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## Class simulates political party rituals

For the past three years certain students at ECU have elected a President of the United States. The president is elected as part of a political science course which is offered here. Oral Parks, professor in the political science department, teaches the class, Political Parties 220. It is a simulation of a political parties national convention. Parks experience in the field is three-fold; he has worked as a research assistant, he has been an observer to a convention, and has had experience as an usher for a convention. Parks noted, "I have not actually been a voting member of a convention, I have been an outsider looking in."

The class has been offered for three years, and this year it was offered this quarter. With his class Parks tries to recreate the activity of a national convention. There

are three roles from which the student may choose: strategist, delegates and media representatives.

The strategists run the campaigns for the candidates. There is one strategy team for each candidate. The candidates are not actual living persons, they are given personalities and other characteristics by members of the strategy team. Delegates play the role of the voter in the conventions. The media representatives hold press conferences with the strategists to find out the political views of the candidates.

### ISSUES

This year the simulation was of the Democratic National Convention and there were four candidates in the running. Each candidate has to take a stand on five political issues: poverty, law and order,

Vietnam, civil rights and the farm economy. The strategists take a position for their respective candidates and then twice during the simulation they are given the chance to change their positions on the issues.

### FIVE SESSIONS

The simulation is divided into five sessions. First is the primary elections during which the four major primaries are held. The next session is the preliminary to the convention itself. Actual convention balloting is next and in this stage the candidate is chosen. The fourth session is devoted to the campaigning for the presidency by the candidate which has been chosen in the convention. Finally the election itself is held and a president is chosen by the students which represent the total voting populace.

The third session is the most exciting according to Parks. "The student really gets wound up during this session which involves quite a bit of persuasion."

When asked about the purpose of the class Parks said, "It is to make the student realize the factors involved in a national convention. There are a lot of political variables at work during such a process. A lot of students don't realize the amount of persuasion which goes on during a campaign. There is more to a convention than what we see on our TV screens."

The class is very political and strict rules such as time and procedure rules have been

set up by Parks. "The delegates have to research their states and vote, not as they themselves would but as their states have in the past." The personality profiles of the candidates also have to follow current political thought. The candidate that won the nomination this year was a cross between a Muskie and a Ted Kennedy. Parks said, "It is very interesting to note that the personality profiles of all the winning candidates, for the past three years, have been quite similar."

The class will be taught again the spring of 1973.

## ECU delegation honored

A delegation of three ECU students attended a mock session of the Organization of American States at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia on February 4th and 5th and came away honored as the best delegation present.

The ECU delegation, chaired by SGA Under Secretary for External Affairs Joey Horton, had two other members, Timothy Wehner and Susanne Stanton. The ECU

members were chosen by a process of interviews in addition to the interest they had in their subject.

The purpose of the session, with nine schools in attendance, was to better acquaint the participating students with the countries they "represented."

The ECU delegates represented Chile. Commenting on the preparation that went in to getting ready for the sessions, Ms. Horton

said, "We tried to become experts on Chile." That task was made even more interesting since Chile's president, Salvador Allende, leads a Marxist coalition government.

Some of the other delegations embellished their roles by the addition of military costumes representative of the countries from which they were delegates. All apparently to no avail since ECU walked away with the best delegation award and Ms. Horton was chosen the best delegate at the session. This was the third successive year ECU had won top delegation honors.

Ms. Horton said she thought the experience would be particularly valuable to interested students in political science, history, or business.

## Coeds get defender

Women residents who commit offenses that require them to go before the Women's Residence Council Court (WRC) have the opportunity of having student legal council or aid.

Cindy Farrell, a junior at ECU, is presently serving as public defender for all women residents.

"I am very interested in the area of law," said the sociology major from Falls Church, Va., "and would like to help women residents in any judiciary matter before the WRC."

Appointed by the Assistant Dean of Women, the public defender's purpose is that of insuring a completely fair and unbiased

presentation of cases before the judiciary court.

"Her job is to insure the defendant of a fair and impartial, and unbiased hearing," reads the student handbook, the KEY.

"I haven't handled any cases this year," said Ms. Farrell, "but I suppose that's because most women don't know of my position."

The WRC court handles all cases of judiciary violations except those involved with visitation, which have just recently been turned over to the individual dorm house councils.

Ms. Farrell lives in Tyler 126 and may be reached at 752-3270.

### Correction

In the February 10 issue of Fountainhead, a story was run on the suit being filed by ECU students against the Pitt County Board of Elections. There was an error in fact in the story.

Nineteen students, rather than 16 stated, have filed against the Board for a total of \$190,000. Fountainhead regrets this error.

### Mathematics and environment

## ECU professor goes on lecture tour

Have mathematicians created a Frankenstein? Has mathematics imposed on nature's environment in a way that can never be dealt with?

These and other questions will be raised by Dr. William M. Whyburn, professor of mathematics at ECU who will visit other universities during the winter and spring as Visiting Lecturer for the Mathematical Association of America. His topic will be "Mathematics and Our Environment". His talks are designed to appeal to the general public.

In the first of three parts of the lecture, Whyburn discusses "Nature as a mathematician". Nature, says Whyburn, is a superb mathematician. She has solved problems worse than we are able to even attack. Many of the common mathematical figures and solids were designed by Nature long before man emerged from the caves.

"Crystals, quartz, common salt and other minerals are readily identified as shapes for solids which occur in mathematical text books. Nature draws circles readily when a stone is dropped on a calm body of water.

Spheres occur as raindrops and spirals are seen in shelves of snails."

