

Pep Rally

Display your school spirit by attending the pep rally which will be held tonight at 7:00 beside the tennis courts.

East Carolinian

Others Are Saying

Editorials from two nearby daily newspapers commenting on recent news articles concerning Dr. Messick and the UNC presidency are reprinted in this week's editorial column.

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1955-56 Frosh Officers



Final run-offs for freshman class officers were held last week. David Bennett, business education major from Wilmington, (left) defeated Charlie Briggs in the final run-off to cop the presidency. Other officers are from left to right, Jay Robbins, vice-president, Greenville; Diana Johnson, secretary, Asheboro; Mary Lou Parker, treasurer, Raleigh; and Ann Adams, SGA Representative, Durham.

David Bennett Takes Top Frosh Position; Other Officers Elected

David Bennett, a business education major from Wilmington, will lead the 1955-56 freshman class, according to tabulations released by Ronnie Rose, chairman of the elections committee of the Student Government Association. Bennett won over Charlie Briggs in a second run-off last Thursday by a vote of 184-172.

Bennett, a graduate of New Hanover High School, holds top position in East Carolina's largest freshman class, which this fall includes more than 1,000 men and women. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Bennett of 19 Wrightsville Avenue, Wilmington.

Six Vie For Presidency

Six men students were nominated for the office of president. After the initial election the field of candidates was narrowed down to three candidates—Tody Thorne, Charlie Briggs, and David Bennett. The first run-off eliminated Thorne, and the second run-off elected Bennett.

Other Officers

Jay Robbins, a commercial arts major from Greenville, was elected to

Frosh Meet Tomorrow

President John D. Messick will address all freshmen in Wright Auditorium at eight o'clock Friday morning, November 4. Everyone is urged to be present. He will discuss items of interest which will be important for the entire group to hear.

Dr. Richard C. Todd

Local Professor Publishes Article

Dr. Richard C. Todd, member of the Social Studies Department here, has published an article entitled "Financing the Confederacy" in the November issue of THE NEW INDEX, a British journal devoted to the military, naval, and civil history of the Confederate States of America, 1861-1865.

THE NEW INDEX is published quarterly by the Confederate Research Club, Portsmouth, England. Dr. Todd was invited to write the article as a result of his recent prize-winning book, CONFEDERATE FINANCE, published by the University of Georgia Press, Athens, Georgia.

The article states that "In its extraordinary straits for money, the Confederacy resorted to every expedient known to finance, even the most desperate. Federal specie located in the mints and customhouses of the South was confiscated; property of alien enemies was sequestered and military supplies were impressed; duties were placed on exports and imports; direct taxes were levied; donations and gifts were cheerfully accepted and gratefully acknowledged; and Treasury notes flooded the market while loans were floated in an attempt to stabilize the redundant currency and offer a basis for foreign exchange."

After discussing Confederate financial operations abroad, Dr. Todd concludes his article saying, "Thus,



Dr. Richard Todd... publishes article

a legal tender and at the same time controlled its own issuance of paper money while forbidding that of public and private corporations as well as individuals, and (4) acquired ownership of all cotton at an early date and immediately shipped it abroad on Government account.

"These things had all been discussed by Congress, by the press, and on the home and battlefronts; however, the prevailing 'climate of opinion' ruled against their acceptance. But even had these suggestions been carried out, it is still quite improbable whether any measure short of military victory could have improved to an appreciable degree the financial status of the Confederacy."

Comments On Editorial

Last week the East Carolinian carried an editorial concerning the presidency of the University of North Carolina. President J. D. Messick, when approached about what has been said, stated that so far as he knows the presidency of the University is not vacant and that he has not been approached by any of the officials concerning the position.

He also stated that he appreciated the interest of his friends in what they consider a promotion for him but that he is quite happy in his present position.

'Darkness At Noon' Continues Run Tonight, Tomorrow Night

Federal Agency Preliminarily Approves Loan

The Federal Home and Housing Finance Agency in Atlanta, Georgia has preliminarily approved a loan of \$1,425,000 for the construction of two new men's dormitories here, according to Mr. F. D. Duncan, college vice-president in charge of business affairs.

Mr. Duncan pointed out that the State Legislature has passed an act which now enables the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State, East Carolina, Appalachian, and Western Carolina College to borrow money from the Federal Government for the purpose of building dormitories. "East Carolina was the first state-supported school to file an application for a loan when they filed last June," Mr. Duncan commented. "Our final application which was filed early this month was also the first among the state schools," he explained.

Final Approval Expected Soon The recently-elected vice-president represented the college in Atlanta on October 24 when East Carolina's final application was submitted for scrutiny. The application informed the agency of the dire need for housing facilities here and pointed out that approximately 500 men students are now living off the campus awaiting dormitory rooms. "The final approval should be received sometime within the next thirty days, and we believe that our application will be approved," he said.

Might Be Ready In '57 Mr. Duncan reported that if and when the application is approved it will be four or five months before definite plans could be drawn and possibly six months before actual construction would begin. "The new dormitories will accommodate 512 men students, and we hope to have them ready for occupancy by the fall of 1957," he concluded.

Work On Theatre Progresses

Progress on the Flanagan Memorial Sylvan Theatre, an outdoor theatre for use in presenting dramatic productions, band and orchestra concerts and choral programs, is going forward and it is expected to be ready by Christmas.

Information from President Messick's office indicates that such work as the rough grading has been completed and the stage foundation area filled in. Pourings for the foundations of the side walls are being laid this week. As soon as these are completed the concrete work will be begun on the initial stage project.

A sum of \$10,000 for erecting the new theatre was given to the college as a memorial by Mrs. Rosa Flanagan, in memory of her husband, the late E. G. Flanagan, who for a number of years served as a member of



Luba, Pat Goodwin, and Rubashov, Julius, Martin, are shown in a scene from the first act of "Darkness At Noon," major fall production of the East Carolina Playhouse, playing tonight and tomorrow night in McGinnis Auditorium.

