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BCA program faces first evaluation

—by queenie mackey

The BCA (Bachelor of Creative Arts) program is being evaluated for the first time since it became a reality. It began in the fall of 1972 as a department under the College of Humanities and Dr. Lucca Dicecco became Chairman.

Dr. Dicecco says BCA is "unique to the North Carolina State system... (and) originally conceived as an innovative program in the arts." Originally it was planned during the program development, that BCA would be evaluated after years.

However, the program was "not evaluated last year," Dicecco said during an interview. It was when BCA faculty passed a resolution seeking college status (College of Creative Arts) for BCA, that the time seemed appropriate to evaluate the program.

The final decision to evaluate the program resulted among conversations by Dr. Dicecco, Dean Mathis, Vice-Chancellor Phillip Hildreth, Provost Frank Dickey and Chancellor D.W. Colvard. By January 24, 1975 the following committees had been formed and given the responsibility of evaluating BCA:

1. Academic Quality—Robert Rieke, Chairman.
2. Admissions, Registration and Counseling—Harold Clarke, Chairman.
3. Public Service &

Information—Loy Witherspoon, Chairman.

4. Cost Analysis—Barry Lesley, Chairman.

5. Building Use and Maintenance—Ed Ayers, Chairman.

6. Administrative Analysis—Sherman Burson, Chairman.

The committees are comprised of persons both within and without the BCA department. No chairpersons are BCA faculty or staff members. No students are on the committees, but student input will come from interviews with past and present BCA majors and non-majors.

Dr. Dicecco said information from the committees will be compiled in a report that will be helpful to Creative Arts faculty and students. It will give a review to the administration and University as a whole and may "ultimately be appraised by outside consultants." The report will be compiled possibly by March 15, 1975. Presently, there are no withstanding results of the evaluation to guarantee that BCA will become a college.

For Dicecco, evaluation is a "bomb." He says, "you need to stop and take a look at where you've been. It's the kind of thing I would like to see every college or department take every three years or so."



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Entertainment at the Rathskellar this past weekend



Kennedy, victim of conspiracy?

—by laurie bassett

The theory that John F. Kennedy was the victim of a political conspiracy was offered here last Tuesday night, February 18, by Bob Katz, a lecturer out of a Boston group called the Assassination Information Bureau.

Speaking before over 600 people in the crowded Lucas Room of the Cone University Center, Katz, a small man with wire-rimmed glasses and hair in a pony-tail, presented slides and amateur movies while he gave a 90-minute lecture on the assassination.

Katz said his group wants to investigate "factual holes" in the Warren Commission report, which attributes the killing solely to Lee Harvey Oswald. Although the speaker did not clearly indicate who he thought the conspirators were, throughout the talk he repeatedly threw verbal darts at the CIA, the FBI, the Justice Department, the Secret Service, the Dallas Police Department, the national news media and Gerald Ford, former member of the Warren Commission. Katz

implied that the Commission's report — which says the assassination was the work of one "isolated, crazed man" — is actually a cover-up.

The American public, said the lecturer, should be curious about certain unanswered questions about the November 22, 1963 incident. For starters, Katz threw out the following observations, among others:

*While he was being kept prisoner, Lee Harvey Oswald kept saying "I'm a patsy, I'm a patsy."

*The Dallas police kept no records or tapes of interrogations of Oswald.

*Jack Ruby showed up at precisely the right time to kill Oswald, even though the transfer to another jail was an hour off schedule. This elimination of Oswald, said Katz, "was the most significant act in the whole cover-up."

*Kennedy, according to medical evidence, was shot from the front as well as from the back, said Katz. In addition, he said, 58 out of 80 eye-witnesses believed that the gunshots came

from a grassy area in front of the presidential motorcade. The Warren report claims that all shots were fired from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository. In reality, though, according to Katz, "a crossfire killed John F. Kennedy."

*Although Kennedy died at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, he was transferred to Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland for an autopsy. Three military surgeons performed the procedure although, according to Katz, none of them had ever done an autopsy before. The notes from the autopsy were burned that night, said Katz.

*During the six-second shooting, both Kennedy and Governor John Connally suffered multiple wounds. The Italian bolt action rifle attributed to Oswald could shoot only three bullets in six seconds if no time was used for aiming.

*Although the Warren report claims that both the governor and the president were hit by a single bullet, a movie taken by a near-by spectator shows no reaction in Connally

until two-thirds of a second after Kennedy is hit, an abnormally long time for a bullet to travel from the back seat to the front seat, said Katz.

*The bullet belonging to Oswald's rifle was found "under suspicious circumstances" by an orderly at the hospital, said Katz. It was found smooth and not at all misshapen, although ballistics experts, according to Katz, expect a bullet that has gone through the body's tough bony areas to be badly bent.

*The Secret Servicemen accompanying the president did not move as instantly to help him and Jackie as the men did who were guarding Vice-President Johnson, said Katz.

documents on the case have been classified — until the year 2038, according to Katz.

Drawing parallels with Watergate, Katz told the audience to "keep the curiosity" regarding the assassination. "Something went wrong that day and I think something is still wrong," he said.

During a question-and-answer session, Katz urged members of the audience to sign a petition asking the government to re-open the JFK case. He also denied being funded by the Kennedy family, adding that he thought their responses to the killing and the Warren Commission's report have been "mystifying."

* Many FBI