

# Insightful look at Southern Jews

Richard Kluger is a native of Paterson, N.J., who is so interested and concerned about the blacks and the Jews in the South that he has written a book about each group. His *Simple Justice* several years ago was a strikingly fresh and thorough account of the Supreme Court decision that outlawed segregation in 1954 and the human consequences of that decision.

His new book, *Members of the Tribe*, (Doubleday, 471 pp. \$10) brings 17-year-old Jewish boy named Seth Adler to Savannah, Ga. in 1878, shows him adjusting to the ways of the South and then has him defend Jewish Noah Berg, charged with the murder of a teen-age Gentile girl in 1913 (obviously based on the actual trial-and-lynching of Jewish Leo Frank in 1913).

Kluger has done his homework on Southern Jews as well as he did his homework on Southern blacks; and the result is an intensely readable, enlightening and provocative novel. The first section is Seth Adler's own story of his rise to success as a lawyer in Savannah, his friendship with the Baxters, a Southern family grown rich by manufacturing a soft drink called "Jubilee" (which reminds you inevitably of Coca-Cola), and his decision to defend Noah Berg. The second section is told by Adler's daughter Judith, who recalls in 1945 the details of the trial and lynching of Noah Berg, the terrible burst of anti-Semitism in Georgia, the role played by populist Tom Watson and, finally and surprisingly, the real murderer of the girl, Jean Dugan.

Seth Adler's grandson David adds a postscript in 1976 from his viewpoint of a

lawyer and professor at Yale, who can look back on the situation of the Jews in the South through the years. He points out that the Jews in America "have advanced steadily to positions of leadership in every walk of life" and notes that his grandfather Seth would be startled to know "that the next President of the United States is to be a

**books**  
By **WALTER SPEARMAN**  
*Members of the Tribe*  
by Richard Kluger

Georgia farmer reared in the very same place that spawned the rabble who so savagely took the life of Noah Berg." Kluger even allows his fictional David Adler to say: "It is touching, and plainly a healing thing for the nation, that a good old boy who swabbed cotton bolls with arsenic in his family's

fields, and had his hair shorn with mule clippers and sold peanuts on the streets of a peanut-sized town, may be elevated by grit and wit to the White House."

The theme that runs persistently through *Members of the Tribe* is that for the Jews "America was native soil of the soul" and that although temporary aberrations like the lynching of Noah Berg (and of the real-life Leo Frank) might occur from time to time, there was genuine tolerance of the Jews and even appreciation of their attributes in America and in the South.

Of special local interest is Kluger's "author's note," in which he cites two of his useful sources in writing the book as *A Personal History of the Jews in America* by Eli Evans of Durham, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and *Tom Watson: Agrarian Rebel* by C. Vann Woodward, who received his Ph.D. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1937.

## 'Beyond the Fringe' opens

The North Carolina Shakespeare Festival Off-Season Players will present *Beyond the Fringe* tonight through Friday and again next Wednesday through Friday at the Ranch House. There will be two shows nightly, at 7 and 9:30.

*Beyond the Fringe* is a conglomeration of the comic material of Peter Cooke and Dudley Moore in a series of comedic sketches. The Off-Season Players have added some innovations of their own, including some James Thurber and Woody Allen comedy.

