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Senate Reports Book Store Profits

BY RALPH JOHNSON

The Senate Investigative Textbook Committee, which was appointed to investigate the Winthrop College Store's textbook department, gave its final report to Senate on November 30, 1977. The College Store has long been the object of criticism by students because of the seemingly high prices that have to be paid for text books. The committee which was composed of Senate members and student non-members had the task of finding out if the book store was overcharging students.

Mr. Gary Roberts, who chaired the committee, stated at the outset, that because of the Appropriations Act of 1977, the College Store has the right to make a profit. He then proceeded to explain how the book store operates. The College Book Store gets a 25% discount on hardback books; this discount is even greater for paperbacks. The store sells books to the students at the full publisher's list price, plus the store pays an approximate 6% freight-in-charge. This freight-in-charge is passed on to the students in the price of the books. The bookstore buys back the books in the following manner: the store buys back the books at 50% of the original price and sells them (used) back to the students with a 25% markup. An example of this is: if a book from the wholesaler costs $10, the College Bookstore pays $8.00 for it, plus a 6% freight-in-charge fee. The store then resells the book back to the student for $5.00, adds 25% of the original price, and now the books costs $7.50. Their total profit on a $10.00 book then is $4.02.

The committee found that the bookstore has made approximately $150,000 in clear profit over the last three years. Two tracts of land have been purchased with this money. The College Store now has $125,000 in a special account called the College Store Fund which can be used by the school and the book store. It was the opinion of some of the senators that this money is currently not being used for anything and what, therefore, be routed back to student funds.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, the bookstore had recorded total sales of $649,125. Their total cost or sales of $414,389 which left a gross profit of $127,735. After operating expenses were subtracted, there was $47,866 remaining in clear profit.

The committee also gave some suggestions that grew out of their investigation as to what actions students can take if they are dissatisfied with the present situation:

1. Publicize the Student Text Book Exchange.
2. The Student Government Association operates a textbook exchange at the beginning of each semester. Students bring their used books by the exchange at and give the operator the price that they would like to receive for the book. SGA changes them a .50c service charge, and the student is given the money received from the sale of his book.
3. The second suggestion was to give the student Senate 25% of the profit which can be redistributed to different organizations.
4. Place a substantial percentage into a scholarship fund.

Students who have ideas about what can be done about the situation should contact their respective senator or write to THE JOHNSONIAN.

Christmas Program Underway

Santa is getting ready for his yearly trek across the Byram Auditorium stage. The jolly old soul, his reindeer and a host of campus and community performers will welcome the holiday season Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. at the seventh annual Christmas Program. This year's theme is "Christmas in the Carolinas." The program will feature choral and instrumental music, caroling by the audience, dance numbers and dramatic readings. Admission is free to the public.

Nims members of the Winthrop Dance Theatre will participate in the Winthrop Christmas Program according to Dr. Joanne Lunt, Dance Theatre Advisor.

The dancers will present their interpretation of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" which will be sung by the Winthrop Chorus. They will also perform "reindeer putting Santa's sleigh and pass out candy to children.

The dance will be choreographed by Dr. Lunt and will feature Laurie Bishop, Ramona Bryant, Julie Durham, Ryn Felder, Cynthia Fields, Joel Gates, Jody Holder, Susan Lay, and Margaret Smith.

Community groups scheduled to perform are the Rock Hill High School Choral Ensemble, the Northwestern High School Mixed Choral Ensemble, the Rawlinson Road Junior High School Mixed Ensemble and Chorale, the Rock Hill Elks Chorus, and the St. John's Methodist Church Handbell Ringers.

Winthrop groups scheduled to perform include the Winthrop Chorus, Chorale and Singers, the Winthrop Band, the Winthrop Dance Theatre and the Christmas Consort.

Marshall Darwell and Roy Flynn will narrate. Jerry Helton will be tenor soloist and Lorriaoa Gorell will be soprano soloist. Joanne Lunt will be dance soloist and David Lowry will be organist.

John Sargent is production director and Bob Edgerton is musical director.

At 6 p.m., the same evening, Winthrop's outdoor Christmas tree will be lit. The 50-foot magnolia, located on the front campus near Oakland Avenue, bears almost 500 colorful lights. The Christmas tree, decorated yearly since 1935, will be turned on nightly thus the end of December.

Holiday Reminders

The Christmas holidays are coming up, and with them, various Christmas-oriented events are taking place on campus.

The holidays will run from Dec. 16 to Jan. 14 (for those who have Saturday classes). The dorms will close at 9 p.m. on Dec. 17 and will reopen at 2 p.m. Jan. 11 for all new students. At 9 a.m., Jan. 12, all dorms will reopen.

