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**Pirates Grab Finalé**


After dropping the first two games to CAA rival ODU, the Pirates regroup with an 8-5 win in the third game. Story on page 8.




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## New resident advisor policies cause uproar

By Tammy Zion  
Staff Writer

More than 60 angry resident advisors assembled in Mendenhall last Wednesday night to express concerns about a new payment method set to begin next fall.

Hall coordinators informed RAs across campus on Tuesday that a compensation package consisting of a free room, a nine-plus meal plan and \$210 per year would replace their current \$330 a month paycheck.

After a 15-minute speech that addressed current and future expectations for RAs, and explained the new compensation package, Manny Amaro, director of Housing, requested to speak with all coordinators and assistant coordinators planning to return next fall in a smaller conference room. Amaro then said he would be available for one-on-one questioning after the meeting.

An air of irritation and discontent grew in the small hallway as RAs waited for the discussion to adjourn. "A tough team to beat" is

the resident education's motto for this year, and choruses of "If we're supposed to be such a team, why doesn't he talk to us like one?" echoed throughout the hall. News cameras and reporters left at 10:15. The crowd of students also thinned out but more than 20 RAs waited until Amaro opened the door at 10:35, more than half an hour after he entered the room.

Mike Harvey was the first RA in for questioning. Emotions ran high as Harvey explained to Amaro that he felt he was only worth "x amount of dollars in food," and that he does not want to eat on campus all of the time. He also told Amaro that he liked his job but did not know if he would be able to afford to stay without living expenses.

"We want you to stay," Amaro said. "But the real world is this way... if you take the total worth (of your compensation package), it's more than you receive today."

The next student asked Amaro if he had received input before constructing the plan. Amaro answered with a reluctant "yes." Resident education stays in close contact with students.

"I did talk with our professional staff, but I didn't take a formal survey," said Carla Jones, director of resident education. "I did meet with all of our RAs in January, but at that time the details of the package were not finalized."

Amaro's lengthy answers and strict adherence to the one-person-at-a-time rule allowed only five or six students time for questioning before police asked everyone to leave because the building was closing.

Before leaving, Amaro told everyone waiting that he would be happy to come to individual residence halls to discuss the situation.

Amaro said in a later interview that the urgency of the meeting following his speech was to inform coordinators and assistant coordinators where they stand concerning next year's policy.

"I got the impression when I came in that all of the information

that I thought they had, the coordinators didn't have and I needed to let them know some things before we went further," Amaro said. "When I met with the coordinators, I told them that if they wanted to invite me in for an individual staff meeting with their staff, then I would be more than willing to go."

They feel that these future meetings could be useful in bargaining aspects of the policy.

The RA Ally Koury agrees. She said that several RAs, including herself, acted unprofessionally at the meeting. Koury was upset because of the late timing of the information and that returning RAs may no longer get preference in where they would like to be assigned.

"It's the end of March," Koury said. "We have to make our plans... If they would have come in August or December, or even January, ... maybe it would have been fair. We'd have had the ability to make the decision yes, we want to come back or no, I don't want to come back therefore I'm going to move off campus. We haven't had this ability and all my friends that I would live with in another residence hall already have their roommates. They've

paired up, so I would be stuck with someone I don't know."

Koury also said that she has some misconceptions about the program.

"They (coordinators) said we might be changing the plan... but they kept telling us 'oh but don't worry about it, those of you who are RAs, it will be grandfathered.' I was told by more than one coordinator that it would be grandfathered, meaning that we had the right to choose what we wanted," Koury said.

Rather than coordinators choosing where the RA will work, housing will be in charge.

"We're going to hire as a team. Once they are hired, we're going to bring together the coordinators and look at peoples' strengths and weaknesses and determine where to place them (RAs)," Amaro said.

Housing is also seeking six live-in coordinators for next fall. By 1995, all residence hall coordinators will live on campus.

"These people have de-

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**"If we're supposed to be such a team, why doesn't he talk to us like one?"**

— Crowd of RAs, regarding Manny Amaro, director of Housing



**See-saw?**

Theta Chi recently held a see-saw fundraiser for the Special Olympics at the Burger King on Greenville Blvd.

Photo by Cedric Van Buren

## Get those stickers early

Traffic Services offers quick, convenient way to escape long lines

By Jason Williams  
Assistant News Editor

Finally, at long last, some good news about parking.

Students will soon get a chance to register their vehicles by mail, avoiding the long lines that arise every August outside the Parking and Traffic Services building. Preregistration brochures will be mailed next month, around the week of the 18th, to currently registered students, staff and faculty.

Prices for parking stickers will not be increased for 1994-95. Regular permits will cost \$70 for residents, freshmen and commuters. Limited stickers will cost \$30, and motorcycle stickers will cost \$15.

The registration forms will need to be returned by July 15 to insure that they are processed and mailed out before Aug. 1, the date when the current parking decals expire. "We're hoping that students will take advantage of the early registration, rather than having to come back in August," said Pat Gertz, director of Parking and Traffic Services.

In the past, students have not participated in preregistration in great numbers, Gertz said. "Last year we sent out 16,000 brochures. Out of that, we maybe had 1,200 or 1,300 responses."

"Consequently, everybody was wrapped around the building for two weeks in the scalding sun at the beginning of the semester," she said. "We

give them a good three to four months to register early for a sticker."

Gertz said that preregistration brochures will be mailed to whatever address the Registrar's office has on file. Students living in residence halls will have them sent to their rooms, and commuters will receive them at their local address. If no local address is given, commuters will receive them at their permanent address.

Permits will officially go on sale July 1. Anyone may come in at that time to purchase a decal. However, Gertz said anyone who does not receive a brochure may still preregister by mail by picking up an application at Parking and Traffic Services or calling her office to get a brochure mailed to them.

Gertz stressed that permit regulations begin on the first day of class, no exceptions. Tickets will be given for all those parking on campus without a sticker.

In other parking news, the Parking Committee recently passed two proposals. Beginning in July, students, staff and faculty will be able to purchase a one-day parking permit for \$2. Currently, Parking and Traffic Services only offers a \$5 temporary pass good for one week.

Also, the Parking Committee approved a plan to fund the Transit Office. From every staff sticker sold in 1994-95, a \$2 allocation will go to the Transit Office to allow faculty and staff to utilize the transit system.

## SGA wants to save students money

By Maureen Rich  
News Editor

If you have fifty bucks, you may just have all you will need to buy books for an entire semester. ECU's Student Government Association (SGA) is proposing a new system that will allow students to rent all of their textbooks for around \$50 each semester, but not everyone supports this idea.

The system, currently used by Appalachian State University (ASU) and Western Carolina University, offers a more convenient way of supplementing students' backpacks without draining their bank accounts.

"There's not one single reason why students wouldn't want this system," said SGA Speaker Brynn Thomas. "This is a very efficient investment."

The one pitfall to the SGA's proposal, Thomas said, may be a faculty opposition. Faculty members tend to oppose the program, as it prevents professors from switching textbooks "on a whim," Thomas said.

"This system promotes service over investment," he said. "The university is here for the students, not to make a huge profit off of them."

Right now at ASU the system is paid through students' tuition, where a fee of around \$50 is added each semester. The fee covers all undergraduate textbooks, but not supplemental materials, such as lab books.

A review committee is set up at the university to review those books that professors have chosen for their classes. At ASU books are reviewed on a three-year renewal basis, which means

they are reviewed every three years to determine timeliness of the material and actual conditions of the books. New books are phased in as older books suffer wear and tear.

Thomas said the SGA would like to see a two-year renewal review process adopted at ECU.

