

# East Carolinian

Campus Scene

Through the efforts of a few male students, Bermuda Shorts are making their initial appearance on the campus. The paper presents the pros and cons on pages one, three, and four.

Author Here

William T. Polk, author of Southern Accent, will be here in connection with the Community Arts Festival. Students will benefit if they find time to hear him speak.

## Administration Reports That Coeds Will Get Coke Machines For Dorms

### End Of Long Battle For Women Students

"Definite plans have been made to have Coca-Cola machines placed in Cotton, Fleming, Jarvis, and Wilson dormitories," said Dean Ruth White on Monday afternoon of this week.

Miss White wrote the company last week, but has not heard at press time exactly when they will be installed. The machines have to be ordered from Winston-Salem. It is definite, however, that they will be placed in the various dormitories before the end of this quarter.

The heads of the various dormitories will assume full responsibility of the machines. But the entire cooperation of every woman student will be necessary in maintaining order around the machines, and bringing the bottles back to the machines. Each bottle that is lost is an expense to the dormitory, said Miss White.

The revenue from the machines will revert back to the dormitories. Dean White pointed out that the money will be put to many useful tasks, such as buying furnishings, supplies, and perhaps to finance a more thorough social program.

The acquisition of the machines with a crusade started on the campus by the high student interest, especially on the part of the coeds. A spokesman from the student government said that it should be an inspiration to the students, showing them that they really have a voice in affairs that involve them as vitally as does the drink machine controversy.



Through the curtain . . . Roy Askew, Travis Martin and Frances Smith, who are playing the leads in "Brigadoon" which is being presented this week by the Student Government Association.

## Arts Festival Here Next Week

The 20th annual Community Fine Arts Festival, sponsored by the Greenville Woman's Club and the Community Art Center, will be held in Greenville May 1-7. A full program is scheduled beginning on Sunday, May 1, with a greeting from Greenville Mayor W. L. Wheeler and climaxing in McGinnis Auditorium on May 7 with the showing of several educational movies throughout the day.

The theme of this year's Fine Arts Festival is "The Fine Arts in Our State" with special emphasis on eastern North Carolina. Probably one of the most non-commercial events in the state, the purpose of the Festival is to stimulate greater awareness of the arts and their use in serving individuals and groups.

Its influence has been responsible for a richer creative experience by more people as evidenced by growing local and state participation on both student and adult levels. It is particularly concerned with the need of increasing interest of school personnel in workshops and further expansion of art in the public schools of eastern North Carolina and the entire state. Essentially, it is the purpose of the Festival to vitally affect the quality of the various arts in this area.

One highlight of the day's events is a one-man show by Mr. Claude Howell of Wilmington, N. C. in the Greenville Art Gallery. He will also make a speech on Sunday, May 1, on "Influences on our Contemporary Painters from the Art of the Past."

The Arts Festival was planned with cooperation of various local clubs, the radio station, television station, the Daily Reflector, departments of East Carolina College and a large steering and planning committee made up of Greenville natives.

## Modern Dress For Males Brings Trouble To Campus

Spring brings another crusade. The boys, as usual, initiated a campaign on the rights of women. The women are all for it, it seems, and, as long as the fantasy of the season holds out, the attitude will probably prevail. The big question: Why aren't the coeds allowed to wear Bermuda shorts and peddle-pushers on campus?

The men broke loose Monday of this week, exercising the privileges afforded them by what most people recognize as the "double standard" at East Carolina, and appeared all over the campus adorned in Bermuda shorts, knee socks and knees (of course). They went to class, to work, to the College Union and some even tried to go to the women's dorms but were refused permission to stay as long as they were attired thusly. The coeds are now entering into the bedlam with "Why can't we wear them if the boys can?"

The answer is in the student handbook and it is reiterated by the Dean of Women who says, "I think there is a time and place for all things. Certainly, as a manner of dress, shorts, peddle-pushers, etc. are proper at the beach, but I do not think acceptable on a college campus, particularly if the school is coeducational." She went further to say that her views are considerate of the women students in that visitors to the campus have frequently remarked about how well dressed and well groomed our women students are. She would

keep it that way, she says. As for the feeling about men students and what they wear, there is no official statement. Dr. Clinton Prewett, Dean of Men, did comment that there is some doubt in his mind that the men are displaying themselves to their best advantage when wearing shorts. That raises the question of the attractiveness of men's legs.

Faculty members aren't all lacking in opinion. Students report that teachers in various classes generally approve the new manner of dress for both boys and girls. Dr. Poindexter thinks they are quite "decorative." Dr. Patti, professor in the Social Studies Department, was brave enough to say that the situation reminds him of the old story of the man who said that women's apparel should be like a barbed wire fence: "Protect the property without obstructing the scene."

Letters flowed into the offices of the college newspaper. They are too numerous to print. They expressed the opinion that the girls should organize and request permission from the administration to dress in a "modern, up-to-date manner."

The University of North Carolina was referred to in each of the letters. From the University paper, a comment from Chancellor Robert House is favorable with an addition from the chancellor that he doesn't plan to adopt Bermuda shorts for his own personal use.



Thomas L. Thomas

## Barbara Coghill Crowned As May Queen Saturday Night In Coronation At First Annual May Day Dance To Be Held On Campus

### Usual Customs Follow Crowning

Final plans for the May Day Dance, which is to be held in Wright Auditorium Saturday evening from 8:00-11:45, were released today by Charlie Bedford, chairman of the May Day Committee. The theme for the event is "The Loveliest Night of the Year."

Relating over this dance will be Barbara Coghill, a senior from Henderson. At 8:30 the Queen and her court will be presented with Wade Cooper, 1954-55 SGA president, crowning Miss Coghill. Her Maid of Honor will be Carolyn Johnson from Elizabeth City. Other attendants are Marjorie MacDougald, Joyce Croon, Sally Sedgwick, and Peggy Faircloth representing the Senior class; Shirley Johnson, Jean Buchanan and Peggy Moore of the Junior class; Jeannette Smith and June Quinn of the Sophomore class; and Joann Booth and Joann Simpson of the Freshman class.

Acting as Master of Ceremonies for this coronation will be Milton Foley while O'Brien Edwards, first vice-president of the SGA, will serve as head usher.

Ann Mayo and Marjorie Wright will serve as flower girls while Laura Grede will serve as crown-bearer. Pages will be Jane Crofton and Janet Fletcher.

Following the crowning of the Queen a brief floor show will be presented and it will be concluded with the traditional May Pole Dance. The balcony will be open for those who wish to view the coronation.

Music will be provided by the Collegians and the dance will be closed to students, their dates, faculty members, an parents of the Queen and her court. There will be no admission but students will be required to show their ID cards. Boys will be expected to wear business suits and girls will be expected to come in evening dresses.

Serving on the May Day Committee along with Bedford are the presidents of the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior classes, and representatives from all four classes. The committee expressed gratitude this week for the assistance that they have received from their advisors who are Miss Nancy Wilmore, Jarvis Hall Counselor, and Miss Cathmar Shaw of the Health and Physical Education Department.

