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President Bush speaks to a crowd in Rocky Mount during his election campaign in Nov. 1988. (Photo by Chuck Hoskinson)

The 1980s: News

Scandal mars U.S. government

ByKimberly Brothers Staff Writer

Operation ABSCAM was the first political scandal uncovered in the 1980s. The exposure of the ABSCAM operation was the result of a two-year investigation by the FBI in which 31 U.S. officials were linked to taking bribes from Arabian businessmen.

In April 1980 the U.S. military attempt ordered by President Jimmy Carter to rescue the 52 American hostages failed.

Ronald Reagan was inaugurated as the 40th U.S. president in January 1981. Shortly after his inauguration, the American hostages were freed from their Iranian captors who had been holding them hostage in the U.S. embassy in Teheran.

In his first term, Reagan enacted "Reaganomics," which included budget cuts and tax reduc-

tions that put the U.S. back on its

Reagan also appointed Sandra Day O'Connor in 1981 to be the first woman Supreme Court

In 1982 the Equal Rights Amendment missed ratification by three states.

The U.S. in 1983 invaded Grenada in order to oust its Marxist government.

In the 1984 election, Reagan and Vice President George Bush ran against democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale and vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro. The Reagan/Bush ticket won by an historical land-

In 1986, President Reagan decided to use America's "big stick" when the U.S. bombed Lybia in retaliation against terrorist attacks on Americans.

Reports of the Iran-Contra

Affair began to surface in 1986. Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North, John Poindexter, Robert McFarlane and Albert Hakim were indicted in the scandal.

North was convicted of lying to Congress, concealing evidence from Congress and receiving a security system for his home. President Reagan and Presidentelect George Bush were subpoenaed in North's trial in 1988, but were never called to testify.

Gary Hart dropped out of the race for democratic presidential nomination on May 4,1987 after a newspaper reported that he had spent the night with a young woman, Donna Rice, in his Washington, D.C. home.

In December 1987, President Reagan and Soviet Union leader Mikhail Gorbachev signed the INF Treaty. The treaty is an agreement which calls for dismantling intermediate range nuclear missiles.

The Wedtech scandal, which involved the Wedtech Corporation of New York bribing many officials and swindling policies in order to gain government subsidies and Army contracts unravelled in June 1988. The scandal was even linked to Attorney General Edwin Meese, whose associates were on the Wedtech payroll.

GOP presidential candidate George Bush and vice presidential candidate Dan Quayle won the 1988 election against democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis and vice presidential candidate Lloyd Bentson. This presidential election spurred controversy over negative campaign advertisements.

In 1989 President Bush approved a bill that would bail out the savings and loan industry. The cost of rescuing the S&Ls totalled \$300 billion, which will be paid See Politics, page 21

AIDS becomes a world epidemic; claims lives of more than 70,000

By Samantha Thompson Staff Writer

AIDS, the deadly disease of the 1980s, was not even named until 1982 after it claimed the lives of six men, all homosexuals. More than 70,000 people, young and old, homosexual and heterosexual, have died from AIDS.

The list of deaths include Rock Hudson, Andy Warhol and Liberace. It is estimated that in the United States alone over one and a half million people have the disease, with or without symptoms. World-wide, over five million are infected.

In the early part of the decade, it was called the gay cancer. Homosexuals in the San Francisco ity. and Los Angeles area were dying sexuals died, and no one knew why. It became "the homosexual disease" and was largely ignored in hospitals and communities.

spread to another group lead researchers to believe that the disease was transmitted through cytes, cells in the blood stream blood and semen. It was described crucial to the body's ability to fight as the acquired disease of the offinvading bacteria, fungi, protoimmune system that reflected a zoa and viruses.

deficiency in immunity and predisposed affected persons to frequent and overwhelming infec-

It took the death of actor Rock Hudson in July of 1985 for people to realize the disease was as serious as researchers were saying. Famous actors and actresses spoke out with their concerns, including Elizabeth Taylor. AIDS was beginning to make headlines with the general public, not only those involved with the disease.

Children and heterosexuals were becoming infected and doctors were still searching for a cure. NBC, ABC and CBS ran stories on the mounting number of cases, but they were never high in prior-

People became afraid to get from unexplainable and mysteri- near AIDS victims, believing that ous fatal infections. By the end of any type of contact with an AIDS 1981, approximately 100 homo-patient would infect them too. This reaction came even after researchers found in 1984 that the disease could only be acquired by sexual intercourse, blood transfusions or By 1982, drug users were also needle sharing. They isolated a dying from the strange disease. Its virus as the causative agent for

The AIDS virus kills lympho-

Children unfortunate enough to acquire the disease through blood transfusions were told not to come to school and some courts readily agreed. The public, largely uneducated about the causes of AIDS, had to be taught to avoid contracting the virus and to accept those in society who have it.

Since funding for AIDS research has never been given top priority, progress for a cure or for a vaccination has been slow but positive. Drugs such as AZT have prolonged the life of many AIDS patients, and the recent news of a possible vaccination in the near future make many victims hope-

With the growing concern and number of AIDS cases, homosexuals as well as heterosexuals in the 1980s have reevaluated their sexual morals and practices. One night stands have declined and condom sales are up. People are finally concerned with the fate of themselves as well as the human

By 1994, experts predict that over half a million people will have died from AIDS. More funding and education is needed to halt or at least decrease this number that will steadily grow with each coming decade until a cure is



U.S. declares war on drugs

By Jeff Becker Staff Writer

What was the biggest problem for the United States in the 1980s? Many believe it was drugs.

The emergence of crack, the crime it brought with it and the rise of Colombian cocaine cartels headlined the drug problem in the '80s. It was a problem which affected many aspects of American

In 1983 smokeable cocaine, or crack, was discovered. One year later it was on the streets of every major U.S. city. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse the number of casual drug users in the U.S. dropped from 23 million to 14.5 million between 1985 and 1988. However, the addiction rate continued to climb during this period.

Poverty stricken ghettos have become a haven for crack. Addiction, gangs and shootouts are an everyday threat in the ghetto ar-

Crack is not just a problem for the poor. Across the nation, drug counselors report rising number of professionals with crack prob-

According to Newsweek

magazine, cocaine-related juvenile arrests have skyrocketed in every major U.S. city since 1983. Crack became a new job program for many unskilled and poorly educated youths of the inner cities.

On an international level, the 1980s provided for the rise of powerful drug organizations. Topping the list of drug organizations is Colombia's Medellin cartel, the main supplier of cocaine in the U.S.

A recent crackdown on the drug cartel by the Colombian government was made possible by President Bush's aid package. Millions of dollars of the drug cartel's money has been confiscated. The cartel's "finance minister" has been extradited to stand trial in the U.S. and the number two man in the Medellin Cartel, Jose Rodriguez Gacha, was shot to death in December 1989.

These victories do not come easy. Columbian newspaper El Espectador has maintained reports that the cartel killed and wounded hundreds in response to actions taken against them. According to Colombia's Justice Minister Corlos Lemos Eimmonds, "the slaughter has just begun."

President Bush took office

with a drug plan that included a clear statement to the drug lords: "We mean business." The expansion of drug fighting aid to Latin America and the recent ousting of Panama's Manuel Noriega highlight the administration's idea of stopping drugs at the source.

The Bush plan has put the "street level" approach back to drug fighting. Increased federal aid to state and local police and the revitalization of treatment programs are key points of his approach.

Although Bush's battle plan may contain some worthwhile ideas, critics protest that it lacks the necessary funds to be effective. Next year, Bush has proposed to spend \$7.8 billion to fight drugs. Congressional democrats have estimated this to be only four percent of the cost of an all-out war on drugs.

On-the-job drug testing became enforced during the '80s. Campaigns such as "Just say No" were common, with angry citizens banding together in attempt to rid their neighborhoods of

Support for drug legalization has increased over the last dec-

Political turmoil strikes worldwide

By April Draughn Staff Writer

The 1980s proved to be a decade of turmoil and revolution throughout the world. San Salvador and South Korea

The unrest began on January 23, 1980 in San Salvador. March 17 was a day of havoc on the campus of San Salvador when 150 leftist militants and students took over the campus. A gun battle ensued for two and a half hours, killing 50 people. By June 30, troops had taken over the campus and were

conducting a search.

In April 1980, laborers and students protested in Seoul, South Korea. Factory workers wanted salary increases and elimination of union leaders. On May 1, several thousand students from 13 different colleges began their protests which lasted until May

The students spoke out against martial law and requested that General Chon Too Hwan, leader of the Korean CIA, resign. Protests started March 19 by students at Konkuk University after martial law was declared. On May 18,900 students were arrested and 17 students were killed in Kwangju

on May 21. Poland and Northern Ireland

As 1981 began, so did the Polish Solidarity movement. On Jan. 29, the Polish government decided to restrict movements such as the strikes that had erupted the previous week. Strikes continued in cities like Bielsko-Biala despite the oppression of the Polish government.

The year of 1981 began with See Revolution, page 22



Censorship: a contested issue

By Adam Cornelius Assistant News Editor

Like previous decades, the 1980s was one of changing ideas, as well as changing attitudes about how those ideas are expressed. And, like previous decades, free speech and censorship were major issues, both locally and glob-

ally. What was different about the '80s were the places where censorship came from and where the freedom to express ideas was being promoted.

In the United States, the rate of objections to books expressing controversial views about race, sex and politics jumped 500 percent the year after the 1980 election, according to the American Library Association.

