



# THE MAGIC NUMBER--14

## EC Fans Welcome Team At Airport

By WALTER HENDRICKS  
Staff Writer

It is difficult to believe that the victorious Pirates could be given another tribute for their triumph at the Tangerine Bowl at Orlando, Florida last Friday, but they did. It will doubtlessly not be the last.

However, on their arrival in Greenville on Sunday afternoon, they were given the warmest reception in the history of the college.

An estimated 1,200 Pirate fans were at Greenville Airport to receive the arrival of the plane. Children no older than two were on their father's shoulders marveling at the excitement. Students and faculty members were in abundance. Seventy-year old men were present with bright smiles and elementary school boys were hanging over the ropes with anticipation gleaming in their eyes.

At 4:37 p.m., the plane was sighted. The crowd marveled at the size of the plane as it came closer and finally landed on the runway. Once the plane touched the runway, the crowd, full of anxiety, surged through the ropes and dashed by the policemen on duty. Signs and banners were the order for the day. Fraternity flags and sorority signs proclaiming the victory were flown high in the sea-blue sky with the sun reflecting off of them. Some signs lauded Coach Clarence Stasavich while others praised the team and even stated, "Pirates for Congress."

When the plane turned around, the crowd was already cheering. Cheerleader Gigi Guise organized the cheers and the mass of Buc fans roared, "We're number one" when the plane stopped in front of them. The door was opened and the airport attendants rolled up the ramp and the crowd, nearly exhausted with anticipation waited.

The first one to appear on the ramp was the cameraman from the television station to take movies of the cheering crowd. Then, the crowd began cheering "We want Stas." A few minutes of cheering brought the man of the hour, Clarence Stasavich. With a beaming smile and a bright orange "Tangerine Bowl" bowtie, he waved to the crowd. After an unbelievable roar from the crowd, he raised his winning football. While the coach walked down the ramp, the crowd surged toward him. Two dozen children clutched his hands while Coach Stasavich juggled the football attempting to shake as many hands as possible, similar to the hand-clutching of a United States President. Soon, the small children weren't the only ones clutching the coach's hands. Adults now had their turn. Immediately after Stasavich's entrance the coaching staff faced the crowd, with each one receiving ovations. Then the team, clutching their respective trophies and souvenirs, looking completely worn out, but happy, walked down the ramp. The crowd, showing their extreme pride, cheered while they descended from the plane. Intermingled with the team were the reporters from the Greenville Daily Reflector and the Raleigh News and Observer, the radio announcers and other correspondents. A fire engine wailed its siren.

The attractive airline hostesses smiled as even the pilot received a cheer from the crowd when he descended from the plane. The remaining period of the reception was composed of personal congratulations and conversations. The crowd then drifted to their cars for the trip home with plenty to discuss.

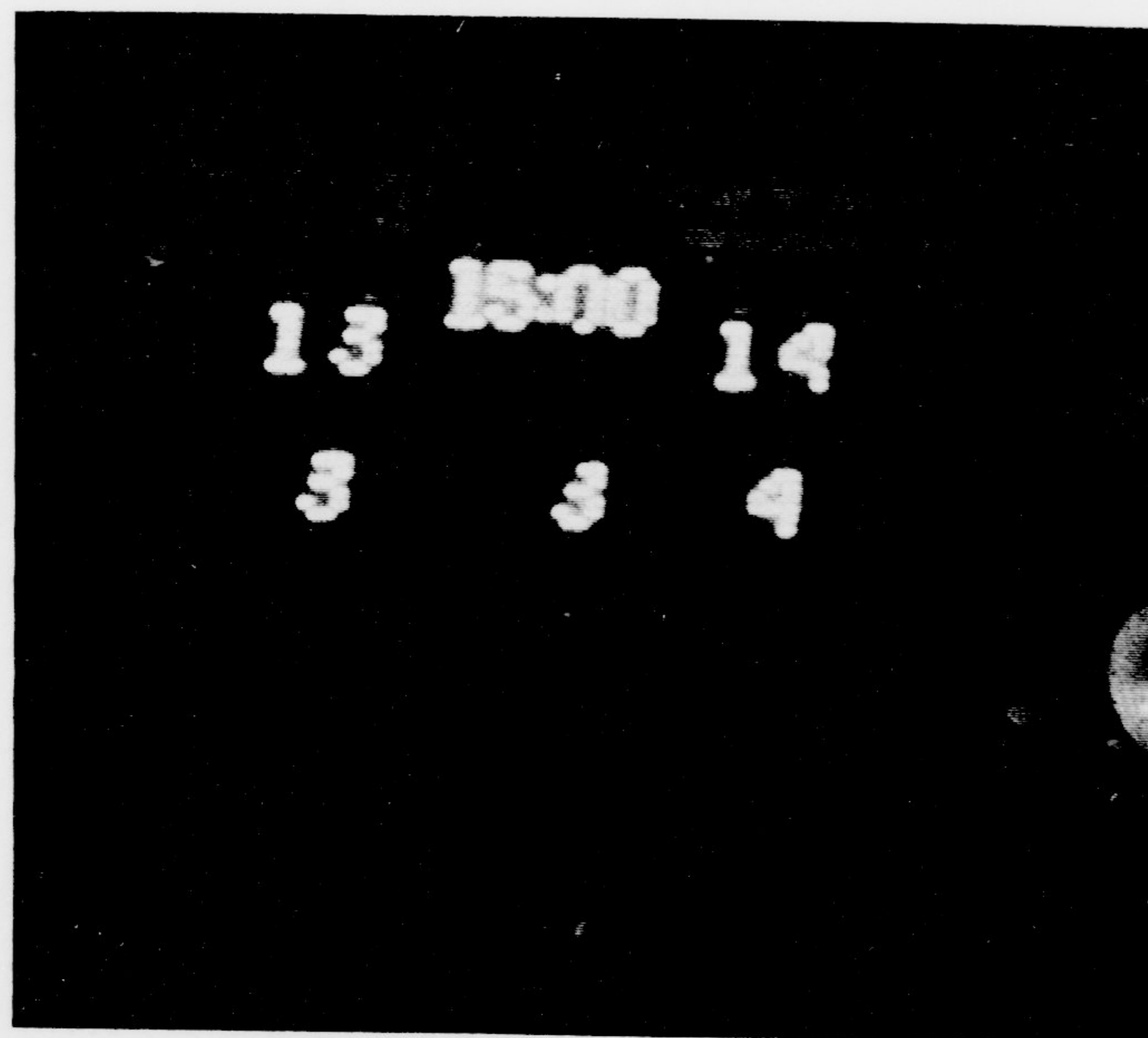


His Golden Appearance

After four days of quiet anticipation and one night of elation, Pirate fans finally got their chance to show their enthusiasm of the Pirate bowl victory. Our Coach Stas and the Pirates arrived at the Greenville Airport at 4:37 p.m., Sunday afternoon only to meet throngs, waiting to greet them.

## Campus Elated With Victory

### Bucs Cop 19th Annual Tangerine Bowl

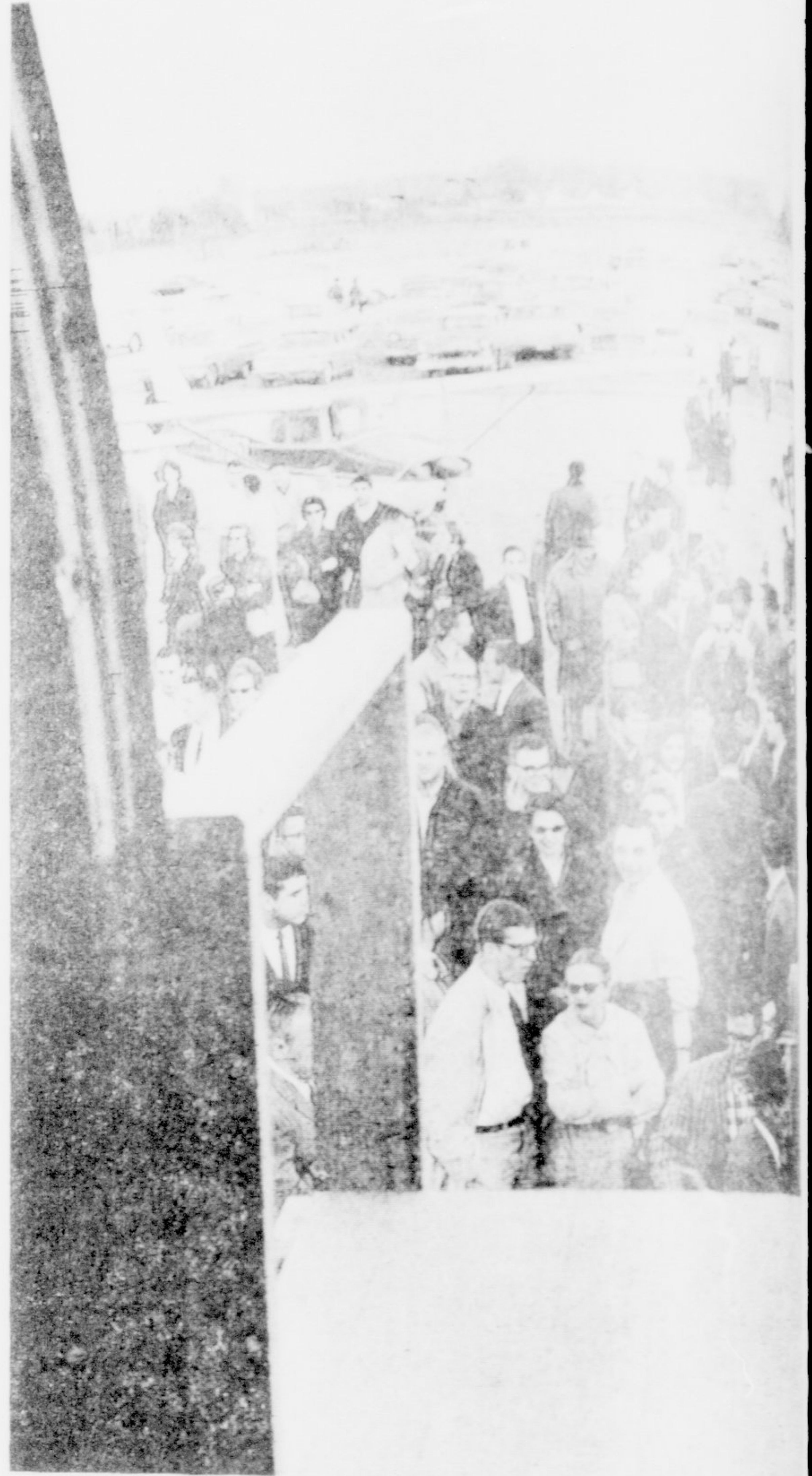


The best-looking clock in the world shows results of the Pirate victory in Orlando. This clock did not look promising during the first half of the game, but it looked great to the fans in the last minutes of the game.

