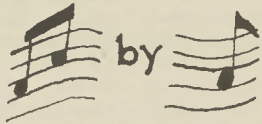


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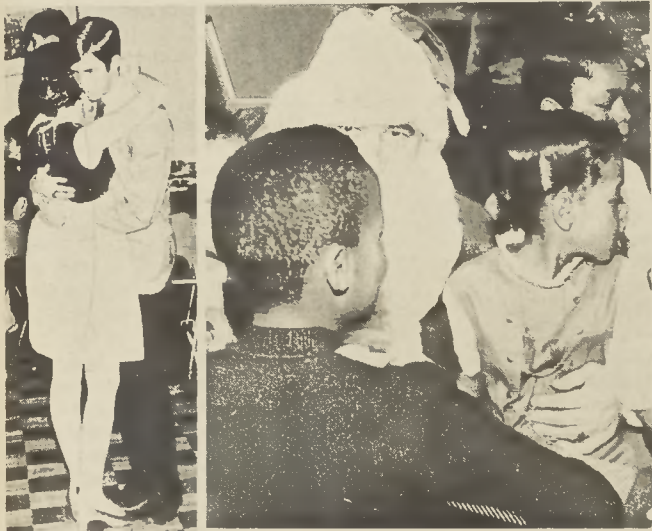


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## Wonder Boy Strikes Again

Stevie Wonder is back in the album-making business. His newest release of the long-playing variety is entitled *FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE* and is, to say the least, a superb album of its type. Stevie Wonder (notice the absence of the old "Little Stevie") is growing musically faster than he is physically. On his new Tamla release Stevie explores the realms of music from Bobby Hebb's "Sunny" to Herzog and Holiday's "God Bless This Child." The adolescent

wonder also composed a couple of the cuts on the album ("I'd Be a Fool Right Now", "Do I Love Her," "You Met Your Match," and others). The title song ("For Once in My Life") is still riding high on the charts-fourth in the nation last week. It has that fresh, invigorated sound that Stevie gives to all the "oldies" he treats, and we do mean "treats", for every minute of this new and wonderful LP is at least a treat for any pop  
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Christmas is different things to different people.

## Engineering Study to Be Held at UNC-C

Some of the nation's leaders in Engineering Education will come to UNC-C Jan. 8-10 to evaluate the institution's engineering program. They will include Dr. Gordon S. Brown, formerly dean and now a distinguished professor of engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. Ray Bolz, dean of engineering at Case-Western Reserve University; Dr. Newman A. Hall, executive director of the Commission on Engineering at the University of Illinois; and Dr. Kenneth Picha, dean of engineering at the University of Massachusetts.

## Contract Awarded For New Gymnasium

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte has awarded contracts for a \$3-million gym, expected to be one of the most dramatic in design in the Southeast.

The emphasis in the health and physical education facility will be upon the participant in physical activities rather than upon the spectator. However, the major basketball court will have movable seats for approximately 3,500 persons.

The seating area is expected to serve as an auditorium until the University can obtain funds for that purpose.

In addition to the major basketball court, the building will include the following facilities:

- Four intramural basketball courts
- A nine-lane olympic swimming pool with both one and three meter diving boards and seating for 900 spectators.
- A gymnastics area
- A wrestling room
- A weight training room
- An adapted physical education room
- Seven handball courts
- 30,000 square feet of office, classroom and research space.

The general construction contract was awarded to F.N. Thompson, Inc. of Charlotte at \$2,009,354. Other contracts were plumbing, Tompkins-Johnston

Co., Inc. of Charlotte, \$170,508; mechanical, Lorch Plumbing and Heating of Albemarle, \$302,783; electrical, Watson Electric Company of Charlotte, \$188,376; and elevator, Southern Elevator Company of Greensboro, \$24,978.

Fees and movable equipment brought the total cost to \$3,028,103.

A total of \$3.8 million had been authorized for the building. Architect William Little attributed the fact that the bids came in so far below estimates to space saving features in the building.

The University received a federal grant of \$1 million on the gymnasium project.

Construction is expected to begin by the first of February.

Mr. Little says that the exterior of the building will be of white precast aggregate face concrete panels with brown brick stair towers.

The stair towers are a prominent architectural feature as well as providing access to the three levels of the building.

The pool will be located at the rear as a wing protruding between the two rear stair towers.

The building will be situated on a prominent knoll west of the University Union to which it will be connected by a mall. It will be visible from Highway 29 and will overlook a valley which will contain the proposed outdoor playing fields.

