

Nader to open forum

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Feature Writer

Ralph Nader will open the Carolina Forum, speaking in Carmichael Auditorium October 7 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1 and can be obtained at the Information Desk of the Union.

Nader came to the public eye in 1965 when he wrote "Unsafe at Any Speed," an account of the dangers designed into the American automobile.

His book and investigation on automotive safety began when, in August, 1961, a woman lost her left arm when the 1961 Chevrolet Corvair she was driving turned over in Santa Barbara, California. Exactly 34 months later, in the same city, General Motors decided to pay her \$70,000 rather than continue a trial which for three days had threatened to expose certain driving characteristics of their brand-new automobile.

Nader's book and his testimony in February, 1966, before a Senate safety subcommittee, helped build governmental pressure on the auto industry to produce safer cars.

Early the same month, Nader complained of "harassment" — presumably by vindictive automakers. GM admitted it had asked a Washington law firm to conduct an investigation of

Nader. The purpose, GM said, was to find evidence supporting its belief that Nader was working with attorneys handling some of the 100 damage suits involving defects in GM's Corvair, whose 1960-1963 models were the principal cases cited in Nader's book.

GM apologized for conducting the investigation, but in November, 1966, Nader filed an invasion of privacy suit in the New York Supreme Court against GM and two private detective agencies demanding \$26,000.

"Nader's Raiders" were formed in the summer of 1967 when Nader

established the Center for the Study of Responsive Law. He banded together a group of young lawyers to research public-interest issues ranging from air and water pollution, soil and food contamination, and corporate monopolies.

"Nader's Raiders" have produced many books, including "The Chemical Feast," "Vanishing Air," and "The Interstate Commerce Commission."

Nader often testifies before Congressional committees, lectures around the country, and contributes articles to various journals. He is a

member of the board of Consumer Union.

Born in Winsted, Connecticut, in 1934, Nader graduated from Princeton University and received his LLB degree from Harvard Law School in 1958.

He worked briefly as a Research Assistant at Harvard before beginning his career as "consumer advocate." From 1961-1963, Nader was adjunct instructor in History at the University of Hartford. In 1967 he taught a course at Princeton.

Other speakers in the Carolina Forum series will be Betty Furness, Bella Abrug and Saul Alinsky.



Ralph Nader, consumer advocate, is the first Carolina Forum speaker on October 7. Tickets go on sale today in the Union.

Yack okays liaison

"I think it's a really good idea," said Yack Editor Dave Collins, referring to the plan to set up a committee to act as liaison between student organizations and the Yack.

The Residence College Federation (RFC) proposed Wednesday night that representatives from campus organizations form a group to communicate with the Yack. "This committee will bring students' viewpoints closer to our perspective," said Collins.

Each organization will appoint one member to the group. Collins said a student may be picked from random to "more or less represent the whole student body."

The committee will have no veto power. "I'll report progress on the Yack to them and they'll report back to their organizations. It is a way to get some

feedback on how they feel about what we are doing," Collins said.

He has tentatively planned to meet with the committee once a month.

Collins said he will present the group with a plan and then discuss it. In this way the committee will act as a liaison between students and the yearbook.

"This year's Yack is for the students," Collins said, "and we want to do things they will approve more of."

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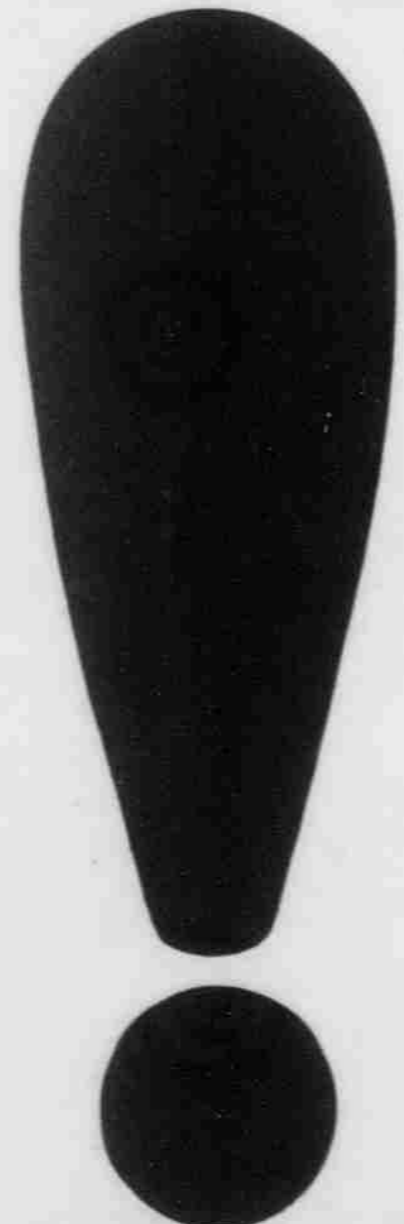
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