The library will be open from Dec. 16 until Dec. 20. It will close Dec. 20 and remain closed until Dec. 27, and reopen the following day. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on those days that the library is open. These are tentative hours. The full schedule will run as soon as possible.

A semi-formal Christmas Dance will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10. The dance will be held in McRae Cafeeteria from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Eastern Seaboard will be playing, and refreshments will be provided by Dinkins Special Events Committee. Tickets for the dance are 50c with WCD and $1 for guests.

On Dec. 7, a Christmas decoration class will begin at 7 p.m. in Dinkins, room 230.
Checks Do Not Checkout

All of us, at one time or another, have experienced some type of financial strain or worry about our knowledge. Checks can reveal a great deal of data about people. They contain information about how much money we spend, what we save, and how our financial habits are developing. Furthermore, many people must usually present their driver's license, car registration, social security cards, other I.D.'s, and credit cards in order for the check to be accepted. Such forms of identification, in turn, contain more information: demographic data, physical descriptions, income (Credit cards/Purchase Power, type of car, etc. . . .)

Under normal circumstances, identification cards are used to prove one's identity. If we do not have the cards or the need to make especially expensive purchases often. Furthermore, any student who lives on a minimal income is not eligible for the issuance of credit cards. This is a fact, even to stores who supposedly have policies of "granting" credit cards to young people starting out in the world.

Young people, you and me, students . . . survive on meager incomes supplied by parents, you, or both. Most of us do not issue checks which will bounce. We frequently manage to make ends meet somehow and in some way. Why then, are we unable to prove that we can handle our finances? Credit cards supposedly belong to the "Purchase Power" regardless of whether or not we know how to use it properly. In order for us to attain that passport of acceptability, we must show all the signs of Middle-Class financial needs and income to support those needs. That is, we must earn and spend enough money on house-supplies (furnishings, gadgets, appliances), car and car maintenance, 2-3 meals a day worth of overpriced food, and so forth. How then, to students, especially those who do not earn, actually need automatic defrost refrigerator/freezer and meat or fowl nearly every night of the week? How many students choose to go without simply because they cannot afford certain Middle-Class needs in order to stay within their budget?

What small amount of money we have, must be saved and not be accepted as such. No chance. Checks are not a way of the future, nor will there be any capital, obviously serve as a definite purpose. A modest solution to the problem is indeed the final degradation: fingerprinting.

PZ

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter concerns three issues which I've been thinking about lately. It should be of interest to you, the editor, to see what I've written about the possible solution to the middle-class needs of students. The letter is not a direct response to the "The Christian church."

It's my opinion that THE JOHNSONIAN should focus on the problem of the middle-class needs of students. The article "The Christian church." is certainly not in keeping with what I consider to be the purpose of a college newspaper. Thank you for considering my feelings on this matter.

Sincerely,

Bob J. Porterfield
Research Campus Minister

Dear Editor,

This is a response to your article "The Christian church."

Your Jesus" represents all Christians the very heart and core of their religious faith. For thousands of years He has been the focus behind much of the social reforms from which our present government has benefited. Even non-believers have adopted the moral and spiritual inspiration for millions of people. He has been the force behind most of the social reforms from which other millions have benefited. Even governments have modeled their principles of justice and human rights on His teachings. For Jesus to be referred to as a "new light beer" is certainly out of keeping with the true personality of this important leader of the Christian church.

A Concerned Student

Paging Good

It's that time of year once again for the Jim Good Annual (every year seems to write this column for two years, with one year off in between for good-behavior Toys in the Kitchen). Attic Wholesale Sale—Last Minute Absolutely-Must-Go Clearance Sale. Yes, finally today of those days when I just have to reach back into my little cornucopia of esoterica (removes embarrassing age spots), my hedgehogude of electric abrasions, my odd collectible, and my piece of junk. I certainly wish myself luck.

First things first: To the as yet unnamed to me diminutive lady with the dark, curly hair who complimented my column the other day let me say a won' of personal thanks. "Thanks."

Second things second: Much thanks and many kudos to Gary (no relation to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Tread) who has managed to amass my will, charm, and satisfy all of the above into a Pullitzer-class comic strip. If only for that tragic telling accident that my writing was at Vail I might still be able to draw (and play the violin brilliantly).

All things thereafter, thereafter, after: I am now convinced that the last of all, when I reach the exact moment of death inviable butterflies float skyward, as if it were, and make something of it. I certainly wish myself luck.

