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Spring break trips scheduled for March

Separate trips to Mexico City and P.O. Rico's Disney World will be sponsored by NESI during spring break, March 2-12.

On the Disney World trip, the first stop will be New Orleans. Three days and nights will be spent in the city, seeing the city tours, New Orleans, Disneyland, and French Quarter. The tour group will then head to Mexico City, where they will spend six days and nights making stops in the Mayan sites and Mexican countryside. The tour group will then return to Florida for the farewell dinner and flight home on March 12. The trip will be led by Jeff Bushell of Orlando, who organized the trip.

Several spaces are still available for both trips. For complete information on either trip, interested persons may contact Bruce Converse, dean of student services.

SIGI explores job opportunities

SIGI stands for the System of Interactive Guidance and Information which is a newly-developed career program that helps students explore and contend their prospective career choices. SIGI is a new venture that has just started at the University of Southern California and is called the University of California Research Program. SIGI is a five-year plan that will be launched in 1981 and is expected to be fully developed by 1985.

Mr. Poole plans to carry on tradition

In May of 1961, Poole was the business manager at Phi Lambda Sigma, a national honor society for business majors. He led the group in raising funds for various campaigns and activities, including the 1962 Spring Break trip to the Bahamas. He credits his experiences in Phi Lambda Sigma with helping him achieve his goals in both business and life.
Blandamer comes to nursing department as new head

By Viola Parker

Midge Blandamer, new head of the nursing department, intended to become a nurse but became interested in teaching while working on a teaching-learning program as a part of her baccalaureate program.

"I wanted to be a nurse, and my particular area was intensive care. I spent about two years working in medical and coronary intensive care," Blandamer related.

"When I was in my baccalaureate program I had to do a teaching-learning program, and I really enjoyed the experience. You could see that really stirred my interest in teaching," she added.

Blandamer received her Associate of Arts degree from San Antonio College, San Antonio, Tex. She then went to the University of Texas, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of Texas Health Science Center. Her Master of Science degree in adult education was earned at Oklahoma State University.

Before coming here, Blandamer worked at the Miami Baptist Hospital as the evening supervisor for one year. Just prior to that, she worked as the director of nursing education at the Stilwell Medical Center. "I had put on my resume that I was interested in expanding nursing education. Stilwell Medical Center was looking for someone who would do nursing education. They hired me even though I had never had any teaching experience. It kind of fell into my lap, more than anything."

Blandamer finds that being the head of a department is different from her previous experience, although there are similarities. She finds it to be more exciting. "It's different in that I'm working with people who are not yet nurses, where before I was working with nurses who were finishing their education. And, of course, I have a larger staff here. But basically, the administration duties, like scheduling and meetings, are very similar to what I was doing," stated Blandamer.

"I really find this more exciting because it's fun to watch a student learn something for the first time and see the light come on in their head. And find a career that they're excited about," she continued.

As nursing department head, Blandamer has some ideas that she would like to see put into practice.

"Right now, I'm trying to put together master plans for the different nursing levels, so that our scheduling, I believe, is easier. It should also make it possible for students to arrange their other classes around nursing more easily than they have in the past," Blandamer related.

Although only having been here for a matter of weeks, Blandamer feels quite comfortable.

"The faculty here are a delight to work with. Everyone has made me feel real welcome. I really appreciate that. Everywhere around the campus has been just great. I've only been here a couple of weeks and I already feel right at home," she said.

Blandamer has been married for eight years to her husband, John. They have three children: Deana, who is four, Brian, who is six and Krysta, who is 17 months. They are also expecting another child in June.

NEW HEAD

Source Weaver, left, and Midge Blandamer, right, new head of the nursing department, go through a nursing magazine together.

Blandamer comes to us from the Miami Baptist Hospital, where she spent one year as night supervisor.

New murals alter Student Union decor

By Sandy Wilson

Changes are now being made in the decor of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom in the form of murals being artistically designed and painted by Dr. Nicholas Calagno, art instructor.

"The theme of the first mural is "student activities," and the second part is "sports," which will take a couple of days to get started," explained Dr. Calagno.

The idea for this change was brought about by Dr. Charles Angell, Dean of Instruction.

"Once Night called me because he wanted me to make a design for a different decorative look in the Ballroom. I showed him my design for the murals and now the first one is complete," Dr. Calagno stated.

"I attempted to touch on as many of the activities and scholastic programs on campus that I could within the space provided," remarked Dr. Calagno.

Working on the project with determination and dedication, Dr. Calagno began the student activity mural during Christmas vacation. The only delay that he did not work was Christmas Day.

"I enjoy doing this. I just hope the students like it, because without that, there is really no reason for a college mural," said Dr. Calagno.

