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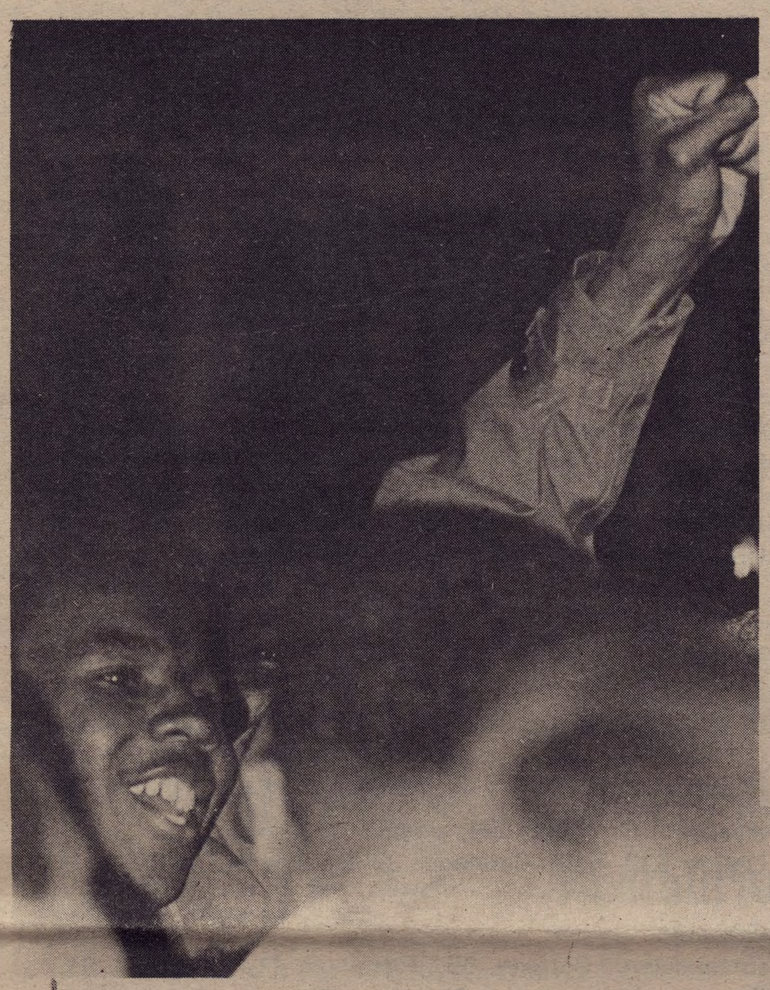
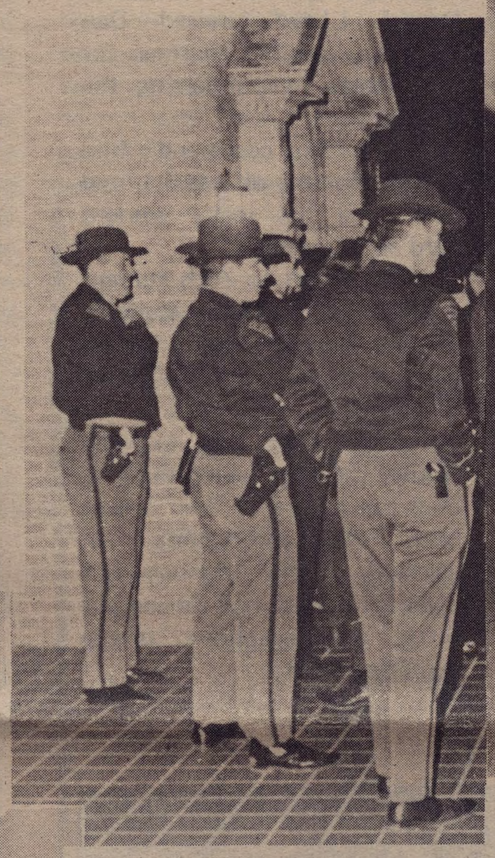
'I support them...'

Jenkins





Time versus tension

by Phyllis Bridgeman

One hundred-fifty or more blacks and whites left the front porch of President Jenkins last night, after pressing a yes-or-no answer to "Do you support the demands or not?" Jenkins would obviously rather have qualified the answer, but expectant faces and pressuring voices got an affirmation. The shuffle of feet on pavement muffled what sounded like an "...in part" at the end.

SOULS opened up their regular meeting last night with a sizable contingent of white guests in support of their demands. Several questions were raised and dispensed with in further clarification of the demands. Someone asked what has been done, and the evening's activities took shape.

Many blacks have expressed ill-will over progress on the demands, remembering last year's "requests" and the ineffective Race Relations Board. SOULS leaders suggested a walk to the house of the man who should know what's been done or what can be done.

Consequently, President Jenkins answered his doorbell to find a lawn full of faces, though hardly with surprise since the police pulled up at the same time. SOULS president Johnny Williams greeted Jenkins and opened the evening's dialogue with an elaboration on the last question of the meeting.

Jenkins mainly listed several things his study committees were hoping to do, i.e., the first two supervisory positions opened will be given to black maintenance workers (now employed only as laborers), and a proposed Faculty Senate committee "to take care of any rudeness on the part of the faculty."

Also mentioned was the search for more black athletes and two black professors Jenkins says have been contacted.

Comments from the blacks seemed to indicated they were hearing nothing new, as the demand for "concrete evidence" echoed stronger each time. Every instance of talk about "legal channels" or "the machinery" invoked cries for a stronger guiding hand by the president.