"Nature," continues Whyburn, "not only has forms and symmetry, but also has many operations of mathematics that are used with more apparent ease than in the case of humans." The concept of 1 to 1 correspondence sets and triangularization are among the most elementary ones used by Nature."

Hexagons are made by wasps and bees as they design their nest for maximum protection and strength. Centuries after Nature made this discovery man invented calculus and solved the same problem."

"Where human mathematicians are investigating and applying linear programming, nature has been using linear and non-linear programming since the beginning of time. The success of this is evidenced by the fact that plant and animal life have survived changes of season and variation of temperature."

"Nature," Whyburn, concluded, "is a pretty jolly good mathematician."

The next topic is human mathematics

imposed on Nature. "With mathematics we design and build dams, change courses of streams, and build instruments which pollute the air, water and ground. "These, commented Dr. Whyburn, "are the environmental matters that are the greatest concern to humans at the present time. Most of our attempts to solve problems that we created are more emotional in character than mathematical." Dr. Whyburn says that a mathematical model should be made of the problem, thereby detaching it from the emotional setting. The problem should be discussed first not the answer.

The last topic which Whyburn confesses might offend some people is mathematics as it affects our economical, mental, political, and social environment. It is here that he expresses his fear least mathematical machines dictate

all aspects of our lives. He says "Communications between humans and humans are changing to humans to computers and worse-computers to computers. Such intangible qualities as compassion and forgiving and unprogrammed occurrence is becoming extinct." Whyburn gives us a frightening illustration of this: "When an officer stops you, communication to Raleigh concerning your car and your record immediately takes place. The situation no longer involves you and the policeman; the situation is controlled by a computer. Maybe your baby is sick in the hospital but the policeman can not allow for this since the computer has already programmed the evidence. Compassion has no room."

"With all our machines, computers have created more leisure and have taken away our

power to make decisions. People can't even make decisions!" Whyburn also discusses the dating computers. "Perhaps they will eventually control marriages and divorces. The world might in time convert the world to computers. Humans could be eliminated."

"I'm the person responsible for bringing computers to the University of Chapel Hill", he admitted, "but I recognize the potential menace in it." Long before the general public was concerned computer experts were worried. No one wants to live strictly by rules. No one wants a Frankenstein."

Especially not Dr. William Whyburn. He enjoys sitting in his office watching all the people walk by. Wednesday he wore a French shirt decorated with chickens. His daughter had given it to him - and he didn't want to hurt her feelings.

## Phase II, '71-72 topic for Federal Reserve VP

Phase II? There's been a lot of questions. On Feb. 17, at 4:00 p.m., Phase II and other economic developments and conditions of '71 and '72, will be discussed and explained.

James Monhollon, vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, Va., will lecture and entertain questions concerning President Nixon's economic policy and general questions on the price and wage controls.

Monhollon is the guest of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the economics fraternity, at ECU.

"Mr. Monhollon visited us last year for a panel discussion," said Dr. Louis Zincone, head of the business department at ECU, "and he enjoyed it enough to want to come

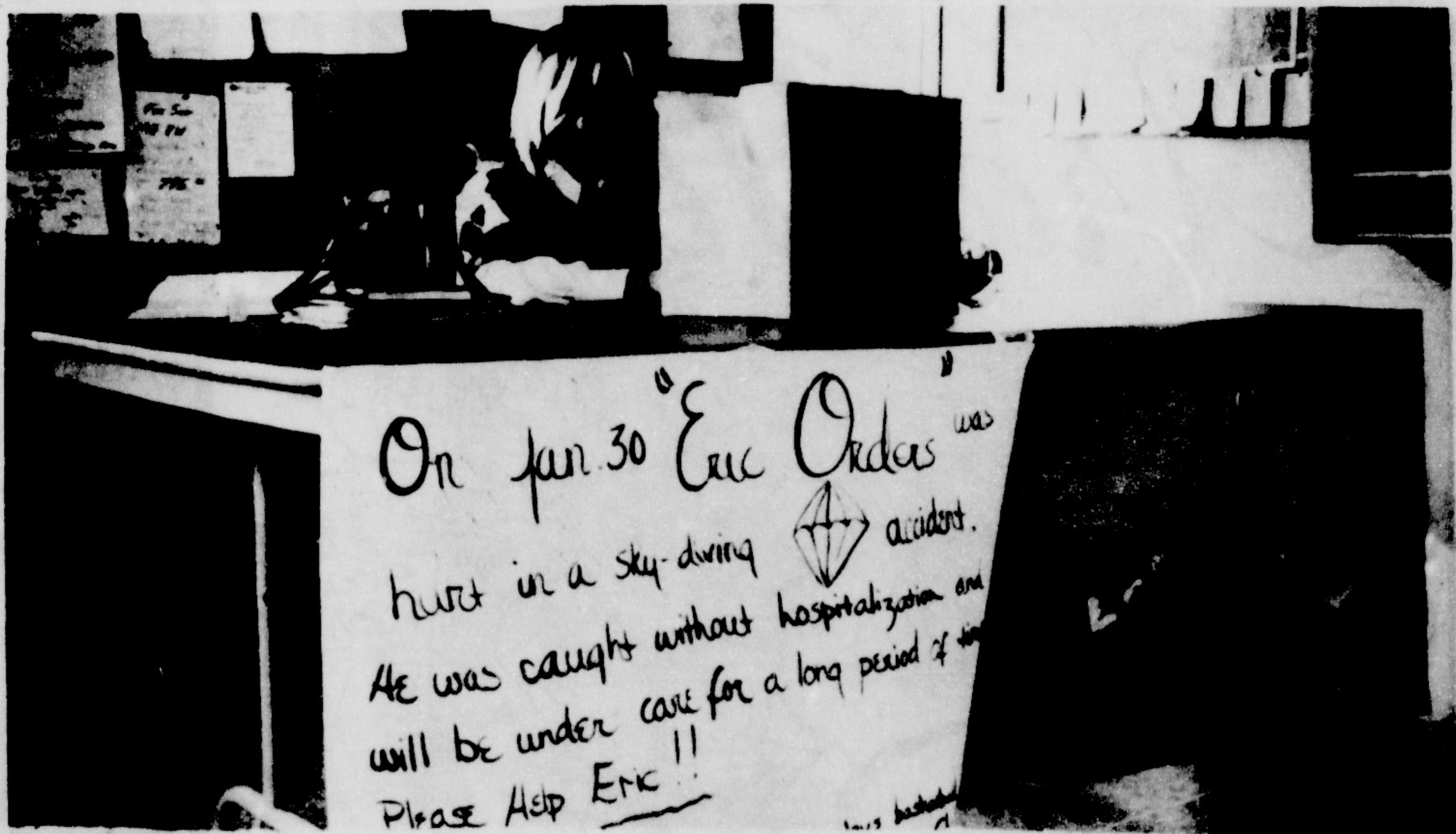
back this year."

