

Bus Stop

THAT'S SHOW BIZ!

The University Players will present the famous romantic comedy *Bus Stop* as its next major production for the coming semester. A contemporary American classic, *Bus Stop* is the story of eight people stranded in a howling snowstorm. One of these people is Cheri, a young nightclub singer, who has been pursued, made love to, and finally kidnapped by a 21-year old cowboy, Bo Decker, who is determined to marry her. *Bus Stop* was made into a highly successful film which starred Marilyn Monroe as Cheri. Auditions for the University Players production will be held on Wednesday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

There are roles in the play for five men and three women. In addition to the roles of Cheri and Bo, the cast includes Elma Duckworth, a teen-aged waitress; Grace, in her thirties and owner of the bus stop restaurant; Will Masters, a sheriff; Dr. Gerald Lyman, a former college professor; Carl, the bus driver; and Virgil Blessing, a ranch hand and Bo's sidekick. All roles are open, and everyone in the University family, both students and faculty, are urged to audition.

Bus Stop will be directed by Shawn Smith. Kenneth L. Lanier will serve as production stage manager, and sets and lights will be designed by David Raper. Performances for the play will be in late February.

A Gospel Choir

At Last

Rita Carroll

An exciting thing has come to ECSU. It's a gospel choir--The Afro American Gospel Choir in fact. The choir's title is designed with a purpose in mind--to keep our black heritage.

The choir's primary design, as stated by Mrs. Dorothy Smith, sponsor advisor, is "To serve and represent the university and to uphold its ideals, goals, purposes and philosophy. Our repertoire will include hymns, gospelanths, spirituals and gospel music."

Other black universities and colleges such as Howard University, Hampton Institute, and Norfolk State University have had such an activity as this for a long while. ECSU's gospel choir is just starting out, but we can expect great things from it.

The choir was organized in September of '82. The officers include Rodney Adams--director, George Edmonds--pianist and accompanist, Dorothea Smith, Robert Thomas, Marian Mitchell, Willett Oliver--Advisors. The organizers of the choir are faculty members. From the Music Department, Dr. Edna Davis and Mr. Billy Hines serve on the Board of Directors.

The organizers met with the Music Department, Dr. Harry Ghee (Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Affairs), and Rev. John Trotman (Campus Minister and Director of Religious activities) to gain official recognition for the

group. This choir was approved by the SGA and Dr. Harry Ghee as an extracurricular activity, but will not conflict with any university function and/or programs.

The choir has approximately twenty-five members. It is student oriented and directed. Members are still being recruited, so anyone interested in joining the choir should contact any of the officers. The choir rehearses every Monday and Thursday evening. They are urging as many people as possible to join.

Be on the look out for this group, because they will be singing their hearts out. So let us give them all our support and help make this new campus musical group a success.

Renovations in Moore Hall

Jacqueline Godfrey

Moore Hall, one of the buildings of our campus is now in the process of being renovated. It is presently receiving some changes that it desperately needs.

Some of the changes that are taking place are the new fire doors and bathrooms. The lobby and hallways will also be enhanced.

Each floor will have one men's and one women's restroom which will make the situation more convenient. The restroom facilities were in dire need of repair. Another change will be the carpeting that will be added in the classrooms. Mr. McLean stated that "Six of the classrooms have already been carpeted and the rest should be carpeted over the Christmas Holiday. He also added that, "The purpose of these renovations are to enhance the academic atmosphere and to advise students with academic facilities which are more conducive to learning."

Surveys are conducted periodically by faculty, staff, students and the Chancellor to determine what changes are needed. Mr. McLean also stated that "Basically more student input is the deciding factor."

Funds for these renovations are supported by State Appropriations and Student fees, but State Appropriations is the major source. The approximate cost of the renovations in Moore Hall should be around \$90,000.

Another change that will take place in the near future is the drainage project, which will begin within the next 2 to 3 months.



Greetings from Dr. Boswell

There was once a fat man named Claus, who said as he screwed up his jaws, "For Christmas this year, I'm bringing good cheer, Boz's head will be 'bossed in Bengal.'" Merry Christmas, Students
W.D. Boswell

Viewpoint

Walking Utensils

R.J. Walker

The S.G.A. is very concerned about the disappearance of a large number of utensils from our cafeteria.

It appears that time after time cups, spoons, forks and other utensils become part of out students own personal collection. In the past, The S.G.A. has attempted to get these things back to the cafeteria, but weren't to successful. We must all take into consideration that these are University owned items and should remain in the cafeteria for daily meal purposes. We all should adhere to this and let these items remain in their rightful place.

S.G.A. president, Charlenzo Belcher says, "Those students who have these things in their rooms should return these utensils to the cafeteria, for the shortage of these utensils causes problems. Not enough cups and other utensils cause us to have to wait at mealtime while available ones are washed and put out for use."

Finally, this shortage in cafeteria items could easily affect us, if these items constantly keep disappearing, then there will be a need for new ones. This in turn will lead to higher expenses for us.

Let's all show how responsible we are and return any utensils we may have which belong to the cafeteria. It will be greatly appreciated by the S.G.A., the cafeteria workers and all concerned students.



Campus Crime

Gwen Nixon

A campus should provide a residence with security surroundings. Crimes that occur on campus are not specifically caused by persons who are not residents, but by those who reside there.

According to residents in the eight dorms and dormitories on campus, someone is continuously being victimized by some mischievous person. Crimes usually take place when someone has carelessly left their door opened or unlocked and often when a large number of residents are attending social events. It is a complaint of some residents that their locks on the doors are not secure.

Crime on campus is not limited to the residents. Often buildings and vending machines are broken into. When this occurs the entire student body is at fault. As a result, the losses and damages are taken out on the students which is one of the many reasons why tuition fees increase.

In my opinion, people should appreciate the University enough to protect it and voice their opinions about what's happening around them.