# A 'Bowl' Story Told In Pictures



On To Plane; On To Victory



Welcome Home Pirates



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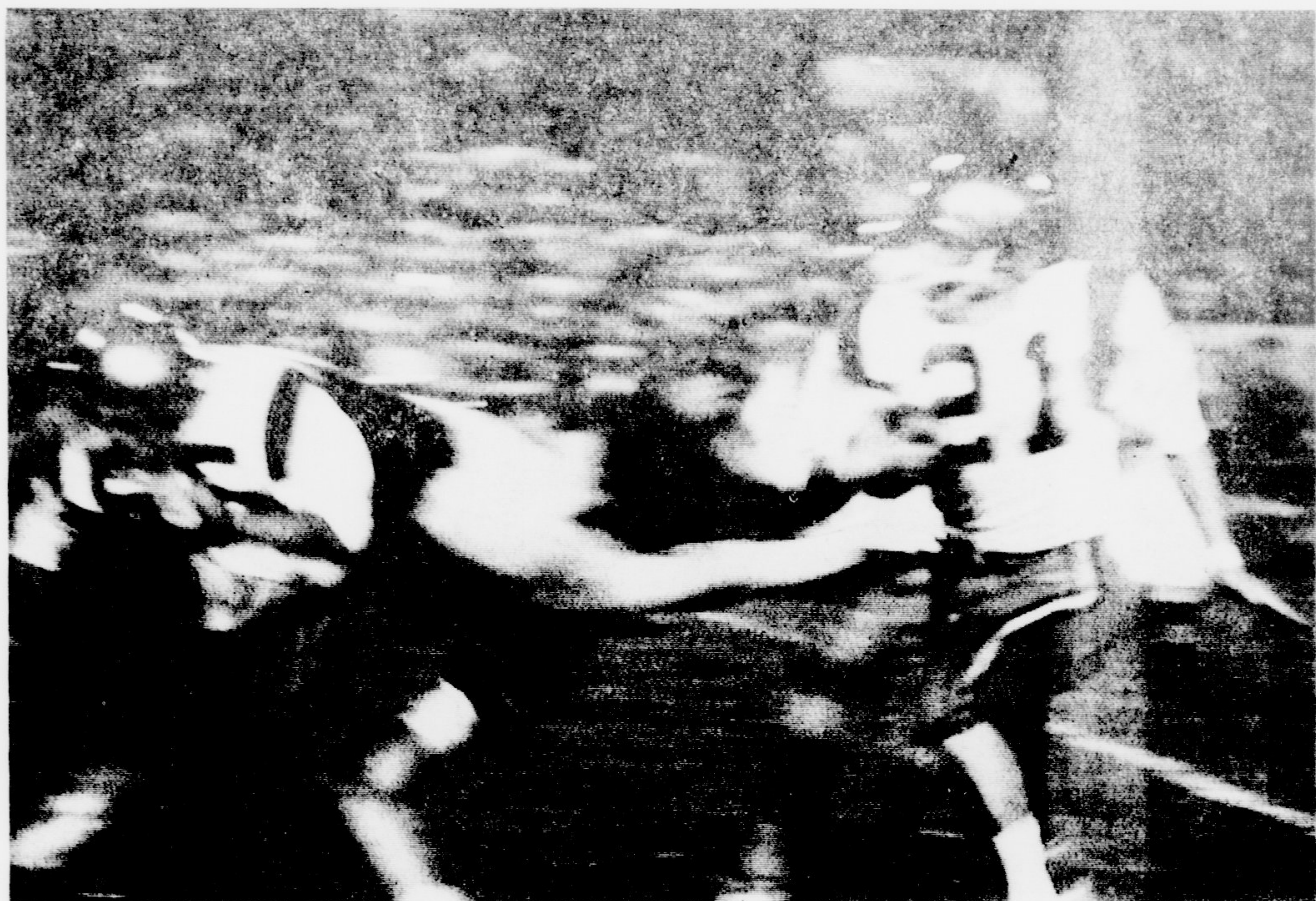
# East Carolina Pirates Add 14-13 Bowl Win To List



Signs Of Victory



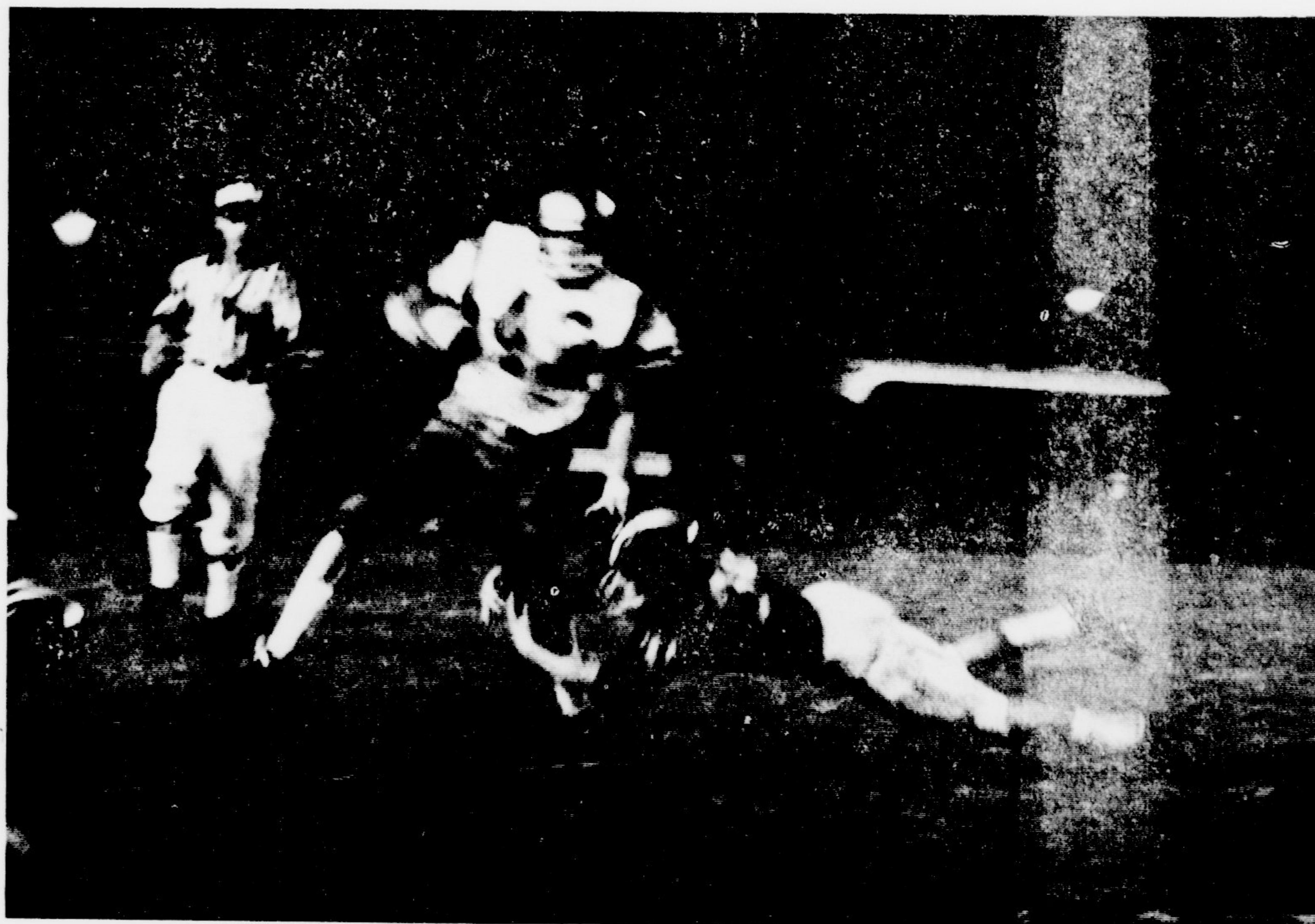
A Lot Of Wind For A Lot Of Team



Tolley Runs Back Interception



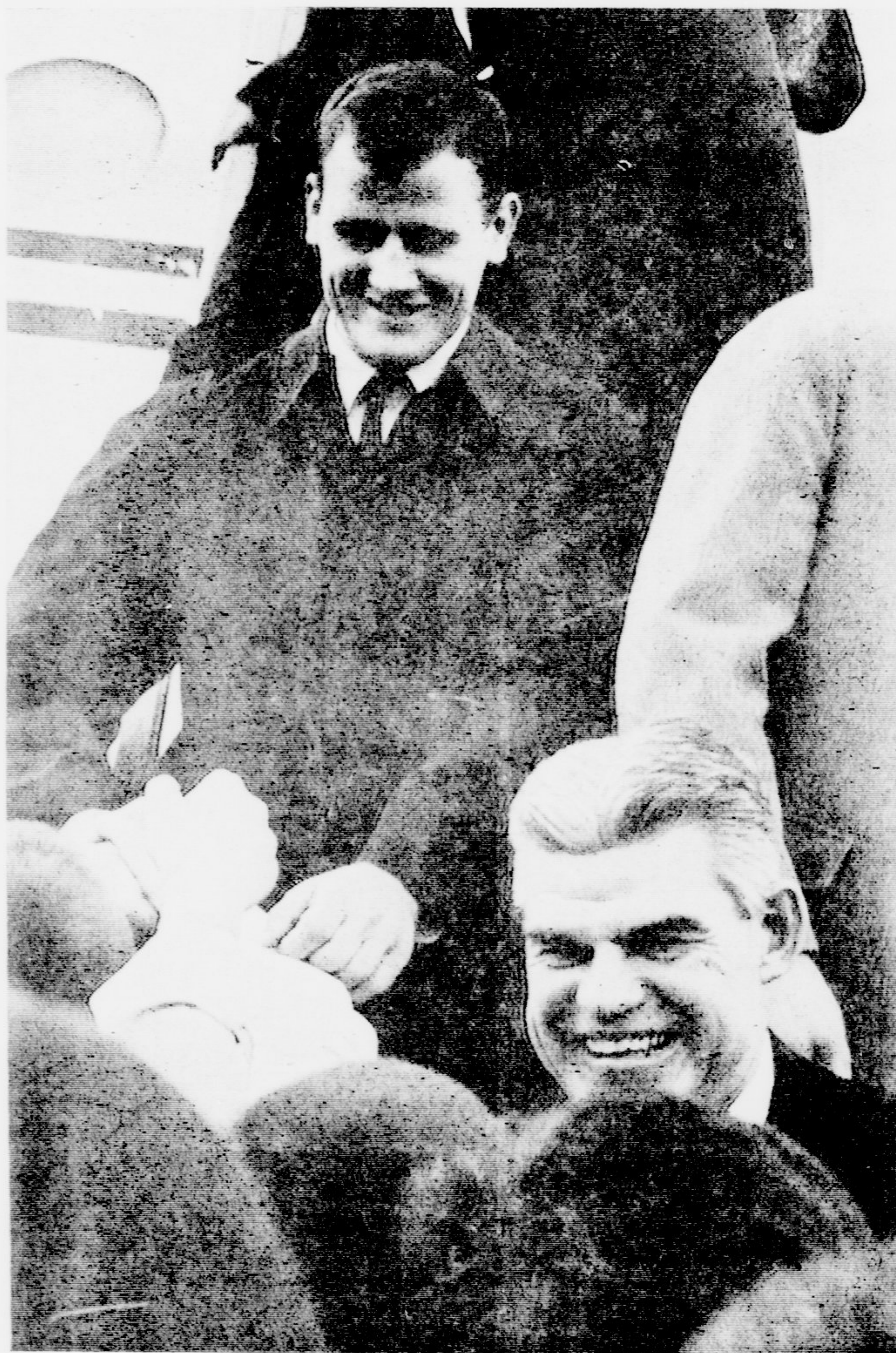
Team Talk



Cline Eludes UMass Tackler



Victory Trophy



Victors Return

## Congratulations!

What may be said about a dream-come-true?