Zincone said he felt Monhollon could explain Phase II better than many others because of his background work in the field of economics with the federal government.

"He certainly knows more about it than the average person," said Zincone, "and I think he will be very interesting."

Monhollon, an economist, received his BA from Weyland University, his MA from the University of Wyoming, and his PhD from Vanderbilt.

Today, his job requires more of a day-to-day check on the bank's systems and keeping the president of the company informed of what's going on in the economic system.



ONE OF THE organizers for the unofficial ECU parachute club does her turn at the table in the entrance

of the CU. Eric Orders, who was the spearhead for the organizing effort, was hurt in an parachuting accident

recently. The group is collecting money for the hospitalization because Orders has no insurance.

(Staff Photo By Ross Mann)



# ARC promotes positive thinking

By CLAUDIA RUMFELT  
News Editor

In their immigration to the New World the Germans brought their beer, the Irish, their scotch, the English, their whiskey, and the Latin Americans, their rum and tequila. These beverages are now part of a seemingly unsolvable problem in the United States, alcoholism.

There are approximately 100,000 alcoholics in America. Of those who receive treatment, 95 per cent lapse back into their former drinking pattern.

Three percent of the alcoholics are found in this way. The other three per cent of the six per cent alcoholic population, do not get treated. They are the "skid row" alcoholics of the urban and rural areas. It is hoped that money can be found to hire field workers to locate these hidden alcoholics according to Dr. John Gambill, clinical director of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center in Greenville, Charles Ross, ARC alcoholism counsellor,

DISCUSSION AND THERAPY groups help to solve the isolation aspect of the alcoholic's problem.

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By Charles

Bradshaw



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believes positive thinking is the solution to the alcohol problem.

To get the positive thinking process started, the alcoholics must first get to the Center. Some voluntarily commit themselves, others are referred from the Department of Corrections and mental hospitals in the state. All are carefully screened before being admitted.

**BATTERY OF TESTS**  
Once admitted, the patients start a week of orientation and medical processes. "First of all, we have to get them into good physical shape," Ross said. A complete medical checkup and history is the first thing done. It includes a battery of psychiatric tests.

If the patient is found to be mentally retarded or otherwise seriously ill, he is sent to a mental hospital, since the center is not equipped to handle them.

A diet is prescribed to fit the patient's needs, and treatment for his other medical problems is begun. The medical problems are varied. Alcohol affects the heart, brain and liver, but the latter is the only one of these organs which can regenerate its destroyed tissue.

Alcoholism may also cause inflammation of the optic nerves, producing visual difficulty as the eye swells.

**SOMEONE CARES**  
Other affected areas include the nervous system (neuritis) and the pancreas. Alcohol is

thought to actually burn the pancreas which affects its insulin manufacturing process. This is the cause of the diabetic symptoms characteristic of alcoholics.

This thorough medical treatment is part of the positive treatment. "This is perhaps the first time anyone has taken time with these people," explained Ross. "It makes them feel like someone cares. It's positive!"

In the first week of his stay, the patient is kept busy constantly. Along with the medical attention, he is exposed to several films, lectures and discussion groups. The purpose of this first week is to get them through the crisis of withdrawal from alcohol.

The organized meetings gets the patient into groups. Part of the cause of their alcoholism is their isolation from those around them—friends and family.

**SPECIFIC PROBLEMS**  
Thus in the crisis period of the first 10 days without alcohol, these groups help to keep the alcoholic's diverted from drinking. To understand the alcoholic, one must first understand what several factors affect him and what specific problems caused him to turn to alcohol.

According to Ross, religion plays a big part in the alcoholics mental image of himself.

"He feels a lot of guilt in terms of his relationship with God," Ross stated. There

are other factors, including his poor group self, in a small way, education.

Alcoholics do a great deal of denying. They deny the problem exists. They manipulate people into situations to give them reason justification, for drinking. They deny that its harming them.

**Building up the positive side of pride and dignity can be a turning point.**

If they admit they are alcoholics, the rest of their defense can be broken down. Group psychotherapy is one of the most widely used methods.

In group sessions the alcoholic is made to realize what his problems are, for the group goes to his real feelings. By confronting each other with their problems they are helping not only their fellow alcoholic, but themselves as well. The have just switched roles in the alcoholic game, according to Gambill. They stop being "it" and start being the rescuer—the friend who always comes around to help the alcoholic dry out and get a decent meal.