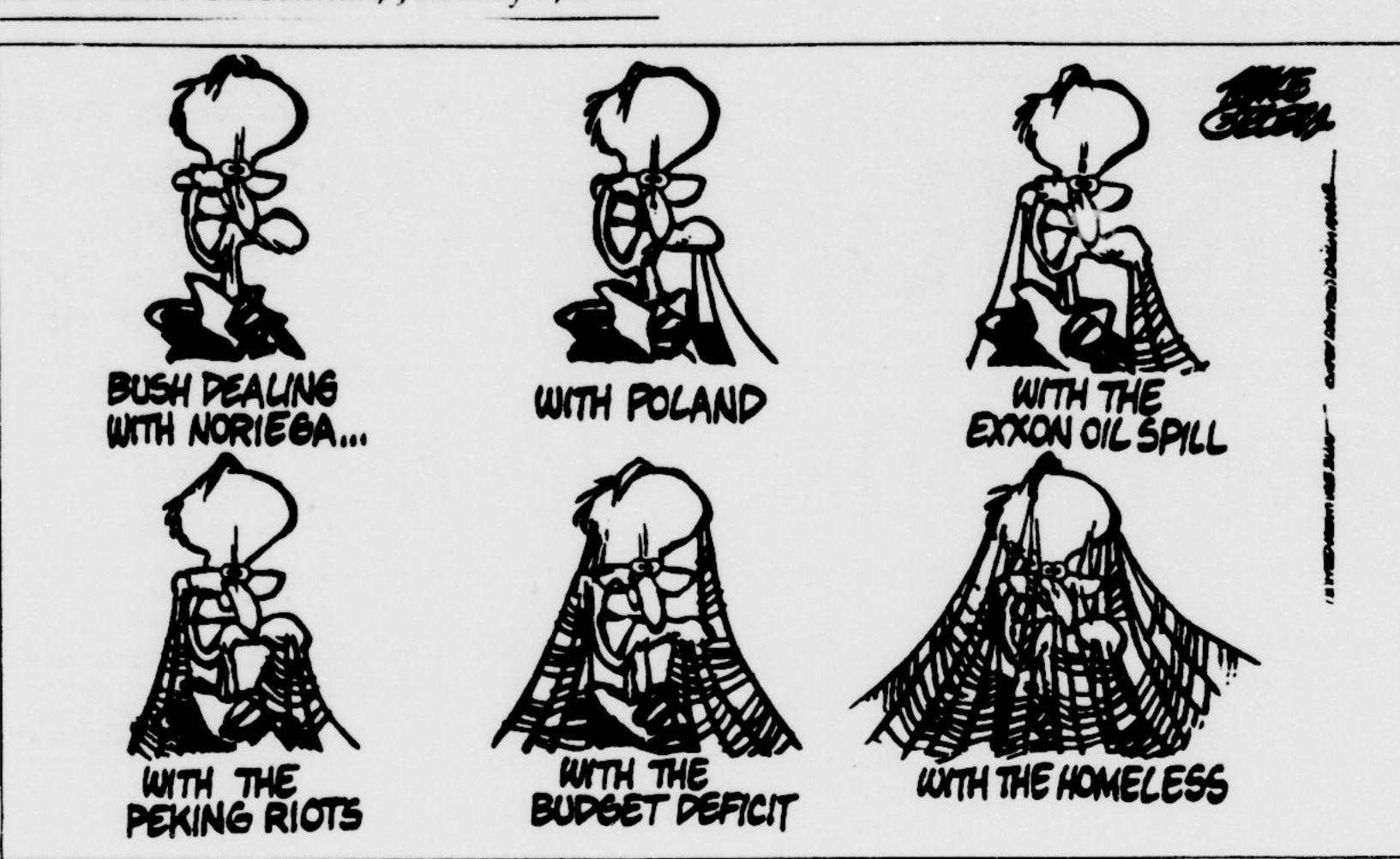
Fundamentalist Christian groups, including Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority, Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum and Pat Robertson's National Legal Foundation were the main lobbying forces promoting the banning of books. .

Libraries, bookstores and courts across the country were

pressured to remove books like Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird," J.D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye" and Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World." Buzzwords of the new right's censorship efforts included "secular humanism," "values clarification" and "situation ethics."

The groups' main complaints were "undermining of traditional family, atheistic and agnostic views, anti-traditional/anti-establishment views, negative or pessimistic views and moral relativism

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Homelessness increases in U.S.

By Susan Jernigan Staff Writer

During the past decade, homeless men and women have become increasingly familiar sights in the parks, streets and alleys of America.

Statistics on the homeless are difficult to pinpoint and analyze, but it has been estimated that three million people currently make up the nation's homeless population. In 1988 the homeless population increased 25 percent, according to one survey.

Homeless men and women were once thought of as the unemployed and as children who ran condemnation. away from home. However, as the numbers of homeless increased through the '80s, the demographic span of the homeless widened.

Today, there are more women and many more young people living on the streets. The average age of the homeless on the streets of San Fransisco is 35, according to one survey.

Families have also become more prevalent in the shelters. They are usually poor people whose predicaments result from a homelessness. personal tragedy, such as being evicted from their apartment, driven out by fire or by building

A third or half of the homeless are mentally ill. During the latter part of this century, asylums were almost emptied because of improved drugs and treatment for the patients. Many of those released ended up on the streets, and many died.

Another growing face in the homeless population is the drug addict. The nations social problem of illegal drug use has spilled over into the social problem of

A visible increase in the homeless population convinced Ameri-See Homeless, page 21

Crime reaches epidemic proportions in America

By Kimberly Brothers Staff Writer

Crime in the '80s proved America to be one of the most violent nations in the world.

The most remembered crime stories begin with the racial rioting that left 18 people dead and more than 300 injured in Miami, Fla. from May 17 to 19, 1980. The rioting was the most costly urban disorder in U.S. history.

In 1981, the residents of Atlanta, Ga. were terrified by a murderer. His reign of terror, which lasted two years, left 30 young black people dead.

Wayne B. Williams, 23, was indicted in the case, and found guilty for two of the Atlanta child murders. Authorities said the number of murders and missing persons dropped off in Atlanta after Williams' arrest.

On March 30, 1981, John Hinckley Jr. attempted to assassinate President Ronald Reagan in hopes of impressing his favorite actress, Jodie Foster. Hinckley was found innocent by reason of insanity and was put in a security institution.

During September and October of 1982, seven people were poisoned by cyanide-laced Tylenol capsules. James Lewis, alias Robert Richardson, was believed to be the perpetrator since he had threatened Tylenol with such a poisoning.

The shooting and wounding of four teenage boys by Bernard Goetz in a New York City subway station on Dec. 22, 1984 started a debate over what actions citizens should take to protect themselves. Some thought the incident was racially motivated. Goetz was found innocent in New York Supreme Court in June 1987.

The biggest spy ring in U.S. history was uncovered on May 20, 1985, with the arrest of retired Navy Chief Warrant Officer John A. Walker. For 20 years Jacksonville, Fla.

Walker traded U.S. top secret information with the Soviet Union for money, with the help of his son and

two other family members. On Aug. 31, 1985, the "night stalker," who terrorized California with 14 murders and 20 rapes during 1985 was captured and beaten by East Los Angeles residents when they saw him trying to steal a car. The "night stalker," Richard Ramirez, was convicted of 13 Los Angeles murders in September

The New York Times reported in April 1987 that residents of Detroit, Mich. lived in the city with the nation's highest homicide rate. However, Washington, D.C. became known as the "murder capital" of the U.S. in 1988 and 1989, with more homicides than days in the year.

Carlos Lehder, a Colombian linked to the Medellin drug cartel, was convicted of conspiracy to smuggle 3.3 tons of cocaine into the United States in May 1988.

In February 1989, a gunman killed five children playing in the schoolyard of Cleveland Elementary School in Stockton, Calif.

On Labor Day weekend, 1989, students from black colleges were at Virginia Beach, Va. to participate in the annual "Greekfest." Because of the previous year's violence, police strictly enforced city laws, which caused tensions and led to rioting and looting by the students.

In another famous case, former PTL partner and televangelist Jim Bakker was convicted of fraud, sentenced to 45 years in prison and fined \$500,000 on Oct. 25, 1989.

In December 1989, a series of mail bombs killed Alabama judge Robert Vance and a Savannah lawyer, Robert Robinson. Bombs were found at an Atlanta courthouse and NAACP headquarters in

Environmental issues top earth's list of priorities

By Donna Hayes Staff Writer

The 1980s may well be remembered as the decade that finally recognized the significance of environmental issues.

Dorrie Smith, an ocean ecology expert and a national campaigner for Greenpeace, the international environmental organization, said more people are aware of environmental problems now

because of increased media cover-

According to Greenpeace statistics, three out of every four Americans consider themselves to be environmentalists. Americans also believe that "environmental standards cannot be too high, no matter what the cost."

Statistics indicate that "84 percent (of Americans) would accept a lower standard of living if they could reduce health risks,"

and the buying practices of 77 percent of Americans are influenced by a company's environmental record.

A recent ABC News report indicated that more than one-third of the population of Great Britain considers the environment to be the most important issue today.

The United States alone generates more than 160 million tons garbage each year-1,200 pounds of garbage per per-

son. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) expects this number to increase to more than 2,300 pounds of garbage per person within the next 12 years.

At least 80 percent of U.S. garbage is buried in landfills, but landfills already filled to capacity and increased groundwater polllution are causing controversy. After petitioning six states and three countries for a site to dump a barge filled with garbage, New mandatory in some areas, includ-

York was forced to bring its garbage home.

Only 10 percent of U.S. garbage is recycled, the preferred method of waste disposal, but recycling in the '90s is expected to increase, possibly cutting U.S. waste by 80 percent.

Communities and businesses began initiating voluntary recycling programs in the late 1980s; however, recycling is becoming

ing Pitt County.

In August, the North Carolina General Assembly passed the "Act to Improve the Management of Solid Waste," which provides all state agencies to begin mandatory recycling by Jan. 1, 1992.