The chairman of the various committees are Lillian Griffin and Mac Edmondson, Decorations; Jeannette Smith, Publicity; Laverne Strickland and Jimmy Phelps, Programs; Jean Fisher, Flowers; Joann Simpson, Invitations; Tommy Davis and Jeannette Smith, Refreshments; and June Quinn, May Court.

## Entertainment Series Schedules Noted

Final in the 1954-55 East Carolina College Entertainment Series will be the distinguished concert baritone, Thomas L. Thomas, who will sing in Wright Auditorium Tuesday, May 3, at 8 p.m.

Thomas L. Thomas is one of America's busiest concert artists and a veteran of the concert world. He has appeared in more than 600 concerts from coast-to-coast in addition to his regular weekly radio program. He is reputed to have more return engagements to his credit than any other young artist in America.

A radio and television star of the first magnitude, Mr. Thomas is beloved by millions who have heard him on such popular network programs as "The Album of Familiar Music," "Voice of Firestone," and "The Chicago Theatre of the Air." His RCA Victor records are best sellers on RCA Victor's list; particularly his album of Traditional Welsh Airs, which is considered a collector's item from the standpoint of both artistry and authenticity.

The secret of Mr. Thomas' extraordinary popularity is not alone his engaging personality and glorious voice. Equally important is his attitude toward his public. "Concerts are meant to be enjoyed," Mr. Thomas holds. "The audience wants to be entertained as well as stirred by fine music."



Coronation of the 1955 Queen of May at East Carolina College will take place Saturday night at the May Day Dance. She is Barbara Coghill, a lovely brunette senior from Henderson. Other members of the May Court are Maid of Honor, Carolyn Johnson from Elizabeth City and attendants representing the four classes, Joann Booth, Shirley Johnson, Jean Buchanan, Marjorie MacDougald, Joyce Croon, Peggy Moore, Sally Sedgwick, June Quinn, Shirley Moore, Jeannette Smith, Shirley Johnson and Peggy Faircloth. The queen is in the center above.

## Commencement Plans Completed

East Carolina College has announced plans for the forty-sixth annual commencement exercises at the college. Events, covering the period from Saturday, May 21, through Monday morning, May 23, will mark the graduation from the college of approximately 300 students.

House, Garber Speak  
Dr. Paul N. Garber, Bishop of the Methodist Church for the Richmond Area, Virginia, and Dr. Robert B. House, Chancellor of the University of North Carolina, will be speakers at principal events of the exercises.

Chancellor House will make the address to graduates at exercises Monday morning at 10:30 in the Wright auditorium. Bishop Garber will deliver the commencement sermon at services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, also in the Wright auditorium.

Alumni Affairs  
Saturday will be devoted largely to alumni affairs. A full schedule of events, announced by James W. Butler, alumni secretary, will begin with

a business meeting at 10 o'clock in the Austin auditorium. Installation of new officers of the association for the next biennium and the conferring of the annual alumni award to an outstanding graduate of the college will highlight the meeting. James L. Whitfield of Raleigh, president of the college Alumni Association, will preside.

The class of 1915 will receive special honor as members celebrate the fortieth anniversary of their graduation. Eight other classes will hold reunions during the day. These are the classes of 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, and 1954.

Social events of the day will include a luncheon for alumni and guests of the college at 12:30 in the North Dining Room on the campus and a tea at 3 p.m. held in the Mamie E. Jenkins Alumni House in honor of alumni, graduates, and staff members at the college. Saturday's program includes also two programs sponsored by the college department of music. The college band will present its annual lawn concert at 4 p.m. on the East Campus, and music organizations and student soloists will appear in a recital at 8 p.m. in the College Theatre. The college YMCA and YWCA will hold their annual vesper service Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the College Theatre.

## Student Government Starts Year's Work

The new officers of the Student Government here began official action on April 20 when they held their first meeting in Flanagan Auditorium.

The proposed amendment concerning the rights of the Social Committee, which was presented to the body on April 30, was accepted at this meeting and will now be presented to the entire student body. The amendment is as follows:

Section 4: Social Committee  
A. The members of the Social Committee shall be two representatives, a boy and a girl from the Freshman class, and four representatives, two boys and two girls from each of the other classes, the Director of the College Union, the co-ordinator of the Student Social Activities, Dean of Women, Dean of Men and Director of Student Personnel. The first two representatives shall be appointed by the president at the beginning of the Fall Quarter and the second two shall be appointed from the Sophomore class by its president. The members shall serve continuously through their Senior year.

B. The function of the Social Committee is to give the student representation in the College Union.

C. The Social Committee shall meet at any time the chairman shall designate.

D. The duties of the Social Committee shall be as follows:  
1. to act as a student advisory board for programming at the College Union.  
2. to promote social and recreational activities for the entire student body.

Reporting from the Awards Committee was Hugh Young Jr. and he proposed that the SGA do away with the Awards program. The body agreed to replace the Awards program with a feature section in the "East Carolinian."

A motion made by a member of the Budget Committee stating that the SGA not be responsible for debts of organizations occurring beyond their appropriation carried. As was pointed out each group has three or more chances to ask for appropriations. It was, therefore, the belief of the body that there was no need for a group to go in debt before consulting necessary assistance.

In behalf of the May Day Committee Charlie Bedford requested that the SGA give their approval for the boys to give flowers for the May Day Dance. After this was approved a motion was made stating that the

SGA recommend to the May Day Committee that the girls not wear evening dresses. Due to confusion among East Carolina students as to what the terms "formal," "semi-formal," and "informal" mean, a committee of three was appointed to investigate. Upon recommendation of the body these terms will be clearly defined in this paper. Serving on this committee are Faye O'Neal, chairman, Jean Buchanan and Joyce Smith.

After the Veterans Club asked for permission to sponsor dances after football games, a motion was made to this effect, but was tabled for later discussion.

Wade Cooper presented to the body what may be a partial solution to the parking situation—permanent car tags. A committee of three was appointed to investigate the possibility of having the SGA sponsor this. Ann Bowles will serve as chairman and serving with her are Shirley Moore and Emo Boado.

After a recommendation from the honor committee, the committee was dropped due to lack of time. It was also recommended that a special council be appointed next fall to continue the work.

At this meeting of SGA the Aquatics Club and the Industrial Arts Club were granted seats on the legislature.

## Annual Junior-Senior Dance Highlights Spring Events

Highlighting the spring social events will be the Junior-Senior which is scheduled for May 7th. The music for the dance, which will last from 8:00-11:45 p. m., will be furnished by the Dick Levin Orchestra of Raleigh.

Decorations throughout Wright Auditorium will carry out the theme which is "Paris." A floorshow centering around this theme is also being planned.

For this annual event the students will bring out their formal attire as this dance is strictly formal. Emo Boado, president of the junior class, requests that boys not give flowers.

