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Students board transit buses in Wright Circle

vote today!

ECU Transit system on trial

After several delays, the trial transit system began operations Monday morning at 11:35 a.m. The buses arrived at 7:30 a.m., but did not begin to pick up students immediately because of the need to develop an accurate schedule.

The buses will continue to run on school days until April 17. After the trial period is over, a campus-wide referendum will soon follow in order that the students might vote to continue the system next fall or not to continue it.

Two Routes

The buses will operate daily from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There are two routes, a red route from campus to Minges including the boys' dorms, and a green route from the campus to the girls' dorms.

Trips to Pitt Plaza and Buccaneer Courts have been added, for the students' convenience, during the times that the campus traffic is lowest.

The student must follow the appropriate colored bus stops in order to reach their destination. The bus color and destination will be displayed on the windshield of the buses.

Same

The buses will run the same route every hour except from 11:05 to 11:35 a.m. during the drivers' lunch break.

The buses will have a dual-door system, allowing for a quick entrance and exit. They have a seating capacity of 55.

The buses are rented from Raleigh City Coach Lines at a cost of \$4800. The Coach Lines are responsible for the driver, maintenance, insurance, and gasoline.

"The bus rides are free, so please take advantage of them. We need your support in order to find out the system's effectiveness," said Nancy Sheppard, SGA Chairman of the transit system.

REVISED TRANSIT SCHEDULE (as of Monday afternoon)

RED ROUTE

25 till.....	Belk
23½ till.....	Stoplight
19 till.....	Ed. Psyc.
18 till.....	Stoplight
17 till.....	Belk
13 till.....	Minges
9 till.....	Belk
7 till.....	Stoplight
5 till.....	Ed. Psyc.
3 till.....	Stoplight
on the hour.....	Belk
5 after.....	Minges
9 after.....	Belk
13 after.....	Ed. Psyc.
17 after.....	Buccaneer Courts
21 after.....	Ed. Psyc.
26 after.....	Belk

*Except from 11:05 to 11:35 a.m.

GREEN SCHEDULE

Bus leaves every hour* from:

25 till.....	Green Dorm Area
22 till.....	Library & Cafeteria
19 till.....	Wright Auditorium
17 till.....	North Cafeteria
14 till.....	Green Dorm
9 till.....	Library & Cafeteria
5 till.....	Wright
on the hour.....	Green Dorm
5 after.....	Wright
18 after.....	Arrives at Pitt Plaza
19 after.....	Leaves Pitt Plaza
30 after.....	Wright
25 till.....	Green Dorm

*Except from 11:05 to 11:35 a.m.

ECU pioneers womens AFROTC program

by Danny Williams

ECU has been selected as one of the four campuses in the nation to pioneer a women's Air Force Reserve Officers Training program.

East Carolina was selected to offer this two-year commissioning program for women from the more than 175 colleges and universities in the nation currently hosting AFROTC programs for men.

The women on campus will now have the opportunity to participate in a national program.

Qualifications

To enter the program, the prospective applicant must be a U.S. citizen, pass the officers' qualifying test and a physical evaluation, and complete degree requirements within two years, beginning this September.

During this two-year period, the applicant may be either an undergraduate or a graduate student. All those persons who qualify during the testing and

evaluation period, which begins immediately, will attend a six-week field training program at an Air Force Base this summer and receive both free transportation and a salary.

Curriculum

This summer training will be followed by a formal enrollment in the WAFROTC program at the beginning of Fall Quarter. Uniforms, AFROTC texts, and \$50 per month will be provided while enrolled.

A total of four quarter hours of AFROTC courses will be required during each of the individual's six remaining quarters. These may be applied as electives toward degree requirements or toward an approved AFROTC minor.

Anyone interested in entering this course of study or obtaining additional information should inquire at the office of the Department of Aerospace Studies, 127 New Austin.

SGA Candidates

The photographs of SGA secretarial candidate Peggy Sledd and historian candidate Chris Smith along with the letters for and by Miss Smith were inadvertently omitted from the election issue of "The East Carolinian." The staff would like to extend apologies to Miss Smith and Miss Sledd for this oversight on our part.

Fellow Students:

I'm writing this letter for Chris Smith because I know that she has both the ability and the experience needed to make the office of historian an active, vital office. Chris has been involved in Student Government ever since she arrived at East Carolina two years ago. She had the honor of being elected marshal last spring. Chris has been active in the Student Legislature this year, serving as Chairman of a special committee to study the feasibility of a marquee over the University Union. Above all this, however, Chris' most important qualification is her sincere interest in making "student" government what it should be — an active force in a growing university. This can only be accomplished with people like Chris who are willing to work just a little bit harder to put the "extra" in Student Government. If you want a more active and progressive SGA, elect Chris Smith as your historian.

