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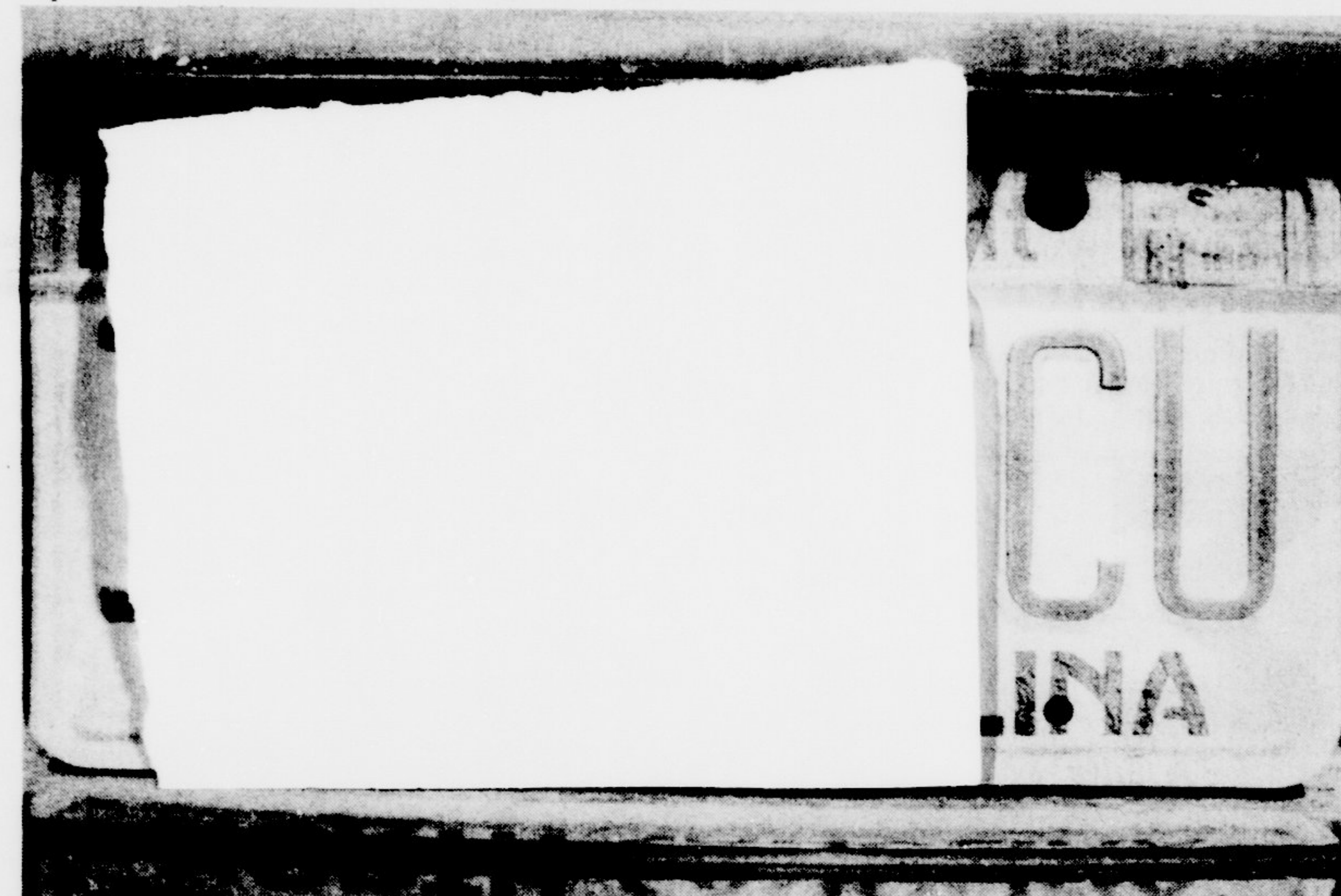
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Using designer drugs at party

I was at a party last night and some people were using designer and hallucinogenic drugs. What are designer drugs and how dangerous are they?

Designer drugs are not as glamorous as they appear to be. They are created by changing the structure of certain drugs. The use of designer drugs and hallucinogenic drugs has increased nationally, with some of the more commonly used drugs including ecstasy (MDMA) and LSD. Ecstasy, which was legal until 1985, is considered to be a hallucinogenic drug and is chemically related to amphetamines. It appears in a variety of forms such as powders and capsule. It is swallowed, inhaled, or used intravenously. The effects of designer drugs include:

- 1) increased relaxation
- 2) dry mouth/throat
- 3) nervousness/tension
- 4) mood changes
- 5) tolerance and dependence (it takes more of the drug to get the same effect)
- 6) amphetamine psychosis
- 7) intensified heart problems
- 8) long lasting effects on the brain.
- 9) severe psychological and physical burn out

The fear many people have about designer drugs is the fear of the "unknown". Researchers don't know a lot about the risks related to the use of designer drugs or other hallucinogenic drugs. They do know that hallucinogenic drugs alter sensation, moods, and consciousness. They may

also distort hearing, touch, smell, taste and vision.

LSD is a hallucinogenic drug. It does not take a large amount of this drug to produce a high; if you had enough LSD to equal the size of an

- 2) increased blood pressure
- 3) increased body temperature
- LSD is unpredictable and may cause:

- 1) panic
- 2) strong suicidal urges
- 3) flashbacks
- 4) genetic damage

We can't tell you everything you need to know about designer and hallucinogenic drugs in this article. If you would like more information or need help with an alcohol or drug problem contact the Substance Abuse Prevention and Education Program (303 Erwin) 757-6793.

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Health Column By Mary Elesha-Adams

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The effects of LSD include some of the same effects for other hallucinogenic drugs and the following:

- 1) increased pulse and heart rate

Official confiscates campus newspapers

(CPS)—A New Jersey Institute of Technology official, anxious to impress a group of high school students thinking of enrolling at the school, confiscated copies of the school paper and kept them out of sight until the prospective freshman left campus.

The Feb. 17 edition of The Vector, the student paper, reported that a student member had been assaulted and robbed near the Newark campus a few days earlier.

Admissions Dean William Anderson, apparently worried the story would tarnish the visitors' view of NJIT, ordered a student to take the papers from their display bins and store them in the admissions office.

"It is hard to believe administrators could be so unthinking and so ignorant of free press rights," said Mark Goodman of the Student Press Law Center in Washington, D.C.

"We're looking for an apology and a guarantee it won't happen again," said Michael Hanna, The Vector's managing editor.

"It was unfortunate. It shouldn't have happened. I'm going to do everything in my power to make sure this won't happen again," Dean of Student Services Constance Murray said.

Anderson's action, Hanna maintained, was another example of NJIT officials downplaying campus crime, adding that if new students don't know crime is a problem on the Newark campus, they could get hurt.

"Being in Newark, we are aware of crime," replied NJIT spokeswoman Arlene Gilbert, but she said NJIT has a lower crime rate than other New Jersey campuses and that it has improved its security recently.

Vector Editor-in-Chief Mark Budzyn discovered the newspapers were missing from their bins, and when he asked about the papers at the school information desk, he was told the admissions office had taken them just before a Feb. 19 open house for visiting high school seniors.

When he asked about the papers at the admissions office, Budzyn says he was stonewalled.

Angered, Budzyn placed signs on the bins that said the papers were confiscated by the admissions office.

The signs prompted the admissions office to turn the bins around so the visiting high school seniors didn't see them. Budzyn then put signs on the back of the bins as well.

The newspapers were returned a few hours later, after the open house campus tours ended.

Anderson, who didn't return College Press Service's calls, met with several Vector staffers Feb. 21 to discuss the issue, and although he told them he "realized it was a bad judgment call, he didn't sound all that upset, Hanna said."

"He wants people to see the best of the institute," Hanna said of Anderson. "He doesn't understand this censorship. He doesn't understand our responsibility to let people know."

NJIT President Saul Fenster "doesn't consider this lightly," said school spokeswoman Phyllis Miller. "He wants to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Peeved game warden files \$100,000 slander suit

ELIZABETH CITY, N.C. (AP) - A game warden whose blocked promotion has led to a political fight on the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has filed a \$100,000 slander suit against one of the commissioners.

The suit filed by Terry Lee Waterfield in Pasquotank County Superior Court accused Robert W. Hester of Hyde County of falsely saying that Waterfield deliberately avoided arresting wealthy game violators.

"In addition," the suit charged, "the defendant (Hester) said that the Plaintiff (Waterfield) would not work in certain areas where politically and financially powerful people hunt."

In addition to \$100,000 compensatory damages, the suit seeks "punitive damages in excess of \$10,000," the Norfolk (Va.)

Virginian-Pilot and Ledger-Star reported in today's editions.

Hester, 48, and four other commissioners succeeded in overruling Waterfield's promotion from sergeant to lieutenant after the advancement had been unanimously recommended by a Wildlife Commission selection board.

The suit seeks a jury trial. No trial date has been set.

In July, Hester and four other Republicans on the 13-member Wildlife Commission won a 5-4 majority vote that blocked Waterfield's promotion to lieutenant.

Eugene Price, a Goldsboro newspaper editor who is chairman of the commission, was absent and four other members abstained from voting when the group sidetracked what would normally have been an automatic promotion for Waterfield.

Advancement among game wardens has traditionally been recommended by a selection board from the career staff of the Wildlife Commission. On the basis of competitive examinations, Waterfield finished at the top of a list for promotion to lieutenant. Until that vote, the in-house promotions were automatically approved by the full commission.

After the promotion was denied, Gov. Jim Martin issued a policy statement reiterating the promotions policy and asked Hester to resign. Hester has refused to step down, saying he did not know he was acting counter to the governor's wishes.

An administrative law judge in Raleigh ruled earlier this year that the commission had acted "il-

legally and improperly" when it stopped Waterfield's promotion.

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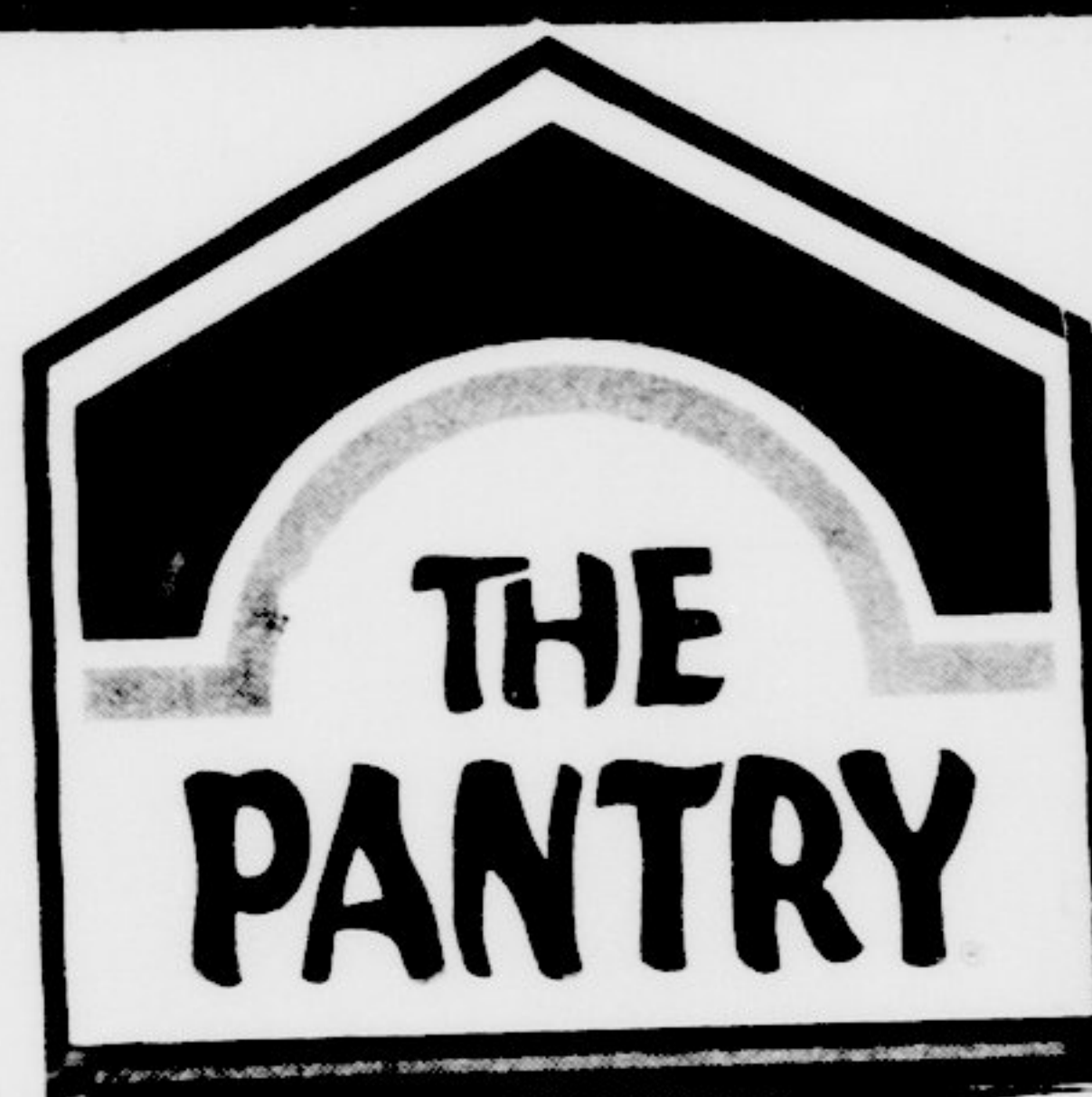
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Soviets expel U.S. spy suspect

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviets today accused a U.S. military attaché of spying and ordered him expelled, a move that follows Washington's expulsion last week of a Soviet officer allegedly caught trying to buy commuter secrets.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady I. Gerasimov said Army Lt. Col. Daniel Francis Van Gundy III, an assistant military attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, had been given 48 hours to leave the country. Gerasimov said Van Gundy, who had been assigned to the embassy for about two years, the normal Moscow diplomatic tour, was declared unwelcome because he engaged in espionage.