Invitations for the occasion may be secured in the College Union Lobby on Tuesday, Friday, and Monday from 10:00-12:00 N. and 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Although invitations will be issued at the door, it is advisable to obtain them earlier in order to avoid confusion.

Prior to the Junior-Senior Dance the Seniors will have a banquet at 7:00 in the North Dining Hall.

Much planning has been put into making this dance an enormous success. Emo Boado states, "This should preview the best Junior-Senior that ECC has ever had."

# A Time Of Need

The current discussion under the dome at Raleigh is of vital importance to education in North Carolina. The slash in the budget gives us all reason to worry. All the state-supported colleges and universities are perplexed. It looks bad.

Even though North Carolina ranks next to the bottom in education on the national scale, and the need grows greater every day for an increase in facilities, it looks as if we are going to get little encouragement this year. To steal a phrase from the editors up at Carolina, colleges are, no doubt, "mushrooming." East Carolina is the best example of this in the state. Presently, even with the generosity of the past few legislatures, we have too few facilities to accommodate our students. Next year, when our enrollment increases into the 3,000 bracket, what are we going to do?

We will manage somehow to continue to stretch at East Carolina. The institution is now an essential part of the system of higher education in the state. Students no longer feel that they have to go to one of the "big four" colleges to get a good education; they know that they can get it here. A poor man can get a good education at East Carolina, and he doesn't have to be ashamed that he isn't financially able to join a fraternity and make his college career a social whirl. North Carolina needs East Carolina College.

But more than she needs East Carolina or any other individual school, the state needs a better educational system. Higher education is one of the answers to the quandary on self-improvement. All the state-supported colleges need more money to enable them to take care of more students. And all these colleges are waiting for the axe to fall, hoping that it will be dull.

Here we sit in the East, hoping that the decisions up in Raleigh will be those that will help us to help the scores of high school seniors who deserve a place on our campus. Hoping that people will realize the necessity of improved higher education in the state. Remembering that once there was a man who wanted his son to help him make more money so he had that son quit school. The son never could read and write or work arithmetic and he never did help his foolish father save a cent. Education is of paramount importance to every son who wants to help his father; it is the right of every citizen who wants to help his state.

## Ignorance Is Dangerous

Last Wednesday night many of the students on this campus were suddenly startled with the blowing of fire whistles in Greenville and frequent break-ins on the local radio stations asking National Guardsmen to report to their headquarters.

Students became excited and immediately sought to find an answer to these surprise actions. Very few knew of the events which had been planned by our Defense Department.

This was all a part of "Operation Minute-men," a nationwide alert sounded by the National Guard Bureau in the Pentagon last Wednesday night at 6:30 o'clock. This experiment program was to determine how quickly our National Guard would be able to act in case of a real emergency if our country were attacked.

The guardsmen were posted at major areas and strategic points which supposedly would have been attacked by our enemy.

These alerts should be exercised more often, and the citizens should be willing and glad to participate in these programs. It might help to save their life or that of a loved one some day.

Under the sponsorship of the Citizenship Education Committee here at East Carolina, a Civil Defense Training Program is being introduced to our campus. It is under the direction of Dr. Kathleen Stokes of the Social Studies department and two committees made up of faculty members and students.

What would you do if our campus were suddenly attacked by enemy forces? You, the students at East Carolina, should certainly be interested in learning something about Civil Defense, and eager to cooperate with these committees which are trying to familiarize you with the subject. Civil Defense at East Carolina will be discussed at an assembly in Austin Auditorium on May 3. We urge you to attend.—J. F.

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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

## Editorial Comment

by Faye B. O'Neal

Don Umstead, new head of the Student Government Association, presided over his first legislature meeting last week. Considering the number of uncalled for comments and out-of-order motions, Umstead began his reign with a right fair amount of success.

He had several occasions to display temper and authority, but chose, with discretion, to let the children play and attribute the confusion to general circumstances resulting from any first meeting of a group. There were definite signs to warn that Umstead will have other occasions to use his right of authority.

A move to relieve the SGA from the responsibility of debts incurred beyond appropriations to various organizations was debated and passed by the campus politicians this week. It is amazing that organizations would carelessly and deliberately spend beyond their appropriations to the extent that such a bill would be necessary. Most of us think that the organizations see ahead of time that they are going "into the hole" and ask for more money or cut expenses to facilitate smoother running of the budget.

Apparently this is like trusting the neighborhood wolf with your teenage sister, just because he happens to be a friend of the family. The attitude of representatives of some organizations and groups has obviously been "Why worry, if we charge to the SGA, they'll have to pay."

Drive the horse until he drops dead, or trivially spend all the money that someone else has managed to save for emergencies.

And there is the case of the star-studded canopy for Wright auditorium, as Mr. Boado pointed out to the legislature, "for my Junior-Senior." The president of the Junior class has bought a vast yardage of "canopy cloth" and had it dyed blue; he displayed it to the SGA members. Seems the atmosphere created by the vast amount of "haze and space when looking up into the heights of the auditorium at dances" is unholly to those who attend dances.

Boado wants to do something about it for his Junior-Senior so he bought the cloth, is going to stud it with stars and hang it over the disturbing space. His problem now is the stars, the sewing together of the sky and keeping the sky where it belongs—up there, and not falling on the tails of the "chicken-littles" who want to dance beneath it. And his problem is also money. He wants the Student Government to finish paying for the sky. His appropriation is gone and his Junior-Senior is drawing nigh. His request was referred to the Budget Committee for study.

Just what the Budget Committee will do, we don't know. And after their recommendation, what the legislature will decide about the fifty-dollar request is still another question. We haven't seen the canopy as it will look as a finished product; it will be a mighty fine thing if it lives up to the hundred-fifty dollar price Boado said he bought it for.

It might have met with more approval by the legislature members if they had been approached about the costly procedure before the debt was made. It is quite proper to spend the other fellow's money if he gives it to you; it is quite inolite to spend more than he gave you and present him with another bill. And if you spend all of papa's income this year, what are you going to live on next year?

The cheating committee turned in their papers and their resignations, saying that they don't have time to carry out their plans before the end of school this year. They left some sturdy recommendations and the body moved to have next year's legislature take up the project immediately after school begins.

The committee came to the conclusion that cheating can be stopped or brought to a less disturbing ebb through social disapproval. We agree. That is the crux of the problem now. Those of us who are against dishonesty are going to be forced to stand up and so say. We are going to have to tell the fellow who asks for help that he will have to get it elsewhere, and that he had better be careful not to do it in our presence. We are going to have to tell the teacher who leaves his grade book open, while he leaves class that he is asking for trouble. We are going to have to sign petitions against those involved in cheating. It is sad that there are those among our friends here who want us to go to such measures.

## Who's Who Among Students At East Carolina

### A Lot To Help A Fellow At East Carolina

by Joyce Smith



Gene Lanier

A smiling and ever friendly boy from Conway gains entrance into our spotlight position as Who's Who this week. In way of introduction little is needed as Gene Lanier is well known throughout the campus at East Carolina College. When questioned as to why East Carolina became his choice, he confided that he had planned all along to go to Wake Forest and then for no apparent reason, at all he changed his plans to include East Carolina College.