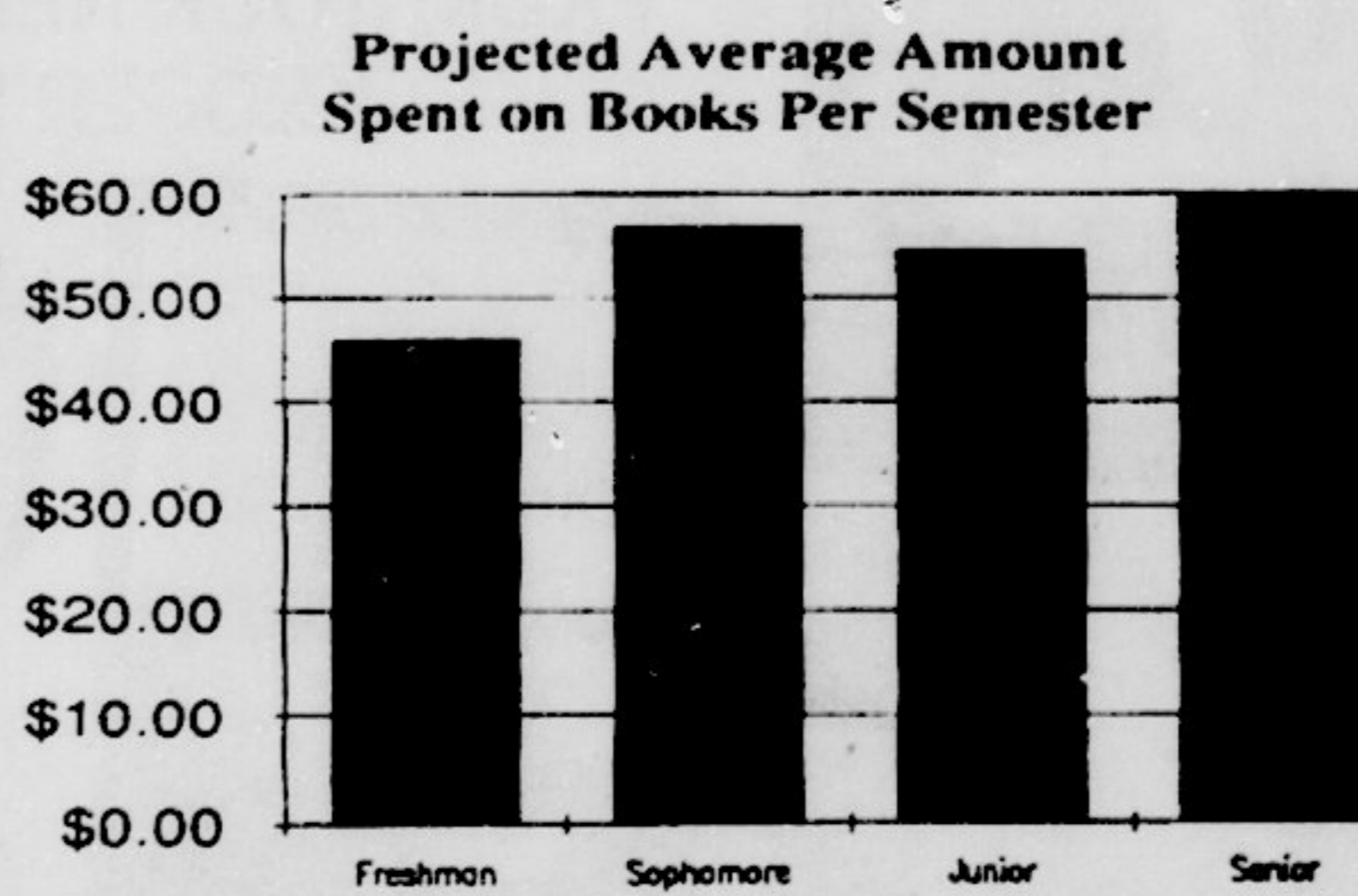
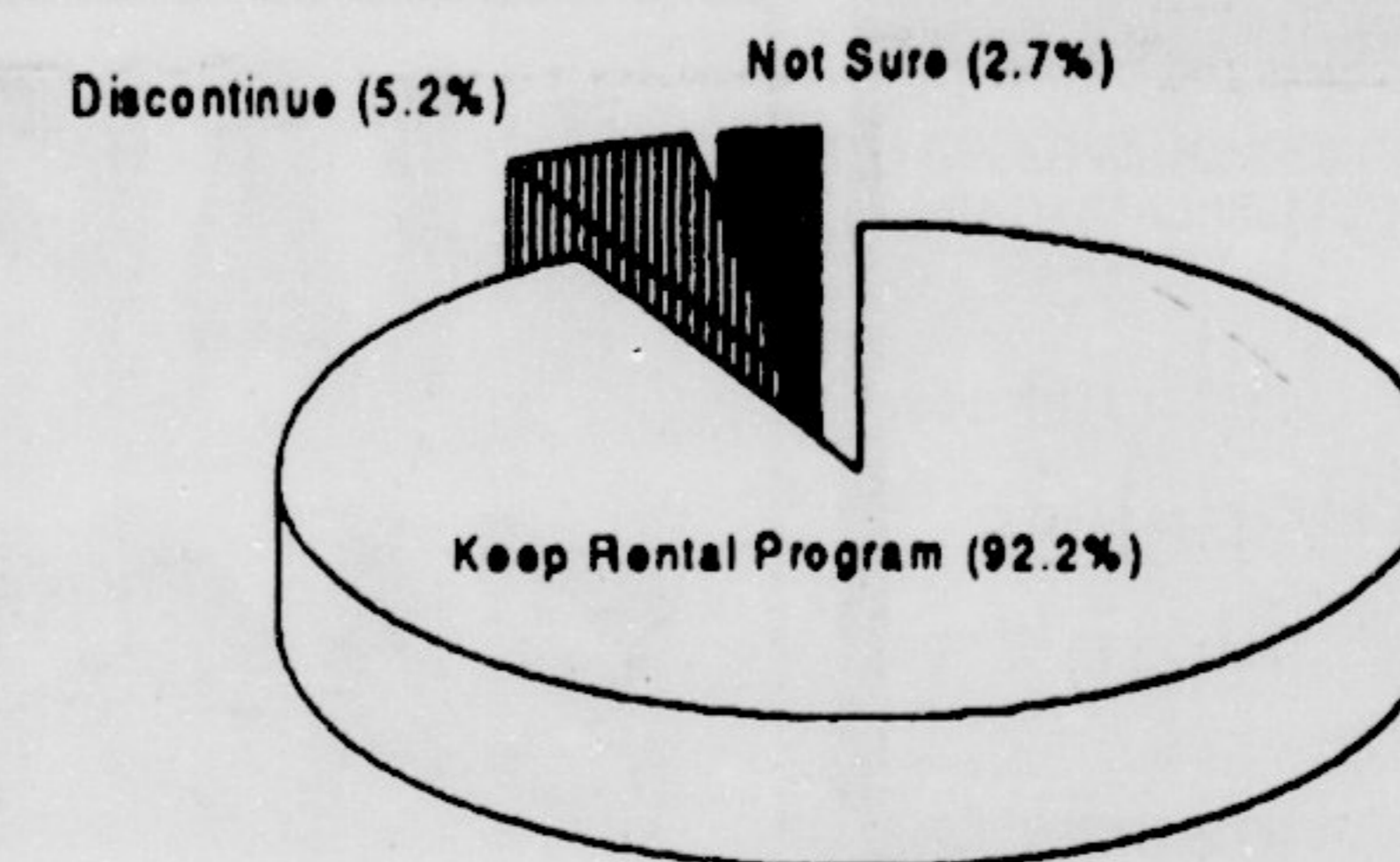
An additional benefit to the program is the option to purchase the books at the end of the semester at a 20 percent discount. This allows students enough time to decide whether they wish to permanently keep the textbook without losing money later on in a sell-back situation, Thomas said.

The program is simple, Thomas said. At the beginning of each semester, students bring their schedules to the campus bookstore. They are given the textbooks required for each scheduled course, and sign a responsibility form that says if a student loses a book they must pay for it, yet still with a 20 percent discounted price.

Greenville's University Book Exchange (UBE), a local store not affiliated with ECU, also sells textbooks and academic materials to ECU students each semester.

"UBE will be hurt as far as book sales go, but to the students, this shouldn't be a consideration," Thomas said. "The Umstead Act prevents the university from directly competing with a private company, but this isn't considered competition. [The Umstead Act] stops the university from competing as far as items that the students don't have to have."

Thomas said ASU's bookstore manager, John George, said the system is not affected by the



The above results were tabulated at Appalachian State University in 1992. The price averages are with the incorporated book rental system.

Umstead Act, and also that the manager of ECU's bookstore, Michael Coston, used to work at ASU and is very familiar with the book rental system.

Coston declined to comment on the proposal.

Thomas recently visited ASU to learn more about the system and find out how students felt about the reduced cost of buying books.

A 1992 Student Opinion Survey conducted at ASU revealed that 92.2 percent of those students polled (approximately 643) who had used the system favored keeping the program. Those in favor of discontinuing the program numbered 5.2 percent.

Overall, response has

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## Research specialist looks at African-Americans in Pitt County

By Shannon Cooper  
Staff Writer

Most of the history of African-Americans follows an oral tradition passed on from the griots of Africa to the storytellers of North America. Mary Williams, research specialist and reference librarian, is doing her part to keep that tradition alive here in Pitt

County.

Williams recently directed a panel discussion and forum entitled, "Growing Up African-American in Pitt County" at York Memorial AME Zion Church.

"As a research specialist, I know that very little is recorded about life in Pitt County as it relates to black people, so I decided that someone needed to do the

work," Williams said.

Williams came up with a list of all the senior citizens in the Pitt County area and from that list, she selected those that had a memory of the past and their childhood.

On the panel were George Garrett, Frank Perkins, Geneva Atkinson and Robert Lee Cherry, all natives of Pitt County.

George Garrett is also known as "the old man of the civil rights movement." He worked with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in Pitt County.