'Oklahoma', Fifth Musical Production, Here In Spring

by Jonnie Simpson

"Oklahoma," the fifth musical production sponsored by the Student Government Association, will be given April 25, 26 and 27 under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Cuthbert, head of the music department, and Dr. Elizabeth Utterback, of the English department. "Try-outs are open to all students and are planned for sometime before Christmas," stated

Dr. Cuthbert. "It is only recently that 'Oklahoma' has been released for other than professional uses," Dr. Cuthbert explained. He stated that royalties have been paid, and costumes will be ordered and rented. "I feel confident East Carolina College students will like it," he said.

Non-Singing Roles

Dr. Cuthbert emphasizes that there are many non-singing roles for students with dramatic ability. Characters will be chosen by the casting committee composed of Dr. Utterback, Dr. Cuthbert, Henry Whitener, chairman of the Musical Production Commission, and others. Members of the Musical Production Commission who will assist in the production of "Oklahoma" are Henry Whitener, chairman, Joe Stell, Roy Knight, Pat Everton, and Frankie Keaton. Dr. Cuthbert is serving as advisor for this commission.

Dancers, Technical Staff Needed

Besides the list of characters, students will be needed to sing in the chorus, to dance, to assist with scenery, and to help with properties. "Working out the large cast and chorus on the stage of McGinnis Auditorium presents the greatest difficulty we will have in producing 'Oklahoma,'" Dr. Cuthbert pointed out. "Movement of stage and property will present some problem," he said. "Everybody likes 'Oklahoma' and we are looking forward to our production not only as entertainment but as a challenge to participants."

Goodwin, Martin Star In Major Fall Production

The East Carolina Playhouse presented the first showing of this fall's major production "Darkness At Noon" last night in McGinnis Auditorium. Performances will also be held tonight and tomorrow night at 8:15.

Deals With Communism The three-act play based on a novel by Arthur Koestler and written by Sidney Kingsley deals with Communist leadership around the year 1936. During this time purge trials were held and all revolutionary leaders were imprisoned and made to confess to various charges or be killed. Rather than confess to some untruth or give up their rights and beliefs, many of these leaders were liquidated. Throughout the play the audience wonders why the characters involved do not demand a fair trial, but it's clearly understood when, towards the end, the question, "Why did these leaders confess?" is answered.

According to Student Director, Marion Evans, junior from New Bern, much work has been put forth to make this production a big success, and all connected have been looking forward to presenting it for quite awhile.

Six Levels This play is quite different from any recently presented on campus in that the set, instead of being on one level, is built on six levels. Changing of scenes is done by lighting instead of the regular curtain fall. Dr. John Gordon of the Art Department is the set designer and the unusual design of detail of the settings are due to his creative ideas.

Goodwin, Martin Star Julius Martin, sophomore from Robersonville, and Patricia Goodwin, senior from Memphis, Tennessee, play leading roles. Martin plays the part of Rubashov, one-time party leader whose ideas have run amuck with new trends and because of this is arrested. Miss Goodwin portrays Luba, Rubashov's secretary and mistress.

Other Characters In addition to William C. Dixon Jr., of Kinston; Geetkin, Lloyd Bray Jr., of Greenville; Guard, Walter "Pinky" White, of Raleigh; Prisoner 402, Kenneth West of Wilson; Prisoner 302, Jack Cherry of Washington; Prisoner 202, Donald Fulcher of Beaufort; Bogrov, William Couch of Bridgeton, N. J.; and Hrusch, James Daugherty of Kinston.

Others included in the cast are Secretaries, Pat Wentz and Weston Wilkins; President, Troy Pate; and Soldiers, Carlton Adams, Don Haskins, Ray McDonald, S. A. Willard, John Bass and Delano Driver. Thomas Wells of Wallace is technical director and Dr. Joseph A. Wilthey of the English Department is faculty advisor. Bobbi Harrell is Properties Chairman; Costumes, June Goldston; Make-up, Margaret Starnes; Lighting, Billy Tomlinson; Publicity, Jackie McDaniel and Marcia Forbes; and Business Managers, Marcia Milne and John Shaw.

After The Victory



David Bennett, 1955-56 freshman class president, and Jay Robbins, vice-president, smile happily as they look over the final returns from last Thursday's run-off.

Local State Employees Favor Retirement System

Teachers and state employees here voted in favor of the retirement fund-social security merger Wednesday, October 26, according to Mr. E. H. Stallings of the Business Office. Of the 261 eligible voters, 230 voted affirmatively and 14 negatively. The 17 remaining no-voters counted against the proposal, Mr. Stallings said.

State-Wide Referendum Similar referendums held throughout the state were authorized by the 1955 General Assembly of the state. Eligible voters were those people who were contributing members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement Systems on both June 8 and October 26, 1955.

New Plan The New Retirement plan, explained Mr. Stallings, is an integra-

tion of the former Retirement System and Federal Social Security. Under the merger, employees will continue to contribute at the rate of 5 per cent of salaries and wages, and 2 per cent will be diverted to pay social security tax.

The difference in this coordination plan and the former system is little at the time of withdrawal or collection. The state fund was based solely on percentage of average earnings with the state matching the sum; whereas, social security has a different method of coverage.

Social security benefits go to the employee when he retires between 60 and 65, and to his wife when she becomes 65. At death, the widow or widower and children under 18 receives certain benefits based on the employee's monthly earnings.

Others Are Saying

Since Mr. Gordon Gray resigned as president of the University of North Carolina numerous articles have appeared in North Carolina newspapers commenting that the people of eastern North Carolina would like to see Dr. John D. Messick promoted to Mr. Gray's former office. The following editorials are taken from Greenville's *The Daily Reflector* and Goldsboro's *News Argus*. We are printing them in our editorial column, believing that they will prove interesting to our readers.—Editor.

From *The Daily Reflector*, October 28: It disturbs us greatly to see the name of Dr. John D. Messick popping up so frequently among the select list of those who might succeed Gordon Gray as president of the Consolidated University of North Carolina.

