

Readers Retort

Two of our readers are dissatisfied with recent student actions. See the letters to the editors on page 2.

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The Cut System

Coordinator Jimmy Farrell discusses the cut system and comments on a proposed change in the present plan in "Feeling Remark" on page 2.

Eighteen Attend State Student Legislature Meet

Over Twenty Tar Heel Schools Represented At Annual Convention

Today through Saturday, November 19, a delegation of eighteen will represent East Carolina College at the State Student Legislature Convention which will be held in Raleigh. The State Student Legislature is an annual convention of students from more than twenty colleges within the state of North Carolina with the purpose of discussing and debating matters which would be pertinent to consideration by a state or national legislative body.

Local Delegation

East Carolina's delegation left this morning and will make their headquarters at the Sir Walter Hotel. The delegation is made up of Buzzy Young, Don Umstead, Barbara Strickland, Dock Smith, O'Brien Edwards, Ann Bowles, Bobbie Lou Avant, Lillian Griffin, Ben Wolventon, David Bennett, Jim Clark, Alan Acker, Peggy Barfield, Billy Sharber, and Eno Boado.

The student legislature meets each year in the state capital at Raleigh in the halls of the House and Senate. The formation is copied somewhat from the North Carolina General Assembly. It is in many ways a mock session of that Assembly.

Officers Elected

Officers are elected in the House of Representatives and in the Senate by each body for the duration of the student legislature. In the past, East Carolina has made good showings in the elections of officers. For the past two years ECC has had presidency of the Senate.

Each school in attendance offers resolutions for consideration which are placed on a calendar to determine when the bill will come up for debate. When the resolutions do come up they are open for free and extensive discussion. After the discussion is closed the resolution is passed on and if either passes or fails. It is then recorded in a journal which is kept.

Interim Council Reports

The meetings will open this afternoon with a plenary session in the hall of the House at which time reports of the Interim Council and its committees will be presented. An address by the Governor or some person of key interest will be presented after the reports.

After this business is completed the body will separate into its respective houses for election of legislative officers.

Night Session

Thursday afternoon through Saturday morning, including lengthy night sessions, will be devoted to consideration of the resolutions.

On Saturday the group will again meet in plenary session. At this time the Interim Council officers for the coming year will be elected. The group will adjourn sine die on Saturday afternoon.



Hugh Young and Barbara Strickland, who are representing East Carolina on the State Student Legislature Interim Council, are shown above discussing convention plans. Eighteen East Carolina students have left for the annual convention which is being held today through Saturday in Raleigh. (Henry photo)

Examinations Set For Next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week final examinations for the fall quarter will be held. Monday afternoon, November 21, all day Tuesday, November 22, and Wednesday morning, November 23, will be devoted to double-period examinations for all three-, four- and five-quarter-hour courses. All one- and two-quarter-hour classes meeting three or four times a week, with the exception of Orientation I, will be limited to one-hour examinations and will follow the same schedule as the two-hour exams except for the time factor. The examination in Orientation I will be given period one on Monday morning. Prior to 12:00 noon on Monday, November 21, all one-quarter-hour and two-quarter-hour classes meeting one or two days a week will be limited to a one-hour exam which will be administered during the last regularly scheduled meeting of these classes. English 224 will have the final examination on Tuesday, November 22, at 5:00 in the afternoon.

Below is the schedule by which the examinations will be administered: Monday afternoon, classes meeting regularly at the second period will have exams during the fifth and sixth periods; fourth period exams will be given seventh through eighth periods, sixth period classes will have their exam from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday morning the classes meeting first and second periods will assemble for exams during the first and second or third and fourth periods, respectively. Tuesday afternoon's schedule places exams for the fifth and seventh periods to be held sixth and seventh or eighth and ninth periods in similar order. Classes usually meeting eighth and ninth periods will have two-hour exams consecutive on Wednesday morning.

SGA Office Hours

The Student Government Association announces the following office hours:
Monday-Friday—5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday—1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
Wednesday—5:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
The SGA offices are located on the right side of the first floor in Wright Building.

There will be no fourth period class on Monday, November 21. This will enable students to have at least one hour to get their lunch and to be ready for the first scheduled examination period. On this same date the cafeteria will be opened at 11:00 a.m. It will also open at 4:30 in the afternoon in the east dining room. This will enable students who have an examination beginning at 5:00 p.m. to eat before the exam.

Greenville City Council Defers Action On Signal

City Manager Hughes Discusses Statistics; Bordeaux Comments

The Greenville City Council has deferred action on the proposed installation of a traffic light at the main entrance by the Administration Building here.