As is frequently true with East Carolina students, Gene was completely satisfied with his choice. From beginning to end it has been a wonderful experience for Gene and he has been most impressed with the "friendliness of the students. In commenting on this fact he says, "To me friends are the most important things in the world."

While enrolled at East Carolina, Gene has by no means taken a back-seat in student affairs. This year in particular is a busy one for Gene. At present he is treasurer of the Senior class, president of the Library Club, secretary of the YMCA and secretary-treasurer of the Men's Judiciary.

For three years he has been a member of the IRC, the English club, the YMCA and the Library club. For the past two years Gene has been a member of the Young Democrats Club. Gene has held a seat on the Student Legislature for the past two years by representing the Library Club. In commenting on the Library

Club of which he served as president for the past two years, Gene stated, "I feel that this will be a bigger and better organization since we are in the new library."

This past summer and fall Gene was associated with the East Carolinian and we might add that he did an excellent job.

In that he has held a self-help job in the library for three years, his experiences in library work are in no minor key.

Phi Sigma Pi also claims Gene's membership. The Phi Sigma Pi is an honorary fraternity which limits membership to men who have at least a "B" average. Gene feels that he

has gotten a lot out of this fraternity because of the fine fellowship among the boys in this organization.

As for interest Gene says that tennis and bridge top the list but he also enjoys all sports. The Azalea Festival and beach trips claim high acclaim as far as interest goes, also.

By coming to summer school Gene will graduate in three years. He has especially enjoyed summer school but he refused to give reasons as they were too numerous to mention.

Gene's biggest honors while at East Carolina include being chosen Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities and being a member of Phi Sigma Pi.

This social studies major and English minor did his student teaching in Kingston Junior High during the winter quarter. For Gene, this was quite an experience and he says, "That was the greatest experience I've ever had. The people over there were great." From the reports we've heard he was quite a hit with the students!

Graduation comes in a few weeks and Gene says, "I am going to miss it but I will have only a few days before going to Chapel Hill where I will do graduate work."

Future plans for Gene include completion of his Master's Degree and then Uncle Sam. Some day he would like to acquire a teaching position in Panama.

To this well-rounded person we extend our best wishes. We hope that success will always be with him.

## AROUND THE CAMPUS

with Jimmy Ferrill

### BOHUNKUS ... home again!



Somewhere a college trophy case is with trophies filled and packed. But AC's case is dull and bare. Because the Bucs won Bohunkus back!

### INCIDENTALLY:

Everyone eagerly awaits the arrival of the Buccaneer. The Buc staff expects this year's big edition of campus life at East Carolina to arrive in early May.

This newspaper was refused permission to snap and run a photo of one of the dorm sun courts, showing the crows taking in the beautiful weather that we have been having lately. After the refusal, the boys over at "Slay Beach" were named second choice to pose for front page because, illustrating East Carolina students' favorite pastime of lying in the sun.

### Old Austin's "Dome" has a new shiny paint job!

#### About Bermudas.

So "Bermuda Shorts" are finally making public appearances on the East Carolina campus. Through the efforts of some of the boys, a pair may be spotted now and then. We predict that they will become a common sight around campus among the boys, and soon. (Sorry, girls!) It always takes one person to start something, and then others follow. Several boys have worn them to classes recently!

The late coming of Bermudas to the EC campus reminds us of an experience which we encountered while in New York.

We were walking Broadway looking for a tie, which was already pictured in our mind; and no other color or pattern could take its place.

A "Yankee" salesman in one swanky shop asked us for a description of the tie. We told him the color and stressed that it be of the striped type. "Oh, we don't have those any more," he explained, "they are out of style."

We tried to tell him that "down home" they were very popular. He emphatically spoke up, "When they become popular 'down home,' they are out of style up here."

We had been insulted! The atmosphere became "stuffer" as one of their "civil-rights" salesmen sneered. Our reply to him was, "I like the Southern styles, not what you are wearing in New York," and rudely walked out.

The tie was finally found in a little shop across the street, "The King of Slims," at which Eddie Fisher and Frank Sinatra had bought ties. The tie was striped, too, and the management assured us that it was still very much in style. We felt better instantly.

This man was probably right, though very sarcastic. You might remember seeing pictures in the papers during early fall showing students at Columbia and other big northern colleges, wearing Bermudas. They were classified the latest style. Although they are just becoming popular at East Carolina, they have been on some of the "big four" campuses



Carolyn Johnson

for quite a while!

### "Twirler" Graduates!

CAROLYN JOHNSON (column photo), Elizabeth City senior, has truly marched her way through college.

"Ever since I can remember, I have been interested in being a majorette," Carolyn said. During her four years in high school she was a majorette with the famed Elizabeth City High School band. Having served with the East Carolina Band for four years, Carolyn's seniority has placed her in the position of supervisor of the majorette squad for the 1954-55 school year.

"After eight years of marching, it certainly gave me a sad feeling to know that as the last football game drew to a close, my majorette days were also ending," expressed Carolyn.

Last year Carolyn worked with the Greenville High School majorettes. She also taught the Robersonville majorettes the basic marching techniques and various twirling feats.

Besides her keen interest in "baton twirling," Carolyn also serves as secretary of the Senior class. She was a marshal last year and was recently elected Mail of Honor in this year's May Court.

Carolyn and her roommate, Sally Sedgwick, plan to teach in Princess Ann County, Virginia, this coming fall.

That's around enough!

## POT POURRI

by Emily S. Boyce

At the Student Government Association meeting two weeks ago, the honor or cheating committee recommended that additional action on the matter of cheating on East Carolina campus be continued through the 1955-56 SGA. This year's committee has reached the point where they could operate no further due to the limited time left in this school year.

Naturally the first step involved is to investigate and decide if the students and faculty actually do want to see cheating eliminated, and if they would be willing to work toward a solution. The first of next year, a questionnaire, made up by this year's committee, will be distributed both to students and faculty. From the results of this survey, the committee hopes to be able to work up a reasonable plan to kill cheating on this campus.

The attitude of the students now makes us believe they will be extremely hesitant in adopting a regulated honor system. But social pressure exists to a mild extent, even now. If this could be stressed, perhaps cheating would disappear. What hope is there, however, if the students don't wake up and begin showing interest and concern in college affairs? When the new SGA took over, there were only about 40 people to hear an excellent speech by Dr. Messick. Many of the members of the SGA go only because they have to, and go as all they do. Student attitude is *awful*. As long as this continues, fighting for an honor system will be more than difficult.

Another thing to help next year's committee is a pamphlet on *The Honor System* prepared from surveys by the United States National Student Association (to which our SGA belongs). Schools over the United States were asked for details concerning their honor systems and this material was gathered in survey form for distribution. A study of this should assist us in solving some of our cheating problems.