The facility is expected to allow UNC-C to upgrade its athletic program as far as indoor sports are concerned.

Dr. Newton H. Barnette, Chairman of the Division of Engineering at UNC-C stated that the men were selected because they are top leaders in their field and creators of innovation in some of the best engineering schools. The consultation is being made possible by planning grants totaling \$85,000 provided by the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation and the Z. Smith Reynolds foundation. The studies are under director of Dr. Paul A. Miller, director of university planning studies and distinguished professor of education.

Dr. Miller said that the objectives of the consultation are to learn from the educators the shape of engineering education in the next decade and to have them to react to, criticize and make suggestions on a UNC-C proposal for engineering education.

Part of the UNC-C engineering proposal is included in a request for funds from the 1969 General Assembly. The request would provide for a program in engineering technology. The engineering technology program would take students after they have completed two years in the technology track of the state's community colleges and give them their final two years of education for a college degree.

## SNEA Luncheon

SNEA is having a buffet luncheon on Wednesday, January 15 for \$1.25. Guest speaker will be Mr. Waddell the principal of Second Ward who will speak on "The Teacher and the Culturally Different Student." Pay your money to the representative in your class or to the Education Office.

## Gerber—"No end in near future"

## Perspectives on Mid East Conflict

By Barbara Jean Smith

"If one studies the whole question of the history of the crisis (Arab-Israeli) at least from the first World War, he finds it very difficult to learn what the truth is." This statement made by Dr. Loy Witherspoon, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, incited the Journal's interest in the opinions on campus about the conflict between the Arabic nations and Israel. Dr. Witherspoon, who is a protestant and not only has studied about the situation but has also lived in the Middle East, gave further insight on the subject. Witherspoon stated that the recent history of the crisis started with the promises and pledges made to the Jews and Arabs during World War I in an effort by Britain to neutralize the peoples against Germany. One of these promises resulting in a heavy immigration of Jews into the area of Palestine and inciting the alarm of the Arabs, was the Balfour Declaration of Britain. This declaration established Palestine as the National home for the Jewish people.

The second World War again eased the tension of the peoples

of the Middle East and they turned their attention to the international crisis. But after World War II, because of the atrocities committed against the Jews, a nationalistic movement-the Zionists-was created by the Jewish people in Israel. This movement was created to nationalize the Jews and to create a national home land-preferably Palestine.

A U.N. Commission was set-up after the War to study the problem. The result of this commission was the statement that the Biblical claims of the Jews were no basis for their claim on Palestine. Other areas were offered for the national home land, but were rejected by the Jews because of the emotional ties to Palestine. The inter-play of world politics resulted in the U.N. proposing to establish two states in Palestine- An Arab state and an Israeli state. The Arabs answered this proposition by saying that if the policy of two states went into effect, the result would be war.

Dr. Witherspoon feels "It's one of the great tragedies and ironies of our time." Asked why it is ironic, he explained that in both national mythos, the Arabs and

Jews lay claim to Palestine because of the Founding Father of their nations, which is the same man-Abraham. Abraham had two sons, Isaac and Ishmael-Issac giving rise to the Israeli nation and Ishmael to the Arabs. The Zionists in Israel claim Palestine because of the Biblical promise to Abraham of a holy land.

The general feeling of the people talked to, both Arabic and Jewish, was a concern for the displaced Arab refugees in Palestine. There are the people who have lived in Palestine for centuries and now due to the immigration of Jews into the land are loosing their homes.

The opinion of most of the people asked about the situation, was anti-war. Robert Winton, a UNC-C student, added that "My people (the Jews in Palestine) are fighting hard and will not give up the land because situated on the coast, once they begin loosing land, they have no where to go but into the ocean." Winton believes that the Jewish people should gain more land in case they begin to loose some in the future. Winton also stated that he is doubtful that the Jews will

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## Exam Schedule

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Tues., Jan. 21	8:30-11:30 1:30-4:30 6:00-9	10:30 M,W,F 1:00 T,Th 6:00 T, Th
Wed., Jan. 22	8:30-11:30 1:30-4:30 4:30-7:30 6:00-9:00	8:30 M, W,F 1:00 M,W,F Conflict Period 7:30 MW
Th., Jan. 23	8:30-11:30 1:30-4:30 6:00-9:00	11:30 T, Th 2:00 M,W,F 7:30 T, Th
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