And a dream-come-true it was Saturday night when the famed Pirates from East Carolina ripped the Redmen of Massachusetts . . . ripped the sports-writer's note pad to bits . . . and about ripped East Carolina's campus apart.

It was sheer greatness.

Everyone who had any connections with East Carolina was surely elated. When the game was over, more excitement plundered this school than ever before.

But, this is not the top. This is the beginning of things to come.

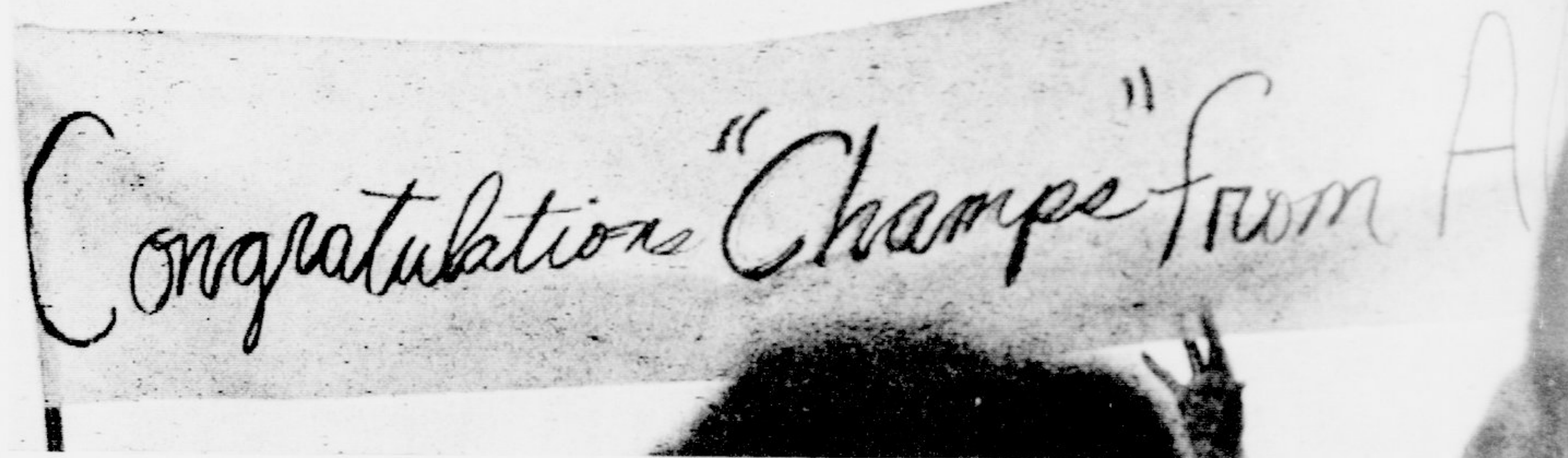
Saturday night's victory climaxed the tremendous push to go "big time football" at East Carolina. If anything was to put us on the map as being in contention with the top ranks in the nation . . . this was it.

We have graduated. We are out for the biggest of the biggest now. And if our beginning may be used as any prediction . . . we will beat the biggest of the biggest within a short span of time.

Needless to say, but well deserved . . . are the congratulations to all the players, coaches and other persons who so graciously bestowed their time and talents to get East Carolina where they are today. Never will we forget "the PIRATES of 1964.



1,500 Fans Welcome Pirates Back



Banner For Champs

## Pirates Click At Tangerine Bowl

By RANDY RYAN

ORLANDO — The underdog Pirates of East Carolina College came back from a 13-0 deficit in the third quarter to score twice and squeak by the University of Massachusetts 14-13.

The victory gave East Carolina the Atlantic Coast Regional Championship of NCAA small college division playoffs.

George Richardson crashed over from three yards out for the first Pirate score and Tailback Bill Cline went around his end for the second touchdown on a nine yard run. Cline hit Pete Crane on the two point conversion to give East Carolina the victory. For his efforts Cline was voted the most valuable player in the game.

Massachusetts had gained its 13-0 advantage on the strong arm of its quarterback Jerry Whelchel and the excellent job of receiving done by halfback Ken Palm. This combination had resulted in both Massachusetts touchdowns, the first a 13 yard scoring pass and the second a 61 yarder.

The Pirates had an early opportunity to score when Jerry Tolley intercepted a Whelchel pass on the Massachusetts 47 and returned it to the 12 yard line. Cline ran twice for a net gain of 7 yards and Dave Alexander scrambled over the middle for two more yards.

That left East Carolina with fourth down on the three and Cline's pass intended for Dinky Mills in the end zone fell short and the Redmen took over on downs.

Massachusetts moved to the Pirate's 12 yard line in the second quarter when they fumbled and Johnny Crew recovered. The Bucs gave the ball back to the Redmen on their second play when Alexander fumbled on the 13 yard line and Bob Gogick recovered. On the first play, Whelchel hit Ken Palm for the first TD. Whelchel also kicked the extra point to give Massachusetts a 7-0 half time lead.

East Carolina threatened in the

closing minutes of the half when they drove from their own 25 to the Massachusetts 18 yard line. They had held the ball for 9 plays when Ken Palm intercepted Cline's pass at the 5 and returned it 4 yards up field to end the threat.

The Redmen struck for their second touchdown on Jerry Whelchel's long pass. Bob Meers had returned the kickoff four yards to the Massachusetts 33. Whelchel stayed on the ground, running the first three plays himself and Bob Ellis the next three for a net gain to the 49. Two 5 yard penalties put the Redmen back on their 39, setting up Whelchel's toss which Palm gathered in and sprinted away from the defensive secondary for the 13-0 lead. Whelchel's PAT was wide to the right.

East Carolina began its surge with four minutes left in the third quarter. Bill Cline took the Massachusetts punt and returned it seven yards to the Redmen 44. Alexander took it up the middle for three yards and Cline came up with the big run, a 23 yard sweep of his left end for a first down on the 18 yard line.

Cline attempted to toss to Dave Bumgarner in the end zone but it was broken up. George Richardson followed with a rush up the middle for 5 yards but Cline lost a yard to the 14 on the next play. Faced with a fourth down and one situation the Pirates rose to the challenge and a determined Richardson roared up the middle for 11 big yards and a first down on the 3. On the next play Richardson went over for the score but Cline's two point conversion attempt failed, leaving the Redmen with a seven point lead.

After the next series the Redmen punted and downed the ball on the East Carolina one yard line. Cline was able to get the Bucs out of the hole with two quick passes, the first to Dinky Mills for 17 yards and the second to Bumgarner for 9. The drive stalled but Cline punted out to the Massachusetts 42.

Following a 30 yard pass from

Whelchel to Phil DeLoe a pass deflected by Jerry Dinky Mills snagged a Massachusetts pass on the East Carolina 10 line and returned it to the 10. The Redmen threw up the eventual winning scoring clipping penalty moved the ball to the 10 but it didn't matter. Cline unloaded the big pass on the first play. Cline launched a high pass and Richard took the ball on his finger tip to the Massachusetts 23 to set up a 23 yard run. An incomplete pass set up Richardson's four yard gain and then Cline rolled around the end to the 10.

Again Richardson went to the middle and Cline around the end for 9 yards, this time for the first down. On the conversion Cline rolled a pass to the end zone for the first time that gave the Bucs the lead.

The Pirates held the Redmen minus 4 yards on the next play forcing them to punt. The Redmen had one more chance to score but fired up Pirates forced the ball to turn over the ball to the Pirates after they had moved 15 yards to their 37. The Pirates moved the ball to the 10 on the next play, running out the clock and ending up threatening to score on the three yard line when the gun sounded.

The Pirates contained the Whelchel and led the Redmen in offensive statistics. The Bucs passed the Redmen 145-135 and rushed them 153-135, and led in total yardage 345-287.

It was a clear but windy day and 7,000 spectators watched East Carolina play in its first Tangerine Bowl. East Carolina will be eligible for the small college under the NCAA rules which will rate the Pirates as a major college.

It was the Bucs second victory in two attempts under Stasavich.

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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# 'The Sixth Year Followers' Premieres At Rathskeller



Don Dunaway (left) and Bill Stinson (right) premiered at the Rathskeller this past weekend as "The Sixth Year Followers". This very successful first show gave promise of a bright future for the two.

By GEORGE SAMPEDRO  
and  
BECKY HOBGOOD

Friday night at the Rathskeller marked the premier performance of "The Sixth Year Followers." Serving a potpourri of rafter-ringing folk music liberally seasoned with blues and salted with crusty humor, set the mood of the evening.

It became evident from the first number played, that the two balladiers were not only good vocalist, and original humorists, but also excellent instrumental technicians. Bill Stinson playing his twelve string and six string guitars with equal skill and acuity and Dan Dunaway playing the six string guitar and the harmonica, ranged from one end of the emotional spectrum to the other. With a touch of melancholy (The High Flavin' Bird), a touch of blues (The San Francisco Bay Blues), and a splash of brilliant joy (Dance Me a Jig) and other such numbers the two singers held their audience in complete sway.

Particularly exciting was the group's swift change of pace and mood. The boys shifted from the intricate rhythms of flamenco styles, to the beautiful melodys of true folk music to the thrilling power of Stinson's special "What a Mighty Storm."

Bill Stinson, organizer of the "Sixth Year Followers," was formerly with the "Blue Rain Singers" who appeared at the Rath last year in a similar program. He has been playing the guitar for six years. He plays the six string guitar and is well know for his interpretation of the twelve string guitar.

Bill, a freshman from Raleigh,

N. C., displays a unique blend of techniques attributed to other artists in the world of folk singers. He says he will always be in the process of developing his own style through art as well as music.

Don Dunaway, a sophomore from Kodiak, Alaska, was formerly with the "Greenfield Singers." He has been playing the six string guitar for five years and has taken a serious approach to playing the harmonica. Don's style is a composition of personality and ability of expression, combined with great imagination and versatility.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway, Don's parents, were special guests for the concert. They, as part of a passing generation, feel that folk music is the epitomy of this generations' warmth and vitality.

The "Sixth Year Followers" formed two months ago, and coined their name through the fact that they are

following six years of experience. Don has been playing for five years but the "The Fifth Year Followers" would not include Bill's sixth year so they decided on the present name.

Bill and Don feel that their first public appearance, was successful in that it brought to light certain weaknesses that could be straightened. They also feel that the success of the group lies in the fact that they are both art students who share a great need for expression. It might be noted that, although there is an acknowledged leader in the group, both contribute an equal amount in musical skill and personality.

Special thanks and compliments go to Ron Alligood, a clever and talented musician, who backed up pair on the bass. It's probable that he will be appearing often with the group.

## Students Gripe About Work, Claim Conflicts With Play

By MARY PICKERING

It is fairly common at Duke, and probably at most colleges and universities, to hear students bemoaning the fact that college has not lived up to their expectations and that it's not all it's cracked up to be especially in the realm of intellectual stimulation. Or if this is not what is bothering them, they complain about the other extreme—that all the work involved in a college education is interfering with their having a good time.

Most of the members of both of these groups, however, have something in common—a vague feeling of discontent whose source they cannot explain, and whose power does not yield to any persuasion. So they complain, but have they ever stopped to think that at least part of their discontent may be within their own power to change?

Pascal said that all men's unhappiness comes from not knowing how to stay alone in a room with pleasure, and this is still applicable to the situation of the modern college student. Most of us are always running so fast that nothing we hear in classes or otherwise exposed to can catch up with us and make an imprint.

