the hoist chains pull the engine out. He next showed me a complete "289" Ford engine connected with headers to send the exhaust outside. This engine could be started as if it was inside a car.

I talked with Rick Fletcher for a few minutes. He is a graduate of West Forsyth High School, and likes working on cars. As a matter of fact, while at West, he, on the ICT program, worked at a service station for three years. I asked Rick what he plans to do after graduation. He plans to go into the Army and go into mechanics of some kind. After this he plans to work as an employee of someone who operates an automotive shop.

Rick added a few helpful comments to this interview. First of all, there are two classes. The morning class starts at 8 o'clock and the evening class at 12 o'clock. The shop closes at 4 o'clock on Tuesday and Friday, and all other days at 5 o'clock. Mr. Hines is the instructor for the morning class and Mr. Wilder, the evening class. My tour guide, Rick Fletcher, is in the evening class, and he said they are studying chassis, suspension, and fuel systems.

The Automobile Mechanic's shop is a very unique and fascinating place. There is quite a bit of information any car enthusiast would welcome from a guided tour through the shop, such as the one I had. Being a car enthusiast that I am, I enjoyed the tour very much and would like to thank Rick Fletcher for a job well done. Here at Forsyth Tech, I believe that the vocational curriculum could not be any better without its Automobile Mechanics division! Would it? I don't believe so.

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