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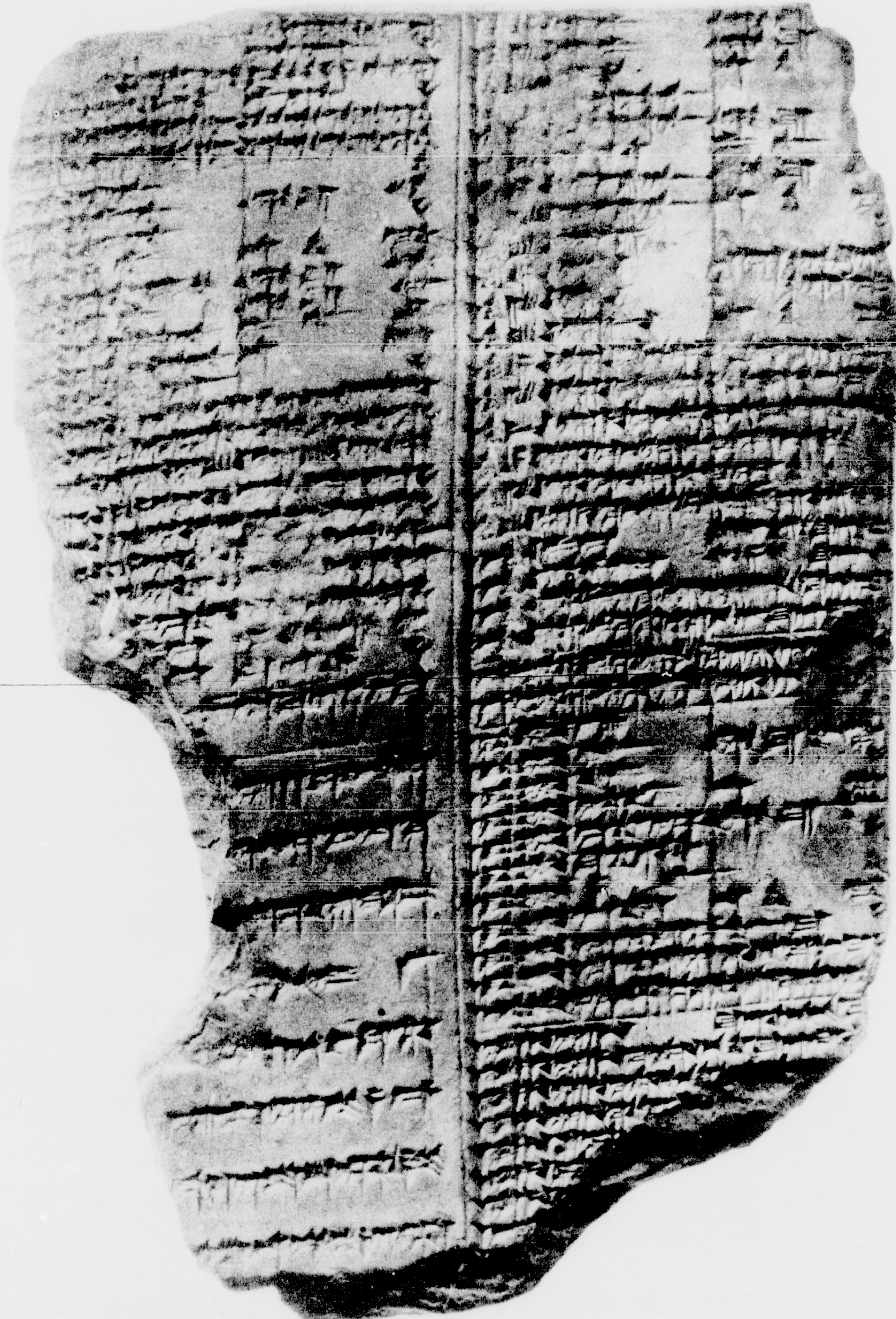
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## Play opens Wednesday

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### White decodes ancient words from Assyria

TINY CLAY TABLETS containing microscopic cuneiform writing have been identified by Dr. William White, assistant professor of history, as the "world's oldest practical manual for physicians." Shown at left is tablet A3442, one of those identified and subject of an article by White in the current issue of "Clio Medica," an international medical journal. For story, see page 5.

## Reading day poll shows students favor it 7-1

By DONNA FAIR  
Students voted overwhelmingly in favor of a reading day in an opinion poll held on registration day, Dec. 1.

The final tally was 5,478 students in favor of the reading day and 725 for an extended exam period.

At present, the administration has cancelled the winter quarter reading day and the faculty Calendar Committee has refused to incorporate reading days into next year's calendar.

One explanation was given by Dr. Robert Williams, Provost. He told an SGA representative that losing the class time that would be devoted to a reading day might cause the University to lose its accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. Floyd Read, chairman of the Calendar Committee, said his committee felt a reading day was not practical and

voted not to incorporate it in next year's calendar.

Instead, they extended the exam period an extra day.

He also said that he had been told that members of the faculty felt that the reading day would be an all-day party for the students, and that it would not improve grades.

The SGA said the reading day was not proposed to improve grades, but to give the students a rest before exams.

Arrangements for a reading day fall and winter quarters were made by the SGA. Action against the delegation of reading days was initiated by the SGA's opinion poll.

The results of the poll will be presented at the next meeting of the Calendar Committee, said Tom Clune, SGA Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Clune hopes the Committee will reopen the subject for discussion when given the results of the poll.

## 'A Flea in Her Ear' draws critics' praise

"One of the funniest plays ever written!" this is what many critics say of George Feydeau's "A Flea In Her Ear," a French farce opening Dec. 10 in McGinnis Auditorium.

The fun, according to director Edgar R. Loessin, is in the plot—a classic formula of mistaken identity and double entendres.

Here's the way it goes: A young wife has "a flea in her ear" and suspects her blamelessly square husband of infidelity.

To catch him she has a friend write him a love letter

from an unknown lady, making an appointment with him at the Hotel Pussycat.

Complications and chaos abound at the hotel as identities are reversed and bedrooms switched with everyone finding himself in a compromising position.

Major roles in the production are played by Ben Cherry, Barbara Simpson, Mark Ramsey, Linda Taylor, Jim Leedom and Sue Weisensale.

Tickets are now available at the box office in McGinnis Auditorium.



**COMPROMISING POSITIONS**—Intrigues abound at the Hotel Pussycat in the East Carolina Playhouse production of Georges Feydeau's "A Flea in Her Ear" which opens Dec. 10 in McGinnis Auditorium for a four night run. Tickets are now available at the McGinnis box office, by mail at Box 2712, Greenville, N. C. or by phone at 758-6390. Faculty and staff tickets are \$1. Students with I. D.'s may pick up tickets free. Pictured left to right are Linda Taylor, Sue Weisensale and Jim Leedom.

## Pignani helped develop spaceship trajectory

By JANE KELLER

Apollo 12 traveled through a "tube" on its journey between Earth and the moon.

According to Dr. Tullio Pignani, the chairman of the Math Department, the "tube" is an area within which the space craft must travel on its way to and from the moon.

Pignani was a member of a four-man mathematic research team for NASA.

The theoretical solution for mathematically constructing the "tube" and the exact route of Apollo 12 and other successful lunar missions was discovered by Pignani.