Jenkins claimed to have no dictatorial powers, as an employee of the state and a worker under the direction of the Board of Trustees. Frequently unanswered questions of "what powers do you have?" netted the impression, as one black student put it, that "he's done what little he intends to."

However two promises were made— a convocation on the demands will be held "soon" by Jenkins, and he will arrange for black leaders to speak at the next Board of Trustees meeting. Since the next meeting is not scheduled until May, Jenkins agreed that it was within his power to request an emergency session.

Taking her cue from talk of the Board of Trustees and Robert Morgan, one black co-ed asked, "If as president of this university, you cannot meet the demands of so small a group of students, how as governor do you intend to meet them?"

The meeting that had begun with most of Jenkins' visitors off his wide and gracious front porch progressed with the circle closing tighter around the front door. Normal traffic was enough to make hearing hard, but the influx of campus policemen, state troopers, and at least one SBI agent made things a bit more tense. One black student tersely thanked Jenkins for "your confidence in us."

Things drew to a peak and a close as the demand for an answer to "Do you support our cause?" grew more committed. Handshakes and thank-you's were exchanged, while the question of time vs. tension still hung thick in the air. No one could answer it.

Schofield wins presidency

John Schofield, university party candidate for SGA president, edged out his opponent Steven Owens, to win the office of SGA President here Monday night.

In one of the most widely and intensive publicized elections on campus in recent years, Schofield defeated Owens by a vote of 1,070 to 1,305. The turnout of voters far exceeded that of recent years.

The race for president was never close as Schofield led Owens in all polls except Aycock and Belk dorms.

University party candidates, racking up three of the SGA offices, failed to win the office of vice-president.

SP Wins V.P.

Student party nominee for vice-president, Bob Whitley, defeated UP candidate Brian Van Dercook in all polls except three women's dorms and the university union. Votes were 1,828 to 1,548.

In other offices, Gary Gasperini won the office of treasurer by a slim margin over Steve Sharpe (SP). Women student votes kept Gasperini in the race and won the office for him as he carried all the women's dorms except for Fleming, which he lost by one vote. Sharpe carried Aycock, Belk, Jones and Scott dorms. The closest of the election offices, treasurer votes were 1,738 to 1,621.

Largest Margin

Carolyn Breedlove (UP) overwhelmingly defeated Peggy Sledd (SP) to gain the SGA office of secretary. Carrying only Fletcher Dorm, Miss Sledd was defeated by a vote of 2,138 to 1,243.

With neither candidate for historian gaining a clear-cut majority of the student votes, a run-off election will be held Monday between Sip Beamon (SP) and Marion Barick (Ind.).

The only office in which an independent candidate filed to run, the historian position was a three-way race between Sip Beamon (SP), Chris Smith (UP), and Marion Barick(I).

Votes were 1,353 for Miss Beamon, 993 for Miss Barick and 984 for Miss Smith.

Others

Candidates elected to positions on the Women's Judiciary were Gwen Bullock and Linda Hopkins, seniors; Joanne Brinton and Terry Montgomery, juniors, and Bev Morelli and Dana Roberson, sophomores.

Five members at large elected were Linda Crawford, Ann Reinhardt and Annette Wooten, Sharpe (SP). Women student votes kept Gasperini in the race and won the office for him as he

From a field of 30, marshalls elected were Barbara Young, Kay Tyndall, Chris Smith, Faye Aycock, Belk, Jones and Scott dorms. The closest of the election offices, treasurer votes were Lynn Harris, Jere Gallagher, Debbie Debnam, Jeanne Crickenberger, Susann Brown and Carolyn Breedlove.

Alternates are Brenda Morgan and Linda Alford. secretary, carrying only Fletcher Dorm, Miss Sledd was defeated by a vote of 2,138 to 1,243.

Large Turnouts

Election turnout was above that of last year by noon Monday. More than 3,300 students voted in the final count.

Outgoing SGA Presidetn David Lloyd praised Dan Sumners, election charman for his efforts in publicizing the election.

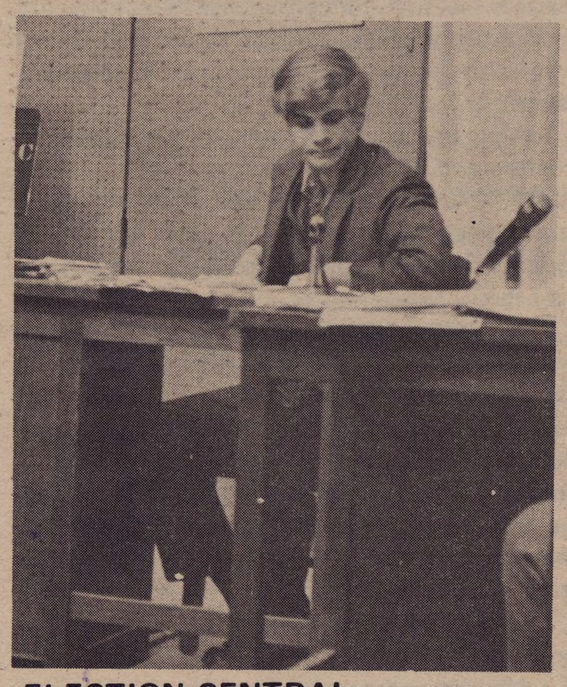
"I can't commend him enough for his efforts," Lloyd said. "He has really worked hard and diligently."

