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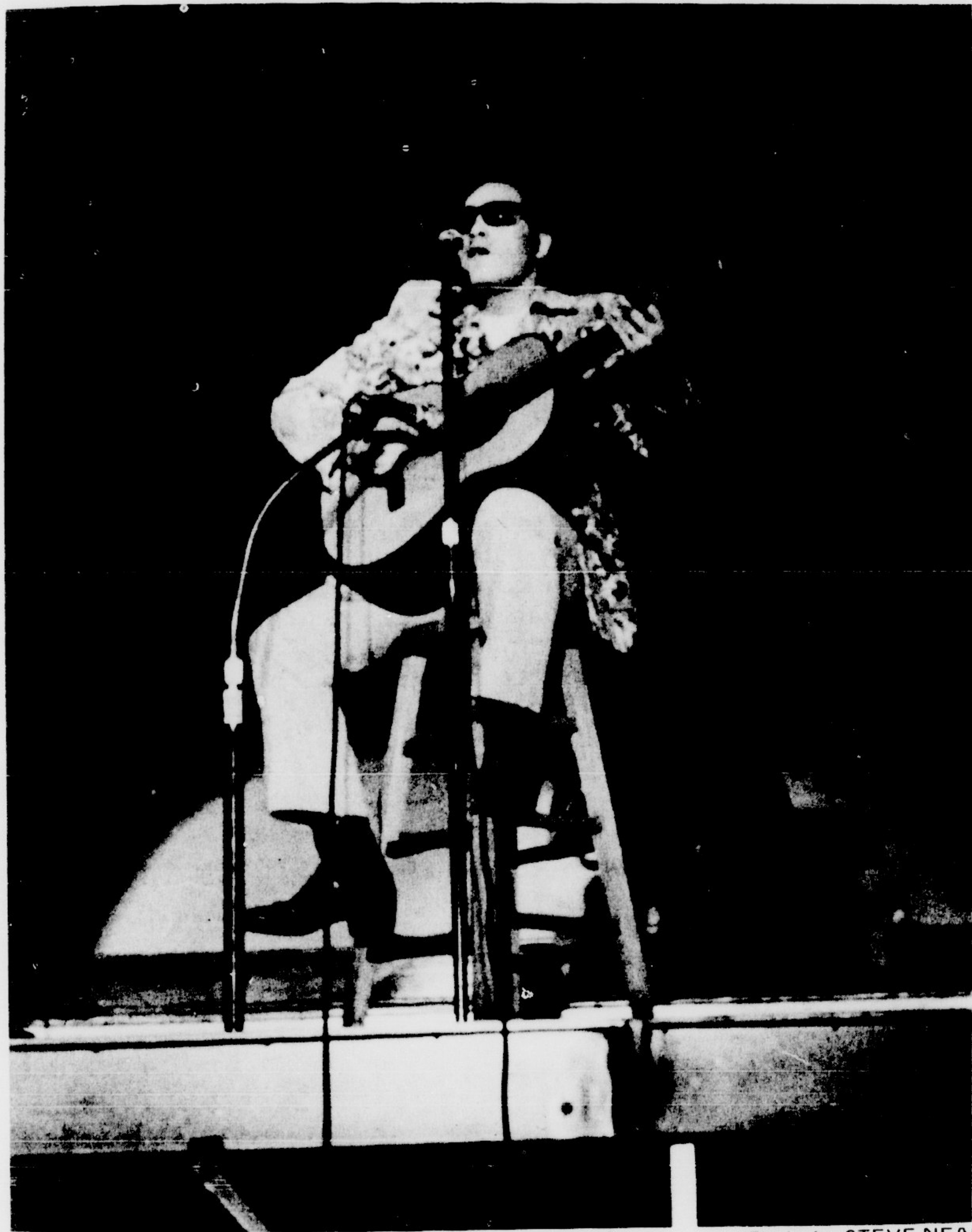
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## Viva José Feliciano!

By BECKY NOBLE



(Photo by STEVE NEAL)

JOSE FELICIANO performs before a fascinated audience during Carousel Weekend.

Awe struck them dumb. No one moved. No one coughed.

They stared frozen... and listened to a sensitive guitar play the "Theme for Romeo and Juliet."

So THIS is Jose Feliciano! Until now, Feliciano had seemed like any other singer.

He played a guitar and shouted when he sang.

His voice was nasal (he dragged his l's like a Southerner) and his style was unusual.

Few people knew much about him.

"I saw him on television once. I don't like his style."

"Isn't he blind?" Feliciano's entrance wasn't spectacular.

Then a stocky young man, flanked by his wife, followed a Seeing Eye dog to the stage.

Halfway up the steps, someone said, "Ladies and gentlemen, Jose Feliciano!"

The people were curious about the blind boy with his dog, but the awkward shuffling made them ill at ease.

