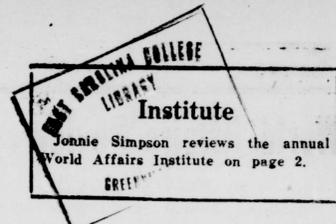


An African professor gives his view on the present-day cocktail party. See Kathryn Johnson's column on page 2.

# East Carolinian



## Dennis, Phelps To Meet In Runoff Tuesday

### Officials Ask Budget Committee For Extra Funds

\$594,192 Needed To Cover Pressing Costs Over Next Two Years

Administration officials are awaiting action on an added request for \$594,192 from the Joint Appropriations Committee of the North Carolina General Assembly.

The additional funds which are to cover rising cost of operations for the next two years, including requests for \$437,192 for maintenance and \$157,000 for capital improvements beyond the recommendations of the Advisory Budget Commission, were reviewed March 13.

President Messick, who presented the requests, explained that \$100,416 of the sum was to avoid increasing student fees for the next two years.

Dr. Messick said the college ranks seventh of the twelve state-supported schools in per-capita appropriations though it stands third in enrollment.

**Salaries and Wages**

The President also included in his request, sums for \$283,826 for the increase of salaries and wages for the biennium. He explained further that the college has a student-faculty ratio of 17.5 which is a comparatively low available ratio.

Although East Carolina is second among the twelve state-supported educational institutions in circulation of books, it was pointed out by Dr. Messick that the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools informed him that the college is lacking in the employment of librarians and purchase of books.

**Other Improvements**

\$70,000 was requested for the completion of Joyner Library, now in its third year of use. Among other capital improvements, \$25,000 was asked for the construction and repair of campus streets and walks and \$62,000 for the extension of Wright Auditorium.

Dr. Messick emphasized the point that student fees would have to be raised over the next two years unless the Committee approved the request which would avoid this action.

He insisted that summer school appropriations should be increased and stated that this would make it possible to serve more people at a greater saving to the state. He said that this would encourage students to attend the summer sessions and enable them to finish in three years instead of the regular four.

### Sixth Consecutive Year

### Paper Receives First-Place Rating At Press Convention

The East Carolinian for the sixth consecutive year received a first-place rating in the annual national rating of college newspapers at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The contest which was held at Columbia University in New York City drew around 1,500 entries, the biggest field since the first contest in 1925.

Rated along with the East Carolinian were 75 newspapers in the senior college and university division.

Approximately one-third of the 75 schools in the senior college division were rated first place along with the East Carolinian. To be judged in this division, a newspaper had to be in the 850 to 1000 points maximum classification. The number of points received by the East Carolinian has not yet been received.

Newspapers were judged by outstanding authorities in journalism and were rated on the basis of content, writing, editing, general appearance, advertising, headlines, and general considerations.

Six delegates from the newspaper and five from the college yearbook attended the CSPSA convention and took part in the week's activities. Talks by such controversial figures as Charles Van Doren and reporters



Dr. W. E. Marshall, left, and Dr. Clinton R. Prewett, right, will assume duties next fall quarter as directors of the department of social studies and psychology respectively. They will replace Dr. A. D. Frank and Dr. Carl L. Adams, who will retire next year. (Nora Willis photo)

### Marshall, Prewett Named New Department Directors

Appointment of directors of three departments of instruction has just been announced by college President John D. Messick. All will begin their duties at the beginning of the fall quarter of the 1957-1958 term.

Dr. W. E. Marshall, now professor of political science at East Carolina, will head the department of social studies. He will replace Dr. A. D. Frank, who will retire at the end of the fall quarter of the 1957-1958 term.

Dr. Clinton R. Prewett of the East Carolina psychology department will become director of this department upon the retirement of Dr. Carl L. Adams.

Dr. David R. Davis, now a member of the faculty of Montclair State College in New Jersey, will join the East Carolina faculty next fall as director of the department of mathematics. He will replace Dr. Percy Scott, who resigned as director but who, as professor of mathematics, will continue his connection with the department.

**Thirty Years**

Both Dr. Frank and Dr. Adams have been members of the East Carolina faculty for more than thirty years. Dr. Scott has served as director of the department of mathematics since 1947.

A native of Texas, Dr. Marshall is a graduate of the University of Texas and of the School of Advanced Political Science of the American University. After teaching at Louis-

iana Polytechnic Institute, he joined the East Carolina faculty in 1945.

**Former Dean**

He served here for several years as dean of men. In 1946 he became director of East Carolina's first college radio series and has taught contemporary government on the current series of televised courses sponsored by the college. He is the author of a history workbook and of articles on political science.

**Prewett**

Dr. Prewett, a Georgian, holds degrees from the state universities of Georgia, Oklahoma, and North Carolina. His experience as a teacher includes work in the public schools of several states and at Emory University in Georgia and the University of North Carolina. During World War II he served in the Aleutian Islands and did vocational and educational counseling for the U. S. Army.

