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Religious Leaders Appeal to the Faithful

Peace with Justice in Central America

*Below is the statement prepared for
North Carolina Religious Leaders.*

By **PATRICK O'NEILL**
Staff Writer

Growing United States military involvement with, and support for, repressive governments in Central America is an issue which demands the immediate attention of all North Carolinians. In our desire to be peacemakers obedient to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Executive Board issues this statement to the churches of North Carolina and to all people throughout the state.

The evidence shows that the underlying cause of the conflicts in El Salvador and Guatemala is the desire of the people to be free of military dictatorship, to have freedom from terror for their families and enough land and food to sustain them. Because of their commitment to the poor in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, the churches and their workers have also become targets of repression. United States resources should not be directed toward the repression and killing of people in Central America.

Many Latin American churches and church leaders have repeatedly stated during the last decade that external subversion is not the primary cause of the conflict in their countries. The dominant challenge is internal: perennial conditions of wretched poverty and the denial of basic human rights. To interpret the problems in Central America primarily in terms of the competition between the United States and the Soviet Union is profoundly mistaken. The primary issues are justice and the participation of the population in shaping the society.

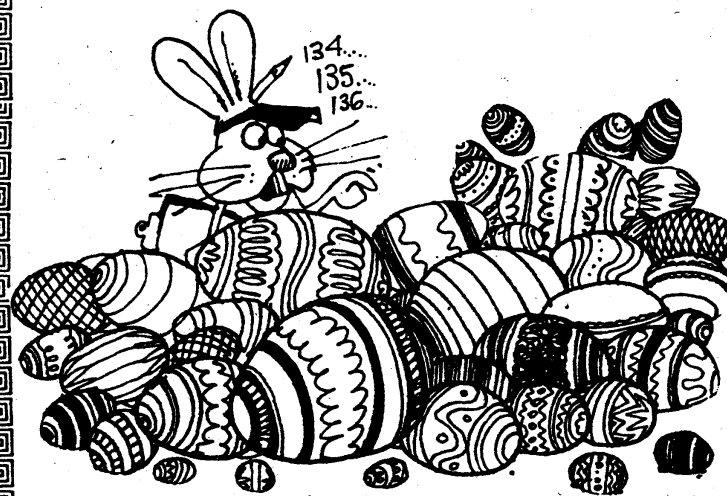
Inspired by our faith in a God who leads people to freedom and human fulfillment and by the witness of the suffering Christian community in Central America as it accompanies the poor in the search for justice and mercy, we seek to deepen our own understanding of the Central American crisis and to accept the opportunities for witness which it presents to us. It is our faith that leads us to examine the present policies of our government toward Central America and to protest them. We as Christians and citizens can-

not condone the millions of tax dollars given in military equipment, training, and support to the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and now Honduras, to be used against their own peoples and those of neighboring countries. We cannot condone the crass and consistent disregard of internationally recognized human rights nor the ruthless slaughter of tens of thousands of civilians each year.

Nicaragua is of special concern. We cannot support the United States' overt and covert actions aimed at isolating, destabilizing, and overthrowing the new government there. Such efforts are in defiance of international law and are contrary to our declared support for the right of all people freely to determine their own form of government. At the same time, we urge the Sandinist leadership to respect the rights of all citizens, including those who oppose official policy.

North Carolina is particularly involved in United States military intervention in Central America. Salvadoran soldiers are trained in our midst at Fort

Bragg, and U.S. Green Beret Forces are sent from there as military trainers and advisors to both El Salvador and Honduras. An increasingly large share of the federal taxes we pay is being used to support military programs abroad while social programs in North Carolina are being reduced.



Do You Know?

By S.L. CHERRY
Staff Writer

Do you know where you're going to? Do you like the things that life is showing you? Where are you going to? Do you know? Does it all sound familiar to you--it should if you saw Mahogany or maybe even think about Diana Ross and her list of songs. I'm not really sure how long this song remained popular, but if you think about the words to it, you'll get a challenging message, that if taken to heart will yield an abundance of success.

