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## Army's Answer To VD In Vietnam: PX Prostitutes

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LONG BINH, South Vietnam —The Top Army medical officer in Vietnam suggests that Post Exchanges throughout the country for U.S. troops a new service—prostitutes. The aim is to reduce venereal disease through strict medical control of prostitutes and the men who use their "services." Brig. Gen. David E. Thomas, surgeon general of the Army in Vietnam and commander of the 44th Medical Brigade at Army headquarters here, is entirely serious about the suggestion. "If the military were permitted to run houses of prostitution as part of the Post Exchange system, we could cut venereal disease down to a very, very low figure merely by being able to supervise operation—if not all the way, at least from the time the soldier goes into the room and from the time when he comes out," he said. The suggestion, said Thomas, is not as radical as it might appear. Armies of many nations have had more or less formal programs for prostitutes for their troops. Prostitutes brought in from the French were among the victims at Dien Bien Phu, the former French fortress in what is now North Vietnam. Thomas said he is aware that his suggestion may cause an uproar in the United States.

He knows, too, that the suggestion is directly contrary to U.S. department of Defense policy on prostitution. That policy is, and always has been, to suppress prostitution whenever possible. It is a policy that reportedly is winked at by a number of commanders and medical officers in Vietnam. Unable to suppress prostitution, the officers do what they consider the next best thing through medical examinations that prostitutes patronized by their men are free of disease. Such examinations, according to reports, are made at house of prostitution off military bases as well as on the bases where they masquerade as massage and steam-bath parlors. Thomas said such officers jeopardize their careers merely because they are realistic in looking after the welfare of their men. In an interview with The Los Angeles Times at his office at this vast military base 18 miles north of Saigon, Thomas told why he made the suggestion at this time: "Whether the PX should or should not run houses of prostitution is not for me to say, but the United States is getting more (sexually) permissive than it used to be. These days judges are saying it is all right to have topless shows, and now they're going around to see if it's all right to have bottomless ones too." With medically supervised houses, said the general, "it would be the simplest thing in the world to control venereal disease."

"If the girls are properly examined at frequent intervals, and if the soldier is examined to make sure that he isn't bringing VD in (to the house of prostitution) with him, and if he is made to take proper precautions after intercourse, then you can't help but reduce the incidence (of VD) among that percentage of soldiers who will use the controlled establishment." According to Col. Ralph C. Singer, chief of preventive medicine for the Army in Vietnam, 40,000 to 45,000 GIs contract VD each year. About 47 per cent of the cases involve individuals who have contracted VD more than once during their tour here. Some have contracted VD as many as six times, Singer said. The rate for the United States is nearly 32 cases per 1,000 persons, compared to about 200 here. The rate for Vietnam is "considerably lower" than the rates for Korea and Thailand, which are respectively 371 and 315 cases per 1,000. The Vietnam figure, which is for 1968, is considerably lower than the rate in the country in 1963, which was pegged at 354. Singer explained that the drop was due to programs which warn men of the danger of VD. Gonorrhea accounts for about 95 per cent of all the cases in Vietnam. Syphilis accounts for most of the remaining 5 per cent. Standard treatment is injections of Penicillin. Gonorrhea

bacteria are building immunity to penicillin and progressively larger doses are being required, Singer said. Very few men-hours are lost as a result of VD, Thomas and Singer said. The number of cases requiring hospitalization is less than 2 per 1,000 cases a year. Singer attempted again to lay to rest a persistent rumor that the Army maintains a secret convalescent center for GIs afflicted with VD before sending them home. Such men are given in-country treatment, then routinely sent home when their tours are completed and given followup treatment in the United States, Singer said. Actually, said Thomas, there have been few formal studies of VD in Vietnam. The only significant research program was a survey of prostitutes at Vung Tau, a coastal resort city about 75 miles southeast of Saigon. Vung Tau is one of several in-country rest and relaxation centers for GIs, "so the boys are there with lots of time and money and this attracts the girls," Thomas said. He said hundreds of prostitutes were "examined," and 57 per cent of them were found to be infected with VD. He said he is floating the suggestion as a "trial balloon." If there is "overwhelming" support for the idea, Thomas said his staff is prepared to present a study on the proposal for consideration of the surgeon general's office in Washington.