In this confrontation situation, the alcoholic comes to the realization that he cannot hide his problem. Someone always

sees him and he cannot deny it. Then Alcoholics Anonymous, which holds regular meetings at the Center, can help the alcoholic reinforce his change in roles. Although AA is in no way affiliated with the Center, Ross believes that they are a vital part of the treatment.

Another method of treatment is hypnosis, where the alcoholic is put into a sub-hypnotic state in which the power of suggestion is very strong. The hypnotist will then suggest that alcohol is repulsive and will make the alcoholic nauseous. He reinforces this several times, going into vivid details about the symptoms of the nausea.

**REACTS VIOLENTLY**  
Through this system, the alcoholic will indeed become physically ill when he takes a drink, but not all alcoholics are treatable in this manner. Ross said that only a few are selected for this type of treatment when they are admitted.

Antabuse is also finding increasing use in the treatment of alcoholism. This drug reacts violently when the patient who has taken it drinks anything with an alcoholic content.

In addition, treatment takes the form of other types of therapy. An occupational therapist helps the alcoholic learn to do things with his hands. "Every time a person makes something, there's a part of him in it," said Ross. "He can do something. That's another positive approach."

Building up the positive side of pride and dignity can be a turning point for some alcoholics, and in this area the Learning Center run by Pitt Technical Institute helps a great deal. Some of the patients are illiterate, and teaching them to write their name fills them with a sense of accomplishment and worth. Sometimes a patient is referred to a technical institute on the outside for further training.

**CYCLICAL PATTERN**  
There are also "alumni groups"—groups of former patients—who visit the Center regularly and help other patients in finding the Center. ECU music students hold music therapy on Thursdays.

All these programs help to build up the positive side of the patient. A follow-up treatment program in the community continues to help the alcoholic after he leaves the Center. If there is no local mental health center to support this treatment, the alcoholic periodically visits the Center.

Alcoholism is characterized by a chronic cyclical drinking pattern, steady downhill progression, and relapse after treatment. Alcoholics are dependent people, and without follow-up treatment in the community the relapse rate will continue to be high, according to Gambill.

The whole social system within the Center is governed by the patients. It is hoped that if they can learn how to interact socially while sober at the Center, they can do it at home.

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By Charles



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# Pirates whip The Citadel in revenge battle

## Frosh in win

The Baby Bucs overcame a second half rally by Louisburg Saturday night to record a 59-51 triumph, their second straight.

Leading at the half by 34-20, the yearlings saw their visitors tie the score at 41-41 with 9:35 to play. ECU then held Louisburg scoreless for the next three minutes to grab a 47-41 lead it never relinquished.

Bob Ringer and Tom Marsh keyed this rally and Mike Smith hit several clutch baskets while grabbing five big rebounds in the final six minutes.

In winning their third game against nine losses, the Baby Bucs were led in scoring by Ringer with 18 points and Smith with 17. Tom Marsh also scored in double figures as he hit six of nine free throws and wound up with 10 points.

Off the boards, the Baby Bucs claimed a slight 49-46 edge, thanks largely to 14 rebounds by Marsh, 13 by Smith and 12 by Ringer.

It was the first time this season the Baby Bucs have put together back to back wins—they beat Richmond's frosh Wednesday night. The yearlings played Chowan College last night and will host Old Dominion Thursday at 5:45 p.m.



(Photo by Charles Bradshaw)

THIS SCENE WAS repeated on numerous occasions Saturday night as the Pirates dominated both boards on the way to a 91-83 win over The Citadel. Pirates outrebounded their shorter foes, 48-26. Here, Dave Franklin (42), Jim Fairley (32) and Al Faber (back) reach for the ball.

By DON TRAUSSNECK  
Sports Editor

Superior free throw shooting and a near two to one edge in rebounding led ECU to its 91-83 triumph over The Citadel Saturday night.

The win, ECU's 10th in 20 games overall and seventh in 11 conference games, solidifies the Pirate hold on third place in the SC and gives them added experience with the playoff coming up in less than three weeks.

After taking on St. Francis last night, the Pirates will now host the always tough Old Dominion Monarchs Thursday night.

Against The Citadel, the Pirates expected another tough fight for The Citadel had won the last meeting between these teams and they got it.

After only 1-14 had been played, John Sutor and Jim Below gave the Bulldogs a 6-0 lead and the game was starting just the same way the William and Mary game had started, when the Indians broke loose for a 15-3 lead.

Earl Quash began the uphill fight for the Pirates as he hit a jumper from the side after 3:53.

Before the half was over, the Pirates were able to take as large a lead as five points, helped out by a freak basket by The Citadel's Mike Morris, who tipped the ball into the wrong basket.

The Citadel cut to within two points on the first score of the second half but that was as close as the visitors could get.

Jim Fairley and Dave Franklin then paced a rally that put the Pirates ahead by 20 points, 64-44, with 11:55 left.

That seemed to do it but before too long The Citadel pulled to within eight points, scoring 12 in a row.

After a timeout, the Pirates were able to hold on to their final eight point margin, their second straight SC win in four nights and their fifth straight home victory.

Fairley led both teams

with 23 points as he hit eight of 15 from the floor and seven of eight from the line.

Elsewhere the scoring was pretty even as Franklin added 17 points, Earl Quash had 14, Al Faber had 12 and Jerome Owens had 11.

The Pirates actually won the game at the free throw line as they converted 27 of 37 tosses compared to 17 of 24 for the visitors.

The Citadel outscored the Pirates from the floor, 66-64.

Fairley and Faber had 12 rebounds each to lead both clubs and pace the Pirates to a 48-26 advantage off the boards.