This theme from Mahogany, in conjunction with a few other things, should be blueprinted heavily within some of us according to the way we carry on. You probably would be surprised to find out about a lot of attitudes on this campus and the hedonistic approaches people take. A lot of the things that we hear everyday and even now are things that we've already heard. Contrary to belief, on college campuses, all would seem to suggest that everything is or will be consistent in terms of everyday living. You may try to generalize by saying that, "if I can just make it out of ECU, everything will be alright, then; if I only had a job and could be independent, I could be happy then." The fine print to the whole thing is the ending word, then. This word projects future probability and something indefinite. It may be good to think about the future and what you would like to do but how can you evolve a good future then when you're not producing a comfortable now to live in. You only get

out of something what you put into it. Yeah, I know you've heard that before too, but can you afford not to take heed to reality? I don't know all of this from experience because I haven't gone that far down the road, but I know it through common ability that we all have the ability to reason.

Do you like the things that life is showing you? Whatever your response may be, it still can stand some improving because you and no one else wants to be complacent in an ever changing world. However, if you do or aren't really bettering yourself, then sit back and watch yourself become extinct. It's your life and you make the decisions for changing it. Sometimes we'll even take things for granted, namely our very beings- our life. When we hear about mishaps occurring elsewhere we will easily say, "Oh well, another freak accident of robbery," Big deal huh?

No, not really because when it hits home all of a sudden everybody gets so tense. It may be poor taste to speak of it, but the incident that happened at Villiage Gren is a prime example. That explosion probably caused a lot of us to take inventory about ourselves and our lives. Some will tell you that life is the pits, but that's not so either, life is precious and not to be taken lightly. Life can be more than these few years you'll spend here on earth, it can be full of unconditional love and everlasting life; John 3:16 is my witness. Will you let it be yours?

Memories of War

By OTI O. BOSGAR
Staff Writer

War is full of experience and strange happenings. No matter the nature, one inevitable result is loss of innocent lives. War to many people is only like a television show; to others it is a time of suffering and bloodshed.

It was a Monday morning in August 1968. The place, I cannot remember. I was walking down the street with a bug in my hand. I had crossed the second street just to enter the supermarket when the alarm began. People were running helter-skelter. "What is it?" I asked. "Air raid," someone yelled. I started running, looking up at the sky. "Oh!, my god" I said as I saw a chain of bombs being released by ten jet bombers and ten jet fighters, as near as I could count. I immediately jumped inside the trench in front of an old movie theatre. In three minutes the whole town was in disarray.

The supermarket roof was gone, the whole place was in smoke. I was shivering. My nerves were near the breaking point and my body was covered with sweat. I could not believe it. A corpse without a head was beside me. His head had been chopped off by the bomb blasts. An hour before, I had crossed the primary school playground, but what I now saw were dead bodies of innocent children. Three alive were shouting and calling for mommy and daddy. Along the street people were lying dead. The Red Cross, fire service, soldiers, and the police placed the dead bodies into a van. Many houses were burnt to ashes. Some were still on fire as I ran to my home.

The war had started and there was no going back to the peace table. The able youths were conscripted in-

to the army. I could hear them chanting as they marched past. I wanted to fight and vanquish our enemy, but I was too young to join. My little heart boiled with anger and tears streamed down my face as I remembered the air raid. I knelt down and prayed to God, "may it not happen again." Little did I know that after one year of serious fighting in a neighboring town, that my town would become the next battle ground. One night my Dad drove in from the war front. He told everyone in the family to enter the vehicle without delay and that the enemy had entered our town. I stayed behind with him. The following morning, there was another air raid. Many homes were set ablaze by the cannons of our enemy's jet fighters.

My father told me that five battalions of the enemy army were inside my town. Since he was one of the war plummets, my Dad told me that none of them would escape from our soldiers. The battle began with shelling and bombing. After six hours of shooting, the whole town became clear again. People were called from the next town to come and bury dead bodies. For the first time in my life, I saw corpses by the thousands. I couldn't stand looking at the scene. My father said, "Be a man my son-life is full of strange happenings and experiences." The war lingered for three years. People died like rats that had been poisoned. On December 20th of that year, both sides called for a cease fire. An agreement was reached for a peaceful settlement. The war ended with the loss of my family members: two of my uncles and a cousin.

From the experience, I know that most of the mysteries of this world were caused by war.

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Letter from Archbishop Oscar Romero to Pres. Carter Feb. 17, 1980

By **PATRICK O'NEILL**
Staff Writer

Thursday, March 24th, was the anniversary of the death of Archbishop Romero. He was assassinated while celebrating mass at a church in strife torn El Salvador. Before his death Romero had spoke out against the violence in his country, knowing that doing so would probably lead to his death.