The local Stop Light Securement Committee, which was appointed and approved by the Student Government Association, presented the proposal to the board on October 13, and the plan was at that time referred to the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Waiting for Budget

According to The Daily Reflector, Greenville newspaper, the proposal will be taken up after next year's budget is prepared. The newspaper further pointed out in their front page story that City Manager James S. Hughes reported that the Highway commission had no objection to installation of a fixed stop light at the entrance, but continued, however, that even during rush hours the first car in a line of vehicles could leave the main entrance here in eight and one-half seconds and the fourth car in a line could leave in 39 seconds.

Bordeaux Replies

Kenneth Bordeaux, chairman of the Stop Light Securement Committee, who is depressed over the delay in the project, told the East Carolinian, "Mr. Hughes, Greenville's able city manager, seems to fall in seeing the need of the stop light at Fifth Street and Beckwith Gate. Instead, he appears to be more interested in statistics of how long a car has to wait before he can enter the intersection. However, he failed to register the chance which the driver takes by entering in eight and one-half seconds."

Kappa Delta Pi Issues Bids To Sixteen Upperclassmen

Sixteen juniors and seniors of East Carolina College have been issued bids, acknowledging them as outstanding contributors to education and inviting them to membership in the Eta Chi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an Honorary Society in education here.

Only students maintaining a scholastic average of 1.5 and meeting the requirement of nine quarter hours in education for juniors and 15 for seniors are considered for membership. Since the establishment of the Eta Chi Chapter in June, 1953, forty-nine persons have met the rigid requirements for membership.

New Members
Those persons recently invited to membership are: Margaret Moore Eason, senior, Sharnsburg; Thomas Lane Harrell, senior, Macleasfield; Peggy Cherry, senior, Rebersoville; Mrs. Carolyn Lowder, senior, Albemarle; Betty Lou Small, senior, Greenville; Peggy Guthrie, senior, Varina; Julia George, senior, Winston-Salem; Barbara Ann Strickland, senior, Clinton; Anne Bowles, senior, Wilmington; Margaret Anne Melton, junior, Winterville; Marian Evans, junior, New Bern; Eunice Castellow, junior, Conway; Eugene Hayman, junior, Colmick; Jean Mobley, junior, Williamston; Martha Ann Johnson, junior, Benson; and Fannie Greene, junior, Zebulon.

Faculty Members
At present there are nine student members of the fraternity on campus and 18 faculty members. Don Mayo, (See FEAT on Page 4)

Thirty-Two Outstanding Seniors Named To Represent East Carolina In National Yearbook Publication

'Who's Who' List Includes Top-Rate College Students



Les Brown and his "Band of Renown" will be here Monday night, December 5, in Wright Auditorium for a concert and dance. He is shown above with Bob Hope. Brown's band has been starring on the Bob Hope Show since 1945.

On December 5

Les Brown Band Plays Here

Les Brown and his "Band of Renown" will appear on the East Carolina campus Monday night, December 5, in the Wright Auditorium. The program includes a concert from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. and a dance from 9:30 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. The party will land at the Greenville Airport Monday afternoon and will spend the night in Greenville before completing the rest of this musical tour.

The band, starring Les Brown with Butch Stone, Jo Ann Greer, Stumpy Brown, and Ray Sims, has been voted by five magazine public opinion polls as the number one band in the nation. In 1955 it was voted by Metronome Magazine as the top band of the year; it was voted by World Magazine as the number one band orchestra; the number one swing band by the National Ballroom Operators Association, and number one record album by Billboard Magazine.

Plays With Hope

For the past seven years the "Les Brown Band" has stayed primarily in California where they play for Bob Hope and his TV shows. Along with Bob Hope their days are spent recording, transcribing, answering music studio calls, and making other

TV appearances. The band is also kept busy with dance engagements at colleges and service camps. Six flying trips through the country are planned yearly so that the band can answer some of the numerous demands by colleges. These trips are usually completed in six days in order to get home for the regular shows. Each summer, however, the band completes a summer tour of about ten weeks.

Duke Graduate

Les Brown has become world known through his eight years with Bob Hope, his recordings on Decca, Columbia, Coral, and now Capitol, and his personal appearance tours. Les is a graduate of Ithaca Conservatory of Music, New York Military Academy, and Duke University. He was somewhat of a child prodigy. At the age of twelve he was playing the Rudy Wiedofdt solos that were part of every saxophonist's repertoire of that era. At sixteen he was featured soloist with Conway's concert band.

Number One Band

His world famous "Band of Renown" was organized in 1940 and has steadily moved to the number one spot. The band now includes four trumpets, four trombones, five saxes, and four rhythms. Also included is the vocalist, Jo Ann Greer from Atlantic City, New Jersey.

'Oklahoma' Tryouts

"Oklahoma" tryouts will be held December 13 in Music Hall Room 105, according to Dr. Kenneth Cuthbert and Dr. Elizabeth Utterback, directors. Anyone who is unable to try out at that time should come to the music office, Room 100 Music Hall, any noon hour from 11:30 to 12:30, prior to December 12.

