

The Ram's Horn

Drama Club Plans Production Of The Fantasticks

First tryouts for parts in the drama club's presentation of "The Fantasticks", a popular off Broadway musical, were held in room S 101 in the science building at 7:30, Wednesday night, January 24th.

"The Fantasticks", which will be the first production of the year by the drama club, has enjoyed great success for several years playing in New York, little and dinner theatres across the nation, and eight foreign countries.

"Brain-Storming Session" Becomes New Committee

A new committee has been formed at Southeastern for the purpose of improving communication among faculty, administration, and students. Armand Opitz, Dean of Student Personnel Services, called various student leaders together on January 19 for the first "brain-storming session."

The members will meet once a month to discuss various student problems and complaints. Dean Opitz will relay these problems to faculty and administration members at general faculty meetings. The committee unanimously expressed the desire that the faculty report their "gripes" about students to the committee. It was suggested by Tom Rothrock and Judy Avery that the committee members be able to meet with the faculty for a "mutual airing of gripes." No decision was reached concerning that idea pending approval by the faculty and administration.

Some of the gripes brought out

at the meeting were: loudness of the jukebox, extensive littering on campus, inadequate hours of the bookstore, lack of student interest in college activities, faculty members keeping classes overtime, and the problem of having to write memos in order to get things done at SCC. The committee expressed great concern over the litter problem. The newspaper will help in launching a CAMPUS PRIDE program.

Members of the committee are: Dean Opitz, Bob Andrews, Sandra Causey, Peggy Opitz, Tom Rothrock, Judy Avery, Larry Rooks, Gail Powell, and Mr. Hybl, counselor.

Students are urged to express their problems, complaints, or praise to the committee members so that students ideas can be communicated to the faculty and administration. The next "brain-storming session" will be on February 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Auto-Mechanics Look To Future

The ability to see beyond the immediate objective to broader, but still related, fields is one of the factors which makes the technical-vocational courses popular as career opportunities.

George Howard, Dean of Technical-Vocational programs recently explained this in pointing out the varied job-related opportunities for students who are currently enrolled in Southeastern's automotive mechanics course.

Howard said the year long course not only gives the student thorough training in automotive mechanics but also provides the student with an immediate advantage if he chooses other job-related activities instead of motor repairs.

"Just because a student studies auto mechanics people feel that he will be a mechanic," stated Howard. Many of the students enrolled in Southeastern Community College's mechanics course are looking to other types

of work such as manufacturers representatives, auto and motors parts dealers, jobs in the trucking and farm implement industries, and automobile salesmen.

SCC's automotive students are illustrating the ability to look beyond the immediate objective. They see a steadily expanding future in these various areas in which automotive mechanics training will assure them of better job opportunities and an ability to do a better job.

Merritt Matthews, instructor in automotive mechanics, feels that graduates of the course will have little trouble finding jobs and can choose from numerous opportunities. "We can help these students find work, and have placed them in many jobs," said Matthews.

Howard singled out automotive mechanics as a phase of college level work in which many careers are available. Automotive mechanics graduates become specialist in an ever-broadening field of endeavor.

With a score by Harvey Schmidt and lyrics by Tom Jones, the musical has some outstanding selections of which "Try to Remember the Kind of September" is probably the most famous.

Students, faculty members, or members of the community desiring parts attended the meeting Wednesday night and sang a selection of his or her own choice. Ed Patter of WENC provided piano accompaniment. People who were interested in helping with the stage management, sets, lighting, costumes, make up, and publicity were also asked to attend. Anyone interested in participating who were unable to attend the meeting may contact Bill Sills, Gaylan Taylor, or Jim Erwin.

This play will be presented by the joint effort of the SCC Drama Club and Whiteville Little Theatre Group the first week of April in the new SCC auditorium now nearing completion.

At Southeastern High School Diploma Work

A group of determined students at Southeastern Community College is hard at work--earning a high school diploma.

The seeming contradiction is a special program of daytime classes in adult high school education which has enrolled a number of high school dropouts.

These students, men and women ranging in ages from 18 to 55, take high school work from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., daily under a program jointly sponsored by Southeastern Community College and the boards of education of Columbus County and the City of Whiteville.

Clifton A. McClelland, dean of the college's adult education program, said the daytime classes provide an opportunity for many prospective students who otherwise would be unable to attend because of shift work, or because of household duties.

In contrast to evening classes, he said the daytime classes give mothers with school age children, for example, a chance to earn their own high school diploma while their children are at school. "And the mothers can still get back home in time to meet their children coming in, and take care of normal household tasks," McClelland explains. Such classes also appeal to veterans of the armed forces and many workers, men and women, who have night hours at their jobs.

A student enrolled in the adult high school day program may finish high school in 18 months instead of the usual four years.

The program is open to any interested adult, he said, and the program is offered without charge. Books also are furnished without charge.

Many dropouts are returning for a variety of reasons, but the prospect of better economic standing is a major factor. The latest U.S. Census report shows that, generally, high school graduates earn \$178,000 more during their earning years than do non-graduates.



The Phi Theta Kappa fraternity members after their recent induction are, from left to right: first row, Carla Ross, Alice Davis, Gail Powell, Barbara Cartrette, Sue Gooding, Pansy Walker; Second row, Judy Avery, Ruth Rowland, Ronald Enzor, Ada Ruth Ward, Terry Buffkin, and Alan Watkins.