## Controversial Currents

### Time To Act, Girls

by Anne George and Charlie Bedford

Have you noticed a lack of interest in the various social functions around campus? It is our opinion that one of the main reasons for this lack of participation is because the girls don't have dates, and the boys are hesitant about inviting girls to these functions. Couldn't we find a remedy for this "sore spot?"

According to Dean Ruth White, "It is proper in college campuses for women students to invite men students to open dances." Girls, why not take advantage of this situation? It is not only proper to invite a fellow coed, but perhaps that guy back home would like to attend a few of the dances. We have two more prominent dances on the college calendar. These dances fall on Saturday night; therefore, it would be more convenient for the out-of-town boys to attend. Many girls have the common opinion that it is "flirting" to invite boys to dances, but is it really?

Below are several boys' opinions of whether or not they would consider a girl asking them to a dance flirting or not:

A good start in this direction would be more social functions sponsored by the various girls' dormitories, such as dances, parties, weiner roasts, and buffet suppers. According to Dean White and Miss Nancy Wilmore the main project they have tried to promote this year is more social entertainment for the students. But, "because of lack of interest on the girls' part these aims have fallen short," pointed out Dean White.

Repeated efforts have been made by the dormitory counselors to sponsor a St. Patrick's day dance, tea dances, a trip to Camp Lejeune for a dance, and many other worthwhile events, only to have lack of interest displayed on all sides. Why?

Dean Ruth White and her staff of counselors are willing to cooperate in any way to bring about a more wide-range social program to East Carolina College, but this can only be accomplished by complete interest and support by all students.

If these varied dormitory social projects could be started, they would pave the way and give the girls an opportunity to invite either a campus friend or that boy back home. Who knows, next time the boy might ask the girl to another of the social events. . . . After all, "turn about is fair play!"

Several girls, when asked their opinions of more dormitory social projects that would lead them to invite boys, commented as follows:

Janet Williams, junior: "I am in favor of the dormitories sponsoring more social events that would lead to dates and others that would be just for the girls." She went on to say, "That these events would help many girls that otherwise would not enter into the social activities on campus."

Jonnie Simpson, freshman: "I think that it is proper and fitting for the girls to invite the boys to the various social functions, but I believe that this will have to become a standard accepted practice on campus before the girls will agree to it. I also think that more informal functions like watermelon cuttings and weiner roasts are definitely needed."

June Crews, sophomore: "I do think it is a good idea for the dormitories to sponsor more events, and if I wanted to go bad enough, I believe I would ask a boy."

"Flirting? Why, no, I think it would be fine!" says Everett Bennett, a sophomore and veteran here.

Bill Hardee: "I would consider it an honor and certainly wouldn't feel that a girl was flirting with me."

"I would feel flattered if a coed asked me to a dance," is the opinion of Freddy James, well-known basketball player at the college.

## INSIDE THE NEST

by Joyce Smith

Considerable misconception exists among East Carolina students as to what the terms "formal," "semi-formal," and "informal" mean.

"Formal," according to Emily Post, "is a synonym for ceremonial."

As stated in Emily Post's "Etiquette," "In communities where the tail coat is worn, 'semi-formal' means dinner jackets (tuxedos) and single evening dresses."

Informal is when boys wear dark suits and when girls wear party dresses.

Our present interpretation of semi-formal proves to be quite shocking to educated people who know better. Semi-formal by no means signifies that boys should be in business suits and girls in formal evening dresses. As Emily Post states, "a man's busi-

ness suit is actually as unbecoming to a woman's evening dress as his hat would be on her head." When a man wears a business suit a properly dressed lady will wear an afternoon dress.

In order to reach an approved social level student, should begin putting correct habits into practice. A student may get by with such dressing as East Carolina, but there may be times in his later life when exact dressiness is required. How will he face the situation?

Now is the best time for us to begin learning what to wear as we are under the guidance and leadership of people who know best. As Dean Ruth White pointed out, it is better to learn how to dress now and save embarrassment later.

We highly believe that more semi-formal and formal events will lead to a higher cultural level on our campus.

Much discussion has arisen over what will be worn to the May Day Dance for which boys will wear dark suits, girls will wear evening dresses.

Some students tend to believe that if evening dresses are worn to this dance it will detract from the court. It was also argued that it would take some of the meaning away from the Junior-Senior. We disagree with these beliefs on the ground that evening dresses will neither detract from the May Court or the Junior-Senior Dance.

The May Day Dance is of no minor importance and in our belief it is equal if not more important than the Junior-Senior. Whereas the Junior-Senior only involves Junior, Senior, and their guests the May Day Dance is the one big campus-wide dance sponsored during Spring quarter.

# Bucs Host To Guilford Friday

by Billy Arnold  
East Carolina's football team will clash with the Guilford Quakers here Friday in an important North State Conference game.

The Pirates have been on a tour through the western part of the state during the early part of this week, meeting Guilford and High Point, two of which are loop teams. Last Saturday they split a doubleheader with the place team. The loss to the Quakers was the first league defeat for East Carolina.

Mallory will choose a hurler to face the Quakers from this list of moundsmen: Mack Cherry, Ken Hall, Bill Lewis, Dave Harris, Charlie Russell, Tommy Praett, Sid Corey, J. C. Morrison, Jim Bracey, and John Chapman.

For this season, Cherry and Praett have been the big guns in the pitching department for the Bucs. Cherry, an All-State high school pitcher before entering school here, has been in the corner, at a hot spot in every contest. Though he lost to High Point, Big Tom allowed only two runs and delivered several strikeouts.

The Stanford right-hander struck a no-hitter against High Point on his second trip to the mound this year. Leading the Pirates in the swatting department will be little Bucky Reep, right fielder, Gaidler Cline, and Bill Cline. All-Conference infielder Earl Heath will lend his sharp fielding and hitting abilities, and hustler Jerry Stewart, a peppery freshman shortstop, is expected to turn in his usual flawless performance. Bob Penning and Gene Turner, two fly-catchers also noted for lashing the ball, will patrol the outfield against the Quaker netters.

Big Nick Smothers, a Reidsville center with two years experience at Campbell, will anchor first base and is expected to add with his big stick. The contest will be the ninth consecutive win of the season for the Buccaneers and will be a deciding factor in the standings.

## SPORTS ECHO

by Billy Arnold

Due to the fact that the Bermuda shorts conflict has started an avalanche of letters to the editors and since the shorts are considered sports attire, it seems only fitting that space be allotted here for one of those letters. This is a question that concerns everyone on East Carolina campus, including our athletes.

The following is a letter submitted by a freshman who undoubtedly feels that ECC should be no different from the other institutions of our Nation:

Dear Editor:

I have something to say about the attitude of the faculty and other members of the East Carolina administration toward the wearing of Bermuda shorts by boys to class and elsewhere. I was one of several who wore them on Monday. I had four classes. One of my instructors said he approved of them on both boys and girls. He also said that he felt that if the girls would organize and deliver their protests to the Dean of Women, they too might be allowed to wear them. Another commented favorably while the remaining two made no comment at all. Several other teachers made statements. One said that he was glad that at least some students had realized they were living in the 20th century and were trying to become up-to-date. Another said that she thought they were neat looking. Several agreed that, since other schools were allowing the men and women students to wear them, they saw no reason why they shouldn't do so here.

