

## The Name Game

Today, tomorrow, and Friday we're going to decide the new mascot name in a referendum. What a thrill.

Normally it should be a rather exciting experience. But we doubt that it will be.

The "committee", whose members were never made public, throws out eight "possibilities" from which the student body is to pick. These include Wild Boars, Bisons, Hornets, Chargers, Cougars, Colts, Clippers, and the ever popular Forty-Niners.

We can't see why any of the names on the list, save Chargers, should have even a remote chance of winning in the referendum.

Some people might want the university to be known as the Bisons. We wonder, however, if they would like the name as much if they knew that Wilson Junior High has been going by it for quite some time now.

Those who advocate Hornets seem to forget that another team in our own athletic conference, Lynchburg, has beaten us to that name. Furthermore, how could they forget that a Charlotte professional baseball club, a chronic loser, has employed it for several generations.

We could call ourselves the Cougars if we wanted to share appellations with Charlotte Catholic High or we could pick Colts if we wished to get a little class and use the identical title Cochrane Junior High uses. Do we really want to?

Now Clippers is a true winner. Charlotte has had two professional teams known as the Clippers. One of them went out of business and the other changed its name. We hope we'll never have to change our name again and we certainly don't appear to be close to going out of business.

Of course, you don't ever hear of a team christened the Wild Boars. If you stop and think a minute, maybe you'll understand why. As a matter of fact, if we handle everything else the way we're handling this name change, we may become known as the Tame Bores.

And anyone who voted for a name change and votes for Forty-Niners now should get a swift kick in the "face".

That leaves the Chargers. We realize there's a professional football team in San Diego by the same appellation, but there aren't any other teams known by that label in the south-east that we know of.

Chargers is a good, crisp - sounding nickname. It's easy to employ in cheers and can be readily associated with animals such as rams, bulls, rhinos, etc. Furthermore, the alliteration in Charlotte Chargers even affords a little catchiness.

We think Chargers is the best of the lot and quite possibly an exception in the otherwise dull list. We hope students will see things our way.

The name change "committee" (pardon the expression) has come up with some really dandy suggestions for the month-late decision. They're the same tired old tags the JOURNAL tried to discourage in its December 14 edition.

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# Question: When Should Exams Be Held? Before Christmas?

BY PAUL BOSWELL

Second semester has begun and the students are looking forward to that Spring break. The Christmas and semester breaks have passed again and discussion about the semester system has died down as academic matters take over most of the scholar's idle mind.

Every year between Christmas and semester breaks, a period of about 3 weeks, the dazed student, faced with final exams, is cast into an area somewhat like Milton's Chaos. His semester grades depend on what he can remember over the Christmas break and his staying in college depends on his semester grades.

The favorite topic of discussion during this cramming period is not what - did - you - get - for - Christmas, or what - are - you - taking - next - semester, but wouldn't it be nice to have exams before Christmas.

Here are some of the pros and cons that are pointed out in these skull sessions.

Apparently the main reason for wanting this type of setup is to relieve vacation pressure. Even though most good scholars cast their books in the nearest corner and relax over the break, they are incessantly nagged by the anxieties of approaching finals.

National Safety Council fans contend that traveling around January 1 is much more dangerous than it would be a week or so later, and would advocate pre-Christmas exams for this reason.

The opposing view is composed mainly of technical problems, rather than dissenting opinions. The big obstacle is ironically the Consolidated system. Such a change in schedule would have to be done simultaneously by the four branches of the University. The students of the separate campuses have long been in agreement of this matter of changing, but have been stopped by the mountain of red tape involved in accomplishing such a switch in the schedules of the entire University.

The best way to see what the students want is to ask them face to face. Ten students here were questioned about this matter, and they answered, understanding that school would probably begin in late August under the new system.

Dwayne Spitzer, Sophomore, approved the proposal for a longer and more enjoyable Christmas break.

Soph Bill Billups said, "Yes, this could start a trend for other major colleges to follow."

Theresa Stanton, also a Sophomore, agreed and wanted to add part of the extended Christmas break to the Spring vacation."

Sophomore class president Tommy Thomas commented that President Friday had told him that "all the branches would have to make the change at the same time. This is what is holding us back. Also many teachers hold summer jobs with the government, and cannot begin the semester as early as would be required."

Sophomore Don Clapp said, "I would lean toward exams before Christmas. He also pointed out that "Spring vacation is too short."

Junior Bernard Henkel had his own set of pros and cons. "Most colleges on this system lost their Thanksgiving holidays. Most get only Thanksgiving day. However, first semester grades are higher after adopting this system."

Bob Effler, Junior, was all for it, for the simple reason that he would "rather have on long hol-

iday than two short ones."

