



Mary Smith Entertains

Coffee House Brings Miss Mary Smith

Who is Mary Smith? She is the winner of the Grand Prize in the 1968 National Finals of the Sound of Youth, U.S.A., and the Green Garter Coffee House is presenting her for this year's second opening.

Although she has a common name, Mary Ellen Smith is a very uncommon girl. At age 18 she has been performing folk music ranging widely from madrigals and baroque songs to American and modern folk music for five years. To quote the Sound of Youth, U.S.A. "She has a wit and gift for mimicry and she has a natural singing talent that is an impresario's dream."

A new setting for the Green Garter Coffee House has been planned. The Coffee House will be held in the northwest lounge of the Union. Says Richard Dedmon, Coffee House Chairman, "Our idea of having it in the lounge is to provide an attractive and comfortable place for the students to come and enjoy themselves. We are stressing the casualness of the affair."

Having the coffee House in the lounge instead of in the gymnasium is an attempt to draw

a larger crowd. The turn-out for the previous coffee houses have been very small; therefore, the committee is stressing the comfort and warm atmosphere of the lounge. The committee is also expecting more enthusiasm for the coffee house because it will be held the last week before Christmas holidays and there is not going to be a Christmas dance this year.

The Coffee House will be held from December 11th to the 14th. Admission will be 50c per person. Coffee and cokes will be served.

Several U.N.C.-C. students have seen Mary Smith perform at Phiffer and at State and have nothing but praise for her entertaining. Not only is she a musical artist, but she has an unusual and entertaining wit. One of the students said that he had planned to stay at her show only a few minutes, but after hearing her, stayed for the entire performance.

Yes, this is Mary Smith. See her at the second Green Garter Coffee House December 11th to the 14th. As the Sound of Youth, U.S.A. say's— "A star is born."

"Take Birth Control Out of Bedroom and Into Dining Room—"

University Governance Committee Is Formed

A University Governance Committee is being formed that will study the possibility and advisability of establishing a University Governance system. University Governance would involve direct interrelation of students, faculty, and administrators in developing and governing the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

The importance of this committee is not to be taken lightly. Because its influence is unlimited in providing a workable framework for our campus, we as students should act responsibly in our opportunity to select members to serve on this committee.

The committee will begin its work in January of 1969, and will be at work for about a year. Therefore, the students chosen should be juniors, sophomores, or freshmen. Furthermore, there will be much time and work involved, and the students who are elected should not be overloaded with other duties and responsibilities.

The divisional meetings will be held at 11:30 a.m. on December 4, 1968. Each student is requested to attend the meeting of the division which included his major. The meetings are as follows:

Business Administration and Economics, Parquet Room; Education, E102; Engineering, C-102;

Humanities, (English, Fine Arts, Foreign Languages, History, Philosophy, Religion), C-122;

Mathematics and Natural Sciences, (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics), C-120;

Nursing, C-111;

Social and Behavioral Sciences (Geography, Geology, Health, Physical Education, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology), C-200

Students who have not declared majors should attend the meeting of the major department in which they are most interested.

"I'm going to begin at the beginning...I've thought a great deal about what you want to hear..." So began Dr. Elizabeth Corkey's lecture on birth control. She structured her talk into four major sections: 1) population, 2) family, 3) methods of birth control, old and new, and 4) how some families have made use of birth control methods.

At the time of the birth of Christ, the world population has been estimated at 3 million, but even then they used a form of birth control—abortion and infanticide. Notwithstanding the development of sanitary methods of birth control in the 19th century, the world population doubled between 1900 and 1967, and this in spite of two world wars. And now it looks as though it will double again by the end of this century.

Dr. Corkey believes it is quite evident that something must be done to prevent such an increase in population, for as she said, "where will we stand when the sand is gone?"

In answering her own question, "Why the population explosion?" she said "because death control has proceeded much faster than birth control." And it isn't only the old who have benefited from this change, for the young have gained the most. Until recently, a mother had to bear two children for every one that survived and reached adulthood. In 1900, 200 of every 1000 children died before they were a year old.

