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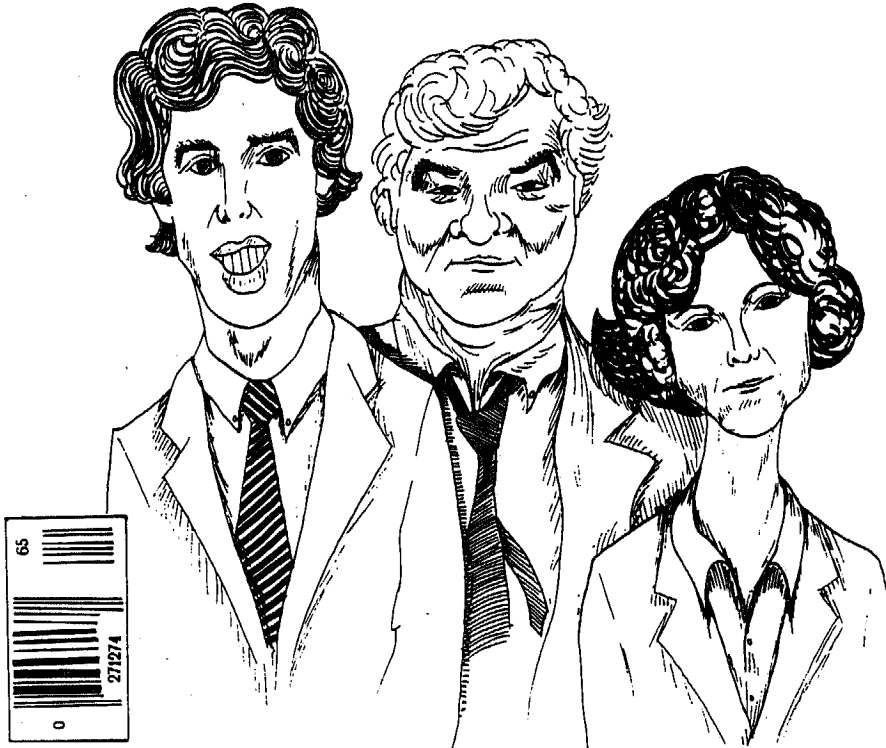
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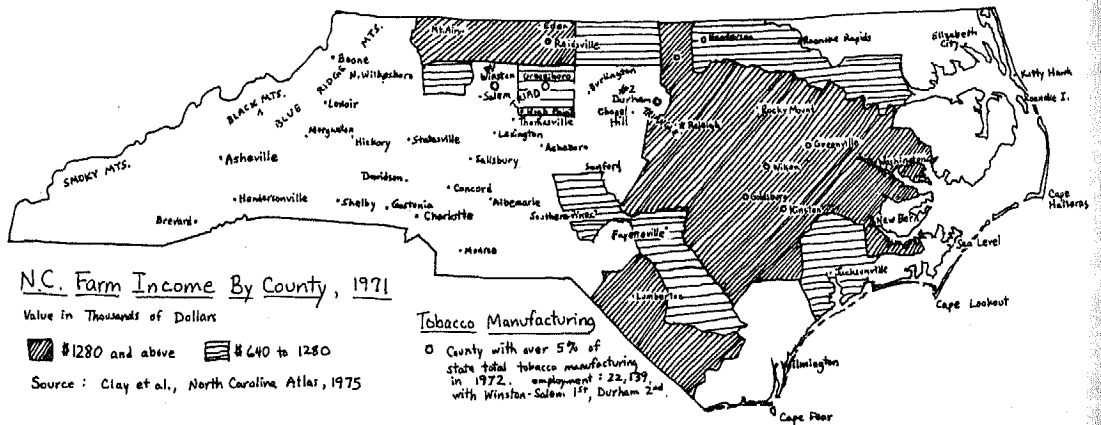


Although tobacco was introduced to the world by the Indians via the settlers of Virginia, North Carolina, more than any state today, is associated with this "brown gold." The extent of this association, however, is vastly overplayed.

Modern day North Carolina is a study in contrasts. The state can be said to be rural, but not agricultural. Population-wise, North Carolina ranks tenth in the United States, but this population is dispersed fairly evenly across the state. There is not, as in many other states, one major metropolitan area (hence the inability to support professional sports teams). However, while many North Carolinians live "in the country," most work in the production of goods and services (about 93% in 1973) vs. the agricultural sector of the state economy (about 7% in 1973). Most people are surprised to learn that less than 1% of the population actually grow tobacco. Count among them the legislators in Raleigh, to whom tobacco is a sacred cow. While Governor James Hunt pleads for more money for education, he makes no suggestion toward increasing the state's cigarette tax, still the lowest in the nation.

Thus, the idea that tobacco is precious to the hearts of North Carolinians is a quirk, one that is however constantly built up by North Carolina's politicians. There are historically several reasons for this. During the 1930's when tobacco allotments were frozen by the government, more allotments were given in North Carolina than other states. Since then, the North Carolina quote has been such that North Carolina ranks higher than all other states in tobacco production. A number one ranking strikes a responsive chord in the hearts of a proud group of people, hence R.J. Reynolds has had some success in its "Pride in Tobacco" campaign. The politics of tobacco are complicated, but in general, the eastern North Carolina legislators and the powerful tobacco lobby have combined to make the ideas of tobacco and North Carolina inseparable. The present governor, James Hunt, himself a tobacco farmer from Wilson County, has done much to promote this image. His campaign pins, shaped in the outline of North Carolina, bear a tobacco leaf in gold along with the letters "N.C."

