

SPORTS ECHO

by Bob Hilldrup

The Elks Bowl has come and gone and, from a scoring standpoint, wasn't too successful as far as the Pirates are concerned.

In losing to Morris Harvey the Buccaneers bowed to a team that, for one particular day anyhow, was a better one. We feel that on practically any other occasion the Bucs would have soundly thrashed the Eagles, but there's not much doubt that the Eagles were superior last Saturday.

The running of the game's Most Valuable Player, halfback Jim Carr, and the heads-up signal calling of quarterback Bob Maxwell played major parts in contributing to the Pirates' downfall.

Even in defeat the Pirates had their bright spots. Emo Boado turned in some fine runs from his halfback post and David Lee at times, virtually carried the defensive burden by himself. Freshman tackle Ray Overton and center Waverly Chesson also stood out for the Bucs.

But what's done can't be changed so it's "wait'll next year for the Pirate gridlers."

North State Conference is looking for a gift. East Carolina practically went begging for a bowl bid. They failed in their attempts so they decided to be host team in their own bowl game to be played on January 2, 1954. They invited Morris Harvey from West Virginia to be their opponent. Behind the scenes—Appalachian beat Morris Harvey by at least two TD's; East Carolina beat Appalachian by four TD's. Now Santa, we know East Carolina is looking for something—what, we're not sure of but kindly bring it to them for we'd hate to see anyone left out and especially the poor little Pirates from East Carolina who's sports editors claim that they have one of the best teams in the nation??" (Note: The majority of the grammatical errors in the above letter have been corrected.)

Now the above remarks, made by Elon's illustrious journalist, seem to us simply to be a case of sour grapes. In 1952 the Buc footballers ruined the Christians' homecoming 25-9, they walloped them thrice in basketball and knocked them out of the District 26 NAIA title. Twice in golf and twice in tennis the Pirates came out on top. Only in baseball were the Christians able to cop a win. And to top it all off there was a little matter of a 45-25 grid romp last fall.

It seems to us, therefore, that the only difficulty is that the Christians' athletic snob is fast beginning to set. No longer can they feel sure of a win when they engage Pirate athletic squads. Now instead, they have to hold on by the skin of their teeth to keep from being humiliated.

An errant aerial thrown by quarterback Dick Cherry midway the second period was intercepted by Carr and returned to the Eagles' 30 yard line. A well-mixed series of passing and running plays moved the ball to the East Carolina 28 from which point Maxwell passed to right end Bob Spenk for the touchdown. The attempted placement was wide.

Halftime ceremonies found Albion Dunn, of the Greenville Elks Club addressing the throng of some 4,500 persons. East Carolina president John D. Messick also welcomed the

Morris Harvey Beats Pirates, 12-0

Car Sparks Eagle Eleven To Triumph In Elks Bowl

Morris Harvey College of Charleston, W.Va., defeated East Carolina College 12-0 in the first annual Elks Bowl football clash Saturday at College Stadium.

Jim Carr, a dazzling left halfback who was awarded the Most Valuable Player trophy immediately following the contest, sparked the Golden Eagles' triumph with his outstanding broken field running and stellar defensive play.

East Carolina won the toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff. Paul Gay returned the ball 20 yards to the 37 where the Pirates began a drive which was stopped on the Morris Harvey 36 when Dick Cherry fumbled. J. D. Kidd recovered for the Eagles and the show was practically over for the Bucs.

An exchange of kicks gave the Eagle's ball on their own 16 yard line from where they promptly marched 84 yards to their first TD. Bob Fetty went off left tackle from three yards out for the tally. Quarterback Bob Maxwell, who also played an outstanding game, elected to run for the extra point but was snuffed under by the Pirate fore-wall.

Midway in the scoring drive Louis Hallow, the Pirates' first string center, committed a flagrant personal foul and was escorted from the field by referee Lou Bello.

Only bright spots for East Carolina were in the personages of guard David Lee and halfback Emo Boado. Lee played virtually the entire contest and was in on the majority of the tackles. Boado, though not used the entire contest, turned in several fine runs.

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The entire third period saw both teams battle between the 30-yard strip as the Pirates sought to find their scoring punch which gave them the North State Conference championship in 1953. The Eagle's however, though outweighed by 20 pounds per man in the line, were not to be denied. They held the East Carolina ground game in check and pushed Dick Cherry, the Pirates' passing ace, so that he suffered one of his worst offensive days.

