

Orientation Of Skies

Morehead Offers Cultural Show

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One of the few cultural and theatrical experiences featuring live narration is available on the Carolina campus.

The Morehead Planetarium, founded in 1949 by John Motley Morehead, offers an orientation of the skies to the general public, the UNC astronomy department, the North Carolina school system—and NASA's astronauts.

The astronaut instruction program originated in 1960 through a suggestion to NASA by A. F. Jenzano, planetarium director.

At this time, when the manned flights were first getting underway, the Morehead Planetarium was one of the few in the country, and the only major planetarium on a college campus.

Since 1960, the Morehead Planetarium has worked with each of the 53 astronauts now involved with the space program.

In the planetarium program, the astronauts learn to recognize most of the 88 constellations in the sky.

The planetarium simulates conditions they will encounter on manned flights, and in the event that equipment should fail, they would be able to navigate by the stars and constellations.

This program has proved so successful that present Apollo spacecraft have been specifically designed to be navigated with reference to the stars.

The astronauts' visits are usually made on the run, and they stay periods lasting only a day or two. The University and community are usually unaware of these visits since no advance publicity is given by request of NASA.

Director A. F. Jenzano administers the program, and assistant director John Knapp serves as an instructor.

The astronaut program is perhaps the most famous, but is only a small part of planetarium activities. Last year it hosted some 127,000 visitors, including over 60,000 students. The planetarium offers special graded programs for students of all ages.

The planetarium changes its program frequently to offer all

aspects of celestial mechanics to the viewing public.

A four-program sequence including "Stars for Beginners", "All About Planets", "Exploring Space", and "The Earth in the Universe" introduces laymen to astronomy. It shows September 10-November 18.

The annual Christmas presentation, showing November 19-December 31, is "Star of Bethlehem." The seasonal presentations attract thousands of visitors across the area.

The planetarium will close January 1-March 18 for the installation of the Zeiss model VI projector, which replaces the old Zeiss projector which

John Motley Morehead brought from Sweden in 1930.

Costing some \$250,000, the new projector is expected to make the stars appear more realistic and the planets more accurate.

In addition, the narrator will be able to control some 11 different types of eclipses.

"The new projector will project a more beautiful representation of the heaven and more accurately scientifically," said assistant director John Knapp.

The planetarium shows cost \$7.75 per student, and show are daily at 8:30 p.m. Saturday shows begin 11 a.m., and 1, 3 and 4 and 8:30 p.m. Sunday hours include 2, 3, 4 and 8:30 p.m.



Morehead Planetarium

Shun Formal Campaign Role

McCarthy People Neutral

North Carolina Democrats who supported Senator Eugene McCarthy in his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination decided here Sunday to remain neutral in the upcoming election.

Alden Lind, Chapel Hill delegate to the Democratic convention and professor at the University, said that the resolution passed by the group kept the organization out of a formal role in the election, but that individuals could play active roles in the campaigns.

McCarthy has withheld endorsement of Democratic nominee Hubert Humphrey. The motion passed by the group reads, "We agree to leave the support of presidential candidates up to the individual."

Lind, who was state co-ordinator for McCarthy, announced that a steering committee has been set up to organize a statewide group of liberal Democrats.

The Rev. Bill Coats, rector of the Chapel of the Cross, said

the committee will seek to bring together white and Negro Democrats who are concerned with the issues of peace and the solution of the racial question.

Coats added that liberal and labor groups throughout the state are being contacted to arrange a meeting after the election to consider calling a organizing convention early next year.

"Lind said that there had been absolutely no communication between Senator McCarthy and this group as to what action we should undertake."

The group also decided to take no action on the state political front, pending meetings between the steering and local groups.

But some members of the group said that they would support Democratic nominee Bob Scott, either because they are required to by their office, or that it was a factor in apportioning votes of local party units in the state and county conventions.

Speeches

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warned of the "suppression of intellectual growth" at UNC and urged students to "listen closely to the administration's directives" during orientation, and then attend the Disorientation speeches, seminars, and movies differing with the administration position on internal democracy in the university, student rights, and student power, and on the role of the university as an instrument of social change in the community.

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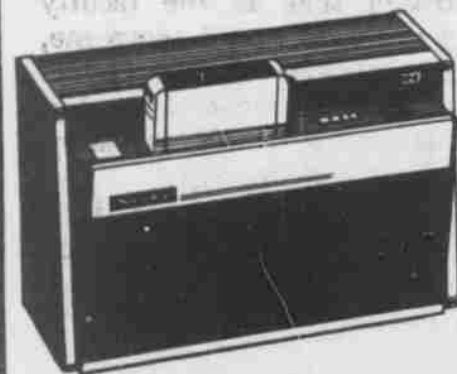
The story in section B, page 7 of today's paper concerning the South Campus bus system contained an error. The story mistakenly listed the opening day for the service as September 19. The buses will begin running September 23.

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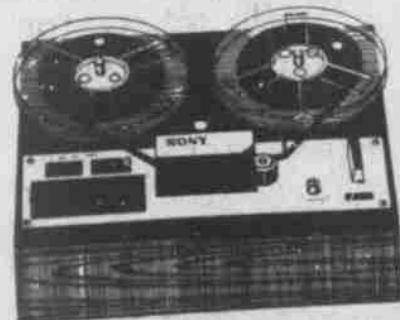
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