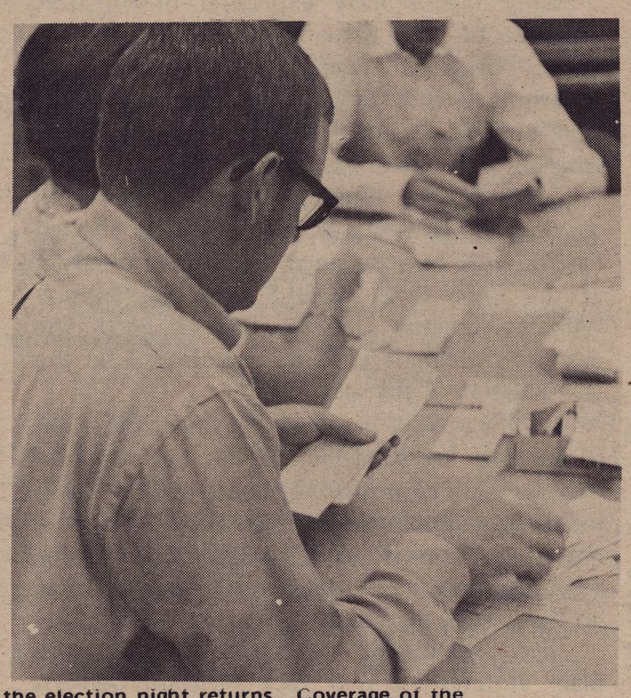
In an effort to curb student apathy and urge more students to vote, Sumners conducted an all-out campaign in publicizing the election.

Letters were sent to each faculty member asking them to read the letters to their classes both Friday and Monday. An election official Monday was constantly stationed on campus with a megaphone urging students to vote.

GARY GASPERINI takes the coveted treasurer---elect post for 1969--70.

CAROLYN BREEDLOVE is elected Secretary on the University Party ticket.





ELECTION CENTRAL is a busy sight during the election night returns. Coverage of the election returns began as soon as the polls opened on campus and were closely followed by many students on close circuit television until they closed.

President	Totals
Schofield	2070
(Breakdown: Cotten= 56, Fleming= 62, Fletcher= 120, Garrett=133, Jarvis= 60, New Women's Dorm= 152, Ragsdale= 50, Slay= 113, Umstead= 154, Greene= 130, Aycock= 49, Belk= 68, Jones= 138, Scott= 76, Univ. Union= 576, North Cafeteria= 38, Pamlico Room= 95.)	
Owens(SP)	1305
(Breakdown: Cotten= 36, Fleming= 22, Fletcher= 62, Garrett= 49, Jarvis= 32, New Women's Dorm= 88, Ragsdale= 31, Slay= 35, Umstead= 75, Greene= 48, Aycock= 52, Belk= 77, Jones= 109, Scott= 76, Univ. Union= 430, North Cafeteria= 24, Pamlico Room= 59).	

Vice-President	Totals
Van Dercook (UP)	1548
(Breakdown: Cotten= 43, Fleming= 42, Fletcher= 71, Garrett= 88, Jarvis=43, New Women's Dorm= 80, Ragsdale=46, Slay= 75, Umstead= 110, Greene= 85, Aycock= 46, Belk= 39, Jones= 100, Scott= 49, Univ. Union= 528, North Cafeteria= 22, Pamlico Room= 81.)	
Whitley(SP)	1828
(Breakdown: Cotten= 49, Fleming= 39, Fletcher= 107, Garrett= 95, Jarvis= 50, New Women's Dorm= 159, Ragsdale= 37, Slay= 73, Umstead= 118, Greene= 90, Aycock= 55, Belk= 107, Jones= 146, Scott=102, Univ. Union= 489, North Cafeteria=41, Pamlico Room= 71.)	

Treasurer	Totals
Sharpe(SP)	1621
(Breakdown: Cotten= 37, Flemign= 42, Fletcher= 89, Garrett= 76, Jarvis= 42, New Women's Dorm= 72, Ragsdale= 30, Slay= 44, Umstead= 84, Greene= 75, Aycock= 53, Belk= 94, Jones= 139, Scott= 99, Univ. Union= 530, North Cafeteria= 33, Pamlico Room= 82.)	
Gasperini	1738
(Breakdown: Cotten= 55, Fleming= 41, Fletcher= 91, Garrett= 104, Jarvis= 51, New Women's Dorm= 167, Ragsdale= 52, Slay= 104, Umstead= 144, Greene= 101, Aycock=46, Belk= 48, Jones= 107, Scott= 53, Univ. Union= 471, North Cafeteria= 30, Pamlico Room= 73.)	

Secretary	Totals
Breedlove	2138
(Breakdown: Cotten= 58, Fleming= 68, Fletcher= 86, Garrett= 131, Jarvis= 71, New Women's Dorm= 151, Ragsdale= 55, Slay=114, Umstead= 145, Greene= 103, Aycock= 65, Belk= 82, Jones= 156, Scott= 88, Univ. Union= 612, North Cafeteria= 42, Pamlico Room= 111.)	
Sledd	1243
(Breakdown: Cotten: 34, Fleming= 15, Fletcher= 93, Garrett= 50, Jarvis= 21, New Women's Dorm= 88, Ragsdale= 26, Slay= 34, Umstead= 82, Greene= 71, Aycock= 37, Belk= 66, Jones= 90, Scott= 62, Univ. Union= 409, North Cafeteria= 21, Pamlico Room= 44.)	