Thank you,
Bob Robinson

Fellow Students:
"Student Government Association." What does that

Baker addresses N.Y. Convention

Prof. Ira L. Baker has returned from New York where he addressed the Columbia University Scholastic Press Association's annual convention on the campus of Columbia University.

During the past year he has served as a newspaper judge for CSPA.

mean to you? It means the group which is working actively to improve East Carolina University for you. Not every one of the 9,000 students on this campus can work in the S.G.A. offices. However, on March 25th, each student will once again have the chance to decide whom he would like to have in the top positions for next year. Each person's vote should be based on the candidate's qualifications and experience, not on popularity.

In the past, a great deal of people have looked upon the office of historian as an unimportant one. This is my main reason for running. The position can be an important one. The person elected on March 25th can either destroy or enforce the past image this office has held. I intend to work so that the historian's position will be one that is active rather than passive.

The historian has to keep an accurate record of the year's activities. Several new ideas can be incorporated into the S.G.A. scrapbook for next year. It needs to be displayed so that visitors can see it and so that each student can feel pride in his Student Government Association.

Action needs to be taken immediately. The officers elected this spring have to be people that are willing to work and have the experience needed to be effective officers.

Believing that I can fulfill both these obligations to you, the students of East Carolina University, I ask for your vote on March 25th.

Thank you,
Chris Smith



PEGGY SLEDD --candidate for Secretary



CHRIS SMITH--candidate for Historian

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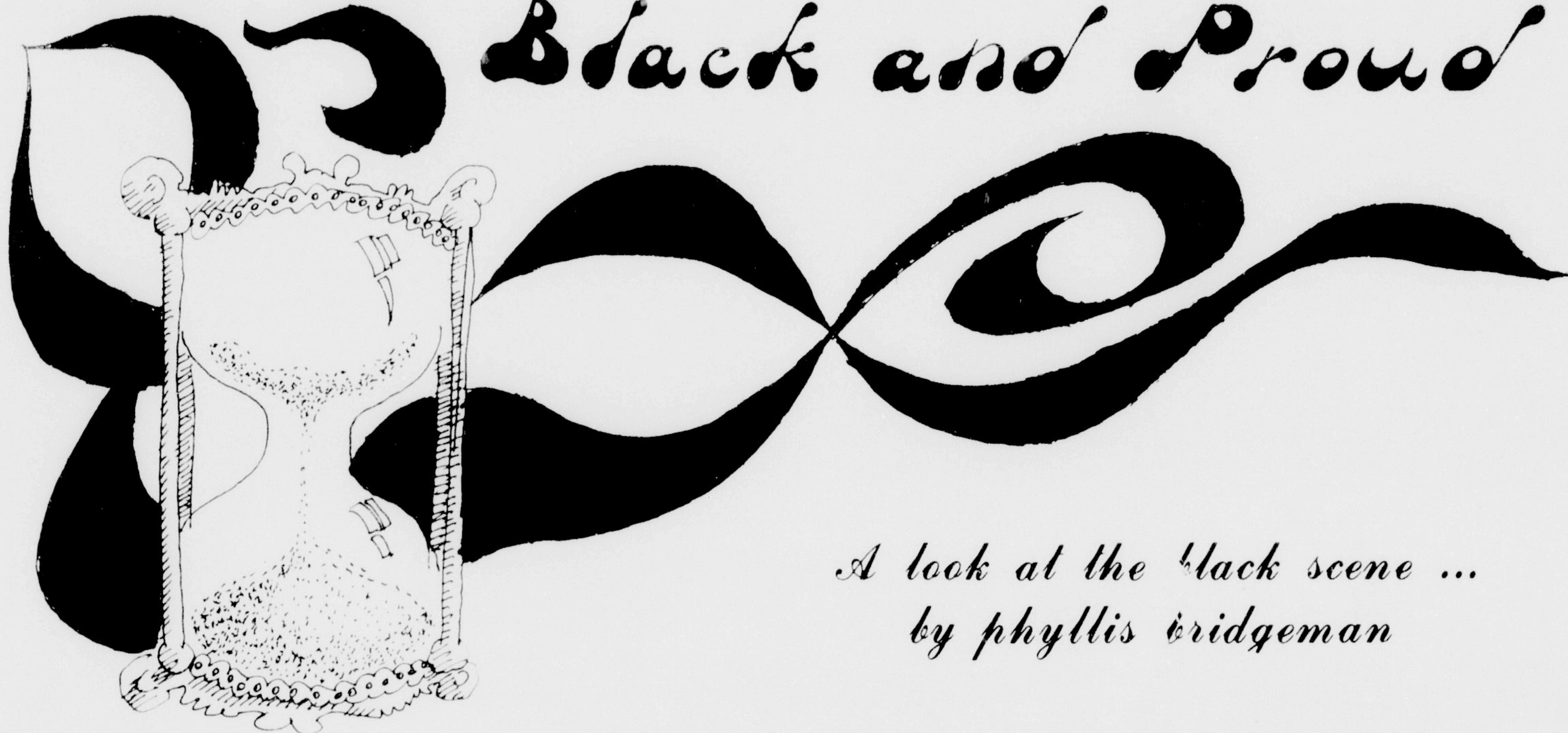
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*A look at the 'black scene ...
by phyllis bridgeman*