The audience squirmed through his first few songs.

Just who is this Feliciano character, anyway?

All of a sudden the lights

turned blue, and impatient faces stared fascinated as Feliciano played the "Theme from Romeo and Juliet."

The audience roared its approval.

Feliciano had broken the ice.

He teased the girls and joked about his blindness.

Respect grew as Feliciano demonstrated his versatility.

He imitated a banjo on his guitar; he played with his left hand; he played with his right hand; he played folk songs, rhythm and blues, and Spanish songs.

He rocked when he sang.

He impersonated Barry McGuire, Gene Pitney, Walter Brennan, Tiny Tim and others.

No one wondered about Feliciano anymore.

The blind man had shown his talent and had pleased his audience.

He received three standing ovations.

He bowed with his wife and Seeing Eye dog and left in a roar of applause.

Opinions were mixed.

"Feliciano was great, but I thought my back would break."

"I'm completely amazed. I had no idea he was so talented."

## Cadets begin March-A-Thon

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AFROTC CADETS will attempt to collect \$2,700 for the March of Dimes during their 17th annual March-A-Thon.

# March-A-Thon plans are finalized

Final plans are being made for the 17th AFROTC March-A-Thon Saturday.

The March-A-Thon has won national honors for being the best March of Dimes project in North Carolina.

Every year the Drill Team marches without rest until the preceding year's goal is exceeded by \$100. This year's goal is \$2,700.

Cadets and Angels will be stationed at important intersections throughout the Greenville and Farmville area. They will be seeking donations from the passing motorists and pedestrians.

Last year's goal was exceeded by \$1,000 thanks to the generous support of university students, faculty, staff, and residents of Pitt County.

The National Foundation of

the March of Dimes has been so impressed with the march's success that it has sent the plans from ECU's March-A-Thon to every AFROTC detachment in the nation in hopes of creating a nationwide March-A-Thon.

The group of Cadets and Angels who "March so that others may Walk" hope that every person and organization on campus will consider this campaign worthy of their support, said organization chairman Cadet Capt. Gary Williams.

Anyone wishing to contribute prior to the day of the March-A-Thon may send their donations to March-A-Thon, AFROTC Detachment No. 600, East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C. 27834.

# Appreciation dinner will have statewide telecast

The "Leo Jenkins Appreciation Dinner" will be broadcast Tuesday night by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's television station, WUNC-TV.

The station's mobile unit will video tape the program which will be shown on a statewide network at 9 p.m. Wednesday, according to Dr. George Bair, director of educational television in Chapel Hill.

"We are pleased to share in the effort to pay tribute to Dr. Jenkins," Bair said. "We feel that it is part of our obligation to provide coverage of the events that are taking place in our state. It gives the educational television network

the opportunity to help the entire state share in the events that are taking place in various parts of North Carolina."

The appreciation dinner is being sponsored by the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association to recognize Dr. Jenkins for his leadership at ECU and in the community over the past ten years.

Dr. Joe Pou, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said nearly 1,000 people are expected to attend the dinner.

Chamber officials said the site for the dinner had to be changed to Minges Coliseum because of the heavy response to the open invitation.



FIRST TO CONTRIBUTE—Martin Lassiter, IFC Treasurer, presents a \$50 check to the March-A-Thon Project Officer, Cadet Capt. Gary Williams.

# Jenkins invites presidents to discuss communications

President Leo Jenkins has issued an invitation to all presidents of community colleges, technical institutes and junior colleges in North Carolina to meet here Thursday to discuss communications between universities and two-year institutions.

"This idea grew out of an informal meeting with three community college presidents early this month," Jenkins said.

Representatives of 50 two-year institutions have accepted Jenkins' invitation.

"It should be made clear that this conference will be concerned solely with the

means by which ECU can be of service to our community colleges and technical institutes," Jenkins said.

Working with Jenkins in the preparation of the conference are William E. Fulford of Pitt Technical Institute, Ben E. Fountain of Lenior Community College and Clyde A. Ervin of Wayne Community College.

"We believe that our two-year institutions are serving a demanding need in education in North Carolina and they need to be able to channel their promising students directly into a university system," Jenkins said.

# Clinic to offer therapy for stutterers

A clinic for stutterers, designed to benefit students and eastern North Carolina residents, will begin here in September.

The center will be the first to offer therapy for stutterers in this part of the state.

Dr. Hal J. Daniel, assistant professor of speech and hearing in the Special Education Department, has received a \$5,000 grant from the Speech Foundation of America.

The funds will supply the salary of two graduate students who will work with stutterers for one year.

The graduate students will work with stutterers separately from those with other speech impediments.

Daniel said he also hopes a summer camp for stutterers will be established.

# Scott prefers voting age of 20 rather than 18

By RICHARD DAW  
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH (AP) — Gov. Bob Scott said today he wouldn't oppose lowering the voting age to 18, although he has some reservations.