ECU students have also become concerned with the use of animal pelts in the fashion industry. The "chic" fur coats of the '80s are the targets of environmental-See Environment, page 22

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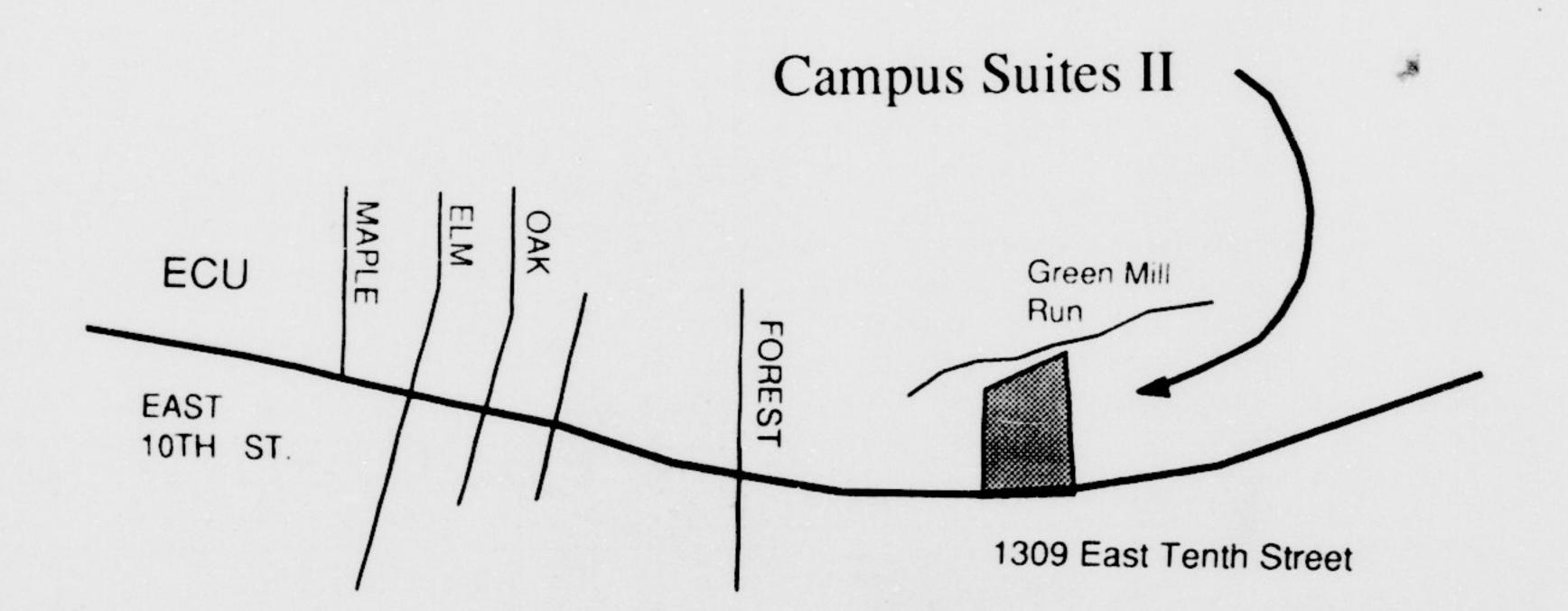
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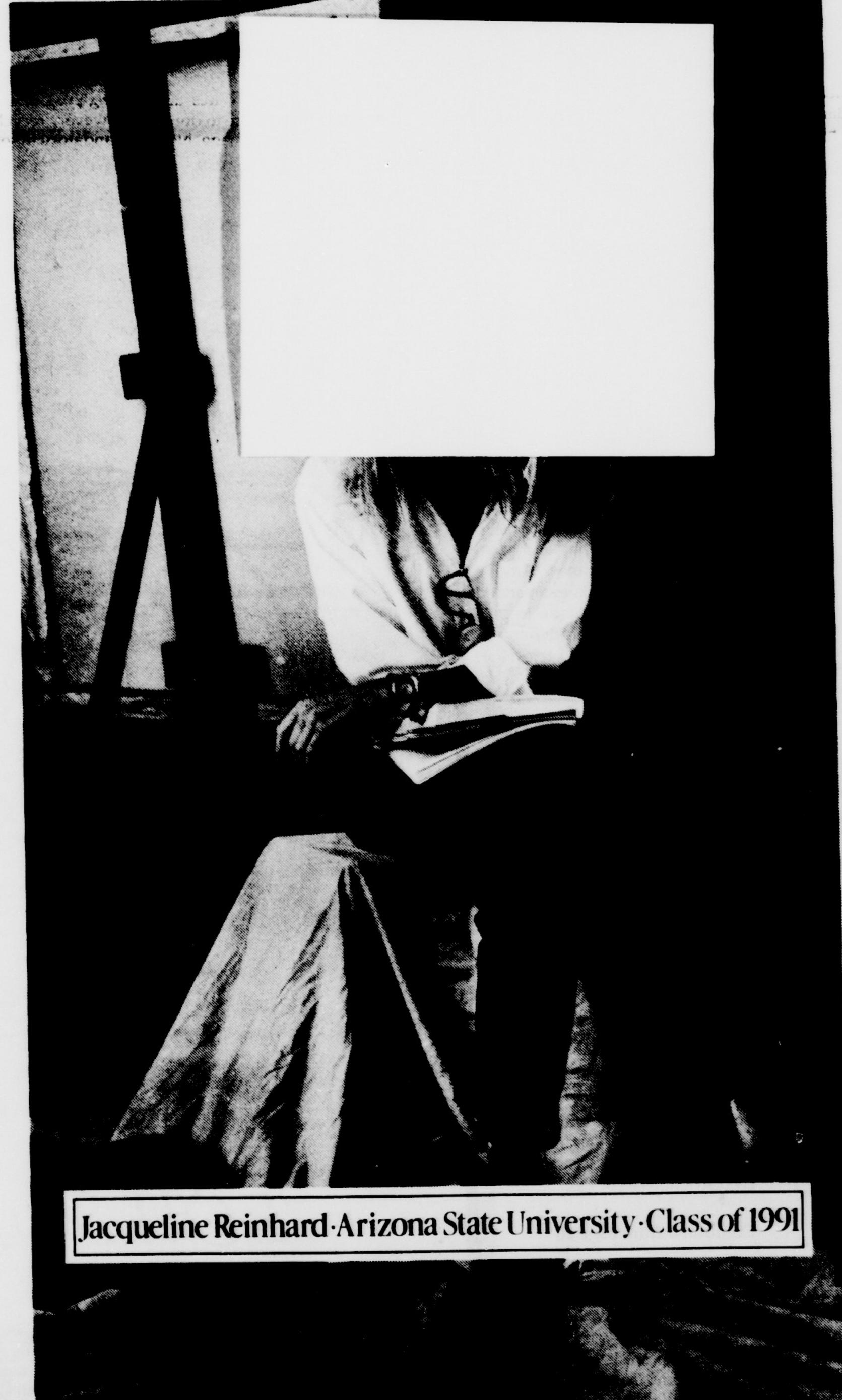
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Research improves medical treatment

By Katherine Anderson Staff Writer

Researchers made strides in the prevention and treatment of sometimes deadly diseases during the 1980s.

In 1985, an important link between a cancer gene and a natural substance within the body was discovered. This link is critical because cancer is known to be a process in which cell growth gets out of control and cannot be stopped.

Scientists from the University of Maryland, the University of Rochester, and the National Institute of Health reported the development of a new vaccine, given by nose drops, that promises longer and better immunity to influenza.

At Merck, Sharp & Dohme Research Labs of Westpoint, Pa., under the direction of Dr. Edward

M. Scolnick, the first experimental vaccine for humans utilized genesplicing to give healthy adults immunity to hepatitis B virus. The virus has been a major cause of liver disease throughout the world.

Also in 1985, a five-and-a-half pound infant girl was the world's first baby produced from a frozen embryo. The birth, in Australia, resulted after an ovum from the mother was fertilized in a laboratory with the husband's sperm. The embryo was then frozen, reportedly for two months before being implanted in the woman's uterus where it developed nor-

In 1987, under the direction of Dr. Ignacio Madrazo Navarro, of La Raza Medical Center in Mexico City, a radical new surgical procedure was developed to treat severe cases of Parkinson's disease.

The procedure involves an implant of part of the patient's adrenal tissue into the brain.

Parkinson's disease, a progressive neurological disorder, is characterized by loss of muscle control, often accompanied by tremors, slurred speech, extreme fatigue and the inability to perform ordinary tasks. Doctors have suggested that tissue implants in the brain could have applications in treating other disorders affecting the central nervous system.

In 1988, a clinical trial of THA (tetrahydroaminocrydine) was shown to reduce memory loss in victims of Alzheimer's disease. Approximately three million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's disease, a progressive mental deterioration for which there is no cure.

1989 was a tremendous year for science and medicine. The first and prevention in the world.

successful transplant of an entire human knee was performed to save the leg of a 32-year-old woman at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Surgeons in Paris transplanted parts of the same liver to two different patients. Because the liver is the only organ in the body that can regenerate itself it grows naturally along with the body after being reduced in size.

Doctors for the first time used blood vessels which rarely develop the fatty deposits that make surgery necessary in the first place. Doctors previously used sections of a leg vein to bypass blocked coronary arteries.

While the eighties were filled with research and enlightenment for the entire medical field, the decade ahead offers even more bright hopes for disease control

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Apartheid persists in South Africa despite reforms

By Elizabeth Moore Staff Writer

In South Africa blacks were able to move more freely going from city to city looking for work. Children of blacks legally residing in an urban areas were able to live in the same area instead of in a rural tribal reserve. These conditions were eased as a result of new governmental statutes and policies enforced by the South African government in 1980.

Although some social condiand cattle losses. Despite the members. losses, Ciskeians voted on Dec. 4 areas or "homelands" to gain in 1984 from two of its black-ruled independence.

African law, blacks could not own land outside of 10 tribal "homeonly 15 percent of the country's Angola. total area.

On July 30, 1982 Prime Ministhe details of a plan by which the

ment would share political power with South Africans of mixed race, called Coloreds, and those of Asian

backgrounds. A 60-member Presidential Council issued a report on May 12, 1982 advocating the exclusion of blacks from the national government. The reform proposal insured that whites could not be outvoted in Parliament. The Conservative Party was formed by right wing members who opposed the reform proposal.

On May 5, 1983 South Africa's tions improved, severe economic new constitution was formally losses occurred in the black-occu- introduced in parliament. It propied Ciskei and Kwazulu areas as vided for a new Colored House of a result of the serious drought in Representatives with 85 members, 1980 which caused crop failure and an Asian House with 45

The white-minority governto become the fourth of 10 tribal ment won significant concessions neighbors. On Feb. 16, 1984, The legal status of blacks did Angola agreed to prevent not improve in 1981. Under South Namibain nationalist guerrillas who had been fighting South African rule in Namibia from mainlands", which together made up' taining military bases in southern

killed from early September to ter Pieter Willem Botha announced October of 1984, and more than government security forces in

black residential townships near Johannesburg. On Oct. 23, about 7,000 soldiers conducted raids in three townships, searching for tries. weapons and arresting suspected

The widening protests were directed against a wide variety of black grievances, overpriced ramshackle housing, inadequate schooling, low wages and high prices charged by white retailers. One goal that many protesters had in common was the release of Nelson Mandela, the leader of the banned African National Congress, who had been in prison since 1962 for plotting sabotage against the government.