Blacks meet again with administration to regard progress on student demands

A committee of black students met for the third time last Thursday with administrative officials, as sides squared off to consider programs on the black demands. The eleven students walked away less than satisfied, after hearing that the only effects since their first talks with President Jenkins at the beginning of the month was the creation of new committees headed by the appropriate school officials that would normally handle such individual matters.

As one black student, Roosevelt Morton, noted, "It makes a brother restless to know that the quick action promised before has dissolved into the usual double-talk and creation of committees for 'study'. They can act just as quickly as they want to on at least part of the demands."

WASTED DIALOGUE

Daisy Albritton added that, "some concrete evidence of action on their part could have gone a long way in easing tension and establishing some trust in their words. Now — I don't know. If a committee is all they can come up with 'quickly' in three weeks and three meetings, then perhaps our dialogue is too unmeaningful to waste time on."

President Jenkins' comments on the study committees centered around the fact that major interests could best be served if various activities were directed to people immediately responsible for them. Repeatedly reiterated was the nomenclature, "requests, not demands." Jenkins noted that only the citizenry of North Carolina could make "demands" of this school.

NO TAME REQUEST

Black student Bill Owens took issue with Dr. Jenkins' terminology. "These are not

'requests' as President Jenkins has stated," he said. "These are bona fide 'demands.' We are no longer begging — nor asking the administration to take necessary action, as we requested of them last year. No action was taken then. We are now 'demanding' that some immediate action be taken on the part of the administration."

Jenkins noted that some of the demands were out of his hands. Future action on the demands will originate in the committees, i.e., the black studies program is now in the hands of the Curriculum Committee.

Comments on the possibility of getting black instructors here were not encouraging. Declining to give names, Jenkins reported that he had met with the presidents of several major black schools in N. C. at N. C. Council of Presidents of State-Supported Colleges and Universities. The word seems to be "great demand, short supply." Further elaboration paralleled this non-encouragement, as he spoke of the shortage of Black Ph.D.'s and the "disservice of going in to said someone's school." Similarly, East Carolina finances, or the lack of abundance thereof, was pointed out.

SENSE OF IDENTITY

Conversation of SOULS members labeled this demand a necessity. As William Lowe said, "When you see your race being cast in the role of invisible people, it give you a feeling of inferiority. One of the most important reasons for black professors is a sense of identification. If you see a black man in front of the class, you are proud of your color."

Johnny Williams further pointed out that there was only one Ph.D. in America who has his Ph. D. in Black history, which, he said, "might indicate that the administration ought to talk less of Ph. D. recruitment and 'robbing' black school and spend more time looking at the market just

graduating from these schools."

BAN ON 'DIXIE'

Evidence of tension didn't begin with the third meeting. The present preoccupation on campus with the ban on "DIXIE", according to Audrie Daniels, was "certainly not the leading issue when the demands were first presented to Jenkins the beginning of this month."

According to the Black student committee presenting the demands, Jenkins encouraged the Logic of SGA Channels rather than an administrative decree. Acceptance was tendered after their understanding of his succeeding statements on final veto power over student acts as an implication that "DIXIE" would be banned in the final analysis.