After joining the East Carolina faculty in 1952, he held the position of director of student personnel and for the past three years has been a member of the psychology department. He is the author of a number of articles published in educational journals.

**Accounting Positions**

A representative from General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C. will be in Room 215, Joyner Library, at 7:00 P. M., Wednesday, March 27, to interview all seniors interested in accounting positions with government.

Buccaneer delegates, at the New York meeting were editors I. K. Williams and Shirlee Morton Smith; associate editor A. C. Hinton; feature editor June Miller, and assistant business manager Joyce Mizelle.

Commenting on the convention, members of the editorial staff of the East Carolinian who attended the meeting stated that the programs were not only designed to improve the quality of a student newspaper but were also beneficial to future journalists.

### Trustees Say No To Idea Of Negro Entertainment

Members Claim Action Is Unwise; Board Of Education Agrees

By OLIVER WILLIAMS

An opinion from the Board of Trustees concerning the problem of Negro entertainment was stated that it would be unwise for East Carolina to attempt bringing such entertainment to the campus this year.

In a recent meeting of the Board, the Trustees stated that it would be unwise to permit the employment of entertainers from the colored race and that the status would have to remain as heretofore.

The Trustees as well as Dr. Harris Purks of the Board of Higher Education expressed the opinion that this was a wait-and-see year in education, and hence an inopportune time for beginning such an entertainment program.

**Patton**

Earlier it was stated that Attorney General George Patton had told student government officials here that no legal procedures would be involved in obtaining Negro entertainers for the campus. It was originally believed that there would be a legal problem involved since the school charter stated that this institution was for the education of white men and women only, and entertainment was considered a part of education.

The Trustees in passing their decision stated that even though no legal procedure was involved, they thought that it would be unwise to attempt such a program this year.

This position taken on Negro entertainment by the Board of Trustees is similar to the position taken by this board on athletics several years ago. At the time, they stated that it would be unwise for East Carolina to schedule athletic contests with teams who used Negro players.

**Phi Mu Alpha Dance Tonight**

"A Night in Venice" will be the theme of the 1957 Phi Mu Alpha spring dance to be held in Wright Auditorium, Friday, March 22, at 8:00. The spring prom is sponsored annually by the local chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, national professional music fraternity for men.

Venice, the fabulous Italian city of music and gondolas stealing through streets of water, will be the theme of this year's dance featuring the music of Jim Cris's Dance Band of Durham. Robert Ellwanger, dance chairman, reports that the most difficult phase of decorations will be the reproduction of a Venetian gondola and a street bridge typical of those which stretch across the water canals in this famous European city. The fraternity has concentrated its efforts this year toward presenting a new type figure not only unique in its elaboration and color, but also composed of musical entertainment.

Following the figure, the Phi Mu Alpha Sweetheart will be crowned and then guided through "the streets of Venice" aboard the giant gondola, while the men of Phi Mu Alpha sing to her the lovely Sweetheart Song.

Tickets to the semi-formal Venetian Ball can be purchased from any member of the fraternity. The door price is fixed at \$1; however, tickets may be purchased in advance for 75 cents.

New pledges to Phi Mu Alpha are as follows: Tom Miller, Jerry Powell, Auguste Laube, Tony Brandon, Dennis Price, Ted Lea, and Jack Pindell. These men will be formally initiated into the fraternity after completing the four week pledge period.

**Queen Diana Cuts Cake**

Military Ball Queen Diana Johnson is shown with Cadet Captain Bucky Monroe as she cut the large cake during the annual ball last Saturday night. (J. D. Heary photo.)



Dennis And Phelps

### Walter Jones Introduces Bill For Nursing School

East Carolina may have a four-year school of nursing in the near future.

State Legislator Walter Jones of Pitt County started a bill through the House Tuesday which would provide \$170,000 in the next two years to start the school.

The same proposal by Jones was turned down by the Advisory Budget Commission last September. The Pitt representative insists that such a bill would meet the demand for trained nurses in this area.

Jones made it clear that his plan was not an idea of the East Carolina Board of Trustees. Dr. Messick, who recently presented requests to the Appropriations Committee for capital and maintenance costs this biennium, stated Wednesday that East Carolina would "be happy to have" such a program. The college did not include funds for a nursing school in their requests to the Appropriations Committee.

**Would Train 75**

The bill, if approved intact, would appropriate \$70,000 in 1957-58 and \$100,000 in 1958-59 for the establishment of the school. According to Jones, the school would train 50 to 60 nurses a year and contain a maximum of about 75 trainees.

Jones said that a plan for farming out trainees to hospitals in connection with their college work was approved by the State Board of Nursing.

The Board of Higher Education has recommended that nurse-training be placed in community and junior colleges. Jones said this area did not have these schools and it would still have a shortage of trained nurses.