As a result of the protests the government declared a state of emergency in three major areas, the eastern part of Cape Province, black townships east of Johannesburg, and Johannesburg itself. The emergency conditions allowed police to impose curfews, detain people without trial, and search homes and other buildings without warrants.

The move by many nations to An estimated 80 blacks were economically isolate the South African government gained momentum. As 1986 ended economic 400 were injured in conflicts with sanctions (penalties) had been voted on by the Organization of

African Unity, the Commonwealth, the European Community, the United States and other coun-

Pretora acknowledged its support for the rebel movement in Angola. South Africa had been giving Angola military support since the Angolan civil war in 1975.

Over the course of 1988, the South African government was able to maintain some aspects of stability by continuing the existing state of emergency for another year, by banning or curtailing a number of black political and labor organizations and by stifling press freedoms.

President Botha announced new constitutional plans which he stated would enable black South Africans to participate more directly in political affairs.

After three months of U.S. mediated tasks, South Africa, Cuba and Angola agreed to cease fire in the Angolan civil war, and South Africa began withdrawing its troops.

ountry's white-minority govern-Censorship

sm," "values clarification" and 'situation ethics.'

were "undermining of traditional family, atheistic and agnostic iews, anti-traditional/anti-estab-Ishment views, negative or pessinastic views and moral relativism situation ethics," according to a report in the Sept. 7, 1984 issue of Christianity Today.

Public schools were affected he most by courtroom decisions. eople for the American Way documented 153 incidents of atacks on textbooks in the 1986-87

Revolution

of the new right's censorship school year alone. Trials in Hawkforts included "secular human- ins County, Tennessee and Mo-

> Despite the pressure from the extremes, the majority of Americans were opposed to censorship during the 1980s. A 1986 survey by Penn & Schoen Associates, New York, showed that 84 percent of those polled believed that Ameri-

can people have a right to buy all books and magazines judged to

Facing pressure from both The groups' main complaints ing in the banning of textbooks sides of the political spectrum, the federal government in 1986 commissioned Attorney General Edmund Meese to head a commission on pornography. His final report asserted a relationship between pornography and sexually motivated crimes. Among other things, the findings amended title 18 of the U.S. code to proscribe what had been defined as obscene cable and and television programming.

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be legal.

bile, Alabama were among the more popular court cases resultfrom the classrooms, including Random House's "Freedom and Crisis" (Second Edition, 1974, 1978), a history text, and the biology text "Life and Health" (third

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Panama On June 11, 1987, after three days of protest in Panama, a 10day state of urgency was issued after three days of anti-government protests. Col. Roberto Herrefa, former second-in-command of the Panamanian Defense Forces, started protests after he made accusations against General Manuel Noriega. His main accusation was about Noriega rigging the 1984 elections. Five opposition parties organized a patriotic junta of national resistance in hopes to oust Noriega. China

Revolution became the story of 1989 when countries such as

China decided to fight for democracy no matter what the costs. The recent turmoil in China began on April 15 after the death of former communist party leader Hu Yaobang. On April 17, marches led by 500 students into Tiananmen Square began in honor of Hu

Police tried to remove students from the square on April 19. From April 21-22, approximately 100,000 students and supporters marched into Tiananmen to stage a pro-democracy rally.

By June 4, unrest had escalated and at midnight in Beijing, tanks, armored personnel carriers and thousands of combat troops

forced their way into the square and released fire on the demonstrators. East Germany

In East Germany, from September 11-14, over 13,000 East Germans fled to West Germany by way of Austria.

On Nov. 9, restrictions on travel and emigration were loosened. As of Nov. 15, almost three million East Germans had traveled to West Germany. On Dec. 3, the Socialist Unity Communist Party resigned due to public knowledge of party and government corruption. East Germans could travel to West Germany with no restrictions as of Dec. 5.

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ists' scorn in the '90s. "Fur is dead" became the motto of protesters across the U.S.

Environment

Another concern to area envirommentalists is the issue of offshore oil drilling. The '80s were plagued with oil spills, the worst occurring in 1989 off the coast of Alaska.

Approximately 11 million gallons of crude oil spilled into the

waters of Prince William Sound when the Exxon Valdez strayed off course and struck a reef. More than 1,000 miles of coastline became contaminated and thousands of animals died as a result of the disaster.

The disaster came close to home when Mobil Oil officials announced plans to drill for oil and natural gas off the North

Carolina Outer Banks. Public outcry forced officials to delay the final decision on Mobil's fate until February 1990.

The '90s are beginning on a positive environmental note. President Bush proclaimed April 22 as Earth Day. The president said he supported nationwide activities that are designed to promote environmental awareness.



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The 1980s: Features

Movies focus on stars and sequels

By Doug Morris Staff Writer

The 1980s were full of changes in the movie industry. This has been a lucrative time for film makers. In 1989, the industry made approximately five billion dollars, the largest sum in movie making

They were going for the dollar but at the same time they were out to make a good product," said John Sims, manager of Buccaneer Movies in Greenville. Film makers gave their audiences what they wanted, and the response translated into money.

Along with the mega hits such as "E.T.," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Platoon," the "Star Wars" movies and "Batman," there were many films that did not make the huge sums of money but were still exceptional. "Chariots of Fire," "Breaking Away," "Raging Bull" and "Blue Velvet" all received recognition for their artistic con-

The problem is, film makers

are out to make money, and to do that in the '80s, in many cases, did not mean offering intelligent material. The "Rambo" / "Friday the 13th" craze had the disturbing side effect of making good films seem too sedate.

Starting in 1983, the movie industry began producing a great number of films directed at their younger teen audiences. Films such as "War Games," "The Outsiders," "Pee Wee's Big Adventure," "Goonies," "The Breakfast Club," and "Weird Science" were directed toward younger audiences. The introduction of the "PG-13 rating" in 1986 and the aging of the audience has reduced the number of these movies.

The '80s may be known best for the sequel craze. Films like "Friday the 13th," "Halloween," "A Nightmare on Elm Street," "Indiana Jones," "Jaws," "Rambo," "Rocky," "The Karate Kid," "Poltergeist," "Superman," "Star Trek" and, of course, "Back to the Future," were not simply See Movies, page 24



Tom Hanks was one of the most productive movie actors of the decade starring in such block busters as "Bachelor Party," Nothing in Common," "The Money Pit," "Punch Line" and "Turner and Hooch."

through the years, He was a gentle

man (even a Pepsi had too much

fizz for him) who captured the

world's and an extraterrestrial's

mainly to his extraordinary talent.

His videos helped showcase that

talent. He gained millions of fans

and millions of dollars, thanks to

the 24-hour music channel. And

you can bet that his sequined glove

is often flipping the channel to

lackson's success was due

Games captivate American minds

By Rob Williams Staff Writer

Archaeologists often unearth artifacts which lend an understanding to how ancient and forgotten peoples made use of their spare time. This, in turn, provides us with an account of the level of man's creativeness or imaginativeness during a particular era.

Should future archaeologists stumble upon the means or forms of entertainment that tickled the fancies of Americans during the 1980s, they may very well find confusion in the appearance of trivia games and games of logics, amidst joy sticks and computer entertainment systems. These describe the games of the '80s; highly specialized computer adventure games and adventures of the imagination, interwoven with simple games of trivia and picture-word association brought to

life by pencil and paper.

Hungarian professor Erno Rubik christened the games of the '80s with his small invention that may have been a toy rather than a game, but nevertheless, occupied the minds of millions of Americans. This emerged as the Rubik's Cube, a color-coded, hand-held object that outrightly irritated whomever dared to twist and turn its everchanging structure. The intention of the device was not to further complicate one's daily problems but to provide the idle mind with mental activity.

Soon, Americans demanded a solution to the Rubik's Cube and books with cube-solving techniques were printed to alleviate the distraught Rubik's Cube player. Subsequently, Rubik's Cubes were seen everywhere and anywhere anyone had a chance to tangle with the tantalizing toy. See Games, page 24

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MTV changes music communication

By Suzan Lawler Staff Writer

could watch our favorite and our objects. Other media criticized most hated videos repeated 24 MTV's blatant self promotion. hours a day.

years, and it now presents a wide variety of music videos and diverse programming. Some popular programs are "MTV Rockumentary," "120 Minutes," Yo! MTV Raps!," and the "MTV

News. Although MTV has million of faithful viewers, it also receives its share of criticism. Some overheard complaints include Julie Brown's said,"The musician in me really voice (too shrill), Adam Curry's hair (too scary) and Remote Control (too stupid).

TV shows come & go in the '80s

By Debra Blake Staff Writer

The past decade of the '80s provided television with popular programs that have come and gone. Television has shown attempts to grab viewers and come up with new ideas in program-

These attempts have resulted in failures and successes. In the '80s, we have had such programs as "Dallas," "Dynasty," "The Cosby Show," "Miami Vice," "Moonlighting" and "Magnum, P.I." All of them succeeded at some point; however, not all of them survived the tests of time and ratings.

The decade began with "Dallas," a prime-time soap with a star studded cast of characters, dominating the tube. As the '80s progressed in 1984, "The Cosby Show" ranked number three in its debut season. The next four seasons it reigned as the number one show. Today, "Roseanne" is a tough competitor for that position.

Throughout the years soaps have been popular, but few achieved the success of "Cosby." "Dallas," "Knot's Landing" and "L. A. Law" have remained in topnotch spots, while "Dynasty" and "The Colby's" folded.

"Hill Street Blues" brought style and realism to the crime scene and presented us with a winning cast in 1981. It survived for six

"Moonlighting" and "Miami Vice" dazzled audiences with fashion. and

See TV, page 24

violence in the music videos. Many women were outraged at the por-In 1981, MTV was born. We trayal of women as mindless sex

Even with all the criticism, MTV has evolved through the MTV has undeniably helped launch their careers. The channel allowed performers to reach their target markets (12-34-year-olds) 24 hours a day."MTV is the largest radio station in America," stated CBS Records Vice President Frank M. Dileo.

> Some musicians were hesitant to join the video revolution. In a 1983 Time interview, Billy Joel

Parents criticized the sex and resents having to interpret my dances and his face changed music in to something visual, but...video is a form of communication. Why not use every mean of communication available?"