Van Gundy lives on the U.S. Embassy compound with his wife, Susan, and two of their three

daughters. His expulsion follows the U.S. government's announcement Thursday that it had ordered Soviet Lt. Col. Yuri N. Pakhtusov to leave the United States.

Gerasimov, at a hastily called briefing, charged that Van Gundy attempted "to enter a closed area, deliberately diverting from the officially permitted route, clandestinely photographed military sites and committed other gross violations" of the rules of diplomatic conduct. U.S. Embassy spokesman Richard Gilbert rejected the Soviet charges against Van Gundy, saying they were "unwarranted, inappropriate, without justification and certainly in no way in keeping with the positive tone of the U.S.-Soviet relationship."

Gilbert, the embassy press attaché, denied the 42-year-old

U.S. Army officer had engaged in activities inconsistent with his work as a diplomat and suggested the Soviet action was simply in retaliation for the U.S. expulsion of Pakhtusov. Gerasimov said, "The U.S. administration is revealing its foreign policy, and we have this problem of spy mania."

He cited a recent Time magazine cover story on the 1987 Marine spy scandal in Moscow and said there had been other attempts to incite fears of espionage by

unnamed American leaders uninterested in improving U.S.-Soviet relations. "We're not the ones who initiated this process," Gerasimov said, tacitly acknowledging the connection between last week's incident and the expulsion of Van Gundy.

Pakhtusov was accused of receiving sensitive information about how the U.S. government protects computer secrets. The State Department said he was caught in a six-month FBI probe after he approached an unidentified American employee of a firm that deals in classified information.

The Soviet government rejected the charge and accused the United States of "a deliberate provocation against a Soviet diplomatic official." Pakhtusov, a military attaché at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, was ordered home after the FBI said it caught him receiving sensitive information.

Researchers find some strands of AIDS virus are increasingly resistant to AZT treatment

NEW YORK (AP) — The finding that some strands of AIDS virus are resistant to treatment by the most widely used anti-AIDS drug will not require any immediate change in use of the drug, researchers said.

A study by the drug's maker found that 11 patients with advanced AIDS or AIDS-related complex, a related illness, were infected with virus strains only partly responsive to treatment with the anti-AIDS drug, AZT. Five patients carried virus strains with "very marked reductions in sensitivity" to the drug, according to a letter sent to doctors by the manufacturer, Burroughs Wellcome Co. of Research Triangle Park, N.C., AZT, also known as zidovudine or Retrovir, is the only drug approved in the United States

to treat AIDS virus infection.

"People who are on AZT and are currently benefiting from AZT should not panic and consider this a major setback," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the AIDS program at the National Institutes of Health. "Just because one can isolate a resistant strain from a patient doesn't mean AZT is not effective in combating most of the viral replication in the patient."

Preliminary results of the study were announced Tuesday in London. A full report of the study, by Brendan Larder and Graham Darby of Wellcome Research Laboratories in England and Douglas Richman of the University of California, San Diego, will be published soon in the journal Science.

The development of resistant

strains of infectious agents after widespread use of a drug is common, doctors said. Many bacteria, for example, have become resistant to penicillin and therefore must be treated with other antibiotics.

The same thing happened with genital herpes virus after the introduction of a drug to treat it, said Dr. Sandra Nusinoff Lehrman, head of the department of antimicrobial therapy at Burroughs Wellcome. In that case, the viruses that became resistant to the drug also became less able to cause disease, she said.

"I would say these findings don't in themselves require that any alterations in patient therapy be made," said Lehrman. "However, the thing you have to stress is that decisions about the treatment of HIV (the AIDS virus) really are joint decisions between a particular physician and his patient."

Fauci said two new anti-AIDS drugs are beginning human trials now, and the use of those drugs in combination with AZT should enable doctors to control any AZT-resistant strains of the human immune deficiency virus that causes AIDS. "You have other drugs that are also effective against the AIDS virus," Fauci said. "You either switch or use a combination

National Condom Week protested at universities

(CPS) — Condoms became a hot political issue at yet another campus Feb. 21.

A senior state senator who helps control how much money public campuses get said a recent "condom dance" and lecture about the "G spot" had turned the State University of New York at Albany into "a center of carnal knowledge."

A month earlier, administrators at Knox College in Illinois decided to delay delivery to students of "condomgrams" intended to be used in an AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) prevention program.

In fact, as about 650 campuses around the country tried to observe National Condom Week, the little protective devices provoked struggles over the propriety of making them available to students at Michigan's Grand Valley State College, at Big Bend Community College in Oregon and at the universities of Utah and Nebraska-Lincoln, among other places.

The late-February controversy in New York was especially heated because state Sen. James Donovan, who blasted SUNY-Albany's "Sexuality Week," also chairs the state Senate's Education Committee.

Donovan called this week's activities an example of "terribly misplaced" campus spending.

The dance, he charged, amounted to "four hours of sexually explicit music."

But SUNY-Albany spokeswoman Christine McKnight said the events were less racy and less well-attended — only 38 people showed up for the Condom Dance — than Donovan imagined. The "G Spot" lecture was a weighty physiological exposition. The music was "regular" rock 'n' roll.

Such struggles over condoms have become common. At Knox College in late January, for example, about 30 students protested officials' decision to delay the "condomgrams."

"The mailroom requires a return address so students don't receive harassing or upsetting mail without recourse to sender," said

Dean of Students Connie Sharp. "Some of the condomgrams were sent anonymously."

The action came after a September protest in which students at the University of Texas-Austin promised to "smuggle" condoms to the Southwest State campus.

Yet at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, housing director Doug Zatechka has refused to install condom machines in the dorms, arguing condoms are best associations of two dorms voted Jan. 31 to install the machines.

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OPINION

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Sports

Give credit where it's due

The East Carolina basketball program is flying high. With the advancement to the semi-finals in the Colonial Athletic Association

against George Mason, its 15-14 finish for the season (a substantial increase over last year's 8-20 season) and decorated team member, Blue Edwards, earning the CAA player of the year award, the basketball program has earned the respect and fan support it greatly deserves.

While the basketball program has earned the large support it received, many ECU sports, particularly the non-revenue sports, go unrecognized by the Pirate fans. But the East Carolina athletic programs that win year in and year out continue to get the inadequate fan support it needs and deserves.

For example, the East Carolina swimming and diving program has consistently excelled in its sport and the men in this non-revenue program even went on to take the victory in the Colonial Athletic Association Championships after placing second the year before. The women were just as competitive

taking fourth this year and third the year before in the CAA championships. And yet, few people outside

the families of the swimmers give them the support they deserve.

The same held true for the women's basketball program. The

women finished their season at an impressive mark of 15-13 which was

much improved over their 8-20 season of last year. The women excelled as much as the men's basketball program, but the fan support for the Lady Pirates was not even a fourth of what it was for the men, yet it was equally deserved.

Now, ECU faces the spring and all of the athletics it has to offer. But the major spring sport, baseball, which is 10-1 on the season thus far, has been getting very poor fan attendance. The baseball team is one,

which, year after year, finishes the season with top honors.

Softball and track, two other spring sports, consistently boast top athletes yet seldom see and hear fans to cheer them on.

Football and basketball, the two main funded collegiate athletic programs, are consistently supported and further funded by the athletic department and the fans. But it is the non-revenue sports who suffer from lack of fan support. The very sports which consistently excel go unnoticed yet deserve equal recognition.

The success of ECU athletics does not lie in just the success of football and basketball. East Carolina is winning in most areas of athletics. The only thing missing is the support to give them the credit they deserve.

Campus Spectrum

By

Martin R. Helms
and Lee Toler

Last Monday, March 13, the Student Government Legislature held its weekly meeting. During the period of old business, a legislator asked for a Suspension of Rules in order to consider an appropriation bill. This motion, being in order and properly seconded passed, and debate began on the bill. Trouble began as well. Suspension of the Rules passed on the grounds that there was an urgency for hearing the bill March 13, as opposed to following procedures and deciding the issue March 20. Debators stated the funds were needed for registration of a conference, but the legislation deadline was said to be the last week in March, a full week after the bill would have been decided following procedures. Suspending the rules was unnecessary.

The rules were suspended because the group had submitted the request in the beginning of February, but Chairperson Cooperman claims the document was shuffled in with annual appropriation bills and "lost." Had proper procedure been followed, the legislation would have been turned in to the Speaker, distributed to the SGA Secretary and the Committee Chairperson, and any necessary copies for the body would have been made. Further, introduction a week before discussion allows for legislators to research bills, and for students to express opinions to legislators.

Prior to discussion of the legisla-

tion being debated, the Appropriations Committee, under the direction of Chairperson Cooperman, discussed the bill in committees, amended the bill, and voted. This is very improper. The committee may informally discuss the issue, but no amendments may be made, or votes taken.

The original legislation was clouded by improper amendments written on the bill by the Appropriations committee, making the legislation difficult to read and understand. A motion to refer the bill to committee was made and seconded, based on the fact that an immediate decision was not required. The motion would have allowed proper procedures to be carried out, and careful consideration to be given to the group. But the push to blindly accept the Appropriations Committee report left many legislators confused. Further, the abuse of Previous Question, a formal call to end voting, stifled opposing views, and railroaded the issue through the legislature. In one instance, Previous Question was called in First round affirmative debate, disallowing an opportunity for the opposition to voice their concerns.

It is important to emphasize that we don't stand against the funding of this organization, but procedures and guidelines that were ignored and overlooked in this issue are important. The urgency to decide this issue before the next legislature meeting did not exist. Chairperson Cooperman misinformed the Appropriations Committee concerning their authorization to take action, and wrongly introduced that information to the body. The legislature has an obligation to treat all groups fairly and provide funding for those groups meeting criteria, but the legis-

lators in the body have an obligation to the constituents to review action and make their own decision.

East Carolina has one of the strongest Student Government Associations in the state of North Carolina. To maintain this distinction, order must prevail, procedures be followed, and the individuals elected by the students must be reliable, having the students' best interests at heart. Students must observe and act, but do so properly. That is important in upholding the ethics of the Student Government Association and the student body.

All students are welcome to observe the SGA legislature meetings every Monday, at 5:00 pm, in room 221 Mendenhall. The students, the voters, must stay interested and represent ECU. Be informed.

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"Drug Czar" Bennet holds threat and promise

By SCOTT MAXWELL
Editorial Columnist

It's time to burst a few bubbles.

We spend so much time ranting about what a fantastic thing this democracy of ours is, that we tend to forget that we don't live in one. Nor, for that matter, were we ever meant to. The prevailing "wisdom" is that the semi-mystical Founding Fathers would have made America a democracy, if only it had been technologically feasible.

Wrong.

The Founding Fathers were smart. No matter what they thought about individuals, they all realized that the mass of men, taken as a mass, was incapable of successfully ruling itself. They realized that it would be stupid to subject public policy to too great an influence from public opinion.

Most of us were taught year after year in grade school that the system of checks and balances they instituted was meant to prevent any one of the three branches of government from becoming more powerful than any other. Rarely mentioned is that the form of the government itself was intended to prevent the public from gaining too great a control over the government. There are not three counterbalancing forces, but four.

Television, the most massive of the mass media, is the vehicle by which this delicate balance is being upset. The government, once relatively sheltered from the gale-force winds of public opinion, now moves under the exacting scrutiny of the people.

To be sure, this has advantages. But it poses its own dangers as well.

The public, taken as a group, is not nearly well-informed enough to make most decisions that are made on the federal level.

The public tends to think of its short-term welfare above all, even when short-term evil might lead to long-term good. When they were less directly in the spotlight, elected officials were more willing to make unpopular decisions.

The public can now watch the government more closely than ever, but the government has its eyes on the public as well. Congressmen routinely make their decisions based on the results of opinion polls, which only take a snapshot of public opinion and do not offer any other insight into the merits of any particular course of action. As if this weren't bad enough, television — and, to a lesser extent, the other media — were used in the recent presidential election to manipulate public emotion without attempting to inspire the public to think.

But the most dangerous result of the new "mediarchy," to coin a term, is the so-called war on drugs. Reagan managed to use television to convince the public that drugs were the country's single worst problem. Now the public is pressuring federal and state legislatures to do anything — anything — to stop drug use. Nothing since McCarthy's anti-communism crusade has held such potential to damage Americans' rights.

Earlier this week, in a move that surprised no one, former Secretary of Education William Bennett was confirmed as the nation's new "drug czar" — the man whose job it is to win the war on drugs.

However, even President Bush has been known to remark in passing that the drug war — which, at one time, he spearheaded — has so far been a losing battle. Doesn't this tell him anything?

What Bush fails to understand, and what the public fails to understand, is that the war on drugs cannot be won at any

reasonable cost. Any outcome except retreat is doomed to be at best a Pyrrhic victory. To combat the perception that loss is inevitable, supporters of the war on drugs propose ever-stronger penalties for users and pushers.