## Will U.S. Fight South Vietnam?

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., said Sunday that the United States has a contingency plan to fight South Vietnam if the South Vietnamese try to block an American withdrawal from the war. The senator, who has asked the Pentagon to furnish Congress with a timetable for the safe withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam, gave no source for his information. (When asked whether such a plan exists, the U.S. Command in South Vietnam has said: "The South Vietnamese are our allies. We do not discuss contingency plans.") Cranston, who is serving his first term in the Senate, said in a UPI "Washington Window" interview, that he requested withdrawal information from the Joint Chiefs of Staff because "there should be only one factor that we should determine how fast we get out and that should be the safety of the American troops there."

The California lawmaker said the contingency plan was drafted in the event the United States "quits fighting North Vietnam and finds that our relations have deteriorated with the South." Cranston said he opposed proposals in Congress to set a timetable for withdrawal of U.S. troops without hearing from the Joint Chiefs what they considered would be a safe period. Once the information is furnished, he would have Congress request President Nixon to remove all U.S. troops from Vietnam no later than the "safe" deadline set by the military. "I am very fearful of having 200,000 or 300,000 noncombat Americans there, depending upon South Vietnamese troops to defend them," Cranston told UPI. "I don't have that great faith in the ability of South Vietnamese troops, frankly."



Wilson gets new railings

### 'Working Class Is Key To Revolution'

## Marxist-Leninist Stirs Up CHRM Meeting

By ANN ROTHE  
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Carolyn Black, member of the W.E.B. DuBois Club and a temporary organizer for the New Marxist-Leninist Youth Organization, caused quite a stir at the Tuesday evening meeting of the Chapel Hill Revolutionary Movement. Her speech was marked by forceful opinions concerning the revolutionary potential of the working class of America. "According to the Marxist-Leninist theory, the working class is the key to the revolution in our day," Miss Black emphasized. "Lately, for example, there has been an upsurge in the steel workers in

Chicago and Gary, Ind., and among the coal miners of West Virginia. "In the New Marxist-Leninist Youth Organization, we will bring the workers into the leadership of the struggle and not just have student leaders as has been done before," she commented. The New Marxist-Leninist Youth Organization is to be a coalition of the DuBois Club Youth, the Communist Party Youth and the Independent Marxist Youth, according to Miss Black. A founding convention will be held Jan. 10-12 in Chicago, she said, at which time a name for the organization will be decided

upon. Miss Black is on her second tour of the South sponsored by the Communist Party and the New Youth Organization. CHRM members were reportedly in agreement with Miss Black concerning the importance of the working class in today's revolutionary movements. However, her determined refusal to discuss the Progressive Labor Party ("I thoroughly dislike PL and will not discuss the matter further.") seemed irksome to many in the audience. Nor would she discuss the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia in August or the Communist Party's actions during the Revolution of May in France. Her only statement concerning Czechoslovakia was curt and final: "Capitalism threatened, so the Russians, the Warsaw Pack, had the right

to move in." When asked if this opinion was her own or that of the Communist Party to which she belongs, Miss Black replied that "everything I say and think is what the Communist Party says and thinks. Otherwise they wouldn't have me touring the South on their payroll!" In other business, CHRM elected officers for the following positions: intra-organizational co-ordinator, Stanley Liffman; inter-organizational

co-ordinator, Clinton Pyne; internal education secretary, George Vlasits; and financial secretary, Judith Stinson. After a lengthy debate concerning events for the Nov. 15 Moratorium, it was decided that the Issues and Actions Committee would present a program for anti-war actions at the next general meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 4. The CHRM plans will be coordinated with those of the Moratorium Committee, according to Clinton Pyne.