Scott suggested a better voting age would be 20, one year less than the current age.

## Too Low

Asked at a news conference about suggestions to lower the age to 18, Scott said, "I hold that's a little too low."

But in reply to a further question, the governor said he would not fight a move to cut the age to 18.

He noted that any such legislation passed by the General Assembly would have to be submitted to a referendum.

"I suspect the impact of lowering the age would not be so great as some believe," Scott

# Drug play to be shown

"The Concept," an off-Broadway play, will be presented at 8 p.m. Monday in Memorial Gymnasium.

The play is a dramatic explanation of the activities at Dayton House, a "halfway" house for ex-narcotics addicts in Staten Island, N.Y.

The actors, all residents of Dayton, relive on stage a variety of situations which they faced when addicts and when recovering from drug addiction.

After the play, the performers will conduct a question and answer session about drugs or their personal experiences with them.

Tickets for "The Concept" are on sale now in the Student Government Association office in Wright Annex. Student tickets are \$1, adult tickets, \$2.

"The Concept" is part of a drug education program, sponsored by the Pitt County Mental Health Association. The organization will also conduct three Sunday evening study programs Feb. 8, 15 and 22, in Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

Panel discussions and films are planned for these programs.

The Feb. 8 program will include discussion on drugs in relation to law, schools and the general public.

On Feb. 15, a psychiatrist, physician and criminal investigator will describe narcotic problems that they encounter.

The Pitt County Alcohol Information and Service Center will conduct the Feb. 22 program on alcoholism.

Class rings may be ordered through Thursday by students who have completed 96 quarter hours.

They may be ordered in Wright 303 from 3 to 4 p.m.

## Wage Increase

He would like to see the state's \$1.25 minimum wage increased, but he doesn't know exactly what the figure should be.



(Photo by FRED NEWTON)

"Have an accident? . . . "No thanks, I just had one!"

# News briefs . . . . .

● The third term of evening college will begin Feb. 2.

Registration will be Jan. 30, Feb. 2-3, from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. on the first floor of Erwin Hall. Classes will begin 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2.

Courses will be offered in business, English, history, mathematics, geography, and health at \$10 per quarter hour for North Carolina residents.

Students not previously enrolled at ECU should apply immediately, Herman Phelps, associate dean, said.

● Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, university president, and his family will be honored at an informal, "come-as-you-are," reception acknowledging his tenth anniversary as president.

The reception will be from 3 to 4 p.m. in the University Union lobby on Jan. 27.

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to meet the president informally.

● There are seven vacant seats in the SGA Legislature according to Len Mancini, speaker.

Mancini said the vacancies are from: Cotton, Slay, Aycock, Greene, New Women's and two day student seats.

Anyone interested in filling one of the vacancies should apply in the SGA office on third floor Wright Annex between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Monday Jan. 26 through Friday Jan. 30, Mancini said.

All applicants must have a "C" average.

Interviews will be held for all applying. Applicants will be notified of the time and place of the interview.

● The Symphony Band will travel to several Georgian High Schools on their 17th annual winter concert this month.

Under the direction of Herbert L. Carter, the band will play concerts in Jonesboro, Forest Park, and Atlanta during the three-day trip.

Traveling by bus, the seventy select student musicians will leave the campus Jan. 28, and return Jan. 30.

● A Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) has been founded here by David Alton Powers.

The SCEA is a national organization which conducts projects to promote the welfare of the mentally retarded and handicapped children.

Powers, a Special Education major, feels that handicapped children who are offered equal education can earn an income and become a contributing member of society.

● The International Students will meet Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Baptist Student Union.

President Leo W. Jenkins has been appointed to a three-year term of the Allied Health Professions Committee of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

AASCU President Hilton C. Buley call the Association "one of the more influential and important national organizations in the field of higher education."

● A ceramics show is on display at the Mushroom gallery in Greenville from 3 to 5 p.m. through Feb. 7.

The show is presented by Rodger Wood, a ceramics instructor here.

Wood, who joined the staff at the beginning of the school year, has been recognized as an outstanding ceramist in the state.

He has received special

recognition at the Seventh Annual Piedmont Craft Exhibition and at the Mint Museum in Charlotte.

The public is invited to the show.

● There will be a Young Democrats meeting Wednesday, Jan. 28 in Rawl 130 at 7:30 p.m. All members please attend.

● The School of Home Economics will extend its graduate program to offer a Master of Science degree in Child Development and Family Relations, said Provost Robert E. Williams.