President Messick And Guests

East Carolina Orchestra Begins Fifth Season On December 4

The East Carolina Orchestra, now in its fifth season under the direction of Dr. Kenneth N. Cuthbert, conductor, will open its 1955-56 season on Sunday, December 4, in the McGinnis Auditorium here. Students, faculty and townspeople from eastern North Carolina who commute from Washington, Wilson, Tarboro, Jamesville, and Rocky Mount make up this year's orchestra.

The program will feature the Strauss-Saens Piano Concerto, G Minor, to be played by Miss Joan Melton, freelance pianist from Albemarle. An artist of considerable ability, Miss Melton has had three appearances with the North Carolina Symphony, and has given numerous recitals throughout the state. Miss Melton, a consistent winner at the State School of Music, has been a member of the American Women's Music Society, and is also a student of the United States School of Music in Washington, D. C.

Rounding out the program will be the Fredecbaldi Toccata and the Humpredine "Prayer and Dream Fantasia" from Hansel and Gretel.

As guest conductor for the Bach Concerto, the orchestra has secured Mr. Fritz van der Steur, Director of the High Point High School Orchestra.

At State Student Legislature

Local Delegation To Introduce Bill

A resolution concerned with education will be introduced as a primary bill by the East Carolina delegation at the State Student Legislature to be held in Raleigh this weekend. In that ECC is primarily a teacher's college the group drawing up the bill decided that a bill concerning education would be more effective than any other subject.

Working in a group to draw up this resolution were Buzzy Young, Barbara Strickland, Ann Bowles, Stan Jones, Jim Clarke, Dock Smith and Lillian Griffin.

In this bill education of the man as a whole is considered the main purpose of education. A method put forth is that of project advancement. The student progresses by subject not by grade. Curriculum is begun early and continued throughout school.

Below is the resolution dealing with education:
Program For The Articulation and Acceleration Of Education System In State Of N. C.

WHEREAS, the primary function of an educational system is to enable the individual to better comprehend his complicated relationship to his environment; physically, mentally, and spiritually, and

WHEREAS, for the continuance of a free and efficient democracy such as that of the United States the individual must have a knowledge of the problems of his civilization, and

WHEREAS, it is doubtful that the present system of education meets these purposes and that a prompt and radical departure from the present system is necessary for these reasons, and

WHEREAS, study has shown that students to be capable of an accelerated education, and

WHEREAS, the public school system is unable to provide the necessary facilities for such an accelerated education, therefore, the East Carolina delegation hereby recommends that the State of North Carolina should provide for such an accelerated education system.

mitttee be set up within the North Carolina Department of Education to study and plan a program of articulation and acceleration within the Public School System of the State of North Carolina.

Section II: By the year 1962 the Department of Education along with the State supported institutions of high education shall implement a program within the Public School System as proposed by the above mentioned committee.

Part B
Section I: Included in the new program to be set up will be a special plan along the following general lines:

Article I: The present grade system will be discarded, and in its place will be a system of project advancement, wherein promotion would be within specific subject areas, and not necessarily on a chronological grade system.

Article II: The present system of promotion shall be replaced by a system of project advancement, wherein promotion would be within specific subject areas, and not necessarily on a chronological grade system.

Positive Power Of Thinking

by Faye B. O'Neal

The other day we saw a picture. It was of a gray November day . . . a day when clouds were heavy and the air was chilly and a man was sitting by a window in his house looking outside at the trees in his yard.

The maple trees were fast losing their few remaining crumbly leaves and the man was sad because he dreaded the wintry stillness that was already beginning to peep at him that morning. The whole of the picture was melancholy.

Beneath the picture was propped an explanation in the words of the author, telling us that he had portrayed a November day. We fell into his mood and believed that it was really a November day. Wondering later why we did so, we decided that it was because the painter's thoughts were not unreasonable and that lots of people become enveloped in a mood of solemnity at the thought of the approaching winter.

The artist did not know for sure what others would think of his work or what others were thinking about November days. What he did know was that to him gloom and grayness and decaying leaves meant November and a coming season of silence. He understood what he felt and he created the picture from his soul. And his thoughts were cohesive with the sanctity of his own spiritual values.

Most people would argue that the artist's thoughts lacked originality. If they had been, the reproduction from his soul might have been incoherent even though he accompanied his picture with an explanation. The artist, like most of the rest of us, was not hampered because his thoughts were like those of many other people. He was thankful, however, that he possessed the ability to think. He could create because of his thoughts . . . thinking gave him positive power.

What does the term "think" connote? To some it means a simple impulse. Others recognize different degrees of thinking as they would admit the probability of increased production via accelerated effort. A bum would use his power to different ends than a research chemist. But none would give up willingly his power to think. It is through one's ability to think and organize his thoughts that he achieves the power to be. *What we think determines what we are.*

Can we control our thoughts? Not consistently. That would probably be as treacherous to the soul as complete lack of mental control. True, it may be a circular argument to discuss controlling our thoughts. For first we have to think of what we would like to think. But because of our power to think we are off on the right foot.