The bill is now in the hands of the Appropriations Committee.

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Other officers and their margins of victory include: Second vice-president, Ray Joyner, 989, over A. B. Benfield, 378, a write-in ballot; treasurer, Bobby Patterson, 1,462, unopposed; assistant treasurer, Johnny Hudson, 932, over Roger Sturtevant, 542; secretary, Elizabeth Judge, 1,493, unopposed; historian, Calvin Chesson, 808, over Mary Lou Parker, 748.

**Women's Judiciary**

Chairman Women's Judiciary, Jean Rowland, 484, over Betty Calhoun, 432; vice-chairman, Sadie Harris, 797, unopposed; secretary, Phyllis Corbett, 861, unopposed, and treasurer, Nancy Watson, unopposed.

**Marshals**

Sixteen coeds were chosen as marshals for next year. They include Janet Hodges, 1152; Alice Anne Horne, 1111; Mary Lou Dickens, 1011; Carolyn Aycock, 970; Elizabeth Ann Bowman, 925; Martha Wilson, 912; Barbara Davenport, 941; Patsy Allman, 833; Sylvia Jones, 782; Peggy Kepley, 926; Janet Wall, 760; Pat Simonds, 941; Ann Johnson, 824; Hilda Lowe, 874; Gayle Simpson, 788; and Mary Lou Wyrick, 1045.

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**Student Teachers**

Any student who plans to do his student teaching during the academic year 1957-1958 who has not yet made application should contact his departmental supervisor of student teaching at the earliest possible moment.

**Coed In Accident**

Coed Betty Jo Butts, who was involved in an automobile accident near Wilson Tuesday, sustained only minor cuts and bruises, according to a report from her mother.

The Angier senior, East Carolina's representative for the annual Azalea festival in Wilmington, was not confined to the hospital and is expected to return to school by the first of next week.

**Student Will Receive \$650 For Study Abroad Next Year**

An East Carolina student will receive the opportunity to study abroad next year. An award of \$650 will be given to some junior or senior of any department chosen by the Greenville Chapter of the American Association of University Women who will announce the recipient April 1.

The final applications for the foreign study scholarship were given out yesterday by selection committee chairman Miss Lois Grigsby, AAUW member and Professor of English. Mrs. Austin Perry is chairman of the scholarship fund.

This is the first such scholarship award given by the AAUW organization. It is only a portion of the

entire fund which has been accumulating over the years through various activities such as rummage sales, faculty plays, games and tournaments. Various groups and individuals have contributed toward the building of the fund.

The purpose of the fund is to provide opportunities for East Carolina students to obtain direct acquaintance with the people and culture of another country while studying there in their field of special interest, according to Mrs. Perry.

"It is hoped that the students will open their thinking to include the benefits that could be derived from foreign study," added Mrs. Perry.

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Monroe Wins Easily; Rowland, Sioussat Are New Judiciary Heads

By JIMMY FERRELL

East Carolina's hottest and most controversial Student Government presidential race will reach a climax Tuesday when Eddie Dennis and Jimmy Phelps meet in a runoff to decide who will step into the top campus political office.

Official results released last night by Elections Committee Chairman Wiley Teal showed that Phelps received 645 votes, 19 ahead of Dennis, who polled 626, and Donny Jones, who gained 342.

The recording-breaking 1,613 votes cast exceed approximately 500 the number cast in last year's election. Polls were set up for the first time in each dormitory except Umstead and Slay, whose residents cast their ballots in the College Union along with the day students.

**Dorms**

Dennis had a field day along coed row, scoring overwhelming victories in Wilson and Jarvis Halls while carrying also Garrett and Cotten.

Phelps scored an impressive victory in the College Union where he received 305 votes as compared to Dennis' 194 and Jones' 179. Phelps was victorious by small margins in Ragsdale and Fleming.

Bucky Monroe had little trouble in securing the office of first vice-president, receiving 1,008 votes against Charlie Egin's 551.

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**Chairman Men's Judiciary**, Charles Sioussat, 415, unopposed; vice-chairman, Charlie Bishop, 275, over Mike Katsias, 224; members-at-large, Bill Shaw, 432, Tommy Baker, 372, and David Kinlaw, 318, all unopposed;

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# World Affairs Review

By JONNIE SIMPSON

Another annual presentation sponsored by the college began its periodical revolution when World Affairs Institute commenced and terminated March 7, 1957. Exactly, what did World Affairs Institute mean, if anything? Was it just another required function students sometimes attend and heedlessly ignore?

Senator A. S. (Mike) Monroney of Oklahoma and Representative Patrick J. Hillings of California, featured speakers, gave East Carolina College students the opportunity of intimate contacts with outstanding government leaders. These men voiced their opinions from personal contacts, congressional committee activity, and recent visits to the explosive areas of our world.