Three years later, the violence in El Salvador still continues. Thousands of innocent people have been killed senselessly. United States military aid to the small nation is being used to help aid the Salvadoran government troops, who are often being accused of human rights violations.

The violence and death is not only isolated to El Salvador. In the other Central American countries of Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Honduras, there is also much unrest. The United States is again supporting right-wing military governments in both Guatemala and Honduras. Through covert activities, the U.S. is working to destabilize the left-wing government in Nicaragua.

On ECU's campus there were several activities held in cooperation with "Central America Week" (March 18-27). Central America Week was co-sponsored by the Carolina Inter Faith Task Force on Central America (CITCA) and the Executive Council of the North Carolina Council of Churches. The activities of Central America Week were conducted statewide for the purpose of promoting study, reflection, and action on Central America in churches and synagogues. The week was also designed to honor Romero.

The ECU Committee on Central America and the Catholic Newman Center sponsored three events to coincide with Romero's anniversary. The ECU Committee held a demonstration outside the Student Supply Store at noon. During the one hour demonstration, members of the committee handed out leaflets to people passing by the store and held several signs protesting U.S. policy in Central America.

Later in the evening, the Committee held a candlelight vigil in honor of Romero on the steps of the Pitt County Courthouse. Because of the severe weather conditions (6 inches of snow) only nine people came to the vigil.

Last year's vigil drew over 50 people.

After the vigil, former ECU Catholic Campus minister, Fr. Charles Mulholland spoke about his recent fact finding trip to Central America. Mulholland spoke at the Baptist Student Center.

Mulholland said that U.S. policy in regard to Nicaragua was not preventing, but rather encouraging the spread of Communism in the area. He noted that the real problem was poverty in Nicaragua and that the U.S. should help to alleviate those conditions.

Dr. Carroll Webber, a retired ECU math professor, who took part in all three of the Thursday events, said he was encouraged by each of them. "The students' presence for an hour outside the Student Supply Store surely reminded many on campus of the terrible situation in Central America," said Webber, adding that his own emphasis in standing outside the supply store was "to encourage scholarly studies of El Salvador in four ECU Departments."

"The eight of us who held candles shining into the snow and sleet will long remember the long minutes of silence and the wind-blown necessity of relighting each other's candles, over and over,"

1. Stop all U.S. military aid to and intervention in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras;
2. Stop all U.S. covert operations and other destabilizing activity against the government of Nicaragua;
3. Support initiatives for negotiated political solutions among all parties in the conflict in El Salvador and the Mexican-Venezuelan peace initiative which calls for talks between the United States and Nicaragua and Honduras;
4. Grant temporary asylum to Central American refugees until they can safely return to their homelands.

said Webber referring to the cold and wet vigil.

"The most valuable time of all was listening to and questioning Fr. Charles Mulholland," continued Webber, "Charlie's eleven days in Nicaragua were evidently lived at a high pitch. He seems to have near total recall of the many lay and religious people he had seen in and outside of towns in many parts of Nicaragua."

"On the third anniversary of his (Romero) assassination, the vicious civil war continues," said Webber.

Oscar Romero had said: "I have frequently been threatened with death...my death will be for the liberation of my people and as a testimony of hope for the future."

"Some of us around the United States renewed that testimony and witness to that hope," concluded Webber.

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SPORTS

"ROTC Tourney A Success"

By **DAVID THEROITH**
Sports Editor

Every year Air Force ROTC sponsors a unique event at East Carolina's Minges Coliseum, the Detachment 600 Basketball tournament.

The ECU 600 is a two day tournament for Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC detachments from all over the South-Eastern area of the United States. This year the following teams attended: North Carolina A&T AF, Howard University AF, Fayetteville State AF, the University of Virginia AF, Maryland AF, the University of North Carolina's Navy and Air Force, and the Duke Army.

The event is a special time when future officers can get together and meet each other, both in the thrill of hot competition and at the social, a party given for the players, this year at the multi-purpose room at the Mendenhall Student Center. Held Friday, March 18, from 8-10 P.M., the social was a big success as not only ROTC players and students but invited guests from all over the campus provided a truly diverse and interesting social event.

The double elimination tournament began on Friday, March 18, at 10.00 A.M. with the opening ceremonies in which the drill team performed a

silent drill sequence.