How do we know that we cannot become interested in anything? Or

why should our studies, as well as our extra activities, not provide pleasure? Perhaps the answer is that we do not know ourselves well enough to know what we really like. We are so busy pouring outside influences in to keep them occupied that we do not know what stories they contain of themselves. We do not know what we think; therefore, we do not know how to react, or else we react badly, to outside stimuli. And then we wonder why we are continually fighting a gnawing feeling of dissatisfaction.

Remember all the times that you have crammed in facts before a test, mechanically memorizing, and then have written them down as unquestioned Gospel at the time that they were helping to fill up a few more lines in your blue book?

In Pascal's time, the men who could not use the resources of their minds went off to war, or engaged in senseless quarrels and useless enterprises. Since we are much more sophisticated than the eleventh century, however, we play bridge until our eyes are ready to fall out, or gossip about nothing, dash off to some movie when we have time on our hands.

Anything to keep from staring at those four walls! And then we return to our studies, not knowing ourselves any better, parroting the same old ideas, and only permitting what we think ourselves be a face of our thinking. We even let what we think our ourselves be arbitrarily decided for us by others' reactions to us.

I would like to propose that you try this creative silence. I dare you. Don't talk constantly, but spend some time alone exploring your own thoughts so that when you do talk, you will have something to say. Try taking an extra step beyond the bare minimum required for your assignments. As one character in *The Glass Menagerie* says, "Stop going to the movies and start moving." Don't be always acted upon; do some acting of your own. It probably won't be easy at first, but if you keep at it, you may be surprised and pleased with what happens.

## Notices

### NOTICE

WWWS-AM will hold a training session in the radio studio on the second floor of the Library, Saturday morning, Dec. 5. All persons interested are asked to come. No experience is necessary.

### NOTICE

The East Carolina Literary Magazine, THE REBEL, will be distributed tonight and tomorrow. These books are free to the students so get your copy now.

### NOTICE

Anyone wishing to attend the N. C. State Student Legislature, February 18-20 should put their name, address and phone number in the External Affairs Box in the SGA office.

### NOTICE

The Young Democrats Club will meet tonight at 7 p.m. instead of the usual time. Dr. Frank Adams will lead a discussion of "academic freedom." All members are urged to attend.

### FOUND

One woman's ring, in Room 108, Gym, possibly during late afternoon class. Loser may claim by identifying and describing ring at Mrs. Miller's (PE Secretary) Office.

### FOR RENT

Duplex Apartment for Rent to join other college couple. \$36.00 monthly including water, privilege of telephone and heater. Located on Washington Highway in front of Cliff's Oyster Bar. If interested phone PL 8-1570.

## Santa Skips EC In 1964

By CLARA KATSIAS  
Staff Writer

Santa Claus is not coming to East Carolina this year because we have all been bad. The following includes a sampling of what we have done wrong.

1. We all missed our departmentals.
2. We tried to burn Flanagan unsuccessfully.
3. We eat a lot less than we drink.
4. We stole books from the library.
5. We cut out the dinosaur section in the Encyclopedia.
6. We still insist on filling the fountain with soap suds.
7. We have started smoking again.
8. We still take no-doz.
9. We heckle the projectionist at the free movie. We aren't very grateful.
10. We complained about the starch in the laundry.
11. We complained about the room service in the infirmary.
12. We elected Republicans into offices at E.C.C.
13. We forgot the freshman rush.
14. We were skeptical about Ray Charles coming—but then so was he.
15. We lost our I.D. Cards—5 times.
16. We cut classes below 200.
17. We tried to ride Hondas in the dorm.
18. We complained about the mysterious meats in the cafeteria.
19. We contributed heavily to National Bohemian stock.
20. We forgot to read the EAST CAROLINIAN.
21. We stole tangerines. . . .

There is one consolation about Santa Claus not coming to E.C.—no one will be here to greet him. (Ho-Ho-Ho)

## DOUBTING THOMAS? HOPEFUL AGNOSTIC?

Christianity has more to offer than hope, it has positive proof in the form of a MIRACLE which was foretold, described and is intensely personal. Ask the Religious Leaders or send me a card marked ESP-17. My reply is free, non-Denominational, Christian. Martya W. Hart, Box 53, Glen Ridge, N. J. 07028 (USA).

## Apply Now For Purchasing 'Gingerbread Building'

FOR SALE  
AUSTIN HALL

An ideal location for fraternal organization, this impressive pseudo-Victorian gingerbread building is nestled in the midst of a tranquil setting of Southern charm. This structure, of Pre-cambrian age, contains many assets that are hidden from first glance: (1) air conditioning, around all of the windows, even when closed; (2) heat, within a radius of three feet of the radiators; (3) unusual staircases, can dodge creditors with ease; (4) large auditorium, done in early bleak period; (5) large pipe organ, slightly out of tune since installed; (6) impressive bell tower (?), with bell (?); (7) all available space has been improved, at least provided, for constant use. These are just a few of the many charms of this lovely old landmark. Forced to vacate for personal reasons.

For further information about this

architectural gem, please contact the Building and Grounds Improvement Committee, East Carolina College.

\*Would help to run picture ad, but unable to obtain state license for film.

## New 'Rebel'

The REBEL magazine, winner of three consecutive Associated College Press Awards, will be distributed tonight in the dorms.

Day students may pick up ten copies Wednesday in the two shops.

This new all issue contains short story by faculty member, Robert Pertilion, entitled "The O'Clock in the Morning," and an essay by Sanford Peele which concerns one having reread a work.

Also in this issue are photographs of sculpture and paintings by Grace Farlowe.

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# The Dean

Suppose you have just received a phone call from the Dean's office telling you that your grades are so poor you are being considered as a likely candidate for probation. What do you do when you go to see the Dean?

In order to influence the Dean and prevent his putting you on probation, you must appeal to his heart. Here are a group of statements to offer, which must be accompanied by sincere looks and suspicious moisture in the eyes:

"It isn't my fault my grades slipped. My room-mate tried to comfort me and I've used up all my time and energy trying to make a better adjustment these past two weeks, sir."

"It isn't my fault my grades slipped. My room-mate tried to comfort me and I used up all my energy trying to help him gain a better mental attitude, sir."

"It isn't that I can't do the work. I don't hear so well and in all my lectures they seated me toward the back of the room, so I missed everything."

"I had Mononucleosis" (see Solution to Situation One).

"I thought I was pregnant." (This should be used only by coeds).

"The reason I neglected my studies, sir, was because I was busy working with my Dad on his plans to build a new Gymnasium for the college."

"Wasn't that Miss Helston of the Accounting Department I saw you with at the motel outside of town last weekend, sir?"

EDITORS: Excerpted from Esquire, Sept., "Buckle Under, Winssockie." By David Newman and Robert Benton.

# Campus Bulletin

- TUESDAY  
 2:00 Inter Religious Council at Y Hut  
 3:00 Beginners Bridge C.U.  
 6:30 Faculty Christmas Dinner South Cafeteria  
 8:00 Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
 Hebrew Youth Fellowship Y Hut  
 PITT "The Raiders"  
 STATE "Roustabout"
- WEDNESDAY  
 5:00 The Canterbury Club St. Pauls Church  
 5:30 The Wesley Foundation, Methodist Youth Center  
 8:00 The Baptist Student Union Vespers, 404 East 8th St.  
 8:00 Mormon Group, Y Hut  
 8:00 Aqua Nymphs Christmas Show Gym  
 PITT "The Avenger"  
 STATE "Cry of Battle"
- THURSDAY  
 3:00 Beginners Bridge C.U.  
 6:30 SGA Chapel Y Hut  
 8:15 Newman Club Y Hut  
 8:15 Christmas Concert, Austin PTT "The Avenger"  
 STATE "Cry of Battle"
- FRIDAY  
 10:00 A.M. Christmas Assembly, Gym  
 5:00 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BEGIN

## letters

# Contention...

To the Editor:

According to the Friday, December 11 newspaper, the EAST CAROLINIAN is supposed to provide an unbiased forum to air campus grievances.

I have some grievances, namely the rules by which the college women are governed. Being of sound mind, free (?), and almost twenty-one years of age, I resent bitterly the fact that I cannot walk downtown alone after seven o'clock, the fact that I cannot go anywhere with anyone after seven o'clock without signing out, and the fact that I am not allowed to visit cousins that I have living in this city without them having to send a written invitation to the dormitory counselor's office.

According to the latest report, the reason girls have to sign out is so their families will know their whereabouts in case of an emergency, such as death in the family. Boys do not have to sign out. What happens if there is an emergency in their family? Signing out of and into the dorm so that the counselor will know whether or not you are in the dorm, I do not object to. Just make the sign-out time later than 7:00 p.m. and eliminate having to tell exactly where we are going. It gets a little tiring to have to walk back to the dorm to sign out again when you discover that the restaurant you signed out to the first time is closed.

There are some places that you just cannot sign out to. No matter how many times your date receives verbal invitations from married couples who are very good friends of his to drop in some night, you still cannot go because there is not a note in the counselor's office requesting the honor of your presence. This, however, is not surprising when you realize that you cannot visit even close relatives in Greenville in the evening or for a meal unless a similar note is in the counselor's office.

I have a theory that people who want to do something wrong can find plenty of opportunity despite the asinine rules which were made to prevent this. So the rules end up by punishing the people who try to follow them from a sense of integrity.

Come on, girls. If you have been breaking the rules, STOP! Once you try following them you will realize how unfair they are and you will do something to get them changed.  
 Sharron Berry

To the Editor:

In a recent issue of the EAST

CAROLINIAN Mr. Ben Sutton pointed out the need for a "field house" with a larger seating capacity in order that all of ECC's anticipated enrollment might have a place to sit and observe future athletic and special events. He completed his article with the admonition: "Please let us stop and think about this 'spectacular' new gym and see if it is really what we want."

I do not wish to agree or disagree with Mr. Sutton at this time, but do want to clarify one issue. The terms "field house" and "gymnasium" were used synonymously, and they are no more synonymous than the terms "motel" and "home."

There is no doubt that ECC will eventually need a facility which will seat more than 6,000 spectators. Assuming that such a structure was in the offing, it might be worth considering a multi-use facility which could comfortably and safely accommodate large crowds, not only for athletic events, but for SGA sponsored activities, cultural programs, guest speakers, and similar offerings. To use an analogy, this "field house" would be similar to a good motel in that many different groups could use it at special times, but no one group would find it suitable for day-in and day-out use. A "home" is needed for this latter purpose.

Likewise, ECC needs a new gymnasium to serve as a "home" for all students (not just those majoring in physical education) who presently use Memorial Gymnasium day-in and day-out. This is certainly apparent to those students who are often required to have class in the hallways because no other space is available. And it is positively evident to those 525 or so Health I students who daily try to separate their instructor's words from the noise of nearby activity classes. ("These foods serve to strengthen the bones—cha cha cha")

So, if we are fortunate enough to eventually have a facility which seats crowds in excess of 6,000, call it a field house or almost any name you wish, but please. PLEASE, do not call it a gymnasium. A gymnasium is a place for education and activity rather than spectating and, though the ECC students and faculty involved in physical education programs may have ingenuity and resourcefulness, it is doubtful they will discover a way to use 10,000 seats in their daily educational program.

Sincerely,  
Ralph H. Steele

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# problems?

