

Royster a bold, brash student while at UNC, autobiography shows

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Vermont Royster is known nationally as former editor of *The Wall Street Journal*. But students who read his autobiography, *My Own, My Country's Time*, published by Algonquin Press, may be more interested in the passages on his life as a UNC student.

"... The adjustment (to college life) took the form of bringing out my latent brashness. I set out to make myself noticed among the faceless seven hundred. Some of the ways I chose now make me wince.

"I was living in Old West, one of the original University buildings which was then a dormitory, and sent my clothes to be washed at the University laundry, a service covered by our lodging fees. My socks kept coming back with holes in them. Finding this outrageous, I marched myself across the square to confront Dr. Frank Graham, the University president. Why not, I thought, take the matter to the top?

"A few minutes after giving his secretary my name I was ushered into his office. Dr. Frank knew who I was, being an old friend of my father. He shook hands, bade me sit in a chair beside his desk, and said, 'I'm glad to see you, Vermont. What can I do for you?'

"By way of answer, I bent down, took off my right shoe and put my foot on his desk, waggling my big toe through the hole in my sock.

"I explained this was what his laundry was doing to me. 'I don't know what Dr. Frank thought of this behavior, but he looked at me quietly for a few moments. Then he reached into his wallet, pulled out a dollar bill and handed it to me.

"Use this,' he said, 'to buy yourself some new socks.'"

"... I coasted my first two years. ... The only annoyance was physics because here there was required lab work for such things as measuring the coefficient of expansion for metals. I eventually resolved that by looking up what the figures ought to be and then adjusting my data according.

"... The Music Department... had managed to appoint a chairman who, it turned out, had none of the degrees he claimed to have had. He was quietly fired during a summer recess, but of course we found out about it and made it front-page news in the *Tar Heel*. I accompanied this with a fierce editorial holding it up as 'typical of the incompetence of the administration.'

"That brought another encounter with Dr. Frank which again proved his character. Seeing him later at some gathering I tried to avoid him, but he sought me out, came over and put his arm around me. 'That was a pretty rough editorial, Vermont,' he said. Then after a pause he added, 'But I guess we deserved it.'"



Outdoor jazz

Brother Yusuf Salim plays piano at a concert in the pit. His group, Brother Yusuf and Friends, and other performers, including Eve Cornelius, participated in Jazz for the Fun of It, a Union-sponsored event.

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Police department gets grant to crack down on drunken driving

By **SUSAN OAKLEY**
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A state grant of almost \$60,000, directed toward limiting the number of drunk drivers, has been awarded to the Chapel Hill Police Department for a third consecutive year, said Master Officer Gregg Jarvies.

The grant, formally called the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, is available through the N.C. Governor's Highway Safety Program and is distributed to North Carolina police departments that apply for it.

"First, we will use the grant as a means of educating the public after the effects of drunken driving," he said. The department will purchase audio-visual aids, pamphlets and films with the funds for public education programs, he said.

The grant will also be used to hire four extra officers, whose sole duties will be looking for drunk drivers on weekends, he said.

"In applying for the grant, you must state a specific problem in your community," Jarvies said. "Because Chapel Hill is a youthful community, DWI (driving-

while-impaired) was our basic premise."

The police department will be awarded approximately \$59,000 this year from the grant, he said.

These officers began their patrol in October of last year, he said, and since that time the number of drunken driving arrests has increased by 76 percent.

From Oct. 1, 1982, to Sept. 30, 1983, the total number of these arrests were 525 as compared to 296 the year before, he said.

"When we first began this program, we proposed a 10 percent increase in DWI arrests," he said. "The 76 percent increase far exceeded our expectations."

Jarvies said he was disappointed, however, that the need for enforcement has not decreased. But he said only about 33 percent of the people arrested for drunken driving last year were Chapel Hill residents.

"Most were visitors from out-of-town," he said. "As long as we reach our target group, we will be happy."

"Overall, we are pleased with the program," he said. "And evidently the state is pleased as well, since the grant was renewed for another year."

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"There was a feeling that nobody should be required to learn anything, that people who go through the four years deserve a diploma."

But that trend is changing in states such as North Carolina where students now may receive a certificate stating that they have attended four years of high school rather than a diploma, Royster said.