The artist who painted the November day controlled his thoughts toward a creative end. Pearl S. Buck, a leading contemporary in the field of fiction, said through one of her books that there is a part of every different person's soul which cannot be understood by others. That precious possession can be measured in bulk by what the person thinks, the author said. She created an unforgettable character with a healthy mind and a strong heart who thought he could do everything. And he did!

(Editor's note: Faye O'Neal is a last quarter senior. She was editor of this paper last year. She will return to a position as an assistant State editor on the News and Observer in Raleigh on November 25.)

A Thanksgiving Prayer

We give thanks for all the comfort and joy of life, for our homes, for our friends, and all the love and sympathy and good-will of men. We thank thee for the work we are enabled to do and for the truth we are permitted to learn. We praise thee for the land in which we live, with its great ideals of liberty and brotherhood.

We thank thee for all true knowledge of thee and for all lovers and helpers of mankind. We thank thee for the gift of Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, and for the hopes which are ours as His disciples. We thank thee, too, for the light and peace which come through trust and obedience.

We acknowledge as the gift of thy love all the discipline of life; the tasks and trials by which we are trained to patience and brought into closer sympathy with our brethren; the troubles which have lifted us nearer thee and drawn us into deeper fellowship with Jesus Christ. We praise thee for the sacred and tender ties that bind us to the unseen world; for the faith which dispels the shadows of earth and fills the last moments of life with the light of an immortal hope.

God of all grace, we have praised thee with our lips; grant that we may also praise thee in devoted and faithful lives. Amen.—*Christian Worship and Praise.*

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Passing Remark Concerning The Cut System . . . Big Orange Drank Boy

Jimmy Ferrell

A CAMPUS POLICY COMMITTEE, which consists of all department heads, will meet soon to discuss the cut situation here. It is probable that the present cut system will be revised soon. According to one of our administrators, some members of the faculty feel that the matter of unexcused absences is much too liberal, while others seem to think that students are not given enough liberty.

The present cut system now in effect was established by a faculty-student committee, and should the Policy Committee see fit to revise the present plan, students will again be included when revisions are made.

There are schools, such as Columbia University, which permit unlimited cuts. Others, however, do not tolerate unexcused absences.

The present plan used here permits students to take the same number of unexcused cuts as the number of quarter hours carried by the course. This arrangement seems to be functioning satisfactorily, and we see no cause for changes.

SEVERAL STUDENTS have visited our offices this year, asking us to bring up the present cut system in our editorials, pointing out that many instructors detest "cutters" and use absences as an influential bearing on the student's final grade.

There are instructors on this campus who warn students about cutting. These policies should be investigated and abolished. Students are afforded unexcused absences and they should be free to take them when they wish.

WE DO NOT ADVOCATE unlimited cuts. Undoubtedly, many would be very happy with such a setup and exercise the privilege fully. Neither do we see the benefits of compulsory class attendance. Students will still develop headaches and obtain excused absences.

Every student's education is costing someone something, and each individual should make use of the opportunities laid before him. When one cuts class he is cheating only himself. Yet, a college student should be mature enough to manipulate any affair so trivial as deciding whether or not he can afford to cut a class, or accept the consequences.

A SOLUTION TO THEIR PROBLEM: Don Fowler, president of the UNC Student Body, recommended the construction of a Storage and Parking Building where freshmen and sophomores would be required to leave their cars during the week so as to alleviate the traffic conditions on the University campus and Chapel Hill, in his State of the Campus Message last week.

According to The Daily Tar Heel, the Parking and Storage Building would cost \$50,000.

The parking and traffic situation is still critical here, too, and a solution is yet to be found for the dilemma. But it would be nice—very nice indeed—if ECC could find a way to obtain \$50,000 to construct a storage building to house the freshmen and sophomores . . . their autos must await their turn.

FROM A BIG ORANGE TO CHAMPAGNE: Andy Griffith, the Mt. Airy boy, whom you will remember from the entertaining record, "What It Was Was Football" in which he discussed big orange drinks, our houses, cow pastures, and what have you, is now playing a lead role in Maurice Evans' "No Time For Sergeants" on Broadway.

The UNC graduates scored a big hit in the television production of "Sergeants" in which he played Will Stockdale, a genial, overgrown boy from the Georgia swamps, who was drafted into Uncle Sam's army.

Ed Sullivan featured Griffith on his show a few weeks back in some scene from the hit play, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

It's a long struggle from a big orange drink to champagne—but another Tar Heel native has accomplished just that!

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Who's Who Among Students At East Carolina College

Yearbook Editor Crocker Enjoys Work

A pretty blonde sat at the cluttered desk in the "Buccaneer" office staring intently at the pages of layout before her. The staff photographer was perched on the edge of the desk attempting to explain the problems and accomplishments of the day's picture taking.

