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## Folk Festival Grand Champion (again)

Bobby St. Sing stole the hearts of music lovers and judges alike as he captured his second consecutive Grand Championship with sweet fiddle tunes. He is a sophomore from Macon, N. C., and will be at Atlantic Christian next year.

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## Has apathy set in?

The Young Republican Club has been established as a non-profit organization for some years now at Louisburg College. The club meets once every two weeks and attends conventions with other Young Republicans throughout the state.

"College Republicans are the oldest and largest student political organization in the nation. They're involved in such activities as lobbying in the state legislatures, the registration of voters, holding seminars and hosting speakers," said Robert Jordan, president of the club. They are also working to have an impact in the Republican Party as in selecting and nominating delegates and candidates."

"Our club has been faced with many problems this year," Jordan replied when asked if his club had lived up to those expectations. "The main one, which is also the most

destructive one, is the lack of student interest and participation. Also, people don't seem to want to invest the time required for these extra-curricular activities. This year especially the Young Republican Club has been at a standstill. It is stagnating at a time when involvement is most crucial...."

"One example of the lack of interest came last October when our club sponsored a steak dinner. The ticket sales were so low that we had to cancel it."

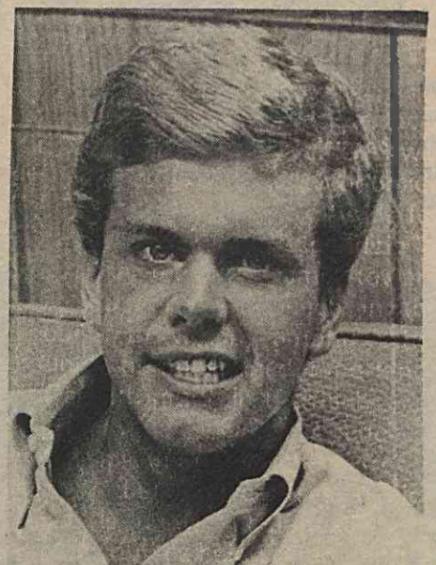
Concerning club involvement in campus activities, Jordan said, "Last spring our club helped the CLC with the Easter Seals Rock-A-Thon. We also participated in the Blood Drive. And we are planning to help this spring if they return."

"We are concerned with getting votes for the Republican Party in the upcoming election, and we are also

trying to recruit people to register, in our favor, for the vote," Jordan said about his club's activities. "Another purpose of our club is to enlighten college students about the Republican Party on all levels; state as well as national. We also try to raise money for local events and trips to the state and national Republican Conventions. This club also provides the opportunity for students to meet other young republicans state-wide."

When questioned about whom he favored for the upcoming elections, Jordan replied, "I'd like to see Ford get into the race because I think he could help control inflation." On the subject of boycotting the Olympics Jordan commented, "I feel that it was the only alternative considering the circumstances. Russia should be punished for their interference in Afghanistanian affairs."

Mr. Wayne Benton, Louisburg



Robert Jordan

College history professor, is the current sponsor of the Young Republicans Club and deserves a great deal of credit for the club's success, according to Jordan.

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