Geneva Atkinson is the only survivor of the Atkinson family, who were prominent

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## Around Other Campuses

### UNC-CH to allow sleepovers in six dorms

Six residence halls at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill have been tapped for a new policy that would allow 24-hour visitation. The dorms were rewarded for their participation in a pilot program that was instituted last year, said assistant director of housing Al Calarco. Residents of the dorms overwhelmingly voted for the policy in 1993, but the UNC Board of Trustees rescinded the policy in November, citing that the trustees should have been consulted in the decision. After meeting with students, parents, faculty and administrators, the trustees in January voted to allow a gradual implementation. The program's initial phase will offer the unlimited visitation option to 1,492 students, 22 percent of campus residents. Students in a designated 24-hour visitation dorm who want more restrictive guest visitation hours, will be assigned another residence hall.

### Education takes tougher look at segregation

The Department of Education has reaffirmed its intention to rely on tougher standards outlined in a 1992 Supreme Court decision when it reviews state plans for desegregating their higher education systems. At the same time, state officials were also put on notice that they had an obligation to strengthen and enhance historically black institutions. The announcement came at a time when Mississippi is considering a plan to close one black college and make another historically black institution a unit of a predominantly white college in a response to a desegregation case. In June 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Mississippi had not done enough to remove the last vestiges of segregation from its higher education system.

### Tunnel painters at NCSU cited

Four students at North Carolina State University were cited recently for decorating the Free Expression Tunnel with anti-homosexual messages. C.D. McManus, one of the students cited, said Public Safety officers frisked him and told him he could not paint those kinds of messages. "I was just drawing a picture," McManus said. "I don't think that was threatening anybody's life." He said he and his friends were scrawling messages like, "Friends don't let friends become faggots," and crossing out others such as the pink triangles, which symbolize support for the gay lifestyle. The students appeared before NCSU's Judicial Board last month, sparking debate over censorship and freedom of expression on college campuses.

Compiled by Jason Williams. Taken from CPS and other campus newspapers.

## Tanker fire prompts heroism

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—After a gasoline tanker blew a tire, overturned and burst into flames, setting the driver on fire, a man had to run past a dozen onlookers to save the driver as he rolled on the ground in flames.

"I was screaming for people to drag him away, but no one did anything," said John Santos, who felt the impact of the rollover inside a nearby YMCA, where he works as a security guard.

The Getty Petroleum Corp. tanker was carrying 12,000 gallons of gas when it crashed Sunday morning at the merger of Interstates 95 and 195, state police said.

The driver, Jack Ordner, 50, had third-degree burns over 50 to 60 percent of his body and was listed in critical condition at the burn unit of University of Massachusetts Medical Center yesterday.

Santos said he ran out of the YMCA and saw a dozen people watching Ordner, who was on fire near the tanker.

He ran across both highways, then used his hands to put out the flames on Ordner, who was trying to roll around to extinguish his burning clothes, he said. "Disgust is what I feel."

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## FORUM

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landowners during the early 1900s.

The panelists were also subjects of a previously videotaped individual interview.

The interviews discussed topics such as local politics, education, civil rights, family life and entertainment activities centered around black businesses, neighborhoods and churches during the early decades of this century.

Other panelists were Dr. Gay Wilentz, associate professor of English, Dr. David Dennard, associate professor of History and Councilwoman Mildred Council.

Among the topics discussed during the forum was land ownership and the black community. Land was a valuable resource and ownership of property was often associated with power.

During slavery, the landlord would sometimes give blacks the acre of land on which they lived to plant their own garden, explained Garrett.

"There are some black people who have land that was left to them, but there are very few," Garrett said. "Sometimes whites would

give you land if you were a good black man or kept the white folks' children," Cherry said.

This project not only provided information about the early black communities of Pitt County, it also stressed the importance of keeping a record of black history.

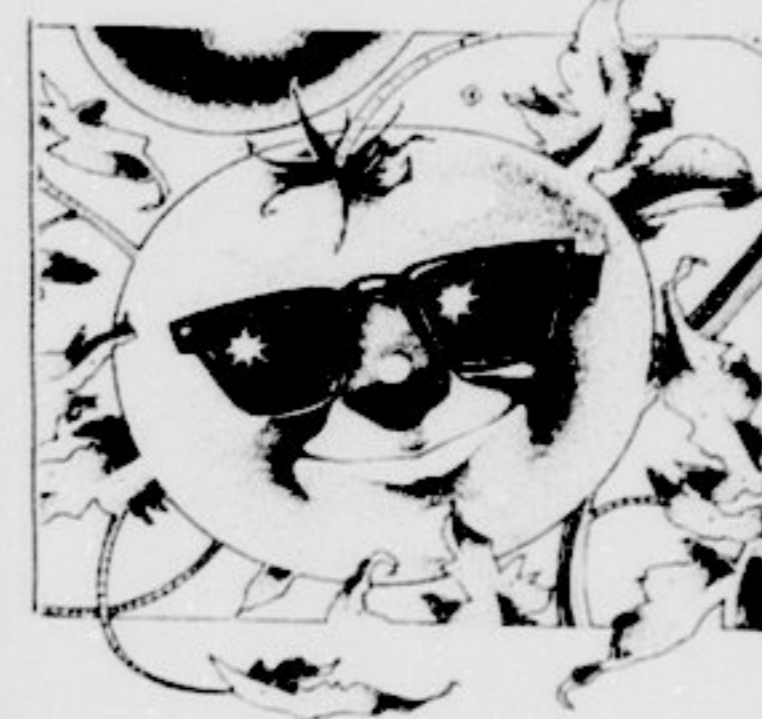
"The younger generation needs to know where we came from in order to know where we're going," Council said. "We must look back and build on those strengths."

"If we don't take the initiative to write our history, others won't do it for us," Dennard said. "That's why we are in the predicament we are in now to some extent. We've waited for others to write our history and they will not do it."

The taped interviews will be broadcast over the ECU-based educational access channel (Greenville Cable TV Channel 36) later this spring.

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**RESIDENT**

greens in student personnel and administration degrees. They are specialized in dealing with college students in the division of student life," said Janet Johnson, assistant director of resident education.

"When we have coordinators, live-in professional staff, and we require them to live on the campus and to eat on the campus and also saying to freshmen that we require you to eat here if you live here, we build community... our staff has to be present in those places," Amaro said.

Because policy forbids RAs to hold other employment, those without financial aid may be left to budget \$105 a semester. The majority of RAs do receive financial aid, and have serious concern about how the package will affect loans and grants.

Rose Mary Stelma, director of

financial aid, said the possibility of a compensation package has been considered before and will have minimal effect on RAs.

"I pulled a random sample of RAs and looked at their financial aid situation to try and determine what would happen... if the student received the current compensation, which is the salary versus the room and board waiver, which will be the future compensation. Students who were RAs last year would have reported their earnings as income on their financial aid application. Those earnings were having an impact on the student's eligibility for financial aid," Stelma said.

"What we're really doing is exchanging apples for oranges... I understand the student's concern for cash at hand. We've been telling the students who have come over that

you're not getting as much cash but you're not paying for your room. You're not going to pay for your meals on campus... you're going to spend half (of what was previously spent)," Stelma said.

She was surprised that only four RAs inquired about their individual situation and how it would be affected.

"We really expected more. I told my staff... be prepared because I think they're all going to be here asking 'how is this going to affect me what's going to happen and etcetera.' Our counselors and assistant directors were ready to answer their questions and go over each student's individual situation," Stelma said. "In the end they are going to get a package that is equivalent to or greater than their current financial aid, it's just not going to be as much cash in

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hand." Koury said that she did not choose to become an RA in the first place because of money, she is just hoping to get by with her expenses.

"We work really hard at what we do and we don't expect 'thank you's'... what we did have, we didn't expect to be taken away from us," Koury said. "(Amaro) said 'we're looking out for the students first' but what about us? We're not asking for them to give us the world except for maybe the freedom of choice."

Mike Harvey also felt somewhat betrayed.

"In the future, the university should take into consideration peoples' feelings and be a little more cautious about the things they do, because we were very hurt by it (the compensation package)," Harvey said.

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been consistently positive on the ASU campus, with the program gaining support from faculty, students and parents, particularly when shown national costs versus ASU costs.

Nationally, the average cost of undergraduate textbooks per year is \$485, as reported in the Oct. 23, 1991 edition of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. ASU's average yearly cost is \$201.40, as reported in their April 6, 1992 Student Life newsletter.

To ECU faculty who may op-

pose the system, Thomas had some advice.

"The faculty need to remember that students come first," he said. "Put yourself in the students' shoes. Our education is expensive enough — this is a chance to cut back on some costs."

The SGA hope to gain campus-wide support through distributed resolutions and a letter-writing campaign to parents, Thomas said.

Resolutions will be sent to the Faculty Senate, the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Eakin.

**FIRE**

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Santos said of the onlookers. "I can't believe people would stand there and watch a man burn without helping him."

