Gillman relinquishes coaching duties

By SAM ROGERS
Sports Editor

After two years of endless rumor and speculation, Larry Gillman finally resigned his duties as head basketball coach at East Carolina Wednesday afternoon.

In a statement released by athletic department, Gillman said the university's failure to issue him a long-term contract to continue the development of the basketball program was the reason for submitting his resignation.

Gillman's resignation is effective immediately and a search for a successor will begin immediately.

"I was very eager to get a head coaching job, but I didn't analyze the situation here at East Carolina very closely," Gillman said. "I was only 28 years old when I took the job and it was certainly a great coaching opportunity for me.

"But the program here needs a longer commitment from the university along with more money and better facilities," he continued. "I'm not happy with the way things have turned out, but I'm relieved right now."

Gillman, a former assistant coach at San Francisco, came to East Carolina in 1977 after Dave Patton resigned. After boasting the Pirates would win as many as 17 or 18 games during Gillman's first year, East Carolina finished with a disappointing 9-17 record.

At the end of the season, the Athletic Council voted unanimously to dismiss Gillman, but former East Carolina Chancellor Leo Jenkins overruled the decision and allowed him at least one more year on his contract.

Although the Pirates defeated highly regarded schools such as South Carolina, Iona, and Atlantic Coast Conference member Georgia Tech this season, East Carolina still finished with a 12-15 record.

Reports of player dissension were widespread among athletic department circles all season long. Forward Herb Gray left the team at mid-semester and guard Walter Moseley withdrew from school last week. Freshman center Al Tyson also quit the squd after last week's game against Old Dominion and did not make the trip with the team to Notre Dame Monday.

A total of nine players have transferred or quit the squad since Gillman became head coach and two assistants also resigned during that period.

"I never pouted after any losses we had, and I did what I said I was going to do," Gillman explained. "I got the top players to come here and I got a top notch schedule for the program which was the first time that ever happened."

The final year of Gillman's three-year contract is expected to be paid by the university. He earns an estimated $20,000 per year.

Gillman said he has no immediate plans, but will probably return to the New York or Washington, D.C. area. "Right now, I'm just tired of coaching," he added. "It's just been too many bus trips and plane rides and too much time away from home. Everyone knows I'm a salesman and that's probably what I will get into when I leave.

"The biggest thrill I got during my coaching career at East Carolina was beating Iona up there in New York. Since I grew up right near there, it was a really satisfying win for me."

Although ECU Athletic Director Bill Cain said the search for a new coach would begin immediately, it was reported Pirate assistant coach Terry Kunze was the leading candidate for the vacancy.

Other names mentioned were Wake Forest assistant coach David Odom, former ECU assitant Butch Estes, now an assistant at Rice University and Dick Grubar, a former star at North Carolina and assistant at the University of Florida.

Gillman, a 30-year-old native of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., finished at East Carolina with a 21-32 overall record. He also served as an assistant coach at Minnesota, Houston, and West Chester Community College.

FORMER ECU COACH Larry Gillman.

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WILLIAM SHIRES, DIRECTOR of the News Bureau.

Pieces of Eight *makes debut for faculty, staff*

By KAY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

The East Carolina News Bureau is pleased to present to the faculty and staff of ECU -- **Pieces of Eight.**

Is it a broadway play, a book, a new parking lot, or front row tickets to the ACC tournament? **Pieces of Eight** is the newsletter which is devoted to faculty and staff news, official ECU announcements, campus activities, and other useful information.

According to News Bureau Director William A.Shires, the need for a faculty-staff newsletter has existed for a long time, however the decision to begin the newsletter was not made until December, 1978

The newsletter will replace the practice of sending news releases to the faculty and staff. Shires stated that this method was "very bulky and time-consuming."

The title of the newsletter, **Pieces of Eight**, is not a new one for ECU publications. This was the name of the East Carolina literary magazine in the 1940's. The name was discarded in favor of the present name of the magazine, REBEL.

Robert Louis Stephenson also used the term, pieces of eight, in **Treasure Island.**

Pieces of eight also had monetary value. These Spanish coins were minted in the 16th and 17th centuries from silver taken from the mines in Mexico and Peru.

The first issue of **Pieces of Eight** was distributed Jan. 15, 1979, and it will be published twice monthly.

The first several issues of the newsletter contained a variety of information and brief news articles. One section of the newsletter is devoted to "ECU People." This section contains information on faculty and staff promotions, appointments, and seminar attendance.

"Campus Calendar" lists all recitals, lectures, films, and important meetings that are taking place on campus for the following two week periods. Other sections included in the newsletter are: Bits and Pieces (births and deaths), Convalescence, Recently Published, and The Spy Glass.

News items and suggestions are welcomed by the news bureau staff, as the newsletter is compiled and edited by them.

According to Shires, the newsletter is sent through the campus mail to the departments on campus and is then distributed to the faculty and staff. The newsletter is free.

Approximately 2,000 copies will be published every two weeks in an effort "to bring the faculty and staff closer together," according to Shires.

SGA announces election plans, deadlines are set

By RICKI GLIARMIS
News Editor

Jeff Williams, SGA elections chairperson, has announced the election dates and deadlines.

The filing for candidancy for any SGA office will be held from Feb. 21 until March 13.

Williams stressed the importance of the candidate meeting. This mandatory meeting will be held on March 13 at 7 p.m. This session will meet in room 221 in Mendenhall Student Center.

During March 14 through March 27, all candidates will be allowed to campaign. Rules for campaigning will be discussed at the candidate meeting.

The SGA elections will be held on March 28 and 29 according to Williams. In the past, the elections were only held on one day. This year, Williams has scheduled the elections for two days hoping to increase the voter participation on campus.

Williams said that in past years, the voter attendance has been poor. He said that during last year's elections, only 2,200 students voted. Out of an enrollment of about 13,000, this percentage is lower than general election held in the United States.

Williams said that usually between 2,000 and 2,700 students show up to vote and they hope by having the elections lasting two days, this change will accomodate more students.

Williams said that the election precincts have previously been set up in dorms causing on-campus students to be the primary participants in the voting.

This year, the elections committee hopes to extend the precincts into the classroom buildings. Williams hopes that this will be more convenient for the off-campus students. Williams feels this move is necessary because of the growing number of students who are moving off campus.

Williams said that as of Monday, two people had filed for an office.

He explained that after a person has filed for candidancy, he is responsible for checking their credentials to make sure that they are eligible to seek office in SGA.

Williams said that the credentials include that the candidate be a full-time student. The candidate also must be presently enrolled at ECU and must not graduate or drop out of school before his term has expired.

Remember that the deadline for filing for candidancy is March 13, the Tuesday after Spring Break. Either become involved by filing for office or by exercising the right to vote in the SGA election on March 28 and 29.

Students offer to design nature trails for agencies

By KAREN WENDT
Staff Writer

Dr. Raymond Busbee's Recreational Interpretation of Cultural and Natural Resources students are offering a unique service. His class will design and build a nature trail for almost any local agency which will contact them.

"Our objective is to locate agencies who would like to have nature trails and interpetive facilities (identify geological formations, plants, and wildlife) constructed." said Dr. Busbee. "This would enable our students to get the necessary training in building a trail from the ground up."

Right now the class is involved in building a nature trail at the Walter B. Jones Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center here in Greenville. The trail will be the only one of its kind in Pitt County. It will be for the use of the patients at the ARC.

The trail, when completed, will be about four tenths of a mile long, and will have a picnic area, two small bridges, a boardwalk across a marsh area, a gateway, and will have signs identifying different plants and trees along the trail.

"The students will also assist with the design and construction of a physical fitness trail for the clients at the center." according to a news release. Busbee felt that the trails will be a "tremendous asset" to the ARC.

Building the trails is part of the curriculum of the course. Busbee's classes have also built trails at the Cliffs of the Nuese State Park, and at the Onslow County Parks and Recreation facility. Busbee feels the course will be beneficial, because it will increase the number of trails in an area where nature trails are scarce.

"There are only about one and a half inches of trail per citizen in North Carolina" according to Busbee, who is the Chairman of the North Carolina Trails Committee.

Most recently Busbee has been promoting the establishment of a Mountain-to-Sea trail which would extend from the Appalachian trail in the Smoky Mountains National Park to the Outer Banks. "The trail would wind through some of the states most scenic areas, would link with several state parks, and might eventually be expanded to accomodate a wide variety of outdoor activities including hiking, bicycling, canoeing and the use of off-the-road vehicles." according to a news release.

The N.C. Trails Committee has designated the 20-mile wide planning corridor which will contain the main trail artery. At present the committee is trying to acquire rights to land in this corridor and the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development has requested $1,809,774 in funds over the next five years to help to establish the trail route.

ECUstudent dies

Ronald Walter Bullock, a junior Criminal Justice major from Great Falls, Virginia died late Monday afternoon. Bullock, 21, reportedly died of pneumonia in Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Bullock is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bullock of Great Falls, Virginia, and a sister, Lisa Bullock of the home. He is also survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Beach, of Great Falls, Virginia. Bullock was engaged to Dena Blomberg, of Herndon, Virginia. Ms. Blomberg also attends ECU.

He attended Herndon High School in Herndon, Va., and graduated in 1976. Upon graduation, he attended Radford College for two years, and this year, transferred to ECU. He had been active in marching bands throughout high school and college, and most recently, he was a member of the Marcing Pirates.

Funeral services

Funeral services will be held at teh Greene Funeral Home in Herndon, Va., at 1:30 p.m. today. Interment will be in the Chestnut Grove Cemetary.

CORRECTION

In the story concerning the Student Government Association's denial of the ECU Gay Community request for funds, a portion of a quotation from Attorney General Kieran Shanahan was dropped. The correct quotation is as follows: "Tolerance is one thing, but subsidy is quite another matter." Shanahan added, "I was not in favor of the bill." FOUNTAINHEAD regrets the error.

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Graduates

Graduate college seniors who have been accepted for graduate school starting in Fall 1980 are invited to apply for the National Graduate School Institute preparatory program, to be held in Los Angeles, California, during June and July, 1979, according to the director of the Institute.

Students will attend a two-week intensive workshop and seminar designed to prepare them totally for the graduate school experience. The first week of the workshop will be a series of general skill sessions for all participants. The second week will be broken into specific skills needed in the various fields. For example, law students will learn about casebook briefing, how to write legal exams, and the famous Socratic Method of Inquiry used by almost all law schools.

