

# Bottle Battle Burgeoning

A political fight of national significance is brewing around the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). At issue are EPA guidelines to discourage the use of throwaway beverage containers at federal facilities. The guidelines would work to phase out throwaways at federal facilities such as national parks and military bases by imposing a 5¢ minimum deposit on all beverage containers. States with such legislation (Oregon, Vermont, and South Dakota) report significant reduction in litter, savings of tax dollars spent on clean up and disposal of solid waste, and energy savings.

In the past the EPA has strongly advocated such legislation, commonly known as "minimum deposit legislation" or "the bottle bill," as a way to cut back the estimated 60 billion throwaways that are littered over the American landscape each year. When the EPA drafted its own minimum deposit regulations for federal facilities earlier this year, however, it came under intense pressure from bottle lobbyists.

The anti-bottle bill lobby has been led by such industry giants as the Aluminum Co. of America, Reynolds Metals, American Can, U.S. Brewers Association, Owens-Illinois, and Bethlehem Steel. The industry forces obtained the

guidelines from the EPA for review before they had been officially released for public comment. Now industry lobbyists are pressuring the EPA to refrain from even proposing the comments and to let the regulations die quietly without ever coming into public view.

Industry officials have argued before Congress that a bottle bill is not the right approach to take, and they say that a rigorous crackdown on littering is the answer to the problems posed by throwaways. A three-month study by the N.C. Public Interest Research Group, however, found that the impact of such legislation would include a one-third reduction in overall litter in N.C.; a reduction of 250,000-400,000 tons in solid waste for N.C. cities and towns to dispose of, with an accompanying savings of one-half to three-quarters of a million dollars in tax money each year; a savings of energy equivalent to the power necessary to heat over 100,000 homes in the state; and a stable or decreased cost to consumers for drinks purchased in returnable containers.

Letters to the EPA from concerned citizens could help counteract the pressure to bury the guidelines and encourage the Agency to allow full, open public discussion on the matter. If interested, citizens should write to EPA Administrator Russell E. Train, The Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

## Students Employed By City And County

For the fourth year, politics majors at St. Andrews Presbyterian College can get the feel of actual political situations in local government through a supervised program. The public service internships allow the student to work with city and county offices and to receive academic credit for doing so.

The politics department was the first area of study at the college to offer internships in the field. Now other departments are beginning to do the same.

"It's a two-way street," commented George Fouke, student adviser of the program. "The student donates his time to the city or county and in return, gets the benefit of the learning experience." Credit for one course is given to the student for his involvement in the program. They receive no salary for their work.

Fouke pointed out that the jobs in which the interns work are all necessary projects. "It's not just make-work," he said. Each agency employing the intern uses him as it fits the agency's needs.

Four students are enrolled in the internship program this semester. Two students, Paul Baldasare of Atlanta and Rob Howard of Laurinburg, will be working in Laurinburg city offices. Jack Vaughn, a student from Charlotte, and a Cherryville student, Jacob Houge, will work in county offices.

The city interns will be helping with a physical assets inventory, a new state requirement, and in updating information on housing and economic conditions. Those employed by the county are shared by the county

### Ezra Pound (cont.)

others. Among the honors awarded New Directions in recent years was the 1974 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for Gary Snyder's "Turtle Island."

The second event of the Pound Festival is a performance of "An Evening with Ezra Pound," a readers' theater event by Ron Bayes, St. Andrews' writer-in-

manager's office, the Department of Social Services and the probation office on a work-need basis. The county interns will, among other things, be working on rezoning projects.

The work that the intern does is project oriented, rather than time oriented, Fouke said, but the student is expected to work at his job for around ten hours per week.

On the academic side, the student has required readings to complete, along with periodic evaluations of his work as the semester continues. An evaluation of the student's performance is made by both the student adviser and the field supervisor.

In the past, students enrolled in the program have worked with land use planning, the feasibility of repealing the state food tax, determining the factors which have the greatest effect on probationers and the recycling of cardboard materials.