## Union Organizer To Meet With Food Workers Tonight

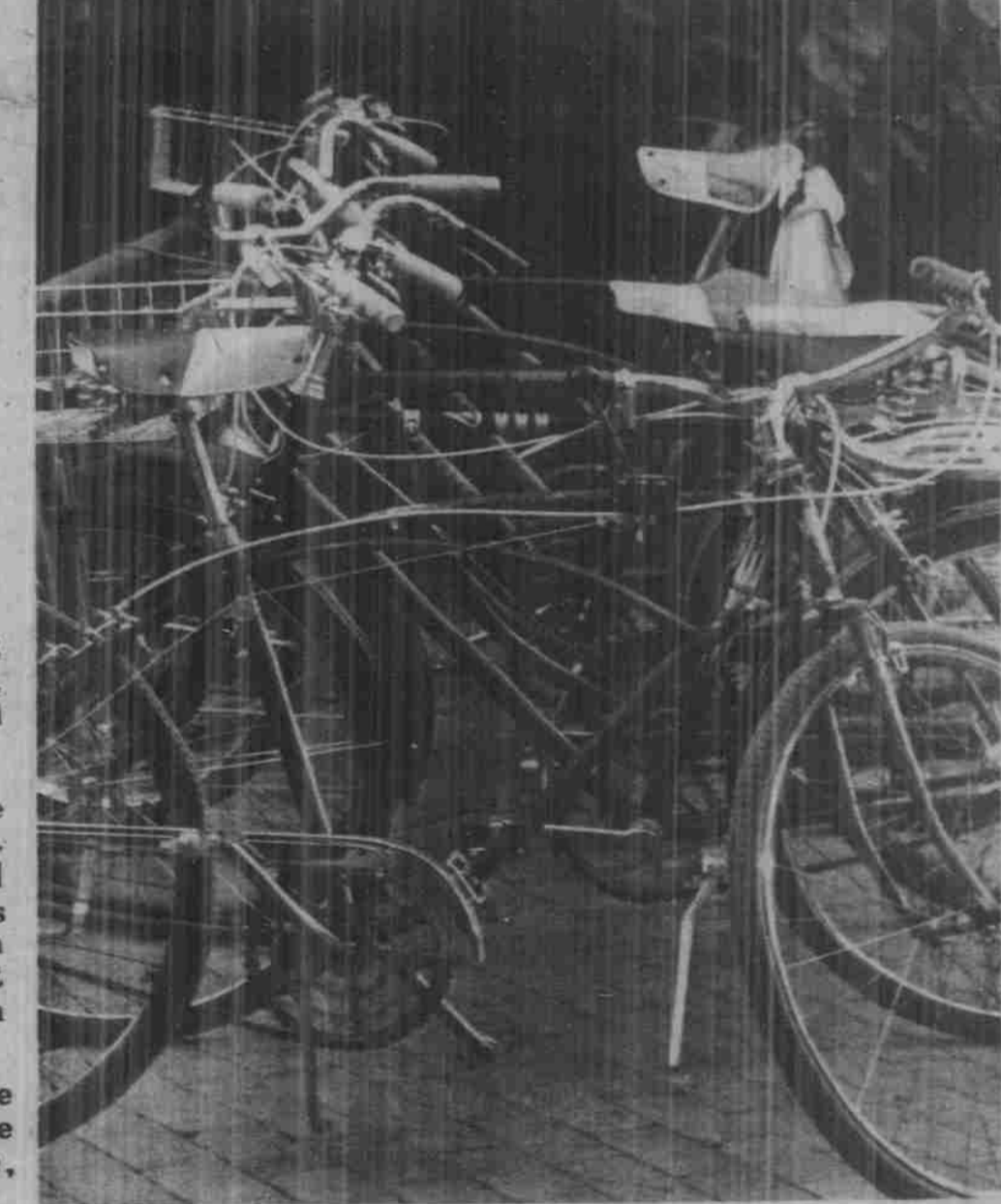
By HENRY HINKLE  
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The Committee of Non-Academic Workers here disclosed Wednesday they would meet with AFL-CIO organizer Joseph Trotter tonight, and that the Committee has issued an invitation to Saga Food Director Ted Young to attend the meeting. The Committee of Non-Academic Workers is composed of cafeteria workers handling the organization of a food service workers' union on the UNC campus. In a statement issued by the Committee, Young was criticized for reneging upon an earlier agreement to meet with all the cafeteria workers to discuss unionization. The statement read: "Since Mr. Young has chosen to call