> Some performers communicated better than others. Who can mention music videos without mentioning Michael Jackson? His videos Beat It, Bad, Billie Jean and Smooth Criminal were innovative and elaborate. Thriller remains the top selling album in history and his corpse cluttered video definitely had something to do with that success.

Michael Jackson remains a permanent fixture on MTV. We watched in amazement as his

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Musicians fight against world social problems

By Suzan Lawler Staff Writer

"The trend of activism is a natural thing after 10 to 15 years of being in a coma,"said Steve Van Zandt in an Oct. '85 Time magazine interview. He commented on the surge of music causes in the wrote and coproduced the antiapartheid song, "Sun City."

Artists United Against Apartin 1985 to promote political awareness and to discourage performers from playing in South Africa. Many talented performers contributed, including Miles Davis, Pete Townsend, Herbie Hancock and Peter Gabriel.

The 1988 "Human Rights cal solidarity against apartheid. Amnesty International sponsored the event to make people aware of human rights abuse in South Africa. International stars Tracy Chapman, Sting, Peter Gabriel, people. Youssoou N'Dour and Bruce Springsteen donated their talents for A.I. Springsteen said, "Amnesty International speaks Hermanos recorded a song to help world. through that sense of community in a voice that calls for the decency and dignity of every woman, man and child to simply be respected.

Musicians around the world

out until the middle of the decade.

came another sort of mania. Not

After the birth of Rubikmania

Shortly after Dungeons and

Dragons won considerable fame,

it became linked to several deaths.

Some people, who became too

involved with the game's role-

playing, committed suicide. And

the game was dubbed a danger-

ous obsession rather than an ex-

traordinary adventure of castles

ated with Dungeons and Dragons

The chaotic scenarios associ-

Games

fate of its characters.

charities and to promote activism. The efforts were, as Joan Baez put it,"some kind of phenomenon." The music causes were especially effective because music is, after all, the universal language. The trend started in 1985 with Bob Geldof's Band Aid. The hottest British performers sang "Do They '80's. Little Steven Van Zandt Know It's Christmas?" to aid famine victims in Africa.

America soon followed suit with"We Are The World" by USA heid released the Sun City album for Africa. Harry Belafonte was a key organizer; Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie co-wrote the song. Forty-five musicians, including Stevie Wonder and Bruce Springsteen, shared their voices.

Band Aid/Live Aid together raised over \$80 million for famine victims. The July 13, 1985 concert Now!" concert was another musibegan in London's Wembly Stadium and ended, 16 hours later, in Philadelphia's JFK stadium. The world's largest concert was beamed by satellite to 160 nations and approximately 1.5 billion

Other musicians contributed to the famine relief cause in 1985. A group of 60 Latin artists called the hungry in Africa and Latin America. Motel musicians formed Hear'N Aid and cut a single, because as Ronnie James Dio said, "Life is more than partying your frequently joined voices to help brains out." On the other end of

the musical spectrum, Christian Artists United to Save the Earth recorded "Do Something Now."

Inthe fall of '85, Willie Nelson, with the help of John Cougar Mellencamp and Neil Young, organized Farm Aid. The 14.5 hour marathon concert in Champaign, Ill. raised money to help struggling American farmers. Nelson, himself a failed former pig farmer, stimulated public and legislative support for the farmers.

Crusading was definitely cool in the '80s and musicians helped a varity of causes. Dionne & Friends raised 1.4 million for Aids research in 1986 with the song "That's What Friends Are For." Bill Graham organized a Crack-Down concert in '86 to promote an anticrack campaign in New York schools.

Terence Trent D'Arby, U2, and INXS all supported environmental preservation and Greenpeace. The New Kids on the Block recently presented Boston Against Drugs with a \$25,000 check. These groups, along with many others, tried to give something back to the

Hopefully, the music causes of the '80s will continue into the '90s. Charity and social awareness should not be considered fads, they should in fact, be ways of life.

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Rubikmania was born not to die imaginative game and quite contrastingly Americans turned their interest toward a new and simple game of trivia, known as Trivial

with small objects that twist in Just as Trivial Pursuit left its your hand but with books and mark in the '80s, so did another dice and wizards and daggers, but form of entertainment. It became a game that allowed its players to more of a preoccupation shortly feel and to think and to act like its after its origin, and some would characters. It was a game of imagi--say, especially mothers, that it has nation and a game of suspense. In grown into one big, bad habit. The fact, Dungeons and Dragons was obsession refered to is Nintendo, a game that allowed its players to a video player's escape into the live the lives of its characters, and world of computer graphics. for a certain few, to experience the

To credit video arcade games and Atari electronic systems of the late '70s and early '80s for its evolution would be to do this remarkable computer entertainment system a terrible injustice, for its advancements exceed far above those of its predecessors.

Nintendo offers everything from computer sports to computer adventure games and has spawned a video craze that is sure to stay with us for years to come. seemed to bring an end to the Obsession with this computer

entertainment system is so widespread that many people consider it an addiction of sort. Addiction or not, it remains to be one of the most popular games of the dec-

As the pattern of the '80s had it, a simple game of logic seemed to capture the attention of Americans once again and return us to the basics after games of imagination and computer technology. This game not only returned us to order but served as the last real popular pasttime of the '80s.

It was a game centered on the ability of communication and conveyance between two or more people through drawings and word clues. This game, Pictionary, sparked a flame for similar games, including a TV game show hosted by Burt Reynolds. Americans soon found utility in a piece of paper and a pencil, the only items needed to play the game. Like other games of the '80s, it has carried its popularity into the '90s and into a new decade of games.

and dragons.

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wondering what Maddie and David were going to do next, while Tubbs and Crockett presented the times with new trends in style.

"Wheel of Fortune" was one game show that made a lasting impact. The syndicated version began in 1983; however, the network show started back in 1975.

Tabloid TV became an overnight success presenting gossip and celebrities to an interested audience. "A Current Affair,"

"Inside Edition" and "Hard Copy" are just a few of the decade's critics. If they miss any controversial topic, Geraldo will cover it.

"The Dukes of Hazzard" and "M*A*S*H*" and were favorites in the first half of the decade, while "Family Ties," "Alf" and "A Different World" were winners as the decade ended.

how television has winners and

The TV trends of the decade leave us with an image of game shows, talk shows, cops and robbers programs and situation comedies. Many of the styles of television programming are traditional. They began before the '80s and will continue for decades to come.

However, there is a portion of risk takers, programs that dared The past ten years have shown to be different, who succeeded for a while and became part of our lives.



"GHOSTBUSTERS II" was one of the characteristic sequels of the 1980s. Like many movies that succeeded in their debut films often disappointed audiences with second and third tries.

Movies

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more money, but sure money to the movie makers. Sequels seem to have become the rule rather these may mean there will be less than the exception for any high-sequels in the '90s. "I think the

grossing movies in the '80s. The low income of some of

sequel thing has, to an extent, burnt itself out," said Sims. If this is the case, perhaps the '90s will have something new to offer in films.

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The 1980s: Sports

Sports plagued by drug abuse

By Lisa Spiridopoulos and Dave Reichelt Staff Writers

Nothing in today's society is en sports.

With all the glory, the records set; the points scored and all the ames played, sports has a major roblem. A problem that is connuously ruining teams, players' careers and athletes' lives. That ablem, of course, is drugs.

Drugs have become one of the nost controversial issue in sports roughout the '80s, and hundreds of players have suffered from cessive use.

On June 17, 1986, 22-year-old en Bias was chosen by the Boston eltics as the second pick in the BA draft. On the verge of a promsing NBA career, Bias signed with ne then world champions as well an endorsement contract for player." cebok which would have kept im financially secure for the rest

The newly inked Celtic flew ack to Washington D.C. the folring day. As Bias returned to Maryland campus where he mer Terrapin coach Lefty Driesell's larly low tolerance to the drug." nost outstanding players, he and veral other teammates celerated his drafting to Boston as they sat around their dorm room.

Around 2:30 a.m., Bias left the form and was reported to be at a party with known cocaine dealer and former Maryland student dorm around 6:30 a.m. and suf-Teammate Terry Long gave him levels of competiton. mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, Canadian springer Ben-Memorial Hospital. Doctors pro-

nounced Bias dead at 8:50 a.m. Just 40 hours earlier, the young superstar was in the prime of his life. He was an All-American and was an ideal candidate to

play in the NBA. Bias had been drafted by the team that he admired in his childhood, but all of that came crashing to a halt.

Cocaine was linked to Bias's perfect as it appears to be. Not death immediately, even though he was known as a non-drug user. Many though Tit had to have been a one-time accident, but speculation still remained on whether or not Bias was a regular drug-user. It was later discovered that crack, a purer and more potent form of cocaine, was the cause of Bias's death. No one knows for sure whether Bias had taken drugs before or if all the pressure had come so fast and furious that he was unable to handle the situation.

He was described by the Washington Bullets' Mark Alarie as being "the perfect athlete," while Jim Valvano, head coach of N.C. State, described Bias as being "almost the perfect basketball

In the June 30, 1986 issue of Sports Illustrated, noted medical experts were quoted as saying that "it does not take a massive amount of cocaine to contribute to death. The impurities in cocaine sold on the street can make it lethal, and d proven himself as one of for- some people may have a particu-

Following Bias's death, controversy surrounded Maryland sports, several players quit and Driesell later resigned.

The world of professional sports is not the only realm affected by drug abuse. International and Olympic competitions have Brian Tribble. He returned to the also been plagued. Steroids, cocaine, and horomonal stimulants ered a heart attack and a seizure. have prompted drug testing at all

and Bias was trushed to Leland Tohnson was pronounced the fact est man in the world after beating Carl Lewis in the 100 meter dash in the 1988 Olympics. He had broken the world's record and won a gold medal for the Canadians.