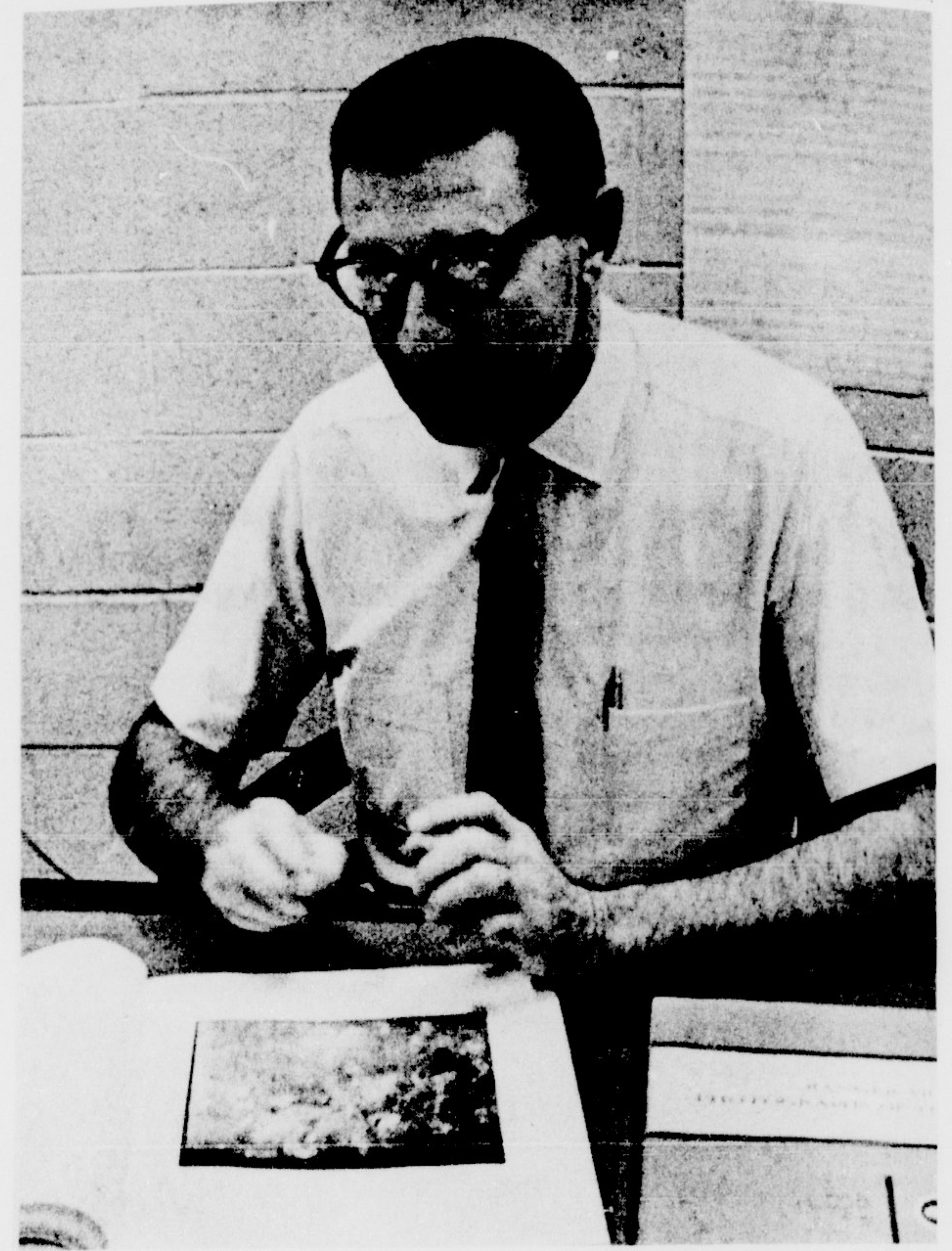
"Calculating the trajectory of the space ship was our specific problem," says Pignani. "The trajectory is the point at which the space craft leaves the Earth's parking orbit to the point at which it enters the lunar parking orbit."

Dr. Pignani said, "It is quite simple to mathematically calculate a straight line trajectory, but the space craft did not travel in a straight line. Its path was a curve.

"Another very important consideration is the fact that the computers in the space craft can only add and multiply. They cannot subtract and divide. A computer large enough to subtract and divide is too heavy and too large to be included in the space craft we now employ."

Pignani described the conditions under which he and his colleagues arrived at their successful "Patched-Conic Method" of calculation.

"After about a year of examining the research in celestial mechanics, especially Siegel, the outstanding German authority, I discovered that none of their projected



DR. TULLIO PIGNANI discussing lunar photos taken by Ranger VII.

solutions would work in solving our particular problem.

"It was one evening in a restaurant in Huntsville (Ala.) after a few weeks of intense study and discussion together, six or eight of us were having dinner together and discussing possible solutions, just talking. Suddenly it came to me that since the path of the space ship had to be a curve, why not try joining conic sections of curves together?"

"The idea sounded reasonable to all. We began feeding quadratic equations into computers and came up with the workable solution we

now have.

"It was one of the few strokes of good fortune which have come my way," Pignani said.

Pignani's efforts and recognition while with the research team won for him the position of consultant to the Marshall Space Flight Center at Huntsville, Ala.

Although Pignani, who joined the faculty here in 1964, is no longer on active status with NASA, he continues to follow avidly all space activity.

## UNC law professor addresses local Civil Liberties Union

By WAYNE EADS

Dan Pollitt, professor of law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will speak here Thursday at the monthly meeting of the Greenville chapter of the North Carolina American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

The topic of his speech is the relevancy of constitutional law principles and concepts to the work of the ACLU.

Pollitt is a professor of constitutional law, labor law, and criminal law at UNC. He is a long-time attorney for the ACLU, and once served on the legal staff of the U. S. House Committee on Labor. He is also qualified to argue cases before the U. S. Supreme Court.

An organizer

Pollitt is also a political

activist, having served as an organizer of Sen. Eugene McCarthy's presidential campaign in 1968. He is the author of several law review articles, some of which have been published in the "New Republic."

One of his recent cases was the defense of the professor at Elon College who was on trial because of his activities relating to the Vietnam Moratorium.

Basic rights

The ACLU's role is to protect the rights of every citizen as enumerated in the Bill of Rights. In keeping with that function, the ACLU has defended Communists, Klansmen, and members of many other controversial groups whose rights have been violated.

While most public attention focuses on the legal counselors of the ACLU, laymen play an important part in the work of the ACLU. They serve as researchers, as community-action program coordinators and many other positions.

Those persons who wish to hear Pollitt speak, or are interested in the ACLU should go to the meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in the Baptist Student Center on 10th street.

### Study skills class begins

Dr. George Weigand will teach the Study Skills Class Winter Quarter in Room 209 Wright Building. The class will begin Monday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m. It is not necessary to register for this class.

## Open letter to students

To the students of East Carolina:

This past weekend we had the most successful homecoming we have ever had in the history of the Student Government. It was the first time that a concert had been completely sold out. However, grave problems did exist.

Because the seating capacity of Minges is only approximately 7,000 and the demand for tickets was greater—much greater—than the seating capacity, some students were turned away. Dean Alexander attempted to help this problem by adding an additional 500 seats, and these were added by placing an additional number of seats in the aisles and by adding more seats to the main section.

If a fire marshal had come into Minges either Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning, he could have closed the concert because we were violating fire regulations. But, even this increasing of seats proved to be insufficient for the demand.

As I mentioned earlier, this was the first concert in the history of the University that was a sellout. We were totally unprepared for this situation. Dean Alexander and the Central Ticket Office, upon realizing the concerts were to be more popular with the students than was expected, released tickets set aside for the faculty and the staff to the students. This caused some members of the faculty and the staff to complain to Dean Alexander, but he told them the concerts were paid for by the students; and, therefore, the students should be the ones to get the benefits of the tickets. Also, several alumni and supporters of the University wanted tickets. They were not given tickets because of the great student demand for them.

The student tickets were exhausted late Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning before the concert.

Many students complained to me and to Dean Alexander, asking why there were not enough student tickets. I have sent a letter to the Legislature asking them to view the policy of the CTO. It is my hope that the Legislature will allow a revision of the rules and regulations regarding the CTO. I suggested to the Legislature that they consider a policy which would allow tickets to go on sale two weeks prior to a concert for the dispersion of the tickets. During the first week, students only would be allowed to pick up tickets. The second week would be open to everyone—students included—to pick up their tickets.

I do hope that the Legislature will also consider the number of student guest tickets that were allocated last spring when we allocated a thousand student guest tickets. Because this guest ticket was heavily abused by many students, the thousand guest tickets were soon depleted. Many people who dated persons not attending East Carolina were forced to pay \$4.00 for tickets instead of \$2.00 a ticket. In the future, I do hope that the students here will respect the policy concerning the student guest tickets.

It is my hope that the complaints of the students who could not attend the concerts will be answered and acted upon by the Legislature in the future. If we do ever have another sellout, all students will have a chance to attend the concert.

The Student Government does apologize to those students who were unable to get tickets for the homecoming concerts. Our only excuse is that Minges is not big enough. The number of public tickets released to people outside of the University community was small, approximately 400. I have suggested to the Legislature that a revision in the rules governing the operation of the Central Ticket Office be made. This was suggested to me by a student who was unable to obtain tickets. I think if this suggestion is adopted in the future, students should be able to obtain their tickets for the concerts.

John Schofield  
President, SGA



What's a catamount?

## Dead crane symbolizes school spirit

Many students have been wondering why a dead crane was hung on a tree in front of Memorial Gym Monday.

Many have also tried to make some sense out of the sign attached to it which read: "What's a catamount? First win for ECU basketball team."

A student said he saw the dead bird lying in a mud puddle behind Belk Dormitory Monday morning.

He said that he and several other students put the bird on display at Memorial Gym to show school spirit.

**LOST**—An activity card was lost Dec. 1 by Douglas Jerry Young, 105 Jarvis Street. If found, please turn it into the Psychology Department.

**LOST**—A gray kitten in the vicinity of Burger Chef. If found, call 752-2813.

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## Jenkins initiates police program

Plans to institute North Carolina's first higher educational program in police administration and in corrections have been announced here.

President Leo W. Jenkins said Tuesday that the University's current base of courses dealing with crime and delinquency will be used to develop significant curriculum and structures for a comprehensive program in the field.

An advisory committee will be formed to facilitate

development of the program.

"We are faced with a demanding crisis in the field, and recent events have illustrated the need for and the role of law enforcement in human relations and the prevention of crime," Jenkins said.

ECU's program, he said, will be coordinated through the new Department of Social Welfare and Social Work in collaboration with the Department of Psychology, Sociology, and Political Science for the time being.