Frankly, anything that indicates to us that Dr. Messick might leave his post as president of East Carolina College causes us no little concern. Such an attitude on our part admittedly stems from selfishness. We are interested in the college and its welfare, and the welfare of this entire section called Eastern North Carolina.

We are quite sure Dr. Messick is well qualified to fill the post as president of the Greater University. We are also confident that the trustees of that institution will have to search diligently to find a man whose capabilities match those of Dr. Messick. At the same time we realize that his acceptance of another post would be a terrific blow not only to East Carolina College, but to Eastern North Carolina.

Dr. Messick came to East Carolina College when it was in dire need of dynamic leadership. He has afforded the institution the leadership it needed not only on the local campus, but throughout the state. Through his efforts, East Carolina College has received recognition and support from the legislature unparalleled in the history of the school. Its growth has set new records with each passing year, and its influence throughout this section of the state has reached far beyond what the most optimistic of the institution's supporters dared hope a few years ago.

East Carolina College still needs Dr. Messick's leadership, and it is our hope that it will continue to have it.

The people of this section of the state should realize they are not the only ones who have watched with interest and appreciation the progress which East Carolina College has made under Dr. Messick's leadership. His name has headed the list of potential presidents at colleges and universities other than the Consolidated University. Within recent months he has turned down the administrative head of other educational institutions which pay higher salaries than East Carolina.

Perhaps it is too much to hope that Dr. Messick will remain at East Carolina indefinitely with other colleges and universities seeking his valuable services. Nevertheless, we can continue to hope.

From the *Goldsboro News Argus*: There have been suggestions that Dr. John D. Messick, president of East Carolina College, was the man for the UNC presidency.

He is big enough in every sense of the word to fit this position of top importance in our state. He has proved he knows his way around among the politicians. He has won more friends and influenced more people for East Carolina during the years he has been there than any three presidents previously. He thinks big. He thinks with his feet on the ground. And he inspires others to grasp his vision and to labor unceasingly to put it into effect.

We are quite selfish in saying we don't want him to become UNC president because his work for Eastern North Carolina and this section for the first time in state history will come into its own in state backing for an institution of higher learning. And we had never understood why the child of the tobacco farmer should be penalized with reference to a college of the state near his home, a good and standard college meeting all his needs.

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"The moving finger writes, and, having writ,
Moves on; nor all your piety nor wit,
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."
From the "Rubayyat of Omar Khayyam", translated by E. Fitzgerald

Passing Remark On An Uninhabited Wilderness, Jovial Solons And Marilyn

Jimmy Ferrell

A RUMOR HAS IT that winter quarter's schedule will include more late afternoon classes so as to keep students on the campus during the weekend. Also, instructors will set aside Friday as a regular test day and all Friday absentees will receive "zejo" for the day's work.

The administration, as well as many of the students here, is depressed over the way students continually streak home for the weekend. According to one student, Dean Jenkins pointed out to a group of faculty members that at one time the title "East Carolina—Suitecase College" was just a joke, but now it is a serious problem.

ASSISTANT EDITOR OLIVER WILLIAMS has printed a letter in his column this week which he received from a student who expresses his views concerning "the uninhabited wilderness that is our campus on weekends." Mr. Williams' communicator asserts that there is nothing to do around the campus during the weekends. That is the conviction of many of the students here, and the statement is definitely a farce. There are many varied activities open for student participation if students would only utilize the ample opportunities. He also believes, as do many others, that national social fraternities would make life at East Carolina a rosy affair.

We are not against national social fraternities and neither do we advocate them. It is our belief that many of the fraternities here tend to be largely social anyway. National social fraternities and fraternity houses would not create more weekend activities for our campus, and the "friendly atmosphere" which many students feel is steadily decreasing as the student body increases would result in an abundance of cliques.

Students will continue to leave the campus over weekends no matter what the weekend of activities include, unless the administration devises a system of restriction such as the freshman coeds undergo during their first quarter on campus. That might prove an interesting experiment and convince students that a weekend on the campus could be very enjoyable.

LAST WEEK'S SGA MEETING was in session less than thirty minutes. And there have been comments recently that many students are worried for fear that we will have a do-nothing legislature. Yet, we noticed that a great majority of the SGA members yelled with delight when a motion was passed to adjourn.

THE 1954-55 SENIOR CLASS was allotted \$300 for Wright Circle improvements. As the *East Carolinian's* editorials have explained recently, the improvements have been very slow in the making gave one fence around the fountain and pond. Now the project has been referred to Garland Tuton, 1955-56 senior class president.