off the meeting he had promised the workers last Friday, scheduled for sometime this week, we of the committee are asking him to meet with us at our meeting scheduled for Thursday night." Spokesmen for the workers expressed doubt whether Young would attend the meeting Thursday because he had earlier said, "The workers know my feelings about a union and they know the feelings of the pro-union workers. There is no use in discussing the matter further." Young had previously

expressed his feelings that he prefers to deal with the workers on a personal one-to-one basis and has repeatedly discouraged the formulation of a union. Young had promised Friday when he met with Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks and Mrs. Mary Smith, committee members, to call a meeting of all the workers in order to discuss problems expressed earlier about lack of job security and job identification. The workers, according to Mrs. Brooks, would benefit from a union by having these

problems on a more negotiable basis. At tonight's meeting, the committee of workers hope, Mrs. Brooks said, to discuss with Young guidelines for a union. Young speculated if the workers go ahead and form a union, there was the possibility of Saga Food Services closing. The action would, Young said, depend on the demands made by the union. Young added that Saga management was working on a plan of job classification which would allow certain non-academic workers with greater skills to earn higher wages. He also noted that the lack of job identification was one of the grievances expressed by the workers' committee this year. Young said the job identification program "will co-optate the need for a union job classification guidelines." Also present at tonight's meeting will be a Charlotte Lawyer who represented the workers during the cafeteria strike here last spring. The lawyer is working with Trotter to advise the workers on the legality of organizing the union and possible courses of action for negotiation with Saga. Saga food service came to the UNC campus last spring after the university food service was forced out of business. Some Lenoir Hall workers complained to the committee last week about Young's recent remarks at the meetings he held with employees. The meeting tonight, according to Mrs. Brooks, will not be for discussing these differences again, but for discussing the organization of a union only.