East Carolina's AFROTC unit opened play against the Fayetteville State Air Force, and both teams were rusty in the first half. Anthony Carvana, who amassed the second highest scoring total in the tournament with 77 points, kept ECU in the game with 12 points but FSU played more consistent and held off a late ECU rally to win 37-35.

Carvana averaged 21.5 points the next three games (19.2 over 4 games) but ECU played excellent team basketball in winning two of their next three games. In the second game on Friday, UNC's Air

Force fell to ECU by three points. On Saturday morning Howard provided the competition as their undefeated string came tumbling down 50-37. ECU then suffered a heart breaking loss to bitter rival North Carolina A & T 47-46, with A & T's McKinney scoring 18 points. Ironically A & T's Knight led the tournament scoring with 88 points over five games, a 17.6 average. ECU finished the event in third place.

Meanwhile the Duke Army team became the surprise of the tournament. They beat UNC's Navy 37-23, then lost to Howard 45-28. They came together and won four consecutive

games over two days, 46-27 over UVA, 23-21 over Maryland and finally in the 1:00 championship game Duke shocked heavily favored A & T 48-36 as Duke's Gordon scored 16 points (he had 54 in 5 games).

The fourteenth annual tournament came to a successful close at 2:00 P.M. on March 19. Don't miss next year's exciting ECU 600. Everyone's invited to spectate and it's great entertainment.

"Tracksters Prepare For Season"

By **HORACE McCORMICK**
Sports Info Writer

After taming the freshmen in their first indoor season, and after last year's prosperous recruiting year, both the men and lady thinclads prepare for their first outdoor season.

Between them, men's coach Bill Carson, assistant coach Wayne Miller, and women's coach Pat McGuigan began their '82-'83 season with 32 freshmen and only three experienced upper classmen. But the freshmen by no means shy on the track. The men broke four ECU school records, and the Lady Pirates shattered six during their indoor season.

The men's indoor season was highlighted by the performances of freshmen Chris Brooks, Nathan McCorkle and surprising exhibitions by Craig White. Long and triple jumper Chris Brooks broke the ECU long jump record while McCorkle established his name as a prominent short distance sprinter.

Head coach Bill Carson

was stunned with surprising performances by hurdler Craig White. White burst into his first indoor season breaking school records and defeating well-respected national contenders. As the season thickened, White's times consistently improved and earned him a bid for the nationals. The Pirates also got strong support from Ray Dickerson, who established himself as one of the top state contenders as a 600 meter runner.

The men began the outdoor season March 17 in Tallahassee, Florida.

The Lady Pirate's season was highlighted by the performances of freshmen Jamie Cathcart, Kathy Leeper and Regina Kent.

After a rugged start, the ladies improved with experience and ran their best meet at the Tarheel Classic, the last indoor meet of the season.

Regina Kent missed qualifying for the nationals in the 60 meters by only .08 seconds. The ladies will begin their outdoor season March 26 at the Atlantic Coast Relays in Raleigh.

HAPPY EASTER



ARTS

Acting Company to Perform at ECU

By CAROLLE DAVIS
Features Editor

One of the finest touring repertory companies in the world, THE ACTING COMPANY, under the artistic direction of John Houseman, will be performing Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, 1983, at 8:00 pm in McGinnis Theatre on the East Carolina University campus.

THE ACTING COMPANY will perform "Twelfth Night" on Friday, March 25. Under the direction of Michael Langham, this is the hilarious yet touching comedy about the befuddlement of lovers and the low jinks of carousers by William Shakespeare. The second production is Moliere's comedy, "Tartuffe," on Saturday March 26, the zany story of a mountebank and how he uses love, greed, and deception to his own end. "Tartuffe" will have you laughing quickly under the apt direction of Michael Kahn.

The touring arm of our nation's John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, THE ACTING COMPANY remains the only theatre company in America founded for and dedicated to the development of American Actors. The

Company consists of seventeen, highly trained actors and actresses selected from America's leading professional theatre training programs and regional theatres. THE ACTING COMPANY has a commitment to tour professional repertory productions of both classical and contemporary plays throughout the United States.

THE ACTING COMPANY productions and actors have been cited for many prestigious awards and nominations including two Tony and six Drama Desk Award nominations, an Obie Special Citation for Outstanding Achievement and the Los Angeles Drama Critics Award. Former Company members include Patti Lupone ("Evita"), Kevin Kline ("Pirates of Penzance") and "Sophies' Choice", and many others who have moved on to careers in television, film, and on Broadway.