Drug use is so widespread that, next to alcohol, marijuana is America's drug of choice. If, as many suggest, we attempted to put all drug users in jail, how could we possibly put fit them all in without packing them fifty per cell? For that matter, how many people would be left to guard them?

As drug sanctions increase, so do dealers' profits. The opportunity for quick and easy profit is an enormous temptation to anyone, especially to poor people in large cities where supply and demand are both high. With the profit comes the necessity of protecting it, and the money to buy enough guns and muscle to do so. Hence the frightening increase in inner-city violence.

Those who wanted to toughen drug laws in the first place then point to inner-city violence as one of the reasons for the need to stiffen penalties still further — circular reasoning at its finest.

The increased profits also make it easier to buy off border guards, customs officials and the like — yet another self-defeating aspect of the drug war.

In addition, it is ridiculous for the United States to demand that foreign governments, especially South American governments, crack down on drug producers in their countries. The government knows full well that these countries cannot afford to carry out such measures. In addition, American demand for the drugs is in large part responsible for the growth of the drug trade in foreign countries — and for its profitability.

Finally, it is hypocritical for the United States government to ask that foreign gov-

ernments should stop supplying the U.S. with drugs. At the same time it makes this claim, the government is protesting that, because of the principle of free trade, U.S. companies should be permitted to sell cancer-causing tobacco products to China.

A wise ruler knows what he cannot do. No ruler, no matter how wise, could possibly expect to stop drug use by increasing penalties. Speeding is another law which is often broken, occasionally with disastrous results — but there is no call to put speeders to death, since the law would be unenforceable. Laws which cannot be enforced undermine respect for the law generally and even seem almost laughable.

But most of the results of the drug war have not been very funny. The right to protection from unreasonable search and seizure has been undermined, and the exclusionary rule is repeatedly targeted — though, so far, it has remained relatively unmoled.

Are there no more pressing problems facing the nation? Is drug use truly the most important issue at hand? Is protecting the Bill of Rights not important enough to stand in the way of the drug war? Are the national debt, the trade deficit, racism, discrimination, sexual equality under the law and the dismal public education system all less important than drugs? A majority of the public apparently thinks so.

There is a faint ray of hope at the end of the tunnel. During his confirmation hearings, Bennett insisted that he understands that civil rights must take precedence over the demands of his new job.

One hopes that he will demonstrate this understanding. More importantly, one hopes that he will demonstrate it in the face of the pressure he will undoubtedly face from vocal opponents of clearheaded restraint and rational thinking.

Discovery has fuel valve problems

Shuttle may come home early

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Discovery's lights were dimmed and some computer screens were darkened today as engineers debated whether a hydrogen tank valve problem was serious enough to bring the five-man crew home a day early.

Mission Control engineers planned today to run a test on the hydrogen tank, which is part of the shuttle's electrical generating system, in hopes that they can coax its sticky valve into working properly. The problem does not threaten the astronauts, but it could affect the length of the mission.

"We're optimistic that we'll come home on Saturday as planned," flight director Ron Dittmore said Wednesday. He said the decision will not be made until engineers turned on a heater in the tank and monitored the flow of hydrogen through the valve.

Some engineers believe there is no reason to shorten the planned five-day mission, said Dittmore, because a similar erratic pattern was seen on the hydrogen tank valve when Discovery flew in

September. There were no power problems on that mission.

Dittmore said Mission Control believes it caused the valve to function properly by using only one heater in the tank instead of the usual two. This would slow the flow of cold hydrogen into the generating system, reducing the build up of pressure against the valve.

In any case, Dittmore said a Friday landing was unlikely because the weather forecast was poor for the prime landing site at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The forecast was better for Saturday, he said.

Should engineers decide after the test that the hydrogen tank cannot be used, "we could power down even more and then land on Saturday" to avoid Friday's forecasted poor weather. The shuttle astronauts were assured there was no safety concern, but they were asked to conserve electricity.

The crew scurried around to turn off lights and computers not in use. The problem tank, filled

with supercold liquid hydrogen, is one of three that supplies Discovery's fuel cells, a type of generator that combines hydrogen and oxygen to make electricity and pure water.

If the tank cannot be used, it would cut supplies for the fuel cell by a third. This would not give enough electrical power for five days in space, plus the two days kept in reserve for contingencies.

For their second morning in space, the astronauts were busy even before Mission Control gave them a formal wake up call. "We're going to try to get a picture of the Sinai area," Discovery commander Michael L. Coats told Mission Control.

His sudden announcement came 10 minutes before the official start of the crew's workday. The official wake up call was a full brass band rendition of the Marine Corps Hymn played with gusto and volume.

"We got two Marines standing at attention up here," joked Coats, a Navy captain. "What do we do now?"

Astronauts James F. Buchli and Robert C. Springer are Marine colonels. Others in the crew are Air Force Col. John E. Blaha, and Dr. James M. Bagian, a physician.

Engineers studied the hydrogen tank problem all day Tuesday before deciding to test the problem today by turning on one of two heaters and then closely monitoring pressures in a manifold that carries the hydrogen to the fuel cell. With a proper pressure response, Shaw said, the heater could be left on, enabling the mission to proceed as planned.

"There are no safety problems associated with it and no electrical problems," Mission Control told the astronauts Tuesday. Despite a dim cabin and a careful use of electrical power, the astronauts kept to their schedule of conducting experiments and photographing Earth targets.

Communist party convenes to discuss growing food shortage

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev convened the Communist Party's top policy-making body today for a special meeting on the worsening food shortages that threaten to derail his entire reform program.

Tass, the official news agency, said the 300-member Central Committee moved first to formally elect its top leaders, including Gorbachev, to the nation's new parliament, the 2,250-seat Congress of People's Deputies. The party, one of 30 organizations with the power to choose its own deputies in the new parliament, had

already nominated 100 of its two officers, including most members of the ruling Politburo, to fill its allotted 100 seats in the congress.

Their election was therefore assured. Gorbachev was to make his report on agricultural policy later in the day, with discussion of the nation's pressing food supply problems to continue on Thursday, Tass said.

The shortages have weakened popular support for the Soviet leader's reform efforts. There have been strong signs in recent days that Gorbachev and his Politburo rival Yegor K. Ligachev, who

heads the party's commission on agriculture, disagree on how to resolve the crisis.

The hottest item on the agenda was Gorbachev's desire to lease state-owned fields to farmers, making them "masters of the land" that, he says, will produce more

because they can earn more. In several recent appearances, Ligachev has skipped lightly over leasing, and instead emphasized collective farming — the traditional system that has left Soviet consumers standing in line for meat and vegetables.

Committee

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The committee, consisting of four black and four white members, will be chaired by Dr. Jasper Register of the department of sociology and anthropology. Register would issue no comment saying that "the work of the committee is going to remain secret until I report to the chancellor." The eight-member group should report to Eakin approximately a month from now.

Irons said, "The chancellor thought it was in the best interest of the university community to re-evaluate the situation and he feels the committee is the best way of doing that."

Other members of the committee include Dr. Velma Speight of the School of Education, Dr. Judy Rollins of the School of Home Economics, Dr. Charles Sullivan of the English department, Marcus

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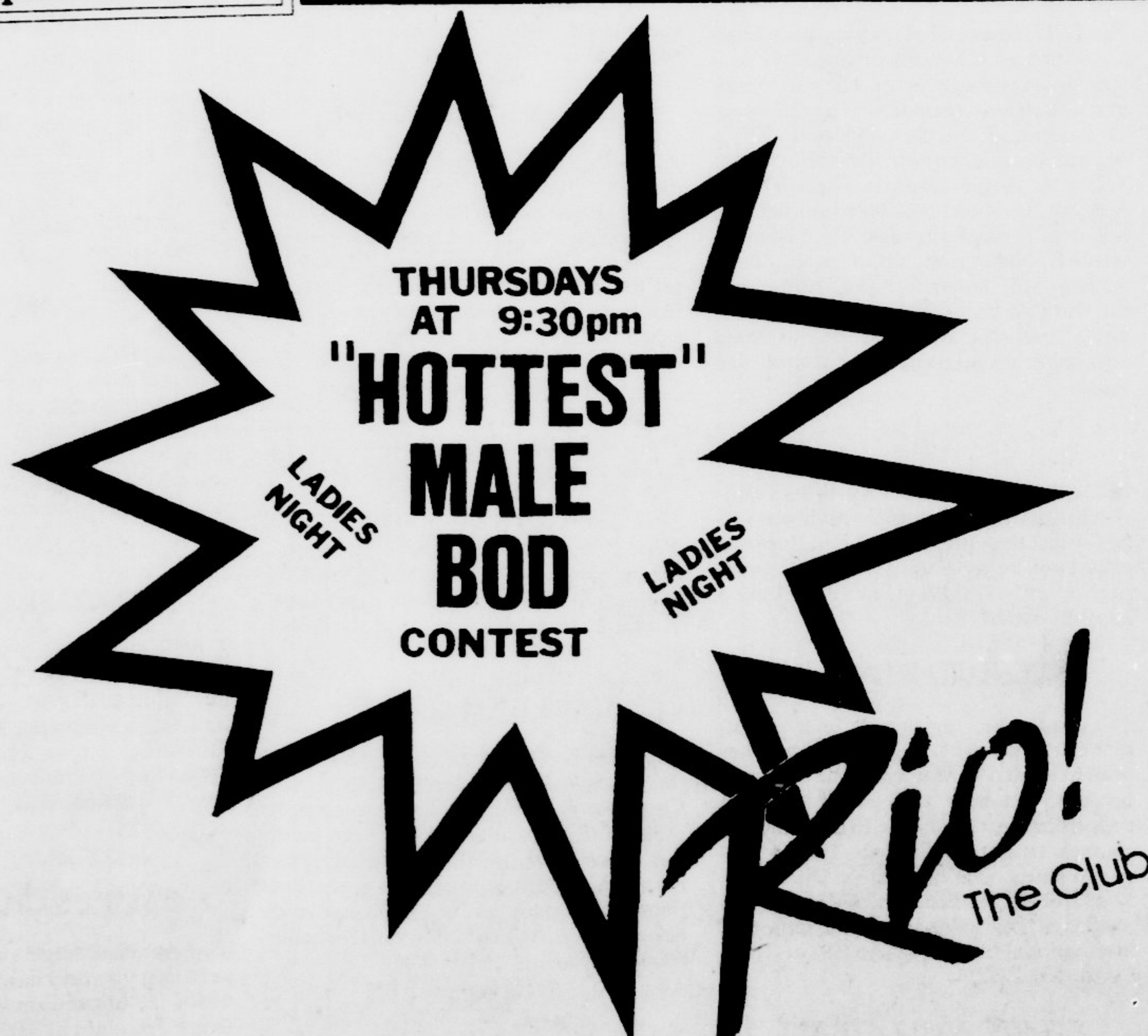
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SIGMA BASKETBALL: Congratulations on being #1 in the tournament and especially in our hearts. —Love, The Sigmas.

THE SIGMAS WOULD: Like to welcome everyone back to school after a fun and safe Spring Break.

ALPHA DELTA PI BASKETBALL AND WATERPOLO TEAMS: You are the best and had a great season—too bad you didn't win another t-shirt. —Love your sisters.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SIGMAS: On the Sorority Basketball Champi-

onship. You did a great job. —Love, Alpha Delta Pi.

WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD: A fun and safe Spring Break—now it's back to reality (studying!). —Alpha Delta Pi.

ALPHA SIGMA PHI PLEDGES: BE WARNED! The ball drops HARD!

ALPHA SIGMA PHI BROTHERS AND LITTLE SISTERS: Get ready to party till you turn green! Tomorrow night—St. Patty's Day party! It's gonna be a blast!

ODE TO THE BLUE LAGOON: Listen, Fellow Alkies and you shall hear, of the splintering planks and the shrieks of fear. At the Blue Lagoon, Key West, Spring Break '89, All of us there had one hellava time.

With Vaughn, Fat Pat, and the rest of the gang. None of us will quite ever be the same. With Concoctions like, "Traffic Lights" and Cabbage Daquiris, "We were the roughest group on the seven seas. Though our waitresses were Huge, and ugly and rude, Our ECU charm kept them in a Sybil-type mood. There was Tara from Foley's though, that did us no right, And comments like "You wanna make out or what?" from Loonies like Mike. We can't forget Clayton, who won Chug-off for Ole ECU, Or Johnson, who always had his arms around two. Here's to Lucas, who almost killed us on the hood of his car, And to Lee who can finally get into bars. (In Florida anyway). Hey Jerry, your hair looks fine so come out of the can, And Drew, thanks for bringing that "Hotel-on-Wheels Van." To Gary, hey dude, thanks for that cigarette of lead, Without it, 108 Chris and I would probably be dead. One more thing about that Gary, if you can think back, then do, Remember, faces up on the beach looking out at you. (I do).

Hey Marc from Philly, great partying with you guy, Come back South sometime and give this campus a try. Stebo, hey buddy, thanks for taking your car. Without it, we wouldn't have gone very far. And Brent, hey roommate, what can I say? Nobody else jogged every day. (At 4:30 a.m.). I think that covers the "original group," except me. Hey! Hey! So let's just put it like this then, O.K.? Chris became Vaughn, and about that they're no bones. As for me, every girl I met thinks my name is Chris Jones. One more thing, and most important of all, Thank you Pat Move for returning my calls.