In the recent interview with Jenkins, he claimed, "I never promised anyone we'd ban 'DIXIE.' They've evidently twisted their words. This is a

matter for students to decide." NET PLEASURE VS' NET PAIN

Jenkins continued in explaining his reluctance in entering the field of censorship. "The thing we must strive for is to understand that in affront to the least of us is an affront to all of us. We must carefully weigh our pleasure against the pain it may cause."

Jenkins might well have been echoing the black students in this point.

'NIGGER'

Last Thursday's meeting was considerably tense when Jenkins suggested instances and names of faculty practicing overt racism.

Dean Tucker of Student Affairs was singled out at that time. He later commented, "I don't remember saying it. If I did, it was not meant in a derogatory manner. If I have offended anybody, then I would apologize along these lines."

Meeting proceeds as blacks clarify questions with standing room only

There was standing room only as SOULS opened a meeting last Wednesday night in the Library auditorium to answer questions of students and faculty alike. Before the evening was through, the panel of black students had articulated and clarified their demands, while substantiating their actions with examples of racially discriminatory practices by certain members of the administration and faculty.

After explaining the purpose and reason for each demand, the panel opened the floor for debate.

Housing

Student housing rules concerning the assignment of roommates in the dorms have been violated and applied unfairly by the administration, according to the statements presented by several of the students at the meeting.

The black students pointed

to the instance of a white student who discovered he had been assigned to a room with a black occupant and vocalized his objection. Typically unfair, they charged, is the loop-hole that allowed him to move out immediately, in violation of the current requirement for a thirteen-day period before which no changes in room assignment may be made.

Some points were brought out to indict certain faculty members for using racially-slurring language in the classroom and to note that there are professors who seem biased in their grading of black students.

Cited for this case was the professor who threatened to fail "every nigger" under his instruction, thereby intimidating a black student to drop the course. At the request of a faculty member present, the black students named two

GRAPEVINE TRUCE

Daisy Albritton, interestingly enough revealed a positive approach to his position. She related, "I heard it through the grapevine that Dr. Tucker has extended an apology for his unintentional slurring of the word negro to nigger, in reference to the black students. I would like him to know that I wholeheartedly accept his apology without any reservations whatsoever."

UNCHECKED TENSION

Dissatisfaction with the last meeting has heightened tension on the black side. According to William Lowe, "I must quote an American more feared than Communist China and the USSR: "If America don't come around, damn if we won't burn it down"— H. Rap Brown. Maybe the students at ECU won't burn it down, but negative racial practice won't go unchecked."

such professors charged with these practices, both of whom are tenured.

Black Instructors

Why is it necessary that only a black man teach "black history" courses? SOULS present answers of an emotional nature where these demands are concerned. "There is no white man in this country qualified to teach a black history course, because the black man has lived much of his history while the white man would be at a loss to empathize with this."

There were no necklers in the audience last Wednesday. The SOULS members moved easily through their explanations, in an effort as one put it, "to force concentration on, maybe even an understanding of the other 9.3 demands besides 'Dixie'."

'The Rebel' explores legalized murder

by F. DAVID SANDERS

At this rate the Associated Collegiate Press will be barring "The Rebel" from competition. All American Honor Ratings should, after all, be shared. Chip Callaway and John Reynolds just haven't heard.

"The Rebel" (Winter, '69) is, as it should be, a mixed bag. It is mixed in quality, too, as would be expected — but, in my opinion, the crowding is in the plus column. First off, advisor Ovid Pierce should be applauded for allowing the staff to exercise its own judgment. The visual effect achieved is very professional. The art and design of Rad Bailey enhance the magazine by not overwhelming it; the photo essay makes its somber point with dignity.

Most of the poems selected are a notch above the usual college efforts, and Robert McDowell's review of "Soul on Ice" conveys the power of that book. The one genre obviously slighted in this issue is the short story. Paul Green's narrative about his childhood chum, a black, is one of the best things

in the book, but it might have been joined by a student story.

All but a few pieces are related to the theme of capital punishment — or, avoiding the euphemism, legalized murder: society's ultimate admission that it really doesn't give a damn about the individual. Capital punishment, like war, always has its defenders who bring in historical precedent and moral aphorism; meanwhile, the punishment goes on making society guilty of the same crime it professes to abhor.

Two interviews on this subject dominate the book. That with Attorney General Robert Morgan is technical and hesitant but important — it has already been quoted in the news media and has been paralleled by the Governor's recent statements. That with dramatist Paul Green is the eloquent and passionate outcry of a humanist. And as if that weren't enough, there is the chillingly clever and beautiful poetry of Gale Morgan himself, a resident of

Caledonia Prison, revealing what it's like on the inside of those walls.