It has been reliably reported that Johns Hopkins University, in the staggering fifty point defeat at the hands of the Duke U. cagers, will be sold to Ramada Inn Corporation. This move will be a natural outgrowth of the expansion of the 500 bed cardio-circulatory unit to the J.H. DOWLERAMA. I'm above that, thank THE JOHNSONIAN.

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Took out a bank loan today. Spread the payments out over two years. I'm not sure plus my first-born. Not a bad deal. Now I can afford to get out of the old slump I've been living in. I'll be so nice to get into a new slump (as it is now making progress) and I'll get rid of my crabgrass. Hah!

Let's talk about boogers for a while, shall we? You know those nasty little bugs you sneeze out of your nose when no one's looking? Hell no, let's. I don't need to talk about anything more than anyone who poops in the bathtub and bites the bubbles. I'm above that, thank THE JOHNSONIAN.

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KATHY KIRKPATRICK

You didn't plan it this way. You're sure of it. You logged that stack of books home from the library over two weeks ago. You know this because you got your overdue notices in the mail just this morning—yes, that was over two weeks ago. You've looked at those books since then, memorized their covers as you moved them from the kitchen table to the back bedroom to the closet. But that term paper doesn't have a word to it yet and it needs 2000 of them, words that is, aligned one after the other across pages and pages and pages. It even has to make some sort of sense, finally, and not even the advisor can help you with that.

All the reading and note-taking is really the easy part. So you read all you can find on the topic you've chosen. "The Love Life of the Mongolian Lizard." You're surprised at the wide variety of opinions you find. In 1957 a scientist found a homosexual pair of lizards that want to adopt a baby lizard of their very own. Part of the lizard community is quite opposed to this. The other part of the community either doesn't know or doesn't care. Anyhow the scientist captured the leader of the anti-homosexual party and named her Lizardy. A week later Lizardy crawled into a pitcher of orange juice and drowned. Some scientists believe this may change the trend in sexual habits in the lizard community. Others point to a young lizard named Lizzit and predict that she will be the next anti-homosexual leader. It is up to you, finally, to form your own opinion.

You begin.

First the title, "To Make the Regular Way or Not to Make the Regular Way or to Abstain from Mating Completely Except on Saturday and Occasionally on Sunday" Nope. Too long. "Kinky Lizards" That has a certain ring to it but then "kinky" is the kind of value judgement you'd like to stay away from. "Getting it on Lizard Style." That's it and you know it.

So you move to the outline:

I. Straight lizards
   II. Not so straight lizards
   III. An alternative: Shaker lizards

Now the hard part. Your thesis. You have the strange feeling you're doing this all in the wrong order, that most people write their titles last and their thesis first. But 1 p.m., you're in no mood to be finicky, in fact at 1 p.m., you're in no mood to be doing anything. But onward. "Some lizards like to do it the regular way and other lizards like to do it the not so regular way but all lizards seem to like to do it some way or the other (some lizards even like to do it BOTH ways) and the answer seems to be not to do it at all since that would save a lot of trouble if lizards could manage that, sort of thing and some of them can and they've called Shaker lizards and there are only three left." Nice. Faulknerian even. You're moving now. It won't be long.

6 a.m. "So in conclusion I think lizards got the rise."

Finished. You slump down in your chair and smile sleepily. Tomorrow you'll go Christmas shopping.

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Although enrollment is increasing at Winthrop, the budget has been cut back by ¾ million dollars. How do you think this will affect you?

"I'll be paying more tuition, be in larger classes and have fewer variety of subjects. While I'm paying more, I'll be getting less."
-Robin Carnes; Junior-

"A rise in tuition won't affect me personally since I am a transfer student from a private college, and am used to paying much more. I still think the quality will remain the same."
-Pam Moore; Junior-

"It will be impossible to say since I have not seen the allocations. Obviously though, we can expect larger classes."
-Dr. H. Wilcox; English Professor

"I'm not pleased with the cutback. Although the VA is paying for me, it's starting to cut me short. It's good to have more students, but cutting out some of the classes is not the answer."
-Tom Schnetzler; Sophomore-

I'm sure it will make some students angry, especially if they increase expenses. Luckily, I'm graduating soon."
-Enrie Raybord; Senior-

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America “Live”

AMERICA “LIVE” - WARNER BROTHERS RECORDS, INC.

Dewey Bunnell, Dan Peek and Gerry Beckley are back, trying to forget the commercial flop of their last album by reminding their fans of earlier efforts with a "live" album that traces the work of the acoustic trio through most of their previous albums.