SIG EPS: Spring Break is over! It's time to buckle down & whoop some A. An unprecedented FIFTH Chancellor's Cup waits on the horizon. Good luck to softball and indoor soccer.

ADPI: Have a nice week. Aren't we glad we're Greek. Can't wait to get together with you. Your secret sorority awaits you!

SIP EP: Congratulations to the All-Campus A-Team Waterpolo Squad. Our built-in-innertubes came in handy.

MANLEY MAN, OLD MAN, SKIN MAN, RASTA MAN, DOUBLE-CUT

MAN: We're all friends here, we know each other well enough so let's have a

moment with Al Channa 8 again? Stomp, stomp, stomp! Shades & hats at nite, it's all crazy, it's insane. That's not right, 360's on the golf course, what are you thinkin'? Hey Little Al, look out for the screen door & that crazy wig—Bad Buzz! Had a blast —Kim & Michelle

GONG SHOW UPDATE: March 27th at 8:30 is the time. The Attie is the place. Get ready for a wild evening of fun and laughs.

GREEKS: Since I know we all spent our entire Spring Break engaged in our hard academic studies, why not take a break

and come out to the Sig Ep Gong Show and see which fraternity or sorority has the right stuff to escape the dreaded GONG.

GONG SHOW RULES: NO MORALS or scruples allowed. Get down and get dirty but don't get gonged.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON: Congratulations to A & B team basketball on a fine season.

GREEKS: Who will capture the coveted GOLDEN GONG this year? Come out to the Attie on Mar. 27 and cheer your team to VICTORY!

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Announcements

REGISTRATION FOR GC

General College students should contact their advisers the week of March 20-24 to make arrangements for academic advising for summer terms and fall semester, 1989. Early registration will begin March 27 and end March 31.

ECU SKI CLUB

ECU Ski Club will be holding its weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m. in room 212 MSC. For info, call Tommy Lewis at 830-0137.

GRE

PLEASE NOTE that the April 8 administration of the Graduate Record Examination will be the last time the General and Subjects examinations will be given until October. The General portion only will be given at the June 3 administration.

MINORITY STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Elections for the office of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be held March 16 at 5 p.m. in Speight 129. All potential candidates should plan to attend. For more information regarding proper procedure for filing, please contact Sheila Gardner at 758-3713.

MC ADMISSION TEST

The new 1989 Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) applications have arrived in the Testing Center, Speight Bldg., room 105. The next test date is April 29. Applications must be completed and postmarked no later than March 31.

STRING QUARTET

The Tokyo String Quartet will perform on March 16th at 8:00 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. This event is co-sponsored by the School of Music and the Dept. of University Unions. The scheduled program for this performance is: Quartet in C Minor, Op. 18, No. 4 by Beethoven, Quartet No. 3 by Bartok—INTERMISSION—Quartet in G Major, Op. 161, D887 by Schubert. Tickets are now on sale and are available at the Central Ticket Office, MSC. Office hours are Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. The phone number is 757-6611, ext. 266.

SYMPHONY

The ECU Symphony and the N.C. Symphony will combine forces for a concert on March 19th at 3:00 p.m. in Wright Aud. This matinee appearance will feature

guest pianist, Karen Shaw, a member of the Indiana University School of Music Faculty. The program for this powerful performance is scheduled to be: RIENZI

OVERTURE by Wagner, **CONCERTO** in A Minor for Piano and Orchestra, Opus 16 by Grieg, **Karen Shaw, Piano, INTERMISSION, THE PLANETS** by Holst. The first portion of the concert will be conducted by Robert Hause and the second selection will be conducted by Gerhard Zimmerman. Tickets are not on sale at the Central Ticket Office, MSC, 757-6611, Ext. 266.

SEASON TICKETS

Season tickets for the 1989-90 Performing Arts Series at ECU are now on sale. This outstanding season includes ITZHAK PERLMAN, THE N.C. DANCE THEATRE, SHALON '90, THE CANNES CHAMBER ORCHESTRA with RAN-SOM WILSON, THE N.C. SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL, CARMEN sung in English, DREAM GIRLS, and much more. Patrons are cautioned that initial season ticket sales are brisk. Although individual event tickets will go on sale 3 weeks prior to each event, it is highly possible that the series will sell out in season sales. Don't miss out on the best Performing Arts Series, order your tickets today. Tickets are on sale at the Central Ticket Office, MSC, 757-6611, Ext. 266.

VISITING LECTURES

The Honors Program, the Science and Math Ed. Center and International Studies will sponsor "A Day in the Life of a Park Ranger" March 28 (co-sponsored by the ECU Geology Dept.). K. Rod Cranson—Science Dept., Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI Science Educator, Summer Interpreter for the National Park Service, and author of "Crater Lake—Gem of the Cascades: The Geologic Story of Crater Lake National Park." 7:30 p.m., room 1026 GCB. "The National Parks of New Zealand and Costa Rica" will be presented on April 4th (co-sponsored with the ECU English Dept.). Robert and Patricia Cahn—Environmental Journalists and Consultants, Leesburg, VA. Pulitzer Prize 1969 and 1988 recipient of the Majory Stoneman Douglas Award. 7:30 p.m., room 1031 GCB.

SCEC

Meeting March 20th at 5:15 p.m. in Speight 104. Speaker from Special Olympics. Come help us prepare for Exceptional Children's Week!

EXPRESSIONS

Expressions is now accepting poetry and short stories for publication in the April issue. Articles can be left at the office or the Media Board Secretary's Office, located in the Publications Bldg. across from Joyner Library. Deadline for submissions is March 16.

PRE-PT STUDENTS

There will be 2 advising sessions for summer/fall registration for PT students. Dates are March 22 & 23 at 7 p.m. in the PT classroom (Belk Bldg.). ALL Pre-PT students MUST attend one of these meetings!!

BACKPACKING TRIP

Register now through March 28 for a BP trip to the Uluai National Forest. Equipment, transportation and trail food, as well as instruction will be provided for a nominal fee. All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to register in 204 Memorial Gym. For additional info., call 757-6387.

APPLICATIONS FOR ROOMS

The Methodist Student Center is now accepting applications for rooms for Fall 1989. Call 758-2030 or come by 501 E. 5th St. for more info.

E.C. FRIENDS

There will be a general membership meeting for all volunteers and officers in East Carolina Friends today at 7 p.m. in GCB 1031. This meeting is very important and will include such business as nominations, funding, and planning for next year. If because of work, class, or illness you cannot attend, call Dr. Mooney or a member of the Exec. Council immediately.

TONIGHT

Psi Chi will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Psi Chi Library. Dr. Tacker will introduce "Quick Draw Psychology" and members will play the game. All members are urged to attend. Prizes will be awarded to winning team and pizza will be served to all. Please bring \$1.00 donation.

PUBLIC INFO.

The League of Women Voters of Greenville-Pitt County is sponsoring a public informational meeting about present and future solid waste mgmt. in Pitt County. The meeting will take place on March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenville.

IMPROVING STUDY SKILLS

Learning how to improve your study skills for greater success in college. The following mini course and workshops can help you prepare for the added workload of college or help to increase your GPA. All sessions will be held in 313 Wright Bldg. March 20 & 21—Test Taking—3:43 p.m.

SRA

Filing dates for fall offices in SRA and House Council will begin March 20th. Elections will be held March 28th.

PRE-PRO. HEALTH

The Pre-Professional Health Alliance will meet today at 6:30 p.m. in 247 Mendenhall. All members are encouraged to attend.

GOSPEL CHOIR

The ECU Gospel Choir is very pleased to announce its 6th Anniversary. This is a special anniversary because it also marks our 10th year as a campus-recognized org. This occasion will be celebrated with a musical program to be held on March 19 at 3:30 p.m. in the Hendrix Theatre. (The program had been scheduled for Feb. 26, but was postponed due to inclement weather). Many of the Gospel Choir Alumni will be performing. Admission for students and children—\$1.00—adults—\$2.00. Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy an afternoon of inspirational music.

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EXTENDED DEADLINE

The deadline to register for ECU's summer study program in Ferrara, Italy has been extended to March 20. Students and non-students may apply. The program runs from May 10 to June 15 and features courses taught in English, Italian language study, and field trips. The cost is \$2,480 for NC residents and \$3,280 for non-residents. For more info., call Office of International Studies (757-6769) or Todd Savitt (551-2797).

CO-REC VOLLEYBALL

A registration meeting for Intramural sport co-rec volleyball will be held March 21 at 6:00 p.m. in MG 102.

INDOOR SOCCER

A annual indoor soccer tournament will hold a registration meeting March 21 at 7:00 p.m. in MG 102. Anticipated sponsorship should provide great awards for participating squads. Don't miss the meeting.

SPORT DAY

The annual Budweiser Sport Day will hold its registration March 28 at 5:00 p.m. in BIO 103. Participants receive FREE t-shirts with trophies awarded to first through 4th place finishers. Don't miss the action. This co-rec event is designed for teams of 2 men and 2 women.

TENNIS MIX DOUBLES

A registration meeting for intramural sport tennis mixed doubles will be held March 28 at 5:30 p.m. in BIO 103.

INTENDED MAJORS

All General College students who have indicated a desire to major in Speech-Language and Auditory Pathology and have R. Muzzarelli as their advisor are to meet on March 22 at 5:00 p.m. in BH 201. Advising for early registration will take place at that time. Please prepare a tentative class schedule before the meeting.

PHI ALPHA THETA

There will be a Phi Alpha Theta meeting on March 20th in the Todd Room at 1 p.m.

GIVE BLOOD

Please give blood. Army ROTC will be having a Red Cross blood drive on March 21 and 22 from 12-6 p.m. at MSC. Please give.

CAPS AND GOWNS

Caps and Gowns should be picked up in the Student Stores March 14-16. These Keepsake gowns are yours to keep providing the graduation fee has been paid. For those receiving the Masters Degree the fee pays for your cap and gown, but there is an extra fee of \$12.50 for your hood. Announcements are available in the Student Store.

LYCE

Habakkuk is coming! Habakkuk himself

DANCE

Tomorrow night, March 17, Wesley Christian Fellowship will host a dance at the Methodist Student Center, from 9 p.m. until midnight. Bring your own music (cassettes) if you desire, refreshments provided. Please, no alcohol. Sponsored by Presbyterian and Methodist Campus Ministries, 758-2030.

MOVIE

"Jesus Christ Superstar" will be shown at the Methodist Student Center (501 E. 5th St., across from Garrett Dorm) March 19 at 8 p.m. Refreshments provided, a discussion will follow. Sponsored by Presbyterian and Methodist Campus Ministries, 758-2030.

LOVE FEAST

Worship God this Holy Week at a unique service expressing our love and commitment to serve each other and the world March 21, 5:15-6:15 p.m. promptly, at the Baptist Student Union, 10th St., 1 block East of Wendy's. Sponsored ecumenically by the ECU Campus Ministries Assoc. (758-2030).

CAMPFIRE

Sing, eat s'mores and share good fellowship around a campfire, March 21 at 8:00 in the Amphitheatre behind Fletcher Dorm. (Weather permitting). Bring instruments, blankets, flashlights, dress warmly. Sponsored by Wesley (Methodist) and Presbyterian Campus Ministries, 758-2030 or 752-7240.

MONEY, SEX & POWER

A Bible study which will explore these 3 themes crucial to Christians seeking

Dance show mediocre

By JIM SHAMLIN
Staff Writer

The East Carolina Dance Theater opened its spring concert in McGinnis Theater last night with a dance entitled "The Decline," a series of vignettes which demonstrated the transition of dance from the waltz to the obscene gyrations of today. Each separate vignette demonstrated two dances from each period, one each for the upper and lower classes.

"The Decline" included elements of theater, from simple action to slapstick comedy. Although this did little to enhance the dances, the audience seemed appreciative.

The second dance, "Octopod," and the fourth, "Radiant Energies," were both choreographed by Patricia L. Weeks. As one might expect, they were much the same.

Each began with intense, minute action and combined the motions of duets or trios to produce surreal motions. Weeks'

choreography utilized both the bodies of the dancers and the negative spaces around them to create a somewhat unsettling visual effect.

Between Weeks' dances came "Interplay," which looked like a home video of an aerobics class for people with no sense of direction. The dancers carried the parts well, but the choreography was nothing short of pathetic.

The only part of this dance which the audience seemed to like was the third movement, in which the performers wore masks on the back of their heads. Admittedly, it was interesting, but it was incongruous with the rest of the dance.

The finale, "Beauty and the Beast," was the least bizarre dance of the lot. As suggested by its title, the dance was a sort of parody of the fairy tale. Its choreography included both graceful, fluid flourishes and sharp motions which seemed almost brutal.

Although "Beauty and the

Beast" was a well-choreographed and well-performed dance, it is far too subdued to serve as a finale: it lacked intensity.

Although the content of the show was merely a cut above mediocrity, the dancers' performance was outstanding. They executed the entire show without a single stumble or foot-squeak. This is more than can be said for Philadanco, which supposed to be a professional group.

In addition to their talent as dancers, last night's performers demonstrated a showmanship unequalled by the two "professional" dance companies who have recently appeared in Wright. Unlike last night's performers, dancers of both the Ohio Ballet and Philadanco took several bows after each dance, forcing the audience to applaud far longer than was merited.

The concert will continue nightly through Sunday the 19th.



