

# 'American Pictures' Shows Unique View of Underclass

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A different perspective on life in the United States will be presented tonight through a multi-media event featuring the work of a photographer who hitchhiked across the nation for five years.

"American Pictures" combines music, personal narrative and images of the American underclass by photographer Jacob Holdt. The presentation is sponsored by the Carolina Union Critical Issues Committee as part of Human Rights Week.

"It presents a really interesting view of America that we don't often see," said junior Mike Klompas, chairman of the critical issues committee.

Holdt, a former Danish vagabond, hitchhiked more than 100,000 miles in his journey and lived in more than 400 homes. He sold his blood to purchase film.

His images concentrate on the position of the black underclass in America.

"He saw America in a nontourist manner, getting to know the nation as a whole

with its richness and diversity," Klompas said.

Holdt stayed with some of the richest families and the poorest families, from the Rockefellers to sharecroppers. He also went to Ku Klux Klan meetings, joined the rebellion at Wounded Knee and witnessed the assassination of his friends.

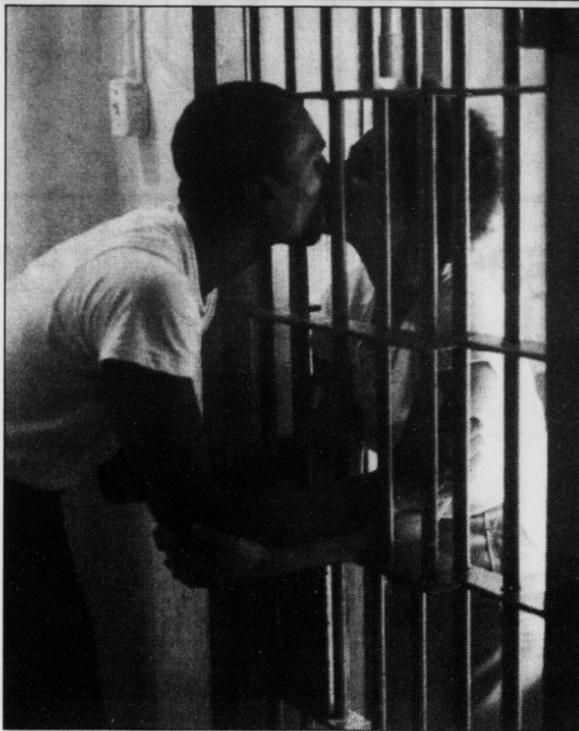
Although the concept has been around since Holdt toured the United States in the '70s, the project still continues.

"He has chosen to drive down to Chapel Hill to visit some people he met while touring earlier, and he will also be taking more photographs. He's continually updating his message," Klompas said.

Because "American Pictures" presents a controversial viewpoint, Klompas said people often leave with questions. These will be addressed at a workshop with the photographer Friday. "The workshop will be an informal opportunity to interact with the photographer ... to clarify your own understanding," Klompas said.

"American Pictures" was selected Outstanding Film of the Year by the London Film Festival and was shown at the Cannes Film Festival. It has been seen at more than 100 American colleges.

The presentation will be at 7 p.m. today in Memorial Hall. The workshop will be at noon Friday in Union 211 and 212. Both events are free and open to the public.



Jacob Holdt hitchhiked across the United States for five years, photographing the nation's rich and poor for his social commentary "American Pictures."

## VISITATION

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should be able to avoid open visitation if they want to.

Housing directors also say they are concerned with the effect that open visitation might have on roommate comfort. Brad Reid, ASU's director of residence life, requires residents to attend programs to teach them how to resolve roommate conflicts stemming from the visitation policy.

At UNC-G and several other schools, roommates must create an agreement to decide what is permissible under the open-visitiation policy.

The effect of different visitation policies on dorm security also is an issue for residence hall officials. Many schools have elaborate security schemes that require guests to page their host, leave identification with the dorm office and be escorted throughout the dorms.

At Duke University, which has an open-visitiation policy in all halls, areas in dorms are given different levels of security, said John Duncan, service manager in the department of housing. Access to each area is

controlled by Duke card-readers in each area. Overall, no housing officials said open visitation had lowered security.

UNC-G's Tomlinson said, "We were concerned (before implementing open visitation) there would be a lessening of security, but it's been just the opposite."

Those schools that have changed their policy to allow 24-hour visitation for the opposite sexes seem to think they have moved in the right direction. Of the 10 UNC-system schools that do not offer a 24-hour visitation option, no housing officials said they planned to change their policy soon. But students at several of the schools have requested change, officials say.

Tim Luckadoo, director of housing and residence life at N.C. State University, which does not allow 24-hour visitation, said the university probably would not change its policy.