Leading the general workshops will be an outstanding faculty from southern California and each specific workshop will be led by a noted scholar in that field. Tuition for the two week program is $350 plus room and board, which will be provided by the Institute. Only students who have actually been accepted to an accredited graduate school may participate in the institute and students finishing the non-graded program will be recognized at completion.

Students interested in attending should write to the National Graduate School Institute, 10100 Santa Monica #750, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

Pageant

The Miss Black and Gold Pageant will be held Mar. 22, 1979 from 7-9 p.m. in the Mendenhall Student Center.

SLAP

SLAP 3001-Introduction to American Sign Language with 3 credit hrs. An Introduction to American Sign Language with beginning level American Sign Language Vocabulary as used by deaf adults. The course will emphasize the basic structure of ASL and the development of expressive signing skills. Present educational sign language systems (ie. SEE, Signed English, International Signs) will be introduced to the student and their practical applications discussed.

SGA

Spring elections will be held Mar. 27-28 for SGA executive offices. Filing dates for candidacy are Feb. 19-Mar. 2. All persons interested are encouraged to apply at the SGA office in Mendenhall Student Center between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. during the previously mentioned dates.

REBEL

The following persons have checks in the **REBEL** office: Ed Midgett, Susan Harbage, David Norris, Bill Brockman, Chap Gurley, Pete Podeszwa, Debbie Strayer, Roxanne Reep, Kip Sloan, John Morris, Betsy Kurzinger, Jim Barnes, Jaime Bernstein, Janet Ennis and Maggie Noss. Please pick them up between 3-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

I.N.D.T.

The next meeting of the Industrial and Technical Education Club will be held on Thurs., Mar. 1 in 104 Flanagan at 5 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Contest

The Greenville Flight Club will sponsor a control line model airplane contest on Sun., Mar. 11. The contest will be held on the field adjacent to the Allied Health Building, located at the intersection of Hwy 264 bypass and NC 43. Event will include combat flying (dogfighting) and racing. Flyers from NC, SC, VA and MD will be competing for trophies.

The contest will begin at 12 a.m. and last most of the afternoon. The public is invited to attend.

Lecture

The ECU Full Gospel Fellowship will sponsor the Rev. Phelps this Thurs., March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in room 212 of the Mendenhall Student Center. Rev. Phelps will speak on "mechanicalism, emptyness, pessimissm, and loneliness."

Ski group

The P.E. Snowshoe Ski Group will hold its final meeting March 1 at 4 p.m. in Rm. 104 Memorial Gym. Travel plans and last minute instructions will be discussed.

Officials

The Greenville Officials Association will hold its organizational meeting on Thurs., Mar. 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Elm St. Gym Meeting Room. All those interested in officiating Recreation, High School, and other Softball, and Junior High Baseball are invited to attend. For further information call Joe Applegate at 752-5214.

Bowling

Do you want to have fun and save money at the same time? Come to Mendenhall and bowl on Mondays from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Monday is Discount Day and bowling is 1/3 off.

Elections

The Men's Residence Council will hold elections for the Executive Council on Mar. 28, 1979. Anyone interested in running for President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary should contact their respective Dorm Counselor. Elections Sign-Up will be Mar. 12-19 with a mandatory meeting of all Candidates on Mar. 20 at 7 p.m. in the MRC Meeting Room in the basement of Scott Dorm.

Reading

The **REBEL** is holding an open reading Thursday, March 1st at 7 p.m. in the Mendenhall Coffeehouse. Denise Andrews and Randy Stalls will read poetry and then we will open the floor to any writer who wants to read his/her work. Faculty, students and guests are invited.

Kites

It's simple and easy to make a kite of your own design. Learn how in a workshop at the Crafts Center. Sign up today in Mendenhall and have a good excuse for getting outside in April.

Sigma Tau

Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society) will met Thurs., Mar. 1, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Western Steer on 10th St. Induction will be held at this meeting. All students who meet the following requirements may join: 3.0 in English courses and completion of 3 semester hours in English. Membership forms will be available at the dinner. Dues are $13.

Jobs

The Mendenhall Student Center needs student Managers for Fall semester 1979.

An applicant must be a full-time student in good standing with the University and be a dependable and responsible person. A minimum grade point average of 2.000 is required at the time of employment, and the average must be maintained throughout the duration of employment. The individual must have a pleasing personality and have the ability to work with the for the students, faculty, staff, and general public. Responsibilities include supervision of the building and its activities during the evenings and weekends.

Interested persons who qualify should apply in Rm 207 in Mendenhall Student Center.

Ping pong

Do you like to play table tennis? If so, the ECU Table Tennis Club is for you. Meetings are held every Tues. at 7 p.m. in the Table Tennis Rooms at Mendenhall Student Center.

Pom poms

Tryouts for the ECU Pom Pom Squad will be held Mar. 16 & 17. Participants will be taught a routine to try out with. A meeting will be held Fri., Mar. 16 at 7 p.m. in Fletcher Music Bldg., Rm. 200. All interested girls should attend. Any questions, call Jo Ellen 752-0354.

Display

February is Peace Corps Month and in conjunction with this the Peace Corps office at ECU has a display of African art, jewelry, and masks in the glass cases in Joyner Library.

The Public is invited to come by and see some original African art. Over 6,000 Peace Corps volunteers are serving in over 60 countries the world over helping people meet their basic needs.

Glee club

Men's Glee Club needs extra bodies for the Fall semester. If you have been a member of a singing organization in the past and are interested in joining an outstanding Men's singing group, then you should be in the Glee Club. Membership is open to all men in the University and not just to music majors. The rehearsal time is M-W-F, 12-1 p.m. Sign up now for the Fall semester. The benefits are excellent and on-the-job training is available.

Games

Backgammon anyone? All persons interested in playing Backgammon are invited to meet each Monday at 7 p.m. in the table games area of Mendenhall Student Center.

Seminar

The Center for Student Opportunities at the ECU School of Medicine is now accepting applications to the 1979 Summer Program for Future Doctors, Nurses, and Allied Health Professionals.

The eight-week, tuition free program will include instruction in aspects of the national sciences, reading/learning competence, coping skills, and preprofessional seminars.

To receive applications or additional information write, all, or drop by the Center for Student Opportunities, 208 Ragsdale Hall, 757-6081.

Application deadline is Mar. 7, 1979.

Crafts

Workshops in Pottery, Floor Loom Weaving, Woodworking, Leather Craft, Enameled Mirrors, Printmaking, Kite Making, and Contemporary Basketry are now available at the Crafts Center at Mendenhall Student Center.

All full-time students, student spouses, and staff and faculty Mendenhall Student Center members are eligible to join the Crafts Center. A semester membership costs $10 and includes workshops, tool check-out, use of library materials, and aid of experienced supervisors. Personal supplies furnished by the Crafts Center must be purchased by the participant.

Crafts Center memberships are available during regular operating hours, 3-10 p.m., Mon.-Fri., and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. The last day to register for these workshops is Thurs., Mar. 1. Persons must register at the Crafts Center and class space is limited. No refunds will be made after the workshop registration deadline.

Poetry

The Poetry Forum will meet on Thurs., Mar. 1 in 240 Mendenhall at 8 p.m. Anyone interested please attend.

Rooms

Applications for residence hall rooms for Summer School 197 and School Year 1979-8 may be obtained from the Housing Office as well as any one of the residence hall offices of Tues., Mar. 1. Room deposits for the terms will be accepted in the Cashier's office beginning Mar. 19. The required deposit for Summer School is $8 ($133.50 for private room) and for Fa Semester, $60. The deposit(s) must be accompanied by the appropriate application(s).

Rooms will be assigned in the offices of the respective residence halls according to the following schedule:
Tues., Mar. 20: Students who desire to return to the room they presently occupy for Fall Semester will be assigned.
Wed., Mar. 21: Graduates, rising seniors, and rising juniors will be assigned.
Thurs., Mar. 23: Rising sophomores will be assigned.

Detailed information pertaining to the sign-up procedure will be made available to residence fall students by Feb. 26. Day students may receive this information by contacting the Housing Office after Feb. 26.

Bikinis

There will be a Bikini Contest on Mon., Mar. 12 at the Elbo Room. First prize is $50.

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MAJOR ATTRACTIONS
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WHETHER MARCH BRINGS heavy winds or not remains to be seen, but with March hopefully Spring and blossoms are soon to follow. [Photo by Brian Stotler]

Renovation of Jarvis dorm to begin, Cotten and Fleming to follow

By ROBERT SWAIM
Advertising Manager

Cliff Moore, vice chancellor for business affairs, said in a recent interview that renovation on Jarvis Dorm will begin soon and should be completed by Fall semester.

About a month ago the ceiling in Jarvis caved in and all residents had to be moved out and spread around in other dorms.

Moore said that in his opinion the cave-in was the result of work done some years ago.

Moore explained that some rewiring was done years ago and concrete was used to patch over the new wiring. The concrete was approximately two inches thick and was being held up only by some small nails in the ceiling.

According to Moore, Jarvis, Cotten and Fleming will all be renovated.

Moore said that Jarvis will be renovated this year, Cotten next year and finally Fleming the following year.

Moore said that the anticipated cost of renovation is $500,000 for each of the three dorms.

According to Moore, bids for the renovation of Cotten and Fleming will be taken at the end of Fall semester for the next two years and the renovations will take place in the spring.

As a result of these renovations it will be necessary to move the residents of whichever dorm is going to be renovated to other dorms at the end of Fall semester, said Moore.

Moore explained that it would be impossible to renovate any dorm during Fall semester because enrollment is higher in the Fall than in the Spring and the university could not afford to close a dorm during the peak enrollment period.

Moore said that the work on Jarvis would begin sometime in the near future.

"We've got to go through some paper work with the general administration in Chapel Hill first," said Moore.

Moore said that bids have not been taken yet for the work.

"We're going to get some people to go in and take out the concrete before we take any bids," said Moore.

Moore said that ultimately all the ceilings in Jarvis, Cotten and Fleming will be replaced and the buildings will be completely rewired.

Moore added that even though the dorms are being rewired they are not being rewired for cooking purposes.

Moore said that cooking in the dorms is only allowed at three universities in NC at the present time (ECU NC State, and UNC--CH).