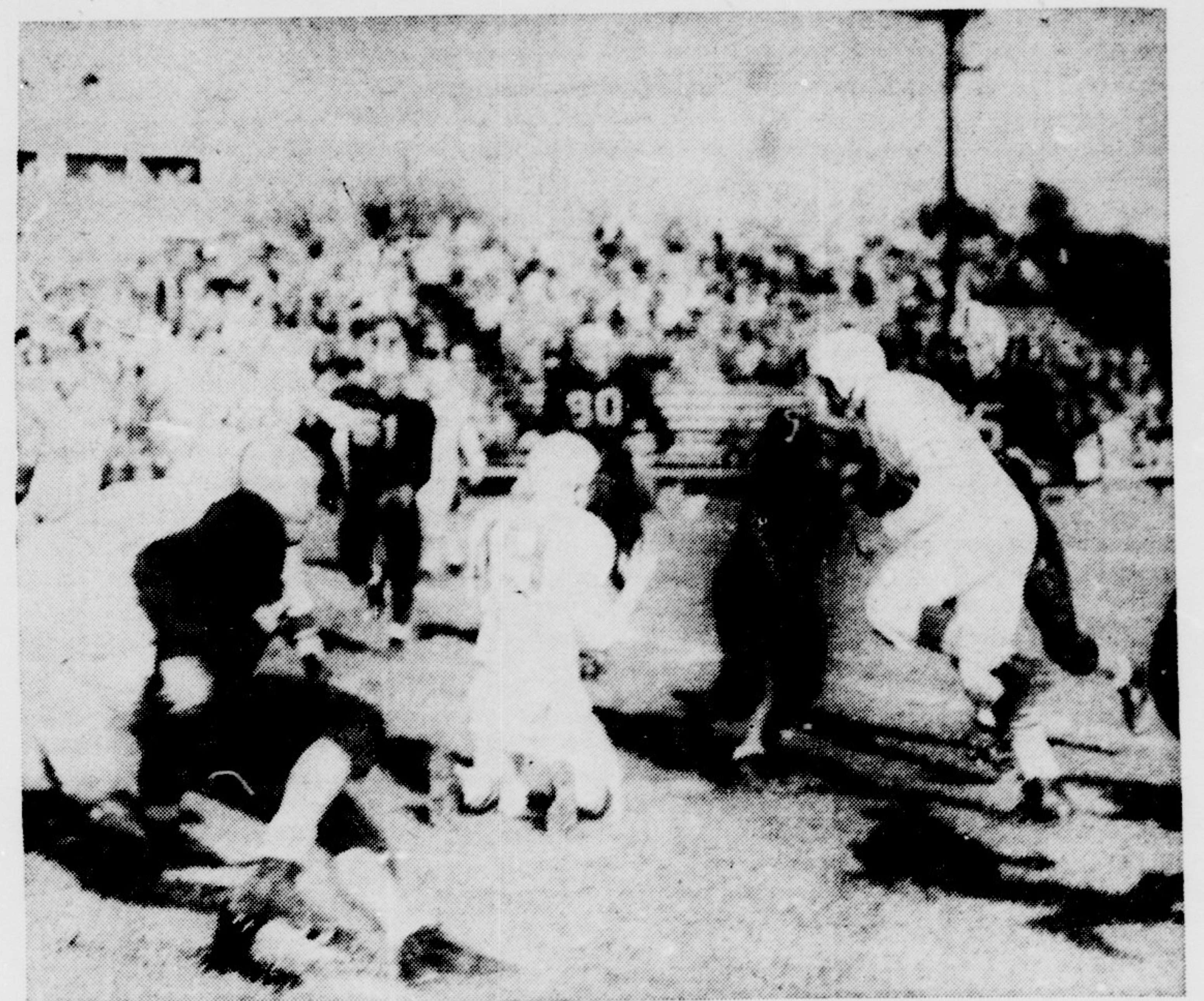
Only dangerous threat by either club in the third period came on the first play from scrimmage when Carr took a handoff from Maxwell and scooted 70 yards for an apparent TD. The play was nullified however, when an official ruled that he had stepped out of bounds on his own 40 yard line.