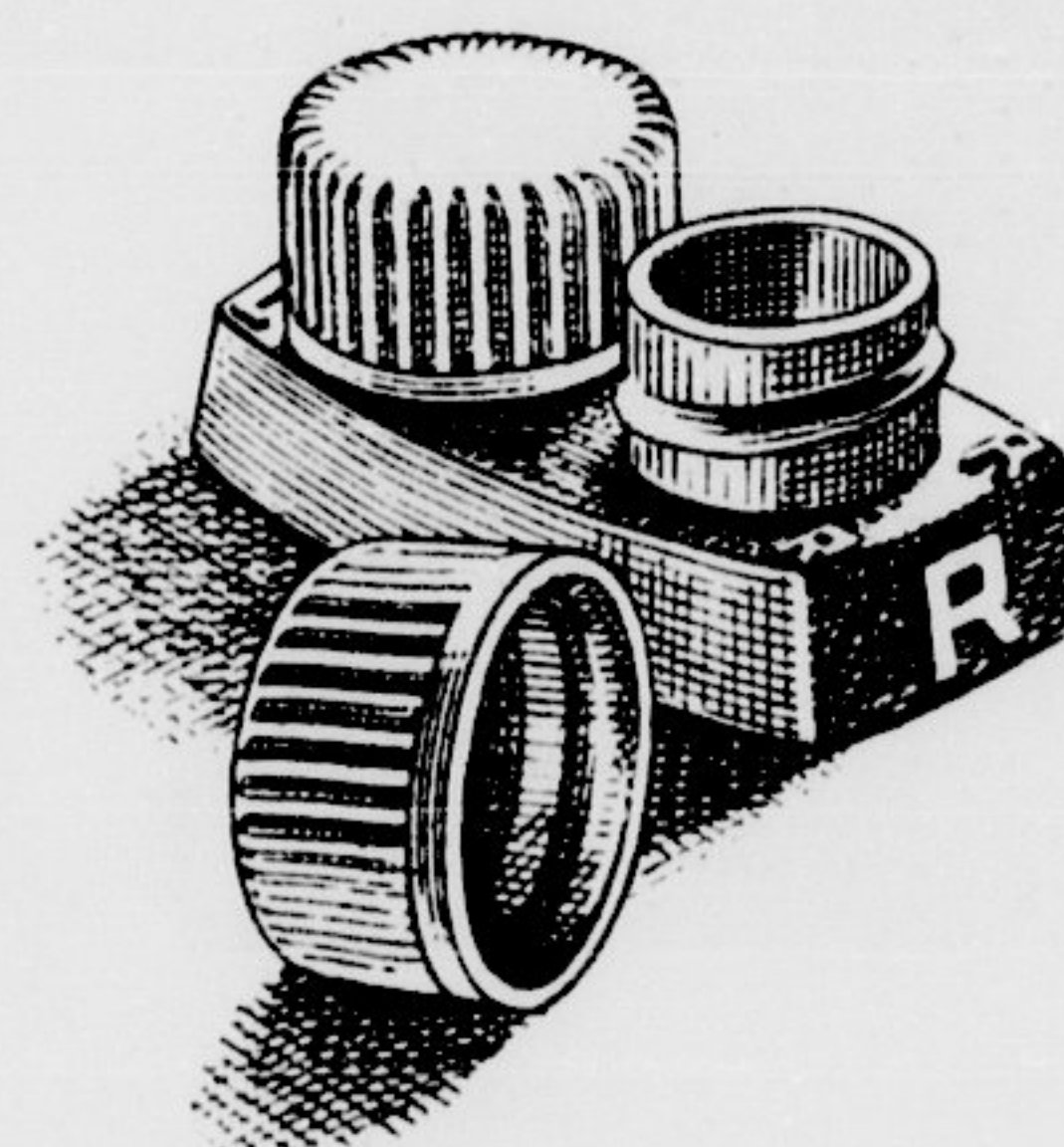
Approved by the North Carolina State Board of Higher Education, the program will focus attention on theoretical knowledge in understanding of young children and families.