Come celebrate THE ACTING COMPANY's tenth birthday with two exciting theatrical productions. Tickets for students are \$4.00, and \$8.00 for the public. Tickets on sale at the Central Ticket Office, Mendenhall Student Center.

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The displacement of love
In a cold November
Willows will not hang or weep for us
They are only charred roots
For a boiling river
Dust for hot or cooler winds
Mix for silt in half blind
Eternally wisened eyes

How many of those dead bones
And black throats
Were lovers or children?

Polluted scraps of dignity
Washing through water and on the level
They body forth their news
They speak of God in terms
Of blank shadow and ash
Not a fleshy hand to reach for
But the primal bone

I have seen death flying on a cloud
I have seen men and women wilt before
In a world
As empty
As space.

Sam Silva

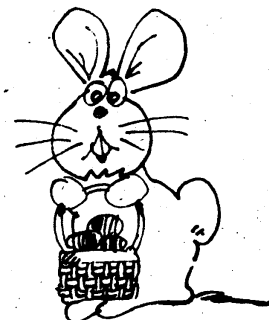
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Here in this dark part of town
When the neighbor holds his wife
With needles
With winter's pointed threats
With a cold laugh that interrupts the rain

I keep my muddy hands
To myself
And scratch and read by lamplight
Here in this dark part of town
When the city's wind
Ushers cinders: cold dust with no aspect of
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PEOPLE

Abandon Hope

All Ye Who Enter Here

By **PATRICK O'NEILL**
Staff Writer

Friday, April 1st, is an important day to Christians all over the world. On that day we remember the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It is commonly known as Good Friday. For many of us Good Friday is just another day, nothing special. Many people don't really take the time to reflect on the deeper meaning of what really happened on Good Friday almost 2000 years ago.

On that day, according to reports in the Scriptures, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was hung on a cross till death to save us from our sins.

When I think of sins, I think of actions that run contrary to the dictates of God. While on earth, Christ often spoke in parables to the people. He spent his time living simply, comforting the poor, the sick and the outcasts of society, speaking the truth and sharing the Good News.

Christ told his people to

be peacemakers, to be generous and to treat others as they would like to be treated themselves. He spoke often about the sufferings of the poor. Christ told His people to relieve their sufferings. But today, there are more poor in our world than ever before. Hunger and starvation claim the lives of thousands daily.

Christ also told His people to "love their enemies" and to "turn the other cheek." But today the world is still flowing with

violence. Wars are going on right now - many for religious reasons - in many places throughout the world. Perhaps the epitome of this violence is the nuclear arms race which could potentially destroy all of God's world.

The suffering of the poor and the violence of war are the byproducts of a human society that has opted to disobey the teachings of Jesus Christ. For me, the day of Christ's death has a dual meaning. It is the day when I remember the suffering He went through on the cross, but Good Friday is also a day that reminds me of the continued suffering of Christ. Because His people have not heeded His message, Christ is still dying today. His death is repeated each time one of our sisters or brothers dies from starvation or is killed in war.

The plans for nuclear mega-death are drawn up in the Kremlin and the Pentagon. These buildings have been constructed as symbols of almost 2000 years of disregard for the message of Christ.

On Good Friday, I go to the Pentagon - as an American citizen who cares about the sufferings of the poor - as a Christian who wants to follow God and as a person who wants to clearly articulate to other

children of God that this building is about death, not life and has no God-given right to exist.

I stand on the steps of the Pentagon on Good Friday speaking to workers as they go inside to spend yet another day working in the "Temple of Death." I tell them to turn back - go home - don't work for death. I hold a large banner that reads: "Abandon Hope All Ye Who Enter Here."

My message of Peace is for everyone who works at the Pentagon, from Defense Secretary, Caspar Weinberger down to the janitors who sweep the floors. To stop the gears of death from turning, we must have a unified effort. Since most Americans pay taxes, we too, all play a direct role in the workings of government. Every dollar that goes to the preparation of war is one less dollar that can go to help the poor of our world. Unity was the spice of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950's and 60's. Today we need a unified effort for peace in our world and fulfillment of the call of the "Prince of Peace."

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NEWS

Gamma Beta Phi Society

By CAROLLE DAVIS
Features Editor

The Lambda Chapter of The Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society held their annual induction ceremony for new members and the installation of new officers.