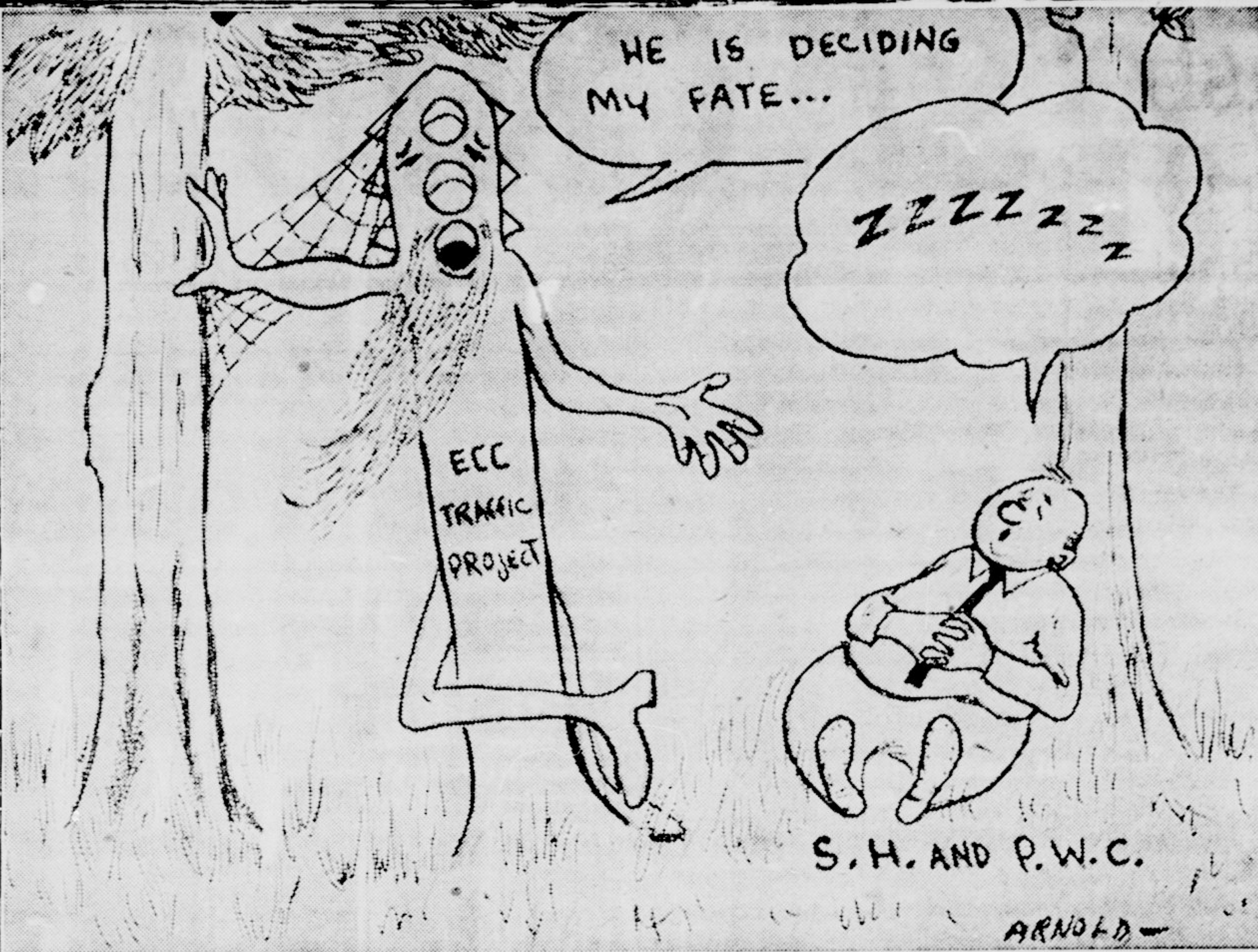
Mr. Tuton explained to the legislature that no information was passed to him from last year's class. Billy Sharber, treasurer, pointed out that Mr. F. D. Duncan accepted the money allotted last year's seniors and the responsibility of seeing that it was done.

Mr. Tuton is president of the 1955-56 senior class and projects of the 1954-55 class are no responsibility of his class, and they should not be burdened with such.

MARILYN IS FREE: Marilyn and Joe's divorce became final last week. She's attending an acting school in New York now. Why we don't know, but she is.

Miss Monroe told columnist Earl Wilson, when he asked her about her frequent statements to the press saying that she wanted a happy marriage and a lot of children, "I do, but it's not as simple as that and I don't see any time for that now."
Wilson quoted DiMaggio as saying about the marriage: "I never think about that any more."
Oh, come now, Joe!

Tale of an Ant
There is the sad, depressing tale of the little red ant
Who moved into the dining hall . . .
but after a few days,
He packed all his belongings, bade his friends goodbye,
And went searching for a better way!



Who's Who Among Students At East Carolina College

English Major Active In BSU Work

by Florence Baker

Ruth Lassiter, a pretty, dark-haired senior from Four Oaks, is in the Who's Who spotlight this week. Ruth, who will graduate in May, is an English major and Library Science minor and would like to teach, preferably, in the western part of the state. She plans to do her practicing teaching winter quarter in Washington, and of the approaching experience Ruth has this to say, "I'm wondering just what it'll hold, but I'm still looking forward to it."

While in high school, Ruth knew for certain that she wanted to attend college, but she couldn't quite decide which one she preferred. Finally, after a great deal of thought and advice from friends, Ruth decided on East Carolina. She had heard that it was a very good school for teacher training, so she sincerely thought E.C.C. would be her best bet. After she arrived here, she liked it so much she talked her two sisters, Shirley and Sylvia, into coming. Shirley is graduating this quarter, and Sylvia is a Freshman.

Ruth has held a self-help job in the library most of her time here, but it hasn't hindered her from maintaining an honor roll average every quarter.

As popular as she is smart, Ruth has participated in various activities on campus. She has been a member of the English Club, the Library Club, and the Y.W.C.A. She was scrapbook chairman for the Library Club, and last year she was treasurer for the Y.W.C.A.

"I was extremely interested in dramatics when I first came here, and was in several Playhouse productions my Freshman year, but I soon became interested in work in B.S.U.; I had to make a choice, so I chose working with the B.S.U.," says Ruth. This leads up to one thing that



Ruth Lassiter

Ruth has really held dear as far as extra-curricula work is concerned—the Baptist Student Union. Her first year here Ruth acted as B.S.U. hostess; her second year she was vice-president; and this year she is president. But that's not all! Ruth is also State Secretary of B.S.U. and was runner-up in the State Better Speaker's Contest sponsored by the Baptist Training School, after winning the district and regional contests. This year Ruth represented the B.S.U. in the Homecoming Parade. For the past two summers she's been managing the Baptist book store at the Caswell Baptist Assembly, a Baptist summer camp held at Southport for the benefit of high school and college students.

Ruth laughingly says that she answers to the name Shirley as much as she does Ruth, because people are

constantly confusing the two. They agree that it's probably because they've roomed together since Ruth's sophomore year and they're seen together so often.

"Ruth is definitely a nature girl," Shirley declares. "We were reared on a farm, and Ruth loves the outdoors." Ruth finds hiking (she and her two roommates took a three-hour one a few weekends ago) and swimming her favorite outdoor sports, but she has a keen interest for most others, too. She loves to read in her spare time and enjoys classical music, so it's easy to see that her interests are as varied as she is versatile.