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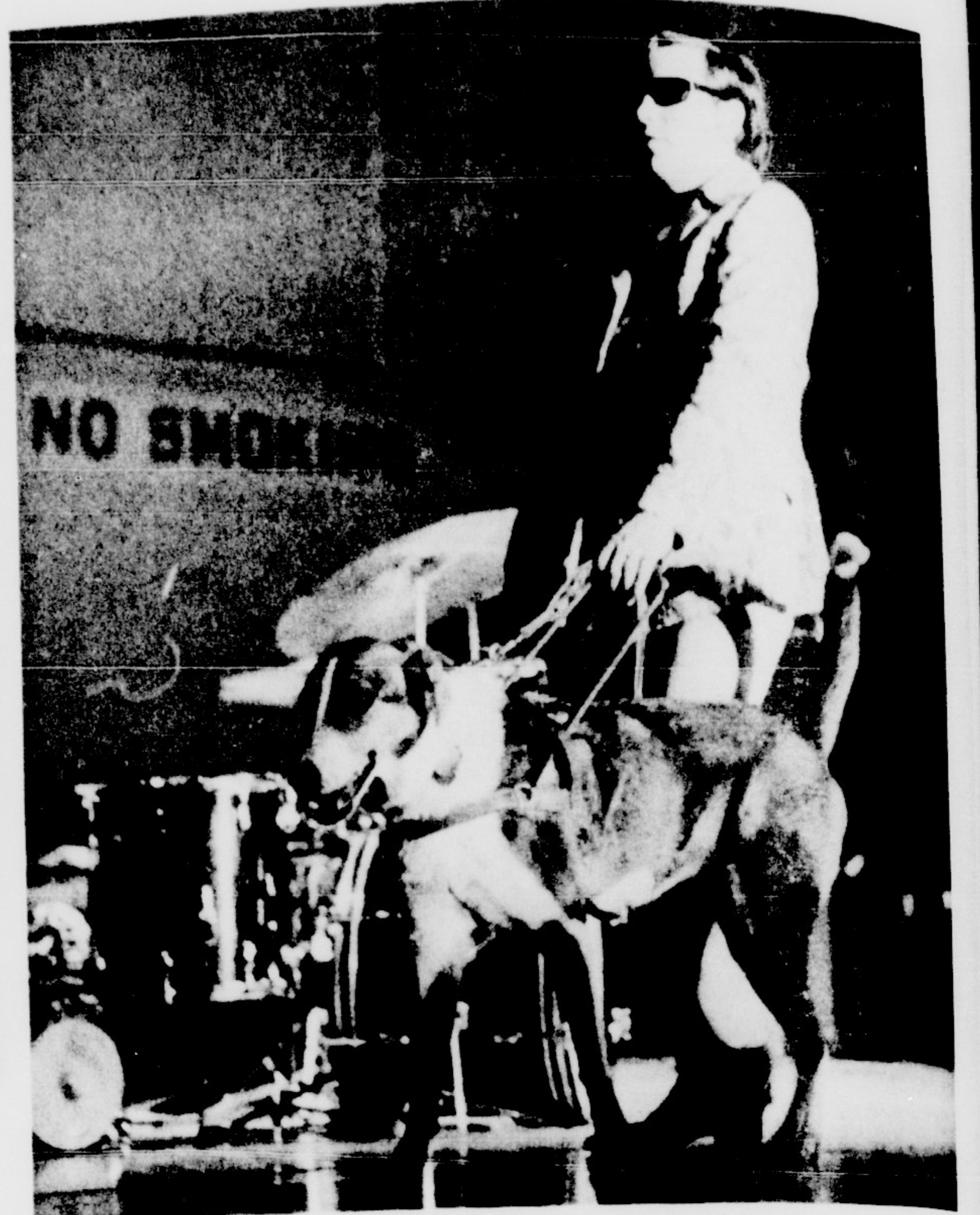
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THE 11-MEMBER BROOKLYN BRIDGE had the audience dancing in the aisles during their Sunday concert. The group's appearance brought to an end "Carousel Weekend 1970."



JOSE FELICIANO mounts the stage at Minges Coliseum for his Carousel concert.

## Carousel Weekend provides enjoyment

By KAREN BLANSFIELD  
Feature Writer

It was a very enjoyable weekend. From the first play to the last concert, everyone had a good time. Even the weather was

cooperative. The freezing temperatures which had been dominating the area all week suddenly rose, and the warm sunshine put everyone into a Carousel mood.

After the presentation of "Your Own Thing" on Thursday night, it was easy to see why the show has been a running success for over two years.

The excellent dialogue and musical score were backed up by an ingenious light show. Famous faces such as Humphrey Bogart, Pope Paul and William Shakespeare were projected onto the screen, accompanied by their "voices" making amusing comments. Its

fast pace and originality combined with these to capture the attention of any audience, young or old.

On Friday night, Jose Feliciano awed thousands of people with his amazing performance.

The blind musician displayed his talent in a three-hour concert, during which he played music ranging from Spanish songs to today's rhythm and blues.

Feliciano introduced "Point of View"; which he wrote to express his feelings that a man's love for mankind is the important factor, not his color

He was led to and from the stage by his Seeing Eye dog, who bowed with him.

At the end of his performance, he received a standing ovation by a wildly enthusiastic audience, and, at their demand, sang his hit version of "Light My Fire." And when he finally left the stage, the people reached out to touch him as he passed by them.

The famed slapstick comedy and sight gags of W.C. Fields entertained an audience in Wright Auditorium for five hours on Saturday afternoon. The hilarious, bumbling antics and one-liners kept them "rolling in the aisles."

The Fields humor is said to have been 20 years ahead of its time. Where else but in one of his films could you start out with a couple of bass fiddles and wind up with a pile of baby fiddles?

The ending of Carousel Weekend came with a concert by the Brooklyn Bridge on Sunday afternoon. Their performance proved their fine ability as musicians, and their light, happy medley provided a good ending to a good weekend.