The editors should be commended on the choice of this topic and the spirit with which they carried it out. It is not so sensational or easy a cause as another might have been, but it is just as serious. Everything about the magazine indicates a staff of people who feel the responsibility for producing something significant. They have succeeded.



Lucy Johnson — WHITE BALL QUEEN FOR 1969

(The Alpha Phi Omega fraternity crowned Miss Lucy Johnson as White Ball Queen at the ball held here Saturday night for funds given to the Pitt County Crippled Children's Association.)

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Senator Birch Bayh (D-Ind.)

Senator Birch Bayh supports reforms

by H. Gerald Beaver

Election reform and the lowering of the voting age were the main topics discussed by Senator Birch Bayh (Indiana) on campus Monday night.

As Chairman of the Senate Constitutional Amendment Subcommittee, Bayh wrote and guided to passage the 25th Amendment to the Constitution on presidential disability and vice-presidential succession.

The youthful Senator, who is now in his second session in the U.S. Senate, is currently working toward the abolishment of the electoral

college and the lowering of the voting age to eighteen.

"American Roulette"

Concerning election reform, Senator Bayh lamented the fact that our method of electing a President, "which should be the purest example of what a people can do," has been noted by the American Bar Association as being "undemocratic, inequitable, and dangerous."

The Senator stated that he abhorred the fact that, because of the unit rule, the "most powerful office in the most powerful country in the world

could be put on the auction block" if the elections were thrown into the House. He characterized the present electoral system as being "American roulette" and called for the adoption of a direct popular Presidential election.

Qualified Youth

Senator Bayh defended his call for the lowering of the voting age to eighteen by saying that today's younger generation is the most qualified in history.

The Senator said that he feels that much of the current acceptance of leaders of the "far-out fringe" by today's youth is traceable to our political system's refusal of the vote to the young, a situation that could be remedied by the lowering of the voting age, thereby giving youth "a voice in the destiny of the nation."

Vietnam and Other Issues

Asked if he knew anything of President Nixon's "secret plan to end the war in Vietnam," Senator Bayh answered, "I'm sorry, I can't say anything without divulging a secret." In response to a question on the use of money being spent in Vietnam when the war ends, the Senator responded that he would rather it be used to make up the deficit in the lost fiscal budget and in domestic improvement rather than in further support of "the military-industrial complex."

Senator Bayh's wry, human, honest approach and obvious interest in people made his appearance an enjoyable occasion to all who attended, judging from audience's response.

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ECU Pirates lose and lose and lose

Crew alive

by STEVE WILSON

Contrary to popular belief there is still a crew team at ECU. For those that do not know what crew is, it is composed of a large canoe-like-boat approximately 60 feet in length, requiring eight men to row the boat, or shell, as it is called.

Seven men row the boat, while one man known as a "cox'n" steers and gives commands to the oarsmen. The oarsmen sit in sliding seats numbered from one to eight. The lead oarsman, or strokeman, sits in the eighth seat.

A race normally occurs in three main stages. All oarsmen sit ready for the starter to give the command to row. When the command is given, the cox'n screams out a number of signals for the oarsmen to row as fast and as hard as possible, usually for 20 strokes.

The speed is approximately 36-40 strokes per minute at that time. After 30 strokes the cox'n gives another command to settle to a slower, less tiring speed which is normally 30 strokes per minute.

The last quarter mile of the race is the most strenuous on the men. The cox'n gives an order to sprint, and the crew must pull as hard and fast as possible, also keeping in perfect time with the stroke throughout the race. Lungs burn, wrists swell, and often oarsmen are close to nausea, but for some stubborn reason they keep on going and often it pays off with a win.

Crew is not for the average person, it requires stamina,

By JOHN LOWE

Coach Earl Smith and his charges had a week full of ups and downs and unfortunately for the Pirate mentor, they were mostly down as East Carolina won only two of their first six games, which included a three game losing streak, something almost unheard of in ECU baseball annals.

After evening their record at 1-1 against Ithaca College in their home opener last Wednesday, the Bucs managed to lose three straight games, dropping decisions to Ithaca by 9-6, to UNC by 2-1, and to Virginia by 3-1 before snapping the streak with a 8-5 win over Virginia.

East Carolina, which was supposed to have been overall improved from last year in their pitching, defense, and hitting, came out on the minus side in all three categories.

