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The weather Wednesday: high 76, low 67, hum. 72 percent, and by 7 a.m. Thursday .71 inches of rain had fallen.

The ongoing debate over the Tryon Youth Center production of *Grease* has been interesting. It certainly mirrors in a small way the national debate between Jesse Helms and the National Endowment for the Arts.

People have been stopping us recently to say they are weary of reading so many expressions of opinion on the same subject. Invariably, with the next breath they begin presenting their own opinion.

We have enjoyed the debate, and respect everyone who is willing to talk about issues, and to listen to others talk about issues.

All these writers deserve applause for having the courage to speak out. That is an outstanding quality in a person, not something to be ridiculed.

The only unfortunate thing is that some letters seemed to be directed more at individuals than at the ideas being discussed.

How about us? Well, I believe it is best to focus on the best
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Two More Suspects Turn Themselves In

Two additional suspects who were being sought by Tryon Police on charges brought during a 6-month undercover investigation turned themselves in Wednesday.

Todd Constance of Lynn was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver LSD, and one count of selling and delivering LSD.

Kim Bolsinger of Columbus was charged with transferring two pistols without a permit.

Tryon Police arrested six persons last Friday night on drug charges, and were seeking additional suspects.

Officer Mike Lawing said the remaining suspects would likely be issued citations, rather than arrested.

Toastmasters To Meet

Talk of the Town Toastmasters will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 21 at the Western Steer Restaurant in Columbus. Public is invited to attend. The theme for the evening will be *Differences*.

Toastmaster will be Terrill Ball. Table Topics will be handled by Steve Strickland. Speakers will be Virginia Meador, Steve Slater and Jeanie Martin. Julie Davis will be General Evaluator.

—Community Reporter



Jill Suzanne Gantt

Jill Gantt Named Miss Columbus '92

Miss Jill Suzanne Gantt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Gantt of Columbus, N.C. has been selected as the new Miss Columbus for 1991-92. She will represent Columbus in the Miss Columbus U.S.A. pageant to be held beginning Oct. 11th in Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Gantt is a lifetime resident of Columbus. She attended Stearns Elementary School, Spartanburg Day School and received a Bachelor of Degree in Communications and Asian Studies from Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va. She has plans to enter graduate school to obtain her Masters degree in English.

Jill is currently a member of the Polk County Jaycees, a member of the Save Americas Parks Foundation, a volunteer
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Communication

Dear Jeff:

Marge Wheaton has written you an interesting commentary on my letter to Charles Taylor supporting an English language amendment to the constitution. However, it indicates a lack of awareness of the aggressive attacks against English as our national language which have persisted for several years. The principal proponents of this attempt to make the United States a multi-lingual society are the National Education Association, the Mexican-American Legal and Education Defense Fund and the ACLU. Their efforts have been successful in some states which are now legally multi-lingual and where teachers must be hired to teach in the native language of each student. The NEA, of course, applauds!

I don't fear for the English language. It is the language of international aviation, commerce and diplomacy. It will survive all attacks. I do fear for the unity of the United States if it becomes officially a multi-lingual society. We don't need the problems of Yugoslavia or Canada. The United States is a multi-cultural nation unique in the world in having blended its varied ethnic groups into a common society unified by language as "Americans". Let's keep it that way!

The framers of the Constitution could not possibly have visualized the possibility that in 200 years special interest
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