

In Washington Office Now

Agency Approves Application For Loan

An approval and recommendation by the Federal Home and Housing Agency in Atlanta, Georgia for \$1,425,000 for the construction of two new men's dormitories here was made recently, according to Mr. F. D. Duncan, college vice-president in charge of business affairs. Upon approval it was recommended to the office of the Housing and Home Financing Agency in Washington for final consideration.

The application informed the agency of the dire need for housing facilities here and pointed out that approximately 500 men students are now living off the campus awaiting dormitory rooms.

Duncan Optimistic

In reference to the Washington Agency's decision, Duncan said, "I hope it will be approved within the next two or three weeks."

An act passed by the State Legislature now enables the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State, East Carolina, Appalachian, and Western Carolina to borrow money from the Federal Government for the purpose of building dormitories. According to Duncan, East Carolina was the first state-supported school to file final application for a loan.

After Approval

When and if the application is approved it will be four or five months before definite plans could be drawn and possibly six months before actual construction would begin, according to Duncan.

Housing Plans

Women students are requested to be prepared to make their five dollars room deposit early in '56, according to Dean Ruth White.

Present plans for housing the women students are Cotten, Ragsdale and Woman's Hall for Freshmen students. Garrett Hall will be offered first to Seniors and then to Juniors.

"Committee Of 100" Plans Religious Emphasis Week

"Revolution and Reconciliation" has been chosen as the theme for Religious Emphasis Week which will be held here during the week of January 23-26. Many outstanding speakers have been called upon to appear throughout the week at the nightly meetings. Among those speakers who have already consented to be present are: Rev. Roger Ortmeyer of Nashville, Tennessee, Mr. William Price of Burlington, Dr. D. D. Holt of Greensboro, and President Sanky L. Blanton of Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania.

"To promote more religious emphasis on the campus of East Carolina is our goal," said Martha Johnston, president of the Inter-Religious Council.

"Committee of 100"

In order to plan the important programs that will take place throughout the week, a "Committee of 100" has been appointed. This committee has been divided into nine individual committees, who are responsible for the various activities being planned. The committees and their chairmen are: Literature—Jane Midyette; Organized House and Personalized Conferences—Viola Botter; Worship—Johns; Classroom Visitation—Eugene Hayman; Arrangements and Assemblies—Jane Lingle; Music—John Juinn; Open Forum—Frank Moore; Publicity—Edith Rogers; and Hospitality—Page Lilley.

An earnest invitation is extended to all the students and faculty to take part in the various activities which will be offered during Religious Emphasis Week. Throughout the week there will be nightly meetings, morning-watch ceremonies which will offer

Staff Members Needed

The East Carolinian is in need of news and feature writers. Any student who has a few hours during the week and enjoys publication work is urged to join the staff. No experience is necessary. The ability to work is more important. All staff assistants of the publication receive two points according to the SGA Point System.



Jan Raby . . . resigns position



Columnist Williams . . . new Managing Editor

Jan Raby Resigns, Williams Named New Managing Editor

Managing Editor Jan Raby has resigned from the East Carolinian staff, according to co-editors Joyce L. Smith and Jimmy Ferrell. Oliver Williams, the present assistant editor, has been elevated to the managing editorship, the editors stated, and expressed regret over Miss Raby's resignation.

English major Jan Raby is a junior from Elizabeth City. Included among her duties as managing editor were the writing of the weekly column "Pot Pourri"; assisting the co-editors in writing headlines and news stories; and helping in the make-up department.

While in service Jan wrote a WAF column for base newspapers. She also received journalistic training as a staff member of her high school newspaper, of the WCUNC newspaper, and last year on the staff of

the East Carolinian. Miss Raby comments on her leaving the staff by saying, "I have thoroughly enjoyed working on the staff and expect to be back next quarter. I'm taking a brief vacation to carry out the scholastic obligations which happen to conflict this quarter." Oliver Williams, business major from Rocky Mount, is a sophomore. He has been writing the regular column, "Controversial Currents," and assisting the editors in all their work. Mr. Williams has had experience on his high school newspaper staff and has worked for the East Carolinian this year.

Co-editors Smith and Ferrell commented, "Oliver Williams has been an invaluable aid to the editors this year. He has proved his ability and we feel that he will serve well as Managing Editor."

Merry Christmas

The Editors and staff of the East Carolinian wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year. We will resume publication on January 12, with complete coverage of any action taken by the Evaluation Committee. The deadline for organizational news is Monday afternoon, January 9.

Shirley Smith, Ike Williams Serve As Buc Associate Editors; Final Layout Completed

Shirley Morton Smith and Ike Williamson have been named associate editors of the Buccaneer, according to editor Lannie Crocker. For their previous experience and their interest these two were selected.

A social studies major, Shirley is a junior from Jacksonville, North Carolina. She is a transfer from Campbell College, where she served as assistant editor and art editor of the annual.

Ike Williamson, from Princeton, is a sophomore majoring in business. During his pre-college days he gained experience in this field as editor of his high school annual.

Layout Completed

The Buc staff is now in the process of taking pictures for the annual and preparing various sections for printing. All primary work on layouts and all the basic planning has been completed. The business staff is nearly through selling ads; the class sections have already gone to press.

Yearbook editor Lannie reports, "The annual work is progressing very satisfactorily. We of the staff hope the annuals will be out earlier

Kansan Joins Faculty

Fleming Stanley Moore became a member of the faculty at East Carolina College at the beginning of the winter quarter this week. A native of Topeka, Kansas, he will teach in the department of geography.

Mr. Moore is a graduate of the University of Kansas and holds both the bachelor of arts and the master of arts degrees from that institution. He taught there during 1951-1953 and since then has studied and done part-time teaching at the University of Washington, where as a graduate student he is working toward the doctor's degree.

Committee Appointed To Investigate Cut System Now In Effect Here; SGA Prexy, Judiciary Chairman Will Represent Students

Legislature Approves Organization Of "College Union Student Board", But Students Must Vote

In a recent Student Government Association meeting, Decoma Byrd, in behalf of the Social Committee, presented the following motion: "The SGA Social Committee moves that the 'Social Committee' be dropped as a standing committee of the Student Government Association."

At the same time, a constitution for the organization of the College Union was presented to the Executive Council of the SGA for their approval. The following explanation was given:

Functions of Board

"Feeling that the present Student Government Association Social Committee has expanded in its duties and function with the establishment of the College Union, and feeling that the present term 'Social Committee' is obsolete and only connotes a small portion of the activities that this group is endeavoring to do in programming at the Recreation Area of the College Union, the present SGA Social Committee proposes to the Executive Council and to the Legislature of the East Carolina College Student Government Association the establishment of the College Union as a student organization with its governing body known as the 'College Union Student Board'."

"This board will consist of elected officers and committee chairmen. By virtue of being a member of East Carolina College Student Body, each student is automatically a member of the East Carolina College Union. The present SGA Social Committee proposes that it become the nucleus of the College Union Student Board, inasmuch as it is now serving in that capacity. As committees are built up and chairmen are elected, the board will be completed. Committee membership in the College Union will be made up of members of the Student Body who will be given opportunities to sign up for committee work."