## SPEAK YOUR PEACE

After the letter, regarding the Slay Hall incident in Friday's issue of the *East Carolinian*, reactions have come. Undoubtedly the letter, being a mere catalyst, set off in a faster reaction, these elements already present. We've been told a variety of opinions, yet after final sifting and straining, the resulting compound is neither totally black nor totally white. Instead it is an "inbetween grey," brought about by a blending of components.

### TO THE GIRL WHO WROTE

After hearing some re-accounts we are led to believe you "jumped the gun," on criticism, that you did not fully realize the total aspects of the situation. Believe it or not, the administration has your best interest at heart. Their basic belief, as we see it, is: prove yourself responsible and you will be granted freedom. Be immature and we'll treat you as such. And also, why were you so anxious to HURT someone else? What have YOU to defend, to hide? Is it, whatever it is, worth defending?

Yet, and here's the praise, you have exerted a freedom—that of freedom of speech and opinion, that of making known how you feel about a given event. This we welcome. This we encourage. More praise be to you for speaking out.

Several Chinese proverbs are especially fitting for the analysis of the Slay Hall test tube contents, where seemingly there are three basic elements involved: 1) the writer of the letter and others who felt unjustly treated. 2) the house-mother and 3) the house president.

The Chinese Proverb below is appropriate?

"Blame yourself  
 As you blame others  
 Forgive others  
 As you forgive yourself."

### AND THE HOUSEMOTHER

"Slander can not destroy  
 An honest man . . . receeds  
 When the flood  
 The rock is there."

The above is self-explanatory. We have only one additional remark: we admire you for not stooping to argue petty grievances; thereby, keeping your level of virtues far above the trite.

### ALSO THE HOUSE PRESIDENT

We've heard it; you invited the housemother. We commend your wisdom, your action for inviting harmony, your foresight.

"Laws control  
 The lesser man . . .  
 Right conduct  
 The greater one."

And as a leader of your dorm, we recognize you for standing up for your convictions, even though it was against the tide of peer opinion. More courage to you. We need more of your kind on our campus.

### AS FOR OTHERS AT LARGE

Whether housemother, student or whatever. You have a conscience. You know right from wrong, justice from injustice. Don't allow fear to overcome you. Stand up for your rights. If you don't no one else will. And in contemplating whether to remain passive and gripe or become active and move, consider the words of FDR: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Whether human beneficial progress or no movement results from reactions is often dependent upon the people involved.  
 —Carrie Tyson

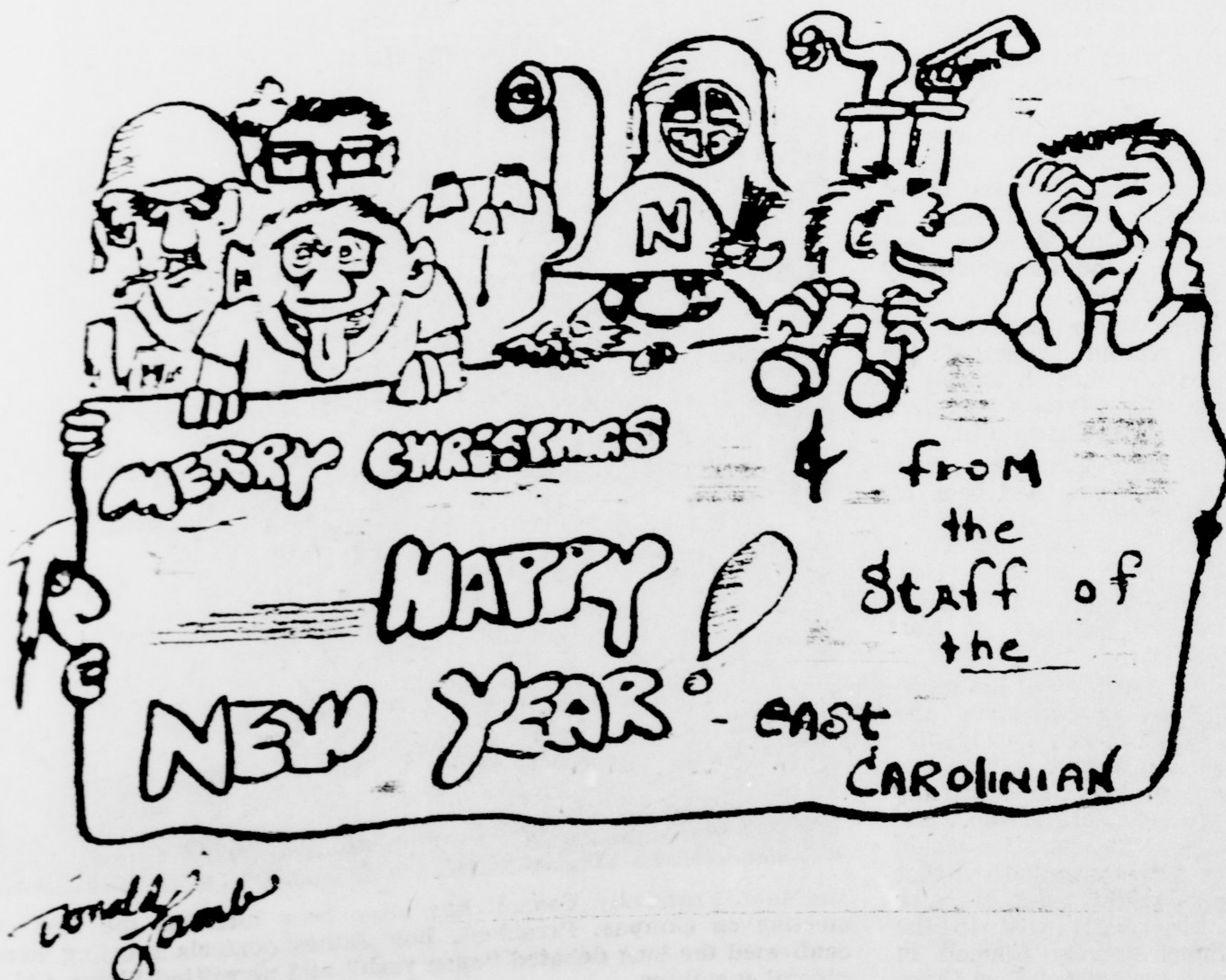
# sahara of the bezart?

One sign of a truly great artist, whether he be musician, painter, novelist, or satirist, is that his works, regardless of the age, are usually well-received and never lose their appeal. H. L. W. the one to which such an artist, whose essays are immortal because of the fact that they find their application today, as well as they did in the 20's and 30's. Because Mencken was the writer he was, his essays will be applicable to our society 100 years from now. How well, Mencken's criticism of the South in *The Sahara of the Bozart* can be applied to EC. Mencken says in reference to the South, "For all its size and all its wealth and all the 'progress' it babbles of, it is almost as sterile, artistically, intellectually, culturally, as the Sahara Desert." What applied to the South then applies to ECC now.

Almost no one who is familiar with East Carolina College and thinks logically will honestly deny the fact that EC is as verdant a collegiate cabbage patch as ever thrived. (3 notable exceptions being the art, drama, and music departments.) Natural and entirely accidental catastrophes are often more tragic than any man could possibly devise. Probably, if he tried, man could not gather together as many cases of cranial paralysis as exist on this campus today. The phenomenon that is EC, is quite accidental however, and the result is that this vegetable patch is a more impressive one that a host of agricultural experts could produce. A stranger to East Carolina might conclude that it was an oversized

play nursery, Vacation Bible School, or some sort of social finishing institution.

The burden of the responsibility lies on the ECC's administrative shoulders. Perhaps if ECC appropriates a little more money for faculty benefits, the stagnant minded vegetables would no longer constitute a majority in our garden. East Carolina College is going to have to spend a little money in order to enervate its intellectual atmosphere. Isn't the administration, at this point, building on soft ground by spending heavily on projects other than the one that should be its primary concern (namely)? Shouldn't the academic refining of this college community be our administration's chief concern, rather than such absurd publicity stunts as this medical school gag? Why a med school when the intellectual atmosphere isn't warm enough to thaw out the thousands of frozen cerebrums that make their "between week-end" rest stops here. Why not concentrate on building an excellent undergraduate school first. Establishing a med school at this point in EC's development would be to build on some pretty unstable ground. Imagine a man buying a pair of fancy racing overalls before he has the first dime saved for his racing car. I doubt that this is an unfair comparison. Why not take a breather and concentrate on quality, rather than publicity and politics. There are those who would do well to recall North Carolina's State Motto: To be rather than to seem."  
 —Alec McKay



# Greek Activities Show Christmas Spirit

By NELLIE LEE  
Staff Writer

It's that time of year once more, when all our thoughts turn toward the Christmas season. It is a time of happiness surrounded by fir trees, Santa Claus, and sprigs of mistletoe here and there. Christmas is a jolly spirit—children laughing, carols be-

ing sung, a time for giving, and remembering. Moreover, Christmas is the birthday of a King, to whom we give thanks for blessings and where occasionally we discover the joy of sharing.

Many of East Carolina's sororities and fraternities caught the Christ-

mas spirit a little early this year. Sorority sisters and fraternity brothers have been working on plans for Christmas projects since early December.

Many sororities and fraternities joined together in giving parties for underprivileged children. One group made puppets for the purpose of entertaining crippled children. Others went caroling to brighten the season for the Greenville community.

Those fraternities and sororities joining together to give parties for underprivileged children are numerous. Brothers of Delta Sigma Pi professional business fraternity and sisters of Chi Omega sorority gave a party for ten girls and ten boys, ages six to eight last Thursday afternoon. The children played games and were entertained by members of the fraternity and sorority. Refreshments included cokes, pepsi, Christmas cookies, candy, and individual Christmas stockings as special favors.

The children found excitement in gathering around the brightly lighted Christmas tree. Santa Claus was also on hand to give gifts and merriment to these most appreciative children.

One little boy was found standing alone in a corner with a very thoughtful expression on his face. One of his friends walked up to him and asked him what was the matter and inquired as to why he was not playing with the other children.

The little boy came back with this reply: "I'm just having the best time I ever had."

This party was typical of those given by other sororities and fraternities.

Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority participated in two parties for needy children. The first was in conjunction with Theta Chi fraternity and

was held at the Tri-Sigma house. Fifteen boys and girls were included. The second party was joined by the Kappa Alphas at their lodge. Twenty children received gifts and enjoyed refreshments here.

Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha gave a party for twelve children at the Lambda Chi house on Monday. Delta Zeta sorority helped the children in entertaining the children with games. The children received ice cream and cake, while Santa Claus presented them with gifts.

Last Wednesday afternoon, Theta Chi fraternity and Alpha Delta Phi sorority gave parties for needy children. Gifts of clothing and toys were given to the boys and girls. They also enjoyed Santa Claus and Christmas refreshments.

The Salvation Army and the county Welfare Department were very co-operative in providing the sororities and fraternities with the names of needy children.

Some fraternities and sororities are helping to make the Christmas season in Greenville happier by singing Christmas carols. Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha went caroling with Chi Omega sisters in many parts of the city. Phi Kappa Tau fraternity went caroling with dates to Pitt Memorial Hospital last Sunday night. Brothers of Phi Kappa Tau also contributed donations and gifts to needy children through the County Welfare Department.

Kappa Delta Sorority did a very original Christmas project for their national philanthropy, which is the crippled children's hospital in Richmond, Virginia. Kappa Delta sisters created green and white puppets to give the crippled children.