"A lot of decisions have to be made in order to create something effective. For example, the choice of a color scheme is very important. On this student activity mural, I chose blues and golds, and kept them prevalent. I plan on the sports mural to use a different color combination of red and browns," stated Dr. Calagno.

Competitive sports that will be included in the sports mural are football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, track, soccer, wrestling and the cheerleaders.

The idea that Dr. Calagno received for the murals were developed by slides of the campus. A later paint (water based) is what Dr. Calagno is using on his projects.

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Youngwirth accepts position

By George Munch

A sense of optimism reigns within Mike Youngwirth's circle of friends and family, as the 1983-1984 academic year is set to begin. Youngwirth, the new principal at the Western Bell High School, has been widely praised for his energetic approach to education and his ability to inspire students and faculty alike.

"He brings a fresh perspective to the school," said one teacher. "His ideas are innovative and his enthusiasm is contagious." Youngwirth, who previously served as the assistant principal at the school, was chosen for the position after an extensive search by the school board.

The new principal plans to focus on improving the academic performance of students and creating a more positive learning environment. "I believe that every student has the potential to succeed," he said. "My goal is to help each student reach their full potential."
Cagers shoot for seventh straight

No. 2-ranked North Carolina State is the only team with a higher record than the Lady Norse this season. The Lady Norse are currently ranked No. 3.

Clark garners nomination

Mike Clark, the head coach of the Golden Norsemen, is one of the top candidates for the College Basketball Coach of the Year award. Clark has a record of 20-12 and has led the team to two conference championships in the past three seasons.

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Rebounding edge boost roundballers

By Steve Gruen
Sports Editor

Holding a 48-43 advantage in rebounding, the Norse were able to extend their Eastern division III State Conference record to 2-0 by holding back scrappy Bacon 71-67 Monday night at the fieldhouse.

Playing before home fans, the Norsemen jumped to an early mark of 12-5, while the Warriors sunk to 1-11 on the year and 0-1 in division play.

The Norse won 64-12 with 32:12 gone in the game as Brent Anderson registered 16 rebounds, 12 of them quick and Scott Stafford and Kevin Russell found 14 and four apiece.

Guard Lyndon Davis rallied the Warriors with two straight jumpers and Gordon Gruen added another four points to cut the margin to half a dozen.

The Norsemen held a 28-26 lead going to the locker room at the half.

And Gruen connected on eight straight points early in the second half as the Norsemen established a 39-26 difference.

The Norsemen maintained the 13-point margin until the Norse built a 21-point barrage, 67-44, late in the contest.

Andrews and Gruen led the team with 18 points apiece, while Russell contributed 16 points.

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Photo by Pete Peterson

Kenny Gruen
The Norsemen have 39-26 difference.

"We decided before the game that we had to play good defense and that we were able to accomplish that," expressed head coach Larry Gipson.

"The visitors went on to establish a 21-8 advantage in the first half and led 48-18 at the intermission.

The Norsemen netted 15 straight shots at the center of the second half and led 54-24 into the final minutes.

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Late comeback dooms Warriors

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Trailing the majority of the contest the Lady Norse managed to rally to 29-54 win over Bachee Junior College in a Bi-State conference clash last Monday at the fieldhouse.

The Lady Norse, recording their second straight victory, improved their mark to 7-9 overall, while holding a 29-point record in conference play.

A basket by Bacon's Michelle Clayton, the Lady Norse enjoyed three 10 unanswered points to take an early 1-0 advantage.

The Lady Norse then saw their lead turn to a deficit as the Lady Warriors, behind Maralice Adam, trailed eight points in the first half.

Over the next four minutes the lead changed hands on five different occasions before Bacon took a seven-point lead, 29-16.

After the Lady Norse scored Bacon 6-4-in the final minute before the half, the Lady Warriors held a five-point lead, 27-22.

Backers by sophomore forward Lynn Lott and Senior to start the second and final period, cut the Lady Warriors lead to 27-26. With 16:07 left in the game, Rider hit a turn around jumper to tie the score at 28.

Seven minutes later the Lady Norse found the lead in their hands, 44-41, following five consecutive points by Lemon.

Bacon's Janice Hill then regained the lead for the Lady Warriors 46-44 on two straight points of her own. With 31:27 left in the game, the Lady Warriors increased their margin to four, 50-46, following buckets by Owen Chandler and Tammy King.

Trailing 54-49 with 2:44 remaining, the Lady Norse clipped in baskets by Rosie Red and McDonald, as well as a crucial three point play by Melton-McIntyre. Lemonh left the final three points.

LADY NORSE (76), ROGERS STATE (71) Opening conference action the Lady Norse came from behind to defeat the Lady Thunderbirds, at Bachelar Midfield.