What Do You Know About Phi Theta Kappa

Many of you may not understand exactly what Phi Theta Kappa is. I would like to tell you what this organization is and the requirements for membership.

First, Phi Theta Kappa is the honor fraternity of junior colleges. It is the counterpart of Phi Beta Kappa which is the honor society of senior institutions. Phi Theta Kappa has been recognized as an organization since 1929. This means it is relatively new in comparison with Phi Beta Kappa which has been in existence since the late seventeen hundreds. The purpose of the organization is to recognize and encourage scholarship among junior college students. The chapter name of Phi Theta Kappa at Southeastern is Omicron Mu.

The requirements for membership consist of being regularly enrolled in a junior college, carrying a full-time load (minimum of 12 hours), having completed one term (quarter) in the college division with 12 hours of the work in courses leading to a recognized degree in a four year college, and maintaining a B (3.0) average in this work. If your grades fall below this average you are given one quarter in which to bring up up to a B. In addition to these academic standards you must be a good citizen and be of good moral character.

Choice 68

Choice 68 is an unprecedented opportunity being offered today's college students. With upwards of two million collegians participating Choice 68 will be a major event of sufficient scope to draw the national spotlight and to influence the decisions of our major political parties.

What is Choice 68? It is a National Collegiate Presidential Primary. Students at participating schools will be given an opportunity to express their preference for President of the United States. In addition, student opinion will be solicited on certain national issues to be determined by the board of directors.

Participation is open to every university, college, and junior college in the nation. The primary will be held at all participating institutions on April 24.

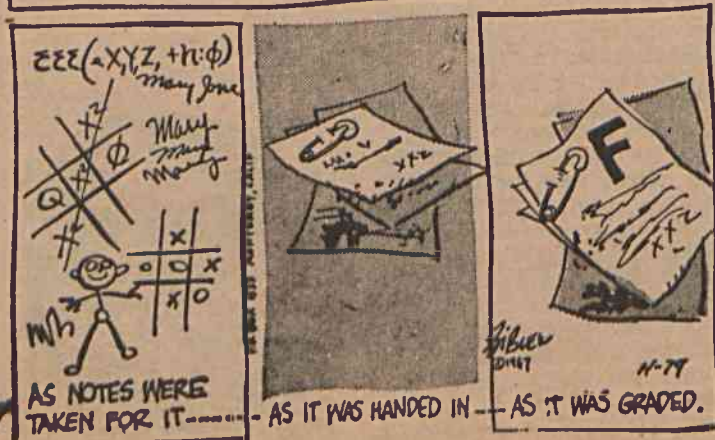
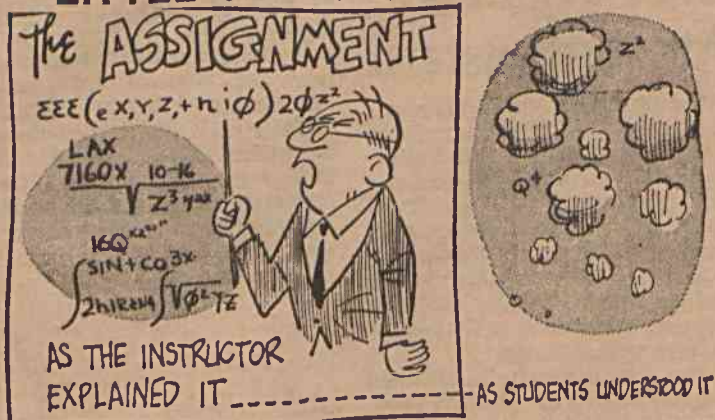
Choice 68 will be administered by a board of 11 student leaders from major universities across the nation. Students from Georgia Tech and the University of Tennessee represent the South on this board.

Time magazine will underwrite the cost of national administration of the project. There is to be no connection between the primary and the editorial content of Time. The magazine is lending its assistance as a public service. Results of the primary will be readily available to all news media.

Already more than 200 schools from all 50 states have asked to participate, including Duke and East Carolina in North Carolina.

In its announcement of Choice 68 the board of directors stated: "Never in the nation's history have so many college students been so well informed about the major issues of the day... yet they have had little opportunity to express their views in a unified, coherent manner. Choice 68 offers students the opportunity to express their preference on Presidential candidates and selected issues -- to speak for the first time as a body politic."

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



What Do You Know About The Draft?

Today the Draft seems to be a major subject of conversation everywhere, especially on the campuses of American colleges. However all too few college boys are aware of the full story of the draft. Many students don't know what to do if reclassified during the school year, or if an induction notice is received.

Mr. Armand Opitz, Dean of Student Personnel, clarified many questions on the draft re-

cently which may possibly help many would-be soldiers.

If a boy is a full time student and making satisfactory progress in his grades, he will be classified as 2S. This defers the student until he leaves school.

However, if a student lacks within nine hours of completing a full year or term of school and receives his 1-A classification, he should see the Registrar and have him appeal for a

2-S classification.

If a student is not within nine hours of a completed term he should take his physical and then wait until he receives his induction notice. At this point an appeal can be made to the draft board to receive a statutory deferment and be classified as IS-C. This new classification will then keep him deferred for the remainder of the school year.