The Bucs have used 24 hurlers in six games so far, or four per game, and they have yielded 26 runs in that same span. On defense, East Carolina has committed eight errors in the field in the last four games alone! As for their hitting, the team has a microscopic .191 average.

East Carolina now has four days off to heal their wounds before taking on Dartmouth College on Friday and Saturday.

Bombers Clobber Bucs

In their second game against Ithaca, the lead changed hands guts, and someone with twenty dollars that they want to contribute to the cause. Unfortunately the crew was unable to attain the needed funds for all the traveling the team has to do, so the members were devoted enough to pay for the privilege of rowing.

If anyone interested is not in haste, Coach Vic Pezzula will help you out.

several times, with the Bucs holding their last lead at 4-3 in the fifth, but Ithaca came back with a four-run rally to make it 7-4 in the top of the sixth. Each team then tallied twice more to make it 9-6, the final margin.

In losing, East Carolina used five pitchers and left 11 men stranded on base.

Heels Nip EC

On Friday, Ron Hastings lost a heartbreaker to North Carolina by 2-1 as he was out-dueled by the Tar Heels Tom Buskey, who fired a three-hitter.

Skip Hull, Carolina's fine catcher, drove in both runs with a solo homer in the fourth that broke a scoreless tie, and a sacrifice fly in the sixth to make it 2-0.

East Carolina, which had a bunt single by Stu Garrett through the first eight innings, finally got a ball hit out of the infield in the ninth when Rusty Edmundson singled to right. One out later, Dick Corrada singled, and after an error loaded the bases with only one out, Busket balked in the Buc's only run.

Hastings pitched a fine ball game, as he allowed only five hits in 8 1/3 innings. He struck out eight and walked one, with one of the runs being unearned. Bob Fisher relieved in the ninth when Hastings got into a little trouble and retired the side

without any further damage.

Cavaliers Extend Losing Skein

Against Virginia on Saturday, both Buc hurlers used were freshmen as Coach Smith was giving all of his pitchers a chance to show their stuff. Unfortunately, starter Bob Hileman was wild and only lasted three innings with the Cavaliers holding a 3-0 edge.

Bob Fisher came in and did a very good job for six innings as he limited Virginia to just five hits.

The lone East Carolina run scored in the eighth on a walk and two singles.

EC Snaps String

Against Virginia on Sunday, the Bucs used seven pitchers while escaping with an 8-5 win over the Cavaliers.

After freshman Tim Bayliss was knocked out in the second, Wayne King relieved him and was in turn relieved by Mitchell Hughes in the fifth. Hughes lasted just one man and Sonny Robinson was brought in as Virginia tied the score at 3-3.

After the Cavaliers scored a run off Robinson in the sixth to take a one run edge, the Bucs bounced back with two runs to retake the lead.

New pitcher John Weaver lasted one man as Ron Hastings got the call in the seventh. Randy Glover then relieved Hastings and pitched the ninth inning.

Somehow Robinson came out with the victory amidst all the changes which Coach Smith used to snap the three-game losing streak.

Against the Dartmouth Indians, the Bucs will face another northern team going the circuit down south. The Friday and Saturday afternoon games will get underway at 3 p.m. and 2 p.m. respectively.



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Robinson came the victory amidst all which Coach Smith map the three game k. the Dartmouth the Bucs will face northern team going down south. The Saturday afternoon get underway at 3 p.m. respectively.



East Carolina's second place finishing wrestling team was composed of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors this year. Kneeling from left to right are, Cliff Bernard, Mike Brown, Sam McDowell, David Dussia, John Carroll, Stan Bastian, Robert Corbo, Tim Ellenberger, Tom Ellenberger, and Sandy Smith. Standing, Coach John Welborn, Garlan Ballard, Ron Williams, John Conolly, Brad Galloway, Joe Facchina, Fred Bates, Paul Monroe, Frank Adams, and Morris Bray.

Thinclads take second

by CARL TYER
Penn State took seven first places and the meet at a five-team track meet held here this past weekend. East Carolina edged Norfolk for second, as the Bucs picked up 67½ points, to 62½ for Norfolk. Finishing out the standings were Quantico with 33 points, and Old Dominion with eight.

Norfolk also picked up seven first places, including both relays and all four places in the 100 yard dash. The Pirates had three first, but were able to overtake Norfolk with second and thirds in several events. Quantico picked up two first. Penn's first were in the shot

out, pole vault, discus, triple jump, and two-mile run.