The duties of the College Union Student Board shall be to act as students' advisory board for programming at the Recreation Area of the

College Union, to promote social, recreational and cultural activities, to offer services for the entire student body through the Recreation Area of the College Union, and to develop finer relationships between the faculty and the student body.

Takes Student Vote

Upon examination, the constitution was recommended by the Executive Council to the Legislature,

where it was approved unanimously. This action by the Body gave the new organization, the "College Union Student Board," membership on the SGA Legislature, with all the privileges accorded its members. However, since the "Social Committee" is a part of the SGA Constitution, and since its deletion from it would mean a constitutional change, it must come

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The Student Government Association Social Committee has been dropped and the formation of the College Union Student Board has been approved by the legislatures to handle all recreational activities in the College Union and on campus. The move will not be official, however, until the student body votes for a constitutional change. Decoma Byrd, (right) Chairman of the newly organized board is shown with Elizabeth Small, (center) Secretary; and Dorothy Lloyd, also a member of the board.

During Renovation

New Roof For Post Office

Special construction and renovations are under way for the dining hall building which also houses the post office. A new roof is being placed over the post office as it is a part of the original building that once housed the old laundry and a steam plant and has never been replaced.

The ECC post office, now a Federal postal unit, is being enlarged to include the old SGA office and a door connecting the office with the outside is being cut in the wall in order that the mail may be brought directly inside.

Renovations by the Coe Construction Company of Charlotte include putting tile on the walls and interior of the kitchen, placing a new ceiling on the kitchen and bakery and installing new lights and doing a complete rewiring job.

Tile in Kitchen

Pale green tile is being used in the kitchen and cream colored tile in the hallways. Light green and dark

green paint trim will be used on the hall and doorways. Also the ceiling in the kitchen will be pale green. All walls and employees' dressing rooms will have the new tile and lighting where it is necessary.

New Refrigeration

In addition, all refrigeration is being remodeled and rebuilt. This includes five large walk-in freezer units and a 10 by 15 freezer locker. This is to be equipped with all new compressors and stainless steel coils. Rooms for a butcher shop and a vegetable-preparing room with their special equipment are being fixed. York ice makers will replace the old ice plant.

Mr. Paul R. Julian, cafeteria steward, said that it has been recommended by the John W. Hargraves restaurant engineering and architecture consultant firm from Montgomery, Ohio, that certain new cafeteria equipment be placed in the dining hall. Plans are being made to carry out these recommendations.

Dr. Messick To Speak During Annual Christmas Assembly

A program of Christmas music and an address by Dr. John D. Messick will be a part of the annual Christmas Assembly which will be held in Wright Auditorium tomorrow at 10 a.m.

The concert band under the direction of Mr. Herbert Carter will open the assembly with several Christmas numbers. Music will also be provided by the Varsity Glee Club, directed by Mr. James Simpson, and the Women's Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Dan E. Vornholt.

Dr. Messick will again tell the story of Handel's "Messiah." Following President Messick's address there will be four choruses from "The Messiah." The Chorus is made up of members of the training choir in the Department of Music and the conductors have been chosen from the conducting class.

"And the Glory of the Lord" will

be conducted by Joan McKenzie; "Glory to God" conducted by Ralph Chason; "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs" conducted by June Crews and "Hallelujah" Chorus conducted by Unita Pope.

Dr. Robert Carter, pianist and faculty member at East Carolina College, was presented Tuesday, Dec. 13, in a recital of works for the piano.

The program, sponsored by the college department of music as one of a series of recitals by faculty members during 1955-1956, took place in the Wright auditorium at 8 p.m.

On his program Dr. Carter played "Sonata" No. 3, by Norman della Joia, "Prelude, Chorale, and Fugue" by Cesar Franck; and selections by Brahms and Liszt.

A member of the college department of music since 1949, Dr. Carter has appeared as pianist in campus recitals and on college-sponsored broadcasts, and has played for a number of civic and cultural organizations in Greenville and other towns of Eastern North Carolina.

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White, Marshall, Cummings, Perry On Committee

by Jimmy Ferrell

A faculty-student Evaluation Committee has been appointed by the Policy Committee to study the present cut system now in effect here, according to President J. D. Messick, Policy Committee Chairman. The Policy Committee is composed of all departmental heads here.

The Evaluation Committee will begin their study in January. They face no deadline for submission of proposed changes or revisions of the present system if they see fit to make revisions.

Marshall Chairman

Dr. W. E. Marshall of the Social Studies Department has been named chairman of the committee. Student Government Association President Donald Umstead and Women's Judiciary Chairman Ann Bowles will represent the students.

Miss Ruth White, Dean of Women Mr. J. B. Cummings of the Geography Department, and Mr. George Perry of the Music Department will also work with the committee.

Dr. Messick Comments

President Messick stated, "We feel that students are taking advantage of themselves in taking the cuts which are regularly allowed when so very often their classroom work doesn't show that they could afford to miss anything. Many of the student failures, when looked into, show that these students have cut rather frequently."

"A good student can afford to miss classes, whereas a poor student cannot; but the present cut system doesn't allow for any differentiation in the caliber of work performed. Right now, we have no idea whether the present cut system will be changed; but we are going to study it thoroughly in an attempt to determine whether anything better can be found."

A Good System—Jenkins

Vice-President Jenkins feels that the present system used here is "one of the best, but it is always wise to re-evaluate." He further stated, "I think that it is a good system in spite of the fact that a few people may take advantage of it. The average student does not take advantage of this system."

Bowles Represents Students

Woman's Judiciary Chairman Ann Bowles, who is serving on the committee along with President Umstead, told the East Carolinian, "I feel that somehow the cuts allowed for any class should be in proportion to the number of times the class meets. That would certainly seem more fair in the cases in which a student meets a two-hour course five times a week and has the benefit of only two unexcused cuts. In connection with this, two-hour night labs which now count as two cuts should be considered as two class meetings in allotting cuts on this proportional basis."

"At present a committee of SGA is investigating the idea of setting up more privileges for seniors. It seems that unlimited cuts for seniors would be a privilege which seniors have earned and would use wisely. This does not seem so drastic in view of the fact that at least at one other state-supported school that I know of seniors are not even compelled to take final examinations."

"Since only two students will be on this committee to investigate the cut system here, I would appreciate very much hearing the ideas and opinions of every other student interested in the matter before a decision is reached."

Student Government Association President Donald Umstead, who is also serving on the committee, could not be reached for comment.

Other Committees

Due to increased needs and growing enrollments the North Carolina College Conference has asked all colleges to re-evaluate their present programs in the areas of Admissions, Retention, and English Usage. The Policy Committee appointed these committees at the December 9 meeting also.



Shirley Morton Smith, (left) associate editor of the Buccaneer and editor Lannie Crocker work on this year's yearbook. Associate editor Ike Williams was absent when the picture was taken.