According to Moore, cooking in the dorms has caused many problems for the university.

The overloading of electrical circuits and the influx of roaches are the two biggest problems resulting from cooking, according to Moore.

"Dr. Brewer is going to meet with the chancellors from State and UNC to talk about the problems of dorm cooking, and there has also been some discussion by the UNC Board of Governors about this problem," said Moore.

The university plans to initiate a program of upgrading all dorms on campus over the next several years, according to Moore.

Moore said that there are immediate plans to equip all dorms with smoke detectors and fire alarms.

At the present time 10 dorms are in need of fire alarms and smoke detectors, while five are only in need of smoke detectors.

Moore estimates the cost of equipping these dorms with fire prevention equipment at roughly one million dollars.

Moore also said tht in the future there are plans to carpet the hallways of all the dorms and to put venetian blinds in all dorm rooms.

According to moore, a bond issue will be "floated" for approximately 2.5 million dollars to cover the cost of renovating Jarvis, Cotten, and Fleming and to pay for the smoke detectors and fire alarms

License tag season over for some

By RICHY SMITH
Assistant News Editor

KINSTON -- The weather of February had one thing good going for it. Nobody had to worry about getting their license tags till the end of the month. Now it is all over with the exception of those people who have still not gotten their tags and must suffer their penalty.

The General Assembly extended the deadline for showing new plates from midnight Feb. 15 to Feb. 28 because of the inclement weather conditions. It seemed that *some 600,000 Tar Heels* would have been unable to get their plates before the original deadline.

The collective sigh of relief that went up all across the state from the procrastinators drowned out, for all practical purposes, news that the General Assembly would also consider a proposal to eliminate almost entirely the long lines at the local license plate agency.

That proposal would stagger license tag expiration dates. In other words, people with the last names beginning "A through C" would pick up thier their plates in February; names beginning with "C through F" in March, and so forth.

Opinions were mixed as several people were asked if they thought the deadline extension of this year's license tags and the General Assembly bill was a good idea. All interviewed had received their tags by the 15th deadline.

"The extension is good because of the bad weather we have had," said Lonnie Harper. "I like the system as it is, not what the legislators propose," she added.

Kim Darby also agreed that the extension was a good idea. "Because of the weather people weren't able to get out and around," she said.

Fate Smith didn't see anything wrong with the extension or with the proposed plan to stagger the license tags expirations.

"I do think it is a good idea," according to Watson Hall referring to the new plan.

"Especially in bigger towns more so than in small ones."

Stella Rich not only thought the proposal was a good idea, but felt that it might prevent the situation tht that occurred this year concerning the original deadline being extended.

"Human beings tend to be chronic procrastinators," said Randy Kelly. "If you give people two weeks, they'll take two weeks. I think it's a good idea."

It gives people more time," said Johnny Kelley. He thought Louisiana has the best idea. Buy one plate per car and one would never have to buy another for it."

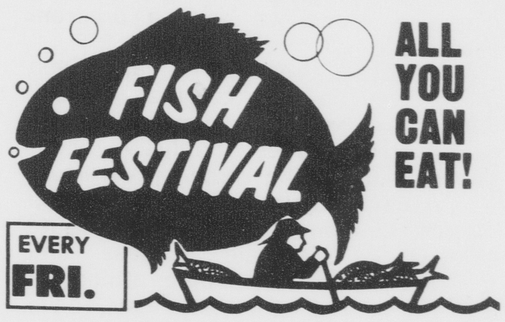
Al Owens said perhaps the proposal would eliminate the long lines to pick up tags. "License people would not be so overworked in this short period of time," he added.

"It would be easier to stagger the tags," Effie Young said. "I don't think people will get them by the 28 anyway."

John Chapman preferred the present system. "I don't like that at all," he said speaking of the General Assembly plan.

Whether or not the proposed plan to stagger plate renewals is adopted remains to be seen. For now at least the deadline was February 28. Hope you weren't at the end of the line.

LT. ERNEST Suggs of the ECU Police Force was presented his advanced Law Enforcement Certificate by Francis M. Eddings, Asst. Director of Security. This is the highest certification law enforcement officers can receive from the N.C. Criminal Justice Training and Standards Council. [ECU News Bureau photo by Marianne Baines]



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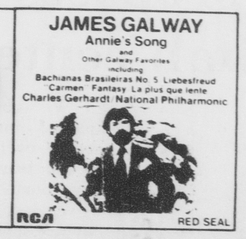

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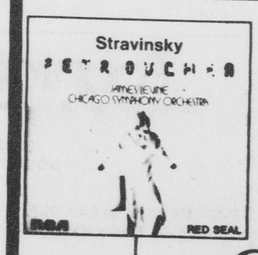

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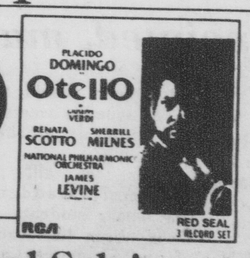

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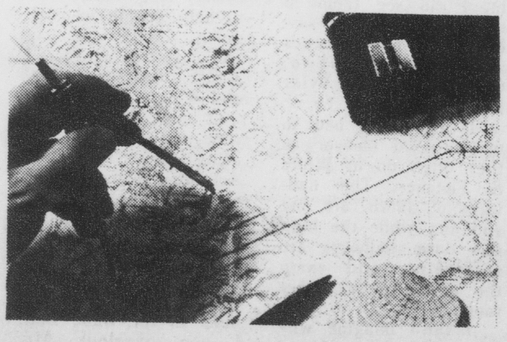

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EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

So long, Gillman

ECU Head Basketball Coach Larry Gillman finally resigned yesterday, two-thirds of the way through his three-year contract. Our only regret is that he didn't do it sooner.

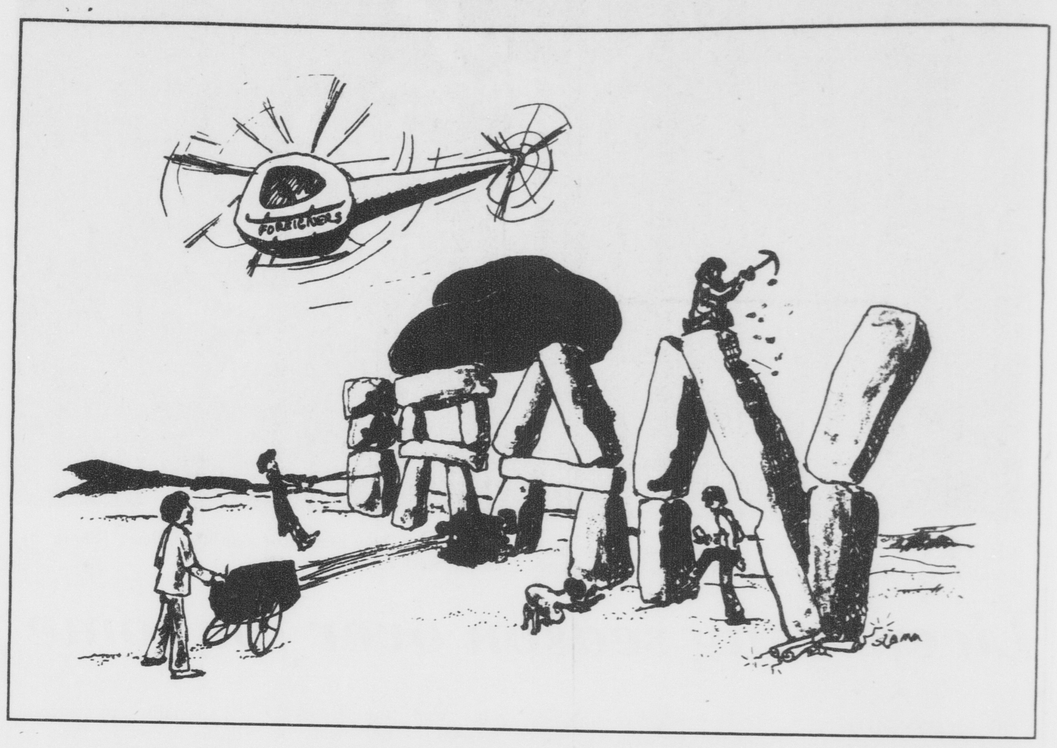
During the two years he coached here, he developed a reputation as a braggart whose outspoken boasts and self-aggrandizement continually embarressed Pirate fans. Sometime last year, he spoke to an ECU journalism class and said "before I came here, people didn't know ECU had a basketball program. At least now everyone knows we have a program program."

Indeed, "everyone" has been made well aware of that fact. Gillman's behavior, however, has generated negative publicity about himself and the basketball program.

Gillman promised to get "the top players to come here." In that he enjoyed a moderate success and recruited some outstanding athletes. But in donig so, he may have violated NCAA recruiting regulations (that investigation is still pending), and he has had little success in keeping these players. Nine players have left the squad since Gillman took over, not to mention two assistant coaches.

He made front page news when, following weeks of public pressure for his removal or resignation, he claimed he had been offered a position with the NBA team the Chicago Bulls for a reported $32,000 a year (about $12,000 more than his salary at ECU). The Bulls' reply was, basically, "Larry who?"

"Everyone knows I'm a salesman" Gillman said in his resignation statement, and that is perhaps the most honest assessment of the man to date. He certainly packaged and sold himself to ECU, with the catchy slogan of "we will win 17 or 18 games during my first year," his shelf was quickly emptied. Now, two years later, with a first year record of 9-17, and an overall record of 21-32, where do we go for our refund?



Legislator defends gay bill's defeat

To FOUNTAINHEAD:

The SGA has not declared "open season" on ECU's Gay Community.

The recent defeat suffered by gays in the SGA has nothing to do with their rightful sexual preference. Gays have inalienable Constitutional rights to choose sexual association.

The Gay Community has an approved constitution and is an integral part of this university. Desecration of these Constitutional and personal rights should not and will not be tolerated.

Myself and 18 other legislators thumbed the bill because $250 would have been used to train gays as peer counselors to assist people who are confused as to what their respective sexuality is.

I do not believe that during a traumatic period of contemplating sexual preference one needs a homosexual recruiter. Admittedly, I voted as a biased heterosexual. Certainly I cannot determine which sexual preference is normal. I can determine the normalcy of biologic reproduction and the undeniable incapability of homosexuals to procreate.