Soon after the fourth period opened, a punt by Tom Allsbrook rolled dead on the Morris Harvey four yard line but the Eagles kicked out of the hole. The Bucs drove back to the 15 yard line soon after but the charging Eagle line bottled up the Pirates and a desperation pass from Cherry to his favorite regular season target, end and co-captain Bobby Hodges, was knocked down in the end zone.

For the Eagles the win represented sweet victory over the team which was rated from twelve to 30 points superior. The Pirates played what appeared almost to be sluggishly at times while the darting Eagle ground attack turned the big Pirate line at will.

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King Drives For Yardage In Bowl Classic



Claude King, fullback for the East Carolina Pirates, picks up a first down in the Elks Bowl game at College Stadium, January 2. King's effort was to no avail however, as the Bucs sustained a 12-0 defeat.

Morris Harvey	East Carolina	
10	First Downs	13
149	Yds. Gained Rushing	116
31	Yds. Lost Rushing	18
118	Net Yds. Rushing	98
7	Passes Attempted	24
3	Passes Completed	10
63	Yds. Gained Passing	82
4	Passed Intercepted by	0
8	Punts	5
33.6	Punting Avg.	32.6
0	Fumbles	2
1	Fumbles Recovered	1
25	Yds. Penalized	60

Pirates Defeat Belmont Abbey By 101-83 Count

Led by the scoring of center Bobby Hodges, the East Carolina Pirates romped over the Crusaders of Belmont Abbey 101-83 here Tuesday night. The victory was the fifth straight win of the season for the Pirates.

The Pirates took the lead early in the first quarter and never were threatened during the entire game. With seven seconds remaining in the contest Center Bob Moyer scored the 100th and the final point.

Big Bobby Hodges was the high man for the Pirates with 27 points followed by Charlie Huffman with 18. For the Crusaders Roger Marcil, with 16 points, led the scoring.

Belmont Abbey	fg	ft	pf	tp
Gaetano, f	3	0	3	6
Dragon, f	2	5	1	9
Mims, f	0	4	0	4
Protonentia, f	0	0	0	0
Connors, f	0	2	1	2
Theberge, f	5	1	1	11
Ciol, c	0	1	5	1
Mead, c	0	0	3	0
Harding, c	0	2	1	2
Marcil, g	5	6	1	16
O'Brian, g	5	7	3	11
Taglier, g	4	2	2	10
Perez, g	0	0	0	0
Underwood, g	2	7	5	11
Totals	23	37	26	83

Men's Aquatic Club Slates Meet With Davidson Freshmen

East Carolina College's Men's Aquatic Club will pit forces against the strong Davidson Freshman Wildcats of the Southern Conference when they travel to Davidson January 13. This contest will mark the first time that East Carolina has ever competed in an intercollegiate swim meet.

The swim team has been practicing at the Memorial Pool since November under the direction of Dr. Charles D. Shaw. To date the Pirates Aquatic Club consists of Free Styles: Wade Cooper, Milton Foley, Bill Costner, Richard Genton, Jerry Powell, Garland Tuton, Richard Fuller, Joe Memory, Phil Weaver; Back Stroke: Ronnie Kove, Hugh Flowers, Wade Cooper; Breast Strokes: Frank Moore, Andrew Caudill, Richard Fuller, The Medley group will be Frank Moore and Milton Foley.

The schedule: Jan. 13—Davidson Freshman (away) Jan. 16—UNC Freshman (home 2 p.m.) Jan. 18—State College Aquatic Club (home 4 p.m.) Feb. 6—UNC Freshman (away) Feb. 13—Clemson (home 2 p.m.)

North State Standings

East Carolina College's basketball team has picked up where the football team left off. The Pirate cagers, like their gridiron counterparts, are leading the North State Conference with an undefeated mark.

As of Tuesday High Point and Western Carolina also were undefeated in loop play with Elon and Appalachian untried. The App's have played seven contests however, all outside the conference, and lost them all.

East Carolina	fg	ft	pf	tp
Huffman, f	8	2	5	18
McArthur, f	0	0	1	0
Harris, f	5	2	2	12
Rice, f	0	0	1	0
Hodges, c	8	11	5	27
Moye, c	0	3	2	3
Thomas, g	4	4	5	12
Bash, g	0	0	0	0
Heath, g	2	2	5	6
Hodge, g	1	2	2	2
Totals	37	27	33	101

Conference	W	L	Pct.
East Carolina	3	0	1.000
High Point	1	0	1.000
Western Carolina	1	0	1.000
Lenoir Rhyne	1	1	.500
Guilford	1	2	.333
Atlantic Christian	1	2	.333
Appalachian	0	0	
Elon	0	0	
Catawba	0	0	

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Free Teacher Education May Solve Shortage, Jenkins States

Free teacher education financed on the local level and organization of future teacher units in high schools were encouraged by Dean Leo W. Jenkins of East Carolina College in an address delivered Thursday at a meeting of school superintendents held in High Point.