## Former students arrested for putting up posters

Two former East Carolina students were arrested early this morning and held under \$50 bond for putting up posters in the Greenville area.

Greenville police charged Daisy Albritton and Mitch Marshall about 2:30 a.m. for posting signs concerning Dr. Ralph Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and his scheduled visit to Raleigh on Dec. 6.

Abernathy will speak at Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium in a statewide workshop of SCLC.

The two SCLC volunteers were driven by Deborah Byrd, member of the organization's state Board of Directors. Miss Byrd was held for questioning and later released.

Whitney Hadden, chairman of

the campus student rights organization known as GAP, said this morning that GAP, SCLC, and the Black Action Committee at Rose High School would jointly call for a silent demonstration today to protest the arrest.

In a leaflet distributed this morning by GAP, a silent, symbolic demonstration was announced for the Federal Post Office in downtown Greenville at 3:00 p.m. The leaflet denounced the arrest as "simply another example of the harassment and intimidation practiced by the Greenville City Police against the people in Greenville who are working for SCLC and for the peace movement."

Hadden said the group would wear gags taped over their mouths "as a symbol of our lack of freedom of speech."

**Picture of a man  
about to make a mistake**

He's shopping around for a diamond "bargain," but shopping for "price" alone isn't the wise way to find one. It takes a skilled professional and scientific instruments to judge the more important price determining factors—Cutting, Color and Clarity. As an AGS jeweler, you can rely on our gemological training and ethics to properly advise you on your next important diamond purchase. Stop in soon and see our fine selection of gems she will be proud to wear.

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Inventive, poetic lyrics

# Laura Nyro feels 'pulse of the city'

By ROBERT McDOWELL  
 NEW YORK TENDABERRY: Laura Nyro. (Columbia KCS 9737). New York. The brutal impersonal city shapes the artist, provides inspiration, offers delusion, drugs, escape — and a subject for the blues.  
 New York: "Sidewalk / and pigeon / you look like a city /

but you feel like religion..." Laura Nyro singing the blues, the sensitive poetess feeling the pulse of the city, reflecting the love and the brutality, the life forces and the death urges of metropolis.  
 Laura Nyro's arrangements are precise and spare, using piano and voice to carry a message unadorned with prolix

gimmickry, horn sections, or heavy percussion. Her lyrics are inventive and poetic, resembling e e cummings more than Bob Dylan. Laura Nyro captures the feeling of "the blues" in impressionistic stylings that defy the usual 12-bar-blues medium.

"New York Tendaberry" is probably the best song on the album, combining musical abstractness with a collage of images, reactions to the city which capture the spirit of movement and decay, "Sweet kids in hunger slums..." the dynamics of revolution, "quakers and revolutionaries / join for life / for precious years..." and the heady atmosphere of the Village, "a rush on rum... east wind skies... new york tendaberry." "Save the Country" is a

memorial and a plea, invoking the memories of Dr. Martin Luther King, John Kennedy, and Robert Kennedy to inspire America to build the "American Dream" with love. An easily imitable tune, "Save the Country" will probably follow "And When I Die" and "Eli's Comin'" in gaining widespread popularity.

"You don't love me when I cry" is a tentative lament that builds up emotion as it gains speed. "Time and Love" — "nothing cures like..." — is a bouncy tune with clever lyrics; while, "The man who sends me home" relies on simplicity to carry the message across.

Laura Nyro's second album is a study of contrasts, slow laments and soaring melodies, abstract arrangements and compact lyrics. More than her

first album, "New York Tendaberry" displays the depth of Laura Nyro's creative genius and originality.

Like Tim Hardin, Joni Mitchell, and Leonard Cohen; she is a composer-performer who will be long remembered for her blending of poetry and melody.

Album donated by the Record Bar.

## Joan Baez has baby

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Folksinger Joan Baez Harris gave birth to a son Tuesday night at the Stanford University Hospital.

Hospital spokesmen said the 28-year-old mother and baby are in excellent condition. The boy weighed seven pounds four ounces.


Mrs. Harris said she hoped to take the child, Gabriel Earl to the Safford, Ariz., federal prison camp at Christmas to visit his 23-year-old father, David Harris. He is serving a sentence for refusing induction into the Army.

He is former student president of Stanford University.

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# Tablets reveal ancient medicine in minute cuneiform inscriptions

By BOB THONEN

Small clay tablets, approximately 140 by 90 millimeters, presently in the collection of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago were the subject of a recent article published in "Clio Medica," a major international medical journal, by

Dr. William White, assistant professor of history.

In this article, White details the exact translation of the microscopic cuneiform literature written on one of the tablets in the Semitic languages of ancient Mesopotamia.

"Of more importance, however, than the translation invol-

ved is what is revealed about the conception and growth of the sciences in their embryonic history in the ancient world that this documentary evidence of ancient Assyrian medical literature represents," White said.

White's article goes into depth about the prerequisites to understanding the rise of science in antiquity. He refers to this rise as being "more metaphysical than physical," and refers to the attempts to isolate data from the mounds of Mesopotamia which will neatly categorize into "objective-subjective" or "natural-supernatural" as usually failing.

All of the tablets discussed in White's article are summaries, catalogues and outlines of the longer series of texts which were used by the physician and the scribe in the daily practice of their craft and the instruction of the students of both professions.

White has lectured in major universities in Belgium and Holland on this subject and is scheduled to lecture in Japan next year. During the next fall quarter, White hopes to bring some of this information to students here in the form of a new course offering: "A History of the Exact and Physical Sciences."



DR. WILLIAM WHITE, assistant professor of history here, was the translator of the world's oldest practical manual for physicians.

# March supports strikers

CHAPEL HILL (AP)—Young Negroes marched en masse on the University of North Carolina campus to support striking food service workers Tuesday, but there were no incidents.

A group of blacks, consisting by police count of 132, marched from a downtown community center. They remained on the campus for about an hour, then marched back to the community center.

Police Chief W. D. Blake said the group included students from Malcolm X Liberation University in Durham, North Carolina Central University in Durham and North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro.

The head of Malcolm X University, Howard Fuller, has been barred from the UNC campus by court order after being arrested last week on the food service workers' picket line.

Blake said the marchers Tuesday remained on the side walks while in the downtown area and there were no arrests.

Monday night eight windows were broken in the Lenoir dining hall where the strikers are picketing and windshields were shattered on the cars of

non-striking workers.

Blake said the incidents occurred during a rock throwing flurry. He added there were no arrests because it was dark and police could not see who threw the rocks. He said pickets were on hand at the time.

Meanwhile, the strikers rejected an offer by UNC Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson under which the university offered to pay salaries for a limited time of workers who are not reinstated in their jobs when the strike ends.

The strikers have demanded that all workers be returned to their old jobs, but Saga Food Services which operates the UNC dining halls has announced that nearly a third of the workers will not be needed.

## HATS OFF TO

Jim Modlin

Jim, 6'7" center scored 42 points for a new school record and pulled down 20 rebounds in the Pirate's victory over Western Carolina Monday night.