On the front of each was an original poem, as follows:

Hi!  
I'm your new friend  
From the girls in Kappa  
Send

Smiles and laughter  
So, let's get together  
I'm ready to go  
Perhaps one of the

final Christmas projects given tonight by Delta Zeta and Pi Kappa Alpha Phi sisters. They gave flash cards, and they also gave to the needy children. Mission which is a very pretty Negro children.

These children received fruit, gifts, and Christmas stockings. They also were given books and supplies. They also be presented tonight.

All sororities and fraternities are making arrangements for Christmas parties. They are making plans to have parties for needy children.

These parties are being held in many parts of the city. They are being held in many parts of the city. They are being held in many parts of the city.

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Here, two members of the Greek organizations have singled out one of their guest for a friendly chat. The small girl seems to be telling them what she wants Santa to bring her. "Let's see now, I want an airplane, yacht, Jaguar . . ."



Many sororities and fraternities conduct Christmas parties for the underprivileged children in the area. Pictured here is one such party in full swing. Note the expression on their faces.

## Theta Chi, Tri Sig Entertain Children At Several Local Christmas Parties

With holly wreath on the door and the interior bright with cedar tree, holiday decorations, and spirit, the Sigma Tri's await the Christmas season. The parties began Sunday afternoon at the Kappa Alpha country lodge with fourteen excited preschoolers as special guests. Amid holiday greens, refreshments, presents galore, and, of course, Santa Claus to distribute them, the guests completely charmed their hosts and hostesses. Following the afternoon party, the KA's and Sigma's continued with a social that evening.

The traditional Theta Chi-Tri Sig-

ma Children's Christmas party is Brother's-Sister party afterwards. 303 E. 5th is the scene for Santa Claus and the children; W. 4th Street for the Tuesday night party.

On Thursday at a Christmas Dinner, the Sisters will honor those people who have over a period of years contributed much to their sorority. Guests will be alumnae and faculty advisors, and sorority patrons and patronesses. They include Mrs. Virginia Minges, Mrs. Elsie Eagan, Dr. Cleveland Bradner, Mrs. Esterre Lautares Mrs. W. R. Perkins, Mrs. H. L. Ormond, and Mrs. K. B. Pace.

## IFC Open Rush Starts January 5

I.F.C. plans open rush starting January 5. At this time any male student who has a C average or better is eligible to be pledged by any of the eight national fraternities and two local fraternities. The national fraternities are as follows: Lambda Chi Alpha, Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Chi, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Phi. The local fraternities are Alpha Epsilon Pi and Sigma Chi Alpha.

Male students are invited to go by the fraternity houses of their choice.

## Activities Begin For AOP

Alpha Omicron Pi began Tuesday, what promises to be a very active winter quarter, by pledging Alice Parsons, a junior from Candler, North Carolina. Catherine Hudson is her big sister.

Initiated last Friday evening were four of AOP's seven pledges: Gracia Brown, Susie Cole, Ann Perkins, and Lynn Watson. They will each wear their big sister's badge until their own badges have arrived from national AOP.

Founder's day for AOP was celebrated last Friday with a banquet served by the women of St. John's Episcopal Church. A special grace for the Founder's Day banquet was given by Melonie Johnson. Carolyn Wright read the 1964 Founder's Day Message written by the National Executive Committee and

Catherine Hudson was written by a former member of the first national chapter, Mrs. Perry. The date of the banquet was Friday, December 11, the day of a new year in the history of the organization.

A tree dedication party was held Thursday night at the Sigma Tri's. The tree was decorated with ornaments. The tree was given to the Sigma Tri's by Mrs. Martin of Greenville.

Lib Rogers, an AOP alumna married in Texas, visited in 1964 to John Waters. She was from East Carolina. Her extended congratulations to the Sigma Tri's. Lib's former home is in Greenville and they have visited this week.

## Local Fraternity, Sigma Chi Alpha Entertains Alumni Of Sigma Chi

By DONALD HAUFLE

Last Tuesday night a dinner was held at the Holiday Inn for the brothers of Sigma Chi Alpha, Sigma Chi alumni in the Greenville area, and other guests.

Attending the first formal function of the fraternity were Sigma Chi alumni; Mr. Harold Staton, vice-president of the Wachovia Bank, an alumnus of the University of Carolina; Mr. Harry Allen of Union Carbide Inc., an alumnus of N. C. State and Mr. C. H. Edwards of Edwards' Hardware, an alumnus of the University of Carolina. Other guests included Dean of Men at East Carolina, Jim Mallory and President of the Interfraternity Council, Bob James.

During the dinner each of the Sigma Chi alumni spoke of the national chapter they belonged to during their college years and their overall interest in Sigma Chi.

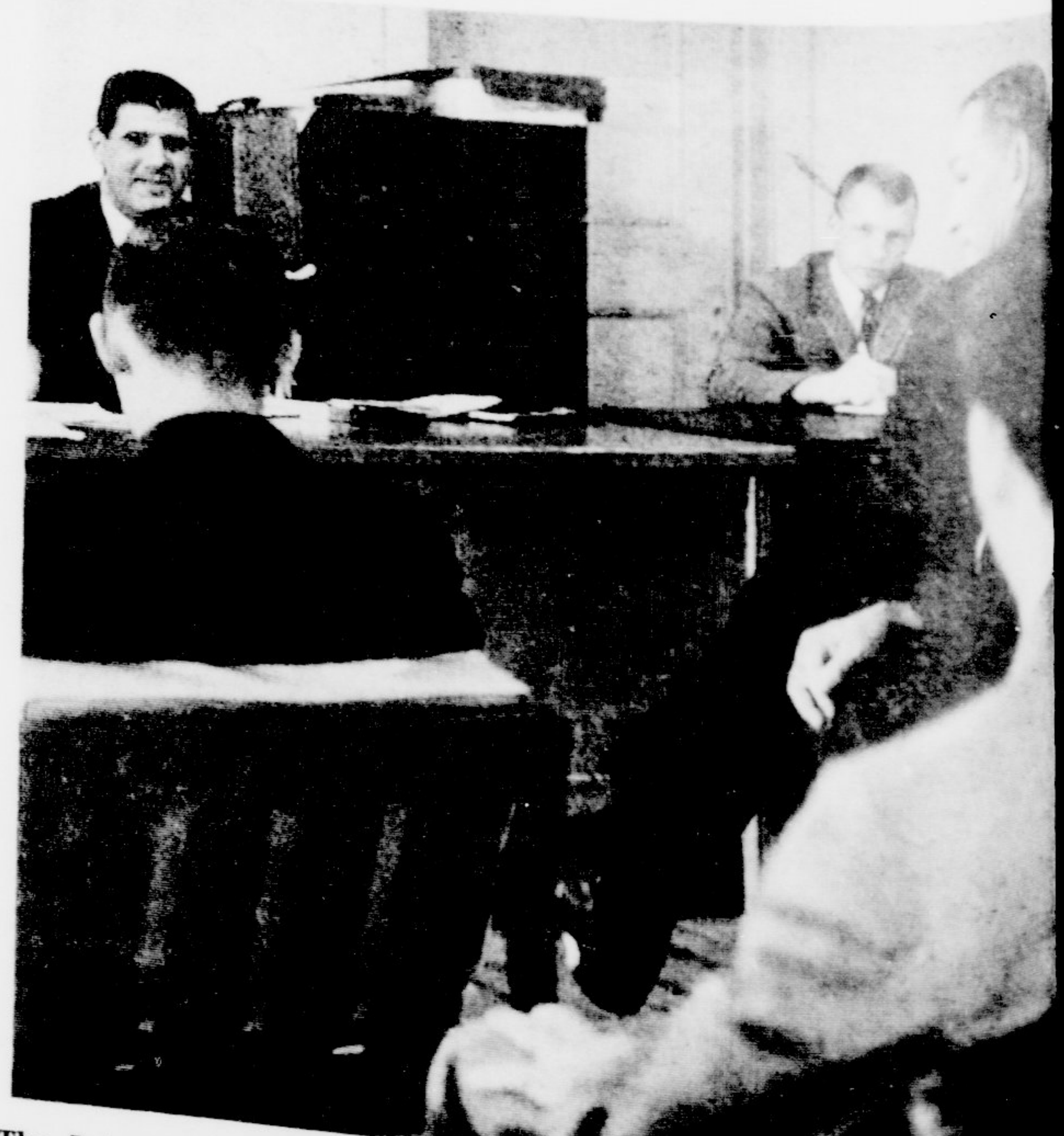
Bob James announced to the group that Sigma Chi Alpha had been officially recognized as a local fraternity by the Interfraternity Council with the future purpose being, to petition Sigma Chi for establishment of a local chapter at East Carolina College.

Dean Mallory expressed his pleasure that Sigma Chi Alpha had progressed so much in only two months of operation. He offered advice and remarks concerning the fraternity system, stressed scholarship, and stated that the administration would be available for any assistance that the fraternity might need. He also mentioned his recent visit to the National Interfraternity Council in Cincinnati and stated that East Caro-

lina College is on the preferred list of Sigma Chi for the establishment of a local chapter.

The Grand Praetor of Sigma Chi, Mr. Stothart of Charlotte, N. C., has

been corresponding with the Sigma Chi Alpha and has also expressed his desire that there be a Sigma Chi chapter at East Carolina in the near future.



The Inter-Fraternity Council has often been cited as the best conducted meeting on campus. President, Bob James controls meeting here, and confirmed the long debated "open rush" and permitted Sigma Chi Alpha to become an official member.



# Aquanymphs Perform Christmas Water Show

A Christmas water show by 24 coed swimmers at East Carolina College is scheduled Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the pool of Christenbury Memorial Gymnasium.

The swimmers, all members of the East Carolina Aquanymphs Club, will perform a variety of swim strokes in 14 ballet selections on the program, "Water Wonderland."

Open to the public without charge, the program begins with all 24 Aquanymphs swimming to "Sleigh Ride."

The show will include performances by three soloists: Helen Rebecca Bridgers of Conway, "Little Dummer Boy"; Martha Joselyn Chambers of Winston-Salem, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"; and Cheryl Diane Walker of Norfolk, Va., "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town."

Other features will include a duet, "Jingle Bells," by Burness Ann (Bunny) McIlwain of New Bern and Ann Crenshaw of Durham.

Mrs. Gay Blocker, assistant professor in the health and physical

education department, is advisor to the group.

Aquanymphs performing in Wednesday's program include: Donnie Gaye Hewett, Anna Elizabeth Bingham, Judith Ann Keever, Burness Ann (Bunny) McIlwain, Katharine Adelle Hoffman, Arlene Shannon South, Linda Ann Crenshaw, Judy Ann Dickens, Martha Joselyn Chambers, Rebecca Henderson Bass, Jackie Marin Hinton, Helen Rebecca Bridgers, Judith Carol Griffith, Sara Pat Olive, Julie Camille Clamp, Dale Susan Lord, Lynn Ridley Shearin, Margaret L. Jones, Harriet Ann Leigh, Judie Lane, Alice Sue Williams, Cheryl Diane Walker, Victoria Jeanne Culpepper, Brenda Louise Bullock, and Sharon Lynne Cross.

# Wrestling Season Opens For Bucs

Tonight marks the opening of the 1964 wrestling season. The Buc grapplers will meet Pembroke at 7:30 Tuesday in the gym. Coach Gant believes that this years team will be one of the best ever at EC.