Santos, 38, was treated for first- and second-degree burns to his hands and released, Piester said.

Portions of both highways were shut down as firefighters struggled to control the blaze, which burned for nearly an hour.

State police said the truck blew a tire and came to rest on a narrow patch of grass where I-95 West merges with I-95 North.

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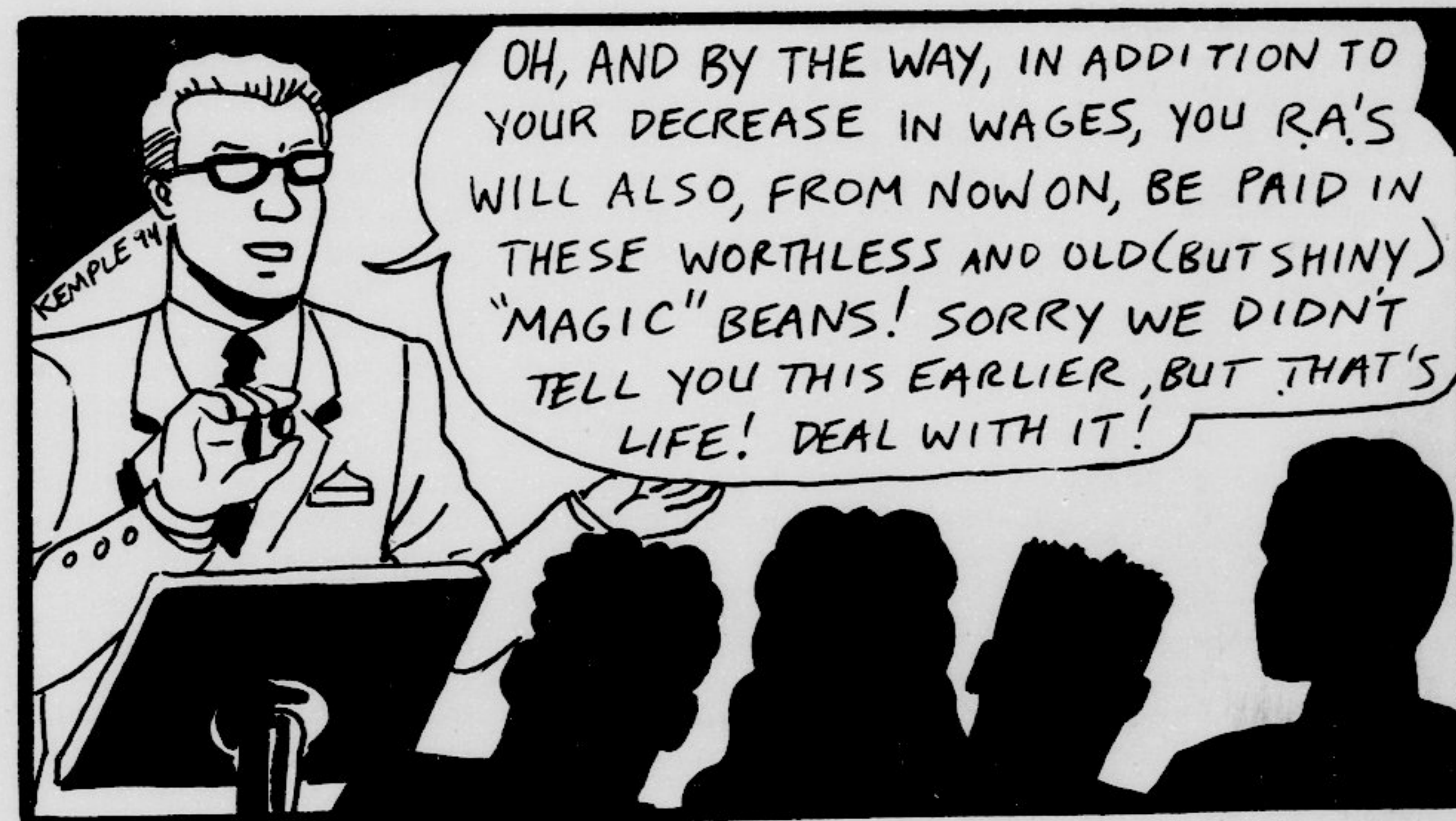
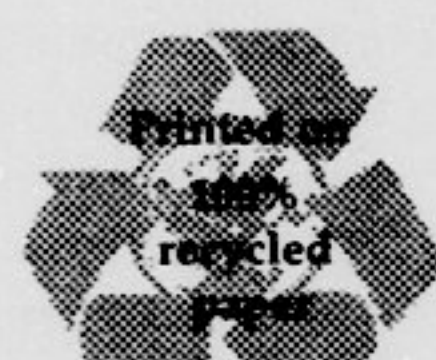
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**RAs get rug pulled from beneath their feet**

I thought about being an RA once. And then I realized the amount of work involved. So I ended up writing for a newspaper instead. Go figure.

There are some jobs in this world that you really have to love, or it could turn out that each second of every minute of every hour of each day is a living hell. It goes without saying that minimum-wage fast food jobs fall into this category and I figure that an RA position would figure in nicely. Imagine acting as a kind of parent for anywhere between 40 and 70 college students. Yeah, it fits.

So, how does ECU show its gratitude for these fine individuals? That's right, they lower their overall pay wage, change the entire way that they are compensated for labor and tell them to live with it. Nice and diplomatic.

And then Manny Amaro, Director of Housing, attempts to convincingly placate the disgruntled RAs with the knowledge that the total worth of their compensation package is more than they receive today, saying that "the real world is this way." What they will receive under the new policy is a room, a nine-plus meal plan and \$210 per year instead of their current \$330 a month paycheck.

Not only that, but you must remember that RAs are forbidden from holding another job while acting as an RA. This leaves many (those without financial aid) left to budget \$105 a semester.

Let's see, exchange chaperoning college students with room, partial board, \$210 per year. Sound fair? Not for an overall thank-less job.

When it comes right down to it, all the

RAs wanted was a little respect and an unimportant liberty called freedom of choice.

The other issue is money in the hand. Under current policy, RAs don't receive free room and a partial meal plan. But they do get to decide how to spend the \$330 that they receive every month. And they're also allowed to choose, with the aid of a resident coordinator, where they want to work. Not anymore. An assignment from University Housing, room, board and \$210 a year, take it or leave it.

Maybe some RAs enjoyed the old set-up. Maybe some RAs don't even like to eat on campus that often. Maybe this is a classic example of a proverbial rug being pulled out from under them. The RAs were reassured all along that nothing would happen and that all plans were still on the drawing table. Some were told that they had the right to choose what they wanted.

In response to the more than 60 RAs that showed up last Wednesday to voice concerns, Amaro shot back with the rather hyper statement, "I think student employees need to realize that they're still employees in that situation." If they didn't know before, Mr. Amaro, they sure do now.

It's really unfortunate that some companies don't respect their employees enough to involve them with decision-making policies.

This surprise announcement didn't just annoy and upset a few resident advisors, but it tarnished an entire institution with the loud statement that the "little people" don't deserve to know their future. It may be your idea of "the real world," Mr. Amaro, but that's exactly one of the many things wrong it in the first place.

By Brian Hall

**Televisions still come equipped with off switches**

Some of my friends took me to task recently when I wrote in a column about media bias that one could tell how much the media has changed when homosexuals receive more positive coverage than members of the clergy. Now two new studies from the Media Research Center have validated my contention that gays are covered more positively than the religious.

The studies showed that it was very rare to even see a news story about religion. The national networks broadcast more than 41,000 stories in their evening news and morning shows in 1993. Only 409 were about religion in any context. Gay issues, which are of import to a much smaller percentage of the population, were mentioned almost twice as often, with 756 stories.

The studies also showed that reports on religion were frequently negative. The biggest story of the year in religion was the visit of Pope John Paul II to the U.S. During his visit, the morning news programs gave more than twice as much air time to opponents of the Catholic church as to the defenders of its theology. Roughly a third of all stories of the clergy dealt with

pedophilia. On the abortion issue, the media aired 150 stories about violence and harassment of abortion clinic workers, frequently by fundamentalist Christians; it aired zero stories about the violence inflicted on the over one and a half million babies who were killed last year. Homosexuals, on the other hand, received extensively positive coverage, especially during the gays-in-the-military debate. Not only were these stories many times endorsements for the gay rights position, frequently the media ignored stories which would have been embarrassing to gay activists. For example, no network aired the stories of two gay sailors convicted by Navy court martial of raping fellow male sailors. Nor did they cover gay rights protestors who disrupted religious services. Nor were organized pedophile groups such as the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) ever mentioned, despite the fact that such organizations are frequently allowed to march in gay rights parades.