When speaking of the family itself and the benefits of birth control, Dr. Corkey stated that the normal fertile couple could probably have eleven children while the wife is between the ages of 18 and 45. The average income in the United States is \$6,000, but special studies have shown that a \$6,000 budget is a tight one for a family with two children. How could parents of eleven children hope to provide for their family on that or less?

Dr. Corkey then gave a physiological explanation of the male and female reproductive

systems as an aid in understanding the methods of birth control. She believes that the methods used before the advent of the pill—the rhythm methods, the diaphragm, and the condom—were basically inefficient because "they were directly related to the sex act...and at that time people have less sense about making use of them..." Special education and special discipline were needed to make their use successful, and many users lacked both.

The pill is the most reliable method developed thus far, being effective in 99.5%. There is a certain irony in this use of the pill, for it was originally developed as an aid to those who wanted to have children. The pill has taken



the "prevention of conception out of the bedroom and made birth control a respectable topic."

Research in birth control devices has declined in the last several years, though doctors have conscientiously tried to improve those in use. Limited funds, \$3 million allocated for birth control research as opposed to \$3 billion for space research, have hampered their efforts. Researchers are, however, currently working upon a male birth control pill that would relieve the female of much of the burden and sometimes unpleasant side-effects that have accompanied their use.

Dr. Corkey closed by saying, "every family needs birth control, either to plan their family or to space their children." A short question and answer period followed the talk.

Legislature Discusses

Spring Holidays

Stewart Auten, S.G.A. Vice-President called the November 25 meeting of the Student Government to order at 7:45 p.m.

The first order of business was the President's Report. Mr. Billups presented the 69-70 school calendar to the Legislature. The only contention concerning the next year's calendar came when Gus Psomadakis, Night Rep. questioned Doug Bradford, a member of the calendar committee, about the necessity of having such a short Spring holiday. The Spring break next year will only be three school days and a weekend, and Mr. Psomadakis pointed out that most schools have at least five school days between two weekends. Mr. Bradford replied that the semester has been shortened by three days.

Mr. Billups announced that there will be a Divisional meeting for the election of members of the Student Governance Committee on Dec. 4th at 11:30 a.m. Each student will receive a letter explaining these meetings and a list of rooms in which each

division will hold their election.

Mr. Billups also stated that on Friday, Dec. 6, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parquet Room, the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellors and the Dean of Students will be available to discuss anything of interest with students on campus. They're hoping that this meeting will develop a better understanding between students and the administration. It is hoped that this session can become a regular feature on campus each semester.

Mr. Billups then reported that the administration is looking into some of the complaints brought forward at the "Bitch-In" several weeks ago. An instructor at Johnson C. Smith has been contacted about teaching Black History course next fall. Final arrangements have not been made, however.

Homer Gaddis, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee read a list of names that his committee had nominated for the Student Governance Committee. They

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"Talk Out Problems...Build Community on Campus."— Dr. Miller

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Will UNC-C become a University that cares? Or will it follow the traditions of ten centuries and become an isolated body of specialists with little concern or contact with the surrounding region?

"The key thing to watch is that we do not become so busy with the mechanics of buildings, registrations, and such that we won't take the time to build discussions, to talk out problems, to build a community here on campus."

The speaker is Dr. Paul A. Miller, former assistant secretary for Education in HEW, who joined the administrative staff here this fall as Distinguished Professor of Education and Director of Office of University

Planning Studies.

He feels that the freshness of this University branch offers "the best time to create new things, to build a distinctive institution."

Dr. Miller points out that in the development of UNC-C there has been the hope that a significant relationship can be found between this campus and the community and that the community can have just as significant a relationship to the University.

"Society now is thriving on knowledge and talent," he says, "and in this production the University plays a major role."

"A part of the student uneasiness today springs from concern over what is to be the job of the University in our world,"

Dr. Miller says. "Students want it to be more relative to the community and to society at large."

"What is special on our campus," he continues, "is that we are in the midst of a great and growing region and we have a chance to do something unique."

An important phase of the planning studies is creating a responsible sense toward the community. "Never has our compulsion to find a community to belong to ever been greater."

Yet, whether father or son, teacher and student, or one generation and another, we grope toward the other, each partially blinded to the other. We do not

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