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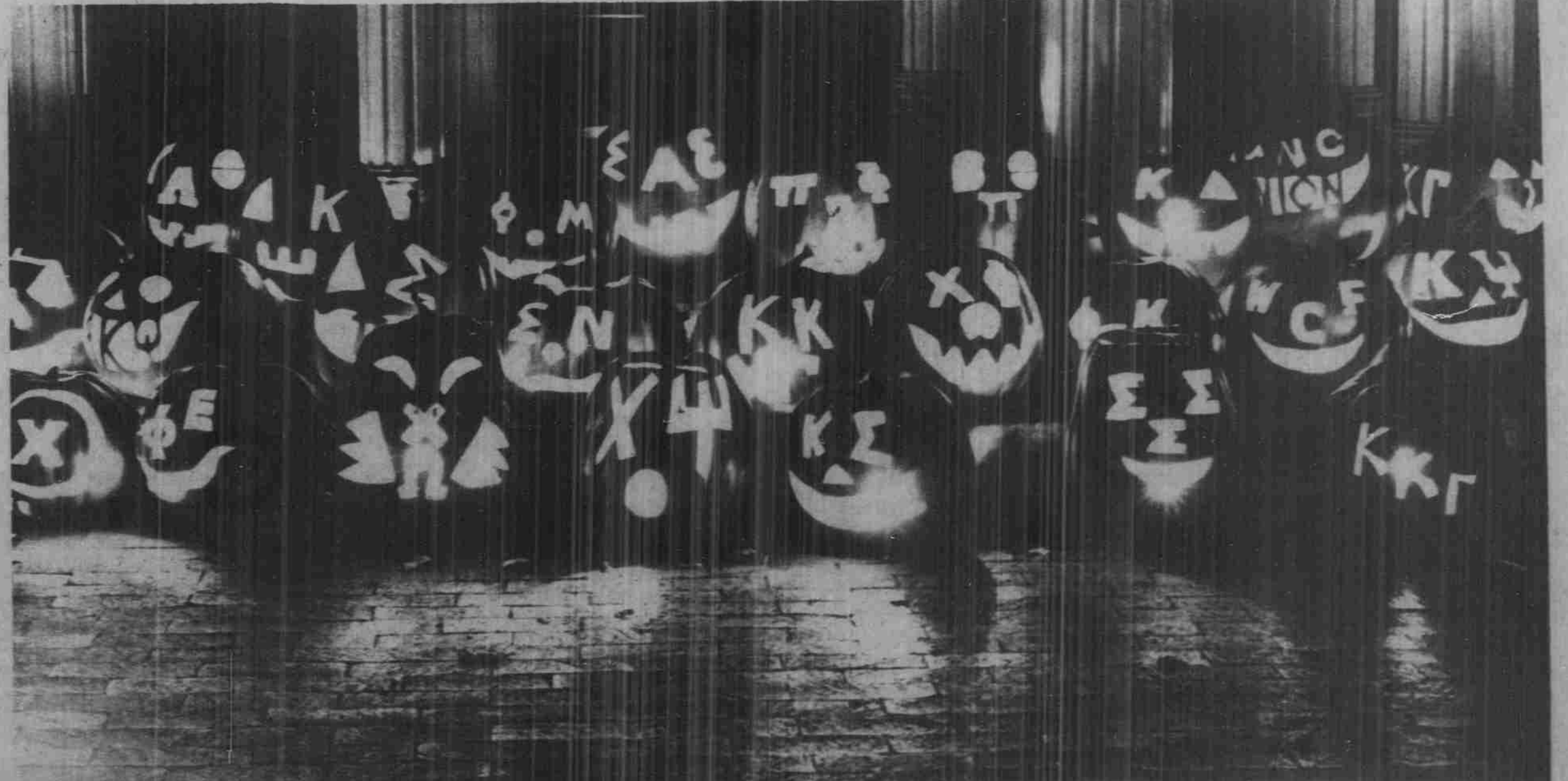
## A&S College Selects Deans

Dr. Gordon B. Cleveland, a professor of political science, and Dr. William J. Powers, an assistant professor of English, have been named assistant deans to the College of Arts and Sciences. Cleveland has been a member of the UNC faculty since 1951 and has been active on a number of committees, including the Faculty Council, which he chaired from 1963-1965. He is currently chairman of the Committee on African and Afro-American Studies and a member of the advisory committee of the American Studies Curriculum. Powers, a University faculty member since 1966, has co-authored a book, "The Writer's Mind," which will be published in February. Powers served as an Air Force intelligence and information

specialist from 1950 to 1964 and received his doctorate in English from the University of Illinois in 1966. Cleveland received his B.S. degree in chemistry from Davidson College and his master's degree in history and government from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, before earning his doctorate in political science from UNC. He has published a number of articles on government and was editor of "News and Notes," for the Journal of Politics from 1959-1969. His most recent work is a series of biographical sketches for McGraw-Hill's new biographical Encyclopedia. Powers also has written a short story, "I'm from Olin," which appeared in a 1968 edition of "Cimaron," and has published a number of children's songs.

## Yearbook Photos Requested

Attention all UNC seniors and graduates: Those students receiving degrees in June of 1970 who have not yet had their photographs taken for this year's Yackety Yack, should come by the Yack office in the new Student Union, suite D, between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays and make an appointment to have your picture taken Tuesday or Wednesday, Nov. 18 or 19.



Pumpkins' grins made by Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority have been distributed to fraternities and sororities on campus for Halloween. More pumpkins and story are on Page Five.