Historian	Totals
Beamon	1353
(Breakdown: Cotten= 43, Fleming= 32, Fletcher= 101, Garrett= 55, Jarvis = 19, New Women's Dorm= 107, Ragsdale= 31, Slay= 39, Umstead= 80, Greene= 68, Aycock= 46,Belk=74, Jones= 86, Scott= 72, Univ. Union=441, North Cafeteria= 13, Pamlico Room= 46.)	
Barick	993
(Brakdown: Cotten= 25, Fleming= 25, Fletcher= 42, Garrett= 65, Jarvis= 44, New Women's Dorm= 63, Ragsdale= 15, Slay= 57, Umstead= 77, Greene= 40, Aycock= 20, Belk= 43, Jones= 69, Scott= 40, Univ. Union= 281, North Cafeteria= 28, Pamlico Room= 59.)	
Smith	968
(Breakdown: Cotten= 22, Fleming= 25, Fletcher= 37, Garrett= 60, Jarvis= 26, New Women's Dorm= 59, Ragsdale= 35, Slay= 40, Umstead= 67, Greene= 66, Aycock= 31, Belk= 27, Jones= 83, Scott= 37, Univ. Union= 302, North Cafeteria= 21, Pamlico Room= 46.)	

Newman Club makesbid for 'racial bandwagon'

The Newman Club called for an immediate end to racial injustice on the ECU campus in a statement issued this week.

A petition urging college administrators to act quickly "to eliminate any conditions that cause discrimination" was signed by 63 club members before Sunday's campus mass.

"As members of this University we feel it is both our privilege and obligation to be concerned about the successes and problems of our University." Paul King, Newman Club president said.

Praise Orderliness

The Catholic organization's president further said that the club "is not only aware of the racial tension on our campus now but we want some positive action taken and taken quickly.

"We feel that the black students are to be praised for the orderly manner by which they presented their demands through proper channels to the administration," he said.

King spoke for the club in saying that the 'administration's time to take positive action is running out," and cited the riots of Watts and Newark as examples of incidents touched off by small incidents.

Could hurt University

"We find it not too difficult to conceive of how a small *incident here on campus* combined with the mob psychology and the irrational action of both white and black students could really hurt our University," King continued.

Modified Agreement

The Newman Club statement further declared,"We emphasize that by our stand we are not agreeing with all the actions and demands of the black students as we could not even agree with all the actions and wishes of our white students.

"Rather, we emphasize that if the racial injustice exists and that if we are to call ECU a true University, that this injustice must be eliminated immediately."

The petition signed by 63 club members read as follows:

"In light of the current demands made by the black students of our University we, the undersigned students and faculty, wish to make it public that we are very much concerned about the dignity of the individual being, no matter what color his skin is.

"We acknowledge that the black American has been treated unfairly in the past and is, in some ways, discriminated against today. We are proud of the significant contributions black men have made to our America.

"We urge the administration of our school to carefully evaluate the current situation and above all act quickly to eliminate any conditions that cause discrimination against our black students and to start any programs that would enhance the dignity of our black students to a level of respect that all Americans owe one another."

'To be or not to be'?

Students todetermine fate of 'Dixie' Monday

Staff Photo by TECO ECHO

By Donna Dixon

Student popular vote in a campus-wide referendum Monday will decide whether the playing of Dixie by university sponsored organizations will be banned in the future.

SGA President David Lloyd called for the referendum this week after he was presented a petition for the referendum signed by 1,818 ECU students. One student signed the petition in blood.

The question of banning the southern traditional song initiated on the campus when the university administration was presented a list of several demands by black students March 3. One of the 10 demands asked to "ban Dixie immediately."

Students will be given the opportunity in the referendum to vote either yes or no to the importance of our students to question "Should Dixie be banned at all public functions played by university sponsored organizations?"

University sponsored organizations include the Marching Band, all spirit bands, glee clubs, choral groups and campus cheerleaders.

Should the majority of students rule the song be banned, the referendum will not rule out individuals or self-sponsored groups on campus from playing or singing Dixie.

Lloyd emphasized the importance of every student on campus voicing his opinion in the issue. He also encouraged each student "to voice his conviction no matter what it is."

"I cannot stress enough the weigh the issue, to make judgment and then to vote in the referendum according to their personal convictions," Lloyd stated.

Past elections have proven that only approximately 30 per cent of the student body will express their concern enough to vote in campus issues and elections.

"Each full-time student on our campus pays $87 per year for a student activity fee, part of which is used to sponsor the ECU band, choral groups and the cheerleaders," Lloyd explained. "This decision directly concerns both the students and these groups."

The referendum is the first of its type on campus in nearly three years in which the student popular vote will decide a major issue.

Fraternity 'rock around clock' for crippled children

By CHARLES FELDSTEIN

Once again Alpha Epsilon Pi social fraternity will "hit the streets" of downtown Greenville in a battle for crippled children throughout the United States.

Among the brothers is Bob Harrington, who will team up with last year's rocking chair to challenge both time and the elements. He will rock for a grueling period of fifty-five consecutive hours, while brothers collect contributions from the passers-by.

Jim Beatty, state representative, and former Olympic Gold Medal winner, will accompany President Jenkins for the opening of the drive Thursday, March 27, at 11 a.m.

Last year's "rock around the clock" collected $1,311.04.

The need for aid of crippled children, according to one brother, is an "overwhelming challenge" and being able to accept it, a "rewarding experience."

Brother Bernie Roth, project chairman, says he "hopefully anticipates the full support of all East Carolina students" in the drive.

Episcopal Canon to speak here today

REVEREND CANON deBOIS author and critic will lecture at the Holiday Inn tonight at 7 p.m. (photo by Blackstone-Shelburne N.Y.)

The Reverend Canon Albert J. deBois, Canon Missioner of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island and Executive Director of the American Church Union, will speak here Thursday, March 27, at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Restaurant. The subject of Canon duBois' address will be "The Centrality of the Holy Eucharist in the Worship and Renewal of the Church."