We can be sure, however, if we examine the entertainment programming of the networks, that they would be more balanced. After all, as they keep telling us, they only represent reality, right? Well, the facts show that the representation of

religion is even more skewed. First, in a country where 90 percent of the population claims identification with a religion, somehow these mirrors of society only managed to mention this topic 116 times all year, or about twice a week. Furthermore, negative mentions occurred 50 percent more often. When members of the laity who were really committed to their faith were shown, 68 percent of the time they were negative characters, only 15 percent of the time as positive characters. The clergy fared similarly, being depicted negatively 59 percent of the time to 15 percent positive.

Obviously, abuses in the clergy should be covered, just as they should in any other segment of society. And unlike some members of Congress, I do not believe that these numbers, or any similar studies about the amount of violence or sex, call for regulation of what the networks broadcast. If the programmers at CBS decided that they want to show nothing but violent depictions of satanic orgies, then that is their right. What is needed is not more governmental regulation restricting the free flow of ideas, but more intelligent choices in viewing by Americans. Most sets still come with off switches. If religion is really as important to Americans as we claim it is, then until the networks start showing us that they understand the responsibilities that comes with their rights, we should all use religion a lot more often.

By Barbara Irwin

**Clinton bucks probably invested in McDonald's**

With everything that is going on in our world today, I find it completely insane that our own Republican party seems to find so much time and energy to bash President Clinton on this Whitewater mess. Fortunately, since I refuse to take the time to understand the specifics surrounding this alleged scam, I am not going to attempt to explain it to you. As naive as it may appear, what the nation watched this past Thursday evening should be enough to ignite a burning desire within all of us to demand all those in the opposing party to shut up and get back to work.

While entertaining questions posed by our hungry media, President Clinton did not attempt to side-step the relevant issues that many believe he is glossing over. In fact, by standing his ground, he explained with honesty and integrity several financial situations experienced by himself and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and how those situations were handled. Furthermore, he publicly agreed to submit tax forms and financial documents dating back to the beginning of his career in

public service. Yeah, critics, this really sounds like a guy who is trying to hide something.

Concerning Whitewater, the Republican party and the Senate do not seem to give a hoot that this was simply an investment gone bad. It's not enough to know that the President and his wife lost money on this deal, but satisfaction will not be achieved until those greedy, reputation-smearing hypocrites know how much they lost, why they lost it and how they reported it. And as for the \$20,000 check written to purchase a house for his mother — ooooh! What a jerk our President must be to want to do something nice for his dear old mom!!

If our political leaders wish to make such an obsession out of what an individual spends, saves or pockets, why not investigate some of those shady brokerage firms, or better, our big-business, tax-evading tycoons? Clearly, these politicians could use a little reminder on where their priorities should be focused. To have so much publication on something so insignificant as to warrant a

press conference on this sole issue does not say much for the concerns of our own nation, or this world.

Former Yugoslavia is destroyed, North and South Korea are potentially going to war, and our own wars of AIDS, health care, education and homelessness still thrive. Wouldn't it seem more productive and worthwhile to concentrate our efforts in these areas and not on the issue of where the President spent his last 5 bucks? Chances are, any money made by President Clinton probably found its way into some McDonald's stock where he converted it to aid the Ronald McDonald houses for sick children. Again, what a jerk!!

I think President Clinton stated it appropriately when he said, "I will agree and comply to what (they) want so long as we can get through this and I can start to work again on the job I was elected to do." Bravo, Mr. Clinton, because you will be getting a lot of other people back to work as well.

**Letters to the Editor**

Editor's note: The use of [sic] shows that an error, peculiar usage or spelling is in the original document. In other words, you're solely responsible for your letters, so check your spelling.

To the Editor:

On April 6, 1994 a very important decision will be made that will impact the East Carolina Student Body. That decision is the election of the new executive officers for the Student Government Association, and that decision will be made by students such as yourself. The election of these officers may not change your life, but it will impact on how you are represented all next year. As currently the most experienced member on SGA with 4 years of service, I know what it takes to get the job done at all levels of student government. I also know that some of this years candidates have what it takes to get the job done successfully too.

Representing the students best interest has always been my number one goal; whether it is working with the Athletic Department to ensure that our tailgating tradition is not taken away; with city officials to make sure the Halloween tradition went on without any problems; working to improve to [sic] visitation policy in the Resident Halls; or working on a special parking committee to come up with some long range solutions, I feel that I have accomplished that goal.

I also know that Brynn Thomas, Shelia Boswell, and Michael Carnes will carry on that tradition of putting the students interests before their own.

I have worked with Brynn Thomas in SGA for the past 3 years, and although we have debated on many topics throughout the years, I know that he truly has the best interest of the students at heart. Brynn's goals to bring the book rental system to our campus and his actions that brought about improvements with campus safety are just the beginning. He is definitely the most

qualified candidate for SGA President.

I have also worked with Shelia Boswell, candidate for Vice-President, for the past three years. Shelia is one of the most enthusiastic people I know, not to mention the most capable person for this position hands down. Shelia will pickup right where I leave off and definitely make the most out of the job.

Michael Carnes, candidate for Treasurer, is also the most experienced and qualified for the position. Mike has been very dedicated to SGA for the past three years and has held such positions as Speaker, Secretary, and many others. His good ideas, concern for students, and excellent computers skills is exactly what this position entails.

It is very unusual for me to write a letter like this, but I feel very strongly that the best leadership is experience, knowledge, and dedication. I feel that Brynn, Shelia, and Michael best exemplify this. I do not want the students to be deceived by fly-by-night candidates who wait until the last minute to get involved with SGA. I ask you, where were they last year and the year before. Well, Brynn, Shelia, and Michael having been working for you these past few years, and I know they will continue to do so. They are not out to make their resumes look good, but actually care about the future of this school, and will continue to work to make it a better University.

If you can take the time to read this, then you can definitely take the time to vote Wed., April 6th and let your voice be heard.

Troy S. Dreyfus  
SGA Vice-President

To the Editor:

The apathy among students that currently is rampant on ECU's campus is extremely alarming to me. But nowhere is it more alarming than in the ECU Student Government Association. This organization, though empowered to do so much currently does so little that it has become an embarrassment to the entire student body.

SGA is supposed to be the voice of the students and their opinions about campus issues but lately they don't seem to be taking a stand on anything. Instead of bringing it to the administration's attention the parking catastrophe that would occur once construction on the recreation center began and coming up with viable solutions to the problem, they have done nothing. In fact, all the executive council did was vote themselves staff parking stickers paid for out of SGA funds. That's right folks, your student fees paid to solve those four privileged

people's parking problem, but what have they done to solve yours, absolutely nothing.

What is enlightening to know however is that some students are trying to voice student concerns about the parking problem by forming a group known as STOPP (Students Tired of Parking Problems). What is even more intriguing is that this group is headed by two people who are also candidates for President and Vice President of SGA, David Reid and Scarlett Gardner. These students definitely have shown they are not apathetic about what is wrong on campus and are indeed motivated and willing to find solutions to problems; therefore, on April 6 vote for a new era in ECU Student Government, a proactive era and vote for David Reid and Scarlett Gardner.

Monty Swaney  
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**GAMMA BETA PHI**  
 next meeting will be held on March 29 at 5:00pm in MSC Multipurpose room. We will be discussing the book drive at this meeting. We would like to also congratulate all new members inducted on March 18. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!! For more info, contact Allison at 931-8285.

**DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 18-22 1994**  
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## 'No alternative': Talking with Matthew Sweet



Matthew Sweet is a musically talented individual who is experienced in various instruments. His new releases are bound to spell success.

By Kris Hoffer  
Staff Writer

"I don't really think about public perception. What I do is a result of my feelings, there is no conscious choice involved; I'm just a slave to the randomness of my emotions," said Matthew Sweet, in a telephone interview from Zoo Entertainment offices in New York. "And although I do take good advice when I get it, I ignore popular opinion for the most part and go with my instincts." Sweet seems to be doing something right despite his self-contained methods. He related many of his personal conflicts with the record industry and corporate-minded people that hold some type of authority over his ability to create. "Negotiate as best as you can," said Sweet. "Keep your opinion in the back of your mind, but stick to your guns."

Matthew Sweet is probably best known for his first breakthrough album, *Girlfriend*. The sheer talent of the artist and the basic, but complex, pop style of the songs were quite refreshing to many people. Then came *Altered Beast*, recorded in early 1993. The flipside of the singer's sweeter and introspective *Girlfriend*, *Altered Beast* looked at the dark side

of the human state, man as animal.

Now comes the sequel, *Son of Altered Beast*. Sweet's newest release is an odds-and-ends collection of remixes, live performances, and studio outtakes. It is an album of many live performances, most of them being old favorites from the previous two albums. A few remixes and a Neil Young cover help round out this soulful and organic release.

This new release will help propel him a little further into commercial success. Sweet is very cautious about success since he believes all the really famous people are totally insane. Yet he says the "alternative" scene isn't quite big enough to let this happen.