Media opinions are useful tools in the free press scheme. As we live day to day in the everchanging, exciting world it remains imperative that media commentaries remain factual.

It is my desire that all students acknowledge a distinction between human rights and sexual rights. A media commentary can be opinion, but must not lack integrity and truth.

SGA will not replace the school's alma mater with an Anita Bryant hymnal. The merits of the defeated bill did not warrant passage. Sending a person who is troubled a bit on his or her sexuality to a gay counselor is like sending a friend who has suicidal tendencies to a person standing on a ledge.

Contrary to this paper's commentary, the SGA has not mandated a sexual preference, it just defeated a bad bill.

Charlie Sherrod

Conservative rebuts anti-gay letter

To FOUNTAINHEAD:

I doubt that there is anyone on this campus who is as politically conservative as I am, perhaps with the exception of Dr. John East. I have consistantly worked for the conservative cause and have worked on behalf of such political candidates as George Wallace and Jesse Helms.

But I fear I must shed my conservative credentials on one of ECU's most recent and most controversial topics: The ECU Gay Community.

I read with great disgust the letter from Neil Johnson in the last paper. At first I thought the letter was joke, a hoax, but unfortunately it appears that the joke was the author himself, a poor, sick-minded individual I must say.

Mr. Johnson's letter was cruel and viscious at best. I have known rednecks from south Georgia who were more humanitarian than Mr. Johnson.

Johnson used the Bible as a stump to stand on to orate his ridiculous beliefs that God will surely punish, swiftly and severly, anybody or any community that dares to help or protect the homosexual.

Johnson would have us believe that the first five of the 10 commandments prohibit homosexuality.

Well Mr. Johnson, I consider myself (perhaps somewhat arrogantly) a student of the scriptures. True it is that the Bible frowns on homosexuality, but it is not one of the sins prohibited in the 10 commandments.

The sins of heterosexuals are far more numerous and receive much more attention in the Bible than the "sin" of homosexuality.

It is a sin to have premaritial sex, it is a sin to have extramaritial sex, adultery is a sin, all of these "sins" are also crimes in the state of North Carolina.

So tell me Mr. Johnson, who is the real sinner? The homosexual or the heterosexual playboy, the All-American stud, the big man of campus who chases girls around downtown, drinks beer and plays football.

Is the homosexual a worse "sinner" than the thief, the adultress, the murderer, or the fornicator.

Lets all take a good look at ourselves, how many times have we used the word goddamn, how many times have we had sex out of wedlock, how many times have we "swiped" something from the corner store. Now tell me why homosexuals are such "villains," such "criminals," such "sickies."

God may frown upon homosexuality but he certainly doesn't hate homosexuals or anybody else for that matter.

God taught us a lot of things, among them are charity, compassion, humanity, and love.

The Bible tells us to "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone," and "Judge not lest ye be judged."

We as humans are not the ones to sit in judgement on homosexuals. For God has said that "Vengence is mine."

Like George Wallace said a couple of years ago, "We're all God's children and all God's children are equal."

I fear that on the subject of homosexuality there are few who can think rationally and deal with reason.

God loves everybody even the "homos" and the "faggots."

Robert M. Swaim

Forum

'Judge not, lest thou be judged'

To FOUNTAINHEAD:

"Judge not, lest thou be judged."

Here is another response to Neil Johnson's letter entitled "Wrath of God Smites Gay Measures." Being an individual that has accepted Christ as personal Lord and Savior for two years (and 20 days), I find the mentioned letter, if nothing else, a shocking response to an issue of any nature. (Enough judgement on my own part).

It's not that I condone homosexual activities, for I abhor and reject even the thought of such things. But I also reject the word of God being thrown around out of text in the fury of hatred and ill-temper.

The idea of a counseling center for any group is one done out of concern and love for another. Remember also that God promised Abraham that he would not destroy Sodom as long as there was one righteous man in the borders of the city.

Surely California is not absent in such a large state. The God of the New Covenant is a loving God, "who so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, so that we may have life in abundancy." Christ told us that "one cannot point out the speck in our brother's eye until he has removed the log from his own."

Please, Mr. Johnson, if you're going to speak using God's name, words of hatred and anger only shun God's work, not edify.

Dean Constantine T. Peters

Reader proposes 'fag' re-hab center

To FOUNTAINHEAD:

Hey, Neil Johnson, you're not much of an asshole, are you? After all, you've got God on your side. You must be right.

Like your letter says, the wrath of God has punished California for passing a gay rights bill. God hates homosexuals, right? Hey, we'd better get outta town fast--God will probably drop a gigantic hailstone on Greenville any second now.

Listen, I bet we could get the SGA to appropriate enough money for us to start a faggot re-habilitation committee. We could hire a couple of ministers and maybe even a rabbi to put the fear of God into those homos.

Maybe we could even get enough money to have Greenville gays surgically castrated. Hey, and maybe we'd have enough left over to castrate some atheists. And then the agnostics. And maybe even the Muslims and Jews.

Just thought you'd like to know that some of us are with you, buddy. Even if you are a goddamned Nazi religious fanatic. You asshole.

Luke Whisnant

'Faggot' offends reader

To FOUNTAINHEAD:

I do not believe that you actually had the gall to print a letter like Mr. Johnson's on the homosexual issue.

All people are, of course, entitled to their opinions, and a newspaper does have the responsibility to report all sides of an issue, but it was not necessary to use the word "fag got," a term which I find particularly offensive. Tell me, if Mr. Johnson was a racial bigot (instead of the redneck religious fanatic that he obviously is) would you have printed the word "nigger"? I seriously doubt it.

If Mr. Johnson has an opinion to express, I suggest that he learn the proper terms: 'homosexual', 'gay', or some other non-emotion-producing word. His ideas will get more respect and he will also avoid clumsily offending a large section of this campus.

Steve E. Cooper

'Sad, disappointed, mad'

To FOUNTAINHEAD:

I'm saddened, very disappointed, and extremely mad about the outcome of the Gay Community's Workshop Bill.

Saddened because there were circumstances brought about by the media which hampered the cause (I admire the editor's courage in his admittance of the mistakes.)

Very disappointed that the legislature, at least the majority, did not realize the value of a trained peer-counseling group. Would they have funded a workshop for student alcoholic counseling?

Most of all, I'm extremely maddened that some students see fit to abuse the readers of the Forum by using such derogatory slang and misrepresentative references to the Bible as did Mr. Neil Johnson. I only hope that he himself has the "common sense and moral decency" not to call himself a Christian.

A proponent of the ECGC workshop,
Ellen N. Fishburne

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Jarvis wasn't as bad as the stories

To FOUNTAINHEAD:

I am absolutely sick and tired of hearing how terrible the dorms on the mall are.

True, Jarvis is in need of repair but the "horror stories" are merely overblown rumors which unbelievingly exclude the high rise dorms. I lived in Jarvis Hall for two years and found it most pleasant.

I never saw roaches in the two rooms I lived in. I did see them in the canteen, but I saw larger and more roaches in rooms of White, Clement and Tyler Halls.

I also never had to take a cold shower as they often do in White & Fletcher. The hallways of Jarvis are big and airy while the high rise dorm hallways are suffocating and carry the aroma of a locker room.

I can't imagine why Jarvis Hall was referred to as a "ghetto" dorm and I hope this letter clears up the misconstrued impressions of that dorm.

Susan Lillard
Previous Jarvis Hall Resident

Johnson's letter rebutted again

To FOUNTAINHEAD:

As a fellow Christian, I'm sorry to see that Mr. Johnson misunderstood the issue at hand.

The goal of the gay counseling center was, I assume, not to "fund a society of perverts," but to help people who are going through personal crisis. If this is sacreligious, then so is A.A. and Weight Wathcers.

I think Mr. Johnson was presumptuous in using the Gay Rights Act to explain California's drought. I wonder what he thinks caused Chicago's blizzard this winter? Organized crime?

Since we are seated deep in the Bible Belt, I can overlook Mr. Johnson for having used the well-worn phrase "wrath of God." As ironic as it may seem, I've always thought of God as loving and understanding.

Mr. Johnson closed with "I always thought ECU students had been taught the proper things at home and in church."

If his letter was any indicator, his assumption is very wrong.

And regarding FOUNTAINHEAD's controversal headlines of Feb. 22 and 27, in the latter, you reported that Kieran Shanahan announced the former headline was a misquote. There is a not-to-fine line between misquoting and lying, and I feel you tripped over it pretty hard.

It's no wonder you need writers!

Eric Van Baars

EDITOR'S NOTE: Webster's defines a lie as a "deliberate falsehood." The headlines mentioned above were false, but by no means deliberately so. The editorial in the Feb. 27 edition explains the unfortunate mistake in more detail.'

Rushen has 'immense ability as a composer'

Patrice is 'a combination of funk and soft jazz'

PATRICE RUSHEN'S NEW album "Patrice" is a mix of 'mo-town, disco and jazz.'

By JEFF ROLLINS
Trends Editor

Patrice Rushen's new album, **Patrice**, is a combination of funk and soft jazz which is very appealing. The young Miss Rushen has a breathy soprano voice which sounds as good in an up-beat jazz number as well as in a softer, slower song. Her voice reminds one of Maria Muldare.

Her ability as composer equals at least and perhaps surpasses her ability as singer. Her pop flavored jazz is refreshingly nice to hear. She composed nearly all the songs on the album.

The first song on the album, "Music of the Earth," is a funky number with a jazzy beat a la Chick Corea. The arrangement of this song is replete with staccato lead guitar, stepping bass, rather latino percussion and a nice, cool synthesizer. The background vocals remind one of those used by Herbie Mann occasionally.

"When I Found You" is the type of song that could easily have been recorded by Barbra Streisand. But unfortunately, Patrice Rushen's voice lacks the dynamic quality which makes Streisand such a powerful singer, and "When I Found You" is a pleasant little song when it could have been a strong, beautiful one. Even so, the laid-back over-all sound of the song, enhanced by some nice sax work by Larry Williams, makes for an enjoyable cut.

The songs on **Patrice** are alternately fast and slow. Following the easy-going "When I Found You" comes "Changes In Your Life" a song with compelling rhythmic intensity. The riffing electric guitar and Patrice's yipping and yelling make this the most rock-like song on the album even though the beat is still jazzy. Whatever genre one might place it in, it is a fun song, and that is enough.