Canon duBois, who is well-known throughout the Anglican Communion as the author of several books and brochures, including "The Truth and the Life" and "C.O.C.U. Evaluation," is an outspoken critic of "quick merger" union schemes which involve the Episcopal Church with Protestant denominations.

He was chairman of the 1954 International Catholic Congress and was a preacher at the World-Wide Eucharistic Congress held in London in 1958.

Under the direction of Canon duBois, the American Church Union, the largest voluntary organization of clergy and laity within the Episcopal Church, publishes the "American Church News" and the "Theological Quarterly", provides the church's only full-time, full-scale work for the blind, and strives to defend catholic faith and practice in the Episcopal Church.

The public is invited to attend this meeting. Dinner is avilable at a cost of $2.75, but is optional.

EMOTIONAL SCENE FROM *'Summertree'*, starring James Taylor and Miss Peggy Cassidy.
(See story on page 4)

'Summertree'—displays the life of a family

A youthful, lyrical play about a young man's affections, resentments and regrets in his coming-to-terms with his family and society opened last night at 8:15 p.m. in McGinnis Auditorium for a four-performance run. It is the East Carolina Playhouse production of "Summertree," a play which aroused such praise as "beautiful, sensitive, immeasurably moving" from critic Clive Barnes of the New York Times when it achieved a notable New York success in the spring of 1968.

"Summertree" is a young man's play about youth and life and love and death, written by a youth named Ron Cowen at the age of 21. Educated at U.C.L.A., he was still doing graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania when his play was produced as part of the Forum Series by the Repertory Theatre of Lincoln Center in New York.

Revealing in poignancy and complexity of his generation as it faces a society in transition, Cowen avoided drawing a conventional "generation-conflict" play. His hero is no rebel, no "protest"-chanter, but a sensitive young man torn between the demands of a well-meaning, establishment-oriented father who wants him to embrace middle-class values of prudence and success, and his own desire for the hazards of a career as a concert pianist – a young man destined to a bitter fate as a result of the conflict.

"Summertree" is a "memory play" –– a series of reveries swinging between past and present, as the young man tries to piece his life together at the moment of meeting his fate under a tree in Vietnam, a tree that blends in his murmuring memories with the great spreading tree in his parents' backyard that was the focal point of his childhood and young manhood.

The story of "Summertree", says Zara Shakow (ECU's director in residence) "is a very contemporary retelling of the universal problems of father and sons in appreciating each other's points of view. "I think the play is going to be effective for audiences in Greenville because each of these positions, the father's and the son's, reflects the way it is in so many American families nowadays. I think people will be touched by the waste of love and life that result from unyielding positions.

"Summertree" is a tremendously moving piece – moving because its tragedy could have been avoided. There are ways out. If only people would concede a little."

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News Briefs

Legislators needed: Deadline for applying for a seat in the SGA Legislature has been extended until 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 2. The positions open are: Aycock– 1, Jones– 2, New Dorm– 1, Cotten– 1, Fletcher– 1, Umstead– 1, Day students – 6. Apply for an interview with the SGA Screening and Appointments committee in the SGA office, third floor of Union, immediately!

The last day for ordering invitations for graduation is April 1, 1969.

Attention spring graduates: Orders are now being taken for caps and gowns for graduation in the Students Supply Store.

Found: Lady's yellow gold Bulova watch. Call Cotten Hall office.

Any student interested in working for "The East Carolinian" please drop by the newspaper office in the front of Wright Building any weekday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Interested students should contact Editor Chip Callaway or Managing Editor Beverly Jones.

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Counseling service offers aid to students

By Mike Breslin

"Motivation is the most important ingredient to success in college," according to Dr. George Weigand, director of Guidance and Counseling.

Weigand stated that high school grades, College Board scores, and IQ tests can only tell us who should be in the top percentage of a class; they cannot decide who will reach the top.

Aid in Guidance

The counseling service's function is to aid the student in choosing a course of study. The lack of a desire to succeed is, according to Weigand, an indication that the student is possibly unsuited for the curriculum he is presently pursuing.

The purpose of the counseling service is to aid the student in choosing a career and, once a choice is made, to help the student in pursuing his choice.

Advising the student in choosing a career is one service performed by the office; another is helping the mentally disturbed person who finds himself unable to handle his situation.

Dr. Weigand emphasized that going for counseling "is not a sign of weakness" but is rather an admission that professional advice is needed to solve the problem objectively.

Another service provided by the center is helping the student adjust to college life. "How to study and learn effectively is the problem most often encountered by incoming freshman," Dr. Weigand said. To counter this, the center offers a study course every quarter which presents the student with the techniques of better study.

A graduate of the University of Maryland, Dr. Weigand has been at ECU since 1963, and has seen the Center grow from two counselors to the present four, Dr. Ione Ryan, Dr. H.D. Lambeth Jr., Mrs. Phyllis Kernen and Wilbur Kastellow. Dr. Weigand as director, a secretary and two student helpers completes the staff. "This number is sufficient," Dr. Weigand said, "and barring any sudden increase in student population in the near future should allow us to keep the personal approach." This approach to problems is preferred by the Center which likes to measure its success by the gratification of the student, and not by the scientific measurement of the controlled experiment.

The Center also places priority on emergency cases. A phone call to the Center will insure an appointment with one of the counselors.

In the future Dr. Weigand sees the establishment of a community wide suicide emergency servece to serve the campus as well as the surrounding community.