Five dancers rehearse for the East Carolinian Dance Theater's new show. They will be appearing in McGinnis theater for the next three days. (Photo by J.D. Whitmire)



The ECU varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders held their awards banquet at the Hilton Inn last night at 7. (Photo by J.D. Whitmire)

Anguished AIDS victim wants love

SOUTH ROXANA, Ill. (AP) — A lonely yellow stick character, arms outstretched, looks down at 8-year-old Jason Robertson from a poster in his kitchen.

"I have AIDS," the poster says.

"Please hug me. I can't make you sick."

As if it were Jason speaking,

Jason suffers from AIDS-related complex, or ARC, a disease that often precedes the fatal full-blown acquired immune deficiency syndrome. At school, he was isolated in a trailer next door to the classroom, and his only real

friend was a tattered doll named Mick.

Jason's story is similar to the plight of Indiana's Ryan White, an AIDS victim shunned at school and forced to leave town.

Jason is the only student in the school trailer.

He has endured a lawsuit and a move from nearby Granite City to this tiny, Southern Illinois community in search of peace. Phone calls playing funeral music and taunts added to the scorn.

Now his mother, Tammie, father, Al, and 10-year-old sister, Melissa, are picking up the pieces after a struggle that turned neighbor against neighbor in a battle over Jason's future.

Jason weighs only 46 pounds and stands about 4 feet tall. His most striking features are his big brown eyes. A quiet boy, he answers most questions with few words.

"I like good people," Jason says. See CHILD, page 8



- 1) Elvis Costello — "Spike"
- 2) Guadalcanal Diary — "Flip Flop"
- 3) XTC — "Oranges and Lemons"
- 4) Thelonus Monster — "Stormy Weather"
- 5) The Dickies — "Great Dictations"
- 6) The Connells — "Fun and Games"
- 7) Love Tractor — "Themes From Venus"
- 8) Thrashing Doves — "Trouble in the Home"
- 9) Denim TV — "Denim TV"
- 10) Robyn Hitchcock and the Egyptians — "Queen Elvis"
- 11) Dharma Bums — "Out Through the In Door"
- 12) Fine Young Cannibals — "The Raw & the Cooked"
- 13) Indigo Girls — "Indigo Girls"

Coming This Weekend

Thursday

Susie's:
The Beam

New Deli:
The Mood

Attic:
The Waxing Poetics

Mendenhall:
Punchline
(through Sunday)

Friday

New Deli:
Widespread Panic

Attic:
The Usuals

Saturday

New Deli:
Rolly Gray
and
Sunfire

Attic:
Sidewinder



A typical scene from last night's bikini contest at the Elbo. Aren't you sorry you missed it? (Photo by Thomas Walters)

Author sick of murder

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe McGinniss says his new book, "Blind Faith," is the last one he will write about a murder case. He's running out of empathy.

"I think my capacity for empathy is over. There is nothing worse than a writer not feeling sorry as he should for the people who are hurting," says McGinniss, author of the best-selling "Fatal Vision," about Jeffrey MacDonald, a Green Beret officer convicted of killing his pregnant wife and two small children.

"Blind Faith" examines the case of a Toms River, N.J., insurance salesman, Robert O. Marshall, deeply in debt from gambling losses and enamored of the town Jezebel.

So Marshall decides to hire a hit man to kill his wife, "the beautiful Maria" as he always called her, collect the \$1.5 million in life insurance he had bought for her,

then convince his three teen-age sons that they, too, could learn to love their new mother.

The book, already bought as a miniseries, is a compelling yarn that involves hints of corruption in New Jersey, two imported hit men from Louisiana, forged insurance policies and a town that within 24 hours after the murder turns its back on a pillar of the community, a leader in the country club set, chairman of United Way.

"It was just the opposite of the MacDonald case," McGinniss says. "All of MacDonald's friends rallied around, convinced he was innocent."

The MacDonald case proved a legal nightmare for McGinniss. MacDonald sued and McGinniss agreed to pay \$325,000 in an out-of-court settlement. However, following complicated litigation, MacDonald collected only \$50,000

for himself, plus \$92,000 in legal fees. A judge ordered that some of the money should go to the mother of his murdered wife as well as MacDonald's mother.

McGinniss maintains that he, too, believed the Green Beret innocent until he started to examine the evidence. He then concluded, and let his book reflect, that MacDonald was indeed the man who wiped out his family.

Except for the principals, McGinniss uses pseudonyms in "Blind Faith" for the other characters, although the real names are all part of the public record.

Considered an ideal couple with three blond sons, the Marshalls were teasingly called Ken and Barbie by their friends.

McGinniss says he sort of stumbled onto the book when a Toms River woman, a stranger to him, wrote him a long letter shortly after the murder.

"She had about 90 percent of it right two months after the murder," he says. "The letter was very compelling."

McGinniss says he doesn't know why he even read the letter. After "Fatal Vision" went on the air in 1984 as a two-part miniseries, he was deluged with letters from people asking him to write a book about some murder or the other.

"I got hundreds of letters from people whose second cousin was murdered or from someone who was beaten up in a barroom brawl and they wanted me to write a book about it," he says. "I was just throwing them away."

"What first interested me about the Marshall case was what kind of a place was this where a guy who had lived there 20 years, this pillar of the community, was automatically presumed guilty by his friends within 24 hours of the murder."

"I was also interested in doing something about the social mores of a town in the 80s, particularly a town that didn't have any kind of distinctive identity. It seemed to

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What I did over Spring Break

By CHIPPY BONEHEAD
Staff Writer

Some people have fun during Spring Break. Some people go out of state, others go out of the country, some do lots of psychoactive drugs.

I am not one of these people. Journalists are perpetually broke. Money can't buy happiness, but it can do a hell of a lot towards getting you out of Greenville, thus making you at least somewhat less depressed.

Oh, sure, I was supposed to go somewhere. But since the guy giving me a ride home got so incredibly wasted Thursday night (not naming any names, Timothy Charles "Earlvis" Hampton) I got stuck here.

To relieve my boredom, I decided to rent some movies.

I plundered through my coats, jeans, bureau, sofa cushions and the drink machines in

the dorms looking for change. Three days of diligent searching yielded six dollars. I headed to the video store.

Apparently, everyone in Greenville had rented the good videos the night before break and forgotten to return them. I hope they kept them the whole week and ran up \$30 fines.

I wound up with "Poltergeist III" and "Young Guns," two truly repulsive movies. With my last dollar, I purchased a two-liter Pepsi, the choice of a new generation of hopeless caffeine addicts.

The next day, I vowed not to turn on the TV. My mom was right ... it does make your eyeballs fall out. I decided to spend the day listening to my Stevie Nicks collection.

I figured, I'd listen to all the Fleetwood Mac Lps first then her solo albums in chronological order. I put the needle down

on "Rumours."

It was then that the Second Great Blizzard of The Emerald City hit. Power lines, tree branches and small birds crashed to the street. Hours later, wrapped in three blankets, a coat and two pairs of socks, reading comic books by flashlight, I figured God was trying to tell me something.

The next morning, I called home collect from the pay phone. My parents had mercy on me and bought me a bus ticket home. After waiting two hours and fifteen minutes for the bus to get in from Rocky Mount, I was on my way home.

We were delayed only slightly in Wilson, when a lady got stuck in the bus's rest room and a blowtorch had to be found to cut her out. At six o'clock p.m., I stepped out onto Boylan Avenue in Raleigh. I was home. But no one was there to pick

me up. Walking through the sleet, I made it to my brother's apartment, rang the doorbell and passed out from hypothermia.

Five hours later, he came home from work. He wrapped me up in the astroturf welcome mat, and pinned a note on me saying he was going out of town for the week and why didn't I go stay at Mom's house.

His roommate came home the next day and called the police. I was arrested for trespassing, thawed out and given a citation. They called my father to come get me. He was on his way to a conference in Miami to give a lecture on "Coaxial Fan Ducts — A New Perspective," and didn't have time to pick me up.

Mom finally took time off from work to come get me. On the way home, I enjoyed new versions of her lectures on "Time

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Author's book reveals shock

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be a town transformed by materialism."

"It was also a book about these three boys and how they coped when they learned their mother, truly beloved by them, was dead and then they heard their father is a suspect and then they see him convicted."

McGinniss' first book, "The Selling of the President," became a best seller 20 years ago when he was 26. The book chronicled how Richard Nixon defeated the late Hubert H. Humphrey.

"The difference between illusion and reality has always been a theme of mine," McGinniss says. "Here the illusion was Good Housekeeping come to life. Maria bought that whole ideal, that she was an ornament attached to the husband, that her job was to give them a happy home. For that, she paid with her life."

For the children — 13, 16 and 17 at the time of the murder — it was fairy-tale life of Mustangs and Jeeps, swim meets and country club lunches with Mom and Dad.

"This is not a story about their father," McGinniss says. "I'm not interested in exploring the recesses of his mind like I was with MacDonald. I'm interested in the story of how these kids grappled with the worst sort of shock. There was a monster under their bed and it was their father. And they had to look him in the eye and not blink. It stripped them of every illusion they ever had."

The youngest boy, John, still does not believe his father is guilty. "When I talked to them John was still desperately clinging like a little boy lost at sea to the only thing he had left," McGinniss says.

The other two, Chris and Roby, believe their father had their mother killed, a mother who put notes in their lunches, always kissed them goodbye, and fixed them pancakes for breakfast even when they got up at 11 a.m. She was Super Mom. They will not answer their father's letters nor speak to him.

"They feel their father is already dead," says McGinniss.

The father is on death row in Trenton, N.J., awaiting the out-

come of appeals. He still proclaims his innocence, clinging to a story that he pulled into a secluded rest stop on the Jersey State Parkway to check on a leaking tire and someone hit him over the head and then shot Maria, leaving two bullet holes so close you could cover them with a 50-cent coin. Marshall claims he was robbed of

his Atlantic City winnings and then staggered onto the highway to get help.

McGinniss hints in the book that the prosecutor's office could have taken another tack which would have involved more people, but he won't say much more about it.

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off from work equals money that she can't afford to lose," and "Why don't I get a job," and "The least I could do while I was home is rake the back yard."

Once home, I fell into my bed. I thought, if I can only get about ten hours' sleep, I might survive this week. My eyelids were heavy, and I was almost asleep when I felt something tickling the back of my neck. I brushed it onto the floor.

I yelled. A roach approximately five inches long and two

inches wide had crawled into my coat pocket during my visit to the ultra-sanitary Raleigh Police Station. I slammed my volume of the Incredibly Useful, Yet Insanely Heavy Riverside Shakespeare on it. It shrugged off the blow and scuttled into the baseboard.

I lay back down. I was going to be needing the rest. When Mom saw that roach, we were going to be up all night hunting it down.

As God is my witness, I'm never going to be poor again. It's just too aggravating.

Child AIDS victim must move

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says. "I like to go places."

When he grows up, he says, he wants to be a police officer.

Jason was born with hemophilia, a condition in which the blood fails to clot properly. He also had stomach problems and a shortened esophagus—problems that were corrected by surgery.

But he underwent hundreds of blood transfusions, and at least one of them involved tainted blood products that brought the deadly AIDS virus into his body. In March 1986, Jason was diagnosed with ARC.

That was the beginning. Now the family, its former school district and neighbors wish they had done some things differently.

Fearing he would endanger other children, his mother pulled him from kindergarten in Granite City and a district tutor taught him at home until November 1987.

That's when the Robertsons and the school district agreed that Jason should be taught in a special trailer 50 feet from regular classes.

Jason started school 15 minutes before the other students every day and left 15 minutes later than they did. He was not allowed on the playground.

School officials say they told Mrs. Robertson that Jason probably would be placed in regular classes at the school of 750 in the fall of 1988 because his health had improved.

But Mrs. Robertson contends the district made the offer only after the American Civil Liberties Union, at her request, filed a lawsuit on Jason's behalf in April.

On May 5, a federal judge ordered Jason back into regular classes. But the ruling touched off protests from parents in Granite City, a steel town of 36,800 across the Mississippi River from St. Louis.

Angry parents chanted, "Back to the trailer!" upon his arrival.

Drew Callender, 29, says he got into the fight because of anger and fear for his children's safety.

"I did say some foolish things." He also founded an informal group of protesting parents called "SAVE," the Society Against Virus Environment.

"It's a fear of not knowing," he says.

Mrs. Robertson says she got up to three telephone calls a day from protesters, threatening her and Jason. People hurled epithets on the street. "Home had become a war zone, and I felt like I was dying inside," she says.

Her former neighbors insist they never heard anyone harass the Robertson family, and they say the family had an unlisted phone number.

"If she would have just kept her mouth shut instead of going and going and going, she wouldn't have any problem," says Maggie Rigsby, 68, a former next-door neighbor of the Robertsons.

"She just couldn't stay out of the TV and the newspaper and it just made a mess," she says. "I don't think people should be harassed, but she asked for a lot of this stuff."