She wasn't hearing a thing he said. Finally she looked up. "Here is tomorrow's schedule, and don't forget to drop by the theater tonight and shoot some scenes from the play," she told him.

Then Lannie Crocker, the amiable editor of East Carolina's yearbook, turned to us. "How's the work with the 'Buccaneer' coming along?" we asked her.

Takes Patience
She leaned back into a comfortable position and sighed. "Well, as you know we are busy with photographs now, so the schedule is pretty rough. Working with the yearbook is a full-time job. It's interesting, though, in that it gives you a feeling of creativeness and also you know that the thing that you are creating is going into something that will be read by all the students, which makes it even more of a pleasure.

"The more you put into a thing, the more you get out of it. I have found this especially true in my work with the 'Buccaneer'. There are a lot of student problems. Students blame the editor for something that doesn't go right, and the staff has to take a lot of student criticism about many things. Working with this publication takes patience, but in the end it's worth it."

Home Ec Major
A home economics major from Sel-



Lannie Crocker
Buccaneer Editor

ma, Lannie first worked with East Carolina's yearbook staff during her sophomore year when she was co-editor of the music section. Last year she served as associate editor under Jane Kanoy.

"I feel that I owe my knowledge of yearbooks to Jane and Lee Blackwell, who is associated with the Paragon Press, printers of last year's annual," she explained. "While I served as associate editor, Jane asked my opinion about every major decision that was made concerning layout, the cover, color, dedication, and numerous other things." She laughed and readily admitted, "I had no experience with yearbooks in high school whatsoever."

Active In BSU
Aside from being a publication

enthusiast the "Buccaneer" editor has taken an active part in many other campus activities. She has worked with the Baptist Student Union during her four years here, and served with the council of that organization last year.

She has been an active member of the Home Economics Club for four years, and a member of Phi Omicron, national honorary home economics fraternity. She was vice-president of Phi Omicron last year.

Membership in the Science Club, the Jarvis Hall social committee, and the YWCA are also included among her extra-curricular activities. As editor of the "Buccaneer" she holds a seat on the Student Government Association and the SGA Executive Council.

A self-help student until this year while she is editing the "Buccaneer," she worked in the dining hall where she was supervisor of all girls.

The dinner hour was near and the yearbook editor had experienced a long, tiresome day. "We want to complete our layout before Thanksgiving," she said. "I appreciate the backing that Mr. Duncan and the Publications Board have given me, especially Dean Jenkins and our two advisors, Dr. John Reynolds and Dr. James Poindexter."

"The Buccaneer will arrive around the first of May," she stated as she reached for her coat. "We are striving for a bigger and better book than last year's and we sincerely hope that each student will cherish it as a memento of this school year."

BSU President Discusses:

The Meaning Of Thanksgiving

by guest writer Ruth Lassiter

What do you think of when someone says, "Well, it's almost Thanksgiving"? Does this bring to your mind a picture of fields of shocked corn with frost tinting the blades white, a picture of a favorite path through the woods carpeted with varicolored autumn leaves, or a picture of all Mom's special dishes prepared for the Thanksgiving dinner? Does this provoke a train of reverie, thoughts about home—a few days of leisure and sweet forgetfulness of everything intellectual—seeing friends again, sitting in front of the open fire chatting while the November winds whistle through the trees outside the fast closed doors?

Thoughts Of Home
It is well that Thanksgiving gives one memories of autumn beauty, nostalgic thoughts of home and a sense of security. While these thoughts occupy our minds, do we forget the true meaning of Thanksgiving? For a moment let us think of its origin. In that cold November of 1621 a group of Pilgrims had endured the hardships of a virgin, unsettled country. With few tools they planted the seeds, nurtured the crops, and reaped the harvest. This group of Pilgrims were moved with gratitude that they

had reaped the abundant harvest. So they, along with their Indian friends, who had shown them how to plant and care for the crops, prepared a feast of gratitude, a Thanksgiving to God who had helped them in their great need.

We still retain the name of this season, but have we kept the deep, sincere gratitude with which that group of Pilgrims bowed their heads and lifted their prayers of gratitude and praise?

True Thanksgiving
True, Thanksgiving is that season when the world is at its height of beauty, but is also essentially a season of giving thanks for those wonderful blessings of the everyday life, those things for which we ought to be thankful, but somehow fail to be recognized in the rush of daily activities. When I remember that many people do not have a chance to come to college, because of obstacles too great to surmount, when I remember that there are those in some countries who feel the rain in the night upon their bed, or feel the pangs of hunger with no hope of having that hunger satisfied, when I remember that there are those who cannot

go to church and worship for fear of being seized by government officials, when I am thankful, then I am humble because I have ungratefully accepted all the privileges that a modern country and a modern college community have given me.