AMERICA, known for their crystal harmonies and six string twelve string mastery have seen their last two albums (Hideaway and Harbor) go relatively ignored by radio stations where they had previously owned a consistent spot in the top forty tunes. The albums were marred by flights of fancy and self indulgent moments that seem to have turned away many of their former followers. Now, AMERICA has put together a live effort that aims to win back listeners who have seemingly dropped along the wayside.

Recorded at the Greek theatre in L.A., AMERICA "LIVE" represents a live anthology of the trio's best work to date. Careful in their selection of material, Bunnell, Peek and Beckley have put together an offering which seems clear of being a mere rehash of their best-of, "HISTORY" album. The performance recorded for the album is always energetic, though at times disappointing.

Certainly, AMERICA "LIVE" is an exhibition of the kind of polished guitar riffs that are ever-present in an America recording. The only problems instrumentally lie in the experimentation done on some of the America standards. "Ten Man," "I Need You," "Daisy Jane," "Ventura Highway," "Muskrat Love," "Sister Golden Hair," and the classic, "Horse With No Name," present a live, American Hit Parade that, for the most part, are true to the originals. Where excellent harmonies are achieved on "Muskrat Love" and "Daisy Jane," they are sorely lacking on "Sister Golden Hair," which, at times, comes precariously close to being a total abortion of the original work. Faltering harmonies are due, in part, to the group's efforts to put together an emotion charged, energetic work which sometimes gets out of hand. Perhaps the most complex number of the set is a tune called "Hollywood," which first appeared on the HOLIDAY album.

AMERICA "LIVE" was a dangerous move for the group. They couldn't hope to achieve the kind of perfection that is evident on their studio albums. To some songs, they offer energy that works, though at times, the energy threatens the classic appeal of an old favorite. The group overcomes most of the flaws and feeds their fans a second helping of some fine previous work. AMERICA "LIVE" is the group's Christmas present to their following.

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Short But Sweet

Some people might consider Candice Smith's height a disadvantage, but not her. Standing only three feet nine inches, 22-year-old Candy, as she is known to friends, is probably the smallest person on the Winthrop College campus.

Candy says there haven't been any real problems since she transferred to Winthrop this fall after completing the two-year college transfer program at York Tech.

When she eats in the cafeteria and the snack bar, it's difficult for her to reach the ice machine and soda fountain. And when she goes to the library, she asks a staff member to get books off the higher shelves. A visual arts major, Candy uses a chair to boost herself onto a stool for a drawing class. She also has to hold her sketching pad on her lap instead of in front of her like other students.

But Candy has to cope with similar problems at home. She has her own stool to stand on to wash dishes and brush her teeth.

To drive a car, she has to have special gas and brake handles and a knob on the steering wheel to help her turn. A small cushion helps her see over the dashboard.

Finding clothes and shoes to fit are other problems. When she does find the right size clothes, she has to cut off the sleeves and legs to make them fit. She has some clothes tailor-made.

"I like adult shoes, but it's hard to find the right fit," she says. "I don't like to buy children's shoes, so I have to look very hard to find something I like."

When she was younger, being small used to bother her because of teasing by other students. But she doesn't let it bother her anymore. "Sure, I sometimes get frustrated," she says, "but I look on the bright side of it and just thank God I'm healthy."

"My family has given me support all through the years," she said, "and without their help I don't think I could have adjusted as well as I have."

Winthrop is making plans to aid students like Candy, as well as handicapped students. The Winthrop Rehabilitation Act Task Force recently drew up a plan to make all Winthrop programs accessible to handicapped persons. For an estimated $1.5 million, Winthrop can provide the necessary ramps, special parking and modifications to restrooms, dormitories, drinking fountains, elevators, auditoriums and laboratories for barrier-free access.

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Graduate School: The Right Choice?

BY LARRY LYNN

Graduate school can be a means toward, a professional end for some students, while others see it as a means for avoiding the end altogether, of their education. Consider the choices made by threegrad students between the ages of 25 and 27 after they received their B.A.'s.

Jerry graduated from a school in Ohio after concentrating in radio and television. He labored in a factory for two years with a stint in a restaurant, saving up money for out-of-state tuition. After receiving a master's degree in television, Jerry landed a TV job. Disenchanted after a year with the job, Jerry went to work as a counselor in a children's home and now admits that a degree in social work would have been a better choice than the one he made while in college, and has decided not to return to school until he is more certain of his vocation.

Abby split her four undergraduate years between two schools, declaring several majors until she decided on religious studies four years ago. She went to work as a secretary in a government department. Abby remembers the time she decided on religious studies four years ago. She went to work as a secretary in a government department. Abby remembers the time she decided on religious studies.