Paige Davis of East Carolina, ran a 49 second 440, and Ken Voss a 4:15 for two of the Pirate wins.

Voss was edged out of a first in the two mile, as he finished a second and seven-tenths behind Al Sheaffer of Penn.

Coach Bill Carson felt the Bucs' showing was one of their best since he has been at East Carolina, and hopes to make the meet an annual event here.

440 relay: Norfolk, Quantico, Penn, East Carolina: 42.0.

Shot pug: Reid (PS), Desaano (PS), Alexander (EC), Lawrence (O), 54.2.

Javelin: Hall (N), Hegy (PS), Richardson (PS), Paul (EC), 220.6.

Long jump: Armstrong (Q), Reaves (EC), Pinachak (PS), Blinn (PS), 23.3.

High jump: Proctor (N), Wright (OD), Cabiati (PS), Goens (Q), 6-6¾.

Pole vault: Seese (PS), Holomann (N), Loschmana (PS), Steffie (PS), 13-6.

Mile: Voss (EC), Kessel (PS), Kidd (EC), Gentry (PS), 4:15.0.

120 high hurdles: Brinker (PS), Cargill (EC), Mackon (Q), McCourt (PS), :14.35.

440: Davis (EC), Gibbs (N), Boerie (OD), Epstein (PS), :49.0.

100: Joseph (N), Harris (N), Thomas (N), Boyd (N), :9.75.

Netters take Spiders

The Pirate tennis team took two out of three matches last week to bring their season mark to 2-2. After dropping a 7-2 decision to William & Mary, the Pirate netters downed Richmond by 7-2 and then came home to edge out a 5-4 verdict over the University of Cincinnati.

Against W&M, the Pirates took a 2-1 edge after three matches, but the Indians had too much for them and came on to take the victory. In three

of the matches that the Bucs lost, it took three sets for the Indians to win.

Against Richmond, East Carolina lost one singles and doubles match to win easily.

The match against Cincinnati went down to the final doubles match with both teams tied at 4-4. Graham Felton and Bill Ransone finally won for the Pirates, going three sets before defeating Geoff Crawford and Gary Trembling, 8-6, 4-6, and 6-4.

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'Thou shalt not kill unless thou art a State'

Humanitarians throughout the state were encouraged last week by statements made by North Carolina's three highest-ranking government officials, Governor Bob Scott, Lt. Governor Pat Taylor and Attorney General Robert Morgan.

These three men set governmental precedence in the state by openly opposing the state's death penalty. These three men showed courage in opposing a law that still carries a great deal of popular support in North Carolina.

With the influence of these men, North Carolina may be placed among those 13 liberal and farsighted states that have abolished this archaic mode of punishment.

"The Rebel" magazine, distributed last week, presented the case of capital punishment to its readers. "The Rebel" interviewed author Paul Green and state Attorney General Robert Morgan. Both of these men spoke of the futility of the provision which allows the state to take the life of a man. Both agreed that the death penalty should be abolished.

There is only one valid argument for capital punishment, and that is revenge. The idea that it is all right — even obligatory — for

a state to take a man's life because he has himself killed is deeply ingrained in our history. But it is no less wrong for that. Murder is murder, and if anything the ritualized, deliberate act of the society is more repellent than the passionate crime of the individual.

To quote Marcus Allen, "The Commandment does not read: 'Thou shalt not kill unless thou art a State,' Nor is it affirmed that 'the Lord giveth and the State taketh away; blessed be the name of the State.'"

The thinking and humanitarian people of North Carolina have begun to open their eyes to this system of revenge. "The East Carolinian" hopes that the legislators in Raleigh will take the advice of their elected officials and strike this unjust and barbaric law from our statute books forever.

Strikers win reforms minus hard-line policy

The success of the UNC-CH students in bringing about a 20 cent per hour increase in the minimum wage of state employees should be noted.

Not only were the reforms brought about without any real violence, they were also instituted without any disruption of the university.

Despite Governor Bob Scott's "hard line" policy at first and the excessive use of state troopers, the students were still able to "air" their complaints about the low-paid cafeteria workers.

Some of the reforms the strikers won were an increase in the minimum wage from \$1.60 to \$1.80 per hour for approximately 5,000 state employees, transfer of the white supervisor they blamed for most of the employees' complaints, over-time pay, improvements in scheduling, rehiring of a woman cafeteria worker who was laid off for no apparent reason, and an end to the practice of deducting meals from their pay — whether they ate at the cafeteria or not.