Coach Tom Quinn attributed Fairley and Faber as having perhaps their most complete games of the year. He was also pleased with the defense.

"I think our defense wore them down," he said. "It has definitely improved over the past several weeks. I think we proved that in one spurt tonight. When we went to the zone for a period, it was probably an error on my part. We were just trying it—as a way of scouting."

Franklin, who has come on strong in the past few weeks, drew praise from the coach

for sparking the team during the second half spurt. Ernie Pope and Nicky White also did a fine job after coming off the bench, according to Quinn.

Most of the game, the Bulldogs tried to hamper the Pirate attack with a press. Quinn was pleased with the way the team was able to handle this.

"Our attack against the zone press is much improved," the coach said. "I think we handled it pretty well tonight."

Quinn feels that the remaining games before the tournament will be a testing ground toward getting more experience for the final competition. He views this week's foes as pretty rough teams and says the competition "isn't getting any easier."

The Old Dominion game is the final one in Minges Coliseum this season.

## Sports

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### Names due

Rosters for intramural softball are due in the intramural office no later than Feb. 21.

Applications may be obtained from the office, Room 168, Minges Coliseum.

### Study in Guadalajara, Mexico

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## Briefs Noise

The second annual "Noise Night" at ECU will be one of the feature attractions Thursday when the Pirate cagers entertain Old Dominion.

Greeks should sit in the west section of the student stands and independents should sit in the east section.

The two groups will vie for the right to be named the second "Noise Night" champion.

Students may bring any kind of noisemaker they wish and may recruit members from the opposite group.

A group of judges, including athletic director Clarence Stasavich, will determine the winners.

## Warmup

ECU warmed up for this weekend's Southern Conference wrestling tournament Saturday by blasting the matmen from Old Dominion, 36-6.

The SC match will be held on the ECU mats with the preliminary round Friday afternoon and the semis, consolation round and finals Saturday.

## Derby

Roller derby will come to ECU next month.

The Chiefs and the Red Devils will square off in Minges Coliseum on Tuesday, March 7. Game time is 8 p.m.

Tickets for the contest are on sale in the ticket office in Minges Coliseum. Prices for reserved seats are \$2.50, \$3 and \$4.

Students have a \$1 discount in the \$3 and \$4 sections.

### In Alumni game

## Pirates return to stadium

Last November 6, 23 ECU senior football players made what they thought was their final appearance in Ficklen Stadium.

### Two frosh get honors

Two ECU freshman basketball players have been named to honorable mention slots on the North Carolina All-State Collegiate Freshman Team.

Fred Stone of Cayce, S.C., and Tom Marsh of Bethesda, Md., were selected by the sports staff of the Greensboro Daily News.

There are two unique circumstances in their selection. Neither one of the cagers is on an athletic scholarship at ECU. They are "walk-ons" on a team with only one scholarship player.

Secondly, they were selected from a team with a rather unimpressive 3-9 record.

Pirate freshman coach Tom Crump expressed both surprise and pleasure with the selections.

"I know that Fred and Tom are both outstanding players," he commented, "but I always figured that the fact that they were not on grants and our losing record would limit their exposure. They well deserve this honor because they have given so much for nothing."

Stone is currently leading the Baby Bucs with an average of 18 points per game. Marsh is averaging 17.1 points and is the leading rebounder with an 11.6 average.

Pirate grid fans will have another opportunity to see these men in action, along with other past ECU stars on April 15 when they square off with the 1972 varsity in the newly initiated Alumni Spring Football Game.

In announcing the event, Pirate coach Sonny Randle labeled it as "a giant step forward in continuing efforts to upgrade our football program."

"This game," Randle commented, "will serve many purposes. It will stimulate interest on the part of our football alumni in our present efforts. It will also give our varsity something special to look forward to at the conclusion of a usual routine spring practice."

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Bill Cain, athletic business manager and past ECU freshman coach, will coach