Six of the eight wrestlers were the number one wrestlers last year. Last years team had a 7-6 win-loss record. This was a good season considering some of the teams which the Bucs faced last year: State, V.P.I., Citadel, Duke, and nine others.

All of the starters are juniors except one, Jerry Williamson, who will be wrestling in the 130-pound class. The other wrestlers starting tonight will be: 137 lb.-Marshal Catoe, 147-Keith Douglas, 157-Guy Hagerty, 167-Dave Wilcox, 177-Neel Linker, Heavy weight-Raymond Perry.

Most outstanding of last years records was that of Neel Linker who owned a 9-1 record. Others were: Jerry Williamson—7 wins, 4 losses; Keith Douglas—7-4-1; and Dave Wilcox—8-3.

Pre-season injuries has caused conditioning to be slowed down. This fact may affect the outcome of tonight's match. Douglas and Williamson both are hampered with pulled arm muscles and Jim Brennan has a sprained neck.

Some of the teams that the Pirates will have matches with are: Duke, State, Citadel, St. Andrews, Pembroke, V.M.I., William and Mary, Univ. of W. Va., R.P.I., and Washington-Lee. EC's next match will be Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 pm.

# Alumnus Proposes Ship For Campus

We are the fighting Pirates of East Carolina College, but what do we have to concretely display our name? One of the alumni has suggested the acquisition of a ship reminiscent of the "pirate era."

There are a number of choices open to us in accomplishing this task. A number of ships have been sunk in the waters off the coast of North Carolina. One of the remains of these wrecks could be exhumed and placed on campus. This, of course, would not be the most scenic of structures, and is most expensive.

We could obtain, by borrowing or from donation, a model from someone who has an interest in ship building or construction which includes a collection. Another alternative is having a scale model built.

This is the most logical solution in our minds as far as money and appearance goes. Since we have one of the best Art Departments in the country, as well as Industrial Arts, it might be a good project for them or their respective clubs.

A problem that always arises is that of finances. The closest is the SGA. At the present time, the Student Government is not in a position to back a project of this type. If we are not able to get the ship gratis, there is always the matter of student donations, and you know how that goes over. If it was turned over to a department or club, the costs would be lessened.

As stated, this thinking is just that; do not mistake this as a project that is underway. The EAST CAROLINIAN would like to know how you, the students, feel about an undertaking of this or a similar nature. We are sure some of you have suggestions as to ways of bringing the Buccaneer theme into prominence on campus.

# Cad. McLawhorn Wins Top AFROTC Award

Cadet Maj. David W. McLawhorn of Winterville, a senior at East Carolina College, was cited Thursday night as one of the top nine Air Force ROTC cadets in the United States.

The cadet received the Bronze Cross of Achievement award presented each year to the top AFROTC cadet in the nine geographic AFROTC areas of the nation.

McLawhorn, 21, is the first cadet in ECC history to receive the coveted award. Presentation came as a surprise to him and his fellow cadets during the student military corps' annual dining-in, a traditional formal dinner function.

# Greenville Artists To Exhibit Work

The East Carolina Art Society and the Greenville Art Center will present its annual Greenville Artists Exhibition which will include paintings, pottery and sculpture by many well known artists in our local area. The show opens Sunday, December 13, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Most of these works will be priced for those who wish to make purchases during the exhibition. The show will close on December 31.

A special Christmas program will be offered the same afternoon at 3 o'clock as part of the exhibition opening. This program will feature a very interesting film slide study of Christmas themes in variations of famous art forms, shown and narrated by Miss Lucy Cherry Crisp. The program will also feature vocal selections in keeping with the holiday season by Mrs. Allison Hearne Moss. Miss Julie Harris will also sing, accompanied by Mrs. Walter Hearne.

Art Center Hours  
9 to 5 — Tuesday thru Saturday

# Cad. Roberson And Staff Of 16 Assume Too Positions

A new commander and his staff of sixteen have been commissioned to top cadet positions for winter quarter in the 600th Air Force ROTC Detachment at East Carolina College. Assuming the top cadet position of group commander is Cadet Colonel Richard James Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Roberson of Robersonville, N. C.

Cadet Roberson, a senior majoring in Science Education, is also the commander of the General Chennault Squadron of the Arnold Air Society, an honorary organization of selected Air Force ROTC Cadets.

Fifteen cadets who make up the new commander's staff include: Cadet Captain James Gordon Wood, of Sanford, N. C., group material officer. Cadet Major David Wilton McLawhorn, of Winterville, N. C., group executive officer. Cadet Captain Larry Lee Phillips, Fayetteville, N. C., group accounting and finance officer. Cadet Major James Rayford Tant, of Zebulon, group operations officer. Cadet Captain Ronald Edward Dallengier, of Henderson, N. J., group information services officer. Cadet 1st Lt. Ronald Eugene Dowdy of Alexandria, Virginia, group administrative officer. Cadet 2nd Lt. Robert Douglas Livingston, of Newport News, Virginia, group personnel officer. Cadet 1st Lt. Calais Phillip Sheppard, of Greenville, N. C., group inspector. Cadet 1st Lt. John Harris Bynum, of Greenville, N. C., group per-

# Lambda Chi Alpha

Lambda Chi Alpha is planning to have its rush January 6 and 7, from seven to nine o'clock. All interested males are invited to come over to the house located at 552 Cotanche Street on those nights. Saturday, January 11 at 2:00 the brothers and pledges will play their annual football game and all rushees are invited to see the game. That night there will be a party.

A booth will be set up in Jones Dorm for interested Freshmen to register today, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1-5:00. Thursday night it will be in the basement of Scott Dorm. All interested boys are asked to please sign up at this time.

sonnel services officer. Cadet 2nd Lt. Ralph Andrew Bender, of Jacksonville, N. C., 61st Squadron Commander. Cadet 1st Lt. Richard Lee Brown of Hampton, Virginia, 62nd Squadron Commander. Cadet 1st Lt. George Irving Resseguie Jr., of Sanford, N. C., 63rd Squadron Commander. Cadet Captain Alfred Frank Leo, of Hewlett, New York, group special observer. Cadet Major William Edward Clark, of Miami, Florida, group special observer.

Cadet Captain Maynard Dennis West of Norfolk, Virginia, group special observer. Cadet Major Donald Reid Joyner, of Greenville, N. C. Group special projects officer.

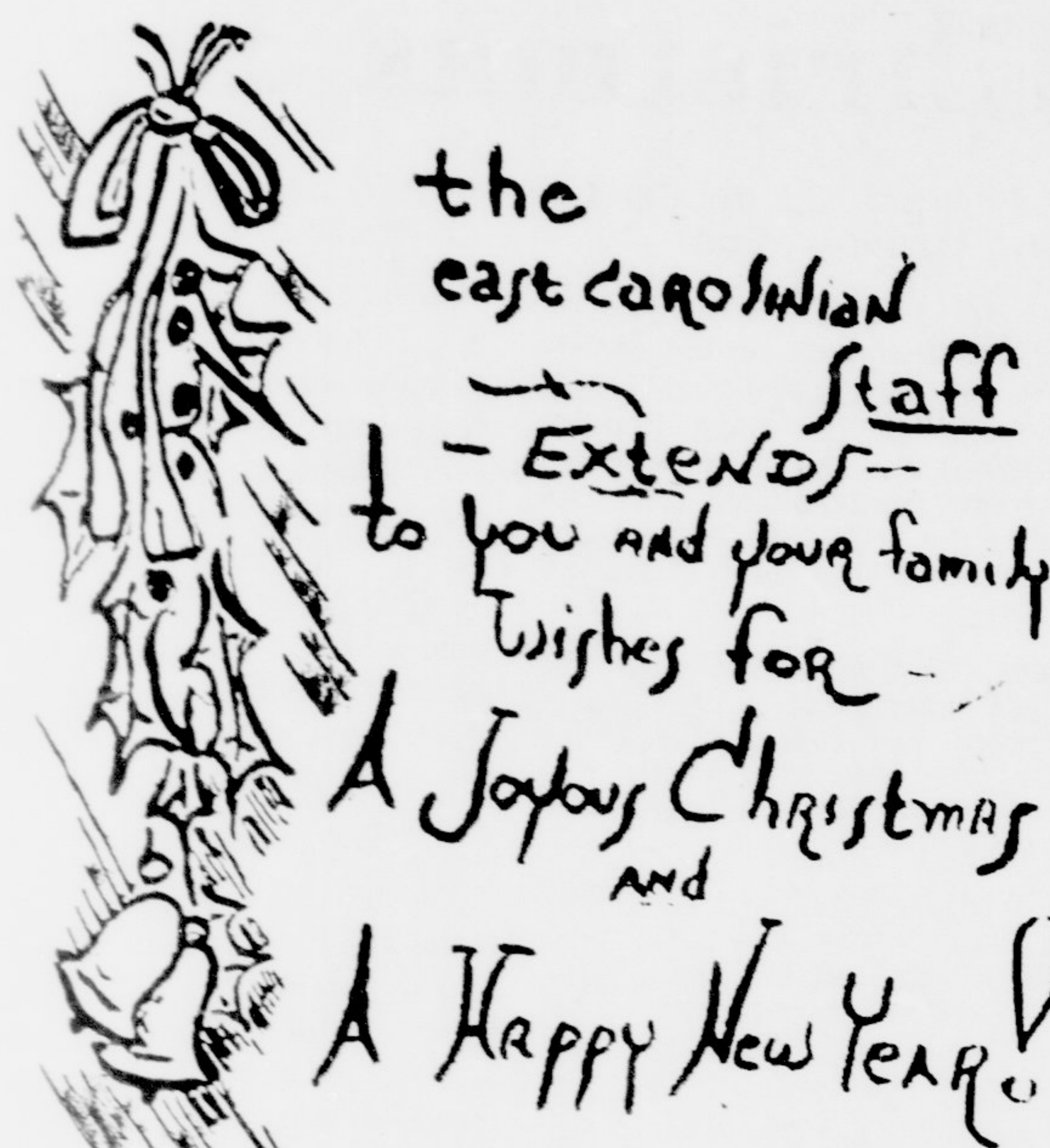
# Blue Devils Take Frosh Team 93-86

The East Carolina freshman basketball team put up a good battle Saturday night as the Duke Blue Devils slipped by the Pirates with a 93-86 score.

Guard Fred Campbell and forward Tex Everett led the EC freshmen eagles. Both had 21 points. Six-foot-7 Mike Lewis from Missouri, Mont. was the games leading scorer who led the Dukes with 33 points. Lewis hit 17 of 23 shots from the floor and 4 foul shots.

It should be kept in mind that the Duke freshmen are unbeaten in four games. EC should be proud of the good showing.

- East Carolina**  
Alford—12  
Campbell—21  
Cox—19  
Everette—21  
Lilley—4  
Taylor—5  
Whitley—4  
**Duke**  
Kennedy—10  
Lewis—38  
Chapman—16  
Koledziel—8  
Wendelin—13  
Warren—4  
Benedict—0  
Beath—2  
Young—2



# Campus Group Plans Affiliation With National Sigma Xi Organization

A group of campus and industry scientists have launched an effort to form a chapter of Sigma Xi, an international organization dedicated to the encouragement of research.

Pending formal approval by the society's headquarters, expected within a few weeks, the organization will become a Sigma Xi Club. After three years as an active club, it can be elevated to full chapter status.