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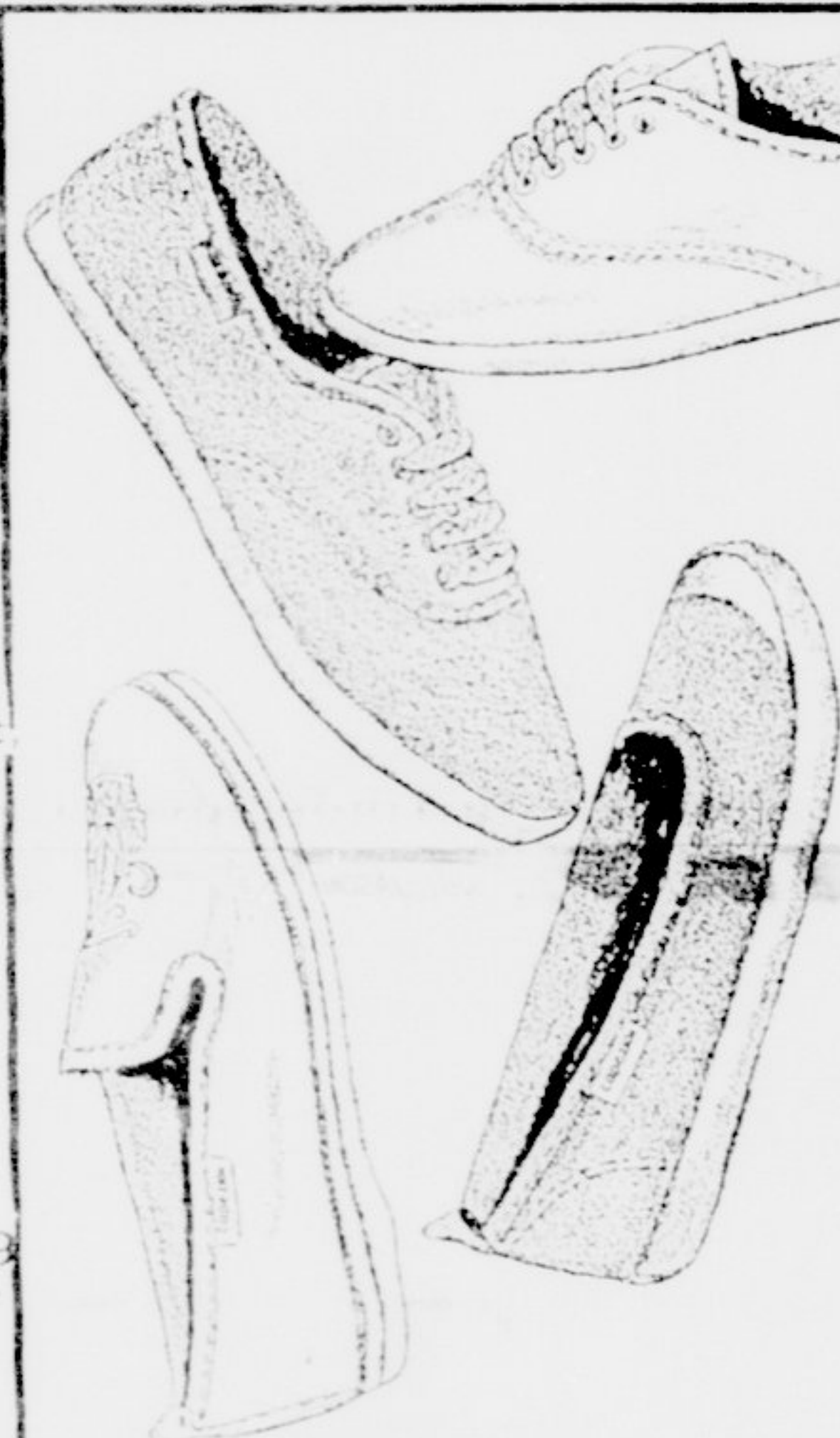
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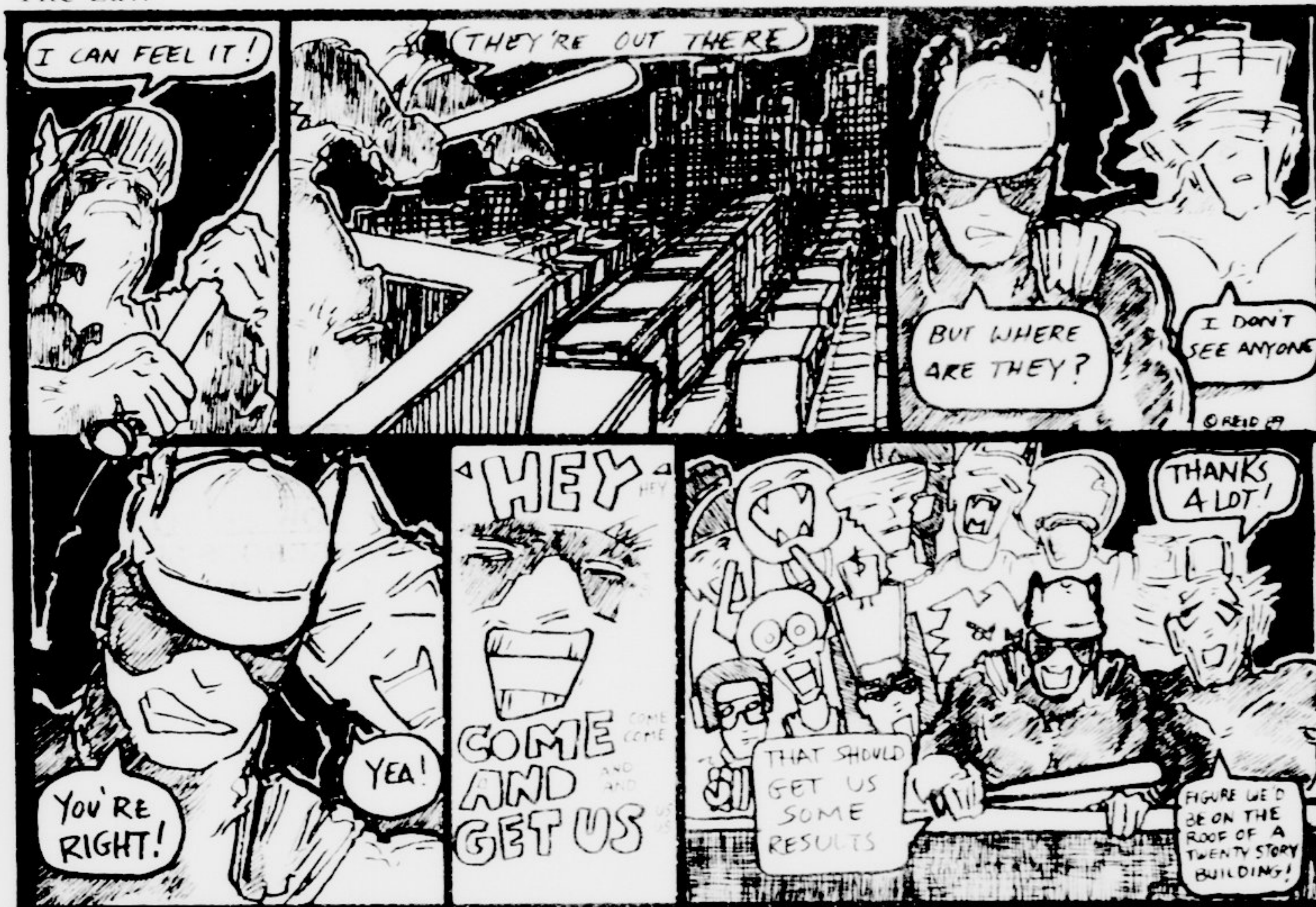
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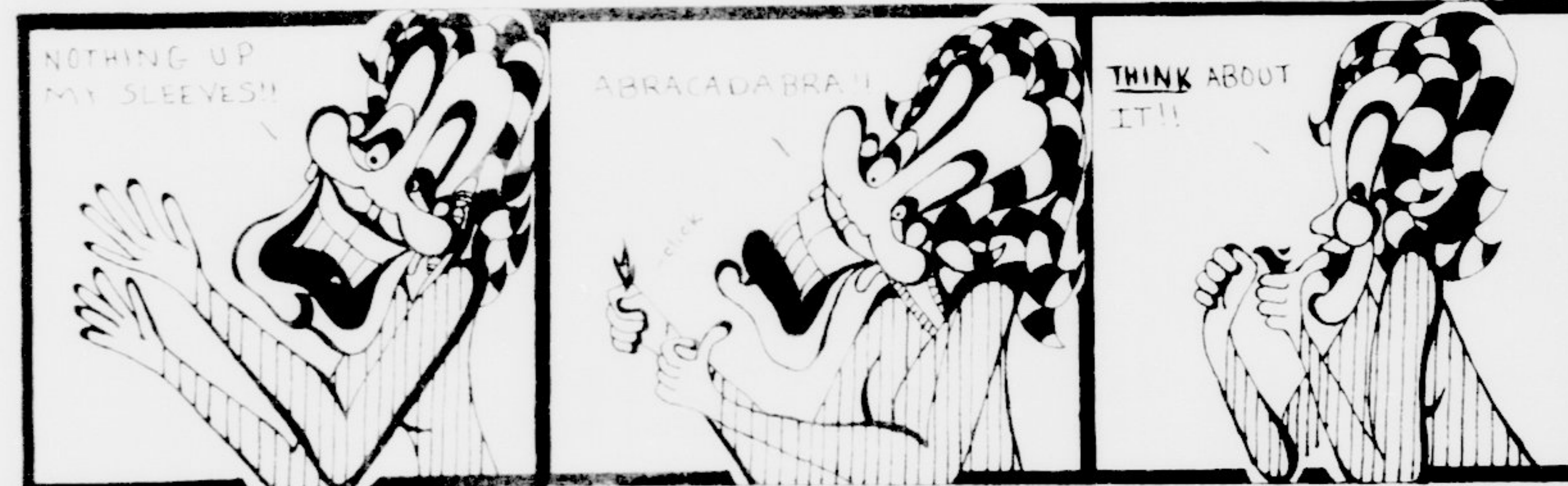
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You better believe it's Cartoonist Biography!

Now, here's the Rik Elliott biography! Rik started working for Pirate Comics in the Spring of 1988 with his infamous, often risqué cartoon, Inside Joke. After finally running out of inside jokes, he has now begun a new strip, Gambda Gambda Hey!, about the misadventures of two frat boys and cat. Crazy, huh? And now...



This is Rik, when in his two-dimensional form.

THE INTERVIEW A LIFETIME IN THE MAKING

Who or what influenced you in your comics work? Gary Larson, Bruce Liner, Bruce Willis, Bruno, and the small green fellows who live off the lint in my bellybutton. And well, just my experiences relieved from floating in an isolation tank.

What is your greatest achievement? Receiving an Oscar (under my screen name Kate Hepburn).

Greatest failure? Letting Jane Fonda take me to aerobics class after a day of filming.

Career ambitions: To maybe have one someday.

Favorite books or works: I don't read, okay? I'm illiterate! So what? So hang me!

Favorite movies: Clockwork Orange, Altered States, Monty Python's The Meaning of Life, It's A Wonderful Life, and Gone With The Wind. Really, I'm serious!

Mission in Life: To explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations—to boldly go where no aids-infected man has gone before!

Favorite wrestler: Randy "Macho Man" Savage. Actually, I like his babe, Elizabeth

Turn-ons: Good looking sorority babes who won't go out with me because they're having fun dating some other guy despite the fact I've vowed my eternal, unfaltering love.

Turn-offs: Good looking sorority babes who won't go out with me because they're having fun dating some other guy despite the fact I've vowed my eternal, unfaltering love.

Favorite music: Beatles, Mozart, Hank Williams Jr., Prince, The Dead Milkmen

Everyone should be my friend because: I'm always broke. But if everyone was my friend, I could borrow a dollar from each person. I would say, "I'll pay you back as soon as I get paid." They would say, "Oh, it's just a dollar, don't sweat it." Then—I would be a rich man and write songs for Russian Jews.

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St. Paddy's Day Edition

Li'l Holiday!

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick was an Irish guy who asked God to get rid of all the snakes in Ireland a long time ago. God said, "Sure, dude." All the snakes swam into the ocean and came over to the Tar River, where they hang out in trees waiting to drop on the heads of unsuspecting freshmen. Watch out, kids!

Many countries celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing the color green. This is because green is the central frequency (FREE-KWEN-SEE) on the spectrum. Green helps block out certain light rays, while making others strong enough to grow potatoes, the major crop of Ireland.

Other St. Patrick's Day customs (KUSS-TUMMS) include kissing people wearing green, pinching those who have limited amounts of green on, and breaking the kneecaps of those wearing no green.

Teacher's note: Help freshmen increase their vocabulary with this article. Have them read the article aloud in class. Words above the third grade level have phonetic pronunciations included to help them.



Li'l lunches

This is the lunch schedule for those on the East Carolina meal plan next week.

Monday — Wholesome squares of cardboard covered with stale cheese, topped with processed NutraPepperoni®, made up to resemble pizza. Black-eyed ball bearings and mashed newsprint. Freshly squeezed bug juice.

Tuesday — 100% NutraSoy® burgers on soggy buns. Various chemical additives. Wholesome estrogen-activated milk. Peanut butter flavored Jell-O®.

Wednesday — Fried monosodium glutamate. String bean-okra casserole, with added liver flakes. Wholesome Listerine®-flavored milkshake. Three-day-old cake.

Thursday — DUKES OF HAZZARD DAY. Crawdad bisque, mule milk and grits. Wholesome boiled collard greens. Moonshine.

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Saturday — Cafeteria closed. Tough.

All menus subject to change without any notice whatsoever, due to varying factors such as quarantine, crop availability, and presidential policy changes in the federal school lunch budget.

Hey, kiddies!

Here's Big E's

li'l column!

Dear Big E,

I am a freshman girl here at ole EC and the only clothing I have to wear for St. Patty's day is a pair of green bikini underwear. E, how do I avoid being pinched?

Signed, Freshman Superheroine

Dear Super Freshman,

Green underwear. There is an advice line here, but we will avoid the obvious because the excessive use of what one "E-hater" called scatological language.

