

# Editorials



The 26th Amendment to the Constitution gives every citizen of the United States who is eighteen years of age or older the right to vote. This issue was highly debated until its ratification in 1971. College students just like you and me were the biggest advocates of the proposal.

We have now come through one Presidential election with this amendment in effect. Statistics show that very few people between the ages of 18 and 21 exercised their right to vote. Why?

Tuesday, November 5, 1974, North Carolina will elect a new Attorney General and U. S. Senator (Sam Ervin is retiring). Democrat Robert Morgan and Republican William Stevens are running to replace Senator Ervin, while James Carson (R) and Rufus Edmisten (D) seek the AG post.

In Stevens and Morgan, the voters have a clear cut choice between a public servant with many years of experience and a businessman that won the Republican nomination with the governor's backing and a huge family bank account.

Robert Morgan served five terms in the N. C. Senate until he was elected Attorney General in 1968. He was reelected to that post in 1972 and served until resigning in August to devote all his time to his Senate campaign. Morgan has no large funds backing him, and has just recently paid for this primary campaign through fund raising dinners.

Stevens, on the other hand, is a part of the Broyhill furniture dynasty of western North Carolina. He has admitted that he could finance the entire campaign through family resources, but for obvious reasons wants to include contributions from other Republicans.

It seems that Stevens would have a hard time realizing what the pinch of inflation does to the average family and student, since he is not now nor probably never will be short of money. Morgan comes from a middle class rural area and has devoted his life to service to the people of North Carolina with innovative programs such as the Consumer Protection Division and the Police Information Network. Stevens has no public record to speak of, except one term in the State Legislature.

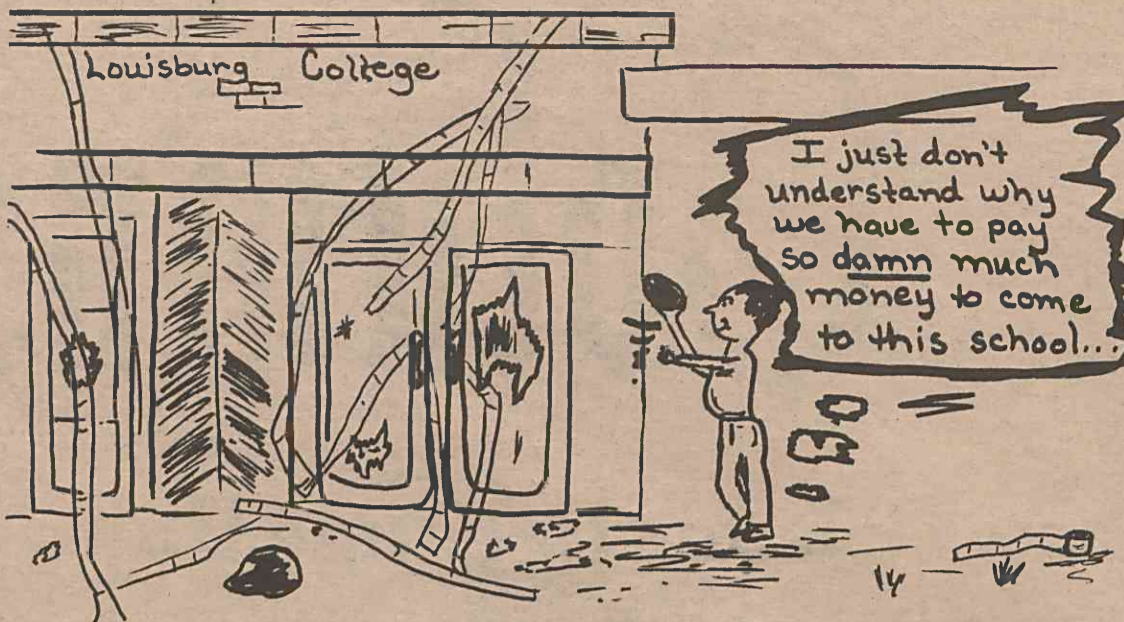
Under Robert Morgan, the Attorney General's office has grown to include a vast network of lawyers, legal aides and secretaries. Therefore, the AG post is that of an administrator more than anything else. Rufus Edmisten has learned law from the inside, working in the U. S. Senate Committee on the Separation of Powers, an administrative position involving many researchers and lawyers under Edmisten's direction.