Let's Keep Christmas

(One of Peter Marshall's most inspiring and memorable sermons—a moving expression of gratitude that the Christ child came into the world, and a plea that we keep Christmas "in all the loveliness of its ancient traditions."—Catherine Marshall)

"Changes are everywhere. Many institutions and customs that we once thought sacrosanct have gone by the board. Yet there are a few that abide, defying time and revolution.

"The old message: 'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord' is still the heart of Christmas. It can be nothing else. And this message can neither be changed nor quite forgotten, although there are many things that tend to make us forget.

Modern Author Can't Improve Story
"There is no need to search for stories new and different. There is only one after all—and no modern author can improve it: 'And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night, and, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Do You Have The Christmas Spirit?
"Have you been saying, 'I just can't seem to feel the Christmas spirit this year?' That's too bad. As a confession of lack of faith, it is rather significant. You are saying that you feel no joy that Jesus came into the world . . . you are confessing that His presence in the world is not a reality to you. . . .

"Maybe you need all the more to read the Christmas story over again, need to sit down with the Gospel of Luke and think about it. I thank God for Christmas. Would that it lasted all year. For on Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day, all the world is a better place, and men and women are more lovable. Love itself seeps into every heart, and miracles happen. When Christmas doesn't make your heart swell up until it nearly bursts . . . and fill your eyes with tears . . . and make you all soft and warm inside . . . then you'll know that something inside of you is dead.

The Spirit Will Catch You
"Don't worry—you'll be ready for it—you'll catch the spirit all right, or it will catch you, which is even better. And then you will remember what Christmas means—the beginning of Christianity . . . the Second Chance for the world . . . the hope for peace . . . and the only way.

"The promise that the angels sang is the most wonderful music the world has ever heard. 'Peace on earth and good will toward men.' It was not a pronouncement upon the state of the world then nor is it a reading of the international barometer of the present time . . . but it is a promise—God's promise—of what one day will come to pass.

The Way
"The years that are gone are graveyards in which all the persuasions of men have crumbled into dust. If history has any voice, it is to say that all these ways of men lead nowhere. There remains one way—The Way—untried, untested, unexplored fully . . . the way of Him Who was born a Babe in Bethlehem.

"In a world that seems not only to be changing, but even to be dissolving, there are some tens of millions of us who want Christmas to be the same . . . with the same old greeting 'Merry Christmas' and no other.

Keep Christmas . . . keep it as it is
"We long for the abiding love among men of good will which the season brings . . . believing in this ancient miracle of Christmas with its softening, sweetening influence to tug at our heart strings once again. We want to hold on to the old customs and traditions because they strengthen our family ties, bind us to our friends, make us one with all mankind for whom the Child was born, and bring us back again to the God Who gave His only begotten Son, that 'whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'

"So we will not 'spend' Christmas . . . nor 'observe' Christmas. We will 'keep' Christmas—keep it as it is . . . in all the loveliness of its ancient traditions. May we keep it in our hearts, that we may be kept in its hope."

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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

Passing Remark

Does The Welcome Sign Still Jangle In The Breeze?

Jimmy Ferrell

ARE THE SEGREGATIONISTS BECOMING EXTREMISTS? Undoubtedly you have heard of the incident which took place at a white Baptist Church in rural Franklin County last week.

A 71-year-old Negro woman, who walked approximately four miles from her home in Wake Forest to attend the services, was hastily "bounced" out of the church. A "welcome" sign hung over the door of the church.

The News and Observer reported that the elderly lady asked a group of the people if they were Christians. She questioned them a second time, still receiving no comments.

I wonder if the "welcome" sign is still hanging in front of the church, jangling in the breeze.

RUMORS HAVE IT that Tenth Street residents near Umstead and Slay Halls are complaining over the excess and continuous noise which streams from the boys' dorms.

Those noisemakers who are oblivious or either unconcerned that they are creating a disturbance should take their loudness elsewhere or either have to answer to the hall proctors.

I HOPE SANTA CLAUS brings the Greenville City Council a big fat budget so that City Manager Hughes and his colleagues will stop talking "statistics" and concentrate on the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Fifth Street and Beckwith Gate.

THE REBEL HAD NO CAUSE, BUT HE WON: Under the auspices of the Council of Motion Pictures, movie fans were given an opportunity to vote for their favorite actors, actresses, and movies of the year.

Ballots were available at theaters from November 14-17. Winners were announced on December 6.

JAMES DEAN, star of "Rebel Without a Cause," which played at the Pitt a few weeks ago, was named the year's outstanding actor. Jennifer Jones was named the top actress for her role in "Love Is A Many Splendored Thing." "Mister Roberts" was chosen the best picture of the year.

It is interesting to note that final tabulations of votes cast at the Pitt showed that moviegoers in this area also selected Jennifer Jones as the outstanding actress of the year. However, the Pitt patrons voted Richard Todd the best actor for his role in the inspiring "A Man Called Peter," and also chose "A Man Called Peter" as the year's best movie.

The late James Dean was a character on the screen, but you couldn't help but appreciate his antics. Dean was a different and rare type when compared with others in Hollywood. I saw no comparison between him and Brando—although Dean, like Brando, seemed rather aloof. He was very good in "Rebel"—so unpredictable.

Daily Tar Heel columnist J. A. C. Dunn had this to say about Dean and his performance in "Rebel" in his column "The Roundabout Papers."

"One receives the impression from Mr. Dean that he had a great deal of fun making up his moves, gestures, and even at points, his lines, as he went along. He is good with properties—a windbreaker, a mechanical monkey, a quart bottle of milk, from which he seems to spend much of the movie taking little nips, a paper cup of water, a cigarette—he can, for some odd reason, be riotously funny with such innocuous articles of everyday living as these."

I FAILED TO SEE Jennifer Jones in "Love Is A Many Splendored Thing," but have heard many favorable comments on the movie. Whether she's wearing a slinky Dior creation or blue jeans, she has a habit of performing well.

Nell Battle Lewis, News and Observer columnist who writes the weekly column "Incidentally," explained that "Love Is A Many Splendored Thing" had "too much smooching and not enough plot."

ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM CHAPEL HILL, the students have just about decided that they can't use a new President. "Where would he park?" they're asking.

IT'LL BE INTERESTING to see how the recently ordered NEW YORKER, THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY, HARPER'S, and other magazines will sell down in the local book store.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME for the holidays—Merry Christmas!

And so I'm taking all my cuts this week . . .



Who's Who Among Students At East Carolina College

Music Majors Plan Teaching Careers

by Florence Baker
Jeanne In Combo

"When we were Freshmen right after we arrived here, I noticed Jeanne and after that I just couldn't stop thinking about her." That's the way Jerry and Jeanne Peterson met and started going together. One thing led to another and in April of 1954 they became engaged. Their marriage took place in August at the First Baptist Church in Elizabeth City.

Jeanne and Jerry, who is from New Bern, are music majors and because of this, they have no minors, but each specialized in a particular field. Jeanne specialized in voice while Jerry chose the trumpet.

Jerry will graduate in May and Jeanne is a recent graduate, having completed her work in November. They are making their home in an apartment on campus until January when Jeanne will begin teaching in Williamston. After Jerry graduates they would like to teach in a city about the size of Wilmington. Here Jeanne adds, "Unless Uncle Sam doesn't want us!"

