

## Abortion The Story Today

By Paula Warnett

Moral and religious objection to abortion have existed since even the earliest record. Laws against it have been passed down from generation to generation. Ancient Christians and Jews considered abortion a sin against God's commandments and against His wish for man to "be fruitful and multiply".

Old civilizations were also periodically sacred with a severe problem of underpopulation. Abortion, therefore, was considered not only an act of religious heresy, but a threat to the survival of the people.

Today, many religious philosophies still condemn abortion, and some consider it an act of murder against a human being, even though it is yet born. The fear of underpopulation, however has reversed itself--the world is rapidly becoming overpopulated. For this reason many people have supported abortion as part of an inalienable right of women to control their own lives. These new attitudes and changing environmental conditions are slowly being reflected in our present abortion laws.

Formerly the only justifiable reason for which a woman could have an abortion performed legally in the United States was in order to save her life. In the late 50's the American Law Institute suggest that abortion should be allowed if the physical or mental health of the mother was in danger; if the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest; or if the child were likely to be born defective.

In 1967, Colorado became the first state to revise its abortion law in response to the recommendations of the American Law Institute. In the next three years, 13 states changed their abortion laws to some degree. In 1970, New York State made its abortion laws the most liberal in the nation. This law now permits an abortion during the first 24 weeks of pregnancy. The only legal requirements are that the abortion be performed with the mother's consent and by a licensed physician.

The North Carolina abortion laws are not quite as liberal. It limits an abortion to the first 20 weeks of pregnancy. It must be certified by the state. After the first 20 weeks abortion is allowed only if the pregnancy endangers the life of the



Students of the Biology Department's Outdoor Classroom are guided to discovery in the outdoors by Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, Associate Professor of Biology.

## UFO Sighted On ECSU Campus

By Ronald Wood

It was a Friday. A rainstorm had drenched the campus and soaked me to the bone. The sky had cleared just enough for me to see an aircraft pass overhead flying toward the Coast Guard Base. I thought nothing of it.

About seven that evening I was on my way back from my dorm and was heading over toward Williams Hall. There were low hanging gray clouds in the sky as the sun slowly began to set behind them. I slushed through the water left from the storm. I could hear frogs beginning their evening concert. The ECSU band was striking up a tune in the distance, its music growing fainter and fainter as I walked away from it.

Then beneath the clouds I could see a white light. Looking back I do not believe it was ball lightning that sometimes comes with rainstorms. Nor do I remember it as a flashing light that are usually used on aircraft. The light shot behind the clouds faster than I thought aircraft usually

mother and must be performed by a licensed doctor--however, a doctor may or may not perform an abortion depending on his own personal feelings. He is not required by law to perform an abortion.

travel. It could have been a satellite but it seemed too low into the earth's atmosphere for that.

Whatever it was, it was gone in less than a second. There was no sound. And things were just as they were before -- gray clouds, frogs, band and soggy campus.

## Student Services Aid Many Students

By Sylvia Peele

The purpose of the Student Personnel office is to help the total development of the students in all areas. Getting to know the students and providing facilities for the students are some advantages of this service, said a member of this office.

Having rules and regulations that have to be enforced in order to make these services successful are some disadvantages.

Also lack of staff is a problem. There are only 3 counselors for 1600 students -- not enough dormitory personnel for coverage of students.

The Student Personnel includes: University Center, Dormitory Directors, Infirmary, Financial Aid,

## Biology Dept. Tells Of Its Work Plans For Current Year

By Roscoe Pender

The ECSU Biology Department this year is offering two courses in eighteen different sections with a faculty teaching staff of six for the first semester. There are about five-hundred students enrolled in the various biology courses.

Some classes in Biology Department are being taught in some instances by instructors under what is referred to as an bi-audio-tutorial system. This system requires classroom attendance and individual lab work.

In the biology lab are cassette tapes, filmstrips, headphones, and equipment for experimenting. All of these items will be present in separate instruction sections for each individual. The department also houses some expensive equipment such as an ultra-sensory fuse valued at \$11,000, ultra-violet spectra photometer-\$7,000 and an electrophoretic system, costing \$3,500. Different projects are given to students

Counseling Center, Career Placement, Director of Housing and Administration.

A student can come to the Student Personnel for any needs. Problems will be kept confidential.

in the lab, such as processing cheese, as a part of innovated learning under biology.

The Biology Department also has an Outdoor Class in biology located behind Doles and Hugh Cale Hall, in the woodland area.

People, other than the campus students, have visited the Outdoor Classroom area to observe the various animals, plants, etc.

The Bio-medical Research area of the department has nine students from the biology and chemistry courses. This area has had about seventy majors.

The Biology Department offers majors in the following: teaching, non-teaching, medical technology, pre-medical and pre-dentistry, co-operative education, biology and manual science. A biology major can minor in any other area of study.

The Biology Department has had six students to attend medical school. Three of who are now instructors on the campus. They are Dr. J. Jenkins, Dr. C. D. Turnage, and Dr. Winfred Simpson.

In the future, with the approval of UNC's School of Medicine, ECSU will be able to offer credited majors in the field of Medical Technology.