Thus the students at Carolina should be commended for their initiative in identifying the problem and working to achieve reform within the system.

Many times administrators become obdurate, or inflexible and fail to identify meaningful problems that exist "right under their noses." Part of this is due to the protection of vested interests, and some of it is due to bureaucratic rigidity.

Therefore, the students are a real proponents for change. They are the ones who point out injustices, mismanagements, and discrimination and seek solutions to these problems — without having to worry about reprisals from someone above them in the hierarchy.

And, this is the way it should be. The involved students of today will, in all probability, be the leaders of tomorrow.

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To the Editor:

Is it necessary to study a language? Is it a waste of time? If you think it is, you have not yet lived long enough to learn the error of your ways. True, for some people it is next to impossible to learn a language, even English. But the learning of another tongue, in opposition to my thoughts ten years ago in high school, brings to a person a better understanding of his own language as well as the reasoning and philosophical thought processes of other nations.

Of course if you look upon language learning as an erudition exercise with no application you are like most Americans who do just enough to get by and no more. If you say "I will never use the language," remember you are about 22 when you graduate with at least 30 more years of life and the world is becoming smaller. Who is to say you shan't use it? If you know for sure that you won't, you are far better than I because I don't read futures.

Besides the above reasons, the study of language along with philosophy and law impart to us a discipline of mind which eventually will lead us to continual self-improvement every day of our lives. He who ceases to learn no longer lives but exists and slowly dies. Is it because you are afraid you might learn something, you don't want to study, or do you give up too easily?

There are many who are mature enough to do the best they can and often find languages as an interesting intercourse, so much that they major in it. Don't sell language study short, because if you do, you sell yourself short.

Not everyone in America even speaks English and the lack of the Chicago and the San Francisco police forces' being able to speak Spanish has almost caused riots. Now they both have included basic Spanish courses in their training. Knowing another language might save your life some day. Russian, maybe!!!

Stephen Grollinger

To the Editor:

The March 14 edition of "The East Carolinian" stated "...there is no such thing as apathy on a campus if everyone is working toward a goal..." These words sound very impressive, but still they are only words to which many meanings may be assigned.

I believe that every student at ECU has a goal for which he or she is striving. Unfortunately, for the majority of students the goal becomes merely wading through enough credit hours and q.p.'s to graduate, sweeping the opposite sex off its feet and onto its back, or dunking more beer and liquor than anyone else on campus.

These segmented, individualistic, unchallenging ambitions that take the talent and intellectual initiative of a "no-mind" are a representative composite of the attitude of our student body. Most of the student's time is devoted to thinking up excuses for not doing something, instead of using that time creatively and purposefully through one of the many organizations on our campus.

I believe our students are intellectually endowed, talented, creative, and ambitious enough to make East Carolina a more powerful institutional unit through a solidified student body with strong organizational objectives once the secret to their dormant abilities is discovered.

I am convinced that you, the students, came to ECU to find out what you could be in life. You recognized the first step and took it. Now you must realize that extracurricular activities are as important to your records as grades in required courses. You must expend your responsibility to yourself and strive to fulfill your potential through involvement in organizational activities that will be beneficial.

Through discussion programs, field trips, participation projects, practical applications of your knowledge, and special guest speakers on organization, the Law Society, is offering to students

interested in law as a career, and to all students who express an interest in law, a way to fulfill their potential, and to help prepare them for the future.

The Law Society is taking an honest approach to provide the initiative, the motivation, and the purpose for which it was organized. What the Law Society, as well as many other such organizations, needs now is student support, student ideas, student involvement, and student participation. Accept the challenge. Bury apathy and cultivate student organizational activity.

W. Richard Bennett

To Whom It May Concern:

Speaking of undemocratic procedures, the housing rules for the 1969-70 female sophomores at East Carolina University reaches the top of the list. The rising sophomore girls have been confronted with the unjust method of drawing at random for their rooms for the coming year. Before, the procedure had been presented on a "first come — first serve" basis which permitted the student to have a choice of dorm and room.

Why has this previous procedure been discarded? Why have the present freshman female students' opinions been neglected in the forming of this housing rule? We understand that upperclassmen should have priority over the choice of rooms; however, we cannot understand why the rising sophomores are not allowed a choice of the remaining rooms. Why, after the female students pay for the rooms, do they not have preference over the rooms?

We hope in the struggle for more diplomatic policies on the East Carolina campus, that this matter will not be overlooked.

Sincerely yours,
 Concerned Rising Sophomore Girls