Unfortunately, Johnson's



Edwards signs with Utah

Theodore "Blue" Edwards, the 6-5 guard from Walstonburg, N.C. that practically rewrote the ECU record books in basketball, was taken as the 21st pick in the 1989 NBA draft by the Utah Jazz. In his two years at ECU, Edwards averaged 20.7 ppg and 6.3 rebounds, and captured the CAA Player of the Year honors (the only ECU player ever to receive the award) his senior year. He finished the 1988-89 season sixth in the nation in scoring with 26.7 ppg. (Photo courtesy of Sports Information)

glory quickly turned into disgrace as he tested positive for steroid use and was sent home. Johnson was stripped of his gold medal, wiped from all the record books and is currently banned from international competition for two years. A total of ten Olympic athletes lost medals in the 1988 Seoul Olympics because of illegal drug use, and medical experts estimate that at least half of the 9,000 participants used steroids sometime

during their training. Early in the 1989 NFL season, Washington Redskins' Dexter Manley became the third player to be banned for life from the league. As the Redskins' fire-power on defense, Manley had already

tested positive twice for illicit drug use. He claimed that everything was okay and that he was being treated for his drug habit.

On top of the drug abuse, Manley publically announced that he was illiterate, but he had plans to deal with both his problems. Even though he learned to read, his drug usage continued. And because of it, Manly was banned from playing football in the NFL. He is eligible to have another hearing in one year.

Another football player, New 'ork Giants' linebacker Lawrence Taylor, also had a bout with drugs. However, the outcome was different for Taylor. He was treated See Drugs, page 27

Rose banned from baseball for life

> By Joey Jenkins **Assistant Sports Editor**

When Pete Rose surpassed Ty Cobb's mark to become baseball's all-time leading hitter, he joined the ranks of a chosen few.

In 1989, Rose added his name to a much more exclusive club, a club that has made baseball infamy. The only membership refrom the game.

At an August press conference, baseball commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti charged that Rose had "engaged in a variety of acts which [had] stained the game and he must now live with the consequences of those acts," as quoted

in the Sept. 4, 1989 edition of Sports Illustrated. Giamatti's announcement of Rose's lifetime ban from the game came down like a guillotine, in effect severing "Charlie Hustle's" 27-year major league career.

The decision followed months of arguing beginning in April between Giamatti and Rose's lawyers over allegations that Rose quirement—banishment for life had regularly placed bets on Major League teams—even his own Cincinnati Reds.

Evidence of misconduct by Rose began to surface early in 1989 and was eventually compiled into a 225-page report submitted by baseball's special counsel John See Rose, page 28

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The 1980s inducted many bright new stars into the professional tennis firmament, but the decade also ushered out several legends that will long be remembered.

Almost everyone has heard of Bjorn Borg. Borg played perhaps the most outstanding professional tennis match of all time: the 1980 Wimbledon final.

Outlasting an up-and-coming John McEnroe 1-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-7 (16-18), 8-6, Borg put himself en route to a seemingly insurmountable five straight Wimbledon titles. He retired several years later, but his mark on the men's tennis record books makes him

one of the best to ever play the game. With the '80s in full swing, what used to be onsidered a gentleman's game soon became a sport illed with fiery fist clenching, racket throwing antics and squabbles with officials.

At the forefront of these shenanigans was the feisty Jimmy Connors. Connors displayed an intense, gutsy style of play never seen before his era. Even at age 36, he is still a true competitor on the men's tour and until 1989 he was a mainstay in the world's top 10.

Hot-tempered American, John McEnroe, attained best-in-the-world status in the early '80s. The southpaw master of the serve and volley used a unique blend of power and finesse to capture several U.S. pen and Wimbledon titles. Well known for his latent confrontations with linesmen and chair umpires, McEnroe gained public favor with his inpiring play and he consistently represented the

Inited States in Davis Cup competition. But, undoubtedly the most dominant performer in the late1980s was Czechoslavakian-born Ivan Lendl. Lendl ruled the U.S. and French Opens by using aggressive groundstrokes and a blazing serve

to polish off his opponents. Becker dove into the scene in 1985 at age 17 and surpassed all of his more experienced opponents to become the youngest male ever to win Wimbledon. Following several inauspicious performances in other

tournaments, Becker returned to championship form with U.S. Open and Wimbledon victories in 1989 and he closed in, and captured the number one ranking in

On the women's side of the net, the decade's early dominance belonged to Chris Evert-Lloyd. Her consistent gameplay and mental endurance helped her capture more than her share of U.S. Open and Wimbledon titles. Evert retired gracefully in 1989 claiming more victories than any other woman who's ever played the game.

Martina Navratilova reigned as the world's number one women's player for over half the decade, stockpiling more trophies and winnings than any other player. She dominated Evert and everyone else during the '80s, and her supremacy seemed imperishable until a young West German named Stefff Graf evolved into the rankings in 1987.

Graf began winning, making swift work of almost all of her opponents in the major tournaments. In 1988, with a championship win at the U.S. Open, Graf achieved the Grand Slam of tennis — winning Expires: all four major tournaments (Wimbledon, U.S. Open, French Open and the Australia Open) in one year. Graf has lost only five matches since winning the Grand Slam, and she still resides as the world's top ranked player.

Other than Navratilova, only one player on the horizon seems up to the challenge of Graf. Gabriella Sabatini holds the most impressive head-to-head record with Graf, next to Navratilova, and she seems most confident when she faces the West German. Only time will tell if Graf versus Sabatini will become the next true rivalry in women's tennis.

So with the 1980s gone and the 1990s already here, the world of tennis continues to spin. Teen terrors like Andre Agassi and Michael Chang could rekindle the fire for the United States in the racket sport, but West Germany's royal pair of Becker and Graf continue to rule and seem unwilling to be denied.

Whatever the case, though, the net that separates one player from another will continue to widen, bringing a new wealth of talent to a new decade.

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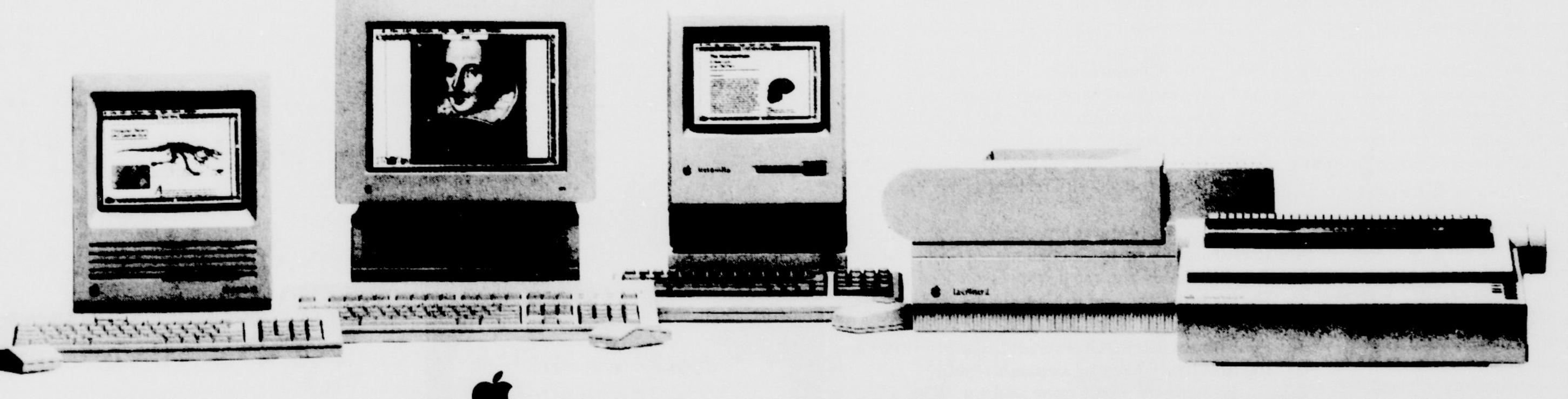
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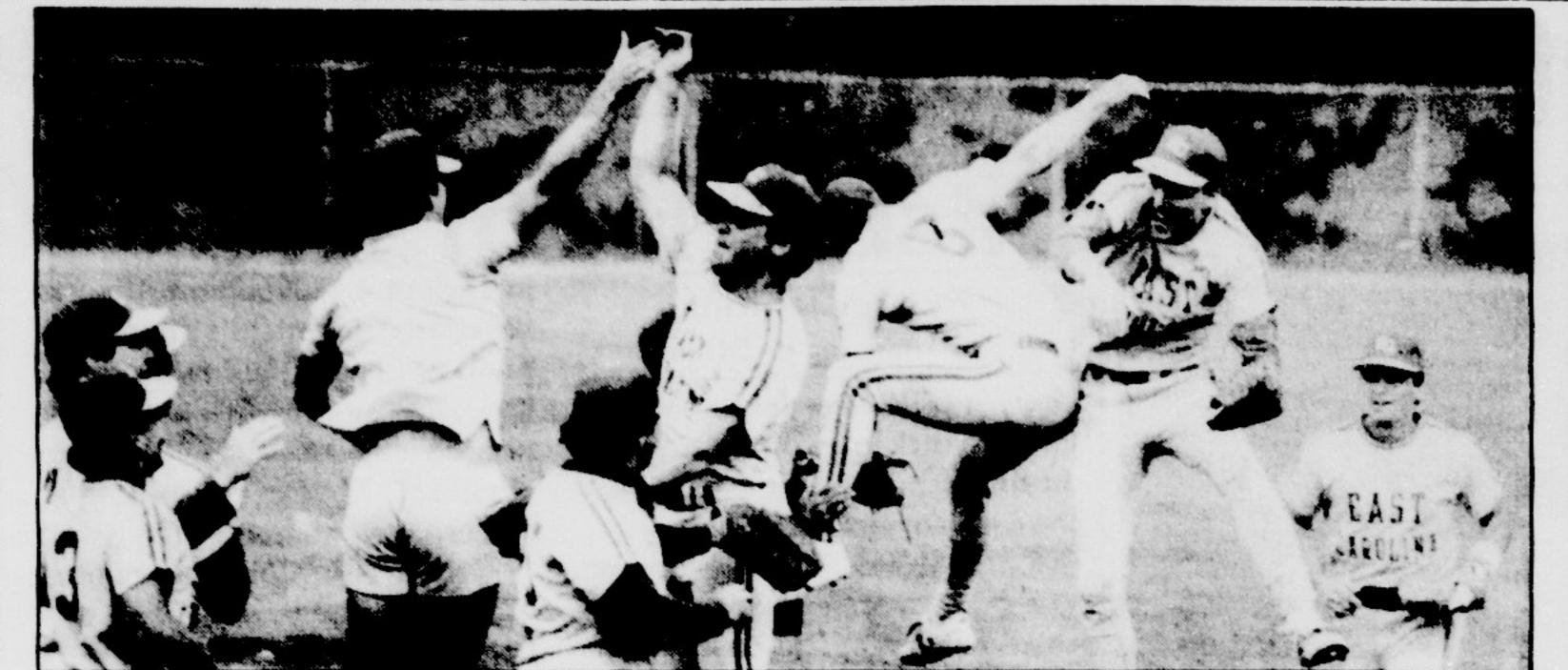
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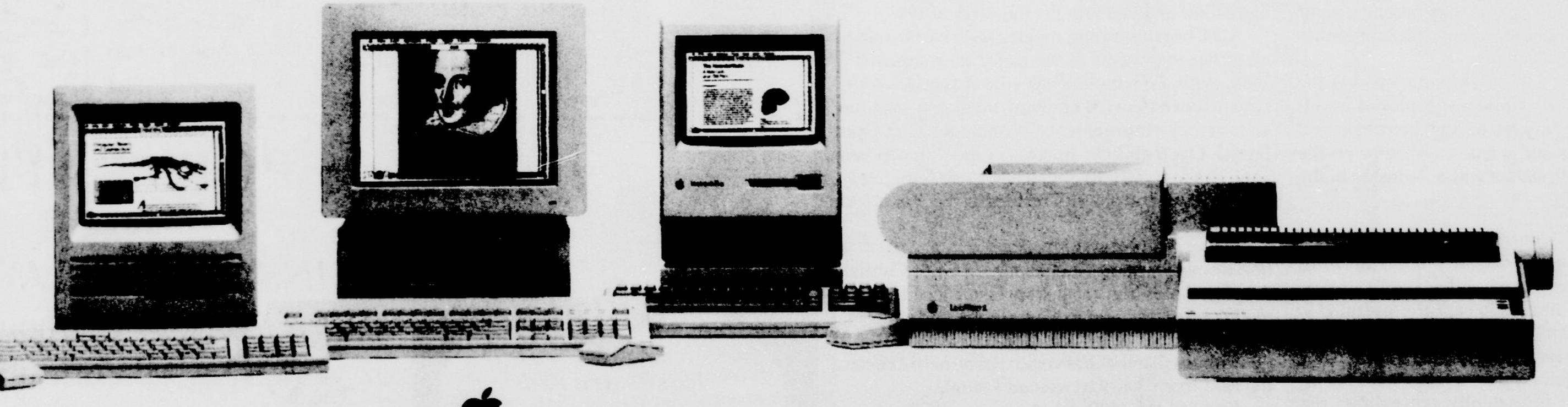
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Bird, Johnson add to list of honors