If things work out as they've planned, Jeanne and Jerry would like to teach a few years then go back to school and work for their Master's degrees. Columbia University is the school where they've chosen to do this. Jerry says that he would like to work for his Ph. D., but Jeanne says she would be content with her M.A.

Active In Organizations
The attractive couple have been quite active in various organizations connected with their majors. Jeanne has been a member of the College Choir, the band, the orchestra, and the College Singers, and was Music Chairman of the B.S.U. Committee. In this position she directed the B. S. U. Choir. Her lovely soprano voice has been heard by many during her various performances both on and off campus. Having the lead in "Banana Moon" and a part in "Blossom Time" earned her membership in the East Carolina Playhouse. She has had solo parts in "The Messiah" and guest soloist at Summer School Commencement a couple of summers ago. Jeanne has also sung solos with the Varsity Glee Club and others on campus.

Jeanne and Jerry have shared several activities, too. At present they have a dance band combo in which Jeanne plays the piano along with the other instruments that make it up. They find this relaxing and enjoyable, and at the same time earn extra money by playing at various Country Clubs and dances. Versatility is one of their many assets since their talent covers such a wide range. Here in Greenville Jeanne has directed choirs at Immanuel and Memorial Baptist Churches and at present is director of the Junior Choir at Memorial Baptist Church. Jerry was for a while music director of the First Baptist Church in Washington.

Conducted In "Messiah"
Jeanne and Jerry were two out of four students who were chosen to conduct parts of "The Messiah" at the Christmas Assembly last year. Both were awarded honors for their senior recitals.

The couple share a keen interest in sports. As Jerry says, "You might say we were athletic music majors!" They love tennis, swimming, and

bowling. (And they play scrabble when it rains!) Reading is a favorite pastime when they have the time. In fact, Jeanne enjoys reading books on Philosophy to such an extent that she says that she would have chosen this next to music as a major. Jerry is what you might call a "Mr. Fixit." He likes building little odds and ends and anything concerned with decorating. He's also a Stan Kenton fan and listens avidly to Kenton's recordings. At this point Jeanne and Jerry state that through their musical training while in college they've learned to sincerely appreciate classical music, but that they really have a strong admiration for jazz.

Look Forward To Future
Jeanne and Jerry feel that East Carolina with its many opportunities for advancement and its outstanding training program has prepared them to undertake any position that might come their way. As many who have graduated or who are approaching graduation, they feel a bit of regret at leaving their "home," but are looking forward to the future and all that it holds for them.



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Peterson

Around The Campus

A Typical Day At The Newspaper Office

by Janet Hill

'Twas Two Weeks Before Christmas. It was two weeks before Christmas, and the day of the publication of the last East Carolinian before the holidays was drawing near. The editors and staff were madly rushing to and fro writing last-minute news stories, drawing up ads, writing headlines, reading galleys and a million other little things that have to be done before the final printing of the East Carolinian. The feeling of Christmas was in the air—as well as the numerous Christmas tests promised by our "beloved" professors—but this did not alter the activity of the newspaper office. Everyone was as busy as could be, and the co-editors, Joyce and Jimmy, were arguing and chasing each other around the office with their new Christmas rulers (presents of the staff members).

Cut Again!
Joyce screamed, "Jimmy, you'll just have to cut class again, because we can't possibly get the newspaper out if you don't."

"O. K. O. K. I!" yelled Jimmy with a defeated sigh.
Then, the chase was brought to an abrupt halt by the ringing of the phone. It was the printer.

"Jimmy," he yelled, "get the rest of the copy and pictures down here right now, or you won't have a paper!"

Jimmy hurriedly snatched up the needed materials and with Purvis,

Oliver, Jan and Martha jumped into his car and rushed madly to the printers. Meanwhile, Jimmy busily typed up last minute headlines and put the final touches on the second page.

This Guy Arnold
As the atmosphere was assuming a calm and peaceful state once more, in rushed the sports editor, Billy Arnold. He determinedly snatched up a sheet of paper, threw it into his typewriter and furiously started typing his column, The Crow's Nest, muttering and mumbling to himself as he typed.

"Why doesn't somebody ever tell me anything?" he mumbled. "How was I to know that the paper was coming out early?"
However, before things could settle down to a quiet state once again, Jimmy and his crew returned—with the disdainful news that a column was missing.

"Where is the column and where is Janet?" inquired Jimmy.
At that opportune moment the inquired-for rushed into the office with the missing story.

Not Again!
"I'm sorry that I'm late," she exclaimed, "but I just got out of class." Jimmy groaned and Joyce turned pale as Joyce manfully said, "Now we'll have to re-arrange all of the second page!"

"Oh, well," replied Jimmy with the look of the crushed and the defeated.

"Let's get to work, or we'll be here all day, and I've certainly taken enough cuts from classes already!"

During the remainder of the day the office was a "bee-hive" of activity. Staff members wandered in and read and corrected errors in the galleys, and then slipped silently away to the Soda Shop after they had finished. Jimmy and Joyce finished re-arranging the second page, Billy finished his sports column.

Peace . . . ?
Then with a sigh of finality, Jimmy said, "Well, everything is finished and ready to go back to the printers."

Joyce sighed and everyone warmly smiled as she exclaimed, "What a day this has been!"

"Well," volunteered Billy, "I'm going home where there is peace and quiet—and I'm hungry, too."

Then, as everyone silently and wearily trooped out of the office and stumbled down that enormous flight of steps, the sun was slowly setting and dusk was enveloping the campus. As the last rays of light fell across the cluttered desks of the East Carolinian office a little mouse scooted across the floor and the quietness of the night fell like a blanket around the deserted room. And, outside, the Christmas laughter and the tinkle of Christmas bells cut through the quietness of the night . . . and another day's work for the newspaper staff had ended.

Controversial Currents

More On The Cut System And The Parking Problem

by Oliver Williams

Parking

The editorial in last week's East Carolinian which challenged Don Umstead to appoint a committee and get to work on the parking problem has received a great deal of comments.

Unless the SGA does something to alleviate this problem it is possible that the administration will put their first alternative into effect, which is to take cars away from freshmen and/or sophomores.

It seems as if some other procedure could be found that would be fairer to all students. Anyway, it's a problem that the SGA should be working on.

More On The Cut System

Last week in "Controversial Currents" we discussed the cut system. In this week's paper there is an article which expresses the views of our administrators on the present system. Most of them think that the students are taking advantage of the present system by cutting when they really can't afford to cut.

Unfortunately, this is true, but is there any system that we could put into effect in which someone would not take advantage of it? Even if we had an elementary system of compulsory attendance, someone would find a way to infringe upon it. (I could quote several examples, however they may tend to be discriminatory.)

If we really evaluate the situation, we will find that people infringe upon any freedom. For instance, some people don't know how to use the freedoms that are guaranteed us in the Constitution. Yet, shall we all suffer because someone doesn't know how to use these freedoms, or shall we continue to think of the greatest good for the greatest number?