Both were optimistic toward the future prospects of peace for the United States. In the morning session there was no show of partisan politics. Later these men ceased to be just a Senator and a representative. Their comments coated with the stinging sweetness of political suaveness illustrated the bipartisan view of every issue. It was an extremely difficult to distinguish between private opinion and the public announcements of a politician.



Hillings

However, these two men are concrete examples of the American representative system of government. Only in a democracy of government from the people and for the people could conflicting personalities with opposing ideas work in harmonious union.

Representative Hillings, young, vibrant, vigorous, portrayed dynamic change, while Senator Mike Monroney, stabilizing and firm, balanced the other end of the fulcrum of discussion. It is quite possible in politics as in science to disturb the equilibrium of a weight. This reality added a lighter, even amusing side when bipartisan questions arose.

Perhaps, the most significant statements aside from partisan issues involved the establishing, or actuality of peace. Senator Monroney said that the middle east needs great economic aid. He did not think we could expect to succeed unless we "move away from hand-outs." He suggested as a solution the creation of an International Bank.



Monroney

The Senator emphasized that a stronger U. N. police force "is the best way to prevent armed conflict." He stressed that, "It is a thousand times easier to prevent a war than to stop one and a policeman on the beat is pretty good insurance."

Representative Hillings' striking note was the importance of education in accepting personal responsibility of "the world's best system of individual freedom, economic freedom and government."

For some this event stimulated and aroused past, present, and future interest in world affairs. It was like an intoxicating beverage, for it awakened dormant interest in international problems.

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## Kathryn Johnson Cocktail Parties... Strange And Odd American Custom

Dr. Weston LaBarre, associate professor of Anthropology, Duke University and author of "The Human Animal" has given us an African professor's view of what some consider the curse of present-day life: the cocktail party. As published in the New York Times here are parts of Dr. LaBarre's entertaining and perceptive account.

"Of course," mused Professor Widjojo, the eminent anthropologist of the University of Nyabonga, "the natives of the U. S. A. have many strange and outlandish customs; but I must say the drinking rituals of the Usans impressed me most. These rituals occur yearly during an extended period in the calendrical round, beginning at the time of the harvest of Thanks-for-Blessings and ending largely at the drinking bouts of the New Year. This is called The Season, after which those who can afford it usually leave their homes entirely and flee southward into retirement for recuperation."

"Rather like our Nyabonga puberty ordeals?" asked a brilliantly dark matron dressed in a handsome apron of tiki feathers and little else.

"Well, no, not exactly," said Professor Widjojo, fingering his nose-stick politely before replying. "Perhaps I could describe it best by telling you of the Usan koktel parti, as they call it. You know, of course, that the Usan women, despite their rigid tribal clothing taboos, in general take off more clothes at their gatherings, depending upon the time of day. The neckline drops more and more, both in front and in back, as the parti is held later and later in the evening."

"On the other hand, men put on more and more clothes as the formality of the occasion increases. Furthermore, the women keep their hats on at koktel parti, thus clearly establishing the ritual significance of these koktel parti. Social status is indicated by the number of parti a couple is invited to attend—and of course wealth, since a woman can't wear the same hat and dress to more than one parti. People complain bitterly at the number they have to go to, but it is nevertheless plain that they are proud of their ability to sustain many ordeals, and this is a form of polite boasting."

"Not that these other rituals are any different, or that they provide escape from the ordeal," continued Professor Widjojo, "for at all of them the natives, receive drink called aignawg. Everybody hates it, and freely says so in private, but they must drink some of it so as not to offend their hostess. Despite the superficial phonetic resemblance, aignawg has no connection whatever with eggs. It is really skimmed milk, made commercially and thickened with seaweed jelly."

"But I am getting ahead of my chronology. Really, the drinking season of the Usans begins in the fall of the year, after a wholesome summer vacation, at the time of the futbol games. The purpose of the Usans college is to collect young men by competitive subsidies to engage in these mock battles, during which they rush ferociously at one another wearing padded armor and virtually kill one another."

"Are there totems governing marriage in the koktel gatherings?" asked a young girl just past her puberty ceremonial.

"No, I would think not," replied the professor thoughtfully. "On the contrary the koktel parti more resembles a primitive orgy, with no reference to marriage bonds whatever. You see, as a point of etiquette husbands and wives do not remain near one another at koktel parti, but circulate around making conquest. After a few drinks, the males display their "lines," which are ritualized ways of approaching the brightly painted females—a strange custom incidentally, since it is the males naturally who ought to be painted as among us Nyabongans. The sexual nature of these ceremonies is shown in the magic plants called mistlo which they hang up at these winter rituals in particular. These are parasitic plants with white berries that grow on oak trees—both of which have symbolical significance—but they are by no means necessary as a sanction for kissing, especially at a New Year's koktel parti in full swing."

"Where does the word koktel come from?" an interested jungle man asked.