It is economics which provides the tobacco supporters with their most forceful arguments. Tobacco provides more cash per acre harvested than any other legal crop. Many farmers would go out of business if they could not grow tobacco on their small farms. In certain counties where tobacco has been grown historically, loss of the crop would devastate the economy. One must admit, though, that cogent economic arguments are not the forte of North Carolina legislators. In the House and Senate Chambers, failure to support tobacco labels one as unpatriotic, while the bold move of Senator Rachel Gray (D., Guilford) to increase the cigarette tax was to many an act of treason. These people must someday realize that the long-term health consciousness of the American public. Declining cigarette sales can be blamed on taxes for only so long. No one short of tobacco fanatics predict that a decline in tobacco sales will plunge the state into an economic mire. However, a minority of counties would be hurt. Therefore, it is important that the leaders of the state prepare for anticipated declines in tobacco and cigarette sales. This means providing more information to farmers to diversify their crops as well as shaking off their unusual mind-set that tobacco is somehow sacred to the state of North Carolina. (Next week: Tobacco and Duke Medical Center)



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STUDENT-FACULTY SHOW PROGRAMMED

The Student-Faculty Show, an annual evening of entertainment, is set for Saturday, April 14. In charge of this year's production are Steve Harris, Director; Sophia Chung, Assistant Director; Dave Feldman, Una McCann, and Julie Kraeger, Producers; Pam Mohr, Business Manager; Mike McNamara, Technical Director; and T.J. Maroon, Music Director. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with free beer and soda provided for bring-your-own picnic dinners. The show itself starts at 7:30 p.m. in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

ELECTION RESULTS

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ALUMNI EXTEND INVITATION

The Duke Alumni Association invites all students to attend the Medical Alumni Association's reception and dinner at Pinehurst on Friday, May 4. It will be held at the Pinehurst Country Club with the reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Wolfgang Joklik, James B. Duke Professor and chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology will be the speaker. Any interested students should call the Alumni office by April 27 with their reservations.

FROM DR. ARTHUR C. CHRISTAKOS AND NELL ANDREWS

Attention students: Especially fourth year! Moving and don't have room to take everything? Remember the Nearly New Shoppe at 615 Douglas Street. The volunteers will be glad to receive any reusable items: furniture, household items, books, clothing, etc. Proceeds from sale of these items will be used for medical student scholarships, plus you will be given a receipt for the value of your goods for your 1984 income tax contribution. This is a tremendous way of saying "thank you" for the great assistance provided by the volunteers to so many of our medical students.

SECOND YEAR REMINDER

Advisory panel forms for the Second Year class were due in the office of Medical Education on March 31. If you have not turned yours in, do so immediately.

SENIOR MEDICAL STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

The United States Medical Advisory Association and the Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank are announcing rate reductions in their senior medical student loan program from 16.9% to 16.4% for all applications received before May 15, 1984. To date, over 97% of all applicants for this program have been approved, and no collateral is required. Level of payments for the new 16.4% rate structures are shown below:

<u>Loan amount</u>	<u>24 months Interest only</u>	<u>48 months Interest & Principal</u>
\$5000	68.33/mo.	142.73/mo.
\$6500	88.83/mo.	185.55/mo.
\$8000	109.33/mo.	228.36/mo.

Loans currently being processed will automatically receive the new rate. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Aid, 126 Davison Building.

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SOFTBALL TEAM LETS EMOTIONS FLY

The Stream Team (5-0) walked, bullied, griped, cried, greased, and slammed its way to yet another victory over a not-so-mature-either, bullpenless Maxwell House team, 17-11. Dan "Wall" Trellis proved superb at shortstop and Charlie "Hit-the-Showers" Veronee led the team emotionally. The season is now in mid-stream ... get your tickets now!

TUBE STEAKS SHINE, COACH SALTZMAN RETIRES

Matched against a team which openly admitted to the use of anabolic steroids, the Tube Steaks played their best game of the year before falling to House CC in the final seconds. Holding a team which had averaged 27.4 goals per game and had never scored less than 20 goals this season to a 10-8 score was made possible by M.D.-Ph.D. athlete of the year, Dave "Mr. Consistency" Loback, who was chosen unanimous AP/UPI All-American. He was backed ably by the inspired and often awe-inspiring play of second team All-American goalie Andy "Jim Craig" Saltzman, as well as by the man many feel is destined to win next year's Neal Shore Award for National Player of the Year, Will "Mike Rozier" Flanagan.

The list goes on as the Tube Steak offense scored 8 goals on a defense which had recorded 5 shut-outs and had never given up more than four goals in a game. Powerful offense was provided for mainly by Mike "Harry Callahan" McNamara, the self-appointed team enforcer, and Paul "Maharishi" Sperduto, spiritual guru. Bucky "Bapu" McNeill once again served as a flawless role model to his teammates by reaching spiritual oneness with the ball and intercepring seventeen passes. Ringer of the Year award goes to Hugh "Both Ways" Windom who starred at both offensive and defensive ends of the pool. The question of pharmacologically enhanced performance was raised in the case of Tony "I started drinking at lunchtime" Rabassa, who performed effectively and tirelessly. Winner of the Bobby Hull award for best water-polo performance by a geriatric hockey player was Dean "Puck the Tarheels" Taylor who was tied up in negotiations with the New York Islanders. For the eighth consecutive game, Bryan Allf was not at home and did not find out when the game was.

Mail checks for team t-shirts featuring Boffo the Wonder Poodle to Box 2745. These can be picked up at any of next year's Tube Steak Retirement Fund Retreats in Stowe, Vermont.

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