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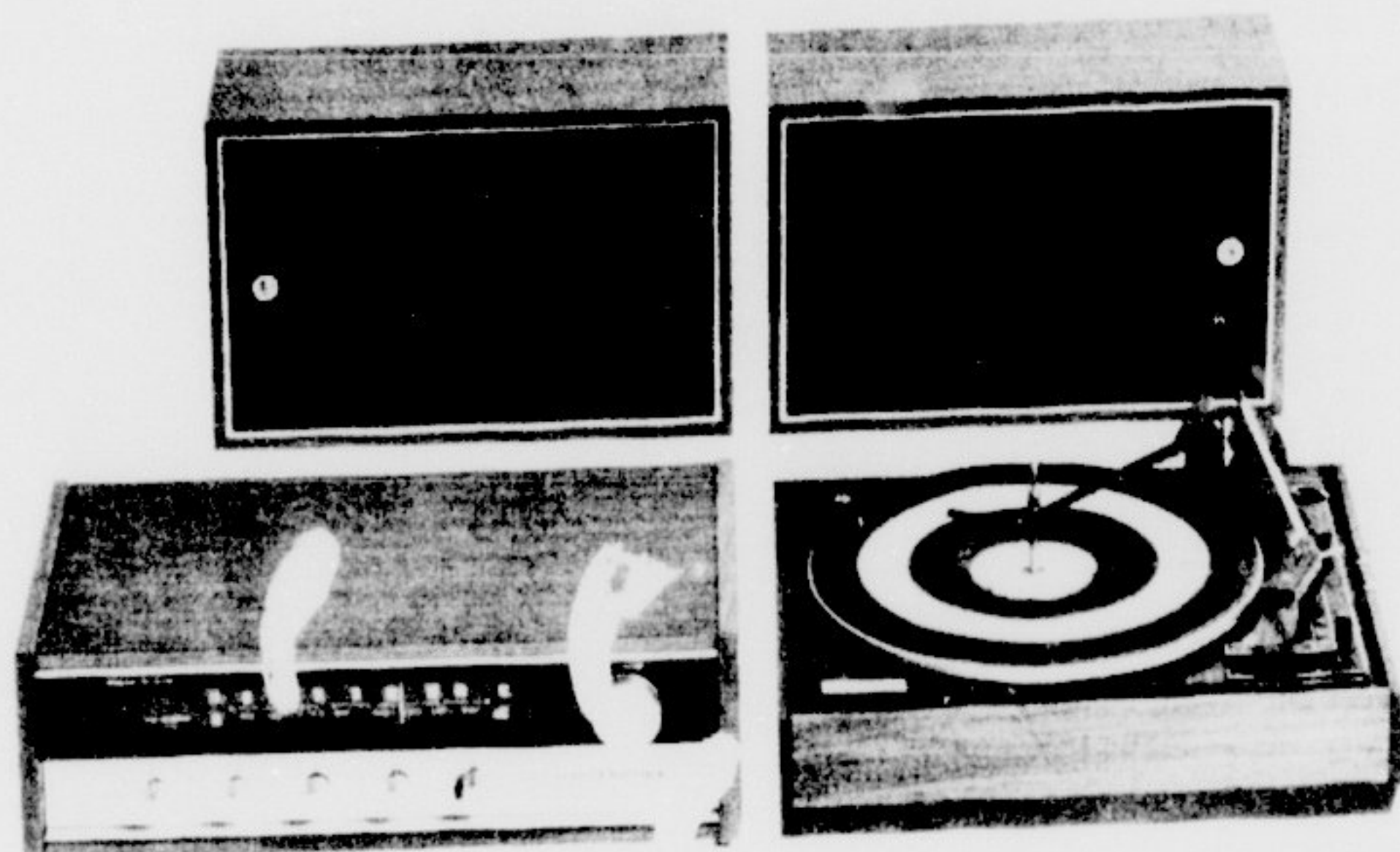
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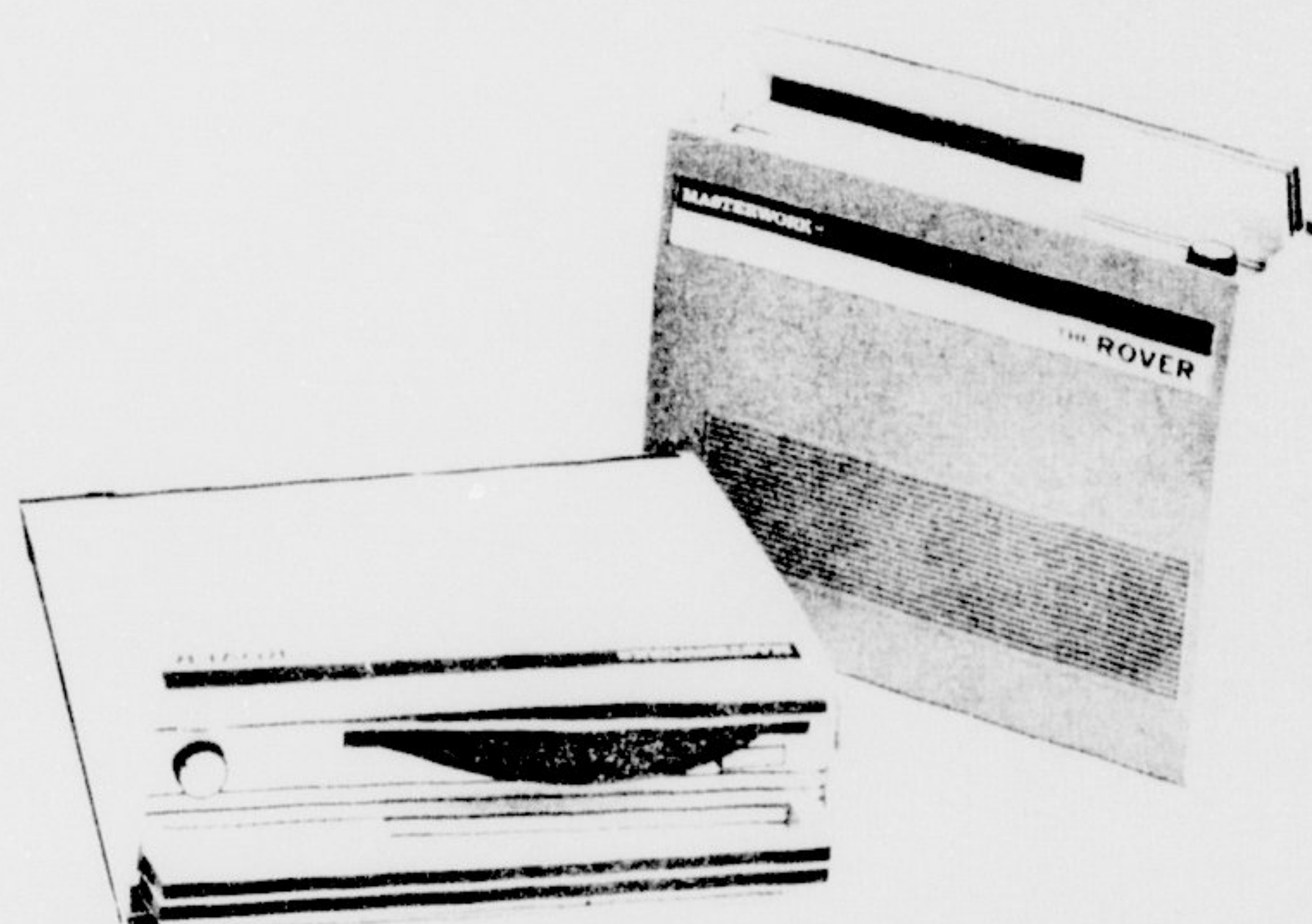
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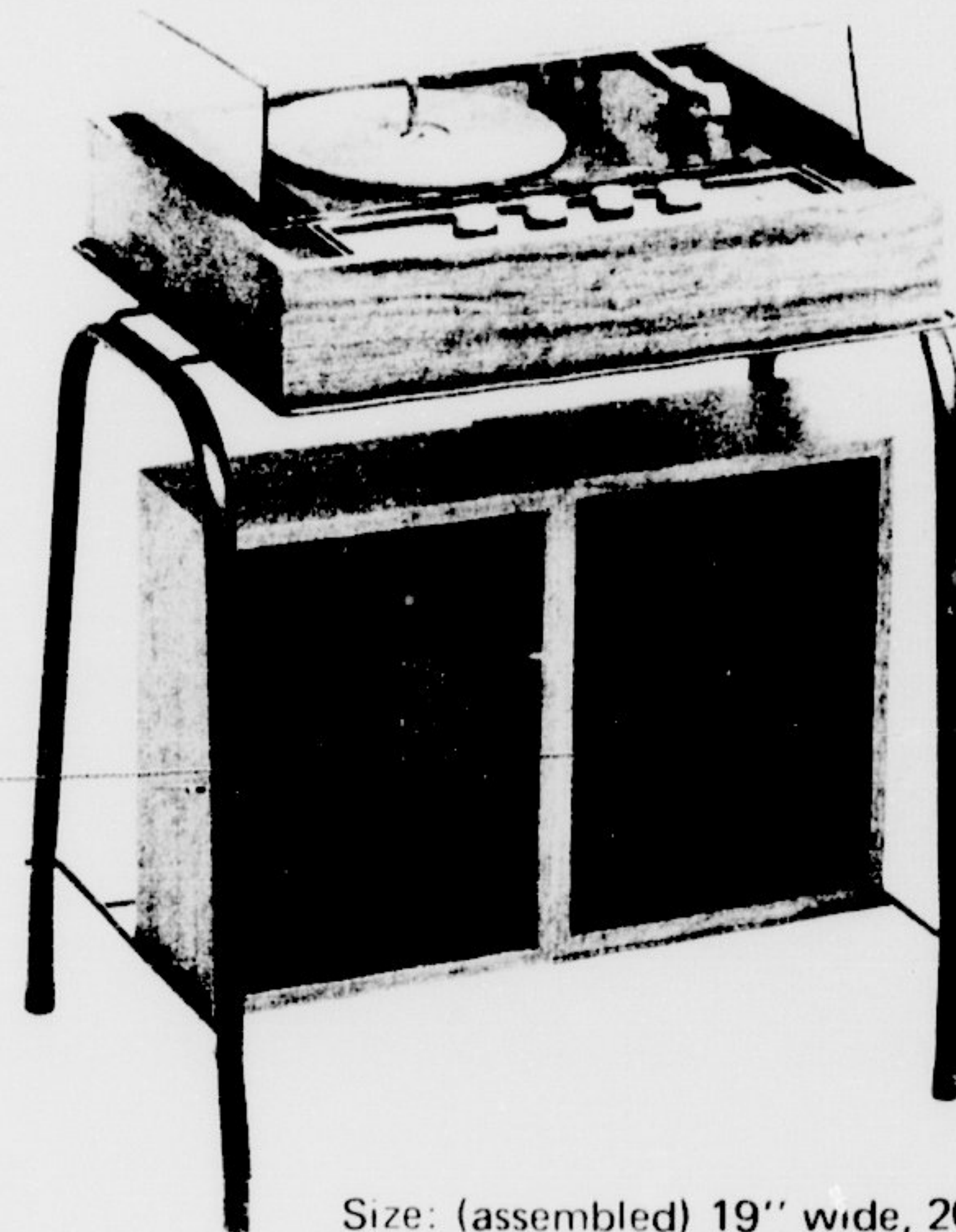