The Gamma Beta Phi induction ceremony was held Thursday, March 17, in Mendenhall Student Center, Room 244.

The ceremony was opened with the Welcoming Address by Chapter President, Carolyn Lilley.

Myra H. Cain, Professor in the Department of English was the guest speaker on that evening. She received her BA and MA degrees from Vanderbilt University.

Ms. Cain spoke of the honor society's 'genuine concern for study and pleasing others.' Gamma Beta Phi encourages excellence in education. Their motto includes Service, Character, and Scholarship. Service projects include assistance to the physically and mentally deprived. Academic scholarships are also awarded to honor society members.

Some two-hundred students were inducted into the Lambda Chapter of the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society. Seven of the new members were minority students. They achieved academic excellence by maintaining an accumulative average of 3.0 or better.

New Members include:

YVETTE BROWN, who is a junior from Clinton, Md.; her ma-

major is Business Administration, with a concentration in Management.

PANSIE HART, is a freshman from Wilmington, N.C.; her major is Nursing.

TERESA FAISON, a junior from Turkey, N.C. is majoring in Medical Technology.

VERONICA BORDERS, a sophomore from Shelby, N.C. is majoring in Medical Records Sciences.

ANITA RUFFIN is a junior from Tarboro, N.C. and her major is Social Work.

The Ceremony inducting these new members was led by Carolyn Lilley, President. Ms. Lilley instructed the new members that being a member of Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society will give them the opportunity to grow and develop a sense of responsibility and a building of character. They must strive for work achievement.

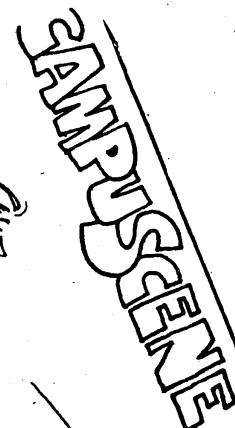
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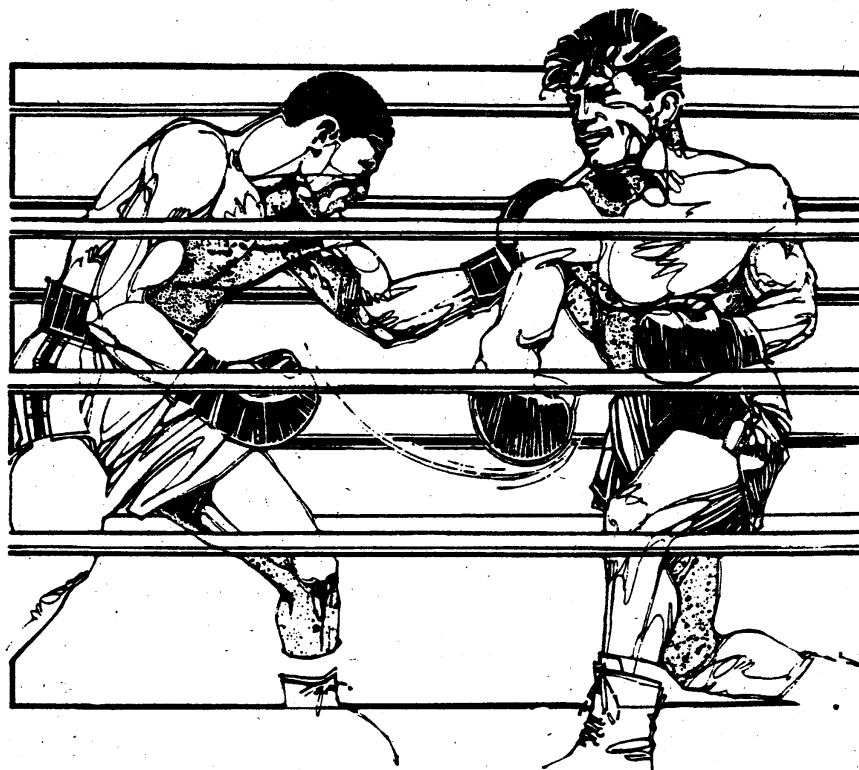
Uphold morality and spirit, and
strive for honesty.

Closing Remarks were made by the new president, Anne Shaw. Ms. Shaw graciously welcomed the new members, and said she was looking forward to a successful academic year.

The ceremony was followed by a reception.



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