E-Enemies rejoice! Just Ask Big E will no longer have crude tales of prostitutes, bed wet spots, green projectiles, bathroom stall toilet paper, bearded women or the host of sexually transmitted diseases. No more. From now until the year 2000, E will give only wholesome and inspirational advice to all the poor dejected people of ECU.

Maybe I should explain. You see, over spring break, E was saved while watching little green bottles run down a conveyer belt.

With eyes glued to bottles of denture adhesive, E sat there hating life and scheming to corrupt the minds of millions of freshmen with another raunchy E column — when all of a sudden a short kid burst out of the cap machine and said "There will be no scatological language in hell."

So, dear little freshman, here is my wholesome advice: cut out a piece of green construc-



tion paper and pin it to your shirt.

Green Beer

Dear Big Earle,

Many of my future fraternity brothers are planning on drinking green beer on St. Patrick's day. Will it make me sick?

Signed, Hopeful Freshman Pledge

Dear Underage Misguided Future Frat Boy,

Drinking green beer will cause you to break out in a green rash (except for some rare cases like Leonard Nimoy and Fred Quinn). Drinking beer is bad for you anyway, so this is a good time to quit.

Instead of drinking green beer, why not listen to Big E's mom, Janet, and drink some Green Magma. According to the label, Green Magma is made from the dried juice of young barley plants with brown rice. It tastes better than Michelob Dry, and the best part is: it's good for you.

Problem



Dear Big E,

I am a freshman who has a lot of problems and an eating disorder.

Signed, Eater

Dear Eater,

You are a freshman who has a lot of problems and an eating problem. And there you are.



Teen superstar Ralph Macchio (right) poses with two totally uninteresting people.

Li'l superstar

Teen superstar Ralph Macchio has starred in several motion pictures like "The Karate Kid," "The Karate Kid II," and "The Karate Kid Wigs Out and Kills Seventeen People By Accident." Ralph was born a while ago, and grew up somewhere.

These days, Ralph has a hard time getting a job because he has absolutely no talent, even though that never stopped Samantha Fox. These days he can be seen as an extra in the New Kids on the Block video, "The Right Stuff," where he plays the dancer who gets left behind all the time.

Ralph says he has many hobbies. He enjoys standing in line at McDonald's® while waiting for special orders, bleaching his teeth in Clo-rox®, and trading hair spray with best pal Steve Hale, former UNC basketball star.



Li'l funny jokes

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A: To get away from an axe-wielding Ronald McDonald who wanted to make Chicken McNuggets® out of him!

Q: Why couldn't the man watch the television?

A: Because it was a tape recorder!

Q: Why did the man throw the clock out the window?

A: Because he was a complete psychopath who thought aliens were trying to take over his body!

Q: What's black and white and red all over?

A: The Li'l Satire Page, and nuns with 17 arrows sticking out of their bodies!

Q: What's yellow and wears a mask?

A: A shy frozen banana on its first date!

Send your jokes and riddles in to The Li'l Satire Page and we will throw your envelopes and the stamps you wasted 25 cents on right out the window, where we hope it will hit someone on the head very hard, injuring and perhaps maiming them for life!

Pirates now 10-1

Pirates prevail over Wolfpack as Jenkins picks up fourth win

By KRISTEN HALBERG
Sports Editor

Junior hurler Jonathan Jenkins took to the mound in relief Tuesday and picked up his fourth win of the season by defeating the Wolfpack of N.C. State.

Behind the strong pitching of Jenkins and junior Tim Langdon, ECU defeated their rival N.C. State 5-3 in ten innings. Langdon pitched four strong innings before Jenkins nailed down his fourth victory.

The win pushed East Carolina's record to 10-1 and gives them

a three-game winning streak going into this weekend's three-game series with CAA nemesis James Madison in Harrisonburg, Va.

The Pirates were the first on the board when John Adams was brought home at the top of the first inning. Adams singled and then moved to third after Tommy Eason singled. Calvin Brown then hit a sacrifice fly ball to bring in Adams.

The Wolfpack would not stand idle for long. In the bottom of the second, with Steve Shepard on third and Paul Borawski on first, Borawski would steal sec-

ond base. After an ECU error on the throw to second, Shepard came in for a Wolfpack score and tie it up, 1-1.

ECU moved back ahead 3-1 in the fifth inning after scoring two runs. Eason drove both Ritchie and Adams, who were on second and third, on a double.

But the Wolfpack would not give up. They would come back in the sixth to score two runs and tie the ball game back up, this time at 3-3. After a single by Scott Sneed, Borawski and Chris Woodin came in for the additional N.C. State scores.

State threatened the Pirates in both the seventh and the ninth innings but ECU was able to hold off a Wolfpack threat to keep the score tied. Jenkins came in on the seventh after Langdon allowed Gary Shingledecker to double. He then struck out the next two batters to keep the Wolfpack from gaining the lead. Then after more close calls in the ninth, the game would move into additional innings.

East Carolina would secure their victory in the tenth inning when they scored two more runs to finalize the score, 5-3. Chris

Cable got the first run for the Pirates when, after he singled, was moved to second on a sacrifice fly by Eason and then able to score on a single to the center by Brown. Brown was then moved to third after a single by John Gast and, when Steve Godin hit a sacrifice fly, Brown was able to come home for ECU's final run.

Adams was the leading hitter for East Carolina hitting three. Gast and Eason both had two hits apiece.

The loss by the Wolfpack not only dropped them to 7-3 for the season, but their four-game win-

ning streak was broken by the Pirates.

East Carolina returns to home-field action Tuesday, March 21 when they face Davis & Elkins.

Assistant coach hired

(SID) — Tom McMahon, 39, has been named Defensive Coordinator for the East Carolina University football staff, announced Head Coach Bill Lewis Wednesday. McMahon replaces Nick Rapone, who left the staff on Monday for an assistant coaches' position at the University of Pittsburgh.

McMahon comes to East Carolina after serving as secondary coach at the University of South Carolina for the past six seasons.

McMahon also served under Lewis' staff at the University of Wyoming for the 1979 season. The Chicago, Ill. native, has also coached at Colorado State University (1973-78) and the University of New Mexico (1980-82). For two years, McMahon's Colorado State squads played against Lewis' teams at Wyoming in the Western Athletic Conference.

"It is a compliment to the fact that we had good people that other people were attracted to but, as important, in every case, we have been able to replace those with the same kind of quality people. We have been able to put those temporary setbacks behind us and our staff and football team are prepared to move forward. We are excited about starting spring practice and we will make every attempt to stay on schedule," Lewis said about his newest assistant coach.

The hiring of McMahon leaves one more staff position to be filled. Earlier Wednesday, outside linebacker coach Don Thompson left the staff to become an assistant coach on the University of North Carolina staff.

ECU Golf team takes top honors

By LORI MARTIN
Sports Writer

The Pirate golf team brought home a first place finish from the Frapp Island Intercollegiate and a fourth place finish from the Shadowmoss Plantation Invitational during the week of spring break.

Eighteen teams (122 golfers) played in the March 10-12 invitational which was hosted by Frapp Island and Hogan Co. Six players represented ECU in the tournament played on Ocean Point Golf Links.

Despite the cold and windy weather in Frapp Island, the ECU golfers won the second tournament they played that week with

four players finishing in the top 10 of the tournament. The Pirates won by 33 strokes over the second place team from Ball State University.

East Carolina's John Maginnes won the tournament shooting a three-round total of 221. Finishing second was ECU's Jeff Craig with a 225 total. Co-captain for the Pirates, Tee Davies shot 228 for a fifth place tie with Ball State's Tony Sourries. Co-captain Paul Garcia finished with a three-day total of 233 to take 10th place.

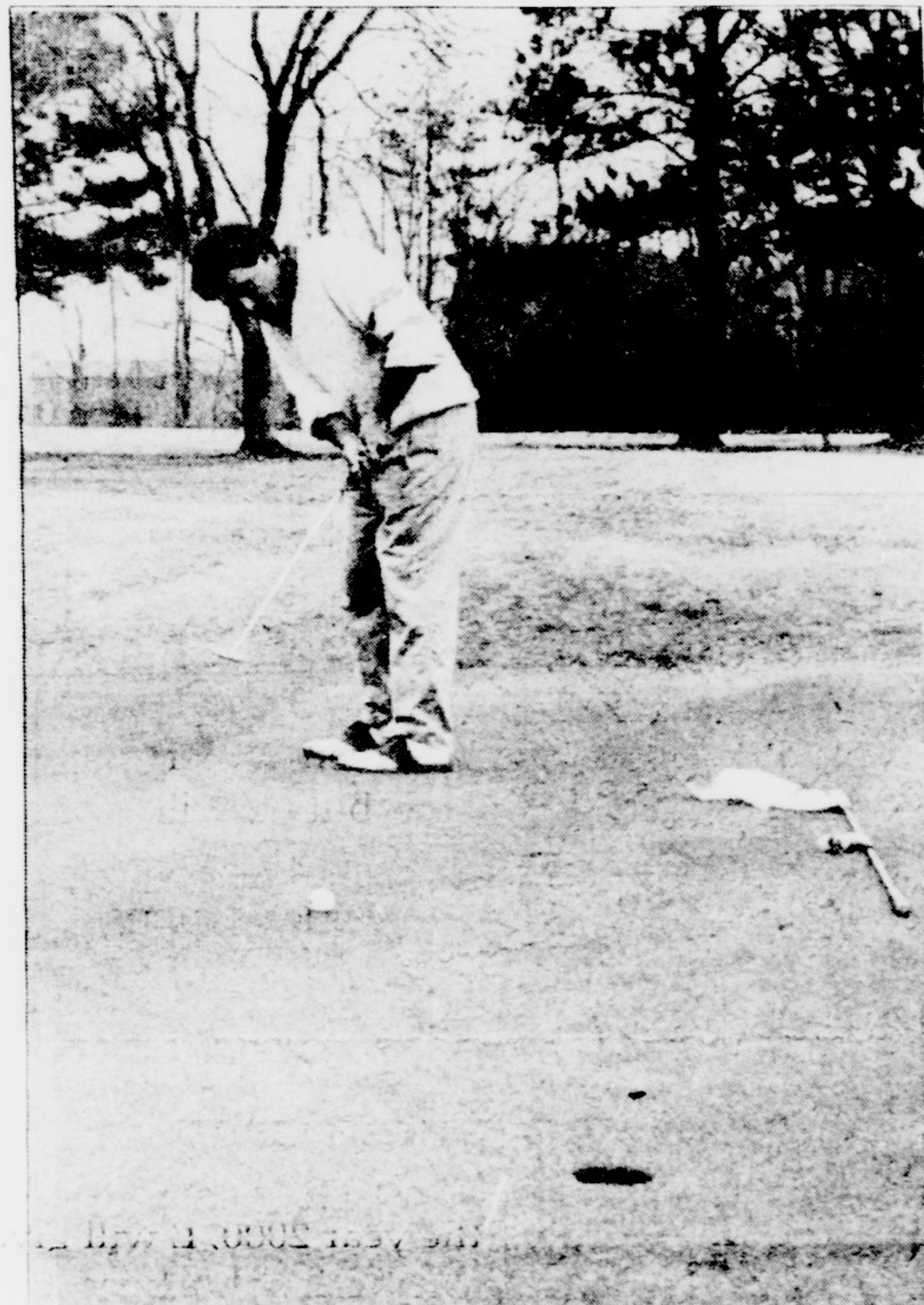
ECU's first place finish earned them 10 points toward their district standing for the NCAA tournament in June.

In their first tournament of

the week, the Pirates finished fourth out of 12 teams (70 golfers). The March 6-7 tournament held at Shadowmoss Plantation Golf Club was played in poor weather conditions.

Finishing in first place was the College of Charleston with a two-round total of 623 strokes, 14 ahead of the second place team from the University of South Carolina. Coastal Carolina placed third and ECU finished fourth with a total score of 644.

In the individual scores, ECU's Doug Hoey tied for sixth place. Maginnes and Davies finished 12th and 13th respectively.



John Maginnes, shown practicing at the Greenville Country Club, won first place at the Frapp Island Invitational (Photo by Lori Martin).

Softballers to host tournament

The East Carolina softball team will be hosting the Holiday Inn Invitational Softball Tournament March 18-19.