On the other hand, I went into an office in a girl's dorm to call so that I might return a book. I was told very tactlessly, by the woman in

charge, that I must go and get decently dressed before she would call the girl for me. Such people should wake up.

The main barrier seems to be the question of the decency of Bermuda shorts. To clear up this question, I would like to inform all that the U. S. Air Force has adopted this type of shorts as the regulation summer uniform. I would like to say that there is formal wear made up of the regular coat and Bermuda-type shorts. To completely sell the idea, I recently read an article which stated that a minister was allowing his congregation to wear the shorts, with tie and coat, to church services. If there be any doubt left, I recommend a psychiatrist.

It looks like that when the students at Carolina are allowed to wear the shorts the anti-Bermuda shorts members of the East Carolina College administration would wise-up and be broad-minded about the whole idea.

Thank you,  
D. D. Hobgood Jr.

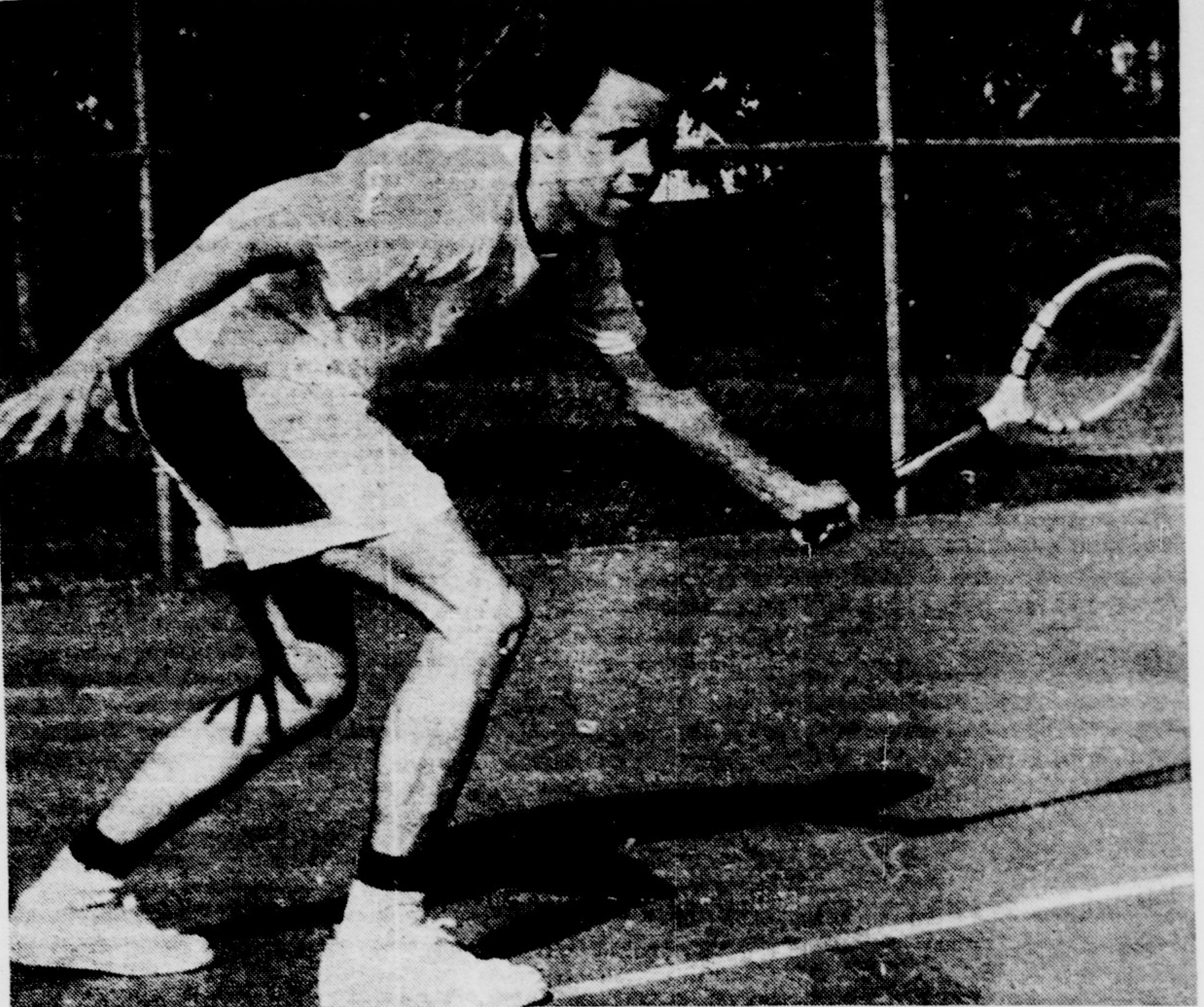
## Tracksters Meet Wolfpack Tuesday

East Carolina's high-flying track squad travels to Raleigh to tangle with the mighty North Carolina State team on May 3rd in their second meet of the season.

Big Jim Henderson and Bobby Perry will lead the locals into battle with the support of Eddie Dennis, Tippy Hayes, and Dave Gravitz. Bobby Patterson, Rocky Mount freshman athlete, and Louis Slade will combine to add pressure on the field events.

The Pirates defeated Newport News Apprentice in Norfolk, 69.6-61.4, on April 7 to begin the young track year in rousing style. Henderson and his mates earned points in every event except the relay and two mile.

Last year the Buccaneers rounced a strong N. C. State aggregation in the first meeting of the two teams. The Wolfpack, a powerful member of the touted Big Four, sport a hustling squad every year and may be expected to give Coach Jack Boone's boys plenty of trouble. The Raleigh group is heavily favored to whip the purple and gold.



Quality, Not Quantity . . . Frazier Bruton

SPORT LITE, is Freshman Jerry Stewart.

Stewart, a 6-1 hustling shortstop for the Pirates, is a former All-State performer from Sanford high school. He took All-Conference honors and was one of the steadiest ballplayers in his class AA league in 1954. Since his arrival at Greenville, Jerry has proved himself to be a candidate for

college stardom.

From the opening day of baseball season this year, the strong-armed Mr. Stewart has held down the Buccaneers shortstop position by displaying plenty of fight and determination. The fact that he was chosen one of the starting nine out of a group of eighty baseballers is proof enough of his stamina and skill.

highlighted by three terrific years of

first-string duty with the baseball squad and time spent as a guard on the basketball team. Last summer, the 170 pound right-hander played infield for the Monroeville Semi-Professional diamond crew, gaining valuable experience. He was one of the Apex League's top fielders, and contributed to the club's swatting state by slugging his share of hits.

## High Point Crew Tops Buc Netters

The undefeated racketeers of High Point College blackened the hopes of the East Carolina tennis team Friday for a conference crown by handing them a 6-1 thrashing in two matches.