Dr. George Weigand sees motivation as a basic problem for college students

Pika's hold *bunny* hunt

The Pika's will hold an EASTER EGG HUNT!!!not as a rush party, but for the children of the faculty members. The hunt will take place on the lawn of Dr. Jenkins' house from 3 'til 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 28. Children will be searching for 1,600 plastic eggs which the brothers will hide. Prizes will be live ducks, rabbits and chicks.

Pi Kappa Alpha regrets that 2 albino ducks have already died!

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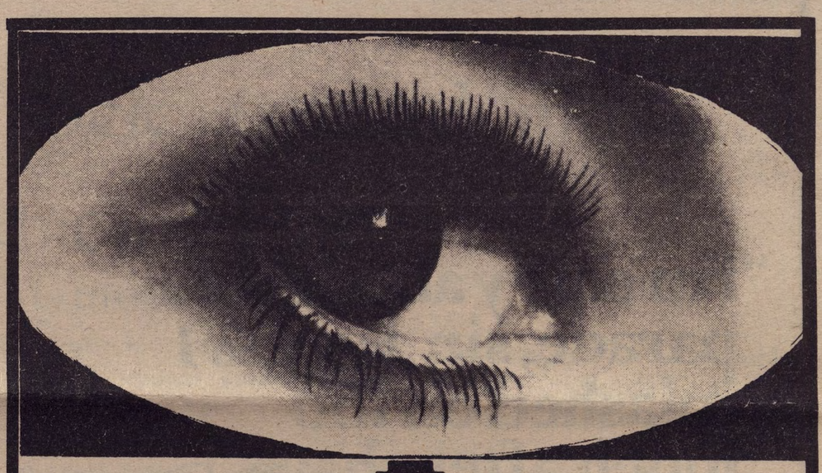
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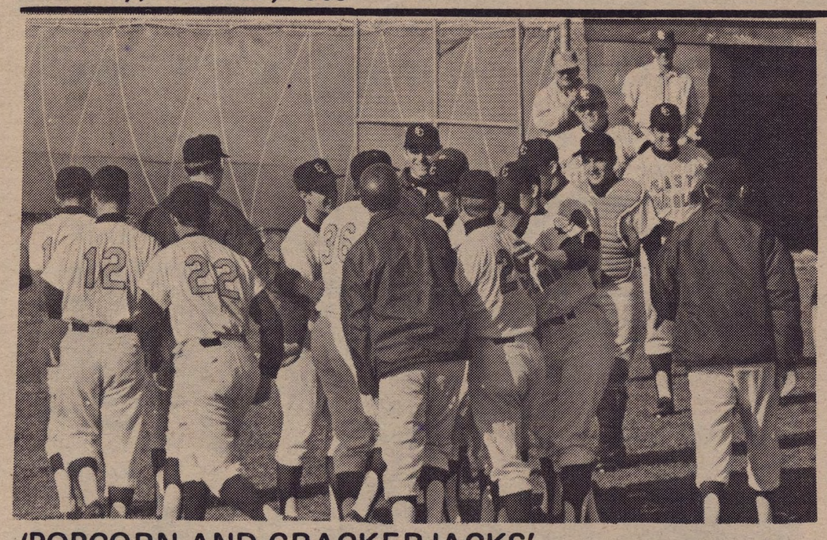

'POPCORN AND CRACKERJACKS' may be the theme of baseball to many. To the ECU sluggers this rally scene indicates that soon there will be results to fit the optimism of the team spirit.

ECU intramurals need support

This week in sports

Friday, March 28–

Baseball– Dartmouth College, at University Field, 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 29–

Baseball– Dartmouth College, at University Field, 2 p.m.

Crew– The Citadel, at Charleston, S.C.

Lacrosse– Randolph-Macon, at Minges Coliseum grounds.

Track– Florida Relays.

Monday, March 31–

Baseball– Atlantic Christian College, at University Field, 3 p.m.

ECU's outdoor track team was seventh in the conference, in both 1966 and '67, but came back last year to tie for second place.

By CONNIE BITE

Interest is the only qualification an ECU student must have to participate in intramural sports. The whole program is designed for and run by students who want something to do in their spare time.

The five objectives of the program indicate this orientation toward the students. They are: to develop physical fitness, group spirit, and perhaps even a permanent interest in sports provide time for recreation and social contact.

For just one example, the student officials in the intramural games are in effect trained as athletic directors, and they can even end up with jobs in this field.

According to supervisors Jack Boone and Carolyn James, student participation has been very good this year. The number of participants has increased since last year which, among other things, indicates a growing interest.

"We are not after publicity," Boone says, and so far they have received very little. This is perhaps one reason why many students know so little about the program.

Boone seems to feel that simply through better communication to "The East Carolinian" and perhaps the "Buccaneer," the program could be aided immensely.

League Organization

The intramurals are organized into dormitory, sorority, fraternity, and independent leagues. There are sports chairmen for each sport and student directors for each organization.

These people are elected by the students to serve one year. Their whole purpose is to keep the games running smoothly, to design schedules and see that they are followed, and to officiate in the games.

They also have a Publicity Chairman who is responsible for submitting news and helping in elections.

Sororities and fraternities probably have the best rate of particiapation simply because they are more highly organized than the dormitory or day student programs. They have their own athletic directors who are responsible for informing and organizing the brothers and sisters about the games.

Here is where the communications problem once more enters. Each fraternity and sorority has one representative, while each dormitory has two representatives.

These people are required to attend all the meetings, but because of size, the dorms often have difficulty in keeping the students informed. It has been suggested that a list of dorm representatives be posted in a prominent place so that all interested students may know whom to contact for information.

