By TOM MOORE Arts Editor

Willie Nelson is like the New South, a strange combination of hick and sophisticate. Willie is most famous for his ass-kicking get-rowdy songs like "Whiskey River" and "Gotta Get Drunk," but he's just as at ease when singing gospel or, more surprisingly, tin-pan alley tunes. His versatile range runs from Hank Williams to Cole Porter and is amazing, easily the widest of any pop musician around today.

In 1978 Willie came out with Stardust, an album which included the title Hoagy Carmichael classic and several other tin-pan alley standards. At first it shocked his fans to hear the grizzly Texan crooning away at songs that seemingly wouldn't be his forte.

But Willie knows how to milk songs like "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," "Georgia" and "Unchained Melody" as well as Bing Crosby or Frank Sinatra. Stardust remains Willie Nelson's biggest selling album. And his newest release, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, is a sequel of sorts to Stardust. Like its predecessor the album is composed of classic tin-pan alley songs.

But the tunes on Somewhere Over the Rainbow seem to work better. Part of this is because the shock of hearing a slightly nasal voice sing old favorites now has worn off; it's no longer so disconcerting to hear his smooth country voice softly singing something like "Mona Lisa" or "Over The Rainbow."

The other reason why this album seems to work better than Stardust is that it's orchestrated better. On Somewhere Over the Rainbow Nelson has scrapped his usual band and picked up a nice core of Nashville sidemen, all playing string instruments.

The biggest strength of this group comes from Johnny Gimble, who played fiddle with the legendary Texas swing - an enticing fusion of big band and



Willie Nelson scratches his beard in a pose of contemplation ... expresses "combination of hick and sophisticate" in latest album

country - group Bob Willis and his Texas Playboys. Gimble's fiddle-playing on Nelson's album gives the songs the necessary dreamy effect they need and reinforce Willie's soft crooning in just the right way.

Somewhere Over the Rainbow also is helped most notably by some swift guitar picking by Freddie Powers, who duets with Nelson quite nicely on a number of songs. Powers' voice is smooth enough for the songs but a bit twangier than Willie's.

The standout tunes are the title track, which loses its connotations of Judy Garland and New Deal hopes and becomes a fresh lullaby of dreams, and "Who's Sorry Now." Also quite nice are the old Nat King Cole tune, "Mona Lisa," and "Won't You Ride In My Little Red Wagon," a song with such cutesy sexual references that it would have been disasterous for any other singer even to attempt it.

And that's something that can be said about every other song on the album, too. Hell, there aren't many people, especially country singers, who would dare attempt an album of age-old tunes like the ones on Somewhere Over The Rainbow. Fewer still could make them all work. That's what makes Willie Nelson unique. That's what makes him great, the magical link in a musical heritage that includes George Gershwin and Kris Kristofferson.

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by 1 p.m. if they are to run the next day. Each item will be run at least twice.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

The UNC Media Board will meet today at 5 p.m. in 321 Greenlaw. Interviews for The Alchemist and The Cellur Done will be held

"Come Back to the Raft Ag'in, Huck Honey!": Gay People in American Fiction - presented by CGA at 7:30 p.m. in Dey 301. Everyone is welcome

Will the state give you a pay raise in 1981-1982? The Welfare Committee of the Library Staff Association is sponsoring a talk by Emmett W. Burden, executive director of the NCSEA. Today at 2 p.m. in Gerrard Hall. All state employees are welcome.

COMING EVENTS

Full Gospel Student Fellowship - to sing praise unto God; kneels to Him in prayer; lift up our hearts to His abode; and seek His love to share - meets in the Frank Porter Graham lounge in the Union Tuesday at 7 p.m. Managing Hazardous Waste in North Carolina ... the lecture series sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and UNC's Institute of Environmental Studies continues with a panel discussion including key persons in state and local governments at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Greenlaw Hall Audi-

The department of music will present the Faculty Brass Quintet on Tuesday in Hill Hall at 8:15 p.m. Ackland Art Museum will present "Treasures for the Ackland: Recent Acquisitions II" through April 5. There

will be a gallery talk by Innis Shoemaker, on Wednesday at Triangle Dance Guild will present the Arthur Hall Afro-American Dunce Ensemble Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Memorial

Hall. Reserved seat tickets are available at the Carolina

Union box office. Anthropology Colloquium on Migrant Networks Com-municating Change to Women in Rural Iran by Janet Baver, postdoctoral fellow, Carolina Population Center. Wednes-

day at 3:30 p.m. in 205 Alumni. Human Sexuality Information and Counseling Service will

meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Frank Porter Graham lounge in the Carolina Union. Local specialists will discuss "Central America and the

Caribbean: New Political Earthquake Zone," Thursday, 4 p.m. in 203 Howell Hall. Professor Morris Sibinshy will speak on "Canonical

Moment Sequences and Moment Space Geometry for Dis-tributions on Bounded Intervals" Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in 324 Phillips Hall.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Applications for the April 25 Graduate Record Examination are available in 101 Nash Hall. Applications post marked after Friday and before March 31 will be charged an additional \$5. Fee is \$20 for each aptitude and advanced test.