"Effective Future Teachers of America Clubs in the high schools can provide 'on-the-job training situation in elementary schools," Dean Jenkins pointed out.

A quota of 25 cents per-capita, either from local taxation or community subscription, through organization of citizens groups in counties and cities will provide funds annually for loan scholarships for high school graduates desirous of becoming elementary school teachers, Dean Jenkins said in discussing his plan.

Citing the benefits from such funds which would enable students to attend most teachers colleges, Dean Jenkins said the fund would grow each year and over a four-year period would mean 30 high school graduates could become elementary teachers.

"In a democracy such as ours, with our many social, economic and political problems, it is of paramount concern to all that our children receive a good education. This teacher-shortage problem can be licked

the way we have historically solved many of our other difficulties — locally. It is our problem. . . . Citizens will respond to the appeal if it is presented to them in a logical and clear manner," Dr. Jenkins went on to emphasize, adding that "the program should not be financed by the state, especially at the expense of teachers' salaries."

Citing a plan used by a Greenville civic club in student loans rather than a grant-in-aid, Dean Jenkins noted the benefits coming to the teaching profession from the assistance provided the students using the loan fund.

Teachers and school superintendents should encourage people to enter the teaching profession, as other professional people aid recruiting programs, the speaker said.

Turning to a discussion of keeping teachers, the dean expressed the belief that North Carolina will have a stronger teaching corps if it operates under a state tenure law.

Other factors in keeping teachers are freedom from details associated with the multiplicity of drives that are ever present in our schools, freedom to accept or decline community invitations from extra work, and freedom from "nagging" about matters which are the concern of the school board or the county board of education, Dr. Jenkins cited.

Dean Jenkins noted that "we can get good teachers and hold good teachers if we put some effort to the task and stop wasting time bemoaning the teacher shortage to the tune of those who would relegate

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Pirates Tackle Elon Tomorrow For Sixth Win

by Anwer Joseph

East Carolina College's Pirates play host to the Christians of Elon College here tomorrow night and at the same time seek their sixth straight win of the new born basketball season.

The Pirates, who have captured each of their five starts, will once again call on the mastery of offense and defense which has kept them in the ranks of the undefeated.

At the end of the pre-Christmas games the Christians had won three and lost two of their five contests. They defeated the McCrary Eagles twice and Presbyterian College of South Carolina once and lost twice to Belmont Abbey, 81-78, 75-65, a team beaten by the Pirates 76-67 and 101-83.

The Pirates on the other hand have kept a clean slate thus far with wins over Guilford, Catawba, Lenoir Rhyne and two from Belmont Abbey.

Coach Doc Mathis will call on Guards Jack Malloy and Joe Gaudin, Center Dave Maddox, Elon's high scorer with 85 points so far, and Don Paekard and Bobby Timmons lead the Christians of Elon.

For the conference leading Pirates it will be Cecil Heath and J. C. Thomas at guards, Captain Bobby Hodges at center and Charlie Huffman and Don Harris at forwards.

Alumni News

LT. GILBERT WOOLARD
EDUCATION OFFICER
IN KOREAN THEATRE

A newsy and "chatty" letter received from Lt. Gilbert Woolard Jr. (51 BS) tells of his duties (additional) as Base Education Officer at a Korean air base.

"Well, I am really having a good time with my new 'additional duty' as Base Education Officer (you just can't get that teaching blood out). The job actually isn't much different from the principal-teacher job I had at Bushy Fork Roxboro, N. C.) except, of course, we have to keep more in line with military procedure. We have a little over 400 men enrolled in night group study classes and over 900 personnel on the base engaged in correspondence instruction. We have 13 qualified military personnel as instructors teaching 16 different courses; four high school courses, three college level courses, five vocational courses, and four spoken language courses. Outside of having many qualified instructors available, unlimited source of funds, textbooks, and classroom facilities (a public school teacher's dream!), our program is much like the ordinary school plant setup. It is really very inspiring to see so many young men going to class and trying to continue with their education under, shall we say, rather adverse conditions. I believe many mothers would be happy to know that their young sons are using their free time overseas trying to improve themselves educationally, and I wish that you could be here

on one of our registration nights and see these young men come in to 'sign up' for night classes.