As one spectator put it, "It was great. The concert was good, the audience was good, and everyone seemed to have a good time. I really enjoyed it." And this seemed to be the general attitude for Carousel Weekend, 1970.



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# 'Faust' will run tonight

A film of Goethe's "Faust" will be shown at 8 p.m. tonight in Wright Auditorium as part of the International Film Series.

Photographed in an impressionistic style on a simple studio stage, it re-creates Gustaf Grundgens' historic program in the Deutsches Schauspielhaus in Hamburg and his later production at the City Center in New York.

As on the stage, Grundgens plays the role of the devil, Mephistopheles.

With the black powers of the devil behind him, Faust entices the beautiful Gretchen, who is able to resist at first, but finally succumbs to Faust's blandishments and expensive gifts. The latter are supplied by Mephistopheles.

The film is subtitled with some brief introductory titles in English. Peter Gorski is the director.



CHARLES EVERS, well known civil rights leader, will lecture tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. This is his first speaking appearance in the state. Student and faculty will be admitted free with ID cards.

# Evers to speak here

Mayor Charles Evers of Fayette, Mississippi, will lecture in Wright Auditorium at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Evers will speak on "What It Means To Care." He is the first Negro mayor of Mississippi since Reconstruction.

A leader in the civil rights movement, he is the Mississippi field director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People (NAACP).

Tickets for the lecture can be picked up at the Central Ticket Office in Wright Auditorium.

Admission will be by I.D. cards for students and faculty, \$1.50 for staff, and \$2 for the public.

Special rates of \$1.50 per person are available to groups of 20 or more.

# Grant to provide language degrees

The Department of Romance Languages will offer M.A. and M.Ed. degrees in Spanish and French next fall, said Provost Robert E. Williams.

A grant of \$16,516 for support of these programs was given to ECU by the State Board of Higher Education.



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# ARC initiates new program

By KAREN BLANSFIELD

Feature Writer  
"Psycho-drama is quite the coming thing in psychiatry," said the Rev. J.H. Waldrop, co-ordinator of treatment services for the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center (ARC) here.

A psycho-drama program was recently started at the ARC, directed by Bob Chase of the ECU drama department.

"The basis of psycho-drama," Chase said, "is to help release a person from his inhibitions and open up more."

One of the ways in which this is done, he explained, is through sensitivity training. "For example, we get them to communicate with their hands, keeping their eyes closed. This helps to get them 'opened up' in other areas besides speech."

Another method that is used is improvisations. These improvisations are fabricated situations into which the patient is put. "When a person is playing a role, he is able to 'open up'," Chase said.

He cited an example that had occurred in another program.

"One girl had a great problem with a very dominant mother.

"She was given a pillow and told to pretend that it was her mother. She started talking to it calmly, then she got more worked up, and finally she began yelling and beating on it.

"The she stopped and hugged it, as though feeling guilty. In this way she was able to express what she really felt about her mother, which she hadn't been able to do before."

Now, Chase said, the program is more on a "fun" level. "Improvisations are the kind of thing we've done so far," he explained. "We tried to keep away from the subject of drinking at the beginning, but the patients kept bringing it in.

"For instance, in one improvisation, a fellow was playing the role of a janitor. He was cleaning up around the

room, but he kept coming back to a table in the middle of the room.

"Then he would go into the hall, look up and down, and come back in and clean the table some more. After a while, he stepped into the hall again, looked around, and came back in.

"After about the third time of doing this, he went over to the table, looked around, reached down and pulled out a bottle.

"He took a swallow, then put it away and continued cleaning. He kept on doing this, getting higher and higher, until finally he emptied the bottle and sprawled on the chair, finished with his work."

Two students from the Drama Department, Lindsay Bowen and Mark Ramsey, frequently work with Chase in the program.

About other people coming to it, Waldrop said, "Right now my feeling is that if anyone wants to see what is going on, he can come and watch from the observation room, which has a one-way window.

"However, they must understand that what they see is confidential, and they must forget any names that they might happen to hear."

He said that there is a great deal of interest in the program on the part of the patients.

"It hasn't been going long enough to assess its success," he said. "But if you judge it by the interest of the patients, I would say that it's a success."

# Flying High

By DAN WILLIAMS

In Air Force ROTC there are two types of programs available. These two are designed for the varied needs of students.

The traditional four-year program remains a part of the college campus. It is divided into two distinct parts. The first is the General Military Course (GMC) and the second is the Professional Officer Course (POC).

The GMC is composed of cadets in their freshman and sophomore years. It is in these first two years that the cadet receives his basic knowledge of the Air Force.

During the junior and senior years, the cadet is enrolled in the POC. Prior to entry in this part of the program, the cadet attends a four-week summer encampment. This session is designed to give the student a better idea of what life on an Air Force base is really like.