"Wishful Thinking," as its name might imply, is a dreamy sort of song in a minor key. There is a softly intriguing jazz rhythm underneath the lilting, flowing melody deliciously sung by Miss Rushen.

This skillfully paced album begins its second side with "Hang It Up." A song with a full-produced sound, having lots of brass, electric guitar, vocals and electric organ. The best part of the song is a piano solo by Rushen herself; it was very good jazz piano and jazz feeling.

"Cha-Cha" is just that, a thoroughly danceable to cha-cha rhythm plus lovely singing and melodic line by Patrice. They would play it at a chic disco in Monacco.

"It's just a natural thing" would be boring except that one can't help but to somehow move to its beat. It is more jazz than disco but more disco than jazz.

"Didn't You Know?" is another Barbra Streisand-like song: excellently produced, compelling melody, sweet feminity. Miss Rushen is a composer who can mix the best of mo-town, disco and jazz, with a little bit of Dionne Warwick thrown in.

The nearly athletic quality of the faster songs on this album is felt in the lyrics to it. The name of the song is "Play!" and the lyrics alternate with really fun background scat-singing. They are indicative of the feeling of all the fast songs on the album.

Everybody wants to dance
Won't 'cha play
The time is right so take a chance
Won't 'cha play.
Play! Play! Play! Play! Play!

For those who like this kind of music, this is the kind of music they would like.

N. C. Dance Theatre

The Student Union Theatre Arts Committee presents The North Carolina Dance Theatre here

They're right here at home, and they're among the best in the world. The North Carolina Dance Theatre performs throughout the United States and abroad to the accolades of enthusiastic audiences, but they count it as a special pleasure to perform in North Carolina. The company will appear under the auspices of the Student Union Theatre Arts Committee on March 13 at 1 p.m. and March 14 at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium at East Carolina.

Different repertoires will be used for the two performances. Although final program selections have not been made, one particular piece, "The Grey Goose of Silence," will probably be the only duplication. The mythical town of Silence somewhere in the Appalachian Mountains is the setting for this ballet created especially for the Dance Theatre. It is the story of love and change in an atmosphere of indifference and brutality. The work was made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The choreography is by Nobert Vesak and the music is by Ann Mortifree. Works choreographed by George Balanchine and Alvin Ailey are also included in the company repertoire. Both men are highly selective in regard to who performs their works and give chosen companies special training before the pieces are performed. The Dance Theatre is especially proud to have the priviledge of dancing these works.

Dance Magazine, the most important trade magazine for the world of dance, consistently praises the North Carolina Dance Theatre for its style, technique, and selection of pieces. The publication constantly reiterates how fortunate dance lovers are that the company became a touring company rather than remaining a regional group. Several individual dancers are also being sought for residencies with other companies. Various other trade publications praise the company's enlightened management for insuring that the company maintains a varied repertoire.

Student Union Theater Arts

The Student Union Theatre Arts Committee invites everyone to see ballet at its best. Tickets are $1.50 for ECU students, $2 for faculty nd staff, $2 for groups of 20 or more, and $3 for the public for the March 13 matinee. Tickets for the evening performance are $1.50 for ECU students, $3 for faculty and staff, $3 for groups of 20 or more, and $4 for the public. All tickets at the door are public admission. For further information, contact the Central Ticket Office at Mendenhall Student Center, 757-6611, ext. 266.

This residency is made possible by funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the North Carolina Arts Council.

McCartney and *Wings* to be featured in TV special

Paul McCartney and WIngs will be featured in a 90-minute special, "Wings Over the World" airing at 11:30 p.m., Friday, March 16th on the CBS television network. The documentary-style program incorporates concert footage of Wings as well as profiling Paul McCartney's life since he left the Beatles.

The broadcast's performance footage is taken from Wings' comprehensive world tour of 1976, which was enjoyed live by millions of people. Excepting news coverage at that time, the Wings tour material has not been previously aired.

"Wings Over the World" also provided an in-depth retrospective of Paul McCartney's career and achievements since he went out on his own and formed Wings. Fifteen years have passed since the Beatles first played to crammed-together audiences of leather-jacketed teenagers in Liverpool's Cavern Club. At that time, no one realized the dozens of ways in which a rock'n' roll band might alter the course of contemporary culture. But throughout the 1960's and 1970's, the Beatles mammoth shaping of the fashions, lifestyles and politics of young people, as well as their shattering imprint upon popular music, has been frequently documented.

As one of the two chief songwriters and personalities within the Beatles, Paul McCartney has held an important place in the lives of literally millions of his followers, both during his years with the group and after their breakup in 1970. Unlike the other members of the group, or any of the Beatles' musical colleagues, he has remained an entertainment figure with appeal to all ages, from young children who don't even remember the Beatles to their grandparents.

The Wings 1976 World tour was greeted with the fervor more appropriate to the arrival of a messiah! Hundreds of thousands of people packed auditoriums from Australia to Alabama to spend an evening with Paul McCartney and Wings. Ten years passing since Paul had last set foot on American stages only increased his fans anticipation. Paul and Wings capped the tour in September, 1977, when they gave a free concert for 25,000 fans in Venice, Italy, to assist the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which is working to restore works of art and buildings in that city.

Selections

Among the selections seen performed in the brilliant concert footage are "Band on the Run," "Yesterday," "Live and Let Die" (complete with an astonishing laser display), "Jet" and "Silly Love Songs." The success of Paul McCartney's recordings with Wings has been documented by a slew of gold and platinum discs, and the recognition of his 1977 release, "Mull of Kintyre," as the all-time best selling single in Britain, which stands to this day.

McCartney

Paul McCartney's appeal is destined to be unlimited. His recording achievements and happy home life are symbolic of how the best people of the 1960's have grown to continue their achievements throughout the 1970's, and will bring even more to the next decade.

"Wings Over the World" is a production of MPL.

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Paul McCartney.

Studs Lonigan airs

Studs Lonigan, James T. Farrell's once-banned Depression trilogy of novels about the hardhead struggles of an Irish American family of Chicago following World War I and considered too racy for the era in which it was published, will be telecast on NBC as five miniseries beginning Wed. March 7 and continuing on Wednesdays March 14, 21 and 28.

Award-winning Reginald Rose has written the screenplay.

Familiar with the literary classic will certainly get a kick out of seeing the work come to life. The gritty reflections of their ethnic and city neighborhoods, their complacent, yet tragic, times ahead. The people proud, bigoted, [illegible] and realistic echo [illegible] are bound to be. The trilogy has been acknowledged as a superb portrayal.

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The Studs Lonigan trilogy consists of novels published in sequence: **Young Lonigan** (1932), **The Young Manhood of Studs Lonigan** (1934), and **Judgement Day** (1935). NBC-TV's six-hour drama follows Lonigan from age 15 in 1916 through 29.

The public's acceptance of these works has come a long way since the first book in the trilogy was [illegible].

Also starring in the miniseries are Brad Dourif, [illegible] Pollito, Diana Scarwid, John Friedrich, Devon [illegible], Jessica Harper, Dolph Sweet, Sam [illegible] and David Watson.

In the pilot episodes Young Studs (Danny Shor) [illegible] high school and discusses his future [illegible] friends and members of his family. [illegible] Studs, but the [illegible] tends to make other [illegible] help.

[illegible] boasting, all charm and swagger, Studs [illegible] destroy infatuation-laden Aileen (Tessa Peitzin) becomes [illegible] dreamer, the person he thinks the [illegible] probably what things are not going [illegible].

[illegible] Rose, the production includes [illegible] Gold-Stone, producer; Harry R. [illegible], Jack Larmar, Executive Producers; [illegible] Rich and Philip Capice.

Harry Hamlin stars as Studs Lonigan

Oboist Richard Adams visits ECU March 24

Oboist Richard Adams, principal oboist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, will be at ECU March 24 and masterclasses are being held in the School of Music.

Oboe students

[illegible] will be [illegible] about [illegible] participation in the class and reservations for those who wish to observe are available from David Hawkins at the ECU School of Music.

Aspen Festival

Woodhams, a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music, has taught and performed at the Aspen Music Festival, the Mostly Mozart Festival in New York and at the Marlboro Festival in Vermont. He has also made numerous recordings and appeared as featured soloist with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

Philadelphia

Before becoming first oboist with the Philadelphia Orchestra two years ago, Woodhams was principal oboist of the St. Louis Symphony.

Participation in the masterclass is free of charge.

Student Union offers summer trip to London

Barry Cline, summer [illegible] Coast, leaves [illegible] Rivoy and [illegible] the [illegible] Mon. Mar. 19, on [illegible] Airlines flight from Raleigh-Durham Airport to London. Cline will be in London for a week and during this time he will be housed in the Modern [illegible] in the center of London's main shopping district, located in the [illegible]. Luggage and [illegible] $100 nonrefundable deposit is required upon registration. Deadline for registration is April 1.

