

What's ahead

ECU students this year will have the opportunity of observing first hand several events which are of major significance to the University, now in its tenth year with that status. Students who become involved in their campus' activities will also share in the making of decisions which could affect ECU for years to come, as we approach the end of an old tenure and the dawn of a new era.

Dr. Leo Jenkins announced at the 68th annual convocation last week that his last project as Chancellor of the university would be to expand Ficklen Stadium to nearly double its present size and to support a hike in faculty salaries. Jenkins will reach mandatory retirement age of 65 in May, 1978. The first step in choosing a new chancellor will be the selection of a search committee which could begin its task this year. Student participation could be a decisive factor in the selection process.

One of the venerable chancellor's most prized accomplishments has been the development of a four-year medical school, a project Jenkins has eagerly pursued for over a decade. Final accreditation of the program is expected sometime this year, despite a recently released study by the Carnegie Council on Policy Studies in Higher Education which claims that ECU's med school is unneeded.

The 1976-77 school year will also mark the end of the quarter system at this university. After being talked about on this campus for many years the semester system will finally become a reality in Fall 1977. However, there are still many points in the transition left to be finalized. For example, when will classes begin and end and how will the course requirements of the quarter system translate into the semester system's curriculum?

The University's fact-finding arm, Institutional Research, is evaluating the rate of failure for blacks as opposed to whites and males as opposed to females. The results of this study should become public as will undoubtedly an explanation of why from the faculty and administration. Another survey to come out later this year will try to determine the value of a degree from ECU for graduates seeking careers related to their academic pursuits.

And, as many expect, this will be the year ECU will begin its venture into big-time football. Now that the Southern Conference stint was only a phase of the Fighting Pirates, we are faced with the task of proving ourselves worthy of membership in a loftier realm.

These are but a very few of the issues and questions which lie ahead. Their impact upon this University and its students will be without a doubt considerable, therefore student interest should be sought, considered and encouraged if we are all to be involved citizen in the ECU community



The Forum

Prisoners seek correspondence

To Fountainhead:

What would happen if you took an animal, let's say a dog, and put him in a cage, then everyday throw his food at him, kick that cage, and rattle that cage for a period of a year?? After that said amount of time, release that dog. Most likely, that dog isn't going to come out and lick your hand, chances are good it'll attack you. Now what happens when you take a human-being and put him in prison where he is constantly locked-up, harassed and subject to cruel and unusual treatment in an unnatural environment with little or no rehabilitation programs or nothing to prepare himself for the ever-changing outside world? Are you concerned? Our names are Robert Oicles and Blaine Malone. We have seen and are still experiencing such treatment and wish to share our views and experiences with others. We would like to correspond with anyone who wishes to write us. We are very sincere and will answer all letters. We don't have to limit ourselves with just the

prison scene, if you would just like to get to know us or even become friends, we would be more than happy to write to you. So if you would like to know more

Congratulations

To Fountainhead:

I would just like to commend the Marching Pirates on their show last Saturday night. We are always aware of how much time and effort that goes into athletics. Since I live on the hill, I actually hear how many hours that go into the Pirates' practice.

Keep up the good work!

Dianne Moore
Nursing Major

Forum Policy

Forum letters should be typed or printed and they must be signed and include the writer's address. Names will be withheld upon request. Letters may be sent to Fountainhead or left at the Information Desk in Mendenhall Student Center.

about our surroundings or if you just dig people, please write to one or both of us at this address.

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Tenants beware

To Fountainhead:

I wanted to take this time during the first full week of school to tell those students who are thinking of moving into an apartment or house to please use the Student Government Legal Service to get advice on the type contract they will wind up signing. The lawyers have told us that a lot of students are signing contracts they don't fully understand.

Also, all those students who have received tax notices from Pitt County should see our Legal Service before paying.

Call the SGA office at 757-6611 from 9-5, or come by 228 Mendenhall.

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Student Body Prez

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