"I took an F-84 and flew over to the base where Col. (L. L.) May is stationed, but was unable to contact him. They said he was just gone for a few days, they thought, so I hope that I can see him before he is 'rotated.' (He has been rotated and is now back in the United States.)

"Since the 'cease-fire' things have been rather quiet around, though we are staying in a state of combat-readiness at all times. (This is why we are having such an expanded educational program, I think.) Since my primary job is still that of a fighter pilot, I am anxious about the peace talks as any one and hope that we do not have to go back into combat again to settle this thing, though it appears that the Commies don't respect anything except strength and show of arms."

The second five is stacked with strength and experience. Paul Jones and Don Harris have been alternating at the vacated Russell-slot with the latter showing a little more consistency. Waverly Akins, Ron Hodges and E. W. Bush, a trio of Oak Ridge transfers, have added speed and height to the replacements. Johnny Rice and William McArthur, a couple of freshman proteges, are in the grooming stage and should gain momentum with experience.

Capt. Bobby Hodges has been the big cog in the Pirates' wheel of fortune to date with 126 points in five games for a prodigious 25.2 game output. The senior center has hit his peak in basketball prowess and come graduation time should be high on the pro basketball scouts' lists.

Forward Charlie Huffman is having his greatest year. The towering hook shot artist has had the old Indian sign on the Pirate opponents all season and had burned the twine for 19 points a clip. His rebounding has also been terrific.

Guards J. C. Thomas and Cecil Heath have been giving the forwards plenty of assistance. J. C. has been hitting the hoop with uncommon accuracy and Cecil, although his scoring has been rather sporadic, has turned in discriminating defensive performances.

Pecking Away Sports

by Bruce Phillips

While their unathletic cohorts were enjoying the softness of the holiday lull, the Pirate basketballers were lacking in fun and frolic in two-day workouts since the 28th under the watchful eye of Coach Porter—but this system really paid dividends against Belmont Abbey Tuesday night. The Pirates hit the floor with the vim and vigor of an Olympic cross-country team and ran with about the same calibre of endurance. There was no question about it, the vacation-less careers were trim of hand and foot, and the 101 point

out of the Crusaders proved it. At the beginning of the season some observers felt the Pirates' loss of Sonny Russell would be too much for the ECC colors to bear, but now they've taken another look around and—well, any team that flips in 441 points in five games can't have much lacking.

The predominating factor in the Pirates' success thus far in contrast with last year's squad is Coach Porter's reserves. Last season the Bucs had only six men—at least from a standpoint of performances—and this

Dramatics Group Casts Nine Students For Fall Production

Casting for "John Loves Mary," this quarter's major production of the Teacher's Playhouse, is now complete. The play, which calls for seven men and two women, has provided parts for veteran Playhouse members as well as newcomers to the organization.

Carolyn Clapp of Greenville will play Mary McKinley, a New York socialite and daughter of Senator McKinley. Carolyn, a senior, has been with the Teacher's Playhouse for three years and she has participated in several major productions; some of these were "Charlie's Aunt," "Everyman" and "You Can't Take It With You."

John Lawrence, the young veteran and future husband of Mary McKinley, will be played by Chuck Shearon of Durham. Chuck is a first quarter freshman and a newcomer to the Playhouse, but he has had previous experience with the Durham Theater Guild and has danced in Paul Green's production "The Lost Colony."

Jim Corum of Reidsville has the part of Fred Taylor, who saved John's life while they were overseas. The part of Lily, British ex-girl friend of Fred and wife of John for convenience's sake, will be played by Mary Frazier Paul of Beaufort.

Percy Wilkins of Benson will portray the Senator-father of Mary McKinley.

Mrs. McKinley, wife of the Senator and mother of Mary, will be played by Jean Godwin of Hertford. Bob Hill of Goldsboro will portray the jovial General Biddle, an Army man through and through.

Bill Pennel will play Beechwood, the Red Cross worker. Bill is a junior from Goldsboro.