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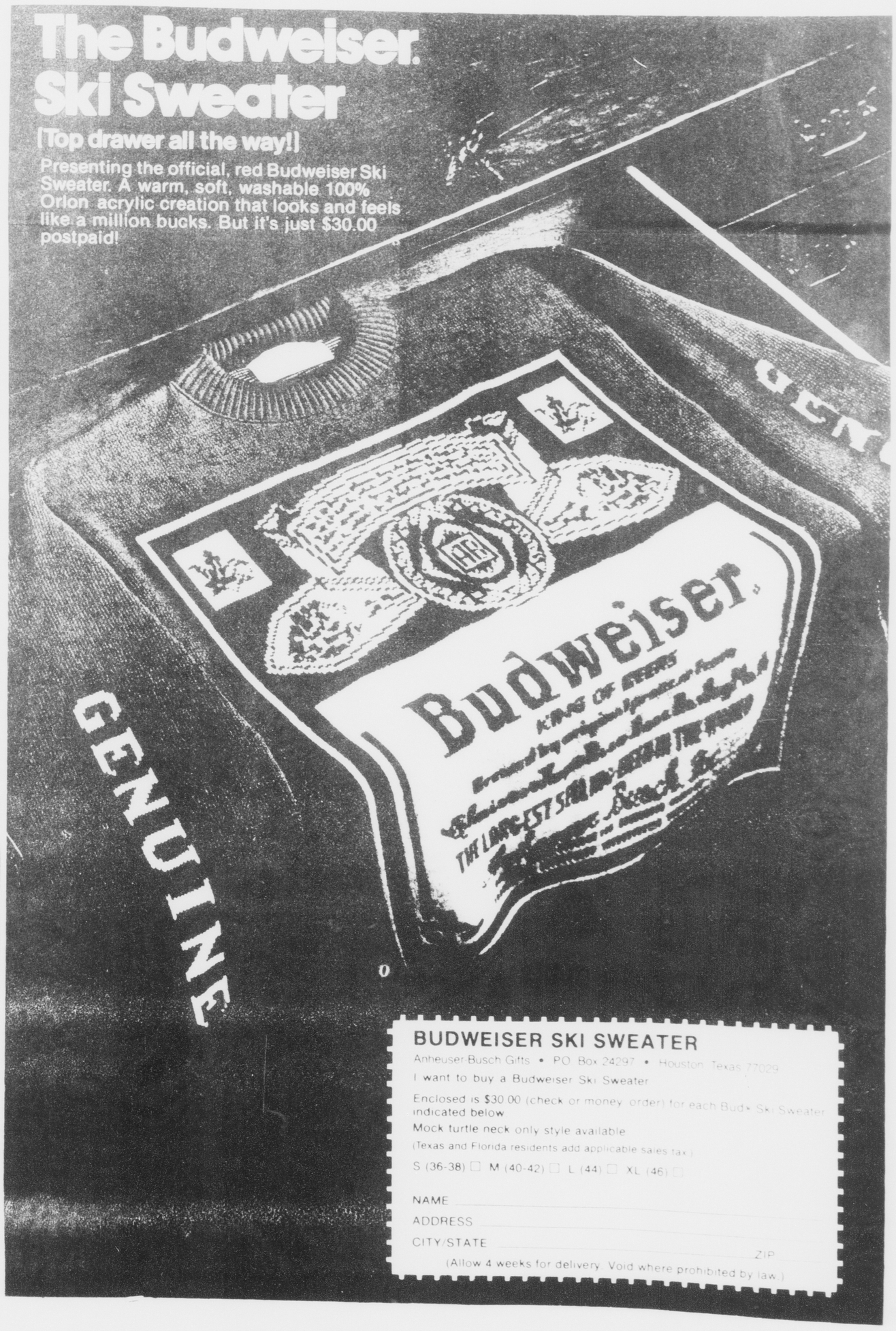

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Players relieved with Gillman's resignation

By SAM ROGERS
Sports Editor

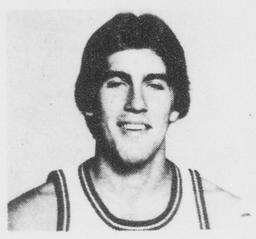
The news that East Carolina basketball coach Larry Gillman had resigned came shortly after noon Wednesday and for most of the Pirate players the announcement came as no surprise.

Despite an endless number of promises Gillman would bring a winning and exciting program to East Carolina, the fast talking New York native posted back-to-back losing records and submitted his resignation Wednesday morning to athletic director Bill Cain.

Several players reported they were all but fed up with Gillman's antics both on and off the court by the end of the year and three members of the team quit during the season.

"No, it really doesn't come as any surprise to me," forward Herb Krusen said while eating lunch Wednesday afternoon. "I thought he would probably be back next year on the basis that the team's record improved over last season, but you never know.

"We may not have won many games over the last two years, but we played in a lot of big ones and he got us on television several times," he continued. "Coach Gillman kept telling us he would be back next year, but I guess he had to do that for recruiting purposes."



Krusen

Powers

Despite constant reports Gillman would probably be fired at the end of the season, guard George Maynor said most of the team had little actual knowledge about the situation. "We heard all kinds of rumors about what was going on, but we just didn't know what was really going to happen," he said. "Sometimes it appeared like he was under a lot of pressure, and then at other times he really didn't show it.

"But during the last two weeks, he seemed more relaxed," Maynor continued. "He may have just been getting prepared for what was coming."

Kyle Powers, a seldom-used reserve for the last two years, wasn't the least bit disappointed with Gillman's resignation and said the internal problems in the program were totally out of hand by the end of the season.

"I felt like he would probably be fired and not because of his won-loss record," he said. "There were just too many internal problems.

"I'm certainly not going to miss him and I think the program will be much better off from here on out no matter who they get as the next head coach."

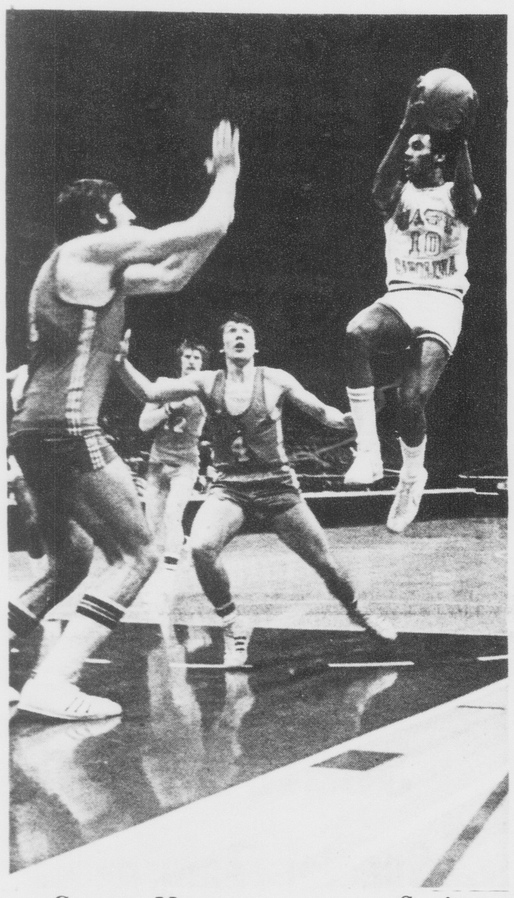
Although East Carolina Athletic Director Bill Cain said a search for a new coach would begin immediately, it was reported assistant coach Terry Kunze may fill the vacancy.

Other reports indicated a search committee will be formed and someone outside the university will be named. Wake Forest assistant David Odom, Rice assistant and former ECU coach Butch Estes were also mentioned as possible candidates along with Dick Grubar, a former star at North Carolina and assistant at the University of Florida.

"I think everybody on the team would like to see Kunze get the job," Krusen said. "He's the most knowledgeable coach we've had since I've been here and he knows the players well. We've all adjusted to his style of play."

"If they go outside the university, the rebuilding process will start all over again," Krusen continued. "Kunze's got the overall support of the team and everyone has confidence in him. I think that's the most important thing right now."

Although freshman center Al Tyson said Tuesday he will transfer to another school next year, he indicated Gillman's resignation may change things. "I still think I'm going to transfer," he said. "I've just been real upset about the whole situation here."



George Maynor moves on Soviets

[Photo by John H. Grogan]

Mack impresses crowd

Irish down ECU 89-72

By CHARLES CHANDLER
Assistant Sports Editor

SOUTH BEND, Ind.--Few onlookers felt East Carolina's Pirates stood a chance against the second-ranked Fighting Irish of Notre Dame when the two teams took the floor here Saturday night. Though the Irish went on to win 89-72, most felt they had received more than their money's worth.

The Irish came out of the starting block like a whirlwind, jumping out to a 28-12 lead by the 10:06 mark of the first period. Emotion played a large part in that quick start, as Irish senior centers Bill Laimbeer and Bruce Flowers were playing there last home game at the Athletic and Convocation Center.

But as important a factor in the quick Irish start was the sloppy play of East Carolina. The Pirates were beaten in every phase of the game in the early going by the alert Irish.

But as time wore on the Pirates seemed to loosen up, cutting the Notre Dame lead to nine, at 45-36, by intermission.

Pirate senior guard Oliver Mack led the Pirate attack in the first period, scoring 14 points on a variety of soaring drives to the basket. Irish fans were so impressed with the play of Mack, in fact, that on several occasions he received rousing ovations.

Mack finished the matchup with a game-high 20 points, enough to make him the fourth leading scorer in East Carolina history with a career total of 1,194 points.

A Notre Dame official said after the game that the 6'3" All-America candidate was the most exciting player to play against the Irish at home all season. "Some of those moves to the basket were breathtaking," he said. "'He'd cross mid-court, take two or three long steps, and he was at the basket. It was amazing."

The Pirates began the second period just as they had ended the first, outscoring Notre Dame 8-2 to narrow the Irish lead to only three at 47-44.

It was at this point that the over 31,000 Irish fans assembled at the ACC became a factor in the game. Encouraged by a rousing fan reaction, the Irish outscored the Pirates 24-11 in the ensuing eight minutes to ensure victory number 22 against only three losses.

The Notre Dame scoring burst was led by sophomore forward Tracy Jackson, who scored eight of those crucial 24 points.

The Pirates cut the Irish lead to as low as 11 before committing uncalled-for errors in the last minute en route to their 89-72 loss. The Pirates finished the season at 12-15.

"The key to this game," said East Carolina Coach Larry Gillman, "was their offensive rebounding.

"Bruce Flowers and Bill Laimbeer were very aggressive. They gave us a lot of problems with their size and strength."

Laimbeer and Flowers, a real fan favorite here, both concluded their home seasons on a high note.

The 6'11" Laimbeer was voted the game's most valuable player on the basis of his 17 points and 13 rebounds.

"For the last three games I've tried to work on what I consider the weak points of my game in preparation for the NCAA tournament," said Laimbeer. I felt that my offensive output and rebounding contributions were lacking."

Flowers totaled 14 points for the game, giving him exactly 1,000 for his career at Notre Dame. In his fourth season with the Irish, Flowers has two more regular season games to increase that total.