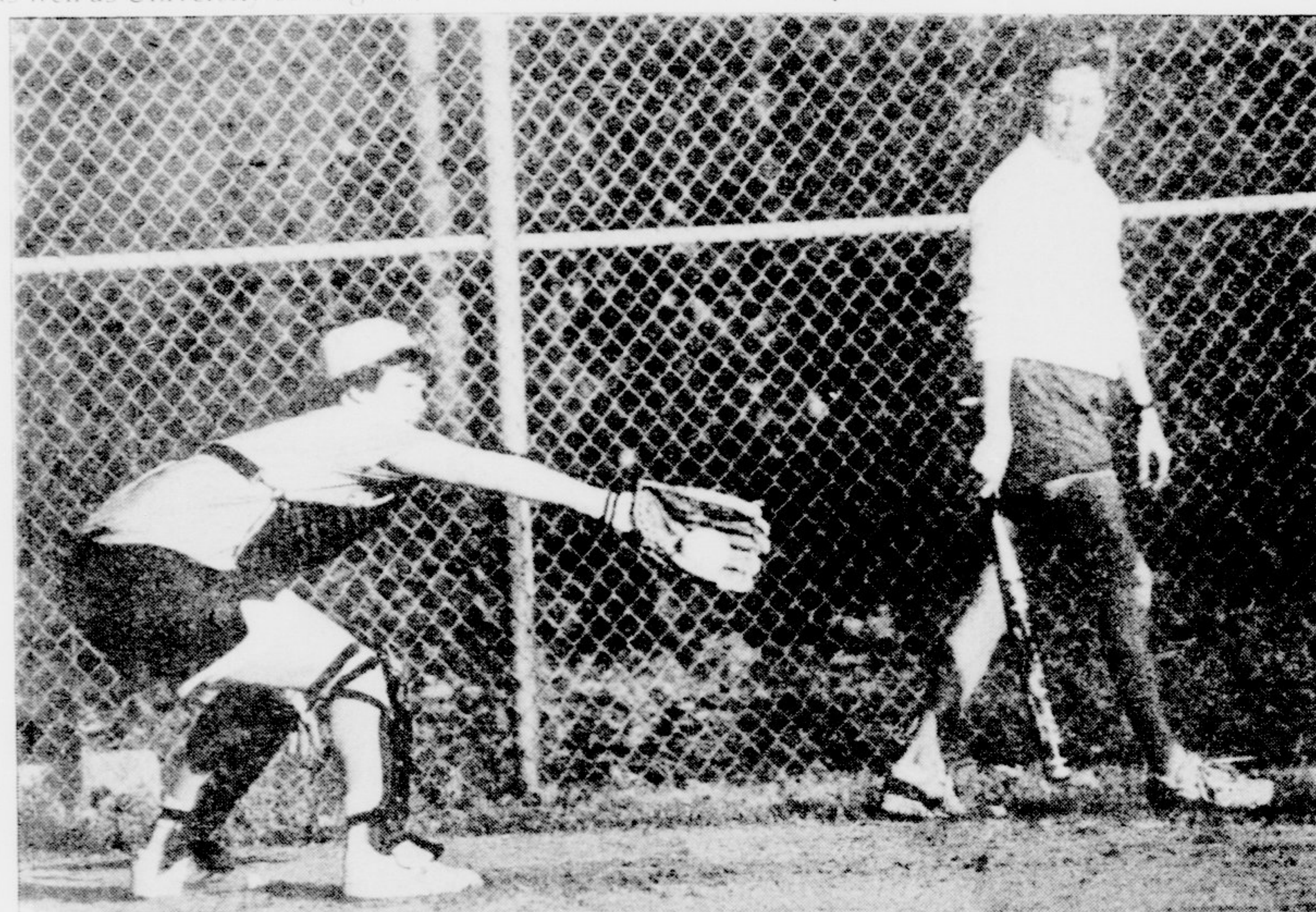
Teams to be included in the invitational are George Mason, UNC-Charlotte, Wagner College as well as University of Virginia,

Ohio University, UNC-Wilmington and Coastal Carolina.

ECU will play their first match against the Patriots of George Mason at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Following that game, the Lady Pirates will face UNC-C at 1 p.m. They will return to action at 4 p.m.

to compete against Wagner College.

The finals of the invitational will be played on Sunday at 4 p.m. Games are free and open to the public. Come out and support the Lady Pirate softball team.



Catcher Mickey Ford practices for the upcoming tournament as coach Sue McMannon supervises. The Pirates play at home for the first time this season (Photo by J.D. Whitmire, ECU Photolab).

Smith leads women's track team in successful meet

The East Carolina women's track team traveled to UNC-Wilmington on Saturday, March 11 and had quite a successful day. ECU had six first place finishes and numerous other top five finishes.

Leading the way for the Pirates was Vanessa Smith. Smith won the 400 meter and 200 meter

dash. Her times were 58.75 seconds in the 400 meter and 25.1 seconds in the 200 meter. She was also a member of the 4 x 100 relay team which also placed first. Other members of the relay team were Joy Dorsey, Cheryl Hopkins and Diane Jacobs. The winning time for the relay team was 49.2 seconds.

In other running events, Dorsey placed first in the 100 meter dash, while teammate Jacobs finished fourth. Dorsey's winning time was 12.9 seconds. Katrina Harris finished fourth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.10 seconds. In the long distance categories, Kim Griffiths finished fourth in the 1500 meter race, Jen

Hough finished fifth in the 300 meter and Ann Marie finished fourth in the 5000 meter.

In track and field events, Cheryl Hopkins and Thalia Person placed in the triple jump. Hopkins won the event with a jump of 35-feet-11 and three-quarter inches. Person finished third. ECU placed three women in

the shot put. Susan Schram finished first with a throw of 38-feet-11 and three-quarter inches, while Sarah Hickingbotham took third and Janie Rowe finished fourth.

Lisa Shepard also placed for the Pirates. Shepard took third in the high jump with a leap of five feet.

Gray averaged 14.4 points per

game and shot .532 from the field for the season. Her shooting percentage is the second-best mark in the past six years and the sixth highest in ECU history.

Savage finished her career fourth on the ECU all-time blocked shot list. She finished with 76 blocks and her 29 blocks this season.

Gray, who was the leader on the floor all season for the Lady Pirates, finished the season with 404 points, which was the most by an ECU player since 1985-86 and was only the second player to do so in the past five years. She also had 252 rebounds for the season which was the most by a Lady Pirate since 1984-85. Gray averaged nine rebounds per game, the first player in eight years to accomplish that feat.

Gray averaged 14.4 points per

By CHRIS STEGEL
Asst. Sports Editor

The East Carolina Lady Pirates basketball team finished their season March 10 with a 71-63 loss to James Madison in the semi-finals of the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament.



Sarah Gray

The Lady Pirates finished their season with a mark 15-13, which is an improvement from last year's mark of 8-20.



Gretta Savage

son was 10th best in ECU history.

Edwards honored

(SID) — East Carolina's Blue Edwards, named the Colonial Athletic Association Player of the Year, has been selected to participate in the annual Portsmouth Invitational Tournament, April 5-8, in Portsmouth, Va.

The P.I.T. ranks as one of the



Blue Edwards

most outstanding post-season all-star classics with seniors from around the nation participating.

Edwards finished his senior year averaging 26.7 points, 6.9 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game. His scoring average was sixth in the latest NCAA statistics. He was the CAA Player of the Week three times, led the league in scoring, and also was nominated to the all-tournament team.

Spring practice gears up for ECU football

(SID) — New East Carolina head football coach Bill Lewis will send his Pirate squad through spring drills, beginning Saturday, March 18. ECU's spring practice concludes on April 22 with the annual Purple-Gold intra-squad scrimmage in Ficklen Stadium.

Lewis, who was hired as ECU's football coach on Dec. 3, 1988, will greet over 115 football players when the spring practice session begins. Lewis will send his Pirates through 20 practice sessions. Weekday sessions start at 3:30 p.m. and the Saturday

workouts will commence around 1 p.m.

"This spring practice will be very important to us," said Lewis. "We are building from the ground up. You have to have a base to start from. We will be teaching a lot of fundamentals because they are the key to any program. It will be a slow, patient process. When I'm satisfied with that point, we'll move forward and add some things. Anytime you're in transition it's difficult. It is critical for us to have a good spring."

The Pirates return 44 letter-

men from last year's 3-8 squad. Nine starters return on offense including senior quarterbacks Travis Hunter and Charlie Libretto. Lewis also welcomes back 12 starters on defense including linebackers Joe Bright, Robert Jones, Brian McPhatter, James Singletary and Anthony Thompson.

Both specialists, John Jett and Robb Imperato, also return for the Pirates.

For seven of the nine full-time assistants and Lewis, it will be the first time that they have viewed

the talent at East Carolina. Outside linebacker coach Don Thompson and offensive line coach Steve Shankweiler are the coaches that served on Art Baker's staff last year.

It will be important for the new staff to learn about the talent that they will have to work with during the next season.

"This will be an evaluation of the talent we have," said Lewis. "We (the new coaching staff) would rather form our opinions on the playing field than on film. In that respect, spring practice is

important. I think the players are excited too because it will not take them long to progress and step to the front. The transition in coaching staffs gives any player in the program a chance."

The 1989 season will kick off on Sept. 9 at Ficklen Stadium against Bowling Green in a 7 p.m. start. The Pirates have five home games in 1989 with contests against Illinois State, Louisiana Tech, Virginia Tech and Temple coming at Ficklen Stadium.

"Divers down" in the Bahamas

Special to the East Carolinian

Over Spring Break ECU's Coral Reef Dive Club sponsored another adventurous vacation, this time to the Bahamas. Twelve members of the club chartered a 65' sailing vessel "Pirates Lady" from Blackbeard Cruises in Miami.

"We sailed out of the Port of Miami Saturday afternoon and reached Bimini Island that night,"

Rob Moore, the vice president of the dive club, said. The next three days we had great weather and dived nine times including three night dives."

Wednesday the club sailed into port at Bimini, a small island in the Bahamas. There they spent the next three days on the island and "barhopped" to such places as The Complete Angler and The End of the World.

End of the World had sand floors and The Complete Angler

praised itself on being Hemingway's hang out. It also happened to be the place where Gary Hart and Donna Rice were discovered heating up the dance floor. "At the 'Angler' they had a coconut-shucking contest. I don't know how, but I won it! The prize was an album from the Native Calypsonians."

The bar The End of the World took pride in their floor was made of pure Bahamian sand rather than of concrete.

The trip included three meals a day and all the brew and spirits one could handle. "We ate conch fritters from conchs that were gathered during one of the dives," Moore said. "Barney, the cook, made excellent dishes."

According to Moore, next year's trip should promise even more excitement. If you scuba dive and would like to participate in next year's trip as well as dives off the N.C. coast including Gulf Stream wreck dives, contact David Angel at 355-3545 or Rob Moore at 830-3833.

ECU trainers - a vital part of team

By JOE CORLEY
Sports Writer

When one looks at the bench of any sports team, the least recognizable person is usually the team trainer. The trainer, however, is a vital part of a successful team.

At East Carolina, the university is fortunate to have a capable sports medicine program that supplies trainers. According to Rod Compton, a certified athletic trainer and the head of the sports medicine department, the sports medicine department supplies trainers for all 16 varsity sports. With only approximately 30 students enrolled in sports medicine, this keeps everyone busy.

Aside from the time spent in class, a trainer also spends 12-15 hours per week working without pay. This means that in order to succeed, a trainer must be both motivated and dedicated.

There are three different levels of student trainers in the sports medicine department. The entry

level is called the rookie stage. From there the student trainer goes on to become a curriculum trainer. In the third and final stage, one is a staff student.

After graduation, a sports medicine major has a few choices to make about what to do. Most go to work at the high school level as a teacher or a full-time trainer, while some pursue their education and go to graduate school.

Chris Smith, a curriculum trainer and a trainer for the football team, said that what interested her about becoming a trainer was it combined her two favorite things. "I always liked medicine and sports," Smith said. "A coach in junior high suggested I combine the two, and here I am."

Being a trainer involves more than just the stereotypical idea that all they do is tape ankles. Andy Brice, a staff student and a trainer for spring football, said, "We do more than what everyone thinks we do. We are responsible for preventative medicine and also rehabilitation. We do the behind-

the-scenes work to make sure everything and everyone works the proper way."

Becoming a trainer is not for everyone. One has to work hard in order to succeed. As Smith said,

McNeese to play in first NCAA tourney

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP)—Despite a 16-13 record this season, the McNeese State Cowboys deserve to be in the NCAA tournament just as much as any of the other 63 teams in the field, Coach Steve Welch says.

"It's a tremendous challenge for us," Welch said Monday. "We will try to use the same tactics that we used to win the Southland Conference Tournament. It's just a bigger hill to climb."

McNeese plays in its first NCAA tournament game ever Thursday against fourth-ranked Illinois in an opening-round contest at Indianapolis.

Illinois was selected Sunday as the top seed in the Midwest regional. The other No. 1 seeds were third-ranked Georgetown in the East, second-ranked Oklahoma in the Southeast and top-ranked Arizona in the West.

Georgetown, the Big East champion, opens Friday against Princeton at Providence. Later that day, Oklahoma will play East Tennessee State in Nashville, and top-ranked Arizona will be in Boise, Idaho on Thursday against Robert Morris.

Welch has seen his share of trouble since taking the helm at McNeese State last year.

He inherited a program on probation and docked two scholarships because of recruiting violations by his predecessor, Glenn Duhon. That probation ran its course and expired last month.

"Our first five players are comparable to a lot of players, if we work hard. But we don't have the depth that other teams have, partly because we're only working with 13 scholarships now," he said.

The lack of depth was never more apparent than the 12-game period during which point guard Terry Griggley was sidelined with pulled abdominal muscles. The Cowboys lost seven of those games, six of them consecutively.


Before Griggley's injury, McNeese almost always played man-to-man defense and worked patiently for the good shot. Even though he returned to health before the Southland Conference

Tournament, McNeese has gone almost exclusively to a zone or a triangle-and-two.

Offensively, Griggley keeps the Cowboys patient and tries to work the ball inside to Anthony Pullard, 6-foot-10-inches, or Mark Thompson, 6-foot-9-inches, who plays the double post. If that's not there, the post men kick it out to 6-4 guard Michael Cutright, the team's leading scorer.


Cutright averaged 20.1 points, Pullard 17.4 and Thompson 11.7.

Griggley is an excellent athlete who started for Florida State's football team as a defensive back as a freshman in 1984. However, shoulder and knee injuries cut his football career short, and he transferred to McNeese.



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