Spiro-watch craze widens

Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse was the first personality to have his picture engraved on the face of a watch. But it took almost twenty years before Spiro Agnew, with a personality as dynamic as Mickey's, became the second famous person to be inducted into the ranks of watch-dial stardom.

Now, the "You-Name-It, We'll-Make-It" Co. of Creedmoor, Venezuela and Siberia, Ltd. has released a new line of watches which promise to be just as popular as the Mickey and the Spiro models.

Here then is a preview of the new models this internationally known company has released to the members of the press:

Model 34-5 The Lester Maddox. The Lester Maddox watch features axe handles for minute and second hands and for \$6.89 extra you can get an alarm that cries "Nigger, Nigger!" every half hour.

Model 34-6 The Pentagon. This model is shaped like the Pentagon, but it has one

fault; it won't tell you the time because the dial is stamped "Top Secret."

Model 45-8 The President Nixon. The President Nixon is constructed of a new plastic (which until further tests are made, seems to be highly unstable) and features a picture of Henry Kissinger.

Model 46-9 The Daniel Ellsberg. Made from old New York Times newspapers, this watch gives you the time before the watch actually shows it.

Model 34-2 The Huey Newton. This watch comes with two black fists for

hands and cries "Right On!" at ten minutes to the hour.

Model 56-0 The N.C. General Assembly. This special watch gives you the time every other year and is ranked 47th among tests conducted on the other state legislature watches on the market.

Model 32-7 The Female Liberation. Features include a clenched fist within a female symbol. Watch has one drawback; every 28 days it stops working and starts again five days later.

Model 67-3 The University. This model features a dial made of hand-laid bricks with blades of grass protruding through them. Like most watches in the collection this one has a slight malfunction; it has more numbers on it than the dial can hold.

Model 11-1 The Vietnam. The top line watch for military buffs and U.S. Senators, this watch is made of old shell casings and no matter what you do to it, it runs on and on and on

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The paper reserves the right to edit all letters for libelous statements and good taste.

Address letters to Editor, The Tar Heel, in care of the Student Union.

Bruce Sampson

UNC blackness needs help

The blackness that gripped this campus in the year 1969 has all but died out. The political and cultural black has become the intellectual and bourgeoise black. The willing workers of the black community have become the freeloaders of the black community. What could have caused this?

In an environment such as the University of North Carolina, a black student is lost to the outside world of blackness. The only contact that most black students of this campus have with other black students is that of academic

or social natures. There are no cultural "rap" sessions, no political theories or any of the "blackness" that dwelt on this campus two years ago.

What is the BSM doing about this? What can it do? The BSM is an organization of students operating on a meager sum of money. It is not up to the BSM to do anything about this; it is up to the individual student.

The black students of this campus know that they are mere islands in a sea of whiteness. It is their duty to guard their identity. No one but they themselves are capable of adjusting to the environment in which they have chosen to matriculate.

Blackness is not dead. It is merely a sick friend that is in dire need of some sort of wonder drug that can revive it. The black students of this campus are in possession of this cure and must administer this drug if true blackness is to be saved.

POWER TO BLACKNESS

Letters to the editor

Tuition increase draws gripe

To the Editor:

The tuition increase recently passed by the North Carolina legislature will directly affect several thousand out-of-state students, and indirectly affect every student and faculty member on this campus. For most students the cost of education is as important in choosing a school as academic excellence or geographic location.

The following compares annual out-of-state tuition and fees at various state-supported universities. UNC competes with these schools, academically or geographically or both, to attract the best students:

UNC 1970-71: \$1,127; UNC 1971-72: \$1,477; UNC 1972-73: \$1.977.

Berkeley: \$1,881; Michigan: \$1,648; Indiana: \$1,490; Penn St.: \$1,200; Wisconsin: \$1,150; South Carolina: \$1,130.

Ohio St.: \$1,110; Virginia: \$1,042; Tennessee: \$1,030; Kentucky: \$980; Florida: \$975; Illinois: \$964; Rutgers (N.J.): \$928;

Maryland: \$854; Georgia: \$765; Massachusetts: \$740; SUNY Albany: \$720; Connecticut: \$705; Texas: \$502.

(SOURCE: James Cass and Max Birnbaum, Comparative Guide to American Colleges: 1970-1971 Edition. When more recent catalogues of the individual universities have been available, they have been used.)

(It should also be mentioned that out-of-state students receiving fellowships and assistantships will no longer be awarded the right to pay in-state rates. Thus, in two years the cost of education for these students will increase, not \$800 but \$1,575.)

UNC's competitive in-state rates are desirable and ought to be retained. For out-of-state students, however, the bill has pushed UNC from a competitive position to one in which it may be priced out of the market.

There is no danger that UNC's

There is no danger that UNC's enrollment will fall; the danger is that fewer people will apply and that the university will lose its selectivity. Once the caliber of the students starts to drop, the reputation of the school follows.

Even though you are earning your degree at a time when UNC is one of the top schools in the nation, you may find that in ten years your degree has devalued. That is why it is important for every member of this academic community, whether affected "directly" or not, to seek to maintain the high academic quality of his school.

One final point: a concentrated letter-writing campaign, to newspapers, parents and friends, could conceivably get this law amended when the legislature reconvenes in October. It may be prudent, however, not to demand complete repeal, but a smaller increase extended over a longer period of time. That way UNC could remain more competitive, and students presently enrolled would not suffer such a sudden financial blow.

Sincerely, Tony Reid 304 Laurel Hill Rd. Chapel Hill

Alcohol God helps reader

Dear Editor,

God came to me last night in the form of a bottle of Gallo Sauterne. He told me

to reveal unto all the druggies that they should give up weed, etc. (except M.D.A.) for alcohol. Alcohol is the way. I should note that alcohol isn't the answer, it's just that with alcohol you realize there are no questions.

Cheers, Bob Pitts 237 McCauley Street

Beer stores are attacked

To the editor:

I find it unfortunate that the local beer and wine stores are refusing to extend their hours to the maximum permitted by the new state law.

Many local store managers have been heard fussing about ABC agents when the stores had to turn people away or hurry them up at 11:45 p.m. Of course, many a beer drinker has been greatly frustrated when he got the urge for a drink at midnight or when he drove up to a store at 11:46 p.m.

Now the law permits stores to seel beer until 2 p.m. EDT. Unfortunately, not one beer store has announced that it will stay open until the new limit.

Most store owners are only willing

to say that they will sell after 11:45 p.m. only as long as people are there to buy. What this means is that a person who wants to buy beer still has to go to the store at 11:45 p.m. if he wants an assurance that he can satisfy his appetite.

Of course, there is still no guarantee that a person that decided he wants beer after 11:45 can find any place open.

I think it's time that the local merchants offer the service of being able to buy beer at later hours to the people in this town. Once everyone knows that they can get beer until 2 a.m. the stores will develop enough business to financially justify the later hours.

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