Believer in Education and Friends

Besides preparing one for the future, Ruth feels that by attending college one has the opportunity to broaden one's outlook on life. The varied programs presented through the entertainment series help to encourage one's interest in different types of music and she believes, also, that the various organizations and discussion groups which are held regularly help develop one's own ideas and philosophies. Ruth thinks that perhaps the most valuable asset, other than an education, is friends. "College really aids one in meeting new people and acquiring true friends," she explained. Ruth counts as one of her most compensating activities that of aiding Roberta Patton, blind student from Marion, with her reading and preparation of assignments.

Ruth, as do most seniors approaching graduation, feels a bit sad when she realizes this is her last year, but she expresses her feelings in this way, "I'll hate to leave all my friends, but since I've devoted most of my spare time to the B.S.U., I think I'll miss it more than anything else."

A Lil' Bit Of This And A Lil' Bit 'A That Seen And Heard In A Writers Wanderings

by Janet Hill

Each fall as the leaves of autumn turn to colors of bronze, gold and red, the *East Carolinian* staff begins to make plans for their annual fall Talent Show. This year, as never before, the show was composed of some very exceptional campus talent, and with the help and cooperation of these students, as well as members of the *East Carolinian* staff, a highly successful program was presented in Austin Auditorium on Tuesday night.

We think that we should extend a vote of thanks to all of the students who helped make the show successful, both by participating and attending the performance.

Now, we hope that the students will be looking forward to the spring Talent Show, which will be held during the spring quarter. Also, we will be looking for any "hidden talent" on the campus. So, if anyone has any of this talent, please let it be known.

Movies Are Better Than Ever
The movies on the campus this year have been of very exceptional quality. Many of the students who have been attending them tell us that they are really thrilled about having the CinemaScope movies here on the campus. The new CinemaScope equipment enables the entertainment committee to acquire newer and better movie releases. Yes, the movie entertainment is really an improvement over that of last year.

Meals and Music
A suggestion has come to us that popular music be played over the public address system in the cafeteria during dinner (supper). This

would give the cafeteria a little more of an "informal" atmosphere, as well as be an enjoyment to a considerable number of the students. What do you think of the idea?

Busy or Not?

The phone situation in the dorms of Ragsdale, Wilson, Fleming and Jarvis is yet to be abated. Upon inquiring about the subject, it was found that the S.G.A. has no control over this situation. The only solution would be for the telephone company to donate an extra phone to each of these dorms. The result would be much quicker phone service into, as well as out of the dormitories, and the telephone company could not possibly lose on such an arrangement!

The Bad and the Beautiful

Last week for the first time the girls obtained an inside view of the boys' new dormitory, Umstead Hall. And, from all reports, the girls were very impressed by the hospitality shown them as well as the beauty of the dorm. In comparison to Umstead, the girls' dormitories (excluding Ragsdale) are in a rather dilapidated state and would not merit such an "open house." However, the girls are looking forward to having a beautiful new dorm of their own in the near future at which time they too will be able to entertain the rest of the campus at "open house."

Seen 'n' Heard

A girl in Wilson Hall excitedly rushed down to the parlor to greet her date. As she was getting ready to leave the dorm with her escort, she rushed madly into the office to sign out. No sooner had she left

her date than she returned slightly embarrassed. She had forgotten his NAME!

The announcement of a Thanksgiving Dance created quite a bit of discussion among some co-eds in the cafeteria one night. As one girl heard the announcement she asked WHY a dance was being held then. Another co-ed volunteered that it was an "exam dance." And, a third replied, "Yes, it's to get you in the mood!"

An amusing incident occurred during open house in Umstead Hall last week. A junior returned to his room Tuesday night and upon retiring for the night found that some very mischievous girls had "short-sheeted" his bed!

Susan Hayward Stars In Movie, 'Untamed'

"Untamed," starring Susan Hayward, beautiful belle of eighteenth-century Ireland, and Tyrone Power as an interpreter and guide for expeditions in Africa, will be shown in Austin auditorium Saturday night at 7 o'clock.

Richard Egan plays opposite Miss Hayward as her first husband. After his death in Africa, she marries Tyrone Power, but is unable to hold him. However, her sudden acquisition of wealth brings him back again, and although they face many problems, their love for each other gives them strength to overcome the problems.

POT POURRI

by Jan Raby

Possibly starting a new precedent, the boys of Umstead Hall held open house last week. Now all the girls are thinking nifty thoughts about the advantages of being in Garrett Hall sometime in the future. Umstead is beautiful—so said all the viewers. The boys and those concerned are to be commended for taking such good care of it and also for the idea of open house.

Kurt Baum, Metropolitan Opera star, had a good turn-out here for the second in the entertainment series. It's good to see the students making use of some of the entertainment facilities being offered. We're looking forward to even better (in student appeal) programs.

Here's another thought from Stetson University. The title of it is *Sincerity*.

"Each of us can make an important personal contribution to human progress just by being sincere. In the final analysis, most of the world's woes can be traced to insincerity. Little pink deceptions—often born out of politeness—have a way of developing into tiny spots of dry rot on character. We shall need better character than that to build the kind of world we want. Do your bit. Realize that sincerity is the mother of integrity. What a reward you will reap!"

When you possess sincerity and integrity you enjoy a supremely comforting feeling of knowing that you have the spiritual backbone you will need to stand tall in any moral crisis. Besides, people who are not sincere fool only themselves. Emerson said, "What you are . . . thunders so that I cannot hear what you say to the contrary. So why not be sincere? When you can't be sincere, be silent."

It is more blessed to give . . .

College professors often are sent "review" copies of new books by publishers hopeful of obtaining complimentary quotations for their advertising. Sometimes these books are pretty dull. A Columbia professor has an intriguing way of disposing of such unwanted books. He sends them on to unsuspecting friends and with each he encloses a note, ostensibly from the author, reading: "I hope you will be pleased with the reference made to you in this book and will have no objection to the use of your name in this manner." The chief enjoyment the professor derives from such books comes from the picture he conjures up of his friends wading through the volumes vainly searching to find their names in print.