Day Of Praise, Gratitude
I am reminded of a game we used to play on Thanksgiving Day when it was too cold to go outside and play. We would write down all the things we were thankful for within the span of five minutes. The one who thought of the most things to be thankful for in that length of time was the winner. But the day after Thanksgiving we had already forgotten to be grateful for some of the things we had mentioned in the game.

Indeed this day is an especial day of gratitude and praise, but it should not be just a day set aside to give thanks, but a renewal of gratitude, not to be forgotten the day after Thanksgiving, but continued through each day until the next Thanksgiving.

(Miss Lassiter, a senior from Four Oaks, is outstanding in campus religious activities and is serving as president of the Baptist Student Union this year.—Editors)

Letters To The Editors

On Attendance At Concert, Behavior At Play

Dear Editors:

Yes, culturally speaking, East Carolina is as backward (or "hickish," as one of our administrators put it) as an institution of higher learning dare be. After watching closely and open-mindedly for over three years, I have come to the terrible conclusion that students here are completely happy living in ignorance, especially of the arts. This disregard for the better things in life is not only here at East Carolina, but in most of the South. We (Southerners) are known for doing just what we have to and leaving the rest for the ambitious. It would be good if the student here could be an exception to this rule.

The incident that brought about this article was the attendance at the Kurt Baum concert and the miserable attendance to other concerts other than dance bands and freaks during my three years here. This was very embarrassing to the audience, as well as to the famous tenor. Along this line, it would be good if the students who did come acquainted themselves with a little theatre courtesy. I wonder how many of you are guilty of leaving before the house lights are turned on?

One high official of our college remarked that he regretted that a famous man, as Mr. Baum, had to leave East Carolina and spend over the country the way that East Carolina was serving but a high college in the state.

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what to listen for, the hall would be filled a half hour before curtain time. The only way to know what to expect, etc., is to come to the concert and find out.

If more student rule could be attained in selecting the series, the better. Maybe then there would no longer be excuses for those who need excuses for not attending performances that will enrich their lives and make them the well-rounded graduates which our Dr. Messick is trying to turn out. If I didn't think so much of ECC, I certainly wouldn't take up space on this paper to write this article. Let's get on the ball!

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Editors
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Dear Editors:
On November 2, 3 and 4, I had the opportunity to witness the East Carolina Playhouse production of "Darkness at Noon," which, in my opinion, was one of the finest productions to be given at East Carolina or Eastern Carolina. Enough praise cannot be given Dr. Wibbey and Marjorie Evans for their fine direction, the entire cast for their splendid performances, Mr. Gordon for his superb acting and unbelievable set design, and the entire staff for their excellent work.

So please, at the next program that we attend, let's make a good example of ourselves and the college by being a little more considerate to the audience and the performer.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS W. GORDON

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Think It Over And Be Sure

by Jan Raby

Everyone is looking forward to Thanksgiving holidays (who looks forward to exams?) and making big plans. It is a time to give thanks for so many things—good friends, a strong faith, loving family, a free nation under God. . . .

It is a time especially when many freshmen will be reviewing the past quarter and deciding whether they will return, come November 2. For some, their grades will decide for them. For the others, let's think things over.

Many students do not realize that they have within their grasp the opportunity to learn not only book knowledge, but the chance to gain self-confidence, win friends, and to be a success. One of the main factors is time, not just one quarter of school.

A college degree is not to be taken lightly. It is the key of this modern day to the majority of jobs. But a college education is not fed into the student's body forcibly by an educator's spoon—it requires a willing mind to think and willing hands to work.

So ponder on these things—but be of good cheer. It's not as bad as you think. Give it another try—it's worth it!

Last week was American Education Week and the college was open for the parents to see where their education dollars are going. We hope they took a good look. Needless to say, we could use a few more dollars.

Emergency! Those who collect copies of the East Carolinian, please take note. The staff needs copies of those issues of last year from East to the end of spring quarter for our files. When you go home for the holidays please look around and bring them back to the newspaper office on second floor of Wright building.

An early morning scene. . . . It is raining outside and dark. One sits at the desk with the light on. Everything is quiet and peaceful, on the patter of the rain and occasionally a car passing by. . . . Another lies in bed looking out the curtained windows at the same scene, observe . . . and goes back to sleep. For each a clock ticks away the time, to finally disturb their quietude . . . and the scene.

Shakespeare on exams. From the Minnesota Daily comes proof that Shakespeare's writing can apply to just about anything. Here's what that talented gen had to say about examinations: Studying in the library: "More light, you knaves; and turn the tables up, and quench the fire, the room is grown too hot." Romeo on Juliet.

Cramming at 3 a. m. "How weary, stale, flat and unprofitable seem to me all the uses of the world." Hamlet.

Cramming at 7 a. m. "It is not for you health thus to commit your weak condition to the raw cold morning." Julius Caesar.

