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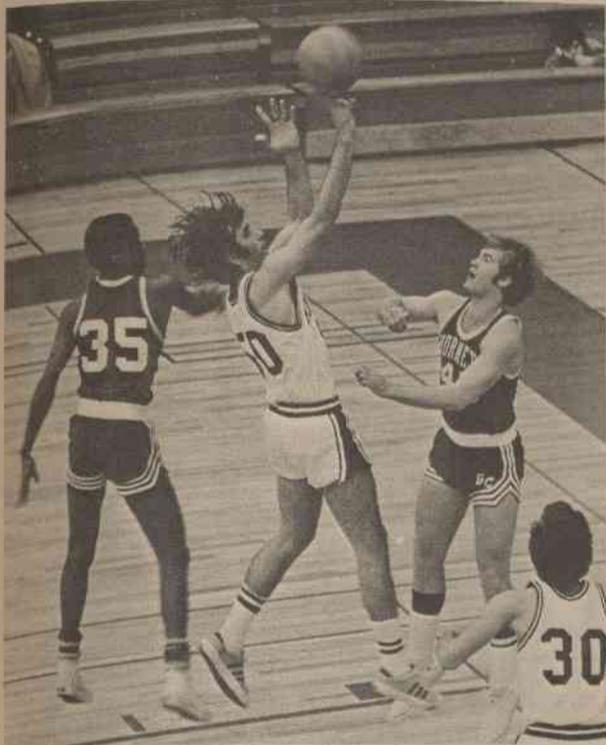


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CRAIG HANNAS drops in two of his 36 points in SA's win over Greensboro. He also hauled down 33 rebounds and recorded seven assists. See story on page four. (Photo by Street)

Policy Committee Debates Exam Times, New Course

The Educational Policy Committee in its regular December meeting discussed three items of particular interest to students. Presented to the committee by student members were suggestions from the Senate concerning final exams being given this semester, a proposal from Wilburn Hayden, and Dean McNair for a new course to be offered spring term for seniors closed out of electives, and a recommendation that an ad hoc committee be formed to investigate registration procedures.

THE SENATE PROPOSAL

"RESOLVED: That the Educational Policy Committee be informed of the difficulty foreseen in the number of exams scheduled for the last three days of school.

The elimination of the block exam was thought by many to be also the elimination of the final exam. In reality many instructors are giving comprehensive examinations which will take from one to three days to complete. The problem is not so much the exam as the number of exams which are being given on the same last few days. We of the Senate request that some satisfactory solution to the problem be considered. Some suggestions have been put forth. These are only suggestions and perhaps not the best. They are:

- (1) A final block exam period be established by John Craig at once.
- (2) Instructors be asked not to give comprehensive exams, but rather a test over a select amount of material, e. g. over a given book, or one of two weeks of study.
- (3) That three days out of Monday-Friday be set aside as a Reading and Preparation Period.
- (4) Or no exam be given and that students be graded on the work they have already done. This would probably bring about number (2) above.

IN BRIEF:

The Gum Swamp Pickers and Singers will host a Christmas Party tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the College Union. The group, which is a loose collation of guitarists, singers and other assorted musicians known for weird sounds and a great sense of humor, will lead singing of some of those old favorites out of the past, as well as traditional Christmas carols.

Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited. Dr. Joyner will be "doing his thang" as MC of the festivities.

Students who enjoy the tradition of Christmas caroling will meet in the Student Center tomorrow night at 7:00. Transportation will be provided to Laurinburg.

Archie Bell and The Drells-On Campus For a Concert And Dance Tonight. Admission is

1.50 per person, 2.00 per couple. The event will be held in the cafeteria from 9:00 to 12:00.

Attention, novel poets and writers, Elman Publishing House is selecting poems and short stories for their annual books "Voice of Poetry 1971" and "Selected Short Stories 1971."

Contestants for poetry may send up to three entries, each of fifty lines or less, and for short stories only one entry not exceeding eighteen hundred words, which must be accompanied by a self addressed post-paid envelope, and mailed not later than December 15th.

So poets and writers, send your entries to Elman Publishing House, 8261 North Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33138 - and good luck!

Our major concern is to correct the situation as it now stands. We sincerely hope you will find a satisfactory solution."

The EPC discussed the idea of end of the term exams at some length. Faculty members of the committee pointed out that at the first faculty meeting of the year the faculty were informed of the new concept in exams and were told that they must announce exams, if they were to be given, sufficiently early in the semester. It was noted that the purpose of the new plan, in theory, was to provide alternatives to the old block exam concept, and to move away from the concept of final comprehensive exams--which would be replaced by a college-wide testing period of two days to be held in the spring. The theory, possibly because of the transition, has not proved valid thus far.