Each of the 36 organizers holds a doctor's degree and is a member of Sigma Xi, having joined the researchers' society during residence at a campus with a chapter. The society has 145 chapters and about 100 clubs at leading institutions of higher learning in the United States and Canada.

Initial membership of the ECC-based group—22 faculty members at East Carolina and 14 scientists in the research program of Du Pont's Dacron Plant near Kinston—includes former members of Sigma Xi chapters on 24 different campuses.

East Carolina's organization would become the second club in North Carolina, joining one in operation at Bowman-Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem. Sigma Xi has three full-fledged chapters in the state: Duke University, N. C. State in Raleigh and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Dr. Graham J. Davis, director of the biology department at EC, has

been named first president of the local group. Other first officers are Dr. Joseph N. LeConte, EC chemistry professor, president-elect; and Dr. William Byrd, EC physics professor, secretary-treasurer.

Eligibility to join the club is based on a prospective member's noteworthy achievement involving original investigation in some branch of pure or applied science.

The EC club, before it petitions for chapter status, must maintain an active organization for three years. Once it becomes a chapter, students and graduates who excel in science will be invited to join.

Meetings will be held at least quarterly with an organizational meeting scheduled in January. Noted speakers from the national society and from local organizations are included on the 1965-'66 agenda for club meetings.

The following researchers are members of the Sigma Xi organizational group at East Carolina:

Du Pont staff members—W. Bradford Bond, R. Tilden Burrus, Leon Coprin, Teddy H. Grindstaff, James D. Lemley, A. Riley Macon, John H. McLean, Richard Y. Mellheim, Edgar P. H. Meibohn, Alzerto E. Molini, Morgan J. Rarick, David C. Reitz, O. Carlisle Rogers Jr., Keith E. Schmuide.

EC faculty members—J. William Byrd, physics; Graham J. Davis, director of biology; Grover W. Everett, director of chemistry. Mary

# CU Chooses Official Christmas Card

Selection of the official College Union Christmas Card for 1964 has been made. Miss Jeanette Shirley's entry of a pastels poinsetta on flannel board was chosen, unanimously, to represent East Carolina this Christmas.

The purposes of the Christmas Card Contest are: to encourage artistic creations on part of the students, to provide an incentive for artistic student to participate in the College Union Program, and to supply the College Union with an official Christmas Card to send to sister unions in the Region V of the Association of College Unions.

Participants in the contest, which

the Fine Arts Committee headed by Noel Tisdale, said, was the best contest they've had, were Jenette Shirley of High Point, winner, Kay Graybeal of Statesville, Jim Cannon, Raleigh, Tim Bagwell of Charlotte, Mary Bright of Raleigh, Harold Chambers of Elizabeth City and Mike Nunn of Kinston.

The selection of the card was made during the monthly meeting of the College Union Student Board on Monday, December 7, 1964, and the winner received \$10 in prize money.



Walter Blackstock

Guest poet, Walter Blackstock will read with the East Carolina Poetry Forum, Thursday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m.

# Angel Flight Visits

On Thursday, December 10, Angel Flight made a visit to Pitt County Memorial Hospital where they played Santa's Helpers for the children.

Along with the gifts given to the hospital, the Angel Flight visited with the children and entertained them for about an hour.

# CORRECTION

Bob Kerlin was erroneously credited with having written the column entitled "Bob Brouses" appearing in East Carolinian Friday, Dec. 11. The column was written by Bob Brown.

# Legends Find Reflections In Christmas Lights

The year was 1776 and the weather in this foreign land had been bitterly cold.

It was Christmas Eve and a group of homesick Hessian soldiers huddled forlornly around their campsite on the icy banks of the Delaware River at Trenton, New Jersey.

Two days later these men would be taken captive in a bold maneuver by American troops under General Washington. But the last thing the Hessian brigade cared about this night was the outcome of the colonial struggle against the mighty power of England.

They were far from home and they sadly missed the good cheer—the traditional *Gemuethlichkeit*—shared by family and friends at this blessed season of the year.

But gradually, as fir trees were chopped down and brought inside to be decorated with makeshift ornaments and lighted with candles in the centuries-old tradition of their forefathers, memories of happier holidays began to warm the wooden huts. And once again, as they gathered about the tree to sing the ancient Christmas hymns, the spirit of the season worked its magic spell.

Thus it was, by a curious twist of fate, that the Christmas tree, most

revered of all the nation's Yuletide customs, was first lighted in America by a handful of homesick enemy soldiers.

The idea and the tradition of the Christmas tree spread rapidly through the young country in the years that followed. From Germany through Europe and England and on to America—especially in the 19th Century, the golden age of Christmas—the spirit of Christmas was reflected in the colorful lights and gay decorations of the tree.

One of the major repositories of the history and lore of the Christmas tree is at Hallmark Cards, in Kansas City, Mo. where each year a staff of creative artists and writers seek with increasing fidelity to portray on Christmas cards the legends of word and picture that lie half-hidden in the company's research files of antique greetings, medieval manuscripts, old books and records of past centuries of Christmas celebrations.

From this research have come generally hundreds of Christmas greetings illustrated with Christmas trees depicting nearly every story or incident related to the significance of the tree as a symbol of the Christmas season.

## A Roman Custom

The custom itself may be traced day the fir tree remains ever green the year round.

as far back as the Roman celebration of the feast of Saturn when trees were trimmed and sometimes a dozen candles were added to represent the months or seasons of the sun.

In early Christian times, there were many beautiful legends associated with the tree. One of the most popular of these was first transcribed in a religious manuscript many centuries ago by an unknown monk in the kingdom of Sicily.

It tells how, on the night the Christ Child was born, all living creatures journeyed to the stable to pay homage to the newborn king.

Even the trees joined in the pilgrimage. The olive gave its fruit and the palm its dates. But the fir tree had no gift to offer and stood humbly in the rear. An angel noted its plight and asked the stars to descend and rest in the limbs of the tree.

At so beautiful a sight, the Christ Child smiled and blessed the humble fir, and, says the legend, to this

## Two Medieval Symbols

The Christmas tree as we know it today evolved from two medieval

religious symbols: the paradise tree and the Christmas light.

In an age before books, teachers dramatized the story of the Bible, using a makeshift stage and simple scenery. One of the most popular presentations was the story of Adam and Eve and the forbidden fruit and for this, a fir tree with apples tied to its branches was placed on the stage.

Because the play ended with the promise of redemption, it was usually presented just before Christmas and the tree, identified with the birth of Christ, became known as the paradise tree.

The Christmas light was a candle burned on Christmas Eve as a symbol of the coming of the light of the world. It was often mounted on a pyramid decorated with tinsel and glass balls.

The tree and the lights were first combined in Germany in the 16th Century and in time, cookies and other pastries were added to symbolize "the sweet fruit of Christ's salvation of all mankind."

## Martin Luther's Tree

The famous leader of the Protestant Revolt in Germany, Martin Luther is said to have been the first person who brought the tree

indoors and decorated it for the Christmas season.

And it was Queen Victoria's consort, Prince Albert, who is thought to have brought the tradition to England from his native Germany.

In America, there is a record of a German professor at Harvard who set up a Christmas tree in 1832 and another story of a pastor in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1851, who tried to trim a tree but ran into opposition from some people who considered it a pagan practice.

## The White House Tree

In the 1850's Franklin Pierce became the first president to decorate a tree in the White House and another president, Theodore Roosevelt, ordered a halt to the custom because he felt it was contrary to his policy of conserving our natural resources.

However, his sons smuggled in a tree and, when confronted with their "crime," they were defended by one of the nation's foremost foresters who convinced the president that the cutting of young evergreens could actually be helpful in forest conservation.

Decorations in the early days were homemade and quite simple fashioned with paper ornaments and the things common to our agricultural past—apples, oranges, nuts, popcorn balls and strings of cranberries.

To this day, the Douglas and balsam fir trees continue to be the most popular choices for Christmas decorating but many people have begun using more sophisticated trees made of all sorts of materials from ostrich feathers to aluminum.

Today in America alone, more than forty million trees each year decorate homes and offices, public squares and tiny village chapels.

An unusual exhibition of Christmas trees is planned this year for the newly opened Hallmark Gallery on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

Virtually every example of decorated and ornamented tree, from the old fashioned variety, to the most modern imaginable will be in the collection and what makes the exhibition all the more unique is that each of the 21 trees is being decorated by a nationally known figure.

Among the people whose trees are included in the display are Francis Cardinal Spellman, Shakespearean actor Maurice Evans, author Phyllis McGinley, Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, actress Helen Hayes and the popular television actor, Dick Van Dyke.

Whether the choice is the familiar evergreen laden with lights, decorations, and tinsel, or a metal tree with a few simple ornaments of silver, the cherished focal point of Christmas past and present remains the stately Christmas tree.



Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant revolt in Germany in the 16th Century, is said to be the first person to bring a lighted tree into the home at Christmas. He and his family are seen in this old print as they gather about the tree on Christmas Eve in Wittenberg, Germany.

## Annual Decorating Party Prepares EC College Union For Christmas

The College Union's annual Christmas Decorating Party was held Thursday Night, December 10, in the College Union from 6:30 to 10:00.

In the busy preparations, the committees each chose a separate part of the College Union to decorate with their own interpretation of Christmas.

Record and Dance Committee chairman, Joe Rippard from Clearwater, Florida, chose the "new" T. V. area. He was assisted by Jim Cannon of Raleigh and Joan Robertson of Winston-Salem.

Giant snow flakes decorating the large walnut panels in the back of the CU were constructed by Noel Tisdale of Faire Lawn, New Jersey, and other members of the Fine Arts and Special Projects Committees: Alice Lucas of Halifax, Linwood Anderson of Goldsboro, and others.

Paul Gaddy of Fairmont, Games Committee chairman, chose to decorate the Table Tennis Room by bord-

ering the tables with red crepe paper and green streamers. Decorated paddles were used on the Game Room bulletin board.

The religious theme is carried out on the large bulletin board, assembled by Publicity Committee headed by Kay Young of Angier. Other members participating were Larry Jones of Mt. Olive, Billi Stewart of Statesville, John Thompson of New Bern, Tim Bagwell of Charlotte, Tom King of Ahoskie, and Harold Chambers of Elizabeth City. The theme was submitted by Harold Chambers.

Wreaths for the windows were made by Bill Moore of Clinton and Ed Caldwell of Erwin. The outside doors are fringed with pine and a home-made pine tree hangs above the door.

The large lounge area, which the Social Committee chose, was divided between sub-committees. Tree decorations chairman, Linda White

of Cove City, Betty Lou Baker of Washington, North Carolina, and Blannie Bridges of Milwaukee made extensive preparations to decorate the ten-foot tall tree.

Linwood Anderson of Goldsboro was in charge of decorating around the Soda Shop windows.

The lounge windows were decorated with candles and greenery by Gail Pierce of Roper, Chairman of the Social Committee, assisted by Millie White of Roper, Annette Gray of Jacksonville, and Myra Hruslski of Burlington.

After the finishing touches were group enjoyed a Christmas song-fest accompanied by Larry Jones of Mt. Olive at the piano.

Refreshments were served to everyone joining in the fun of the decorating party by the Refreshments Chairman, Rose Tart of Newton Grove. She was assisted by Paul Gaddy, Bill More, Ed Caldwell, and Tim Bagwell.



The College Union has done a beautiful job with Christmas decorations. Here, Walter Hendricks, Joe Holloman, Linda White, Betty Lou Baker and Henry Bass lend a hand with the tree.