I Look Like Ike

The physicians have again told President Eisenhower to slow down his present pace and postpone any political decisions until mid-February. It's an opinion of mine that the Republicans will have to enter the race next year without Mr. Eisenhower. Maybe they could use someone else who would carry the policies and platform of Mr. Eisenhower. If so, I wonder what their slogan will be. Do you suppose they could change that old one "I like Ike" to "I look like Ike"?

Pot Pourri

A Friday Exodus

by Purvis Boyette

Last week, the first semi-formal dance of the college year was held here. The dance was a big success but several people mentioned the fact that they did not understand or were not sure about the meaning of a semi-formal affair. Investigating the problem, it was found that in some localities a function of this type is characterized in dress by young men wearing dinner jackets with the young ladies donning their formal gowns, preferably full length ones. In a contrasting locality dress was considered proper when men wore dark suits and the girls, short or long evening dresses.

Our problem is now simplified into deciding as to which of the above categories East Carolina belongs. It should be remembered that many students on the campus are self-sufficient and a number of male students would hesitate going to dances requiring them to dress in dinner jackets.

Upon several occasions the EAST CAROLINIAN has made mention of the fact that too many students find it necessary to leave the campus over the weekends. Our two-day weekends should be considered a privilege designed to enable the student to become acquainted with some of the different aspects of college life. The ambitious would find the weekend ideal for catching up on back school work, joining and participating in extra-curricular activities, socializing with friends, and most purposeful—working with some establishment in order to help defray some of their college expenses. The long weekend was set up with the idea of providing the college student with the opportunity of becoming more well-rounded. This plan cannot be realized at home. When you return from the Christmas holidays, wouldn't it be wise to try a college weekend for a change?

On one late Friday afternoon I was in my room and observed what I have come to call the "Friday Exodus." I jotted down my observations in the following word thought.

Looking out my window, I saw that twilight reigned. Music was playing softly. The trees were motionless. An occasional light played on a branch, a leaf, danced, and was no more. The morbid fingers of death seemed to have gripped the air, the leaves, the dirt. . . .

Cars streamed along the highway, moving effortlessly. A student left the dorm, walked aimlessly across the yard, between two buildings and was gone. All was quiet as silence and peace moved over the campus. Strains of music held me between reality and that other world—whatever it might be.

Dark clouds of smoke billowed from a single chimney as if spreading darkness over the area. Time slipped away . . . night came. A car pulled from its parking place and moved hurriedly away. Stillness . . .

The Friday exodus was complete . . . and I, alone with my thoughts.

A final thought comes from the pen of Thomas Wolfe. A ponderous sentence, its meaning is deep.

"Time passing as men pass who never will come back again . . . and leaving us, Great God, with only this . . . knowing that this earth, this time, this life, are stranger than a dream."

Bucs Meet Appalachian Tonight

ECC Cagers Hold Top Spot In Loop With Three Wins

East Carolina, currently leading the North State Conference with three wins and no defeats, invades Boone tonight to meet Appalachian State College.

The Pirates will be playing the role of favorite tonight over the untied (loop-wise) Mountaineers. In outside games, the Apps hold a 1-3 slate and are expected to fall before the scoring might of Howard Porter's hardwood horrors.

High Point Strong

High Point, the highest scoring aggregation in the league, was dropped from first place last week as Elon edged the Panthers 106-101 in a free-scoring event. The defeat left the High Point club with a 2-1 record, but still with the honor of being the conference powerhouse. Coach Virgil Yow's crew hit over 100 points in all three of their contests, last week, beating Guilford 102-78 and Du Pont 109-91 in other matches.

Elon opened its slate with an astounding 124-70 victory over Du Pont earlier, equalling the 124 points scored by High Point a year ago in defeating High Point YMCA. The total is a scoring record among loop teams.

Atlantic Christian, the defending champions, pulled into third place in the loop, also helping put a damper on Lenoir Rhyne's hopes with a 100-75 win Friday night and then a 100-79 triumph over Catawba Saturday night. The Bulldogs now have a 3-1 mark.

A victory over Appalachian would firmly entrench the Pirates in first place and add to their chances of remaining there.

Conference Games

	W	L	Pct.
East Carolina	3	0	1.000
Elon	1	0	1.000
Atlantic Christian	3	1	.750
High Point	2	1	.667
Western Carolina	1	1	.500
Guilford	0	2	.000
Lenoir Rhyne	0	2	.000
Catawba	0	3	.000
Appalachian	0	0	.000

All Games

	W	L	Pct.
East Carolina	3	1	.750
Elon	4	1	.800
Atlantic Christian	5	1	.833
High Point	6	2	.750
Western Carolina	5	2	.714
Guilford	0	4	.000
Lenoir Rhyne	3	2	.600
Catawba	0	7	.000
Appalachian	1	3	.250

Phillips Cagers Drop Bucs 102-58 In Non-Loop Game

by Johnny Hudson

The Phillips 66 Oilers, a strong semi-pro squad, handed the Pirates of East Carolina their first defeat of the 1955-56 season last Thursday evening by a convincing score of 102-58. The game was the second of a double-header played at Wilmington.

It was the first meeting of the two teams, and after the opening minutes of the game, the Oilers used their height and speed to advantage as they jumped into a lead which was never threatened by the less-experienced Bucs.

The Oilers had six players to score in double figures with Arnold Short, a former college All-American, leading the way. Short, a 6-3 forward, collected 16 points although seeing only limited action in the final half. Following Short was Houghland with 14 points, Noe, Dean, and Holderson with 11 each. Chuck Darling, the Oilers' 6' center, played a large part in the win as he dominated the defensive backboard and also collected 10 points.

Nick Nichols was high man for the Bucs with 18 points. J. C. Thomas was runner-up with 12 points. Coach Porter used substitutes freely in the contest in order to gain more overall experience for North State Conference competition. Although soundly beaten, Coach Porter commented that it was good experience for the boys.

The box: East Carolina, FG FT PF TP Harris, f 2 2-2 1 6 Everette, f 1 2-3 2 4 Plaster, f 1 0-0 2 2 Nichols, f 6 6-9 1 18 Little, c 1 0-0 0 2 Thomas, c 6 0-1 1 12 Solomon 0 0-0 1 0 Mendenhall 1 0-0 0 2 Ingram 0 0-1 2 0 Hales 2 0-2 2 4 Smothers 1 0-2 3 2 James 3 0-0 1 6

Totals 24 10-20 16 58

Halftime score: Phillips 60; ECC 24.

THE CROW'S NEST

by Billy Arnold



On paper, Coach Howard Porter's 1955-56 Pirate cagers seem to overshadow all previous basketball teams over to come from East Carolina. The squad, boasting veterans J. C. Thomas and Don Harris, and second-year men such as slender Nick Nichols, Guy Mendenhall, Marion Hales, Freddie James, Maurice Everette, and Wadell Solomon, would give any coach in the state (or East for that matter) a strong, tall and fast group of boys.

But, the above are only the veterans. The surprising newcomers who have already added strength to the organization gives the Pirate aggregation an even greater outlook. Big Tim Smothers and 6-8 Joe "Yogi" Plaster, along with Dick Little and Harry Archer, provide Coach Porter with inexperienced but surprisingly polished performers.