Controversial Currents

Power Politics Control Veeps

by Oliver Williams

Few of us realize just what a dangerous position our country is in when the President is unable to perform his duties because of illness. One weakness of our federal government is not providing a strong vice-president in case he is needed. Already in our history eight vice-presidents have been called upon to "guide the ship." Practically all of these eight were not capable of running the job that was handed to them. President Truman made the comment in his memoir that he did not even know that the United States was building an atomic bomb when he succeeded to the presidency. It was Roosevelt's policy to keep the veep in the background.

We all must admit that Truman did a good job; however, think (without shuddering) of Richard Nixon in the White House. I am sure that his prestige of coming from a vitally strategic state (this is what elected him, isn't it?) would not help him make those important decisions that are required of a United States President.

Please don't misunderstand me! I think poor Richard has unusual potentialities as a politician. While reviewing his three years in Washington one sees that he has made a good vice-president (he did some unusually warm handshaking in South America). If this is the kind of experience a person gets while serving as vice-president, don't think he would be capable of serving as president.

If Nixon had stayed in California for a while longer, I think he would be qualified to become president, if it were necessary for him to do so. However, the fact of the matter was that Eisenhower, in order to be elected in 1952, almost had to carry "once-this-way and once-that-way" California. He thought that the best way to carry California was to have a Californian as his running mate. Nixon was the man! You see, it was more important than choosing a man who would make a good president if Eisenhower ever came sick or died.

Politics is a corrupt thing! Already it has been rumored that a Mr. Edmund G. Brown (who you ever heard of him?) from California would make a good running mate with Stevenson in 1956. This might give the Democrats California votes. In other words, a man almost unheard of may be second in line for the presidency. This exactly what happened in Nixon's case. If United States doesn't watch out, it is going to get a man living in the White House.

Bucs Swim Tomorrow

Thunder Bowl Will Feature Intra-Squad Meet And Prize

East Carolina's Pirate Swimming Squad will sponsor and participate in the "Thunder Bowl Match," an intra-squad swimming festival to take place tomorrow night in the gymnasium pool at seven o'clock.

Coach Ray Martinez stated earlier this week that this contest would be the first of its kind in ECC history and expressed the hope that it will become an annual affair. "All events will be held," said the instructor, "and take place in usual inter-collegiate competition."

The Buccaneer squad will be divided into two separate and equal teams. Two seniors will captain the sections and act as leaders. Frank Moore will take charge of one crew, while Dickie Denton will command the others.

Davidson Will Follow

Tomorrow night will mark the last public appearance of the Pirate Aquatics before their opening game of the 1955-56 swimming schedule gets underway at Davidson. A large crowd is expected to view the Thunder Bowl competition. A trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

Martinez has expressed confidence in his aggregation in this, his second year as Pirate water master. The purple-and-gold will leave campus on December 2 for a three day excursion which will see them battling three different squads, starting with Davidson.

Pirate veterans include Ted Gartman, Phil Weaver, Garland Tuton, Bonnie Rose, James Cummins, Joe Wallace, Clyde Tyson, Bill West, Dickie Denton, Frank Moore, and Ken Crocker.

Newcomers are Graham Anderson, Jack Koberling, Bob Sawyer, Harold McKee, Steve Wilkerson, and Preston Jarvis.

Bears Take Loop Grid Title With Undeclared Year

by Bill Boyd

Seldom do gridiron fans hear of a team failing to win even one conference game one year and then storm back to cop the league championship the next. The mighty Bears of Lenoir Rhyne College did this and assured themselves of at least a tie for North State Conference honors by smashing Elon College 28 to 0 Saturday night on the latter's home grounds.

Elon represented the last obstacle for the Bears to hurdle in their bid for a championship. Lenoir Rhyne was very impressive in rolling up a total of 373 yards on the ground alone against the Christians.

Fullback Harold Bullard scored twice and tailbacks Walter Cornwell and Bill Ackard accounted for the final two touchdowns. Lenoir Rhyne's next and final game will be on Thanksgiving Day when the Bears take on Catawba College's mighty Indians at Hickory.

At present, Lenoir Rhyne has virtually clinched the championship. However, Western Carolina earlier defeated Catawba 20 to 6 but was later found to have used a player scholastically ineligible for league competition. A decision as to whether the game will be awarded to Catawba will not be reached until league officials meet in December.

To round out the week's confer-

THE CROW'S NEST

by Billy Arnold

Big Louis Hallow, East Carolina's colorful center, finally seems destined to receive some of the credit he has deserved for so long. It was acknowledged earlier this week that the 225 pound stalwart from Goldsboro has been chosen unanimously by the NAIA (district 26) as the outstanding footballer in this particular section of the country. His name automatically goes into the Little All-America pot to be among the candidates for selection on the mythical super eleven.

Hallow, A Pirate Legend

The husky Carolinian has reaped all sorts of honors since his entrance at ECC four years ago. He is a sure-

fire bet for all-North State Conference selection and Pirate Coaches, Boone, Smith and Mallory have stated that there isn't a finer center in the state.