James Carson has been in private practice in Charlotte until being named to the N. C. Court of Appeals by his old friend from Law School, Governor Jim Holshouser. He served in that capacity until the AG post became vacant, at which time Holshouser chose to elevate Carson higher.

In essence, this election boils down to approval of Gov. Holshouser's hand-picked candidates for office or approval of two good public servants for offices that affect each and every one of us daily.

No matter how you choose to vote, whether you agree with my opinions or not, the most important thing is to express your opinion by going home to vote November 5 or by voting by absentee ballot before then. The YDC has absentee ballots for those who need them. Please don't let apathy override your opinions — VOTE!!!

Columns welcomes and encourages letters from students and faculty concerning anything relevant to school, happenings, etc. Publication of letters is at the discretion of the editor, in regard to space and subject matter; and of course, we cannot print profane or slanderous letters. Let me hear from you at Box 1174.



## Kent Students Get Grace Period

Newly-enrolled freshmen at Kent State University will have a 48 hour grace period to become adjusted to college, according to a two-year trial proposal passed by the Faculty Senate.

The proposal defers probation and dismissal until after the student's first 48 attempted hours of coursework. According to Dr. Rudolph Buttlar, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the proposal will provide a year of grace for all incoming students.

Graduation will be accomplished on the basis of a 2.00 cumulative average achieved in coursework taken after the first three quarters. "The proposal is not something

new," Dean Buttlar explained. "We have been doing the same thing for select groups for years."

Currently, there is a 35-hour grace period for economically disadvantaged students; veterans re-entering the university have all D's and F's erased from their records; and transfer students begin with a fresh cumulative average when entering Kent State, according to Dean Buttlar.

During an open floor debate, it was pointed out that the university is both upgrading and downgrading its standards. With a student's grades from the first 48 hours of coursework not counting, students must have a

two-point average for the last three years of work. A student with a one-point average for the freshman year (who formerly would have been dismissed) can still go on to graduate.

When a student applies for graduation, three undergraduate averages will be computed: quarterly average, overall cumulative average and the cumulative average for all courses taken after the first 48 hours attempted.

## Xmas Issue Is Planned

The editorial staff of the Columns is interested in publishing a special four page Christmas issue consisting of poems, stories, pictures and any articles submitted by the students and faculty. We are planning just a four page issue of what you submit for us to print. It may include a small amount of news, but the substance and success of the issue will depend on what you, the students and faculty, submit. Drop me a line at Box 1174 if you are interested, or have any ideas or material on a Christmas theme. There'll be more details in the next issue of Columns as to deadlines and material needed. Thanks!

## LC Alumnus Davenport Displays Art Exhibit

From the seventh through the thirty-first of October, the prints and pictures of Davy Davenport will be on exhibit in the Art Department.

Mr. Davenport graduated from Louisburg College in 1969 and received his B.F.A. from East Carolina University in 1972. He and his wife now reside in Virginia Beach, Va.

He has won numerous awards for his work, including the Award of Excellence, 2nd Annual Ace

Awards in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and two gold medals in the AFF Tidewater Awards Competition in Norfolk, Virginia, both in 1974.

In addition, from October 30 thru November 1st, there will be a Craft Fair, sponsored by the Franklin County Home Demonstrator's Club. At this time students will be allowed to buy and sell artwork of their choice.

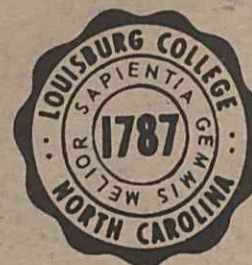
## Other Views

It seems that no matter where you go, there are people that are ready to give out criticism instead of giving out compliments. I suppose this is natural and must be accepted, but I'd like to take one minute to give a small compliment to Louisburg.

Before I came to Louisburg, I wasn't expecting school to be a dream world where everyone was completely happy. I knew there was work involved. When I arrived here and got to know the girls in my dorm and other people on campus, I began to see Louisburg in a different light. I was actually having a good time. Even walking around campus with good friends was an enjoyable time.

Louisburg (if you take time to look around) is a very beautiful place with lots of friendly people. Now I'm not trying to look at Louisburg through rose-colored glasses, but it is a nice place.

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