"This is about as far as the school is willing to go," he said.

At schools with open visitation in place, the mood often was different.

"I don't think it'll ruin your moral fiber — not as much as Franklin Street will," said Duke's Duncan.

## NAFTA

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House. Opponents vented their anger over concessions the administration made to line up votes. "If this is such a good deal, why did we almost have to give the portico away on the White House to get it?" said Rep. Butler Derrick, D-S.C.

House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., who spoke last, conceded the pact wasn't perfect.

"One can always find defects and deficiencies," he said. "But this is, for this moment, an opportunity to expand our trade, to reach out beyond our borders, to continue our leadership, to seize the future."

Union workers and other foes of NAFTA staged one final, forlorn rally in the rain outside the Capitol. Some held up a banner that read: "That giant sucking sound — pro-NAFTA careers, 11-3-94," a reference to determination to defeat NAFTA supporters in next year's congressional elections.

"We are on the right side of this issue," said AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland in a post-vote statement.

A knot of Greenpeace demonstrators briefly disrupted the House debate in late afternoon, raining mock dollar bills down on debating lawmakers. Four protesters were arrested.

Supporters said the agreement would open up a vast new Mexican market to American goods. Opponents said the certain result was a loss of jobs as American firms move to Mexico to take advantage of lower wages, and lax worker safety and environmental regulations.

Negotiated by the Bush administration and modified through side agreements by the Clinton administration, the pact turned customary political alliances on their heads.

Republican leaders said in advance that they stood ready to provide a majority of the votes needed for passage — as long as Democrats delivered 100 of their 258 members — and noted ironically that Clinton would be the principal political beneficiary. Democrats delivered 102 votes.

Democrats were more deeply split, as two senior House leaders and dozens of labor-backed lawmakers broke with their president.

Opponents seemed to hold the upper hand in the NAFTA struggle until the final few days. By then, persistent efforts to appease Congress' concerns over local issues began to pay off, resulting in a rush of support for the pact.

Many of the late agreements were designed to protect specific industries from harm as Mexican goods were allowed into the country — products ranging from winter tomatoes to wheat to flat glass to textiles.

## FINANCE

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■ Recommend favorably an appropriation of \$1,800 to Pauper Players;

■ Recommend favorably an appropriation of \$1,690 to the Black Pre-Professional Health Society;

■ Recommend favorably an appropriation of \$1,225 to Common Sense, a group formed to bring diverse speakers to campus;

■ Recommend favorably an appropriation of \$5,000 to the Black Student Movement to fund a spring concert in Carmichael Auditorium featuring several types of musical groups and comedians; and

■ Recommend without prejudice an appropriation of \$415 to the N.C. Student Legislature.

## Campus Calendar

THURSDAY

NOON: IRSS, The Department of Sociology, German Academic Exchange will present Gunn Birkelund, from the University of Bergen, Norway, speaking on "Norway and the European Community" in 151 Hamilton Hall.

4 p.m. IRSS, The UNC History Department, German Exchange Service will present Eckhardt Fuchs, from the Corcoran Department of History at the University of Virginia, speaking on "The Discourse of East German Historians on Marxism After Unification" in 569 Hamilton Hall.

The Carolina Association of Black Journalists will meet in the Howell Hall Faculty Lounge.

Amnesty International will sponsor a panel on extrajudicial executions and disappearance in Union 208.

The Student Bicentennial Performing Arts Series Committee will meet in Union 213.

The Sociology Club will meet in Union 210.

5:30 p.m. Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals will meet in the Union upstairs lounge.

5:45 p.m. The Baptist Student Union will meet for a Thanksgiving program and a meal.

6 p.m. Brothers will meet in the first-floor lounge of Hinton James Residence Hall.

The Presbyterian Campus Ministry will hold a dinner and open house at the Presbyterian Student Center.

6:30 p.m. The Volunteer Action Committee will meet in the upstairs conference room of the Campus Y.

The UNC Investment Club will meet in T6 Carroll Hall.

People Organized for Women's Empowerment and Rights will meet in the Campus Y lounge.

7 p.m. CUAB will present "American Pictures" by Jacob Holdt in Memorial Hall.

N.C. Hillel will show Woody Allen's "Sleeper" and "Husbands and Wives" for video night at Hillel.

7:30 p.m. The Marine Action Committee will meet in the Campus Y.

The UNC International Folk Dancers will meet in the Women's Gym.

8 p.m. The Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies will present "The Seagull" in Russian with English subtitles.

The Spanish House will have Charlemos, the weekly discussion program, on the second floor of Carmichael Residence Hall.

eONcEpt of Colors will hold interviews for Funcionalis in Union 213.

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