By Bob Matthews **Gannett News Service**

Selecting the two finalists for NBA Player of the Decade is a simple task: Boston Celtics forward Larry Bird and Los Angeles Lakers guard Magic Johnson.

Choosing one over the other is impossible. Bird and Johnson are the Gannett News Service NBA Co-Players of the Decade.

The two entered the NBA in 1979-80, and Bird had a more dramatic immediate impact. He and made the first All-Star team.

The 1979-80 Celtics were 61-21 and reached the Eastern Conference finals after missing the 1988-89): playoffs with a 29-53 record the previous year.

Johnson also was an instant impact player, but he wasn't an All-Star until two seasons later, when he made the second team. The 1979-80 Lakers were 60-22 and

won the championship, but they were a decent 47-35 the year before Magic arrived.

Bird's impact on the Celtics shots. was obvious again last season, when he played in only six games before undergoing surgery on his heels. After averaging 61 victories in his first nine seasons, Boston was 42-40 last year.

Bird has been Boston's main man from the day he arrived. Johnson shared top billing on the Lakers with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the first half of this decade was selected Rookie of the Year before emerging as the heart and soul of the team.

Here are their statistical lines for the decade (1979-80 through

•BIRD:717 games; 25.0 points per game; .503 field goal percentage; .880 free throw percentage; 7,319 rebounds; 4,396 assists; 1,300 steals; 603 blocked shots.

• JOHNSON: 716 games; 19.5 points per game; .530 field goal

percentage; .834 free throw percentage; 5,303 rebounds; 8,025 assists; 1,464 steals; 310 blocked

Bird had an extraordinary number of assists for a forward, and Johnson had a huge number of rebounds for a guard. That's a credit to their versatility. Bird would be at home in the backcourt, and Johnson has played forward and center.

Bird was selected the league Most Valuable Player three times in the 1980s (1984, 1985 and 1986), and was only the third player to win three consecutive MVP awards-thefirst non-center, joining Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell.

Johnson was regular-season MVP twice (1987 and 1989).

Johnson offset Bird's 3-2 advantage for regular-season MVP with a 3-2 edge for playoff MVP (1980, 1982 and 1987, to Bird's 1984 and 1986).

Johnson's performance in Game 6 of the 1980 finals was / particular impressive. With Abinjury, the rookie shifted to the pivot and sparked a series-clinching 123-107 victory in Philadelphia with 42 points, 15 rebounds and 7 assists.

To deprive Bird or Johnson of ... Player of the Decade honors would be unconscionable. Naming them NBA Co-Players of the Decade 1 isn't the easy way out. It is the only way out.

The other league MVPs for the decade were Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1980), Julius Erving (1981), Moses Malone (1982 and 1983), and Michael Jordan (1988). They all rate high on our NBA All-Star Team of the Decade (1979-80 through 1988-89):

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Stockton, Gus Williams. Chicago's Michael Jordan has played only five NBA seasons, not quite enough to challenge Bird or Magic for Player of the Decade, but his 1987-88 season is our choice for Best Individual Season of the 1980s. He was MVP of the regular season and the All-Star Game, Defensive Player of the Year and led the league in points and steals. He was a first-team All-Star as the 32 in one year.

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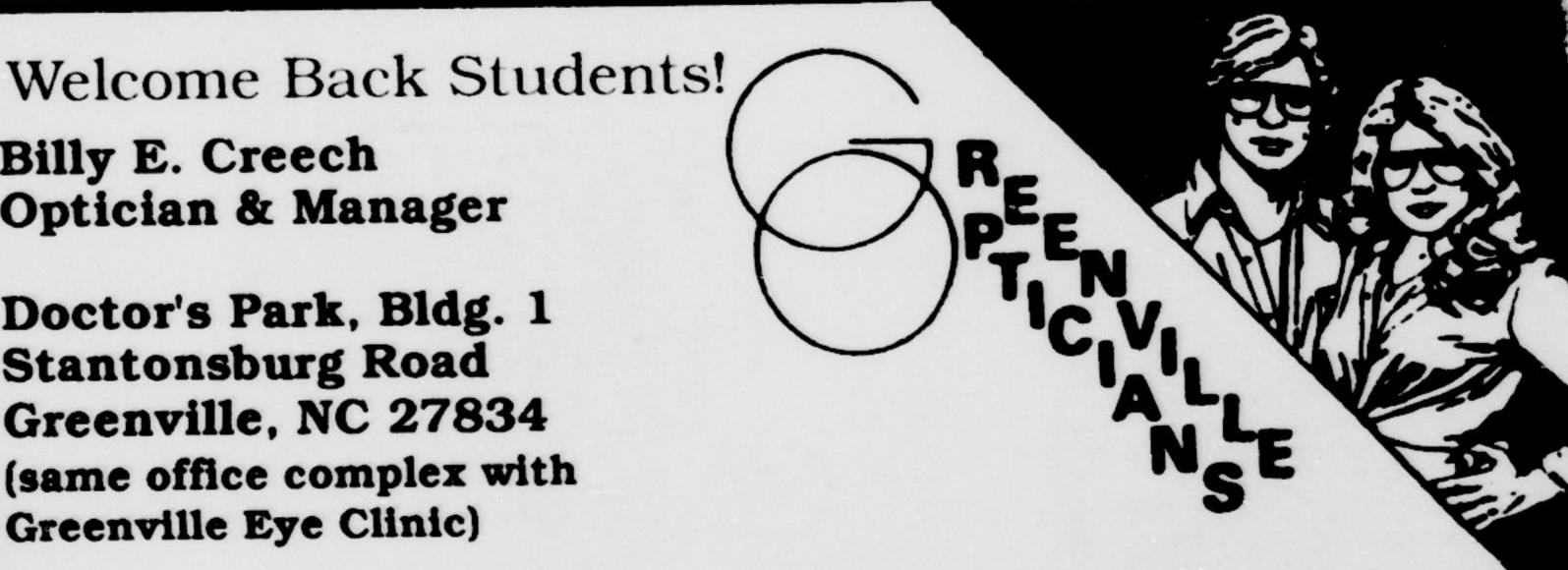
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The Los Angeles Dodgers, the only club to win two World Series in the decade (1981 and 1988), are the Gannett News Service Baseball Team of the Decade.

The 1988 Dodgers were particularly intriguing. They were longshots to win their division, underdogs against the mighty Mets in the playoffs, and prohibitive underdogs against Oakland in the World

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The American League's world champions in the 1980s were Baltimore (1983), Detroit (1984), Kansas City (1985), Minnesota (1987) and Oakland (1989).

St. Louis edged neighbor Kansas City for the No. 2 spot behind the Dodgers for Team of the Decade.

The Cardinals were a fourth-best 825-734 (.529) tional League. The Cardinals won their division in 1982, 1985 and 1987, won the 1982 World Series, and lost the World Series in 1985 (a blown call in the ninth inning of the sixth game by American League umpire Don Denkinger was a factor in the seven-game defeat) and 1987.

Kansas City was 826-734 (one more victory than St. Louis) for the decade, and won the A.L. West in (Houston). Forward — Bernard 1980, 1984 and 1985 (baseball's only repeat-division winner for the decade until the 1988-89 A's). The Royals beat the Cardinals in the 1985 World Series.

The Tigers rank fourth for Team of the Decade. They were 839-727 (.536) in the 1980s, behind only the New York Yankees (854-708; .547). They had a winning record every year until 1989, won their division in 1984 (with a 35-5 start) and 1987, and won the World Series in 1984.

The Yankees, despite having the best regular season record in the majors by 17 games, had to settle for two division titles (1980 and 1981) and made just one World Series appearance.

While the selection of Gannett News Service Team of the Decade is open to challenge, the choice for the best team for one season is less difficult: The 1989 Oakland A's.