We leave you with this—*The Loser* by Jane Merchant:

"All I loved I lost," she said.
"The lover, the friend, the small Golden bird, the ivory fan,
"The silver locket—all I ever loved." In courtesy I silenced my rebuff.
If you could lose all you have loved,
You have not loved enough.

Controversial Currents

Social Frats Here?

by Oliver Williams

At the first of the year, this column invited all student comments on subjects that were of interest to all of the students. This week we received a letter from a student voicing his opinion on social fraternities. Since we think that many other students feel the same way about fraternities, we decided to print the complete letter.

"At present we are faced with several problems: Crowded dormitories, long lines in the cafeteria, and the uninhabited wilderness that is our school on weekends. Of all these the latter is by far the worst. Why does this condition exist? To go directly to the point, there's just nothing here on the weekend for us to do. Also, there's the ever present temptation of those good meals at home.

These items have been discussed with a proper amount of vigor, but as yet I haven't heard of a solution that would in any way rectify these circumstances. There is a solution that would help to some degree, but it or nothing else is a "cure all." Possibly National Social Fraternities would help. There are many arguments against this line of thought, the primary one being the formation of a clique. I hate to be the one to say it, but this would not be an innovation, since such groups are already in existence.

Another argument against this proposal is that it might destroy the friendly atmosphere of ECC. Of course, this atmosphere is by far more valuable to us than any number of fraternities or social functions, but ECC has grown to the point that there aren't enough facilities to take care of a student body of nearly three thousand. Furthermore, I personally don't think that we have the caliber of students that would become unfriendly simply because of being a member of a fraternity.

Your fellow student,
Jerry Willis

No doubt the opinions expressed by this student about social fraternities are the opinions of many other students, who are anxious to see East Carolina grow socially as well as educationally, etc. It is possible that social fraternities would alleviate some of the problems and conditions mentioned in the above letter.

As a rule, the administration is willing to go along with the students at least part way on all subjects and problems. For many years, however, the problem of social fraternities has for some reason been shunned, and quickly quietened. However, if we continue to voice ourselves as one fellow student has done, maybe some solution can be reached.

Pirates Finish Season Against Tampa Here Saturday

ECC Drops Appalachian 13-0 To Take League Second Spot

Playing host to the favored Appalachian Mountaineers last Saturday night, East Carolina displayed a winning brand of football in dumping the visitors 13-0 in College Stadium.

During the first half of play, a strong battle raged between the opposing defensive line and neither team could gather sufficient offensive punch to score. Led by big Lou Hallow, Pirate center, the ECC line contained every Mountaineer threat. J. D. Bradford, Ray Pennington, Ray Overton and Ken Burgess played outstanding ball in the forward wall.

As the third quarter got underway, East Carolina's backfield cut through Appalachian defenses for surprising gains and began to open up the path toward paydirt. Brilliant ball-handling and running by Quarterback Dick Cherry carried the Bucs to the opposing one-yard line and Fullback Bob Maynard crashed over for the first score of the contest. Milton Collier's extra point attempt was blocked by a horde of Mountaineer defenders.

Pirate spirits soared and moments after the fourth period began, halfback Harold O'Kelly plunged through a mass of enemy tacklers for another tally. Cherry added a perfect extra point to make the scoreboard read 13-0.

Appalachian tried desperately to avert a shutout in the dying moments of the match, but Pirate guard Ken Burgess recovered an App fumble, his second of the night, to crush any dreams of an Appalachian victory.

The entire defensive line played well for the Bucs. Jerry Brooks and Paul Popov turned in excellent performances.

by Johnny Hudson

Lenoir Rhyne's North State Conference leaders remained unbeaten as they made their lone out-of-state trip of the year to beat Emory and Henry 20-9. It was the sixth straight victory for the Bears with the only blemish on their record being a 13-13 tie with Newberry. While the Bears were venturing in non-conference territory, the championship picture back home became a little plainer.

The most important contest of the week saw a fired-up East Carolina team defeat the defending North State Champions, Appalachian, 13-0, at Greenville. The Pirates, led by Quarterback Dick Cherry and Halfback Harold O'Kelly, tallied two touchdowns in the final half while the ECC line completely throttled the Apps' running attack.

It was the third straight win in conference play for the Pirates, as they moved into second place in the North State standings. After losing two early season games to Lenoir Rhyne and Catawba, the Bucs bowled over Elon, Western Carolina, and Appalachian in succession. It was the last conference game for the Pirates; thus they are definitely out of the championship picture.

Another important conference tilt saw Elon blast Western Carolina's hopes of a conference crown with a mild 19-7 upset. It was the first victory of the season for the Christians and also marked the first points they scored in loop competition. It was the final conference game for the Catawba and dropped them from a second place tie to fourth place in the standings.



Ray Pennington (Bruce Phillips)

Spartans Rated Heavy Favorites Over Buccaneers

by Bill Boyd

Saturday night's gridiron clash with Tampa University will ring down the curtain on the 1955 season for East Carolina's Fighting Pirates, as the spirited Bucs play host to the mighty Spartans of Florida. Kickoff time for the non-conference tilt is slated for 8 p.m. at College Stadium.

Coached by Marcelino Huerta Jr., Tampa boasts a highly touted line and backfield. Their offense is primarily the same type as East Carolina's with a slight variation in line plays. The Spartans were Cigar Bowl Champions last year and have been in the Sunshine State Classic four times in the last seven years. They proved their power when they handed Appalachian, the 1954 North State Conference title holder, an impressive 26 to 20 setback last year. Tampa has lost only a few of its top performers since that time. Quarterback Bill Minahan is expected to lead the Spartans' offensive attack. The stocky athlete can run and pass with equal ability. Al Leathers and Ace Herdon will probably start in the halfback slots. Fullback will be held down by Tom Spack who is sometimes referred to as "The Tank." Spack stands 5' 8" tall and weighs a solid 190 pounds. Tampa has defeated the Pirates in both of their previous meetings in 1954 and 1953.