Fouke pointed out that many students who were enrolled in the intern program in the past have continued in the field of politics. One former intern is now an assistant city manager in Winchester and at least three are doctoral candidates in graduate programs in public administration in different universities.

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## Museum Proposed

Preliminary work is underway for the establishment of a museum commemorating Flora MacDonald and Presbyterian Junior Colleges, St. Andrews' parent institutions.

The initial impetus for the project came from SA Alumni Council President Glenn Arnette, '65, who suggested that a room, perhaps in the Vardell Building, be devoted to the proposed museum, which would house artifacts and memorabilia of the two colleges.

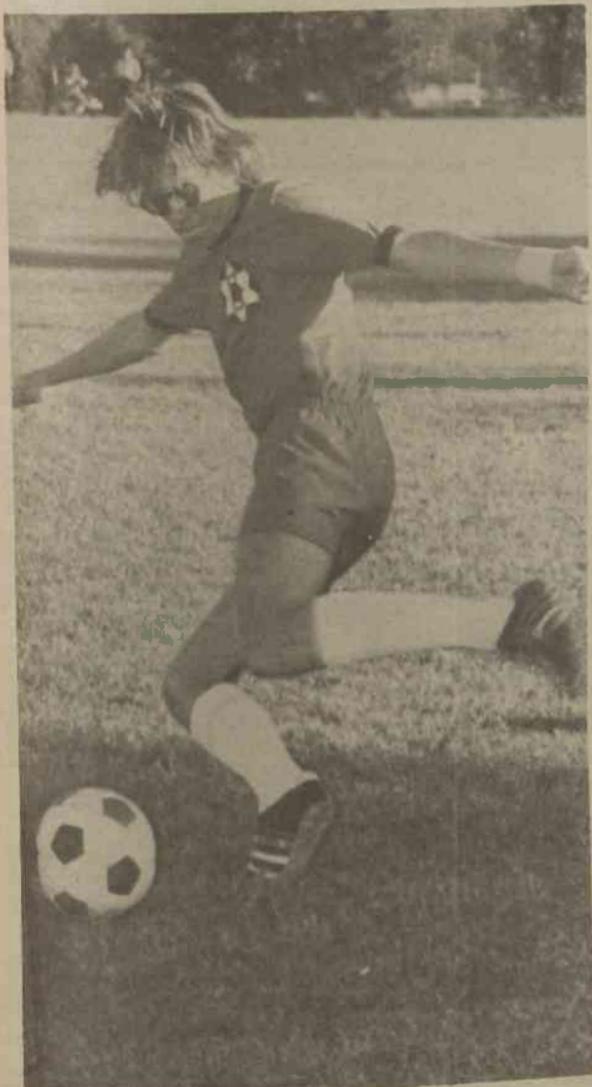
Music Department Chairman Dr. James Cobb has offered a room in the Vardell Building; its potential is under study by Art Professor Mark Smith and two students concentrating in museum art. History professor Charles Joyner is looking into the format and layout of the museum and College Archivist Dr. Harry Harvin is attending to the cataloging of materials. Ellen Perkinson, wife of the college's president, is leading the effort to acquire materials and artifacts.

Former PJC president and Professor Emeritus of Green Dr. Louis LaMotte called the idea "superlative" and "something we've wanted and needed for a long time" to preserve the heritage of Presbyterian education in eastern North Carolina.

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residence, scheduled for Wednesday evening, Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. in the college's Avinger Auditorium. An unusual arrangement of the poetry of Ezra Pound for several

voices, "An Evening with Ezra Pound" also uses music and dance to extend the meaning of the text. This will be its first performance in North Carolina.



**CAMPBELL GOAL** - This unidentified Campbell fullback displays the quickness that characterized the Campbell team's 8-0 bombing of the SA Knights. See related story, page 11. (Photo by Tom Christian, The Laurinburg Exchange).