Led by Varela, the Panthers completely dominated the contest. Varela, number 1 man for High Point, defeated Maurice Everette 6-0, 6-0 in the first match and 6-0, 6-2 in the second.

## Sport Lite

by Billy Arnold

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## May Day Controversy, Bermuda Shorts

Dear Editor: There has been much discussion about the formality and attire for the May Day Dance which is to be held Saturday night. In view of the fact there might be some misunderstanding as to why the May Day Committee decided for the dance to be a dress-up affair with the girls wearing formal evening dresses and boys business suits, I think there should be some explanation.

This is the first year that we have tried having a May Day Dance. It was decided that we could not make May Day a large event by merely having an informal dance. How many people would think of staying up for an informal dance or how many would invite dates up when we have informal dancing in the College Union each Friday evening?

The May Day Dance should really be the big dance of the spring as it is sponsored by the Student Government and open to the entire student body and their dates. Why should we make one of the "should be" largest dances of the year informal, when

all others have been semi-formal (as we have called them)? As the May Queen and her attendants will be dressed in evening dresses it was decided that it would look better for the other girls to dress in evening dresses.

Many people say "well there will be another dance the weekend following and girls will not want to wear the same evening dress to two dances." But do you realize that the freshman and sophomore classes combined make up a larger part of the student body than the remaining classes? This will be the last dance of the year for the lower classes. Should we deprive those students of the larger dance just because a minority will be going to a later dance?

No doubt formal evening dresses are not comfortable but by asking many students' opinions we found that most girls do like to dress up in their formal evening dresses because it seems like a bigger affair and they have so few occasions to wear them.

Some might think that by girls wearing evening dresses to the May Day Dance, it will take away from the Junior-Senior Dance, but why should it? These dances are not competing against each other. They are for two different purposes and should not be compared and even if they were we should not lower the standards of one dance just to make another one look larger and greater.

I hope that the students do not think that I made all the decisions about May Day. The decisions were made by the committee as a whole after much discussion not only in the group but with many students on the campus.

CHARLIE BEDFORD, Chmn. May Day Committee

With everything so fine, I made up my mind that I was happy to be getting an education. After all, I'm a Junior, it's about time don't you think?

Well, to make a long story short there is one thing I can't tolerate, on myself that is. That one thing happens to be bermuda shorts. Now don't get me wrong, if anyone else wants to wear them, I'm all for it, but now, it seems rather foolish to allow our young gentlemen students to wear them, and not allow our young ladies. It seems as if, in this hot weather, there would be no harm done in allowing the girls to wear peddle-pushers or bermuda shorts to the "Y" Store. After all I am told that in marriage as elsewhere you must meet people at least 50 percent of the way for happiness to prevail. This is the hunting ground for marriage and companionship, why then can't the girls meet the boys on an equal footing.

At the University of North Carolina, Bermuda shorts and peddle-pushers are permitted in class. Are we to let these people out do us in fashion and custom? All I have heard this year has been we are a growing school. It is my opinion if we are to continue to grow we must keep in step with the other leading schools of this state. It seem that many students, as well as myself, feel we are content to lag behind in matters of social customs, which are acceptable to every one but the "powers that be," here.

After re-reading this I find I have wondered over a considerable amount of territory. The chief intent of this is to appeal to our leaders and counselors, with an earnest plea for our young ladies and companions, please find it in your heart to allow peddle-pushers a bermuda shorts, at the Student Union, while checking mail, and in general, running around the campus. If it's good enough for UNC, State, Meredith, St. Mary's, why then can't it be good enough for us.

Very Respectfully,  
Kenneth T. Bellamy

## Neel Dupree Acts As Chief Marshal For Coming Year

Neel Dupree of Greenville, Route 4, sophomore at East Carolina College, will act as chief marshal at the college during the 1955-1956 term.

Miss Dupree was chosen for the position by fifteen women students elected as marshals by their fellow students at the college. The group of sixteen will begin their duties this spring, will serve as ushers at major college events, and will head divisions of academic processions during commencement exercises in May.

At the college Miss Dupree is specializing in home economics. She is a member of the home economics club, the YWCA, and the Women's Athletic Association, and during the present school year has served as a student counselor in Cotten Hall, dormitory for freshmen women. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dupree of Greenville.

## College Band Appears In Concert May 5

The Spring "Pops" Concert will be given Tuesday, May 5, at 8 p. m. Mr. George Perry, faculty member in the music department, will play the piano, accompanied by the band, all of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

The band will also play Mirella Overture by Gounod. Other music will be light and informal, including "Rakes of Mallow" and "Fiddle-Fiddle" by Leroy Anderson. The band will render songs of Stephen Foster, several marches and "Rumballero" by Camarada.

The Clarinet quartet will play "Little Toot Suite" by George Perry. Mr. Perry wrote and dedicated this song to the boys in the quartet. This will be the first performance of this number.

Members of the quartet are Neel Williams, James Alexander, Ralph Chason, and George Knight.

## Campus Sigma Alpha Iota Installation Brings National President Here; Other Club News

Mrs. Kathleen Davison, National President of Sigma Alpha Iota and an administrative officer for over 28,000 members of that organization, will arrive here Saturday to take part in the initiation of members of the campus chapter of the fraternity.

The newly-elected officers of the college chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota are: president, Julia George; first vice-president, Peggy Outlaw; second vice-president, Frances Smith; secretary, Martha Sue Pond; treasurer, Joan McKenzie; chaplain, June Crews; and editor, Dottie Jo James.

F.B.L.A. The Future Business Leaders of America elected its officers for the year 1955-56 at a recent meeting of the organization. Kenneth Cole, Kingston, was re-elected as president of the F.B.L.A. with Bobby Mann vice-president.

Other officers to serve during the coming year are: Willa Rae Bowen, recording secretary; Peggy Gay, secretary; Greenville Banks, treasurer; and Jimmy Ferrell and Sylvia Kinlan, reporter.

Plans were discussed for the sponsoring of a movie and plans for a club party were taken up at this meeting.

Gamma Theta Upsilon Captain Jean Crane of the local AFROTC staff presented a program of slides and illustrations procured during his travels in Europe which correlated with subjects taught in geography classrooms as he appeared as guest speaker to the Beta Iota chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon, geography fraternity here, last week.

The following officers were installed at the April meeting of the A.C.E. in Wahl-Coates cafeteria.

President for the coming year is Jane Credle; 1st vice-president, Jane Midgrette; 2nd vice-president, Joan Crawford; 3rd vice-president, Mabel Cannon; secretary-treasurer, Pat Stanley; corresponding secretary, Arlene Manning and Betty Jean Johnson; recording secretary; Anne Oatland.

Historian, Betty Jo Carroll; publication, Trilby Smith and Pearl May; reporter, Barbara Kinney; UNESCO chairman, Fran Bellamy; social committee, June Quinn, Barbara Tucker and Charlotte Jones.