Strong On Court, Too

Not only does the current crop of netters appear strong on paper, but in the first games of the season they have backed up this supposed strength with plenty of fire on the court. Last Saturday night's victory over a favored Lenoir Rhyne quintet brought out a top performance in the Bucs. Guy Mendenhall, a standout last year, used his 6-4 frame to the best possible advantage in holding the Bears' Bob Oortmeyer to five points and also did fine work against All-American Raeford Wells. Along with Plaster, who alternated with Mendenhall, he two slowed the giant center down to a 20 point performance.

Pirate Netters Drop Lenoir Rhyne For 40th Consecutive Home Win

by Bill Boyd

With J. C. Thomas and Don Harris leading the scoring parade with 26 points each, Coach Howard Porter's East Carolina quint walked away with a 79-60 win over Lenoir-Rhyne College last Saturday night as the Bucs played host to the Bears in a North State Conference tilt.

It was the 40th straight win in Memorial Gymnasium for the Bucs, giving them a clean 3-0 record in conference competition.

Thomas Big Gun

Shooting with amazing accuracy from the outer court, Captain J. C. Thomas was definitely the Pirate hero although Don Harris' steady shooting gave him equal honors in that department. Big Guy Mendenhall was the next closest Pirate scorer with 12 points. Nichols, Smothers and Everette tossed in four apiece.

Raeford Wells and Floyd Probst were top men for the Bears with 20 points each. Both played outstanding basketball in the defeat. No other Lenoir Rhyne player was able to break into the double-figure scoring bracket.

East Carolina Basketbatters Beat Catawba To Open Home Schedule

by Mike Katsias

East Carolina's fighting Buccaneers overcame a sluggish first half to defeat the visiting Catawba Indians by the thrilling score of 69-68, before a capacity crowd of cheering spectators Friday night. It was the second straight win for the Purple and Gold in conference play. The victory came in the last second of the contest.

At half time, Catawba held a 26-24 lead over the favored Buccaneers, a lead which threatened the supremacy

that East Carolina has commanded as their home court; to date, the Pirates have won 40 straight contests in Memorial Gymnasium.

As the second half began, the Pirates caught life led by star forward Don Harris the lead changed hands many times. Tension filled the air as neither team seemed to be able to pull away from the other. With 41 seconds remaining the score was tied at 66-66. Catawba forged into the lead on a quick lay-up by Jack Lyndon. Then with only three seconds remaining, J. C. Thomas was fouled; he made the first of two foul shots, but missed the second. Nick Nichols was there to tip in the rebound as the buzzer sounded, giving the Buccaneers a close 69-68 win.

Coach Porter's fighting cagers showed the ability to come from behind in this important conference tilt, an ability that is essential to

any winning team. Outstanding performers for ECC were Don Harris, who ended the night as high scorer; Nick Nichols, whose final basket was the margin of victory; J. C. Thomas, whose accuracy at the foul line was an important factor; Guy Mendenhall, a rebound artist who played a commanding role on the boards; Tim Smothers, a freshman who gave veteran members plenty of competition; and Freddie "Scrap-iron" James, the vital sixth man in the potent Pirate attack.

Box score:

East Carolina	FG	FT	PF	TP
Harris, f	9	5-9	3	23
Nichols, f	2	7-13	3	11
Thomas, c	4	6-7	4	14
Mendenhall, g	2	4-10	4	8
Smothers, g	1	1-4	0	3
James, g	5	0-0	5	10
Totals	23	23-44	19	69

ECC Poolmen Top William And Mary 74-10 On Campus

by Mike Katsias

East Carolina's aquatic wonders met the William and Mary Division of Norfolk this Tuesday, and scored a routing 74-10 victory at the Memorial Gymnasium pool. It was the third win in five meets for the members of Coach Ray Martinez; only powerful N. C. State and Clemson have managed to defeat this year's fighting team. So completely dominating were the Buc swimmers, they swept first place in every event of the meet.

Harold McKee, Bob Sawyer, and Dickie Denton swept two first place finishes each in leading the victory march. In the 200 breast stroke event Frank Moore edged out his fellow teammate Jack Koerberling by only the slightest margin. To date, East Carolina has won this event in every meet. Ken Midyette finished first in the diving event for the Bucs, who have yet to taste defeat in this event.

It is evident to all followers of the mermen that they are a well-balanced, fighting team. They have already bettered last year's record and show signs of continued improvement. In defeating the William and Mary team, a strong team showing prevailed.

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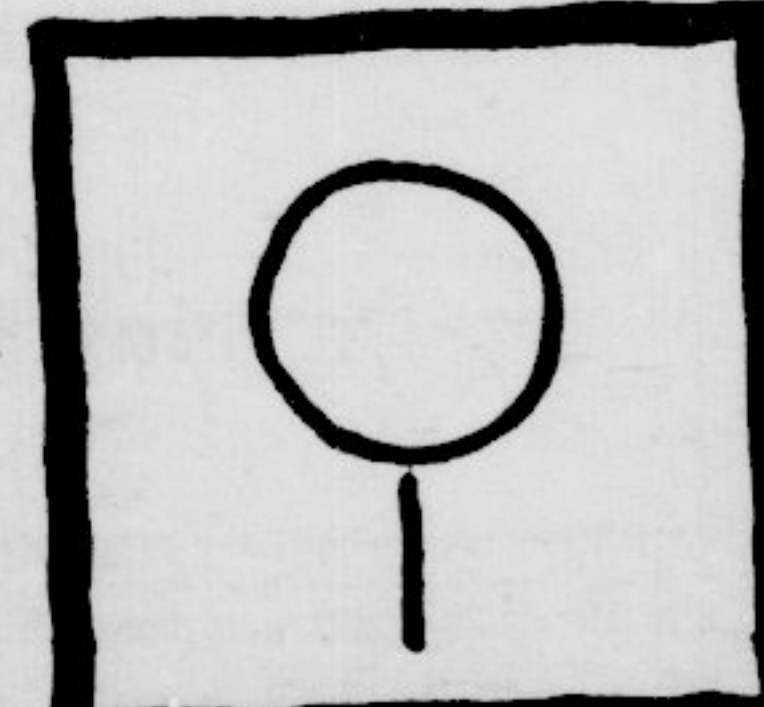
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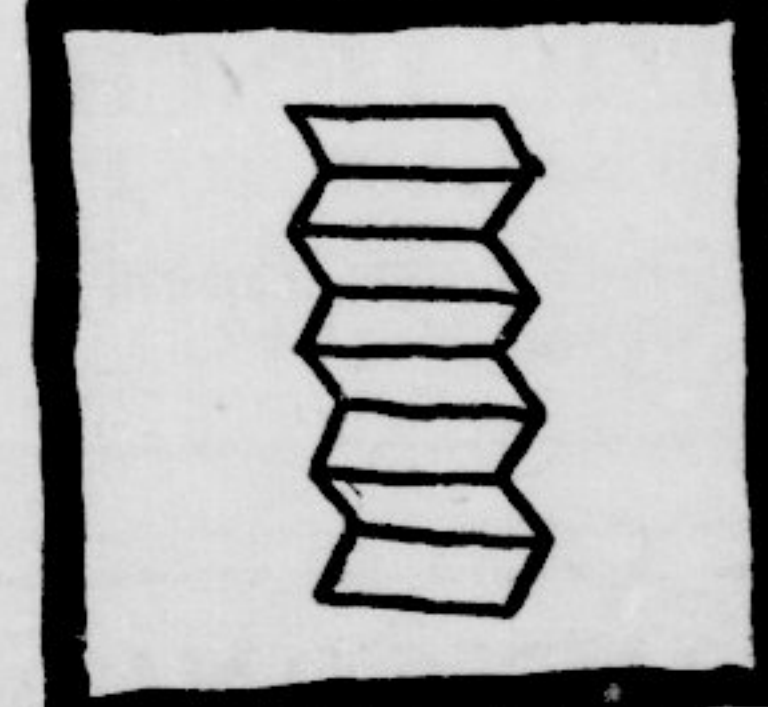
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Local AFROTC Sponsors Red Cross Bloodmobile Visit

