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East Carolinian

How does it feel to be a college freshman after a sheltered home life? See Jerry Register's story on page 4.

Over 1,000 Freshmen Help Up Enrollment

Still No Relief From Parking Dilemma Here; Situation Worse

Student Cooperation Only Answer To Stop Traffic Congestion

The parking problem which has plagued East Carolina students for the past few years has not yet been solved and may be in sight if the students will cooperate, according to Dean Leo Prewett and Dean Clinton Prewett, in charge of the automobile parking program here.

Several of the larger universities and colleges in North Carolina have solved similar problems by forbidding driving to and from classes; others in the United States have forbidden students to even bring cars on the campus. The administration here is trying to avert taking such steps, Dean Prewett said.

EC Publications Hold First Meeting; New Staffers Join

Twenty-one new members and seven returning members were welcomed to the staff of the college newspaper, the EAST CAROLINIAN, Monday night by Editor Faye O'Neal at the weekly publication's first regular staff meeting for the new school year.

Returning members to the staff are: Emil Massad, Business Manager; Bob Hilldrup, Sports Editor; Valeria Shearon, Jerry Register, Joyce Smith, Pat Humphries, Ann George and Gene Lanier, staff assistants.



Freshmen women students were allowed to register prior to freshmen men and upperclassmen. Taken from the left side of Wright Building on Tuesday, September 7, the picture above shows an abundance of the fairer sex as they begin their official registration as members of the ECC student body.

Messick Advises New Student Body To Uncover Talent

Freshmen and other new students at East Carolina received a welcome last Tuesday morning as a general assembly in the Wright Auditorium officially opened the Twenty-Sixth Annual Orientation Program and marked the beginning of the fall quarter of the 1954-1955 term.

Teachers Playhouse Slates 'Male Animal' For October

The Teachers Playhouse has announced its first major production, "The Male Animal," to be presented October 12 and 13 in the College Theater. The play will also be the first attraction in the N. C. State College entertainment series on October 7 in Raleigh.

Tryouts for the play will be held tonight in the College Theater from 8 until 9 o'clock. All students, whether members or not, may try for parts or sign up for committee work.

Eighteen New Staff Members Join Faculty; Student Union Gets First Director

Eighteen new members of the staff here began their duties at the college as the fall quarter of the 1954-55 term opened last week.

Education: Courtney Stromstra—M.A., Ohio State; senior audiology trainee with the Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., and graduate clinical assistant at Ohio State.

of students, North Carolina State, and head librarian in the Jeffersonville, Indiana, public library; Mildred D. Southwick—Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, and library science degree, University of California at Berkeley; faculty member of Vassar College science department and member of library staff at Purdue.

Students Enjoy Lounge



The Student Union, long anticipated by students at East Carolina was opened for use for the first time with the beginning of the 1954-55 school year. Located in the basement of Wright Building, the union consists of a soda shop, lounge, game facilities and the student supply stores. Shown above is a view taken from the center of the lounge, which is furnished in the latest style.

Student Union Features TV, Dancing, Games

Opening for the first time this fall is the new Student Union which is located in the basement of the Wright Building. This \$100,000 project began early in the Fall of 1953.

Miss Cynthia Mendenhall of Ashboro, N. C. has been appointed as recreation director. Prior to coming to East Carolina Miss Mendenhall held a similar position at the University of North Carolina.

Managing the equipment available for use. Miss Mendenhall also asked for any suggestions from the student body which might help her in making the recreation more pleasant and variable.

Women May Enroll In Air Force ROTC Courses Now Being Offered At East Carolina

For the first time in its history the Department of Air Science and Tactics here is offering courses to women students. This new program, just nearing complete organization, has been made possible at East Carolina through the efforts of President John D. Messick and the head of the Air Force ROTC division, Col. J. H. Partridge, in co-operation with the U. S. Air Force.

or secure uniforms. The idea is to be ready if the Air Force should decide to provide colleges with such an opportunity for women.

ment was in operation. Col. Partridge concluded that only a few women signed for Air Science 1 this quarter. More are expected to take courses during winter term.

Thieves Loot Rooms

Thieves entered Slay Hall last Saturday night and took away loot valued at over \$1,000. Four men students were robbed of most of their clothes.

The burglars entered two rooms on the first floor of the dormitory.

Rooms 142 and 146 were apparently entered after the windows had been pried. The men suffering from the robbery are Carl Williams, Ray Kirby, Gerald Murphy and Al Carr.

Freshman Wins Title 'Miss Summer School'

The Charlie Spivak Dance in Wright Auditorium on the night of July 26 was the scene of the crowning of 1954's "Miss Summer School."

Jane Crofton, a freshman from Plymouth, had the crown placed on her head by Summer School S. G. A. President Louis Singleton, also from Plymouth.

Jane, who won in competition with seven other campus beauties, is the first freshman to win this title.

Campus Clubs To Meet As Scheduled; Others Will Be Announced

Fall quarter is now well begun and with this comes the extra curricula activities that so many students, especially the freshmen, are interested in. There are 25 clubs and organizations on the campus that students can join and participate in.