Speaking of the "alternative" scene, Sweet had a little to say about that as well. "As of lately, the word 'alternative' means just the opposite of what it says. What is it an alternative to? It is definitely an outdated term, but I doubt it will change. I have been stuck in with the classic rock crowd at times. It's something I'm not comfortable with; I would rather be grouped in alternative despite its lack of meaning."

Sweet accepts his status, but when asked about his influences, he spouted off several names

from 20 to 30 years ago. "Many people have over-hyped my affinity to Neil Young. I do love his music and have done many covers of his work in the past, but he is not the single influence behind my music." Other names he threw out were John Lennon, Bryan Wilson (Beach Boys), Gram Parsons, Jimi Hendrix, early Peter Greenwood (Fleetwood Mac) and the Velvet Underground. Many of Sweet's contemporaries in the college music world would probably cite many of the same names, especially Mr. Young.

And of his contemporaries, Sweet said Nirvana was his favorite. "Kurt Cobain has one of the greatest voices ever." Pearl Jam, Liz Phair and Juliana Hatfield have caught his attention as well, but he has his doubts about Smashing Pumpkins.

Sweet has often made references to popular culture. Tuesday Weld on the *Girlfriend* cover, Japanese Animation in his videos, and *Altered Beast*. He admitted his love for most things pop. "The one aspect of popular culture that isn't ruined for me is movies, and being in and out of California has some-

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## Easter event held for kids

By Stephanie Tullo  
Lifestyle Editor

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on March 29 given for the underprivileged children of the Little Willie Youth Center of Greenville.

The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Sigma Sigma Sigma house located at 803 East Fifth Street. The Sigma Sigma Sigma Community Service director, Amy Schellhaas, and the members of the sorority will be participating with the children, to help them search for the surprise treats.

The director of the Little Willie Center is Renee Harrington. "She is excited to have the children visit the Sigma Sigma Sigma house," says Mary Tolley, a member of the sorority.

The members of Tri-Sig are anxiously awaiting the event to share the spirit of Easter with the children of the youth center. The planned events include a search for plastic eggs with candy inside. Cookies and Kool-aid will be served and the event is expected to last about two hours.

The Easter Bunny will also attend this event to entertain the children with fun and games at the Tri-sig house.

## Sneak to Hendrix for a preview of *Threesome*

By Gina Jones  
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

On Tuesday, April 5, the Student Union Films Committee will show a sneak preview of *Threesome* at Hendrix Theatre. The movie stars Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin and Josh Charles as a mismatched trio of college students, one female and two males, who are assigned to the same dorm room due to a computer mixup. The three soon become friends and as their relationship evolves, it turns into a love triangle.

*Threesome* displays a comedy yet biting look at college life. But it also focuses on friendship, sexual identity and romantic relationships.

Lara Flynn Boyle, who plays

Alex, the woman who is assigned to live with two young men, is no stranger to movies.

Her better-known roles include a psycho-secretary in *The Temp*, and Wayne Campbell's irritating ex-girlfriend in *Wayne's World*. She has two other major films set for release this year: *Baby's Day Out* and *The Road to Wellville*.

Stephen Baldwin, who plays Stuart, the party-boy and less intellectual roommate of the three, is also the youngest of the Baldwin acting clan. Although his older brothers, Alec and William are famous, Stephen has earned success on his own.

He has appeared in the television series "The Young Riders" as the young Buffalo Bill Cody. He has also starred in the features *Posse*

and *8 Seconds*. Josh Charles, who plays Eddy, is the studious yet fun-loving roommate who must come to terms with his sexual orientation. Charles has also starred in *Dead Poets Society* and John Waters' *Hairspray*. His latest upcoming film is *Cyclops Baby*.

In addition to a wonderful cast of characters, *Threesome* also has a good soundtrack. The various performers include U2, Teenage Fanclub, Duran Duran and The The, among others.

Concerning the content of the movie, writer/director Andrew Fleming says, "Friendships are difficult enough. Add to them the stress of college life, trying to figure out who you are, making your way into adulthood and in some



Photo courtesy of Tristar Pictures

cases, trying to find your sexual identity, and friendships become very complicated."

The Tristar Pictures release is

written and directed by Fleming and produced Brad Krevoy and Steve Stabler. *Threesome* is scheduled for national release on April 8.

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## Cat's Cradle rocked by 'Empire'

By Steve Griffin  
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

Course of Empire played for the first time in North Carolina at the Cat's Cradle in Chapel Hill. This is a hard-core band that blends in a melodic sound in with their music. After the first few songs, the crowd started to catch on to the band's fast pace.

The band displays two drummers, which makes an even heavier sound. They contrast this sound with the clear and melodic lyrics of the lead singer Vaughn Stevenson. Their lyrics are about social change and the realities of America.

Course of Empire formed in 1988 in Dallas, Texas. They signed with Zoo Entertainment in 1992 and released their first album. They have

just released their second album *Initiation*, a very impressive CD. "Intested," the band's best song, is fast-paced, rhythmic and spotlights the two drummer's talents. This was the last song they played, and by this time, the crowd was singing the lyrics along with the band.

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Course of Empire played at the Cat's Cradle last Tuesday night. The audience even joined with lyrics.

Photo Courtesy of Zoo Entertainment



## CD Reviews CD Reviews

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Texas Ricks Road

I found myself looking inquisitively into space when I first listened to this album. With an eyebrow raised and cocked to one side, I wondered innocently why a band from Scotland named themselves Texas and how that bluegrass twang found its way into their songs. The songs on *Ricks Road* scream "American

roots music" from the high and melodious peaks of lead vocalist Sharleen Spiteri's voice. By the third listen, my eyebrow had returned to its rightful place and I envisioned riding through the American south-west with Thelma and Louise. Quite cool.

The album features an eclectic mix of acoustic blues, soulful howls reminiscent of Chrissy Hynde, and even some sporadic harmonica, violin and piano. The songs are mellow, yet still allow some swing if the spirit moves you. The track "I Want to Go to Heaven" is a bluesy lament where in Spiteri proclaims "You know I can't tell the truth/ because all I do is lie" in classic joplin style with a sultry vocal twist.

In fact, it is Spiteri's voice that draws the auditory sense into a dream. It is provocative and sensual, yet not flamboyantly so. While the music is interesting, because it orients itself around a large assortment of musical instruments, the general effect is quite indicative of rock-blues.

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Spiteri's ethereal singing juxtaposes this rootsy, down-to-earth style and creates a very unusual and contemporary listening experience. I've found that it's easiest to describe music by describing the places that match the mood of that particular music. In the case of *Ricks Road*, speeding down the highway at 65 on a sunny day would be the first suspect. Less likely suspects would be a smoky lounge, coffee house or a diner between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.

If music that inspires you to stomp around in a pit or bang your head is the type of music you enjoy, I wouldn't recommend this album—unless of course you're willing to swallow a few barbituates. This music is not an adrenaline rush, but savors the more refined moments in life. Put simply: Quite cool.