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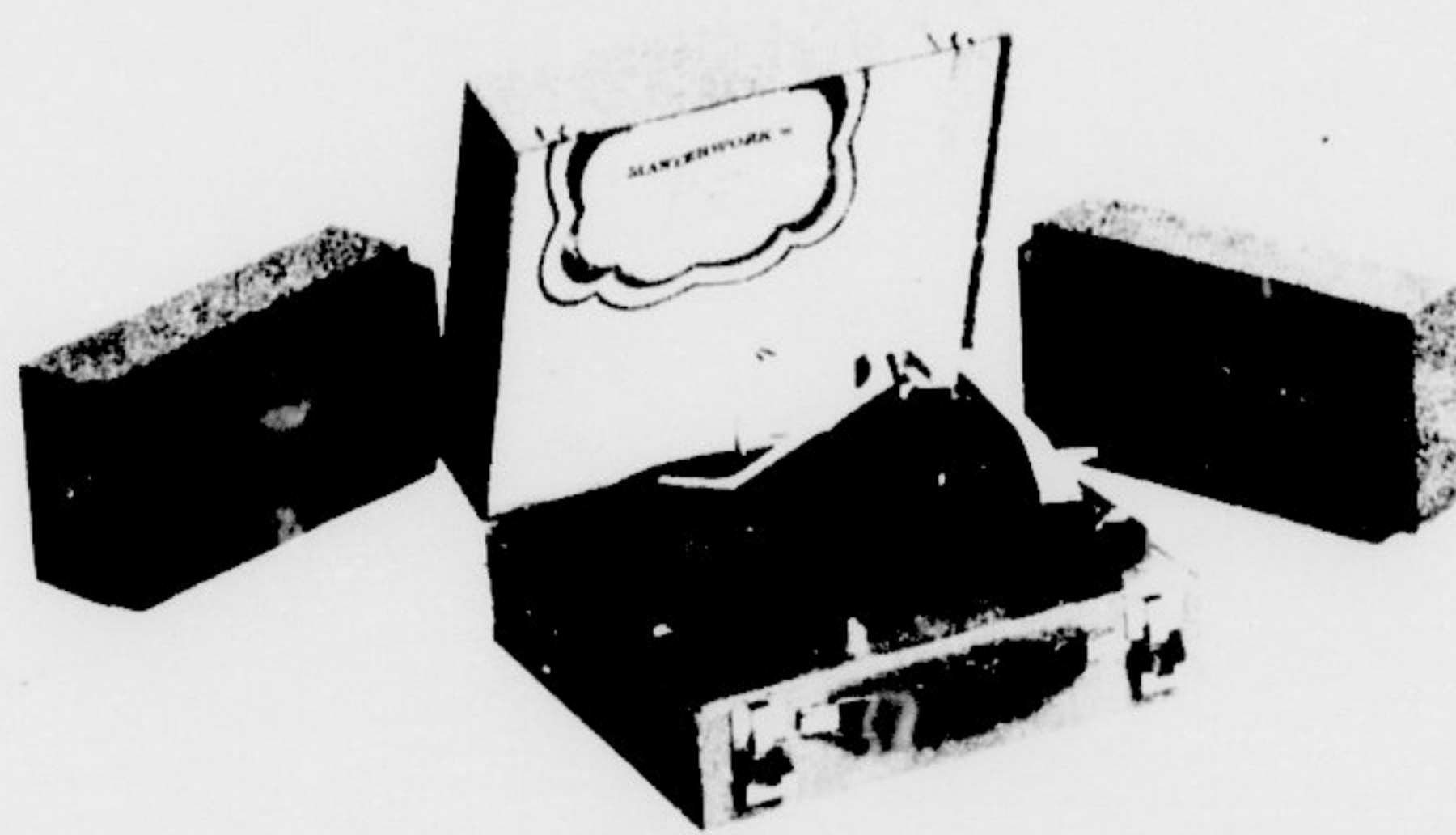
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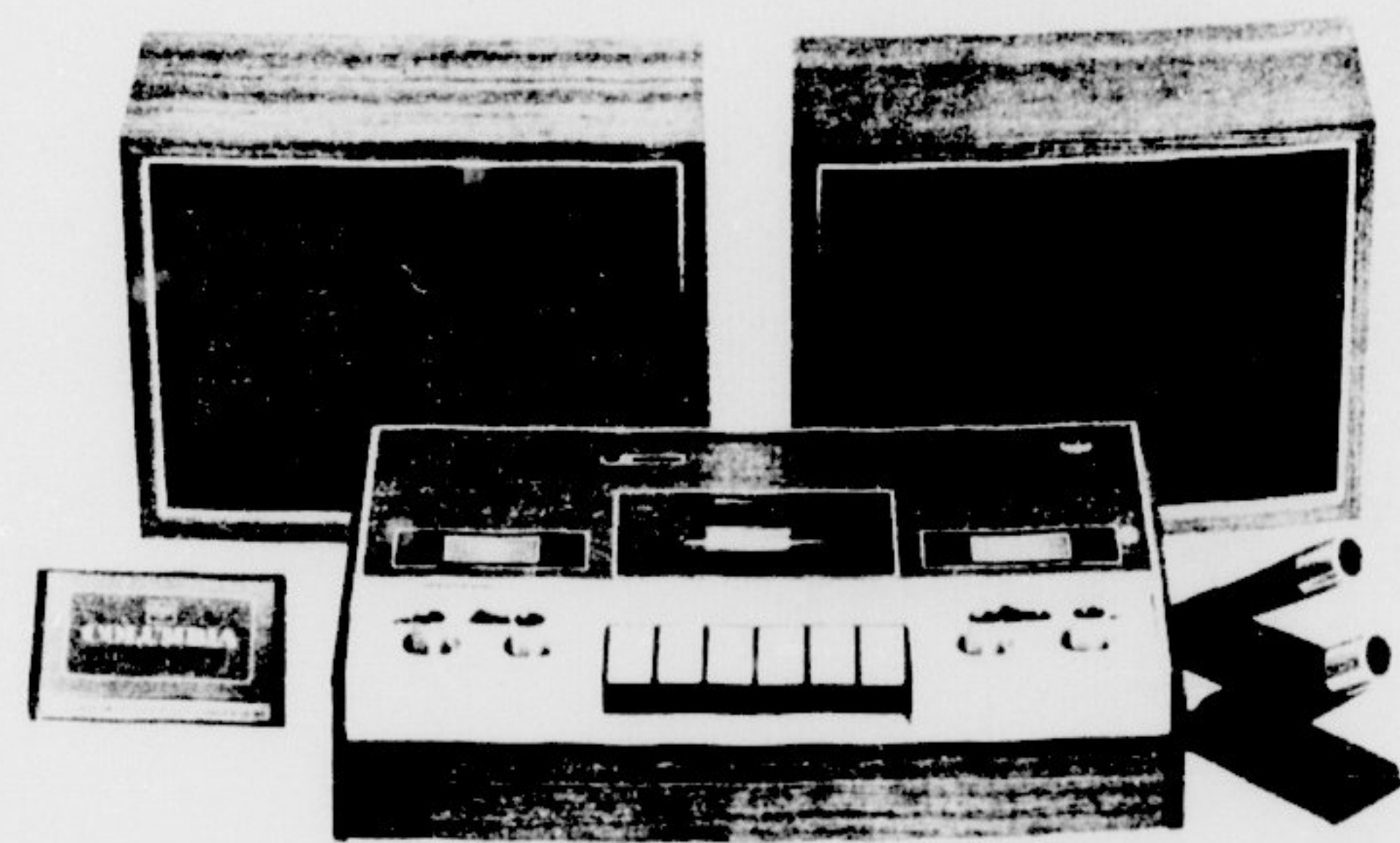
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## Summer Theatre offers novel idea for Christmas