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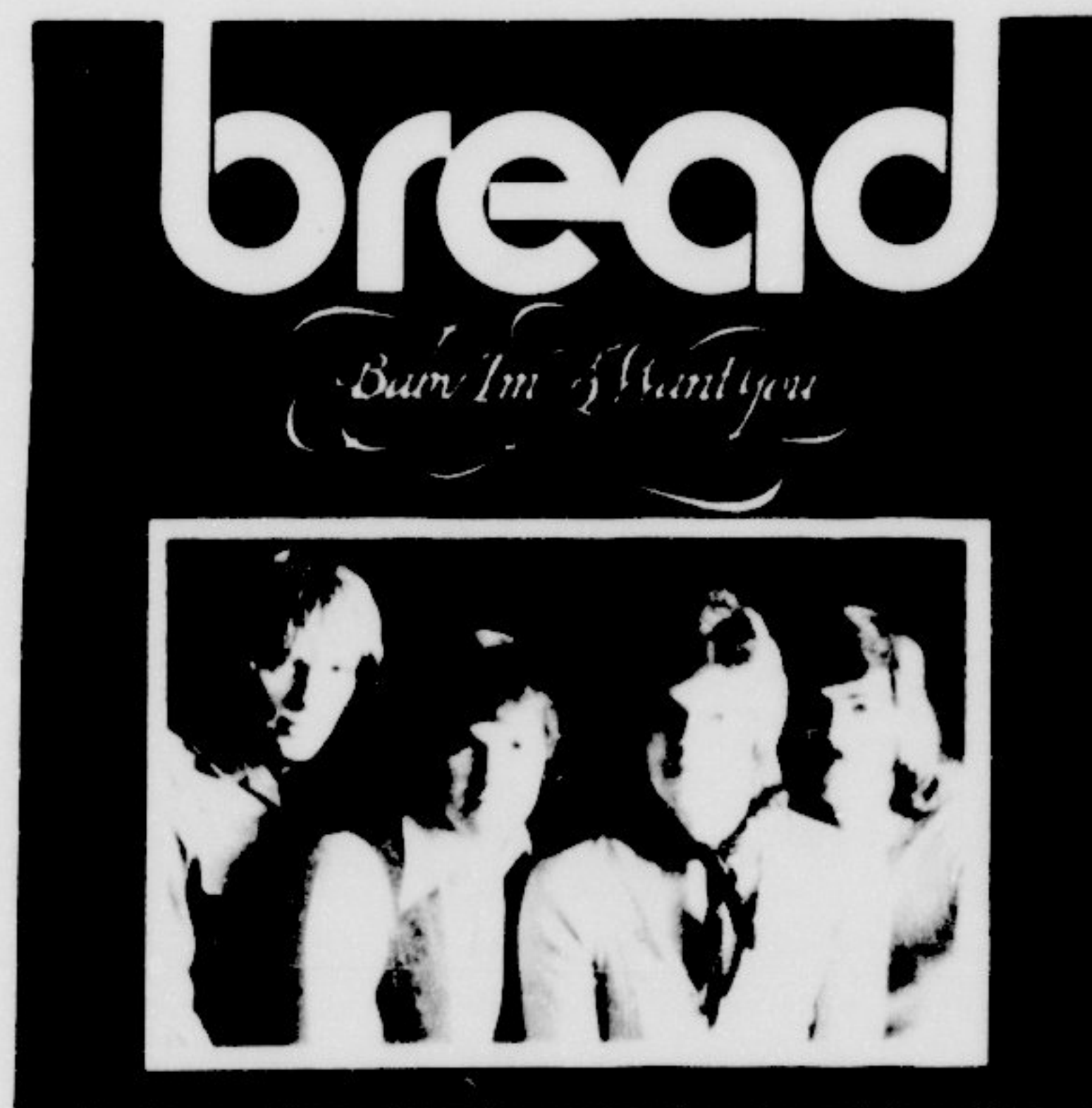
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# Fountainhead

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Editorials and Commentary

## State political circus aimed away from college student

The spotlight is on the center ring as the political circus swings into full scale. Each performer has rehearsed his act to perfection. The quality of each act is now being judged.

In North Carolina both national and state candidates are showing their bags of tricks. It seems however, that the circus acts they've prepared are not geared for the "kiddies."

Jim Holouser, Republican candidate for governor apparently is uninterested in the college student vote. He is quick to announce his feelings against allowing students to vote in their respective college towns.

Holouser is not alone in his supposedly "adult-gearred" performance for the gubernatorial race. The general trend seems to be away from the 18-21 year-old group toward the traditional 25 and over "responsible" citizens.