"Well literally, the word means the hind feathers of a male chicken or cock," replied the professor. "But Usans readily admit upon questioning that no one seems to know why they are called this. They claim that koktels began only as late as the Nin-



Jerry Mills

## Mr. Roberts . . . An Impressive Production

week in a performance of Mister Roberts was indeed well spent. There were a number of things about the play which impressed us, one of which was the set. At the beginning, the curtain opened on a very accurate and somewhat artistic representation of a ship, constructed in a manner which must have required a great deal of work, as well as some good old Navy resourcefulness. As the "swabbies" began to come up on deck, peals of laughter began to issue from the audience, and continued until the closing scene.

He admirably interpreted and conveyed to the audience the spirit of Mister Roberts, the man, as well as Mister Roberts, the play. As the Captain, Al Carr avoided "Cagney-izing," with no disrespect for Mr. Cagney, and thus succeeded in adding an original touch to a role that might have otherwise appeared stereotyped. "Bubba" Driver was perfectly fitted to the part of Ensign Pulver. This he proved by adding a decidedly personal touch, making Pulver all the more hilarious. And Tommy Hull might well be awarded an honorary M. D. degree for his portrayal of Doc, to whom he so nicely supplied the good-natured sarcasm and dry wit essential to that character. Stan Jones is deserving of credit for a very good representation of Chief Dowdy, as is Gayle Simpson for a well-done portrayal of Lt. Ann Gerard.

Most of the crew members were played by new actors, all of whom displayed talent. Jay Robbins, who played Lindstrom, was particularly good. Robbins created a delightfully fresh character, and, through movement and speech, very convincingly made Lindstrom a likeable and uproariously funny "hick." Also outstanding was Frank Bush as Dolan. The coordination was excellent throughout. The fight scene early in the play, with A. B. Benfield, Benny Waters, Gene Hunter and Don Haskins, was very well executed and quite realistic. Tommy Edison, Bobby Harrison, Tommy Jones, Bob Smith, Bill Rackley, Bill Briley and Bucky Monroe all gave commendable performances.

Mister Roberts has a great deal of built-in, situation-type comedy, which could very easily tempt a group of lazier actors to rely on the dialogue and situation entirely. In the fifty cents we invested last such a case, the audience would soon grow bored. The lively audience at McGinnis attested to the fact that no such thing happened to the East Carolina Playhouse production. All the roles were given individuality and life by the actors, who at the same time avoided "hamming it up." Charlie Briggs obviously did some skillful cracking of the directional whip, as the movement was quick and snappy. The theater resounded with laughter for two hours, and even at intermission the audience guffawed



Robbins

in retrospect. At the end of the last scene, after curtain calls, the audience filed out, filling the air with Hollywood adjectives which showed that they, as well as we, liked Mister Roberts.



Hull



Driver

Ken West as Mister Roberts was a great success, maintaining complete command of his role and presenting it beautifully throughout the



West

## Readers' Comment

### Alumni President Asks Correction Of Error

To the editor, I read with amazement the article in the East Carolinian of March 6 featuring Mrs. Susie W. Webb as Alumni Secretary. I am sure that Miss Rosemary Eagles, the author of the article, was not familiar with the organization of the Alumni Office. As you know, Mr. James Butler is Alumni secretary and Mrs. Webb works directly under Mr. Butler as his secretary.

As President of the General Alumni Association of East Carolina College I would appreciate it very much if a correction in the titles of Mr. Butler and Mrs. Webb could be made in a future issue of the East Carolinian. I feel that in fairness to the Alumni Association and Mrs. Webb and Mr. Butler in particular that such correction is in order.

but was made while the story was being edited by members of the newsroom staff. Miss Eagles referred to Mrs. Webb as "alumni office secretary." We regret the error and extend our apologies to both Mrs. Webb and Mr. Butler. —Editor

I wish to congratulate you on the splendid job you have done as editor of The East Carolinian and I look forward from week to week for the arrival of my issue.

I sincerely hope that the above request will not cause any inconvenience, hard feeling, or embarrassment on any one's part for I am quite sure that the article was written in good faith, but it was just the lack of information on the part of the writer that caused the mix-up in titles.

With best regards, I am Sincerely yours, Baxter R. Ridenhour, Pres. East Carolina College Alumni Association (The mistake was not that of staff reporter Rosemary Eagles,

Dear Editor: May I publicly congratulate and commend the Women's Recreation Association and the Intramural Council for the successful, effective and enjoyable "Co-Rec Night" they staged at the gymnasium Friday evening, March 15.

It was gratifying to see the response from the men and women of East Carolina student body. They appeared to enter wholeheartedly the spirit of the program planned for them by the Council and the WRA.

I hope the students will continue to back groups offering co-recreational activities.