Christmas gift subscriptions to the 1970 season of the ECU Summer Theatre are available now through Dec. 20.

Summer Theatre general manager Jim Slaughter said that "numerous patrons have pointed out to us that Summer Theatre subscriptions make delightfully original Christmas gifts for family and friends."

Slaughter said the gift subscriptions will be mailed in a greeting card with the sender's name affixed.

Subscriptions entitle the holder to see five musical productions including "Hello Dolly," "The Pirates of Penzance," "George M!," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," and "Man of La Mancha."

"We feel that this is an excellent opportunity for people to enjoy Christmas all through the summer months," Slaughter said.

Christmas subscriptions are \$18 and may be bought at McGuinnis Auditorium or by mail at Box 2712, Greenville. Telephone orders will be accepted at (919) 758-6390.

### The reel scene

# Alice runs a cool joint

By A. W. OLSON

Arlo Guthrie's sardonic story of how to succeed in living, short of skipping the country, when your number comes up makes for a funny film.

Funny, because it has some hilarious bits of humour but funny also because at the close all I could say was: "Well?"

The talking blues album, "Alice's Restuarant," which is the film's basis, probably proved to be too limited for director Arthur Penn to make a great short film, so he hired a writer and with Arlo's help, he brought off a good, slick feature length 'movie'.

Officer Obie, Alice and all

the fools from Whitehall Street do what they can to help the story along. Snatches of the last generation's defeated idealism try, I suppose, to tell today's turned-off left not to take the revolution too seriously.

Additionally, we're hipped to the fact that with 20 or 30 bods living under one roof, somebody is bound to get uptight for space. Smack, too, is 'revealed' as a quick way to die.

When the film moralizes these canons of truth we are bored but when Arlo and the events of the "massacree" are related we laugh and sense that in spite of all, Arlo is all right.

Besides lasting forever and

aside from the poor sound system and incompetence of the dude who's supposed to keep the focus adjusted, "Genesis I" was generally worthwhile. It seemed that the bulk of the 17 films just tried too hard.

Too much subject matter

and not enough equipment and, in some few instances, not enough technical skill diluted and otherwise potent melange of film. "Breakfast Dance," "7362," "Orange," "Now That The Buffalo's Gone," and "Opus I" seem to me the ups of the collection.

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# Financial loss causes CUS death

TORONTO — (CPS-CUP) — The Canadian Union of Students is dead.

Students at the University of Toronto voted to withdraw from the union Oct. 22. Without Toronto's membership fees the union, which has been

losing members for the last two years, can't possibly continue financially. CUSnow has fewer than a dozen members.

Financially the union may not even be able to meet its present commitments. "If those who are still members

pay, and if Toronto pays the portion covering the last two months, we're okay, otherwise I don't know," CUS President Martin Loney said.

"One of our greatest responsibilities is to our support staff, most of whom have been with us over ten years," Loney continued. "25,000 workers have just been laid off in Ottawa." The Toronto vote had a record campus turnout of 38 per cent. 5434 students voted 'no' and 2222 'yes.'

In the last few months CUS has been attacked as too far left for the right and too far right for the left. As early as last February some radical left students at the University of

Waterloo near Toronto had opposed CUS in a special referendum.

Toronto Student president Gus Abols, on the other hand, was pleased with the CUS defeat because it was a defeat for the radicals. "This proves to me that the radicals are no longer the representatives and the students have rejected them."

CUS President Martin Loney disagreed that the meaning was clear. "It's unfortunate that the campaigns haven't been fought on issues but on stereotypes and slogans — we were prepared to fight on CUS's policies — that's not what happened."

The end of CUS may not be the end of a national student organization. At Toronto Abols said he would try to

form a new union with other campuses that rejected CUS. The new Union would be "non-political" and would work for "student reforms."

Abols was instrumental in the preparation of by-laws for an alternative "federation" circulated at the last CUS congress in August. It was unpopular among radicals and moderates alike and died on the floor of the plenary for lack of a seconder.

Founded in 1926, the Canadian Union of Students was the world's third oldest national student organization. Still operating are Britain's National Union of Students and the All Student Council of the USSR.



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NCAHPER president Dr. Edgar Hooks, a health and physical education professor here, said the theme of this year's convention is "Tell It Like It Is."

Hooks announced that the

convention will open at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, with an executive board meeting.

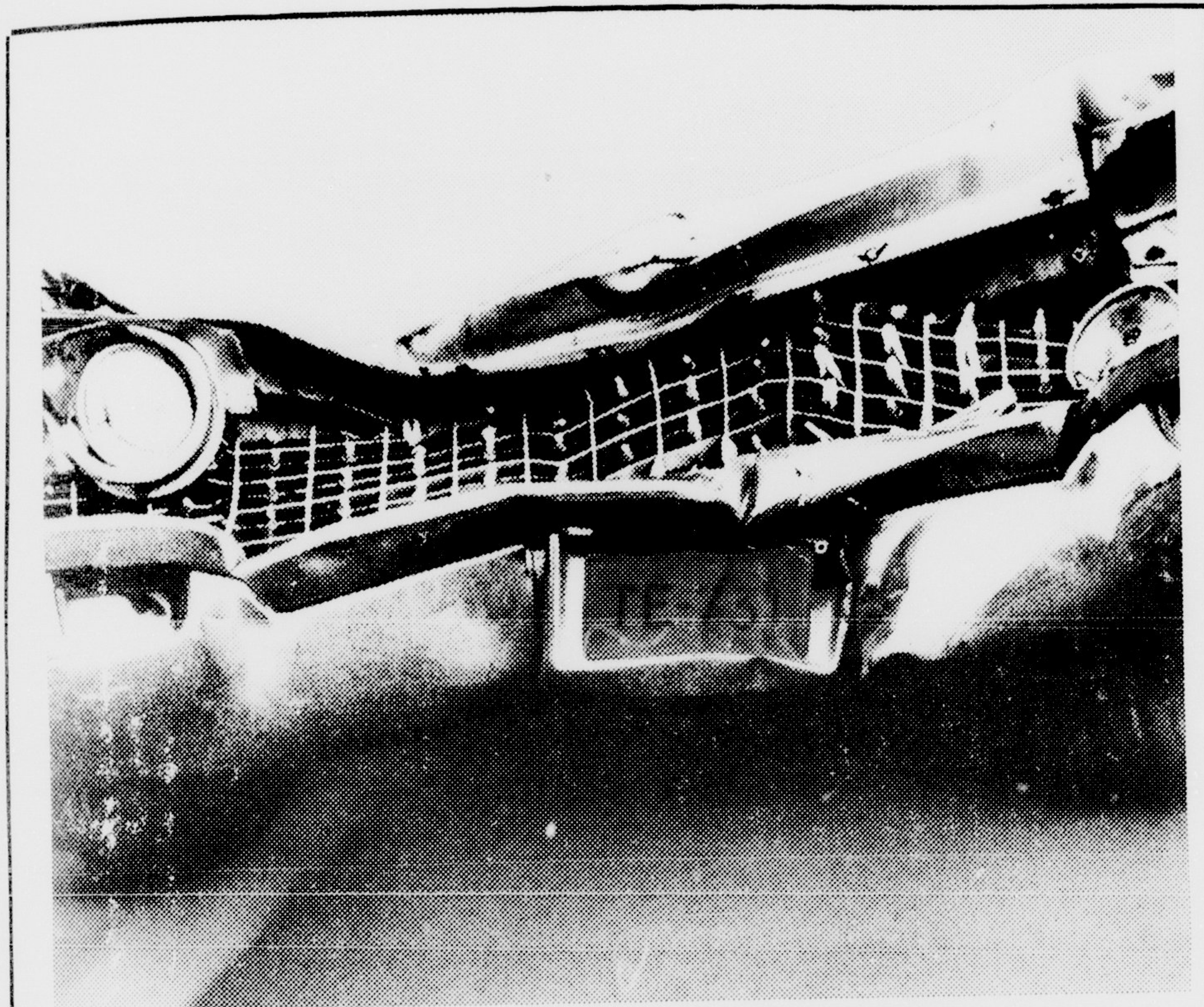
The three-day convention will consist of a series of general sessions and business meetings which will feature a number of presentations and lectures dealing with various aspects of health, physical education and recreation.

Opening the first general session at 8 p.m. Thursday will be Dr. Celeste Ulrich, professor of physical education at the

University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The topic of her speech is, "This is For Real."

President Jenkins will welcome the convention at the first session.

Among the many topics to be discussed throughout the convention are: "Back to the Track," "What's Happening in Black Dance?," "Stop the Class I Want to Get Out," "A Child Is Waiting" and "New Teaching Ideas."



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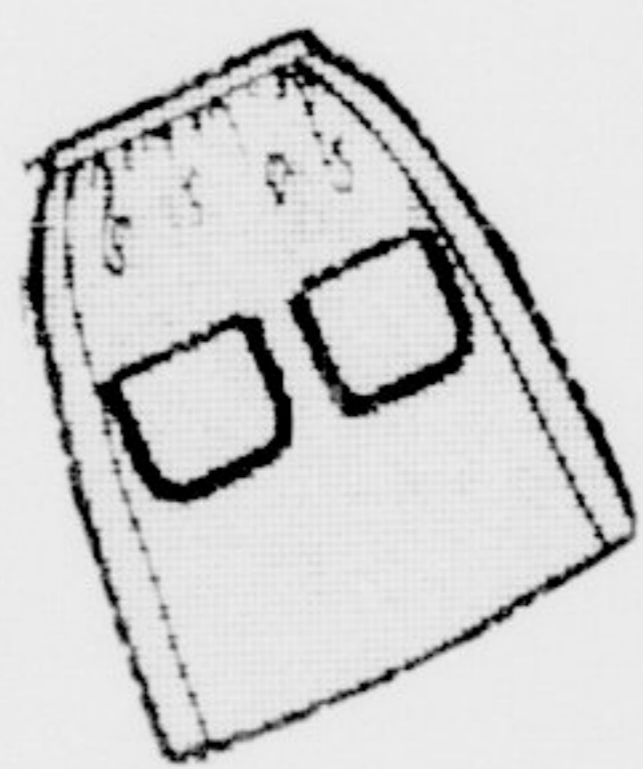
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## Voting rights may be extended

By BILL CONNELLY  
Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON

The House of Representatives is expected to pass an extension of the 1965 voting rights act, or at least adopt a law to replace it, before Congress adjourns for the year.