Intramural Benefits

Team sports is the main thing, but students are encouraged to use the gyms and facilities for their own enjoyment during certain hours. Except for a lack of equipment, the teams could double in size. For example, the boys' softball program is geared to the present facilities. The games are played in the parking lot at Minges.

In its broadest sense, the aim of the Intramural Sports Program is to allow every student the opportunity to engage in the various sports any time he desires and is able to do so. Miss James and Coach Boone seem to feel that this goal has been, and is continuing to be met.

Interest, in every aspect if of vital importance in helping the program benefit the students. As N.M. Jorgenson, Chairman of the Department of Health and Physical Education states in the Intramurals Handbook: "The counting pace and tension of present day society creates a tremendous need for relaxation and stimulation through participation in physical activities. The Intramural Program at East Carolina University offers a means of providing these benefits."

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Football idol inspires Davis

By SONNY LEA

Paige Davis' boyhood football idol had a lot to do with his track career and the fortunes of the East Carolina University track team.

Davis, who played football and basketball during the fall and winter for Washington, N.C. High School, played tennis during the spring until his boyhood football idol returned to Washington and began coaching the track squad.

"He (Bartow Houston, now WITN-TV's Sports Director) asked me to come out for the squad and I am glad I did," he said. "I had always enjoyed running but I didn't start until my junior year in high school."

Following a high school career where he ran the 440 and the 880 and mile relays, Davis talked to Coach Baxter Berryhill, the East Carolina track coach, and came to East Carolina.

"I always wanted to come here," he said. "My brother came here and when Coach Berryhill offered me a little aid there was no holding me back."

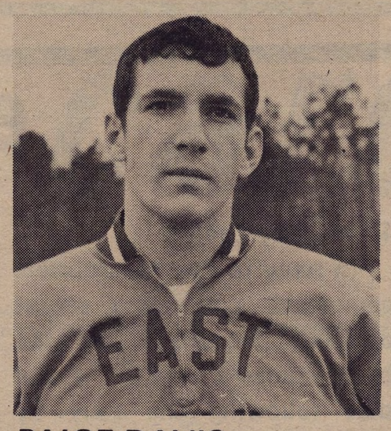
Davis, now a 21-year old junior recreation major, ran on a freshmen team composed of six other boys including himself. "There were six runners and one field man," he recalls. "Ken Voss and I are the only two left, now."

That year he ran the 220, 440, and the 880, and mile relays and broad jumped. "The highlight of the season was when we beat Virginia Tech's freshmen 76-75," he smiled.

Davis feels his biggest improvement came between his freshman and sophomore years. "I felt stronger and my speed had increased," he said. "I was keeping up with boys who were faster than me the year before. The difference was that I had lifted weights all summer and worked to lengthen my stride."

Following a fine indoor season this year, Davis is looking forward to the opening of the outdoor season. "I would like to run under 48 seconds in the quarter mile and between 21.3 and 21.5 in the 220 yard dash," he said.

Davis set a conference record this year in the Conference Indoor Meet in the 440, running a 50.3, bettering the record by one and a half seconds. The same day he ran a 49.5 leg in the mile relay.



PAIGE DAVIS an ECU winner of Indoor Track

"I would rather run outdoors but I have done better indoors," he admits. "Running indoors is different running but once you get used to the track you can't tell much difference."

Davis would like to continue running after graduation and hopes to run while he is in the service. "If I am around an amatuer track club I would like to run with them," he said. "I just don't want to quit."

ECU 'Pirates' to even record

East Carolina's baseball Pirates, off to a slow start, try to even their season record here this weekend with a two-game series against Dartmouth.

The Bucs, who suffered through a three-game losing streak last week, pulled their season record to 2-4 with a victory over the University of Virginia Sunday afternoon.

As might be expected from the won-lost record, the hitting and pitching departments show few bright spots.

The leading batter is Sonny Robinson, who also owns one of the two pitching victories. Robinson has been in two games, but has only one official trip to the plate. He got a single and scored and run.

Of the regulars, Len Dowd has the best record with two hits in four trips. He has appeared in five games. Ken Graver, who has also been in five games, has five hits in 15 official trips for a .333 average.

Centerfielder Stu Garrett, who has 24 official trips, is batting .292 with seven singles to his credit.

The Pirates next face Dartmouth College on Friday and Saturday afternoons, with game time set for 3 p.m. and 2 p.m. respectively. On the following Monday, Atlantic Christian College pays ECU a visit, followed by Cornell with a doubleheader on Wednesday and a single game on Thursday.

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Condolences to Schofield for newly-won burden

"The East Carolinian" would like to convey its sympathy to newly elected Student Government Association President John Schofield. The word sympathy is substituted here for the usual congratulatory words as we feel that the position of SGA president is far from enviable.

The office of the president will be riddled with many problems during the next year. Never before has there been so desperate a need for a strong president backed by equally strong student support.

The new president was elected on a mandate of increased student participation in university affairs. So have all the other student presidents in recent times.

So, all we have now are promises and plans. Far too many SGA presidents have carried their plans no further than their election. They have said that with student support nothing at this university is impossible. As their term in office wore on and their promises had not been fulfilled, so many of these weak presidents pointed their finger at "an apathetic student body" and placed all the blame of an unsuccessful administration on them.

There have been a rare few that have continued to fight on to realize the promises that they have made. It is our opinion that David Lloyd was such a president.

Lloyd's administration was not without its shortcomings but by and large, his platform has come closer to being carried out than those of past presidents.

Thus, Schofield has inherited a tradition of good government. We feel that he is qualified to carry on this tradition.

We support, and we urge all students to support John Schofield during his term as president of the SGA.

Test stealing now common

Test-stealing is becoming a common occurrence on the ECU campus.