Hallow was drafted by the professional Los Angeles Rams during his junior year of football for the Buccaneers and will do his big league performing with them if he decides to turn pro.

Big Lou has become almost a legend in this section of North Carolina already. His colorful antics on and off the gridiron have kept his name constantly before the public.

Swimmers Have Improved

The "Thunder Bowl" swimming show to be held tomorrow at the gym should give ECC students and other fans a pretty good idea of how the Pirate poolsters will perform this season. Coach Ray Martinez seems to have tremendous confidence in his boys. He informed us several days ago that his team had bettered the Davidson and Clemson scores of last season which defeated the Bucs.

This season is only the second year of competition for a Pirate team of swimmers. The club was formed last November when Martinez came here as an instructor. Martinez' crew of the past season posted only one win (over William and Mary, Norfolk division).

Let's back up these boys with our support this season, and get things off to a roaring start tomorrow night at the Thunder Bowl.

Pirate Cagers Schedule 21 Tilts; Phillips And McCrary's On Slate

Porter's Reign Marked By Most Victories In League

by Johnny Hudson

With the football season ending early this year, the sports scene at East Carolina has become rather light but behind the scenes Coach Howard Porter, "Dean of E.C.C. basketball," has been hard at work preparing the 1955-56 Pirate cagers.

Coach Porter is a native of Missouri and is well known around the North State Conference as "the Fox." Porter attended Kansas City University where he was an outstanding guard on the University basketball team. He also attended Missouri, Illinois, and Kansas Universities. He completed his Physical Education in Illinois and then did post-graduate work at Kansas U.

Porter came to East Carolina in 1946 and, since taking over the helm of the Pirates, has guided them to the North State Conference championship in 1954 and to NIAA competition in Kansas in 1954 and 1955. Porter also boasts that East Carolina has the best record in basketball in the North State Conference, having registered nearly 700 victories.

While at East Carolina, Porter has developed such All-State and All-Conference players as Bobby Hodges, Charlie Huffman, and Sonny Russell. He has continued to keep basketball at E.C.C. on the upgrade and is again expected to have a reasonably strong team this year although the schedule appears to be much stronger.

Going into this year, Porter and crew have possessed 38 consecutive victories out of the 37 games played in Memorial Gym. The lone defeat was the dedication game played with the University of North Carolina. The colorful coach is optimistic over this year's team, although he feels

by Mike Katsis

Now that the memories of football begin to fade in the minds of East Carolina's student body, basketball comes into focus for the 1955-1956 season. The Pirates of East Carolina, under the leadership of Coach Howard G. Porter, will be in the thick of a close North State conference race, with such outstanding teams as Atlantic Christian College, Lenoir Rhyne, Elon, High Point and arch rival Atlantic Christian seem to have much stronger teams this year," states Porter.

With the Pirates opening their home schedule on December 9 against Catawba, Coach Porter is hoping to see a capacity crowd of 2,100 jam into Memorial Gym.

"PRICILLA, FAIR PRICILLA" by William R. Nold

Oh, Fair Pricilla, stand ye by the Tar,
Only the birds and I know how lovely you are,
For ye hide your sweet innocence in the wood—
Away, Away, My Love, I would fly if I could.

Deep in the darkened brush ye roam,
My Love,
Pricilla, with the voice of a happy dove,
Far from all prying eyes that would advance—
Away, Away, My Love, I would fly if I got the chance.
But, nay, I do not leave thy trembling side,
Though hell persists, I shall continue to abide,
I wouldn't fly away, My Love, because, you see,
No other girl on earth would have me.

Among the non-conference games which are on the schedule are tough independents like Phillips' "66", one of the strongest in the country, and McCrary's, whom the Pirates meet twice. East Carolina also meets Belmont-Abbey, a strong non-conference foe, twice in the schedule.

All games will begin at 8 p.m. The schedule:

- Dec. 3—Guilford, there
- Dec. 8—Phillips (Wilmington)
- Dec. 9—Catawba, here
- Dec. 10—Lenoir Rhyne, here
- Dec. 15—Appalachian, there
- Jan. 6—Belmont-Abbey, here
- Jan. 7—Elon, here
- Jan. 10—High Point, there
- Jan. 12—Guilford, here
- Jan. 14—Lenoir Rhyne, there
- Jan. 16—Western Carolina, there
- Jan. 19—McCrary's, here
- Jan. 27—Western Carolina, here
- Jan. 30—Appalachian, here
- Feb. 2—Atlantic Christian, here
- Feb. 4—McCrary's (Ashboro)
- Feb. 8—Catawba, there
- Feb. 11—Elon, there
- Feb. 14—High Point, here
- Feb. 16—Belmont-Abbey, there
- Feb. 18—Atlantic Christian, there

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