Cherry Back In Fold

Quarterback Dick Cherry has come into his own to dominate the Pirate pigskin spotlight of late. East Carolina's offensive hopes lie in the ball-handling ability of both Cherry and Milton Collier. Collier, a headstrong aerialist in his own right, will be counted upon heavily to assist Cherry in this final grid affair. Harold O'Kelly and Bob Perry will probably get a nod at the halfback position. Hustling Bob Maynard will start at fullback.

"Old Reliable," Lou Hallow, a pre-



Harold O'Kelly (Bruce Phillips)

dominant figure in the Buc line, will be at the center position as usual, and is again expected to lead the forward wall. Paul Popov, Ken Burgess and Richard Monds will see a lot of action in the guard slots. Heading the list of tackles slated for heavy duty are Ray Overton, Charlie Smith, Jerry Brooks and Waverly Chesson. At the end positions will be Bill Helms, J. D. Bradford, Ray Pennington and Bob Conway. Pennington and Bradford are prime targets for Cherry's passes.

Coaches Jack Boone, Jim Mallory and Earl Smith have high hopes of a Pirate victory. When kickoff time takes place Saturday night, Pirate fans will be seeing the 1955 Bucs in action for the last time. A large crowd is expected at College Stadium to witness these two highly-touted teams clash in what should prove to be one of the better contests of the 1955 season.

THE CROW'S NEST

by Billy Arnold



The first few days of December will be busy ones for two sections of the East Carolina athletic setup, the swimming team and basketball squad.

Coach Ray Martinez' hard-working poolsters are indulging in various exercises and drills at the present time, steadily getting into shape for a very rugged schedule that will get underway beginning December 2. The Buc aquaman will compete against Wofford, Davidson and Clemson on three consecutive afternoons to start the water season off with a real bang.

Hoopsters Face Phillips' Team

East Carolina basketball fans will get a chance to see how the Pirate hoopsters stack up against top-flight competition when they meet the Phillips Oilers in Wilmington on December 8. The Oilers are classified as a semi-pro aggregation, but play in a league that has boasted such All-America performers as Clyde Lovellette (Kansas), Dick Groat (Duke), Mark Workman (W. Virginia), and Bill Spivey (Kentucky). The game will, of course, be an exhibition contest and will have no importance in North State Conference ratings, although it will give Pirate opponents a preview of Coach Howard Porter's crew.

Though Porter's starting group is not yet decided upon, the cagey hardwood mentor will have some fine material to draw from. All-Conference forward Don Harris, a 6-2 sensation from Laurinburg, will be back with several boys who saw plenty of action last season. Lanky Nick Nichols and 6-4 Guy Mendenhall formed a one-two scoring punch against 1954-55 opponents that drew praise from coaches, fans, and sports writers throughout the state. Both these boys will wear purple and gold against the enemy in December.

As the 1955 football season draws to a close, the Pirates can boast a

4-4 North State Conference slate. Coach Jack Boone's boys as of now have secured a slice of second place and have a fine statistical record in league play.

The Buchanan defensive squad, led by All-Conference center Louis Hallow, has fielded Pirate opponents to a measly 26 points in loop competition and is second only to undefeated Lenoir Rhyne in defense concerning all games.

Strong Defense

Outstanding all season in the tough Buc line have been Ken Burgess, Jerry Brooks, Paul Popov, Bill Helms, Ray Pennington, Dick Monds, Waverly Chesson, Ray Overton, Chester Rogerson, J. D. Bradford, Tommy Waggoner, and Bobby Clark. The ECC secondary has been strong with Dick Cherry, Milton Collier, Harold O'Kelly, Bobby Perry, and Bob Maynard leading the way.

Although the Greenville gridders did not run away with top honors this season, fans and students alike can be proud of the performance of East Carolina's footballers. The coaches nor the players will offer any alibis or excuses, but it must be remembered that for the Pirates, this was a year of rebuilding a machine that was damaged by graduation in 1954. It has been an experimental year for the local coaches and one which will undoubtedly bring plenty of favorable results next season.

Ping Pong Tournament

The Ping Pong Tournament Committee, Joel Farrar, Eddie Dennis, Dave Carson and Norwood Whitehurst, has posted pairings on the bulletin board of the College Union. The first, second and third rounds must be played off by Sunday, November 13.

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Keister Sets Messiah Date In Yearly Presentation

East Carolina College's annual presentation of Handel's "The Messiah" will take place Sunday, December 11, at 3:30 p.m. in the Wright auditorium, Dr. Elwood Keister of the music faculty, director of the oratorio, has announced.

Rehearsals for the program, which ushers in the Christmas season at the college each year, will begin Thursday, November 3, at 6:15 p.m. in the Austin auditorium and will continue each Thursday through December 8. Dr. Keister has issued an invitation to those who wish to sing in the oratorio to be present for the first rehearsal. Auditions are not required of choir members.

Last year more than two hundred college students, high school students, and others in and near Greenville sang the oratorio under Dr. Keister's direction. An audience of approximately 2,000 people from various localities in Eastern North Carolina attended.

Soloists this year, as in previous presentations of "The Messiah" on the campus, are expected to include both campus and off-campus talent. Singers interested in auditioning for solo parts are asked to contact Dr. Keister, Room 120, Music Building at the college.

Duke University Law School Offers Five Regional Scholarships

The Duke University Law School is offering five Regional Scholarships worth a maximum of \$3000 each to outstanding students in North and South Carolina, Dean J. A. McClain of Duke has announced.

Underway for the second year, the scholarship program will provide five \$1000 awards for study in the Duke Law School during the 1956-57 academic year. Each award will be renewable for the two succeeding years of law study provided the holder maintains a high scholastic average and demonstrates increasing professional promise.

The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of intellectual ability, character, and potential for leadership in the legal profession, Dean McClain said.