I.R.C. The film "How to Get Along in France" and a talk by Miss Pauline Catel, French student at ECC, was featured at the meeting of the International Relations Club Tuesday in the Library auditorium.

Phi Omicron News Installation of officers for '55-56 was the highlight of the April meeting of the Phi Omicron. Sally Credle, retiring president, presided as the new officers were pledged and congratulated.

Hattie Ruth Wilson will act as president next year with Barbara LeCroy assisting as vice president. Jean Myrick will assume the duties of secretary-treasurer and Jean Mabley will act as reporter. Miss Ruth Lambie will continue as faculty advisor.

Vets Club James P. Clark was installed as president of the East Carolina College Veterans Club at a dinner meeting last Thursday night. Other officers sworn in were: John C. Karanikas, Project Chairman; Dewitt F. Moore, Concessions Chairman; Lewis Singleton, Secretary; and Walter Johnson, treasurer.

## Seniors Get Scholarships

Two senior students majoring in science at East Carolina College have been granted fellowships and will begin graduate study at leading Southern universities this fall. James Ray Kirby of Warsaw and Roy W. McGinnis Jr., of Morven, both of whom will be graduated from East Carolina in May, are the recipients.

Mr. Kirby will hold a research fellowship at Duke University, where he will work in the field of polarography and will enroll for courses leading toward the master's degree in physical chemistry.

Mr. McGinnis has been granted a teaching fellowship in organic chemistry at the University of South Carolina and this fall will begin work toward the doctor's degree in organic chemistry.

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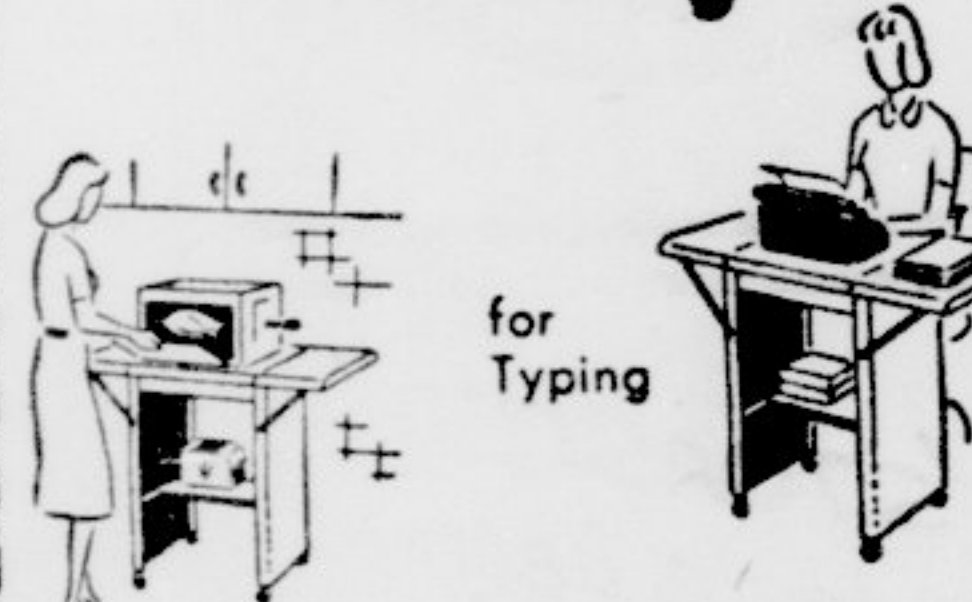
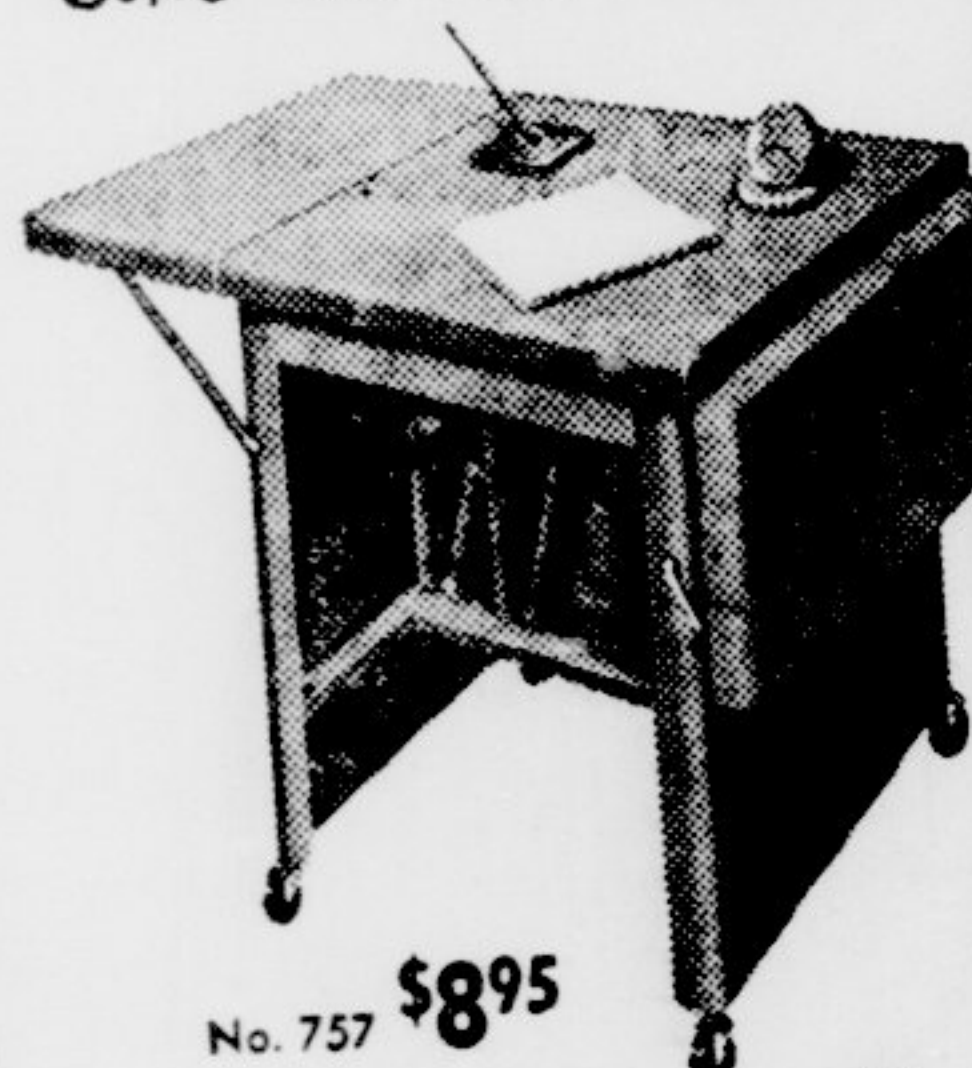
Dear Editor: The other day, as the good Lord would have it I woke to wonderful morning, filled with sunshine and the faint call of a squirrel to his mate. Everything was just perfect.



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