The Honor Council has dealt severely with cases involving test-stealing. Is stealing a test worth being removed from school?

But that is not the major point. College is the time for an education. Why should some students spend hours and weeks studying for a test while others take only a few moments to memorize test answers the night before an examination and ruin the class curve? Those who buy tests are equally to blame.

Cheating one's way through college not only harms other students but the cheater himself. A few weeks on the first job will prove this to be correct. Even before that first job, getting caught in the quiet of the night or hustle of the day in a teacher's office will not glitter on a permanent record card or transcript.

Until these test-stealers are apprehended it is advisable for teachers to remove tests from their offices, campus policemen to keep a closer watch on classroom buildings, and possibly locks to be changed on faculty office doors.

To those of you with keys and the gall to stoop to test-stealing, do not count on anything.

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ecu forum

To Mr. Ray Lanfear

In reply to you "appropriate comment" concerning recent demands submitted by the black students of ECU, I feel that following the rally by SOULS on March 19, after your letter had already gone to press, a backward look at the validity of some of you "comments" should be forthcoming.

You speak of recent campus disruptions and general racial sentiment of eastern North Carolina, yet members of SOULS have repeatedly stated that they are independent in their demands and have not been influenced by any of these factors. Does not this give you a cue that if in fact the demands are independent, and to quote Owens in the March 14 Forum, "longstanding grievances", there is some underlying principle that has not been brought to light?

You suggest that a person's evaluation of these demands be preceded by an earnest attempt to become acquainted with some of our SOUL brothers and sisters. Does the fact that you have worked on several projects with SOULS during the past year constitute criterion for "accurately describing" its members? Have you made any attempt at insight into such personality determinants as physical and social environments., psyciological structure, "wants and goals", and past experiences of members of this group? You use the term "SOULS" and "black students" interchangeably. Not all black students are members of SOULS; not all SOULS are black in essence.

Consider the mulattos in SOULS. Does it not seem reasonable to expect that such a person might fight out blindly at the race which was responsible for imposing such a social inconvenience on him, especially after some were alleged to have been exposed as "passing" last year? What of the wants and goals? I question a group who is willing to wreck our educational institution for a few superficial grievances.

There is nor space here to go into all the psychological implications or the effects of subculture which has been superimposed on the blacks. I agree that racial discrimination does exist at ECU. Therefore, there are wrongs that need to be set right, and many complaints are legitimate, but I disagree with the tactics being used to secure the ends which the SOULS seek, even stripped of elaborations. No person or group of persons has the right through racial separatism to coerce anyone.

So, Mr. Lanfear, I suggest that you really get to know the SOULS. It might surprise you to know the real reason for these grievances and just how longstanding they are. When you get to know the reasons behind much of this behavior, your evaluation may become just as vague and unrealistic as the demands themselves.

Student's name witheld

Scene of Violence

Dear Editor,

Will our campus become the scene of racial violence? Will we allow less than one hundred students to demand and receive issues affecting over ten thousand? Are these demands really essential, or will we be the victims of a group trying to receive state and national attention? Are we as white students doing our part to ease majority vs. minority relationships?

During the past week these questions have followed me as shadows of a possible eyesore in the image of ECU. Personal evaluations show that as a majority and as Southerners brought up under a strict white racist environment we tend to put down the Negro race. I have tried to respect individuals, as such, regardless of color. It is easy and relationships are recognizably better.

One must realize, however, that the social code under which we live has been molded over three hundred years. To remove this code in thirty or fifty years or even one hundred is impossible. A Negro youth of today cannot point a finger at a white youth and say, "look what you've done to my race."

What is here existed before this generation was ever conceived. This generation could be the one to remove this social structure of separation, but can we do it? Can a white youth try to help a Negro if the Negro threatens his life or property? Can I extend a hand of friendship if the hand that I am to receive is masked by a glove of armed rebellion? I can and will try to open a communication line so that I and my children may live in a world where people are respected for their individuality.

Yes, my "brothers," no matter your color, we can live together as a united people. Our differences must be settled face to face over a table of understanding and not on the streets and fields of a country that we have both worked and strived to create. We can do it with patience, understanding of each other's problems and the realization that no men are created equal, but the "unequalling" factor is not color.

Ray Brown

Only a Reputation

Dear Editor:

I leave tomorrow for Vietnam, so errors in this letter can't be corrected. I left his campus in October of '68 for personal reasons, and when my tour of duty in the Army is over, I will be back on some campus if not this one.

Before I left and since I have been gone the good, quiet, "learning" atmosphere on this campus that I found here four years ago has been completely disrupted. We had a center of education. If the turmoil brewing keeps going ahead, we will have only a reputation. I offer no answers, only a plea. Let us be students. If that sounds apathetic to some, then I ask them to try it.

Respectfully,
PFC Frederic W. Whitehurst

Race Relations Committee?

Fellow Students:

Last year in a letter to this paper, I was asking all students to carefully consider the problems in establishing good race relations and to attempt to understand their own motives in dealing with the issue.

Also at that time, Charles Davis was asking for assistance from the SGA and the administration. A race relations committee was formed.

What happened?

When did the action begin?

To the black students: If your ten demands for reform are fulfilled in the near future, will you be satisfied that there will no longer be racial discrimination on our campus? Are you not naively asking for rules to instantly ban a way of thinking (poor though it may be) which has developed over many years?

To the white students: How are you going to respond to the black students' demands? Will you react wholly on an emotional basis and refuse to recognize the problems these people face? Will you encourage granting the demands as an easy way out with less time and effort involved?

Marion J. Howard

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