"Southern Women at Work, 1979-1970," an exhibit of manuscripts and photographs in honor of National Women's History Week, will be on display in the Southern Historical Collection of Wilson Library through April 30. Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Soprano Joyce Peck and pinnist Marmaduke Miles will present a recital Sunday at 8:15 p.m. in Hill Hall.

Jonathan Arnold of Yale University will speak on atistical Problems in Population Genetics" March 26 at

3:30 p.m. in 324 Phillips. "The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter," a highly acclaimed film about women and work, will be shown at a Critical Perspectives forum Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the

Community Church at Purefoy and Mason Farm roads.

Interested in women writers? Come hear Emily Seelbinder speak on "Writing as Revision: The Women Writer on Femining and the Female Experience" at the Association for Women Students meeting March 25 at 7 p.m. in Spencer parlor.

Hear Sweet Honey in the Rock! Tickets are \$6 at the Union desk for the concert, which will be held Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Sponsored by AWS.

Today is the last day to apply for Class of '35 summer travel grants. Three \$880 fellowships will be awarded. Applications available at the International Center in the Union. The juried Student Art Contest will be held April 3, and the exhibit of winning pieces will continue until May. For more information, look for posters, go by the Union desk or

The Carolina Friends School's 14th annual craft fair will be March 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and March 29 1 p.m.-6 p.m. The fair includes professional crafts, entertainment, a country store and greenhouse, cafe and a bake sale.

information on a minority student book publishin scholarship at the University of Denver and subsequent three-month internship with a New York publisher this summer is available in 101 Nash Hall.

Pre-vets: Animal science and applied food and nutrition are required for admission to N.C. Vet School and will be offered for the first time in summer school at N.C. Agriculture and Technical University in Greensboro, June 1-July 10.

An art exhibit by Thomas Waldrop, "Saturated Paintings," will be displayed in the Morehead Building this nonth. The free public exhibit can be seen 2-5 p.m. and 7:30-10 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and 7:30-10 p.m. Saturdays and 7:30-10 p.m. Sundays.

"Easter the Awakening," which traces the season of renewal and the development of the calendar, concluding with the Biblical Easter pageant, will begin at the Morehead Planetarium Tugsday. Programs are 8 p.m. daily except Thursday with matinees on Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m.

"Sky Rambles," a live-narrated tour of the night sky, will be presented at Morehead Planetarium every Thursday at 9

Guest nights at the planetarium allow individuals to use the 24-inch telescope to view the night sky two Fridays each month. Admission is free, but tickets must be obtained in advance by writing the department of physics and astronomy

Persons, preferably rising seniors, interested in all health careers are invited to apply to the Predent/Premed Advising Office as peer advisors. Information is available in 311 South Building or 101 Nash Hall.

A premedical symposium will be held March 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Duke University's Searle Center (ground floor of Medical Library). Sign up in 311 South Building by

School of Social Work forms women's collection The UNC School of Social Work has "The program is to help social work could gather information for papers,

created a Women Studies Material Center to improve content on women in social work courses, social work professor Andrew W. Dobelstein said recently.

"We have organized materials and resources that deal with policy questions in respect to emerging concerns of women," he said. Materials which highlight issues of employment and employment discrimination will be the center's focus now.

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students become more aware of problems that women have," Dobelstein said. "It is important that students know what is happening with women today."

Teanne Oehler, research assistant and coordinator of the center, said the program would work out of the school's Franklin Street office, and be an on-going University network. It will provide resources and print-outs from which anyone theses, dissertations or general inquiries.

The center includes books, journals, government documents, pamphlets and biographical references.

Oehler said there was information available on women's rights, the Equal Rights Amendment, employment, health issues, women in education and the changing roles of women in today's society.

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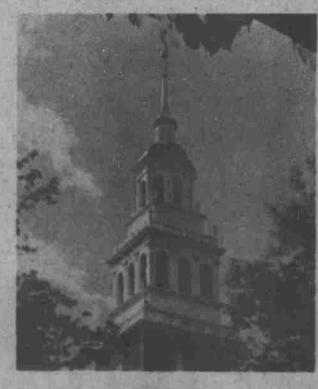
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