Sincerely, Cynthia Anne Mendenhall Recreation Supervisor College Union

## Dr. Henry Hill Educational Renaissance

I shall discuss briefly this morning the subject, "A Modern Educational Renaissance." This sounds so formidable that I, a battle-scarred and at times befuddled school administrator of a good many decades, may have to emulate the Arkansas doctor who was known for his universal success with all kinds of patients. Asked to account for this, he replied: "Well, the first thing I do is to give them fits if they don't already have fits; and then I know exactly what to do. I can cure fits."

Behind my title there is a questioning attitude. I am not certain that we are going to have a modern educational renaissance, but it is possible and perhaps probable. The word, renaissance, in addition to its classical meaning of revival, connotes much that is new and different. If we are to have a modern renaissance, it will be on a broader educational base than ever before.

### Educational Changes

May I enumerate one or two changes in our school system during the last generation or so, which will affect this higher education unlimited, which seems in store for us. In the first place, we have obviously moved far away from the single standard book mastery curriculum of the Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries. There has been a trend toward the centrifugal proliferation of courses, a fanning out into many courses and subjects, some designed to be easy so that less able children may succeed in them.

There has been a trend for two generations away from such classical subjects as Greek, Latin, and higher mathematics in school and college. There has been a trend away from the frequently severe corporal punishment of the days of our grandfathers. In a sense, there has been an effort to apply the Golden Rule to children, to treat children with respect, just as parents want to be treated with respect. From the ruler to the Golden Rule may be too sharp a change, but the direction is right. More children are respected today.

### Renaissance

If there is to be an educational renaissance of power and purpose, then every college today ought to have clearly defined and stated its excuse for existence, its reason for being, its unique purpose, or the distinctive values which it hopes to achieve. This is all the more important, because we have had some shoddy colleges in the history of the United States. As a high school supervisor, it has been in other years my duty to visit an occasional struggling college which had little excuse for its continued existence. The college was not dealing fairly with the young men and women who enrolled. It wasn't good enough, and it was not setting an example of honesty and integrity by enrolling students who thought they were getting first-class work.

There is the history of and affection for our country, which all citizens should have, and the scholarly and critical book learning and mastery needed by only a few. Our self-appointed critics should see the difference. We need in this renaissance more of the simple love of native country and less of the violent and intentional use of noisy and pejorative adjectives, so common until recently.

We can through formal and informal education more widely diffuse the opportunities to participate and share in art, literature, drama, religion and music. We can make possible a degree of mass culture instead of mass vulgarity. (I congratulate you on the art center recently established through state funds.)

### Threatening Forces

I would be less than realistic if I painted too rosy a picture of this modern educational renaissance. There are threatening forces on the horizon which could not only prevent what I have pictured from happening but actually sound an educational retreat. I refer to our clash of opinion over the question of segregation and integration and moderation. I am far more concerned with the enhancement in value and scope of our public school system than I am with the precise method of living with the Supreme Court decision. The cornerstone of my credo rests on free universal education, and I am willing to sacrifice some of my personal tastes and preferences in order to keep that cornerstone. It cannot be reiterated too often that an ignorant America cannot possibly survive or keep any of the ordinary liberties which we so value today, much less share an educational renaissance.

[There have always been individuals and groups of people in America who do not believe in free universal education. From the royal governor of Virginia some 286 years ago down to the present there have been those who do not believe in public schools, those who would let every man look after the education of his own children. This is, of course, a powerful plea for ignorance, an invitation to less education than we now have.

# Baseballers Open Season Here Today Against V. P. I.

## University Of Delaware To Play Here Monday, Tuesday

East Carolina's baseballers opened their 1957 season this afternoon, playing host to a highly-respected Virginia Polytechnic Institute club from the Southern Conference.

The V.P.I. Club is invading ECC's College Field for a two-day affair and will meet the Bucs again tomorrow afternoon to round out the twin bill.

Coach Red Laird's Southern Conference club is always a power in its league and is expected to give East Carolina a chance to battle some top-flight competition.

More top-flight competition will be on hand at College Field Monday afternoon, when the University of Delaware outfit, which defeated ECC in 13 innings last season, will meet the Buccaneers Monday afternoon at 3:00 and again on Tuesday at 3:00.

That will start the Pirate's season off with plenty of color and action for local fans.

### Defending Champs

Coach Jim Mallory, head man in the ECC baseball department, it looks like another top season. For the past two years, Mallory has guided his club to two North State Conference baseball crowns. A man who says what he thinks and is seldom wrong, Mallory has given reason to believe that he has an even better squad this season than he's had since coming to East Carolina four years ago.

"We'll have a good defensive team," Mallory stated recently, "and we'll be stronger at the plate and our pitching is backed up with plenty of depth."

Mallory pointed out that "We're still essentially a young ball club. We lost only three men from last year's club and we still have only three seniors on this year's team. And besides that, we have several boys starting off who have played three years of ball together."

The slender ex-major league performer pointed out that he intends to shift his club around a bit in the first several games against non-conference competition. In his tentative starting lineup for this week-

end's contests, only one senior is settled.