Tom graduated from a university religious studies four years ago. She went to work as a secretary on tenure with a stint in a government department. She also went to work as a counselor in a children's home and then landed a TV job. Disenchanted after a year with the job, Jerry went to work as a counselor in a children's home and now admits that a degree in social work would have been a better choice than the one he made while in college, and has decided not to return to school until he is more certain of his vocation.

The students have one thing in common. They were unsure about what to do after college and are passing through the 'trying twenties.' In PASSAGES, By Gail Sheehy, the trying twenties are the years in which individuals move from the stage of choosing what they want to do to doing what they are supposed to be doing. This role of the student is often a safe and familiar form for transition during that period.

Currently, 20 percent of all undergraduates "drop out" or drop out of school temporarily to experiment, test workday situations and vocational interests. Graduate academicians, counselors and employers are advising potential graduate students to take this route.

Eugene Piedmont, Graduate Registrar at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, found that older graduate students have definite career goals. Nevertheless, many graduate students should not be on campus, according to Dick Leder, a personal and psychological counselor at Boston University. Later you're dissatisfaction among younger students because they are either in a rush to get ahead or postpone life's decisions.

David Dallie, Director of...
Sugar-free, But Satisfying

BY SU TAYLOR

A unique sugar-free variety show, just in time for the Christmas season, is playing Johnson Hall this Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.

Titled "Scenes From The New Sugar-Free Electric Christmas Family Album And Many, Many More!", it will involve a series of famous scenes from the stage and screen, plus improvisations and a special music finale. A cast of 26 Winthrop actors will stage the variety show.

Each of the seven scenes were chosen, cast and directed by Winthrop student directors.

Student T.V. Productions To Be Aired

Seven television programs produced by Winthrop students will be shown on Channel 2 Cable Vision in Rock Hill at 7 p.m. December 9 and 13, according to Roy Flynn, Associate Professor of Communications.

"These programs will serve as term projects for students enrolled in Communications 346 - Principles of Television Production and allow students to bring together the skills of television they have learned during the semester," Flynn said.

Student producers are: Bettye Boone, Terry Gilmore, Janice Bacoie, Kathy Kirkpatrick, Chris Morris, Ben Murdock and Gary Roberts.

Airing of programs will be possible through Catawba Services Inc. Channel 2, and the Winthrop Communications Department.

This is a tremendous opportunity for students to produce programs which have potential audiences. I hope students enrolled in Communications 346 will watch the dorm sets hooked up to cable," Flynn said.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

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The Eagles began play Friday morning at nine. After disposing of Eastern Mennonite University, 15-8, 10-16, 15-12, WC played the eventual tournament winner, High Point College at noon. For the third time this season, HPC defeated WC in three games. The scores were 15-15, 15-16, 15-10 in favor of HPC. Later, at 4:30, the Eagles defeated George Mason University, 15-13, 8-15, 15-13. Following the GMU victory, the Eagles were matched up with their old rival, the College of Charleston.

"The Sixth time this season we've played them (COC) and we finally beat them," smiled Mia Linda Warren. The Eagles' coach had reason to smile—it was WC's first win over COC this year following five defeats. "It was one of the highlights of this season," she added. The scores were 15-8, 15-12.

Lady Eagles Field Impressive Team

The 1977-78 season has been a good one thus far for most intercollegiate sports at WC. The field hockey, soccer, and volleyball teams all went to postseason tournaments, and the '77-'78 women's basketball team should do likewise. With seven returning players from last year, plus three big freshmen, the Eagles appear to be a dominant team in the state this year.

"We'll have a winning season. I feel very sure we'll be well over .500," Miss Linda Warren, Eagles' coach declared. Last season the Eagles finished with a 15-8 record and placed fifth in the State Tournament. This season the Eagles should go to the state and regional tournaments, according to Warren. Leading the way for this year's team will be 5'11" junior forward, Holly Stand (fast year's leading scorer at 17.6 pts. per game). Joining her from last year are senior Judy Jennings, Penny Bostain, and Pat Bailey, juniors Judy Kirtpatrick and Jodye Williams, and sophomore Debra Tolar. The newcomers are transfer students, junior Tracy Burch and sophomore Cindy Payne, sophomore Rhonda Harrell, and freshmen Lisa Hudson, Amelia McCullough, and Sharon Dixon. At press time Kirtpatrick and Dixon were not 100% sure of playing this year, but it is believed they will play.

"Right now the talent is very evenly distributed in a lot of areas. I feel real good about the team because I feel everybody on the team can play ball," Warren stated.

The Eagles scrimmage USC-Aiken at Peabody Gym, Tuesday, December 6 at 5 p.m. The regular season begins January 7 against Berry College in Rome, Georgia.