This year's A's were as close to a flawless team as we're likely to see in the modern era. The June trade for Rickey Henderson and the return of injured Jose Canseco from a wrist injury for the second half of the season gave Oakland the most potent and versatile lineup in the majors: center fielder Rickey Henderson (113 runs, 77 stolen bases), third baseman Carney Lansford (336), designated hitter Dave Parker (22 HR, 97 RBI), right fielder Canseco (17 HR, 57 RBI in 65 games), first baseman Mark McGwire (33 HR, 95 RBI), center fielder Dave Henderson (80 RBI), catcher Terry Steinbach, second baseman Tony Phillips, Bulls improved from 40-42 to 50-

shortstop Walt Weiss. Oakland eliminated Toronto in five games for the A.L. pennant, then outscored San Francisco 32-14

to sweep the World Series. The unluckiest team of the 1980s was the 1981 Cincinnati Reds. They had the best overall record in the N.L. for the strike-marred season (66-42), but

failed to qualify for playoffs. Copyright 1989, USA TODAY/Apple College Information Network

Drugs

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for cocaine use and was suspended for 30 days. Taylor is back and once again playing like an All-

In 1933 Ben Plunkett, the world-record holder in the discus, became the first American track and field athlete to be banned from amateur athletics for drug use.

Five months later, four major league baseball players were suspended. Kansas City Royals Willie Wilson, Jerry Martin and Willie Aikens, and LA Dodgers pitcher Steve Howe. All were suspended five months due to cocaine-related incidents.

In 1985, 20 major league baseball players were caught using cocaine, including Keith Hernandez, Dave Parker, and Joaquin Andujar. They weren't suspended if they donated 10% of their salaries to drug prevention programs and donated 100 hours of their time to community service.

In 1986 the NCAA began drug testing before bowl games and the NCAA basketball tournament. Brian Bosworth of the Oklahoma Sooners was forced to miss the Orange Bowl because he tested positive for steroids use and teammate Charles Thompson was later

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Lakers edge Celtics again

By Bob Matthews **Gannett News Service**

The Los Angeles Lakers, with five world championships in the 1980s, are the Gannett News Service NBA Team of the Decade.

Boston had a better regular season record from 1979-80 through 1988-89 (550-188 to 534-204), but the Lakers earned the honor by virtue of a better playoff record (five titles and a 100-44 postseason record to Boston's three crowns and a 90-56 record).

The Lakers won the championship in 1980, 1982, 1985, 1987 and 1988, when they became the NBA's first successful defending champions in 19 years.

The Celtics won the NBA title in 1981, 1984 and 1986.

The only other teams to win the championship in the 1980s were Philadelphia in 1983 and Detroit in 1989. The only other team to reach the final round was Houston in 1986.

The Lakers made the finals eight times, missing only in 1981 and 1986.

Boston reached the finals five times.

baseball's special counsel John

Dowd to Giamatti. According to

Sports Illustrated, the report

named nine people who could link

allegations was denial, but he was

eventually caught up in a web of

contradictions and lies. He denied

knowing bookmaker Ron Peters,

vet Cincinnati Reds' records re-

vealed that Rose had left tickets at

the gate of Riverfront Stadium for

his friend of several years Joseph

Cambra was a bookmaker. Ac-

cording to Sports Illustrated, a

taped conversation made by the

Massachusetts State Police be-

tween Cambra and another book-

maker discussing a \$6,000 bet Rose

had made on an NFL game contra-

were offered as evidence, Rose

claimed he had never seen the

forms before. Not only were his

fingerprints found on them but,

When several betting sheets

dicted Rose's claim.

Rose also denied knowing that

Rose's initial response to the

Rose with gambling on baseball.

Rose

The one-season Team of the Decade is a much more difficult choice. Our pick is the 1985-86 Celtics by a narrow margin over the 1986-87 Lakers, with the 1982-83 Philadelphia 76ers third.

 1985-86 Celtics: Coach K.C. Jones might have had the strongest frontcourt in history in Larry Bird, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish and a healthy Bill Walton. Other key players were Dennis Johnson, Danny Ainge, Scott Wedman and Jerry Sichting. The Celtics had a 67-15 regular season record, including 40-1 at home.

They led the NBA in field goal percentage (.508) and free throw percentage (.794) and outscored opponents by 9.4 points per game. They went 15-3 in the playoffs with an average victory margin of 14.3 points. They went 10-0 at Boston Garden in the postseason to finish 50-1 overall at home. They beat Houston 4-2 in the finals.

• 1986-87 Lakers: Coach Pat Riley's top players were Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, James Worthy, Byron Scott, Mychal Thompson, A.C. Green, Michael Cooper and Kurt Rambis. The Lakers had a 65-17 regular

season record, including a leaguebest 28-13 road mark. They shot .516 from the field and had a scoring differential of 9.3 points per game. They were 15-3 in the playoffs, including a 4-2 victory over Boston in the finals, with an average victory margin of 14.3 points.

•1982-83 76ers: Coach Billy Cunningham might have had the all-time best starting five in newly acquired center Moses Malone, forwards Julius Erving and Bobby Jones, and guards Maurice Cheeks and Andrew Toney.

The bench was ordinary and featured Cleamon Johnson, Clint Richardson, Earl Cureton and Franklin Edwards. The 76ers had a 65-17 regular season record, including a league-best 35-6 at home and 30-11 on the road.

They led the league in rebounding and scoring differential (7.7 points per game). They went 12-1 in the playoffs, including a sweep over the Lakers in the finals. Their only playoff loss was 100-94 to Milwaukee in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals. Their margin of victory in the playoffs was 7.5 points per game. Copyright 1989, USA TODAY/Apple College Informa-tion Network

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former FBI handwriting analyst indicated that the writing on the sheets belonged to Rose.

Based on the findings in Dowd's report and the damaging testimony of Ron Peters, Giamatti prepared to banish Rose from baseball.

Realizing the futility of playing dumb to the mounting evidence, Rose's counsel filed with a Cincinnati judge for a temporary restraining order to block any actions by Giamatti against Rose. The order was put in place after the judge received a letter from Giamatti supporting the testimony of Peters, a letter that seemed to echo the contentions of Rose's lawyers-Rose's "fate was entrusted to an unfair investigator and a commissioner who was 'biased and prejudiced,'" according to Newsweek.

The two sides met frequently in July in hopes of reaching an agreement that would resolve Rose's lawsuit, but discrepancies over what Rose would admit to and the punishment he would

receive blocked any headway.

According to Sports Illustrated, Giamatti promised in a mid-August telephone call to Rose's lawyer Reuven Katz that he would keep "an open mind [on] any reinstatement application from Rose" should he be banned from baseball. The two sides agreed and Rose became the 15th player in baseball history to be banned from the game.

If his ban is permanent—as it was for his 14 predecessors — the milestone he achieved in baseball will always be tainted with the fact of his gambling and his exclusion from the Hall of Fame.

As the story unfolded, fans got a glimpse into the life of a man possessed and obsessed with gambling. Wagers of \$34,000 on a Super Bowl, \$324,000 annually on his own team and a \$400,000 debt from three months of betting were reported in Newsweek.

Charles Leerhsen of Newsweek assessed the picture painted of Rose in the Dowd report as a man who "doesn't care about the crack of the bat or the smell of the outfield grass; all he wants is to keep staying up late and sweating out Smythe Division hockey scores." A far cry from the vision one would expect of a baseball legend.

As Giamatti ended the press conference, he stated that the matter of Rose was closed. "Let no one think that it did not hurt baseball," Sports Illustrated reported, "That hurt will pass, however, as the great glory of the game asserts itself and a resilient institution goes forward. Let it also be clear that no individual is superior to the game."

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before the Olympic games began.

All this painted the picture for one of the most historical moments in sports: the fall of the mighty Soviets during battle with the United States.

its nail biting effects. The Soviets 4-3 score intact. scored the first goal and led throughout most of the first period 2-1 until the final seconds, when Mark Johnson of the United States slid a shot past goaltender Vladislav Tretyak. As the world watched, the hint of an American victory stirred in the arena.

But even after that break, America's team continued to struggle in the second period. They were outshot 12-2, and the Soviets were able to add another powerplay goal to the score. But even with the immense Russian attack, U.S. hustle remained strong on the ice and by the third period,

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Johnson again scored to tie the match at three. Then, two minutes later, team captain Mike Eruzione scored the game winning goal for the U.S. team. And, despite charges by the Soviet team The victory was certainly for the remaining 10 minutes, the entertaining, but was not without Americans were able to keep the

> The Americans earned a decisive victory over the mighty Soviets as the nation rejoiced in their



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Boycott

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Olympics were given medals, gifts, parties, a dinner at the White House, and praise from President Carter.

But for most of the athletes, the free week in Washington in late July was a poor substitute for a trip to Moscow and a chance at Olympic medals.

The reaction of many was expressed in a statement by a group of track athletes: "While we strongly deplore overtaggressive acts by one nation against another, we question whether the boycottof the Olympic Games was the best means available to assist the cause of world peace."

Amid the mourning for the lost Olympics of 1980, came a ray of hope for the 1984 games, scheduled for Los Angeles. The government granted the U.S. Olympic Committee \$10 million, the first federal funds ever received by the Committee.

Jordan

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continue to plan strategy after strategy to stop him, but none seem to work. Since entering the NBA, Jordan has broken record after record.

Through all his records, fame and countless accomplishments as a basketball player, Jordan s reputation is not that of a arrogantcocky athlete, but one of a friendly, easy going and well-liked person.

As one reporter put it "He can excite a crowd and lift a team to new heights, and yet people are impressed with his unassuming nature and friendly manner."

As for his play, Jordan is simply a showman under control. Sometimes spontaneously performing an electrifying high-wire act, while other times putting his acrobatic assault on hold and simply gliding in for a layup or pulling up for a soft jumper. Jordan's uniqueness stems from the love of his family and how he expresses it in his character.

One teammate said, "He could be real arrogant and let all the press go to his head, but he never does. He cares about his teammates as people." That care is what gives "Air" Jordan the "charisma that transcends his sport."

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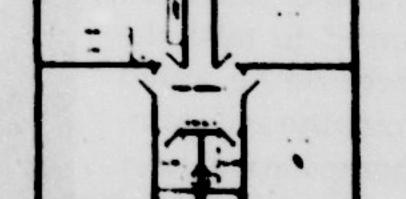
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