Berney Stevens, who led the club last year with a .391 average, is the team's only starting senior.

### Scrappy Infield

Mallory's terrific infield of last year was broken up by two graduating men. However, the Coach has stated that the infield he has lined up at present may even excel the 1956 outfit.

Taking over Nick Smothers' first base position is a hot high school prospect from Lenoir, Dean Robbins. Robbins, according to Mallory, was the most-sought-after high school athlete in the state last year. The 6-4 red-head averaged .786 at the plate for four years of high school play.

Gary Tryon, a Buc Veteran, will take over the departed Sandy Sanderson's position at second base. Back for their third season at short stop and third base respectively, will be juniors Jerry Stewart and Bucky Reep.

Outfielders will probably be Berney Stevens, Joel Lang and Tommy Land, a transfer from UNC.

Expected to share the mound duties were Leonard Lilley, Ben Baker and George Williams in today's game. Going tomorrow will be Charlie Russell and Bruce Shelley. Other hurlers to see action are Mack McPherson, Mack Cherry, Bob Miller and Tom Salter.

## THE CROW'S NEST

By BILLY ARNOLD

It's funny the way temperament seems to have no bearing whatsoever on the ability of an athlete. I mean by that, that some are cut-ups, some are extremely serious, some are fierce and some are casual in their play. But there is no certain, set, cut-and-dried manner of temperament that will definitely mean success or failure as a baseball player.

Take Berney Stevens, for instance. The cocky little senior outfielder for East Carolina, is a clown. Stevens paced the 1956 North State champions at the plate last season with a .391 batting average and was one of the club's top defensive fielders. And he is a clown.

### Last Year

In 1956, Stevens broke into the Pirate starting lineup in right field. It was his consistent hitting and good fielding that ultimately helped the Bucs to chalk up their second consecutive North State Crown. All the while he was collecting those long hits and snaring flies, Stevens was continuously making his teammates, the opposing team and the spectators smile.

There is a difference between a clown and a cut-up, Stevens is not a cut-up. Never once, last year, did his fun-making interfere with his playing

or with the team's performance as a whole. Yet, his wise cracks and his quiet antics on the bench kept the club in good spirits.

One instance in which Stevens' good nature paid off was in an important North State Conference game last year. The Bucs were ahead by one run and the opposing pitcher was cutting down the lead in high fashion by whiffing the majority of ECC batters. The Bucs were at bat again and there was a tenseness present.

### Death Dive

A photographer approached the bench and set up his camera to catch a picture of the strained atmosphere. Suddenly, Berney clutched his hat over his head and collapsed to the ground in a mock death rattle and lay there smiling up at the camera. The bench got a good laugh and then proceeded to knock the opposing pitcher out of the ball park. ECC won.

Most of the time, Stevens' humor is not quite so pronounced. Spectators miss most of his antics, because he is quiet about it. His forte is the rib or the wise crack delivered at a tense and unexpected moment, either from the bench or the coaches' box or at the plate.

Probably, most coaches would feel that a clown would be a liability to a baseball team. In this case, Stevens is very definitely an asset. Anyway, who could bench a .391 hitter?

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## Pirate Swimmers Competing In First National NAIA Events At Carbondale

Coach Raymond Martinez and eleven of his 1956-57 East Carolina swimmers left Greenville Wednesday night to participate in the first Annual NAIA National Swimming Meet at Carbondale, Illinois, on March 23 and 24.

The meet will include top-flight teams from all over the country and is expected to present at least 25 to 30 teams. East Carolina's outfit put the cap on its most successful season only a month ago. The Bucs breezed through a rugged schedule against some of the South's strongest teams, losing only to North Carolina and North Carolina State. They defeated such teams as V.P.I., V.M.I., William and

Mary and tied only once with Georgia. ECC Athletic director Dr. N. M. Jorgensen stated early this week that "the team has done well this season and we expect them to make a good showing up there for the school."

## East Carolina Tracksters Open 1957 Season With Meet

East Carolina tracksters traveled to Richmond, Va., Thursday afternoon to open their 1957 season against the University of Richmond cindermen.

The North State Conference's defending champs took a squad of close to twenty boys for the match. It marked the first meet of the year. Five more meets are on schedule. On March 29, the Bucs go to Hamp-

den-Sidney. On April 17, they travel to a Newport-News Apprentice and William and Mary Division triangular meet at Norfolk. On April 30, they meet North Carolina State at Raleigh. On May 11, they will tangle with North State Conference members in the conference tourney at Burlington. On May 18, the Amateur Athletic Union Invitational meet will be held at Raleigh and ECC will be there also.