But in the Senate, where voting rights legislation is entrusted to Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr.'s subcommittee on constitutional rights, no action is in sight.

Advocates of an extension had hoped to complete action before the heat of the 1970 congressional elections. In the Senate, however, there now seems little prospect of movement on voting rights before warm weather returns. The 1965 law will expire in August.

Ervin, a bitter foe of the 1965 act, obviously is in no hurry to extend it for another five years, as provided in the House Judiciary Committee's bill. He also is opposed to the substitute measure proposed by the Nixon administration.

Moreover, Ervin's subcommittee aides say there has been little or no pressure for action from the White House, the Justice Department, or other senators. Four days of hearings were held by the subcommittee in July, but nothing has been done since.

The 1965 law suspended literacy tests in every state and locality in which fewer than half the voting-age residents were registered and voting in the 1964 presidential election. By this standard, of course, the law applied almost exclusively to the South, with its thousands of unregistered blacks.

It covered all of six states—Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Virginia and 39 counties in North Carolina. Also included were one county in Oregon and one in Hawaii.

Under the law, the attorney general was authorized to review and veto any new election laws in those states that he deemed discriminatory. He was authorized, too, to send federal registrars and poll watchers, if needed, to the affected areas.

In any case, the act has been effective in most Southern states, and civil rights groups argue that it must be extended to complete the enfranchisement of blacks. Some fear that if the law expires Southern states might reinstitute literacy tests and promptly call for new statewide registration, thereby purging the books of many new voters.

Federal courts might not be able to stop such a mass disenfranchisement, moreover, until after the election—or after the books had been burned.

The Nixon administration has called for continued protection of voting rights, but opposes a straight extension of the old law. It wants a new act abolishing literacy tests nationwide until 1974. This would honor President Nixon's campaign promise to Southerners that he would never support "regional" legislation, such as the 1965 law.

The administration bill would change (some say weaken) the attorney general's procedures for reviewing new state voting laws. It would allow new residents of any state to vote in presidential elections, even if they did not meet the residency requirement for voting in local and state elections. And it would create a temporary, nine-member commission to study vote fraud.

Some congressional staffers also feel the Nixon bill would, perhaps inadvertently, pave the way for a constitutional amendment allowing direct popular election of the president.

One major problem in direct election would be the diversity of state election laws, which could cause inequities in a nationwide popular vote. For example, some states allow citizens to vote at 18, but most do not; some have literacy tests, some do not.

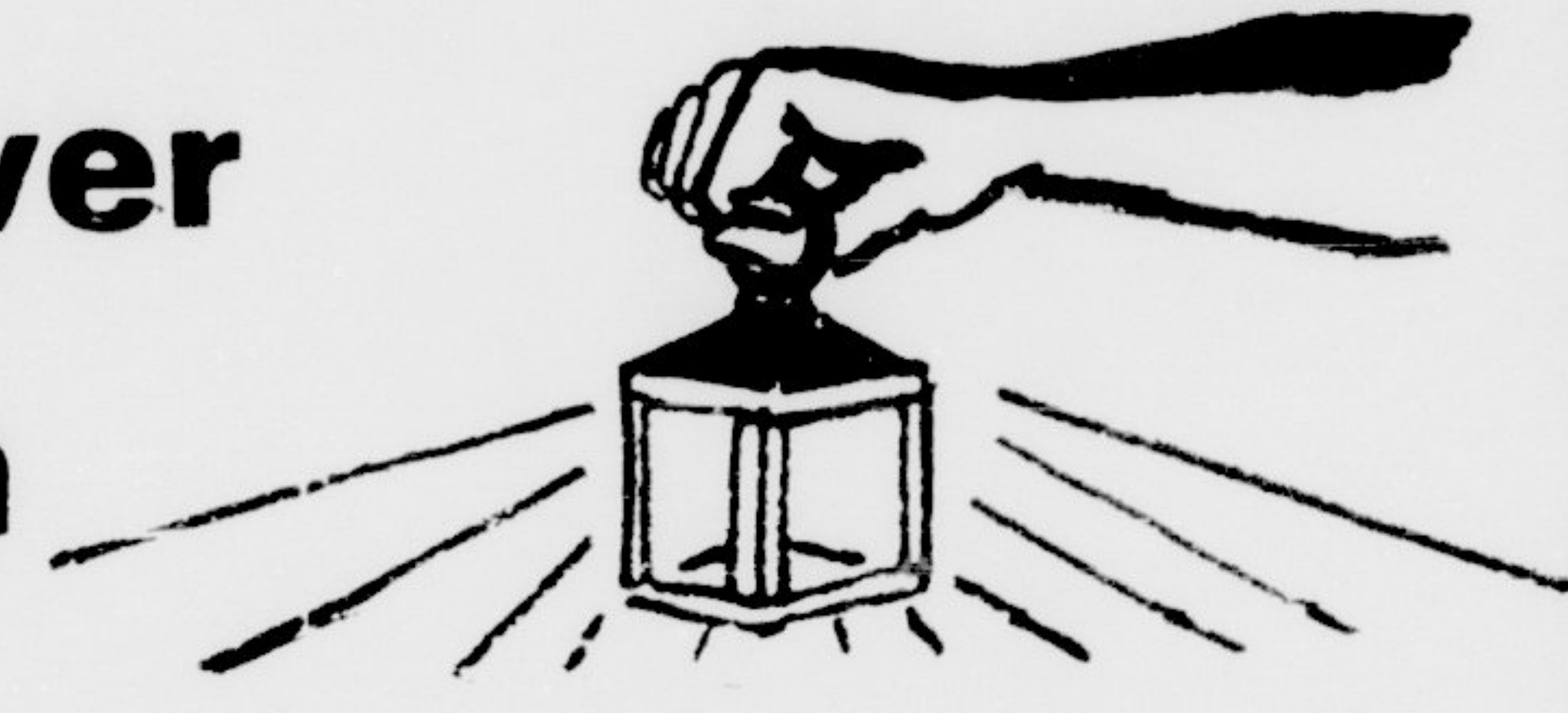
Fairness would demand some federal voting standards, which would force Congress to share yet another responsibility with state governments. Under the administration's voting rights bill, some initial standards would be established.

There would be no literacy tests. Every citizen could vote for president wherever he lived on election day. The Justice Department would be authorized to move against vote fraud in any state. Thus the federal role in election laws would be established.

The Department has not mentioned direct popular election in connection with the voting rights act. But some lawyers and political scientists quickly made the connection.

Whatever the case, the administration bill has its critics. Some argue that in making the law apply nationwide, even in places where it does not appear to be needed, its enforcement will be weakened. Without focusing special attention on the South, it is argued, Congress cannot keep Southern communities from returning to their old discriminatory habits.

## A casual observer from the Bema



*Spiro has spoken and the middle class millions have a new messiah. With awesome regularity the American effort in Viet Nam is going down the time honored corridors of a frustrated crusade.*

*In the early 60's, simple and straightforward actions in the approved containment of the communist menace brought about new but not surprising reactions. The U.S. responded with one of its many possible options, namely escalation for the application of increased pressure against the*

enemy. However, in direct antithesis to the optimistic promises of the Pentagon planners, escalation did not bring about an immediate result. In fact, President Kennedy found no amount of increase could get around the inability of the ruling and hated clique in Saigon.

Under Johnson, escalation succeeded escalation and scheme fell before scheme. An aroused academic community and a mass of sullen youth began to object to the seemingly endless regress of our military position. Johnson was unable through all the traditional pressure points of the cold war diplomatic machinery, 1. to enlist Russian aid and 2. to get allied support. Finally he was unable to turn back the tide of traditional military energies and find a path for reconciliation. After stopping the bombing, which was much more costly in men and planes than tactically effective, L.B.J. refused to run again.

Enter Mr. Nixon. Fully armed with all the old mottos and arguments of the Eisenhower days Nixon has found his way ever more difficult. The silent majority is still silent and as every week goes by, is less and less of a majority. In the weeks since the November Moratorium it

has become more and more obvious to the American people—even the most romanticistic V.F.W. zealot—that Washington has no new answer and is locked into an eternal cycle with a brutal enemy who understands the American predicament with merciless logic and profound insight.

The next step in the horrible drama is now unfolding in precisely the way it unfolded after the failure of the crusades, the German defeat in World War I and the Korean conflict. It is now progressing into internal accusation and bitter invective.