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Although the first meeting dates of some of the clubs have not been decided, the following have already met or have made plans to meet: Woman's Athletic Association, Grace I. Smith, president, Thursday, Sept. 30; Future Business Leaders of America, Ed Gore, president, 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 21, in Flanagan Auditorium; English Club, Harvey L. Davis, president, second Tuesday night in October (unless otherwise announced); Circle K, Raby Edwards, president, Thursday, Sept. 16; Industrial Arts Club, Charles B. West, president, 6:45 p.m., each second and fourth Monday in each month; Young Democrats Club, Kenneth T. Bellamy, president, 7 p.m. Monday; Home Economics Club, Marceline Ayeock, president, weiner roast honoring freshmen at Elm Street Park, Tuesday, Sept. 14.

The following clubs' meeting dates are unknown: Future Teachers of America, Jane Riley, president; Association for Childhood Education, Patsy Pool Pappendick, president; Science Club, Roy McGinnis, president; Math Club, Dalton Mann, president; Young Men's Christian Association, "Tippy" Hayes, president; Young Women's Christian Association, Erleen Lilley, president; Library Club, Gene D. Lanier, president; Veterans Club, David Lee, president; Teachers Playhouse, Doug Mitchell, president; Varsity Club, Howard McAdams, president; Jarvis Forensic Club, Gerald Adcock, president; and Young Republicans Club, Faye O'Neal, secretary.

A Fresh Freshman's First Day At East Carolina

by A Typical Freshman, as told to Jerry Register

On the morning of September 6th, I got out of bed all excited; this was the day I was going to college. I already had my bags packed, even had a new toothbrush for the occasion. Out of bed I hopped, washed and dressed in fifteen minutes, and headed for the kitchen for breakfast. As I came in the kitchen, my mother said to me, "My, but you seem all excited about something. What is it?"

"Why shouldn't I be," I said, "I'm going to college today."

"Oh!" she said, "I had forgotten."

After breakfast, we got ready and started on the long journey to East Carolina College, where I was to be a student for the next year. That is, if I didn't flunk out!

When I enrolled in this college, the registrar told me that all of the dormitory rooms were filled up. He suggested a place off the campus where I might be able to get a room. So I contacted the owner of the home and secured a place to stay.

After I had unpacked all of my things, I said goodby to my father and mother.

As they drove off, I felt for the first time in my young life that I was all alone. This was a new experience for me, and, to tell you the truth, it was the first time I had been away from home to stay. "Oh, well," I said to myself, "you'll get over it."

I went back to my room and laid down on the bed. As I lay there, I started thinking about what had happen to me during my life. I thought about the "good old days" when I was in high school. I thought about all

the parties, dances and football games we used to have at home. Around home, I know everybody—up here I didn't know anybody. It sort of gave me a weird feeling inside of my stomach to think of those things, so I stopped thinking about them.

"So what," I thought, "I might not know anyone now but I'll meet a lot of people up here." I quit reminiscing of the days gone by and started thinking about the days ahead.

I got up and went down to the campus to see what was happening there. The campus looked like a race track, cars were going all over the place. Everyone was moving in. And I do mean everyone!

Every girl who was coming in had about a truck load of trunks and suitcases. It was just about like the airport in Washington, D. C. a new one coming in every minute! I stood on a corner and watched these people going back and forth, like ants on an ant hill.

While I was watching all those people unpack, I noticed a group of

boys standing around the entrance of one of the girl's dormitories. Being inquisitive, I moved in a little closer to get a better look at what was going on. When I realized what these boys were doing, I thought to myself, "Ah, the age of chivalry isn't dead yet."

These boys were waiting for the cars to stop in front of the dormitory. When they did one of the boys would usher himself up to the girl getting out of the car and introduce himself. After all the formalities, he would ask her if she would like to have some help. Of course the girl would say yes. So this modern Sir Walter Raleigh would tell the girl to stand aside and would proceed to unpack her luggage. After he had gotten it all out of the car, he would say, "Lead the way up to your room."

This being the first day of college, the dormitories were open to everyone. So the girl would lead the way and get her luggage up to her room with the help of one of these chivalrous boys.

After everything had settled down, and everyone had moved in, my stomach told me that it was time for supper. So off to the dining hall I went, and, after having to stand in line for about two hours, I was able to eat supper.

After supper, I went to an assembly for all freshmen to hear the president of the college introduce the high ranking officials, and speak to us about the "golden opportunities" that college offered us.

The assembly lasted for about two more hours. After all of this, I went "home" to get some much needed sleep. Somehow I wasn't as excited about it as I had been earlier in the day. I began to feel I belonged here.

Last Quarter Juniors

Rising seniors are required to hand in to the Registrar's office special forms listing their remaining requirements for graduation by the middle of their last quarter as a junior. These forms may be filled out with the help of the student's major advisor who supervises their completion.

Students often fail to get these papers begun in time, according to the heads of the various departments on campus. If you are entering your fourth quarter before graduation, your responsibility is to see your advisor about filling out these special forms.

Student Church News



R. W. Tyson

"The Vocation of Studentship" will be the topic of the Monday night forum at the Baptist Student Center next week. Mr. R. W. Tyson Jr., student at Yale Divinity School and graduate of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., will lead the forum. Mr. Tyson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tyson of Greenville.

A worship service emphasizing the importance of religion in college life was led by Jane Midgette, Wesley Foundation chairman of worship, at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church Sunday.

The first weekly chapel service of the year was conducted in Austin Auditorium at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, with President J. D. Messick as the principal speaker.

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