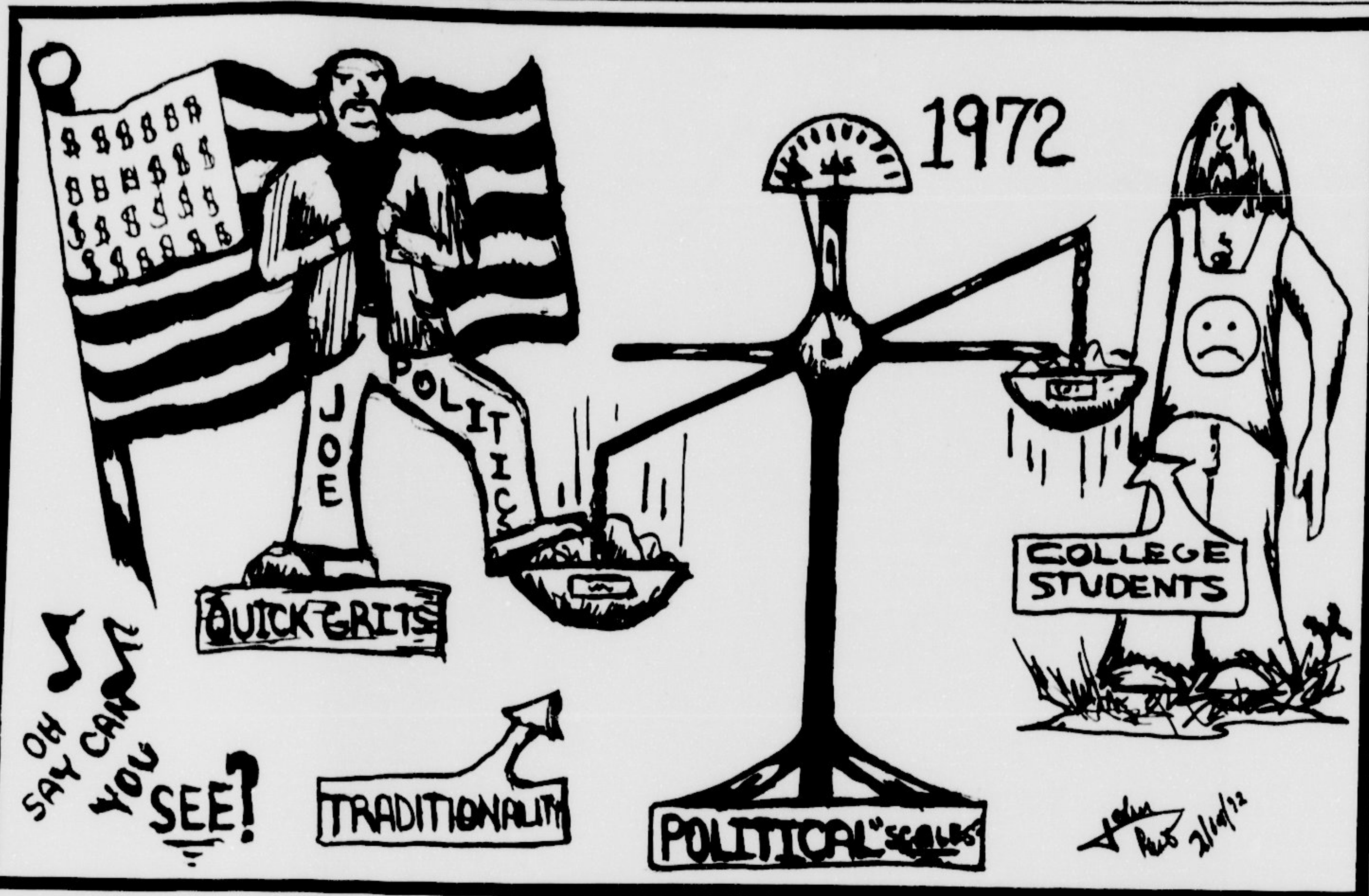
Perhaps the gubernatorial can-

didates should all stop to take stock of the situation. The trend in national government is moving toward the youth in every aspect. The college students of today are working and will continue to work in the future on the political scene. They are the future.

College students across the state should take note of the treatment they are receiving by each gubernatorial candidate because this same treatment may be reflected after election time. The gubernatorial race may not seem quite as important considering this is also the year of the presidential election.

However, as ECU is a state-supported institution, the gubernatorial winner may affect the structure of this institution in the next four years.

A conscientious look at all the candidates and their platforms is highly suggested — for the betterment of the entire state as well as ECU.



by  
Rick Mitz

His press kit contains a large glossy photo, a four-page bio, ten newspaper articles about him and twelve yellow "ee and 1/3" cent Randy Newman Reprise stamps. "Presenting the best reviewed artist of 1971," the press kit offers: Randy Newman. And then the adjectives spew out: "the finest," "great," "best pop singer," "a major star," "a pure delight," "mindbending" and on and on until one wonders.

But don't stop reading now. You may not have heard Randy Newman—you may not have heard about Randy Newman—but this Newman is a new man on the composing and singing scene and, as much as he'll fight it, Randy Newman probably will live up to all those adjectives, the four page bio and at least ten out of twelve most embarrassing stamps.

The writer of such popular songs as "Mama Told Me Not To Come," "I'll Be Home," and "I Think It's Gonna Rain Today," Newman—an owl-looking 28 year old—was making the rounds of the college circuit recently.

On stage he's meek and mumbly humble, muttering an occasional "What would you like to hear?" or "This is a song I wrote." He's unpretentious almost to the point of being pretentious. But not quite. He ends the quiet, hour-long Randy Newman song fest with a quick and quiet "goodbye" and the audience loves him. Finally, when he sings them, those strange lyrics make sense.

His lilting lullaby-esque melodies have an undertone of menacing macabre. His music is a coy combination of black and white humor, cynical satire and small town nostalgia; presented in gentle character sketches that range from down home naïvete to "All In The Family" set to music.

Off-stage, Randy Newman is shy and yet brash; meek yet mouthy; evasive and abrasive.

"When I have a choice, I don't talk at all," he said at the beginning of our interview. "I don't like reading about myself and I don't like listening to myself. I don't

know who buys my records, I don't know who sees my concerts. I don't know what my appeal is."

So what does he know and/or like? "All I care about is how I'm writing. It's so much the man thing that the rest of the stuff isn't important. I'll look at the record sales figures and there's James Taylor up there and there I am down there. But it isn't a big thing."

"What do you do in your spare time?" I asked.

"I stick pins in my little doll of James Taylor."

"What do you spend your money on?"

"Pins." And then he laughs — no, cackles — because none of this is serious. Except when he's writing music — "which matters" — nothing else matters. He's putting me on and he's putting himself on. He's a crotchety young man and everyone should just leave him alone and let him write.

He laughs at his fame, fortune and stardom because they don't exist for him. His manner and his music want us to remember that he's Just Plain Folk Like You and Like Me. But what if he ever becomes a superstar?

"I won't let it happen. I'll do the wrong thing. I'll mess around. I won't work. I'll make a bad album. You know."

Don't believe him. His music is too important to him. His songs have been recorded by Judy Collins, Helen Reddy, Barbra Streisand, Harry Nilsson, Ella Fitzgerald and himself on three Newman Sings Newman albums. And who interprets R.N. the best? Simple answer: "I do."

Every once in a while, a kind phrase slips out like "It's flattering to see all those people coming to my concerts" — but he quickly checks himself with some flippant remark. "I have no friends," he said dramatically. "There are just fans."

The interview is over. And his songs take over where he left off.

## Praises orchestra

To Fountainhead:

The London Symphony Orchestra played a fine concert at ECU on Tuesday. Principle conductor Andre Previn chose to give us a better chance to learn about his orchestra's strengths and weaknesses by presenting entirely different music in each piece.

All were excellently balanced between things familiar and unfamiliar to many students.

Previn made no attempt to amaze the audience with flashy pieces that would guarantee the almost standard standing ovation.

The orchestra's confidence in Previn would seem to be justified from his performance here on Feb. 8. In my opinion, he has developed into a very solid maestro. He is no grandstander — he pays attention to the music and makes an impact through his players. Indeed, watching him work was a little dull at times.