Nixon blamed a "bad press" for his first presidential disaster, Spiro is now blaming the press and its more outspoken followers for his second. Amidst such anger and emotionalism, the administration and the pent-up frustration of hundreds of thousands of middle class citizens are searching for the "traitor in our midst" who betrayed our righteous cause. Already, many lesser political creatures are demanding investigations of the press, T.V., radio and youth activist groups. Needless to say, the human mind acting as it does will cause many to seek to out do Spiro in their efforts to "hunt out the heretics and

unbelievers"—those who have frustrated the national will and "burn them at the stake."

The very nature of the T.V. image and the total electronic quality of contemporary news-gathering make such phrases as "objective" obsolete. The vain pleas that news media be "neutral" and tell exactly "what happened" demonstrate an utter stupidity in the face of Twentieth Century communications. What Spiro really wants is editing, but editing favorable to the romantic nonsense of the past, not the past as it really was but as he would like to think it was. The past where American troops committed no atrocities, where highly placed military gold bricks were not merely tools of the *costra nostra* stealing millions from the draftees pay, where super heroic generals, Lee and Foch and Eisenhower planned great campaigns and saw them through to victory is just no more.

The massive complexity of the Viet Nameese struggle and the participatory nature of the home front involvement is such that all are partakers of the sorrow and the dying. Spiro, these words would I address to you (to paraphrase Judy Collins), War's illusions you recall, you really don't know war at all.

## The forum

Dear Editor:

I am told that black markets go with the unsettled conditions of war, but I am not happy to know that unscrupulous Vietnamese are growing wealthy while inflation threatens our democratic institutions at home. I understand that a draft is necessary for carrying on a war, but I think involuntary servitude is unAmerican. I can imagine the pressures that cause the Saigon government to imprison its political opponents and censor its newspapers but I do not believe keeping such a government in power is worth any more American lives. I do not believe it is necessary or useful to continue this war.

Paradoxically, the people who are doing most to promote these American ideals today are those who take the unpopular position of opposing

their government. As the reports of the October 15th Moratorium went round the rd — publicized in Iron Curtain countries by the Voice of America as well as by Tass — what was the message? America is disunited? Yes, but we have never claimed to have only one mind, only one opinion. The message went out to people in all the Communist dictatorships in the world that even in time of war, the government of the United States is a government of the people.

A lesson was taught about the way to change government policy. The conditions under which the lesson was given made it much more telling. Communist citizens could identify with the democratic method, and their governments had to praise the action. Already in Czechoslovakia,

Yugoslavia, the USSR, people had dared the much greater hazards of protesting violations of freedom there. They are stronger now because of the leadership of the United States. When we have strengthened the democratic forces in Communist countries, are we not winning the real war?

The buddies of the man who has been killed in a frontal attack don't feel they betray him when they abandon that operation and attack from the enemy's rear. I believe that those who seek to stop the fighting are doing more to insure that our honored dead shall not have died in vain than are those who insist that we keep charging up Hamburger Hill.

Mrs. Edith Webber

# Reading day loss should be protested

The recent action of the Calendar Committee of the Faculty Senate in abolishing the reading day is deplorable. For once the University did something to help the student get a better education only to have this committee negate the good that was done.

Almost all reputable schools have reading days. Many of them have a week between the last class day and the first exam day. Students at Yale, Brown, Harvard, Carolina, Duke, etc. find it hard to believe that some schools do not have at least one reading day.

East Carolina University should have had reading days for years now. The students here should have demanded a free day, if not several free days, to study and collect their thoughts before being tested. But they didn't. Now that we have had a reading day, we should demand that it be retained and lengthened. The idea to abolish it is absurd.

The need of such a day (or days) is obvious. The student needs a time to "unwind" before he is tested. Many students have papers due on the last week of school. Many professors are inconsiderate enough to give tests on the week before exams. By the time a student has turned in his papers and taken before-final tests, he is mentally and physically fatigued. He needs a time to rest.

Many students need an extra day to study before being tested. Some will argue that the student does not need this day if he has studied as he should have all quarter. But, let's be realistic. Students do not always do what they are supposed to do. The reading day could very well be the difference between whether a student passes or fails a course.

This editor feels that the reading day was abolished for very selfish and unprofessional reasons. Why should any professor want to deny a student more time to learn? Could it be because that professor knows that he will be required to work the extra days that quarterly reading days take up? After all, the quarterly reading day does make the academic year (and professor work year) three days longer.

Wake up ECU! Stop processing students and start educating them.

We strongly urge the retention and the lengthening of the reading day.

# Things, not people, should be tried

The University has taken the lead in establishing a program to train the future law enforcement officers of the state in modern methods of crime prevention. The editors congratulate those concerned for this, but we wonder how effective this will be until attitudes toward the law and law enforcement in general change in this country.

The central theory of British law (the parent of our law) is that in an action before the courts only things, not persons are tried. Out of this grew the concepts of the rights of the defendant being more important than the rights of the state, and the concept that the "law is no respecter of persons."

The British are so used to this concept that the police have no second thoughts about giving Prince Philip speeding tickets (he has gotten three).

In the United States however, the police have been frustrated by persons who expect their misdemeanors to be overlooked because of their standing in the community. This frustration is strong enough to cause the police to vent their hostilities on the politically impotent.

Education of law officers is needed and indeed is past due, but the public must also be educated to the purpose of law enforcement.

# The forum

Dear Editor:

I read with interest your remarks in the last issue of the Fountainhead as I am sure you read mine. I would like to take this opportunity to expound upon my disappointment with the action taken by the Calendar Committee of the Faculty Senate. I think the Student Government Association was slighted in the respect that we were not notified of what we considered to be an important meeting of the Calendar Committee. As you are so well aware, beginning this year we have full voting rights on academic committees. If we are not notified of these committee meetings, we cannot participate in the government of the University.

I disagree with the actions taken by the Calendar Committee for several good reasons which I think only a present student or one who graduated within the last year or so can understand. A reading day is not designed to give a student a chance of a better grade because in many cases the exam grade does not influence the final grade. My reasons for wanting a reading day are simple, and they are as follows.

Being that we are on the quarter system, the work load in terms of reading assignments, term papers, and special projects, can become quite severe. It is often the case that a student's reports and projects, etc., are due within several days of each other. By the time the quarter ends and the exam period begins, the student is often mentally fatigued. To me the prime importance of the reading day is to allow the student a chance to rest before taking his final exams.

I do not agree with the comment that a reading day is a wasted day, because if it does help a student in his final exams then that day is certainly not wasted. I do not believe that the extension of the exam period to five days would be of much help because that would only increase a very tension-filled week. I know from personal experience that by the time the exam period is over, a student is quite fatigued, extremely tired and in some cases in a nervous state. Therefore, an extension of the exam period would in my opinion only extend that period of tension and nervousness.

Another reason a reading day is important to me, besides giving the student a chance to rest, is to give the student a chance to catch up. By this, I mean quite often many professors insist on giving tests the last week of the quarter just before the exam period starts. This has happened to me and a number of my friends who had several tests on the week before exams. This is also the usual period when student

papers and projects are also due. Therefore, the student does not have an opportunity to do his necessary work.

These are my reasons for warranting a reading day. These are also the reasons for warranting a reading day for a number of the students on this campus.

I would sincerely appreciate it if you would call a meeting of the Calendar Committee at your expressed convenience and reconsider actions concerning the reading day.

John Schofield  
President, SGA

Dear Editor,

Once again I find it necessary to write about certain inadequacies that exist in the management and services of the cafeteria system on the campus.

Students here are being led down a "primrose path" with high food prices, pseudo-services, and stale outdated management.

Let's just take a look at one small aspect of the situation mentioned above. I would like to call this the "Ice Cream Scoop Syndrome."

Was the ice cream scoop originally designed for use in serving scrambled eggs and mashed potatoes? Of course not. If it had been it would have been called a scrambled egg scoop or a mashed potato scoop, not an ice cream scoop. I consider this type of service as being an insult to my intelligence.

After all who in the hell wants to pay 13 cents for a scrambled egg and then wind up with only half the amount you paid for. If a restaurant served meals in this fashion they wouldn't stay in business two days.

You the students of East Carolina University don't have to put up with this type of service.

The next time you go through the food line you can demand that you be served in the civil manner, and if you are not then just don't order that item.

You as students have the power to bring this cafeteria to its knees, all you have to do is to quit eating there.

Joe Gentry

Dear Editor:

I am taking this opportunity to clarify the problem concerning homecoming concert tickets that Mr. Mahoney raised in the November 11 issue.

It is unfortunate that many students were unable to obtain concert tickets when individuals not connected with the University were able to do so.

I, for one, was unable to get concert tickets through the Central Ticket Office only because I waited until the last day to do so. The Ticket Office was opened three days earlier than usual for the sole purpose of accommodating the student body. Having time to obtain tickets should not have been a problem.

One may validly make a case on the premise that it was our (the students') homecoming and that enough tickets should have been made available for all students.

The opinion of the student body is obviously in favor of a remedy for this problem, as a result, many proposals are now being considered by Dean Alexander in an effort to find a solution.

Tom Clune

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