by Mike Katsias

Last week the Red Cross Bloodmobile, under the sponsorship of the AFROTC detachment here at the college, paid its annual visit. The quota had been set at 110 pints of blood for this visit. This quota was surpassed due to the energetic program under the leadership of Captain Gene M. Crane and his fine Cadet Corps. One hundred thirty-one pints of blood were donated; this represented one of the best records accomplished at the college.

Television station WNCN gave coverage to the donor proceedings as the various donors rolled up their sleeves to give badly needed blood. Many more students wished to donate, but were turned down because they did not meet requirements for giving the life saving liquid.

Many humorous scenes were noticed throughout the day, some very hilarious, others very heart-warming.

One cadet had had to be cut three times before a sample of his blood could be obtained. Another jokingly wanted to give another pint of blood. A girl student, upon recovering consciousness after a brief fainting spell, quickly went out to recruit more donors. One group of cadets had a race to see who could fill their blood container first.

East Carolina's Cadet Corps was very instrumental in the success of this visit. To date, every visit sponsored by this group has met with the accomplishment of the set quota. It is a splendid record, one which they should be very proud of.

BOARD

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before the entire Student Body for a vote. This voting will take place soon after the Christmas holidays.

East Carolina is fortunate to be one of the six colleges in the state to have a College Union. By virtue of being a member of the East Carolina College Student Body, each student is automatically a member of the Union and can participate in its activities.

The organization of the College Union Student Board is similar to the established unions at State, Duke, Carolina, and other colleges. With Miss Cynthia Mendenhall, recreation supervisor of the College Union, as its advisor, the Board consists of: president, Decoma Byrd; secretary, Jo Anne Harris; treasurer, Libby Small; and the committee chairmen—House, Charles Simmons; Publicity, Roy Askew; Games, Joel Farrar and Eddie Dennis; Music and Dance, Greenville Banks; Social, Dot Lloyd; Fine Arts, Jack Beaman; and Special Projects, Linda Whitehurst.

Membership of the above-listed committees will be made of members of the student body who volunteer for work on the committees. After the holidays, a membership campaign will be sponsored by the Board.

It is the belief of the College Union Student Board that the program of the Union will be broadened by its present organization with students taking an active part in planning and executing the program.

CARTER

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He is well known throughout the state for his work among North Carolina musicians. Recently he completed a term of office as president of the state Music Educators Association. He has frequently acted as a judge in the state High School Music Contest Festival and in contests sponsored by the State Federation of Music Clubs.

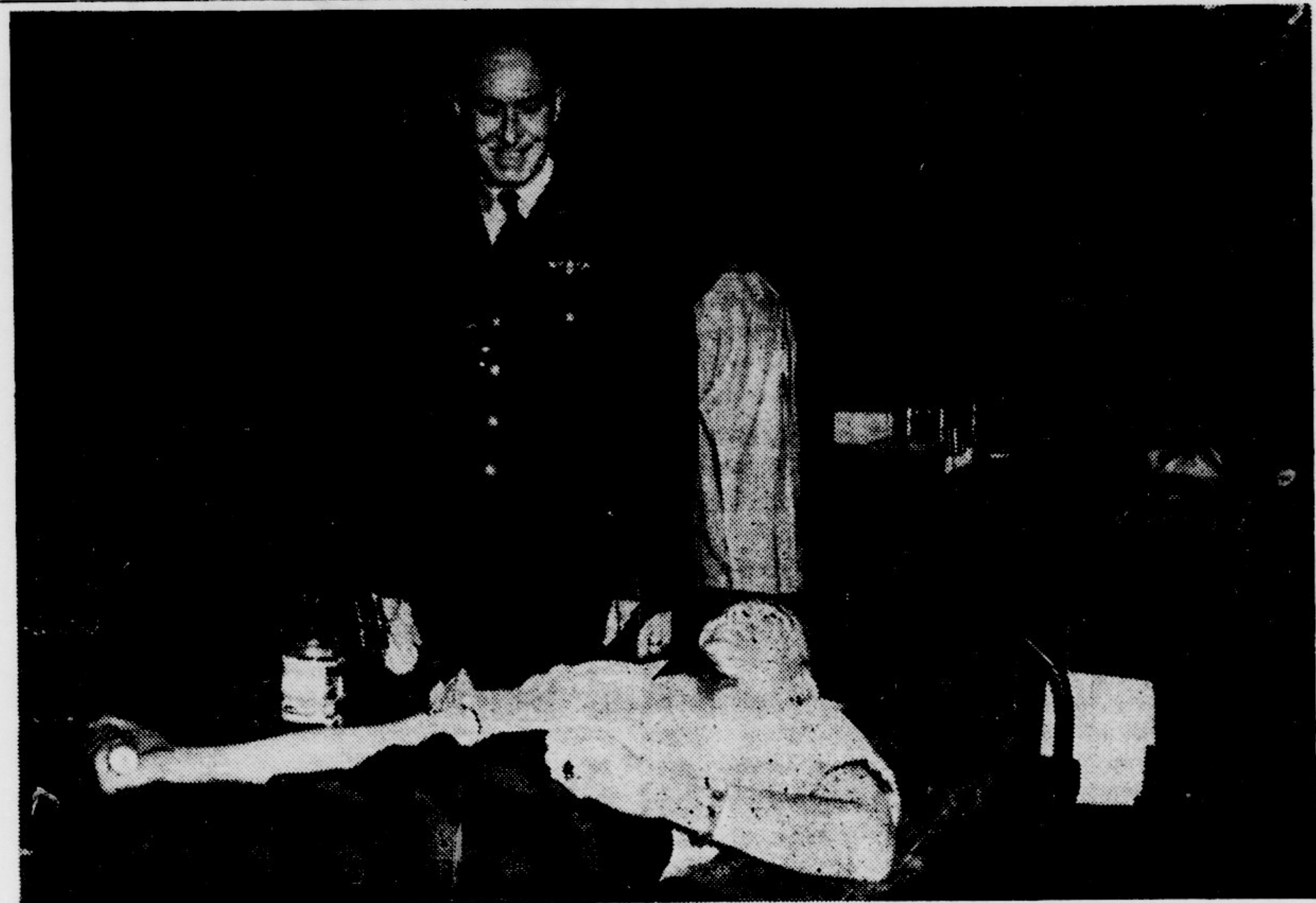
His experience as an adjudicator for the National Federation of Music Clubs and the National Guild of Piano Teachers has extended over a number of years and has taken him to various cities in the eastern part of the United States.