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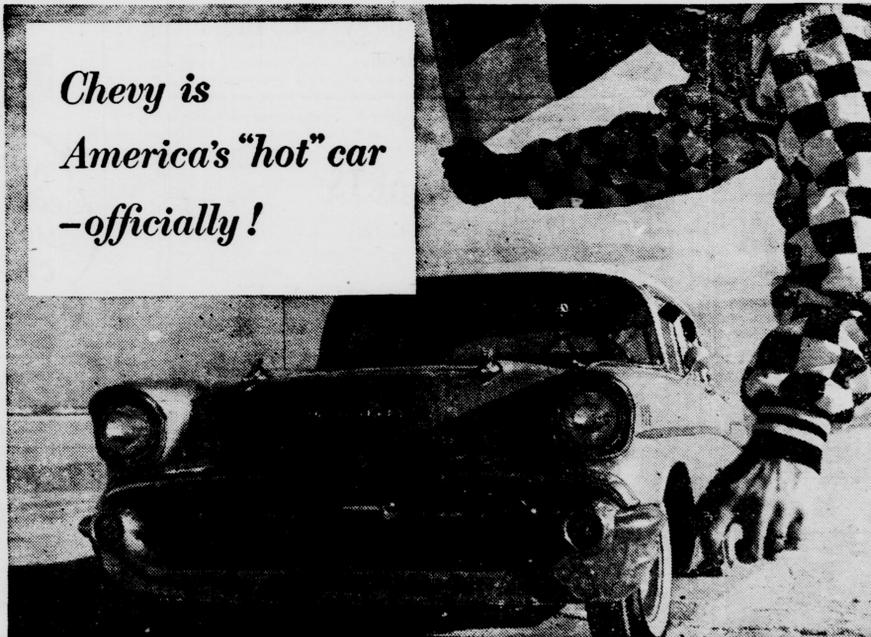
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### Familiar Sight



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### Tau Sigma News

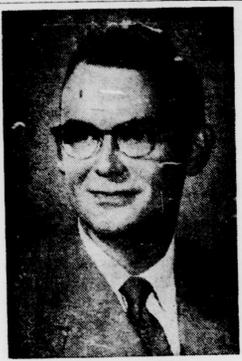
On March 13 Tau Sigma initiated new members in an original ceremony at Alumni-Faculty Building. After each member was initiated they were given a recently printed Tau Sigma handbook. Then the group enjoyed refreshments.

New members are Virginia Mumford, Barbara Whichard, Joe Pond, Gordon Robinson, Janice Hilburn, Malisia Barbour, Dwight Smith, Selma Herring, Mary Blanche Jessup, Geraldine Smith, Catherine Aman, Foster Morse, Horace Eason, and J. C. Morris.

Members are to be reminded to meet in front of Graham Building at six on Thursday, March 21 to attend the dinner meeting scheduled for that time.

In Winston-Salem

Future Business Leaders Meet Next Week



Dr. James L. White

Forty-seven chapters of the Future Business Leaders of America in North Carolina high schools and colleges will be represented in Winston-Salem Friday and Saturday, March 29-30, when the state FBLA organization will stage its second annual convention.



Bobby Mann

Dr. James L. White of the department of business education at East Carolina College, state advisor of the FBLA, has announced the program for the two-day meeting. Included will be three general sessions, a series of contests, group meetings, and a banquet and dance.

Playhouse Elects Next Year's Officers

Bubba Driver, of Richmond, Virginia, will take over as president of the East Carolina Playhouse for next year according to Bill Dixon, retiring president.

Speaker, Publisher To Appear Here Today

Jonathan Williams is coming to Greenville on March 22. He will bring with him a load of books that have been published by his own Jargon Press.

Eastern Counties Participate In Typing Contest

Wilson and Martin Counties took top places in a fourteen county typing contest sponsored here this week by the Department of Business.

World Affairs Institute Visitor Says Stay Here Delightful

Senator "Mike" Monroney, Democrat of Oklahoma who participated in the World Affairs Institute here recently, has written President and Mrs. Messick, expressing his appreciation for "such wonderful hospitality and so many courtesies as were shown to me and the others in the party when we visited East Carolina College on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of this fine school."

Student To Travel Through Europe With Methodist Caravan

Letty DeLoatch, of Conway, junior, has been accepted as a member of the Methodist Caravan to Europe this summer. She will become one of seven college students, four young men and three young women, and two adult counselors who will work with churches in Germany and Austria.

ELECTIONS

(Continued from page 1) Jones, 45. WILSON—Dennis, 66; Phelps, 34; Jones, 23. JARVIS—Dennis, 76; Phelps, 29; Jones, 18.

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Speakers

Principal speakers will be Charles E. Zoubek, shorthand editor of the Greg Publishing Co., New York, and H. A. Davis, company secretary of Occidental Life Insurance Company, Raleigh.

General Session

The third general session Saturday afternoon will include a talent contest conducted by the FBLA chapter of the Randleman High School.

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Messick Thinks World Affairs Visitors Impressed With Campus

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