Residents of North and South Carolina who will hold bachelors' degrees from recognized colleges, by September, 1956, and who attain general scholastic averages of "B" or higher are eligible to compete. Deadline for applying is March 1, 1956.

Each applicant must take the Law School Admission Test, administered by the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey. It will be given at the University of North Carolina and the University of South Carolina on November 12, 1955, and February 18, 1956. The February test will also be given at Duke. Applications for taking this test should be made at least 10 days in advance.

Information concerning the Law School Scholarships may be obtained by writing to the Office of the Dean, Duke University Law School, Durham, North Carolina.

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Bachelor Stewart Wins Pepper Relish Prize In Festival Contest

Dr. James H. Stewart of the East Carolina College faculty dispenses food for thought in his economics classes but in leisure hours turns his attention to food that tickles the taste buds. He has a gold-embossed blue ribbon from the recent Waynesville, Virginia Harvest Days Festival to show that he is tops as a chef.

A jar of pepper relish entered by the East Carolina professor in the Virginia event was judged best in its class and won him not only the ribbon but a gift certificate of \$7.50, good for merchandise in stores sponsoring the festival. Dr. Stewart plans to "cash in" during his next visit to his sister, Mrs. Lynwood White of Waynesville.

The peppers from which the delectable relish was made were grown by John Hardee, Washington Highway, Greenville.

Dr. Stewart, a bachelor, practices the fine art of cooking at his home, 2305 East Fourth Street, Greenville. At the college he is a member of the social studies department; serves on the committees on Entertainment, Commencement, and Intercollegiate Athletics; and is faculty advisor for the International Relations Club.

Cotten Girls Elect Officers For Dorm Duty

Approximately 300 girls in Cotten Dormitory met in Austin Auditorium to elect their house officers for the year.

Betty Calloun, from near Fayetteville, was elected president. Betty, who attended Seventy-First High School outside of Fayetteville, is majoring in home economics. She held many important offices during her high school years. Betty served as president of her sophomore class, president of the Friendship Club, a cheerleader, a member of the annual staff and a member of the Beta Club. She also served as president and vice president of the State F.H.A.

Gail Cox of Graham was elected to the office of vice president. She is majoring in primary education. During her high school career she was president of the F.T.A., chief marshal, head cheerleader, a member of the Student Council, and secretary of her junior class.

Sarah Sugg, who graduated from Jasper High School near New Bern, was chosen for secretary-treasurer of Cotten Hall. Sarah is majoring in primary education. She was secretary of her senior class, president of the County 4-H Club, president of her junior class, secretary of the Beta Club, secretary of F.T.A., and as an award for winning the title "State 4-H Health Improvement Queen" Sarah won a free trip to Chicago last year.

Thanksgiving Hop Set 19th; Frat Adds Ten New Members

The regular meeting of the Science Club was held Tuesday, November 1, in Flanagan 317. Dr. John G. Navarra, a new member of the science faculty, spoke on "The Effect of Science On Transportation, Communication and Production." The purpose of his talk was "to examine some of the new discoveries and new applications of old discoveries which will have an effect on our lives within the next five, ten or twenty years; for example, the helicopter which was put into use in the Korean War and now by the postal service may affect the ability of the country to decentralize and spread out the metropolitan areas. Deep freezing processes, although successful, may be replaced by using atomic radiation to preserve meats and other foods."

Sponsors Dance
The Science Club will sponsor a Thanksgiving Dance November 19 from 8:00 until 11:30 in Wright Auditorium. The dance will be informal. The different committees for the dance gave their reports at the meeting. Calvin Chesson's Dreamers will furnish the music. Door prizes will be given to the people holding the lucky tickets. Refreshments also will be served. The admission will be \$1.00 per couple, 75 cents for stag boys, and 50 cents for stag girls.

Gamma Theta Upsilon
Gamma Theta Upsilon will initiate five more new members in addition to the ten new members given in the last issue of the paper. The new members include Florine Vaughan, Carolyn Atkinson, Glenda Edwards, Fernon Perkins and John A. McPhaul.



One of the highlights of the year for Baptist students will be the November 7 forum to be led by Miss Miriam Robinson, North Carolina executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Robinson came to her present position in June after having taught courses in Speech and Worship at Carver School in Louisville, Kentucky. Forum at the Baptist Student Center begins promptly at 5:30 and is followed by a 50 cents dutch supper.

Gamma Theta Upsilon is the national geography fraternity. The initiation will take place at the November 7 dinner meeting, which will be

Campus Calendar Of Coming Events

- THURSDAY**
6:15-7:30 p.m.—Rehearsal of "The Messiah" in Austin Auditorium.
6:30 p.m.—Vespers in the Y Hut.
6:45 p.m.—Chess Club meets at College Union TV Room.
8:15 p.m.—Play, "Darkness At Noon," presented by East Carolina Playhouse at McGinnis Auditorium.
- FRIDAY**
8:00 p.m.—Informal dancing at the College Union.
8:15 p.m.—Play, "Darkness At Noon," presented by East Carolina Playhouse at McGinnis Auditorium.
- SATURDAY**
8:00 p.m.—E.C.C. vs. Tampa here
10:00-11:35 p.m.—Dance in Wright Auditorium.
- SUNDAY**
6:00 p.m.—Vespers, Methodist Student Center.
- MONDAY**
5:30 p.m.—B.S.U. supper forum.
6:15 p.m.—A dinner meeting of the Gamma Theta Upsilon, national geography fraternity, at the Flamingo in Greenville.
6:30 p.m.—Vespers, Methodist Student Center.
- TUESDAY**
5:00 p.m.—Chapel in Austin.
6:30 p.m.—Vespers at B.S.U. Center.
- WEDNESDAY**
6:00 p.m.—Newspaper staff meeting.
6:30 p.m.—Vespers at B.S.U. Center.
6:30 p.m.—Vespers, Methodist Student Center.
7:00 p.m.—Meeting of the S.G.A.
- THURSDAY**
4:00-5:00 p.m.—Music Department Recital in McGinnis Auditorium.
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