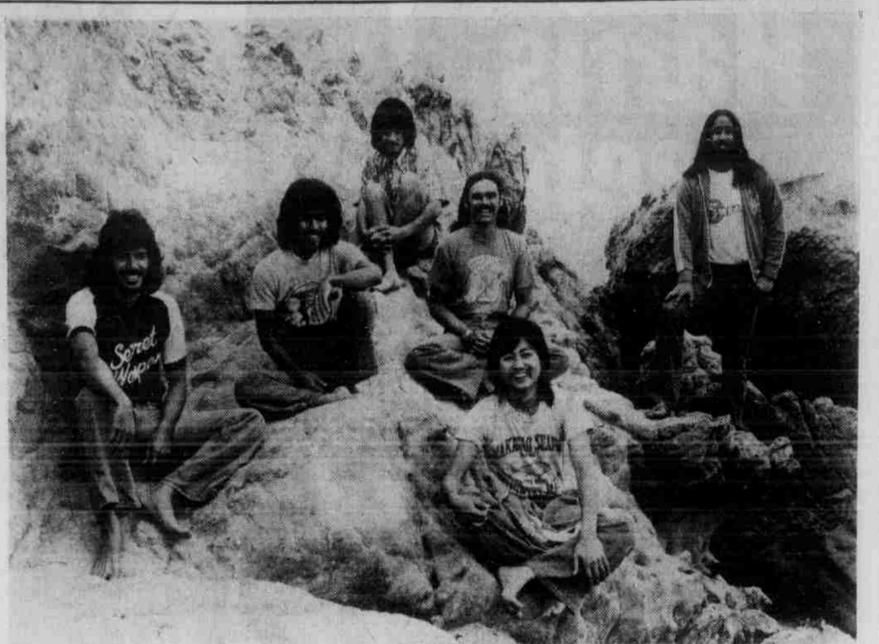
"It's the kind of show where you don't have to behave yourself," according to producer and co-founder Mark Woods. "It's okay to laugh loud."

The show has played to rave reviews for three weeks in the Players' home in High Point.

One Greensboro reviewer recommended the production to anyone who wouldn't mind "collapsing, helplessly and utterly, with laughter."

Bernard Johnson, David Lienthall, Gordon Ferguson, Rick Simpson and Mary Key Woods, the five actor-players starring in *Beyond the Fringe*, return from a summer company that produced *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Henry V* and *Moliere's Miser*.

Tickets for *Beyond the Fringe* are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students with IDs. Advance tickets are on sale at the Ranch House and The Old World Gift Shop.



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Kalapana's sound has, in fact, caused many music critics to exhaust their vocabularies of superlatives in attempts to convey its dynamic impact on audiences. A favorite of West Coast colleges, universities and clubs, Kalapana

has sold out concerts in Berkeley, San Diego, Chicago, Louisville, Richmond and Washington, D.C., to name a few. Wherever Kalapana appears, the story is the same — overflow crowds, standing ovations, and demands for encores.

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## Complainants at odds on remedy

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comparable. "They're not comparable with everyone having completely equal facilities," he said. Blyth said the rising number of women at UNC and more women in Physical Education has hindered the progress.

Daniel Okun, a Kenan professor in public health who signed the grievance as a friend of the complainants, said, "Women don't have facilities that match their needs. The limited spaces should be used equitably."

Okun, who uses the gymnasium and has a locker in the male faculty locker room, said he may or may not lose his locker because of the grievance, "but if everyone is treated equally, I'll have no complaints."

Betty Ausherman, a member of the women's field hockey team and chairperson of the Association for Women Students, said she signed the grievance because she thought it was time someone "had the nerve to do this, and all Karen Murphy has researched is true." Ausherman said field hockey members have no lockers in which to store equipment. According to the grievance, only the women's golf team has locker space.

Ausherman said the field hockey team had been shortchanged. "We've had to practice in the dark once, and at the beginning, our field was covered with weeds. I don't think they'd do this to Coach Dooley, and I have a feeling something has to change."

"The situation isn't fair for women on teams or P.E. students," field hockey coach Dolly Hunter said. "The athletic department does go out of its way to help us and ask about problems. They

support us, but because we are women, they don't think it is necessary sometimes. There are just so many other teams."

Women's volleyball coach Beth Miller said changing the facilities now would be difficult in some respects. "I know what the situation is," Miller said. "I'm in sympathy with the administration; they did change one room (a weight lifting room) for women. It's a real difficult situation. Maybe a storage room in Carmichael could be changed."

Blyth said the new intramural gym scheduled for completion in 1980 will help the situation. "Unquestionably the new gym is a cure for the ills of incomparable facilities," he said.

But Associate Professor of English Margaret O'Connor said she believes the situation must be helped before the new gym is completed. "There's no reason to wait until the new gym to have facilities for women," O'Connor said.

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