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Budget presents problems

Lately, it seems as though the federal budget has fallen into the same area of idle conversation as the weather and the common cold, everyone talks about the budget but no one seems to know exactly what to do about the budget.

The problem, simply put, is the same problem faced in millions of households across the nation: Our government is spending more than it is taking in.

It would be useless (if not boring) to list the exact facts and figures that make up the deficit, since it is practically impossible for anyone to accurately perceive even $1 billion, let alone $200 billion. Needless to say, the figures are sobering, if not actually "terrifying," as Senator Paul Laxalt described them.

One might wonder where we got into this mess in the first place. Some of the underlying causes are rooted in human nature and in partisan politics. It is sheer human nature that prompts all of us to say, "Don't cut my benefits, just cut the other guy's benefits." It is the same thing on the political side, where when there is an advantage to be gained by handing out goodies, you can bet your last dollar that the politicians will seek to gain it.

There are also many other underlying causes that have contributed to the problem, which have nothing to do with human nature or politics. An overvalued dollar has played a part.

Worldwide recession has also contributed to the stagnant American economy. But three factors alone accounted for most of the deficit—high interest rates on the national debt, bumper crops and a devasting increase in unemployment.

What to do about it? The talk around Washington has been of a "freeze." Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina is the leading advocate in the Senate and Newt Gingrich of Georgia is pushing the idea in the House. In theory, the approach has great appeal. We could put a lid on current spending levels for defense, Social Security, health, education and the general expenses of government. And simultaneously suspend further cuts in taxes, which could be unbearable if Uncle Sam would keep his part of the bargain.

But some things can't be frozen. There is no way to freeze the interest on the national debt. Only at unpalatable cost could payments on defense contracts be suspended. Human nature will resist a freeze on programs that range from legal services to public broadcasting. And if the administration persists in asking for another $30 billion reduction in domestic programs, Congress will hopefully resist.

At the Office of Management and Budget, the cheerful word is being spread that the president will offer "a credible package" when his budget for 1983 is unveiled on Jan. 29. But two things we can be assured of are: The request for national defense will be less than Mr. Reagan would like, and the prospective deficit will be bad. But in the perspective of economic recovery it will not be unmanageable.

Even though it is wrong, it is politically inevitable to blame all this on the President and the Congress. But one must realize that if there had never been a single Reagan program implemented, we would have still begun this current fiscal year in about the same lame-duck fix.

**Movie Reviews**

AIRPLANE II: THE SEQUEL

It could well have been just another over-produced sequel, but Airplane II is an actual sequel. This film includes basically the same cast and crew, but without the writing-directing team of Jim Abrahams and David and Jerry Zucker, who seems to be the original's retitled black humor. They have given way to the relatively unknown Kemp Finkelman, making his directorial debut. The plot has to do with the launching of the first commercial shuttle to a moon colony. Fans of the original will be pleased to see Robert Hays and Julie Hagerty return as the关mindless Edmund) and Lloyd Bridges is back as the chain-smoking air traffic controller. So are Peter Graves in the pedantic pilot and Sonny Bono in his role as Miles Monroe, a_FORMATSTROKE] agent. Both have been replaced. Airplane II brings William Shatner as an energetic base commander and Chuck Cokernot and the gruff Sarge at the launch site. Sonny Bono also appears as an impromptu bomber who has purchased his explosive device in the airport gift shop.

Don't expect overwhelming amounts of common sense just to expect to laugh. Airplane II is not managed to land down the runway, even film Under its own power, which is a rare accomplishment for a sequel (PG)

THE TOY

Richard Pryor is an out-of-work reporter who finds employment as a part-time maintenance worker in the sprawling empire of a Louisiana tycoon named U.S. Barnes, played by Jackie Gleason. When Gleason's unsold, friendship-less son, Scott Schwartz, comes home from military school to spend a week, he encounters the buffooning Pryor in a sporting goods store. The kid, introduced by Daddy to buy anything he wants, selects Perry Como's "Yesterdays" for him and ship him home to the mansion.

It's an utterly pretentious setup, and indeed, the first half of the script is an excuse for some of the best of Pryor's routine. The kid damps up the mess on Pryor's head. Pryor takes a hit blow from a boxing robot. And there are more than enough double entendres.

Meanwhile, of course, Pryor and the kid begin discovering brotherly bonds of love, and the kid, much to his surprise, is largely about Pryor's hugging when the kid reaches out for Gleason. The last 20 minutes, when the unit at last against the current, power-mad Gleason, are oddly moving and warm.

Pryor turns out to be a fine, and even believable George, Gable's most appealing Far Cat character. But as the six-year-old kid who at once learns to cry and love, Schwartz steals The Toy from his comic editor.
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