The committee expressed appreciation for the suggestions from the Senate, and noted that unless faculty had failed to announce the exam in advance there was little that could be done at this time. If students felt that a professor did not do this they may appeal to the Division Chairman, or to Dean Davidson. An evaluation of this semester's exam schedules will be considered at the February meeting of the EPC. John Craig is currently gathering information on student problems with exams so that further guidelines may be set up.

The proposal for a new course which is outlined below was re-

ferred to the Division of Behavioral Sciences to be included in the courses offered as Special Studies. The course, to be taught by Dean McNair, will be limited to sixteen seniors, with first preference to those closed out of electives. Entitled "Contemporary Issues in Black Studies," the course will apply to majors in Sociology and American Studies, and will be offered this spring. Students desiring to take the course should add it at the regular period in February. It is described as follows:

"A seminar course designed to give an in depth study into some of the areas of our society as well as to allow the student to pursue an area of immediate interest and concern to him. The course will consist of weekly discussions, field studies, on the scene observations and each student will be responsible for directing the class in a discussion on a topic of his interest."

The EPC also approved a proposal that an ad hoc committee composed of student, faculty and the Registrar be appointed to consider problems arising from current registration procedures including possibly renumbering courses consistent with the level of student to be taking that course, a staggered schedule registration including preference for seniors and majors and generally more efficient registration procedures.

Student members of the committee are Sid Atkinson, Mill Gibson and Sara Lee.

A Christmas Spirit

A new Christmas spirit needs to come into being--one which manages to include everybody. Students usually are full of good wishes for their fellow students, their families, and all of mankind--blanket term.

But students at St. Andrews tend to exclude from "mankind" two groups of people, maybe because we never notice them except in their absence, and they're pretty faithful. These are the cafeteria and maintenance workers who constantly struggle through long hours so that the College Union, the dorms, the PE Building, the LA and the grounds don't become swamped with dirt and trash, so that our meals are even in existence at all.

This ignoring of service workers is a year-round thing. How many of you have ever thought about who cleans up the copies of the LANCE you throw down? How many of you bother to put out a butt in an ash tray instead of on the floor?

Christmas is a good time to be reminded that giving is not one-sided. These people have given a lot of hours of hard work for students. Include them in mankind; show some appreciation towards them, as a habit.

Students Lose Federal Funds

WASHINGTON (CPS)--Federal financial aid to 440 students has been cut off because of their involvement in campus disorders to receive student aid funds, according to an official in the Student Financial Aid Division on the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Forty students lost their funds as a direct result of federal provisions, and the remaining 400 through the administrations of their individual schools.

Federal law requires universities to submit an annual report on the number of students removed from their financial aid lists. Reports from all but 160 of 2,390 colleges and universities show that 86 institutions cut off funds to students since June of last year.

The largest cuts came in small colleges, rather than the larger more politically active campuses like Columbia, San Francisco State, Berkeley, Michigan State, Wisconsin, none of which reported any students losing aid.

The information is part of

Davenport Reviews Why Of Counseling

Robert Davenport, recently awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree from Vanderbilt University, is head of the campus counseling services, as well as the college pastor.

His conception of counseling is shaped by the psychoanalytic tradition, drawing from Freud, Carl Rogers and Eric Berne, who is best known for his book "Games People Play". Davenport's approach to counseling the college student is shaped "in the light of my conviction that the last thing students need is long-term dependent adult relationships in counseling." There is a strong reliance within the approach on short term, reality-oriented counseling.

Noting that "nobody knows specifically what works in counseling, or why what appears to work, does work," Davenport pointed out that counseling is still more an art than a science. He looks at a limited problem area with a student, in an attempt both to avoid the dependent relationship and to help the student understand himself

better, instead of trying to re-make him.

The counseling service, which operates on a strictly confidential basis, deals with widely varied problems, although they tend to center around the "who am I?" question. They include particularly job concerns, parental relationships, sexuality, and relationships with other students. They also have some faculty counseling, as well as getting referrals from the faculty.

The three counselors, Davenport, Mrs. Grace McS. Overholser, and Vann Joines, carry a heavy load of students with draft counseling and problem pregnancies counseling, two specific areas they service. Members of the counseling team are under the supervision of a psychiatrist who visits St. Andrews each month to discuss the techniques which they employ as counselors.

Davenport sees his role "as educational rather than therapeutic" with emphasis on guiding the student to self-knowledge rather than pushing him.