Dr. Carter received his training in music at the Chicago Musical College, where in 1934 he was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of fine arts.

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Lieutenant Colonel Gary Scarboro contributes a pint of blood during the Bloodmobile visit here. Captain Gene Crane, of the AFROTC staff, looks on.

Switchboard Operates Large Number Of College Phones

Probably few students at East Carolina know that the college has a private automatic switchboard in Austin building. The switchboard was set up in the fall of 1953 and has been in use since then. It is operated from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. on Saturday.

There are approximately 75 different phones operated by the college switchboard. These phones cannot be used except during the time the operators are on duty. Certain telephones, such as the Cafeteria, Dean of Women, Infirmary, Registrar, Director of Athletics, Faculty Apartments, and the Power Plant, are connected for outside service at night and on weekends.

The switchboard is automatic and calls between offices do not have to be plugged in. Calls going to outside lines or coming from outside lines are received at the switchboard. The operator then dials the party desired.

A regular operator is on duty from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. At the other hours, student operators take over. The job is not difficult to learn and it is often quite exciting. The operator must be familiar with the various teachers and their departments and must know something about the of-

fices at the college.

Students have been requested not to use these phones for long distance calls except in cases of emergency. These are business phones and should not be tied up. Phones are provided in the dormitories for the student's use.

East Carolina Student Contributes Writing To Poetry Publication

Dock Garner Smith of Princeton, junior at East Carolina College, has just been notified that his poem "Grey Skies" has been chosen for inclusion in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry, published by the National Poetry Association, Los Angeles, California.

Smith's poem is a four-stanza composition written in rhymed metrical verse. It deals with "dreams of yesterday" and the sadness that they bring.

As a student at East Carolina, Smith has taken an active part in campus activities and organizations. Last summer he served as president of the Student Government Association of the college, and this year he is president of the junior class. He is a member of the Circle K Club, student branch of Kiwanis International, and of Alpha Phi Omega, service fraternity. In academic work he is majoring in business education and minoring in the social studies.

He is the son of Mrs. James Clements of Princeton, and is a graduate of the Princeton High School.

Jack Benny once lost a \$5 bet on a baseball game and the winner asked him to autograph the bill, explaining: "I'm giving it to my grandson for a souvenir. He wants to frame it and hang it in his room."

"You mean the money's not going to be spent?" asked the comedian.

"That's right."

"Well," said Jack, "then I'll just write you a check."—Philomena Butler

Other Club News

FBLA Installs New Chapter At New Hanover High School

FBLA

An installation team from the East Carolina College Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America installed the New Hanover High School Chapter, Number 1293, in Wilmington December 6, according to information received from Dr. James L. White, State Adviser for FBLA in North Carolina. The vice president of the East Carolina Club, Bob Mann, acted as installing official and led the ceremony. Julia Joyner of Snow Hill, Louie Tyndall of New Bern, Diana Johnson of Asheville, Ann Smith of Durham, along with the state adviser, participated in the program.

The New Hanover Chapter with 287 members is the largest chapter in North Carolina. Mr. Hollis Guy, Executive Secretary of the Future Business Leaders of America, Washington, D. C., has informed Dr. James L. White that the New Hanover Chapter of FBLA in Wilmington is the largest club in the southern region which has approximately 700 chapters.

English Club

The English Club held its monthly meeting Tuesday night, December 6, 1955, at 6:30 p.m. in Austin Auditorium. Roy Askew, accompanied at the piano by Doris Moore, sang several Christmas selections.

Carolyn Wallace and Pay Wentz read from "Jest Fore Christmas" and "Night Before Christmas."

After the program the members adjourned to the Alumni Building where they heard a recording of Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

College Union

Many students joined with Mrs. Shirley Phillips and the College Union Board and seemed to enjoy decorating the Lounge of the College Union for Christmas Thursday evening, December 8.

Between dressing the tree, hanging streamers, decorating the bulletin board, and fixing the coffee tables, the participants feasted on Christmas cookies and punch.

Mrs. Phillips and the Christmas decorations committee chairmen, Dot Lloyd and Charles Simmons, are to be commended for giving us an enjoyable Christmas decorating party.

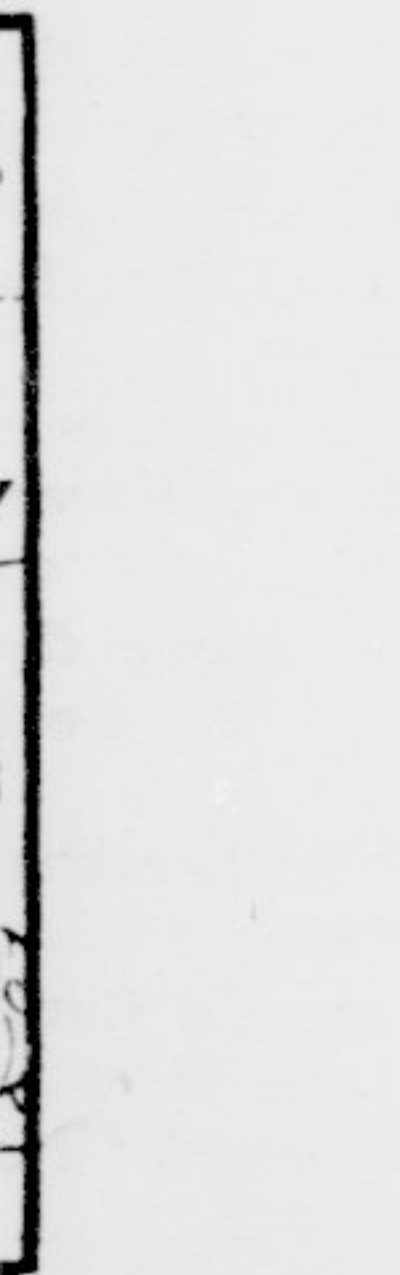
Methodist News

Reverend Carlton Wilson, pastor of the St. James Methodist Church of Carboro and also secretary of the North Carolina Annual Conference, spoke at vespers at the Methodist Student Center on Sunday night, December 4.

"Making Your Religion Real Through Thinking" was Reverend Wilson's topic. This was another in a series of vespers programs that have been planned by the Vespers Commission of which Shirley Hargrove is chairman.

Reverend Carlton Wilson directed the thoughts along the idea of the real meaning of Christmas. He pointed out the three levels of thinking and showed a comparison of thinking and pondering.

Sunday, December 11, will be the last program in this series of "Making Your Religion Real."



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