However, I considered the performance a great treat, despite Mr. Beard's poor comment "perhaps Previn is better as a personality than a composer."

Mindi Murphy

## Condemns proposal

To Fountainhead:

The following is a letter I sent to the SGA in reply to the questionnaire that was sent to me concerning the proposed new Union.

I feel that this plan for a new Union necessitated my writing a letter to show how I really feel.

The monetary aspect is the one that intrigues me the most. Isn't it rather absurd to spend \$3,500,000.00 on a facility which is a duplicate of one that already exists? This especially seems odd in a year that is noted for its cut-backs in departmental budgets (i.e. art and drama) and as a result a cut down in the number of professors. Wouldn't it be more important for East Carolina to be known for its scholastic quality rather than for the fact that it has an excess of "soda shops"?

I guess this has hit me especially hard because I am an out-of-state student and my tuition cost at present doesn't exactly parallel the quality of education offered here. I don't feel it is fair to expect me to pay such a high sum for a Union that doesn't seem to be necessary. I would gladly pay the tuition fee, for instance, the money was going into bettering the library.

On your information sheet you indicated the facilities that would be offered. The only one I would consider really necessary is the proposed movie theater. Granted, we now have Wright, but the sound acoustics are lousy. Why not either build simply a theater or fix Wright.

The only thing I have seen that is really needed is a new Student Book Store. The reason, obviously, is because of the crowding that occurs on the first three days of classes. However I believe this situation could be alleviated by having the books needed for a course being posted before the class actually starts. If they were posted at the end of the quarter prior to the one in which they were needed, students wouldn't have to spend three days of pushing and shoving

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and infinitely long lines to get their books.

Please think about what I have said and remember that we are not all apathetic. Take me seriously because I am taking this whole affair very seriously. I do think that my views represent the views of a segment of students, no matter how small. You should also keep in mind that with the rising tuition, more out-of-state students are leaving. Without their money your new Union, if built, will never get paid for.

Sincerely,  
K. Altie Hodson  
Lucy S. Morris

## Explains need

To Fountainhead:

I am writing in reply to the letter from Richard Cox printed in the February 3rd issue of Fountainhead. In that letter Mr. Cox expressed his frustration with the foreign language requirement for the B.A. degree, particularly with his own French class.

In his letter Mr. Cox calls the requirement "useless," but he makes no attempt to support this blanket condemnation other than to give a highly biased description of his own French class. First, he says that the class is not very "stimulating."

Apparently he expects every course to be designed for his entertainment. A person cannot expect to derive any benefit from a language class if he is waiting to be amused. Secondly, Mr. Cox complains of homework which is "nightly and tedious."

How can anyone hope to learn a foreign language without regular and intensive study outside of the classroom. Things which can only be touched upon in class will soon slip away without homework to reinforce them.

I think that Mr. Cox is less concerned with the relevancy of foreign languages than with his own difficulties with French.

Mr. Cox is merely rationalizing when he says foreign language study is useless. Actually the benefits of a knowledge of a foreign language are great.

Mr. Cox indicates that he does not think a foreign language necessary for insights about other peoples and their cultures, but I think he will decide otherwise if he ever deals directly with a foreign people.

Knowledge of one or more foreign languages is a mark of an educated person. This idea is not the invention of some French teacher to enhance his own prestige; it has been true since the Middle Ages. Furthermore, no matter what your field of pursuit, a great deal of relevant material will be obtainable only in a foreign language.

Jonathan B. Keathley

## Questions attack

To Fountainhead:

My letter is in reference to the controversy concerning the campus infirmary. I have just finished listening to Dr. Monroe, on the six o'clock news, telling people that the students of this University are not justified in our attack on the services which the infirmary provides.

I think Dr. Monroe should go over to the infirmary some morning and imagine what it would be like to be really ill, while he is waiting and waiting and waiting to see a doctor.

The infirmary at ECU is totally inadequate and since Dr. Monroe wants the entire issue dropped, I would also say that they are

unresponsive to student criticism.

Dr. Monroe also said that the infirmary was not a hospital and that the infirmary could not act as such. I agree with this statement completely.

However, the student pay fees every quarter for medical care and I think that we should at least be seen by a competent and well-staffed infirmary instead of the pass out aspirin and shoot penicillin menagerie that now exists. I fail to believe that this constitutes medical care.

One final thought strikes me. Perhaps ECU should re-examine their priorities. Maybe then when it comes time for the ground breaking this month instead of a new and unnecessary Student Union there will be a modern infirmary in ECU's future. Think about it.

Sincerely,  
Robert J. Greczyn, Jr.

## Comments on play

To Fountainhead:

In response to the persistent rumor, I wish to deny absolutely that the current production of "Much Ado About Nothing" is based in any way on the activities of the History Department's Curriculum Committee.

As before, "Much Ado About Nothing" continues to be Shakespearean in content.

Name Withheld

## Ads displease

To Fountainhead:

It appears from your advertisements that the only way Fountainhead can survive financially is by having cheap abortion ads in every edition.

The one that claims to have limousine service has to be a joke, but I suppose that some people actually take them seriously.

How this newspaper can deplore the killing of babies in Vietnam, and at the same time encourage mothers to "get rid of" their children before they are born is beyond my understanding. I thought that Fountainhead to be enlightened and concerned with the cruelties of life. I guess all of that was superficial jargon.

Personally, I believe a mother should be able to abort a pregnancy, if that is what she desires. However, to persuade a woman to have an abortion by making it appear to be convenient and inexpensive represents a gross insensitivity toward life.

You would be doing the world and yourself a favor if you would start using a little discretion in what you print.

Sincerely,  
David Harrington

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