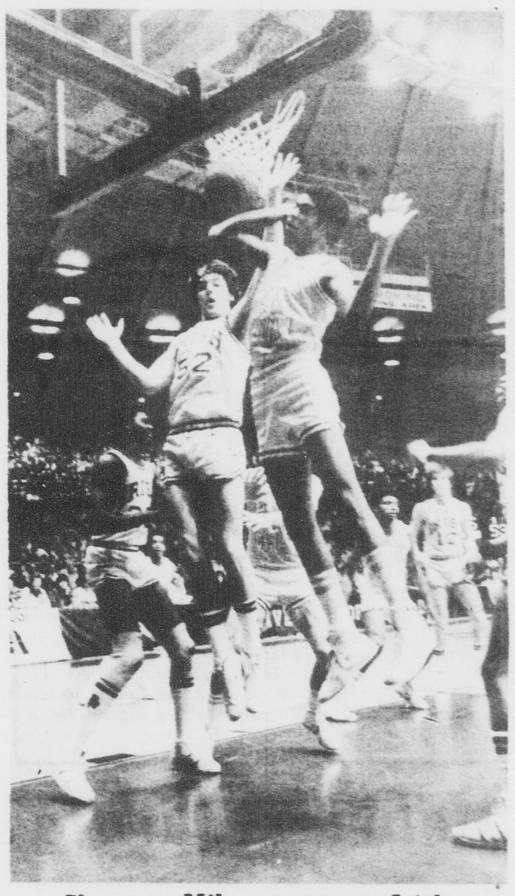
Assisting Laimbeer and Flowers in the Irish victory were Tracy Jackson, starting in place of injured All-American Kelly Tripucka, with 15 points and Orlando Woolridge with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Guard Bill Hanzlik dished out six assists.

George Maynor followed Mack in the Pirate scoring column, finishing with a total of 17 points and four assists. Frank Hobson grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Pirates in that category.

"Larry has recruited some fine athletes," said Notre Dame Coach Digger Phelps. "Mack is really a fine player.

"They have to be commended for not giving up after our fast start," he said. "But when we got the big lead early we started making some little mistakes which allowed them to close the gap on us."

Gillman said he feels the Irish have as good a chance as anyone to win the national championship. "The key to the NCAA tournament is going to be on the backboards," he said. "Tonight's game is indicative of how Notre Dame can hit the boards. And, of course, you have to remember Kelly Tripucka didn't play tonight."



Clarence Miles scores on Irish

[Photo by Pete Podeszwa]

Tyson quits team, plans to transfer

By SAM ROGERS
Sports Editor

East Carolina center Al Tyson has quit the Pirate basketball team and told FOUNTAINHEAD Tuesday he has no plans to return to school next year.

Tyson, a freshman from nearby Winterville, said he will finish the semester at ECU and will then transfer to either St. John's or Lamar University in Texas next fall.

"I'm finished here and I don't care who talks to me, I'm not staying another year," Tyson said. "I'm going to stay in school the rest of the semester and then I'm transferring somewhere else. St. John's and Lamar have both been in touch with me and they told me if I wasn't happy to give them a call and something would be worked out."

Although East Carolina coach Larry Gillman submitted his resignation Wednesday, Tyson said he was still upset about the situation. He explained his lack of playing time was a big factor in his decision to quit the squad.

"I'm still very upset about the situation here at East Carolina and I don't know if I will change my mind before the end of the semester," Tyson said. "I think everybody on the team was fed up with the program by the end of the season."

After sitting on the bench for the entire first half last week against Old Dominion, Tyson left the bench and walked to the dressing room with five minutes still remaining in the game. He did not practice with the team last week and did not make the trip to Notre Dame Monday.

"I just could not get along with Coach Gillman," Tyson explained. "I wasn't happy with the way things went in practice or anything else he did.

Tyson who was East Carolina's top freshman recruit this season started several games this year and scored a career high 26 points against N.C. State. He saw action in 22 games and averaged six points and four rebounds a game.

East Carolina concluded its regular season Monday night with a 89-72 loss to Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. The Pirates finished the year with a 12-15 record and lost to the Soviet National team in an exhibition contest Tuesday night in Greensboro Coliseum.

Russian giants win 95-76

By CHARLES CHANDLER
Assistant Sports Editor

GREENSBORO-The East Carolina Pirates dropped a 95-76 to the powerful Soviet National Team before a sparce crowd in the Greesboro Coliseum Tuesday night. The exhibition game came only one day after the Pirates had ventured to South Bend, Ind. to face second-ranked Notre Dame.

It was evident from the beginning that the Pirates would have huge problems underneath against the Soviet, who boast of six players over 6'10".

The Soviets jumped to a 19-16 lead in the first ten minutes of the first period. But in a four minute span the Pirates outscored the Russians 12-5 to cut the lead to five.

The two teams then exchanged baskets before resting for intermission with the Soviets leading 47-42.

East Carolina cut the lead to three at 47-44 before being outscored 23-8 in an eight minute period by the Soviets. Leading the Russians during that spurt was 7'3" center Vladamir Tkachenko.

Tka chenko, generally considered the star of this club, played but 13 minutes against the Pirates, scoring 11 points.

After the Soviet spurt, the Pirates could only whittle away at the lead, narrowing it to 11 on several occasions before bowing 95-76.

Anatoli Mishkin led the Soviets with 19 points and 7 rebounds. Nikolai Derugin added 18 points.

Guard George Maynor and forward Dave Underwood led the Pirates with 18 and 16 points, respectively. Frank Hobson led the club with five rebounds.

A problem all evening for the Pirates was shooting over the long arms and bodies of the Soviets. Their 37.3 shooting percentage from the field is certainly a spokesman for that fact.

East Carolina coach Larry Gillman was quite impressed with the Soviets. "They're a great basketball team," he said. "This was surely a good experience for our kids. I think we learned a lot.

"And Tkachenko is a real man. He could play at any university in the country, maybe even in the NBA. But he wasn't really pumped up tonight. When he's fired up, he's nothing less than awesome."

Soviet coach Alekzander Gomelski said that he was very impressed with the play of Pirate guards George Maynor and Oliver Mack, citing them for their "good technique, good dribbling, and good shooting." He also noted that the Pirate backcourt duo handled his team's press extremely well.

"When time passes," said Gomelski, "they could be very good and interesting team. But must have big player to be good team. No big player, no good team."

Gomelski said that his team would now venture to Canada for a few weeks before returning to Russia.

The Pirates finished their season the night before with a 89-72 loss at Notre Dame, finishing at 12-15 for the year.

Hill announces resignation

By SAM ROGERS
Sports Editor

East Carolina wrestling coach Bill Hill will resign at the end of the season FOUNTAINHEAD learned Tuesday.

Hill, a 27-year-old native of Norfolk, Va., replaced John Welborn in 1977 and has coached the Pirate wrestling team for the last two years.

Hill said he is leaving the coaching profession so he can devote full-time duties to his private business in Greenville. "It's just become impossible to handle my business and at the same time coach wrestling here," he said. "Coaching is a full time job and it's very difficult to do both and be successful.

"I'm resigning in the best interest of the kids, and I hope the university will go out and hire someone who can devote more time to the wrestling program. We've got a great bunch of kids here and they deserve a top notch program."

Hill, a four time Southern Conference champion, is also East Carolina's only wrestling all-American. He captured fifth place in the 1974 NCAA Championships held at Iowa State University.

Since Welborn resigned at the end of the 1976-77 season East Carolina has won only four dual matches in two years and has lost 16. The Pirates finished with a 3-8 record during Hill's first year and had a 1-8 mark this season.

The search for a successor will begin at the end of the season. East Carolina concludes its schedule next week when the Pirates compete in the NCAA Championships at Iowa State University in Aimes, Iowa.

Several names mentioned as possible candidates to succeed Hill were William and Mary coach Ed Steers, Virginia Military Institute coach Ike Sherlock and Milt Sherman, a graduate assistant, who has been on the East Carolina staff this season.

Sherlock served as an assistant coach under Welborn in 1976 and coached at Campbell College for one year before going to VMI.

Revils, Tyson ready for NCAA tourney

By SAM ROGERS
Sports Editor

East Carolina wrestling coach Bill Hill had a premonition before last weekend's Eastern Regional Championships.

"I told Butch Revils and Mendell Tyson on the way up there that we had a 177-pounder and a heavyweight that made it to the nationals last year," Hill said. "And I also told them it would be great if we could do the same thing again. Sometimes it's really funny how things work out."

Although Vic Northrup and D.T. Joyner won the 177 and heavyweight titles in the regionals last year both missed this season with injuries. Meanwhile, Revils and Tyson have been very capable replacements and last week earned a trip to the NCAA Championships with victories in their respective weight classes. The tournament opens next Thursday at Iowa State University in Aimes, Iowa.

"Butch has a great chance of placing in the nationals and I'm confident he's going to come back an all-america," Hill said Tuesday before practice. "It's a tough tournament and you can't afford a letdown in any match, but Butch is peaking and if he's mentally ready I think he can place."

Hill remembers the 1974 NCAA Campionships very well. That year the tournament was also held at Iowa State and he placed fifth in the 177 weight class to earn All-America honors.

This year, the top eight place winners in each weight class will become all-america's. Previously, the top six in each weight class were designated as all-america's.

"It's a big tournament and certainly the most important one I've wrestled in," said Revils who currenlty owns an impressive 17-2 record. "I wrestled well in the regionals and I'm really looking forward to the tournament. I've just got to go out there and wrestle each match one at a time."

Revils lost in the finals of the regionals last year, but upset top-seeded John Stroup of Sippery Rock to win the 177 title this season.