Freshman Randy Fisher said that "the vacation now is over before you know it." He added that the new system would allow the student to "enjoy his vacation a lot more."

Sophomore Dean Hodges agreed that she "couldn't enjoy Christmas worrying about exams." She commented that "students could hold jobs longer during a longer break."

The students appear to be overwhelming in favor of exams before Christmas either to allow a free vacation or to up their grades.

Students on this system in other colleges say without hesitation that they are happy with the arrangement of the schedule.

Robert Reynolds, a Sophomore at Wingate, had this to say.

During Christmas, you tend to get lazy and it's hard to regain momentum. If I transferred somewhere without this system, I'd hate that part of the school. It's much better to start over fresh on a new semester."

It would be nice to overcome the technicalities of this matter and make the apparent desire a reality. Hopefully, something definite will be said by the powers in control in the near future.

## Pro Writer Keith Joins Paper Staff

Larry Keith, a student journalist with an extensive professional background, joins the staff of The Carolina Journal with his column "Point Blank", editor Ellison Clary announced today.

Keith, a sophomore from Charlotte majoring in political science, has been employed by The Charlotte News for four years. He presently serves a dual role as a sportswriter and a member of the paper's "Call Quest" staff.

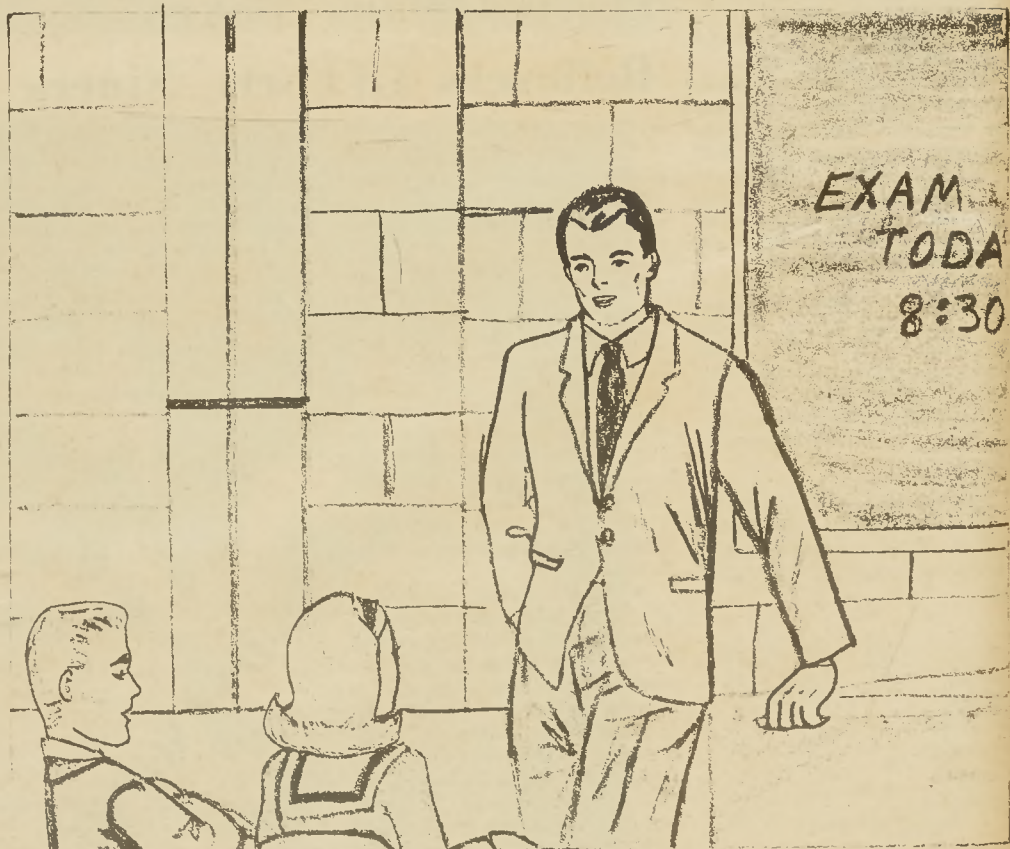
Last year, Keith served under athletic director Dr. Harvey Mur-

publicist. He also made several contributions to the The Journal.

In high school, Keith was editor of South Mecklenburg's Southern Accent. He won both news and sports writing awards in state competition and his newspaper was cited first place honors in both feature and sports divisions.

The National Scholastic Press Association designated the paper "First Class."

His column, to deal with a wide variety of subjects, will appear regularly on The Journal pages. Today it appears on page seven.



"This exam will be given on the honor system. Please take desks three seats apart and in alternate rows."