Entrance into this last phase of the program is highly competitive, as the student must pass a medical exam, a qualifying test and an interview by a board of Air Force officers.

Scholarships are available to well-qualified cadets in the four-year program. These cover full tuition, laboratory expenses, incidental fees and

an allowance for books. Scholarship cadets also receive \$50 per month in nontaxable pay. Applicants are selected on the basis of scores on a qualifying test, quality of their academic work, and a rating by an interview board.

These scholarships are awarded to cadets on a competitive basis regardless of the students academic year.

The basic requirement for entrance into the two-year program is 2 academic years remaining at either the undergraduate or graduate level, or a combination of the two. Applicants must pass a written exam, the Air Force Physical exam, and be selected by a board of Air Force officers.

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# Pirates are slipping in conference

by **SONNY LEA**  
Sports Editor

If ECU's Pirates want to get back into the thick of things in the Southern Conference basketball race, they had better improve their shooting and ballhandling.

This proved to be the Pirates' downfall Saturday night at East Tennessee in a 79-65 loss.

The Bucs were behind by 17 at the half after hitting only eight of 26 field goals for a miserable 30 percent and they made 16 turnovers in the half.

One good thing did happen though. Jim Modlin became the first East Carolina player ever to score 1,000 points in a three year career. With East Tennessee leading 9-1, Modlin

connected on two free throws for his 999 and 1,000 points.

Jim Gregory led the Pirates in scoring with 13 points while Modlin finished the night with 12. Jim Fairley had 11 for the Pirates and Tom Miller got 10.

But, now the Pirates set their sights on Richmond and VMI, their foes this week.

They meet Richmond Thursday night in Minges Coliseum and travel to Lexington, Va., Saturday night to play VMI.

Richmond handed the Pirates one of their two conference losses earlier in the season by a 90-72 margin in Richmond. But, the Pirates

were without the services of playmaker Miller in the game.

VMI will give the Pirates problems at home. Earlier in Minges Coliseum, the Bucs whipped the Keydets 108-66, but in the VMI fieldhouse they are much harder to beat.

Now coach Tom Quinn and his Pirates will be working to retalliate against Richmond. The Spiders are 4-11 overall and hve won but one conference game, and that was against the Pirates.

The Spiders are led by All-Southern guard Kenny Foster, who teams with guard Picot Frazier, to make one of the toughest guard

combinations in the conference.

In the frontcourt the Spiders rely on Frank Owens and Stan Ryfinski at the forwards and

Jim Hewitt at center.

Hewitt, a 6-8 junior, was the big man for the Spiders against the Pirates earlier with a 22 point performance.

## Swimmers continue wins with defeat over VMI

The Pirates won all but two events and set six meet records in defeating Virginia Military Insititute, 67-36, in a conference swimming meet Saturday.

The Pirates 400-yard medley relay team of Ken Hungate, Steve Weissman, Wayne Norris and Jim Griffin, set a new standard of 3:50.61.

Sary Frederick won the 1,000-yard freestyle in 10:52.33, another record.

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# U.S. must begin to reassess values

The world is sickened each time a new report comes across the wires from that part of Nigeria called Biafra.

In America the reaction is particularly strong. The white collar American businessman sits down in the den of his \$35,000 home. He can't quite get comfortable in that \$400 reclining chair because he ate a bit too much roast beef for dinner. He flicks the remote control unit for his color television set to come on. He wants to watch the news.

Walter Cronkite tells his viewer that in Biafra homeless children lie dead in the streets with bloated stomachs and empty stares on their faces. Swarms of flies make a meal of their carcasses.

Cronkite also tells his viewer that just a few miles away from the dead children, a Nigerian governor is giving a banquet with suckling pig, caviar and champagne.

The American is outraged. "How can a man be so cruel as to let those poor children starve to death while feasting in his palace a few miles away," he asks.

How ironic, America. How hypocritical.

It seems that this individual does not see that he is just as guilty as the Nigerian governor. While he eats well in his warm suburban home, children starve and freeze to death just across town.

President Nixon made it possible for a complete hospital unit with 16 jeeps to be flown in to disaster torn Biafra. We commend him for this act of mercy. We feel that the majority of Americans back the president in this move. It is altogether fitting that the richest country in the world should aid its less fortunate friends.

But our nation has too long ignored problems right in our "own back yard." Why doesn't Nixon send a comparable hospital unit into southside Raleigh, Appalachia or Harlem?

Instead of abolishing poverty and alleviating human misery in our own country, we send men to the moon. It seemed that when we put the first man on the moon, our priorities would change, giving us a chance to focus on the problems of America. But, before the astronauts were out of quarantine, Vice President Spiro Agnew began talking about a conquest of Mars.