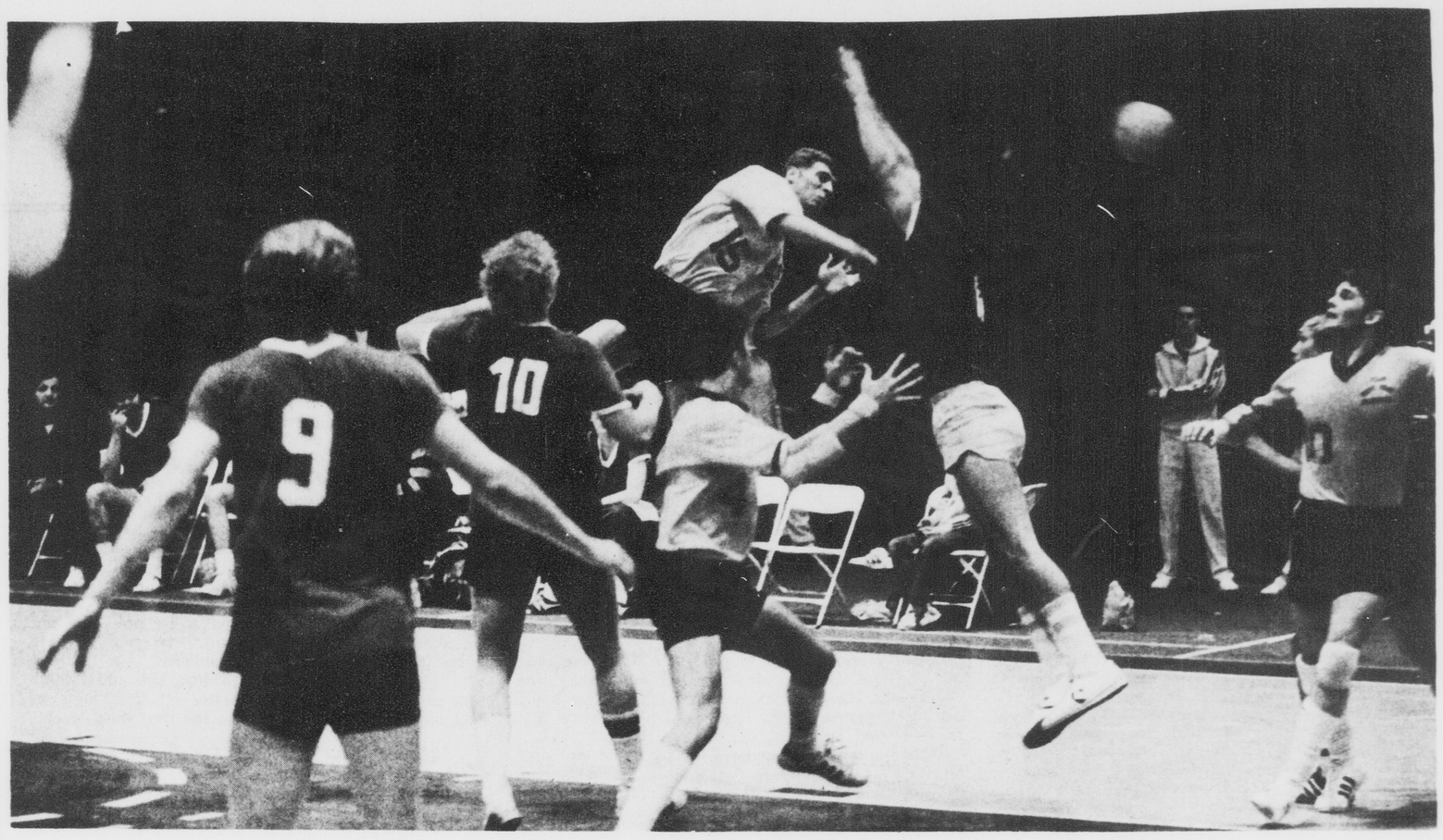
"I didn't want that to happen again this year and I was kind of worried about it going into the finals," he said. "But it's just a real honor to get the nationals and you have to go out there and make the best of your opportunity. Besides, you never know when you're going back and I'd like to make all-america."

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the season has been Tyson, a freshman from Virginia Beach, Va. He joined the team after football season and now has an 8-1-1 record.

After receiving bye's in the first two rounds of the regionals, Tyson pinned his next two opponents to win the heavyweight championship.

"I'm really surprised I've gotten this far in my first year, but Coach Hill told me I could do it if I worked hard and believed in myself," Tyson said. "I knew it was going to be tough, but I'm sure the nationals will be even tougher.

"I'm kind of shaky about going out there," he noted. "I'll just have to try and take each match one step at a time. I'm sure it's going to be a learning experience for me."



Handball team shown in action at West Point tournament

ECU handball team takes fifth place

The East Carolina Team Handball Club participated in the prestigious West Point Team Handball Tournament during the weekend of February 24-25. The tournament, held at the United States Military Academy, involved eight teams from the United States and two from Canada. Nine member of the U.S. Olympic Team Handball team participated in the tournament.

East Carolina finished the tournament with a 3-2 record, good for fifth place in the 10-team field. ECU split two games with Army, winning 13-9, while losing 12-9.

Other results included wins of 9-8 over Syracuse and 14-3 over the Dutchess, N.Y. Team Handball Club, and a 10-5 loss to the University of Quebec. The Quebec team included five players from the Canadian Olympic Team. The tournament was won by the Adelphi University Team Handball Club.

Brad Middleton with 18 goals, Phil Marion with 12 and Bill Bugbee with 6 led East Carolina's scoring. Goalies Ron Sistare and Tom Riekel keyed an aggressive defense which allowed a five game total of only 42 goals, the best team defensive performance in the tournament.

East Carolina has been invited to return to West Point for next year's tournament, and the Black Knights of Army will come to Greenville for a tournament next spring. The ECU Team Handball Club is one of 11 sports clubs

Women's track schedule announced

East Carolina's women's track team has scheduled seven meets for the spring outdoor season.

The slate, including only road meets this season, opens Mar. 17 with a dual meet at Virginia and includes five invitational meets prior to championship competition.

The state championship meet will be held at N.C. State on Apr. 28.

The complete schedule:

Mar. 17--at Virginia; 30--at Virginia Invitational, Charlottesville, Va.;

April 7--Colonial Relays, Williamsburg, Va.; 14--at Dogwood relays, Knoxville, Tenn., and North Carolina relays, Chapel Hill; 21--at Maryland Invitational College Park Md.; 28--at NCAIAW Championships, Raleigh;

May 23-26--National AIAW Championships, East Lansing, Mich.

Melvin is Pirate's top sprinter

By DAVID MAREADY
Staff Writer

Junior track star Otis Melvin is one of several nationally recognized Pirate track stars in the East Carolina program.

As a freshman, the 6'2", 160 lb. Melvin qualified for the NCAA National Track Championships in the 200 meter sprint. His finishing time of 20.5 ranked him as 10th in the U.S. and 18th in the world.

Melvin requalified for the Nationals last year; however, a pulled hamstring prevented him from competing in the event.

The Fayetteville, native was just as successful during his years at Terry Sanford High School under the leadership of track coach Greg Simpson. As a senior, he was named athlete of the year and MVP in the conference. Melvin also received all-american status and was state champion in the 100 and 200 yard dashes.

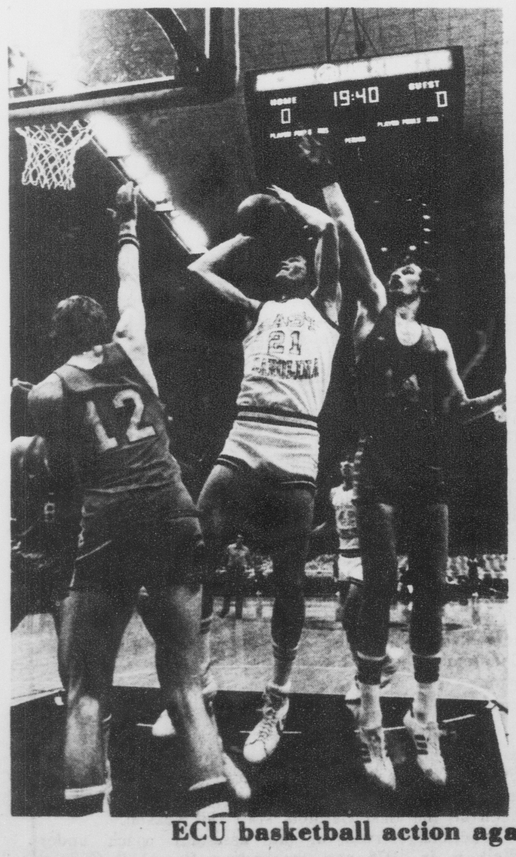
Pirate Track Coach, Bill Carson, reflected his thoughts on the performance of Melvin,

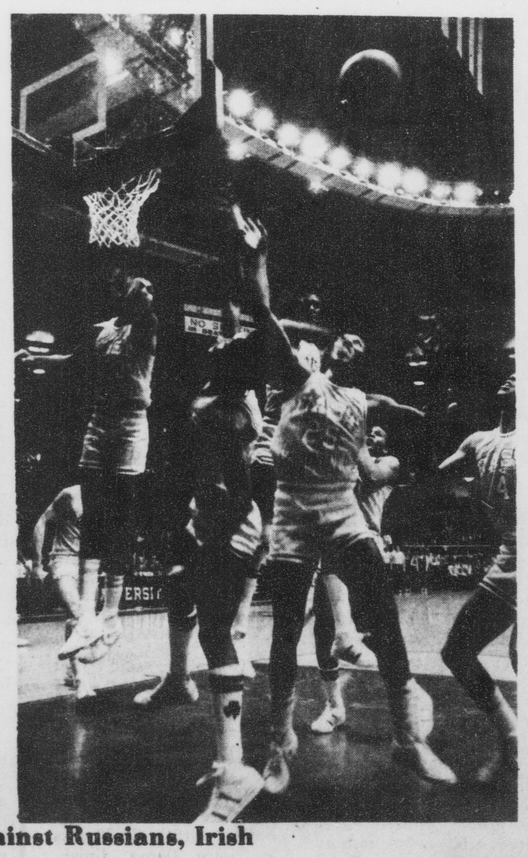
"Otis ran very well for us at the Nationals two years ago. He just missed making the semifinal cut by a fraction of a second. Last year, his injury slowed him down, but he's gained strength and is running some good times."

In addition to running the 200 meter sprint, Melvin is also competing in the 400 meter sprint and one mile relay this year. His best time this year in the 400 meter is 48.9.

He hopes to better that time during the outdoor season which begins on March 24

The one mile relay team is presently attempting to qualify for the Nationals by breaking the needed time of 3:14.5, and according to Melvin, they should be able to do it. "We just need to put it all together. Since this is the last week to qualify, we're going to give it our best effort."





ECU basketball action against Russians, Irish

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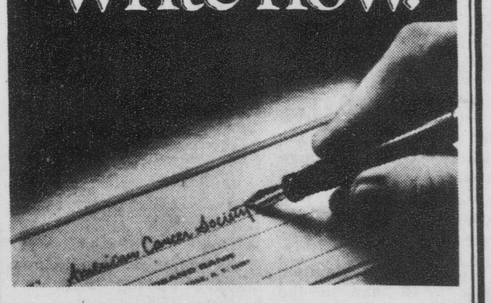
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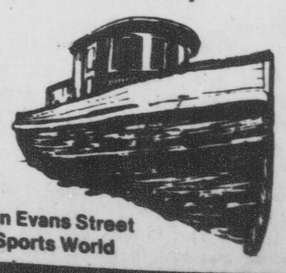

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