"Some people argue that requiring fundamentals is unfair to underprivileged students who don't have a strong background in such subjects," Royster said. "But that's a backwards argument. If you come from a background where you are surrounded by books and where your parents stress the value of education, you will be a good student."

"Schools are not places where disadvantages are created; they are the only places where disadvantages can be corrected," he said.

Others argue that students not planning to attend college don't need the basics but should have a more vocation-oriented education. But this too is wrong, since students who don't go to college need to know the basics to succeed, Royster said.

"It's the people who don't have a good grasp of grammar who end up unemployed," Royster said. When people are laid off from their jobs they don't have the basic skills to learn another trade.

Technological developments also have con-

tributed to the growing number of unemployed, Royster said.

"People who don't have basic skills in English and mathematics are even more in the cold when it comes to finding jobs today," thanks to the emphasis on technology, he said.

One occupation that will survive the effects of technology is print journalism, said Royster, an editor with *The Wall Street Journal* during the years it grew to national prominence.

Television will continue to do what it does best — present stories that rely heavily on visuals, Royster said. Examples of such stories are wars and natural disasters, he added.

But television has problems presenting non-visual stories such as those on the economy, Royster added. Print journalism will always be able to do these types of stories better, he said.

Growth of national newspapers such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Christian Science Monitor* and *USA Today* has not had a detrimental effect on local papers, he added.

"As communications between different parts of the country improved, people wanted an expanded news coverage," Royster said. "A person in Portland, Ore., began to want the same news as someone in Portland, Maine, and the national newspapers showed up to meet those needs."

"But there will always be a place for the regional newspapers," Royster said.

Watt

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tional Audubon Society. "It is likely that Reagan will replace Watt with a more subtle interior secretary who could do more damage in a shorter time."

Peterson said that Reagan "is the real James Watt."

"Watt was hired by the president to lead an ideological crusade to weaken environmental regulations and to transfer public lands and other public resources into private hands," Peterson said.

Some environmentalists see Watt as such a political liability to the Reagan administration that they believe his remaining in the Cabinet would make it easier to defeat anti-environmental Republican congressional candidates in 1984.

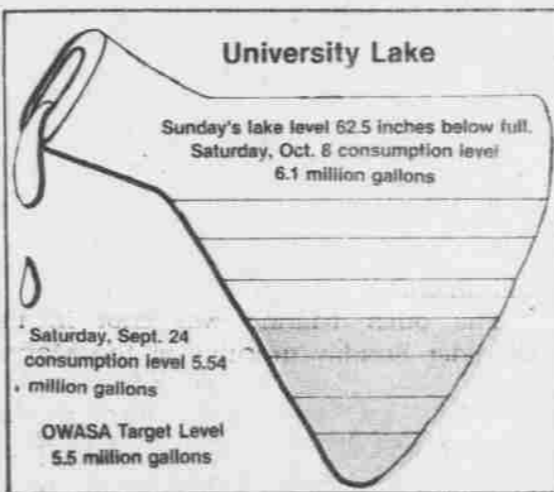
When leaders of 10 of the environmental groups met

in Washington last week to plot strategy, there was open debate over whether Watt should resign.

They also said recent congressional votes to slap a moratorium on Watt's coal-leasing program and impose restrictions on his offshore oil and gas leasing activities should be rendered ineffective.

"He is sitting there as a political liability with no power," said Rafe Pomerance, president of Friends of the Earth.

However, Pomerance and other environmental leaders decided they would work to get Watt out of office, doing most of it quietly to prevent a backlash from conservative supporters.



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possible to the survey," Owens said, "because we hope to bring about some kind of action which will prevent Southern Bell from ever using negative marketing techniques again."

SLIS Director Dorothy Bernholz said students are not legally obligated to pay for any optional services offered by Southern Bell's local office unless the services were specifically requested by the subscriber.

Owens said students who find they are being

charged for services they did not request should contact SCAU for assistance.

"If someone is being charged for services he did not order, we will help him write a letter to Southern Bell and the N.C. Public Utilities Commission," Owens said. "We hope the results of the survey will help us determine exactly what we have to do to help people avoid being charged."

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