—Cindy Hawkins

## Naked Gun earns praise

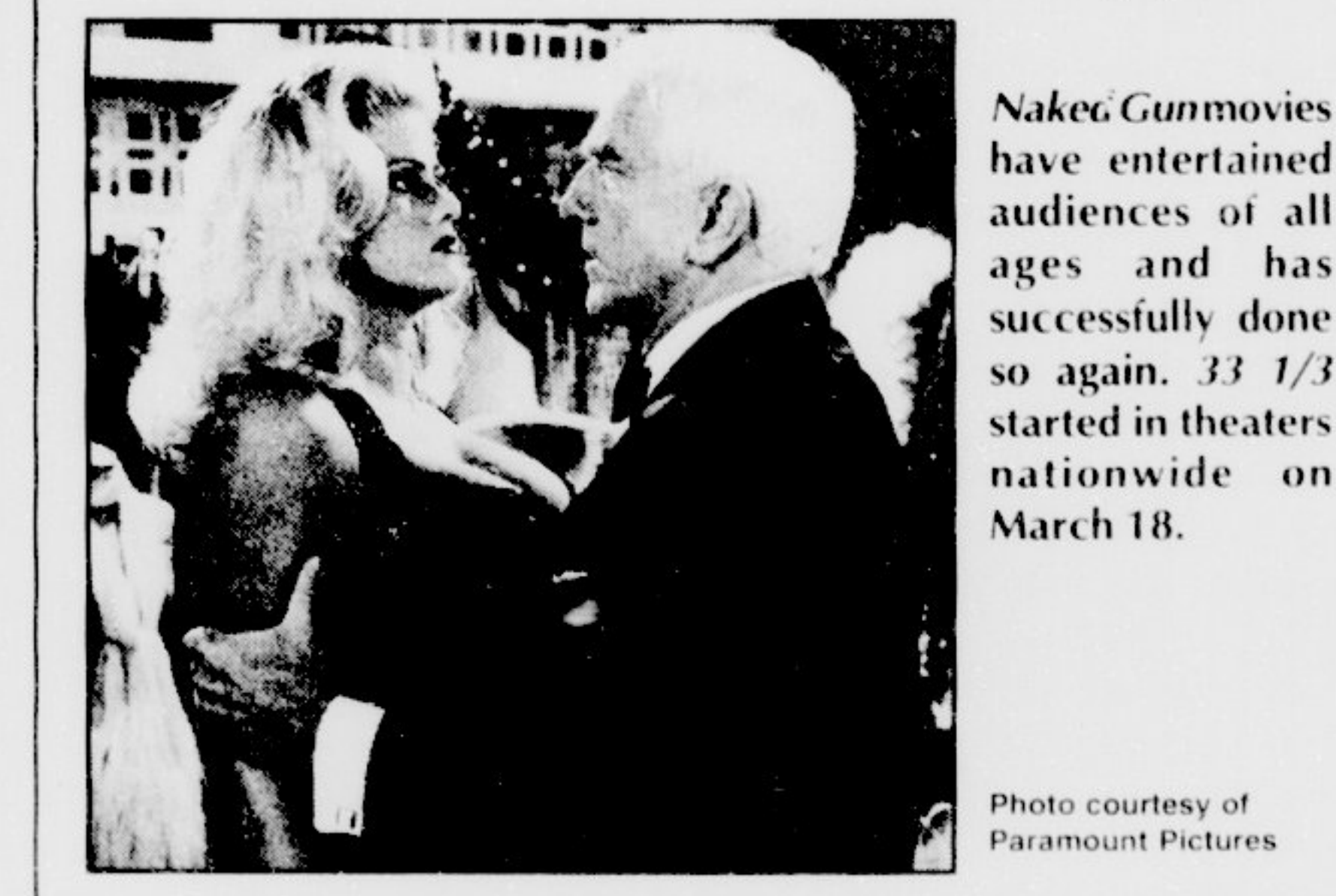
By Sarah Wahlert  
Staff Writer

*Naked Gun 33 1/2: The Final Insult* certainly complements the *Naked Gun* series! Once again, the lineup of regulars, Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley, George Kennedy and O.J. Simpson, make this film totally enjoyable (and definitely silly). Other cast members include Fred Ward, Anna Nicole Smith, Kathleen Freeman and Ellen Greene. *The Final Insult* is directed by Peter Segal from a screenplay by Pat Proft, David Zucker and Robert LoCash.

This film, a moving account of a man's search for destiny, is highlighted by the usual setbacks. The plot involves the now-retired police Lt. Frank Drebin, who is drawn in undercover after finding out about an unconscionable terrorist plot—all the while trying to re-ignite the burning embers with his new wife, Jane Spencer-Drebin (Priscilla Presley).

The success of the *Naked Gun* movies is pretty remarkable when you remember that

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Naked Gun movies have entertained audiences of all ages and has successfully done so again. 33 1/2 started in theaters nationwide on March 18.

Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

## Zlata's Diary gives insight

(AP)—Filipovic's concerns were those of many 10-year-old girls: math tests and the latest MTV music videos. Two years later, she was worrying about food and firewood, snipers and shelling.

Ideally, *Zlata's Diary* (Viking, \$16.95), a young girl's chronicle of growing up in wartime Sarajevo, should humanize the Bosnian tragedy. It should show how war robs children of their youth.

The diary, which begins in September 1991 and ends in October 1993, falls short, partly because the personal musings of a child are bound to have literary limitations. The writing is often mundane, much like the tedium of living in a city under siege.

When Zlata ventures into the adult world of metaphor, for example, she ends up parroting tired anti-war clichés. One of them is "the pencil of war which spells only misery and death."

And she isn't exaggerating much when she says:

"I keep asking myself for the hundred millionth time: WHY? WHY ME? WHY? WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?"

Like Anne Frank, who wrote her World War II diary in hiding, Zlata gives her diary a name and confides in it like a friend. But Zlata's diary feels flat, lacking Frank's emotion and talent with words.

Despite the diary's self-conscious pleas for peace, there are some colorful details about living in a war:

—The well-bred dogs running loose in Sarajevo's streets, abandoned by owners unable to feed them.

—Having one big feast from the freezer—veal, chicken, squid, cherry strudel—because the electricity has gone out and the food will go bad.

—Using humor to fight fear: "Our own tresome sniper, we call him 'Jovo,' was in a playful mood today. There he goes! He just fired another bullet, to shake us up!"

But how honest can a diary be if you know other people are going to read it? Zlata writes in October

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**EMPIRE**

The band started a tradition recently by distributing drums to fans during performances. The band said the result was a "tribalistic interaction between performer and audience." This was how the song "Infested" was made up from the drum sound. "We wanted to see if people could help a pre-written song evolve into something which nobody foresaw," says bassist Paul Semrad. "When it worked, it could be very exciting and actually very

musical. But sometimes, it was just a bunch of drunk people banging on the drums, or throwing them!"

They didn't try this at the Cat's Cradle, but it would have been interesting to see in concert. It was still an exciting show with the performers constantly running around the stage and some loud feedback keeping you into the show.

Course of Empire has had some success with their latest CD. "Infested" has gotten strong rotation

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on MTV's "120 minutes". The band is about to start a nationwide tour which should help the band's publicity around the country. Scope magazine said the band, "with wounding lyrics, a blinding live show and enough feedback to swallow Neil Young, Course of Empire can proudly take their place beside Ministry and KMFDM as masters of the metal." Let's hope this successful band will come back to N.C. and play in Greenville in the near future.

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how developed my attraction to them. I do love video games too; they are a favorite escape mechanism of mine. And just for the record, the song "Wynona" is not about Wynona Ryder, she only liked it so I named it after her. I really don't know how this idea got started."

The subject of movies came up again when asked what he would be doing if he wasn't in music. "I was a really shy kid and it still seems

strange to me that I can stand on stage, but it has shown me that could be involved in movies. I went to the University of Georgia at Athens for a couple of years to pursue my interest in film, but I dropped out for my first love, music." Either way his talent would have vented itself in the pop world.

Just to get an emotional response out of him, I read a quote from Harry Connick, jr. and asked him to respond. A few years back Harry said,

"If I played rock and roll, I'd be the greatest rock and roll musician in the world. It's music that requires very little knowledge and not much musical talent." Sweet chuckled to himself and gave the expected response. "Harry has no idea of what rock is about; it's a brutal, neanderthal form that is bent on expression, something he can't understand. Jazz is cool and all and it has something to say, but rock's message is different. Harry just doesn't have a clue."

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they're based on a TV program that was canceled after only six episodes," says producer David Zucker.

The challenge in making a third movie of a series is always how to retain the elements that audiences love so much, while moving the film forward into new areas.

"You simply have to find something different, otherwise you stagnate," states director Peter Segal. "That's why I've decided to shoot the film in a dark, French impressionistic style. I want to bring that

soft, fuzzy look to the screen."

Overseeing it all for the third time, as he also did on the original "Police Squad!" series is producer Robert K. Weiss. "These movies work because everything is absolutely believable and the characters have integrity, despite what's going on around them. If we aren't able to accomplish that," he says, "then our fallback is for the actors to talk really, really fast."

The *Final Insult* opened nationwide March 18 and is rated PG-13.

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1992 how she learns she will be published — a full year before the diary ends.

The spontaneity vanishes

altogether in the last pages, with entry after entry about journalists flocking to her door for interviews.

Hey, all you cool cats!

The one and only Tony Bennett is comin' to ECU! That's right, The Man, who left his heart in San Francisco and who has 91 albums, is bringing the "good songs" to Wright Auditorium March 31. This event sold out fast but will be reviewed in the April 5 edition of *The East Carolinian*.

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## Editorial Football needs conference

By Brian Olson  
Sports Editor

The search for a football conference goes on and could follow that path for quite awhile.

The ECU football program is currently known as independent and does not associate with a conference. The closest thing to it is an alliance. ECU, Memphis State, Southern Mississippi, Tulsa and Cincinnati make up the Independent Football Alliance (IFA). These five schools play each other during the course of the season and it has been in existence for two years.

Alliances do not cut it. While other ECU sports programs are in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA), the football team is not going to grow or prosper without an identity.

A few years ago ECU pursued the Metro Conference for over a year and meetings in Atlanta fell through, mainly at the time because officials felt conferences were not meant to be that big.

"We then began to chase the Big East," ECU Athletic Director David Harts said. "They did not pursue us, we literally pursued them. We made an awful lot of progress. We went candidly from them showing us very little interest to almost getting in. I think had they taken nine teams instead of eight we would have gotten in."

The Big East was made even bigger recently when it accepted Rutgers and West Virginia as full-time members. Virginia Tech and Temple are still just football members, but only time limits them from full membership.