Charles Hill of Jacksonville has the part of O'Leary, ex-lieutenant and definitely not a friend of John and Fred. Thomas E. Pierce, a senior from Rocky Mount, will play Oscar. Oscar is an elevator operator in the hotel where the McKinleys make their home.

"John Loves Mary" will be presented in the College Theatre on February 10, 11 and 12. Nancy Cooke and Carolyn Clapp are associate student directors with Dr. J. Wilby as faculty supervisor.

Mr. Johnson rapped on his desk and shouted, "Students, order!" The entire class yelled, "Cheeseburgers."

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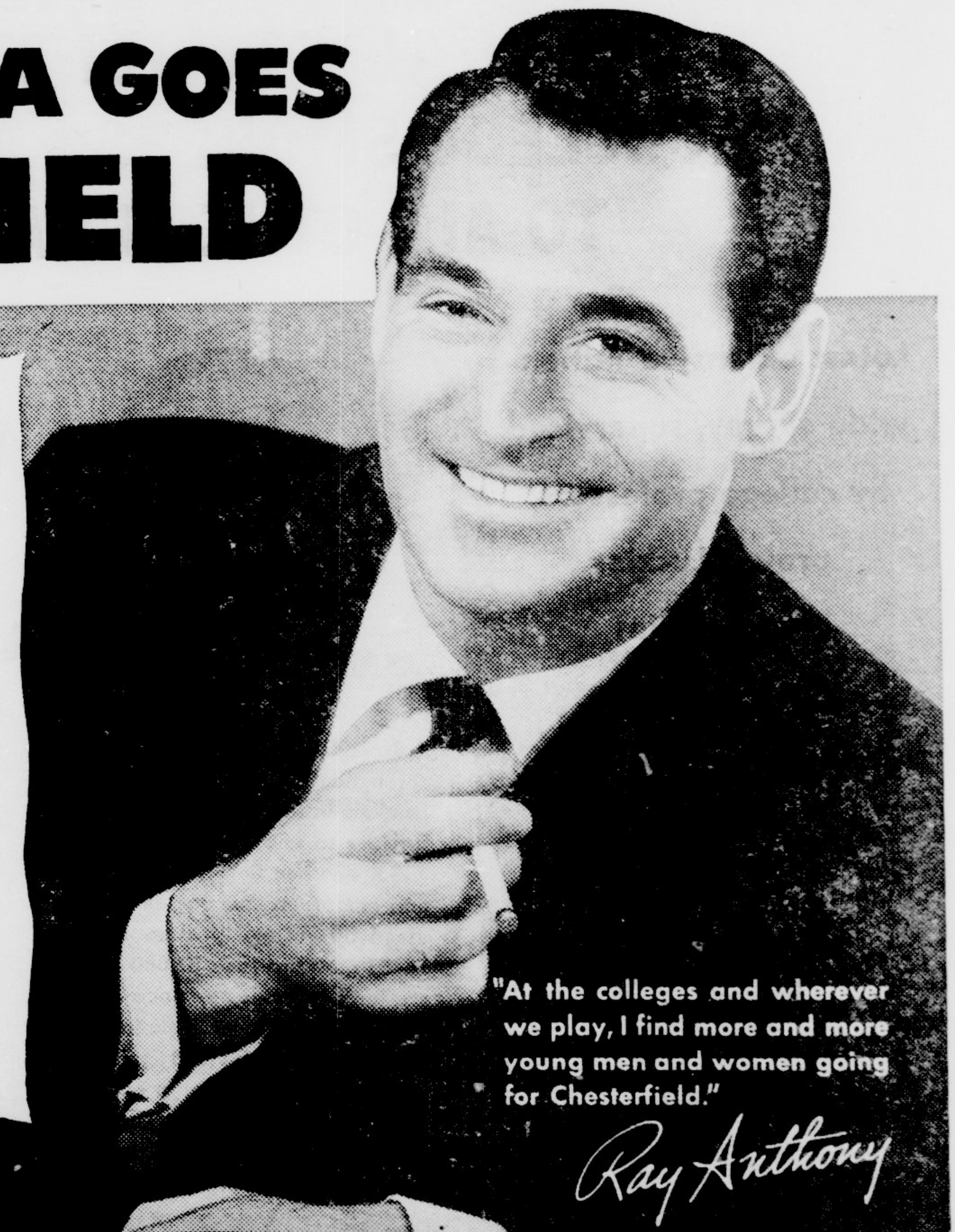
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