Instead of abolishing poverty we continue our involvement in Vietnam, the worst political mistake of the century. Annually we pour billions of dollars into financing what even the President calls a tragic mistake.

Instead of abolishing poverty we spend billions so that we can destroy the world ten times with our nuclear might. It does seem that destroying the world once would be quite sufficient.

And now America is embarking on a new program to abolish pollution. This is a great and needed reform.

But there are human beings in New York, Washington, Raleigh, Charlotte and Greenville who can not afford to eat. There are people in these same cities who can not afford to buy fuel to keep themselves warm.

Sen. Edmund Muskie of Maine said last week that the pollution problem cannot wait for America's priorities to change. He said that we must re-evaluate our priorities and give attention to those problems that are most pressing.

What could possibly be more pressing than food, shelter and clothing for fellow Americans?

We feel that it is time for America to do some soul searching. And the best place for her to start is in her own back yard.



By BILL CONNELLY  
Washington Correspondent

North Carolina probably will be asked to submit to the Department of Health Education and Welfare (HEW) this year a plan for desegregating the state's public colleges and universities.

Up to now, HEW has given only slight attention to higher education, having enough to worry about in enforcing desegregation of the public secondary schools. But colleges are covered by the 1964 Civil Rights Act, too, and this will be the year HEW begins taking a close look at them.

The college desegregation program actually began in 1967, when HEW made its first survey of the racial make-up of American colleges. Since then, the department's investigators have visited more than 300 campuses in 46 states.

#### Plans requested

On the basis of these studies, six states have been asked to submit desegregation plans Louisiana, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Maryland and, only last month, Virginia.

Leo E. Panetta, director of HEW's Office for Civil Rights, indicated in a report to Congress last fall that at least eight more states would be required to turn in plans this year.

The odds are strong that the eight will include North Carolina and other southern states which still have many racially distinct college campuses.

#### N.C. campuses

HEW investigating teams already have visited 17 college and university campuses in North Carolina, most of the state supported. They visited ECU last Aug. 25.

And although HEW will not say when, or even whether, the state will be asked for a desegregation plan this year, no one will be surprised if a letter arrives in Raleigh one day soon.

What will HEW require of state college systems?

At this point, no one is certain. The college desegregation program is new. There are no precedents.

#### Debated plan

One approach frequently recommended by HEW officials is the Southern Regional Education Board's much-debated plan for desegregating college campuses through curriculum changes.

Under this plan, each institution—including the predominantly Negro campuses—would be given one or more course offerings available nowhere else in the state. For example, engineering would be offered at one school only rather than duplicated at white and Negro institutions.

HEW is developing its college guidelines slowly. It has not begun fund cutoff

# HEW begins to focus on college desegregation

proceedings against any state, even though Mississippi and Louisiana have been predictably uncooperative.

The cautious approach is necessary because college desegregation presents a far more complex problem for HEW than secondary school integration. Students select their own colleges. They are not, and cannot be, assigned to them. Colleges also have to be concerned with admission and performance standards.

So far, HEW is not requiring any specific approach to College desegregation. But it is making numerous "suggestions" to the states providing information on what other state college systems have done to assure equal educational opportunity.

Presumably, this would lead students who want to study in a particular field to enroll at an institution regardless of the previous racial identity of the campus. The college system would be desegregated by the students' own career choices.

#### Student choice

Another desegregation method often discussed, though not necessarily recommended, would have high school seniors make their admission applications to a central office and then be assigned to one of the state-supported campuses. An applicant would not be assured of getting the school of his choice.

Not surprisingly, the states are reluctant to attempt such massive and explosively controversial changes in their college systems. They are skeptical, too, about the educational soundness of such approaches and about the amount of desegregation that would result.

But it should be emphasized that HEW has not said it will require such major changes. Although encouraging long-range discussion of these

steps, it is also concentrating on more immediate and attainable reforms.

In its campus investigations, HEW has looked primarily for evidence of discrimination in recruitment and admission of students, housing (on and off campus), scholarships, extracurricular activities and job placement services.

Many schools have gotten HEW letters suggesting how these activities can be used to stimulate desegregation. For example, colleges are urged to recruit at predominantly black schools as well as white schools.

#### "High risk"

HEW also is encouraging southern colleges to take more "high risk" students—meaning those, usually black, who do not meet normal admission requirements but who appear to have the ability, maturity and motivation to succeed if given help.

Black studies programs have posed an unusual problem for HEW officers. While they seek integration, some black students have been demanding their own quarters and curriculum. HEW's basic rule, however, is that such programs are legal only if open to students of all races.

Fraternities are another sensitive question, since many still maintain whites-only membership requirements. HEW's rule: Fraternities that discriminate are in violation only if they are housed in college-owned buildings or receive some college support.

## Write, please!

Due to a lack of letters, The Forum has not appeared in the last three issues. We urge members of the university community to use The Forum.

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