RU and WVU were probably too strong in football to risk being lost to other conferences, with RU rumored to have been considered by the Big Ten Conference, and WVU having been in touch with Southeast Conference officials.

"To the best of my knowledge right now, we are not going to be looking at expansion for a little while," Big East Public Director John Paquette said. "As far as our group goes with football membership, I think right now there is probably not a lot of sentiment to expand right now."

The big part of that decision was a recent TV deal with CBS—five years for an estimated \$85 million. If the conference expansion was voted down, Big East football schools would have broken off into a new league along with the CBS package, according to the *Asbury Park Press*. The basketball-only schools would have been left in the dust if the football schools left.

Since CBS was outbid to carry the NFL by Fox, they were hungry and aggressive to land a new deal.

"The best scenario for us was the eight football schools leaving and expanding," Hart said. "Because the domino fell in the direction it did, the Big East is not going to expand the all-sports conference, certainly not until 2002 when the CBS package is up."

Maybe every decade or so there will be a Peach Bowl season, but in the meantime, there will be dismal seasons. Imagine all the energy and fan support of that great 1991 season. That kind of year could happen possibly every few years after ECU was experienced in a conference.

With the ACC already having four N.C. schools already, that possibility is out as well.

What could very realistically happen for ECU football is maybe a formation with IFA teams and perhaps some other teams breaking away from other conferences. Since the IFA has only five members, it must look for some more potential members to form a conference.

"In the last few weeks we have aggressively pursued some other potential conference alignment," Hart

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## Pirates salvage series with victory

By Brian Olson  
Sports Editor



Photo by Harold Wise

Mike Sanburn, seen here Saturday, pitched 7 1/3 innings allowing 11 hits, six runs (one earned) and struck out 10. He is now 5-2 on the year.

After dropping the first two of a three game series against first place Old Dominion, the Pirates realized it was time to play hard ball. After a mild offensive lapse in Saturday's double-header (6-4, 3-0), ECU rang up an 8-5 victory in the marathon like finale which ran for three hours and 56 minutes.

The action was hot right from the start. After ODU (22-3, 7-2 in the CAA) went down in order in the top of the first, the Pirates (22-7, 3-3) came to bat along with some heavy thundershowers. The game was postponed for a hour and 26 minutes and the lighting bolt that hit about 400-yards from Harrington Field seemed to be a wake-up call for the Pirates.

The Pirates grabbed their first lead in four games when they put two runs on the board in the first inning. Jamie Borel lead off with a single and scored on Scott Birmingham's sacrifice fly and Jason Head scored on Kyle Billingsly's single.

"We came together and de-

cidated to get the intensity up and play Pirate baseball the way it should be played," Borel said. "If we come out like that every game we will play a lot better. We didn't quite have the intensity yesterday, I don't know why; we found it today and got a win. It was a big win and we are ready to roll now."

Another interesting highlight from the long first was when ODU coach Pat McMahon was thrown out of the game after arguing a balk. McMahon and the umpire squared off face-to-face for several minutes before the coach finally left the field. This was McMahon's second trip out of the dugout in the inning to argue a call.

The Monarchs were quick to respond in the second. Ray Russin hit a one-out triple and scored on a sacrifice fly by shortstop Scott Harmsen coupled with Mike Cowell's RBI double to make it 2-2.

The key spot in the game came in the sixth when ECU's Chad Triplett hit a solo homer (his fourth of the year) and Chad Puckett knocked a two-run homer (his sec-

ond) to move the score to 5-2.

The seventh proved lucky to both teams. ODU's Matt Quatraro hit a two-run shot to pull within one, but the Pirates respond well during their turn. Brian Yerys hit a one-out single and scored on Lamont Edwards pinch-hit double. Edwards would cross the plate on Triplett's second hit of the game to make it, 7-4.

After Borel scored his second run of the game in the eighth, the Monarchs threatened in the ninth. Back-to-back leadoff singles and a passed ball pulled the Monarchs to within three. Reliever Jason Mills then struck the side with the last batter representing the tying run.

"It was a win we certainly needed," head coach Gary Overton said. "We felt we pretty much had to win this game and at the same time we wanted to iron out a lot of the flaws that we seemed to develop on Saturday. We did not play well at all Saturday and a lot of it was something we ironed out today. It was certainly a big win for us today."

## Fab Five leave mark on NCAA

(AP)—Teams that leave legacies usually win championships first. Not the Fab Five.

Never content just to go along, those bald-headed, scowl-wearin', gum-flappin', baggy-shorted kids who came in off the playgrounds and gathered at Michigan three seasons ago flouted convention to the very end. The mistake now would be to think that that was all they ever did.

"People who really know and understand basketball will love what we did for the game," said Jalen Rose, who even with his newfound maturity remains the flashiest member of the original quintet.

"Before we came in, there were plenty of things you weren't supposed to do. You weren't supposed to put all freshmen out on the floor. You weren't supposed to give them the freedom to just play. ... But because of the success we had here, we kind of helped give the game back to the players."

"Kids can go to a program now and get the chance to showcase their talents right away, not have to sit around and wait."

What college basketball will almost certainly record as their last stand together in the NCAA tournament came Sunday at the Midwest regional. It was there that the Fabs—their number already reduced to four by the departure of Chris Webber, to the NBA last year—were finally overruled 76-68 by an Arkansas team that was every bit as good as advertised.

With President Clinton, the nation's No. 1 Hog fan, looking on, the Razorbacks employed superior size and depth and marksmanship to make sure Michigan did not advance to the Final Four for the third year in a row.

"It hurts badly right now for the coaches, the players and the whole Michigan family," said Juwan Howard, who converted 11-of-17 shots for a game-high 30 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

"We've gotten used to it by making the championship game two years in a row. It was like you could take it to the bank. I'm proud of that great run. But I'm proud of what we did this year, too, because we did it when a lot of people doubted our depth and because we were without Chris Webber."

"We stepped up our games and we had a good chance," he added. "We just have to move on to next year."

In all likelihood, however, there will not be a next year for the Fabs. Not as we know them now, anyway.

Before Michigan advanced a few rounds and a few sites beyond expectations, Howard, a junior, figured to be a middle-to-late first-

round NBA pick. But in the last two weeks, he played himself into the lottery and an irresistible payday.

Though the same can't be said for his sidekick, Rose, who closed out an average postseason with a miserable 5-for-19 performance Sunday, he, too, made great strides forward in the season just ended. And he, too, will probably surrender to the siren call of the pros by the time the draft rolls around in June.

"It would be selfish to think of myself right now," Rose replied when asked about that possibility. "This is a bad time for Michigan basketball."

That may be so, especially if Jimmy King and Ray Jackson, the two smallest and least celebrated members of the original unit, are left to fend for themselves. But if Sunday turns out to be the last time the Fabs played in front of a packed house together, it might also be the best time to remember their impact on the college game.

## Track visits NCSU Rhodes sets record

(SID)—The Lady Pirate track team participated in their toughest meet of the year this past weekend at the Raleigh Relays hosted by North Carolina State University.

Freshman Dava Rhodes continued to be impressive bringing home a fifth place finish in the 5000 meters with a time of 17:14. The time breaks the previous school record of 17:39.0 held by Anne Marie Welch.

Also in the same event, sister Tara Rhodes finished eighth

with a time of 17:52.

These are some of East Carolina's best finishes against extremely tough competition in the history of Lady Pirate track.

In other action, the 4 x 200 meter relay team made up of Erica Green, Amanda Johnson, Nicole Crews and Carla Powell got sixth place with a time of 1:46.10.

In the triple jump, Lave Wilson placed seventh leaping 11.64 meters breaking the old school record held by Michelle Bullock and Nicole Crews.

## Falcons land George from Colts

(AP)—Another year, another quarterback in Atlanta.

The Falcons will start the 1994 season with their third quarterback of the decade after trading for Jeff George and telling Bobby Hebert if he plays here next year, it won't be as a \$3.5 million starter.

The Falcons could have had George as the first pick in the 1990 draft, but traded him to Indianapolis, where he was expected to be the savior of a foundering franchise. Instead, he alienated fans and teammates.

"We've always thought Jeff is a real talented player," Falcons coach June Jones said Thursday. "We felt ever since the day we worked him out he's probably the finest passer physically, throwing the football, we've ever seen."

"The thing we've got to do now

is take him to another level of play. In our scheme, we're going to feature his skills," Jones said by telephone from Ocala, Fla., where he was to deliver a speech.

Skills have never been a problem for George, who last year completed 234 of 407 passes for 2,526 yards with eight touchdowns and six interceptions for a 4-12 team.

George brings to Atlanta the last two years of a six-year, \$15-million deal. Only \$1.92 million of that will count against the Falcons' salary cap.

George won only 14 of 49 games he started with Indianapolis, the worst record among all current NFL quarterbacks with 20 or more starts. He was sacked a league-high 56 times in 1991 and publicly criticized his offensive line for not protecting him.

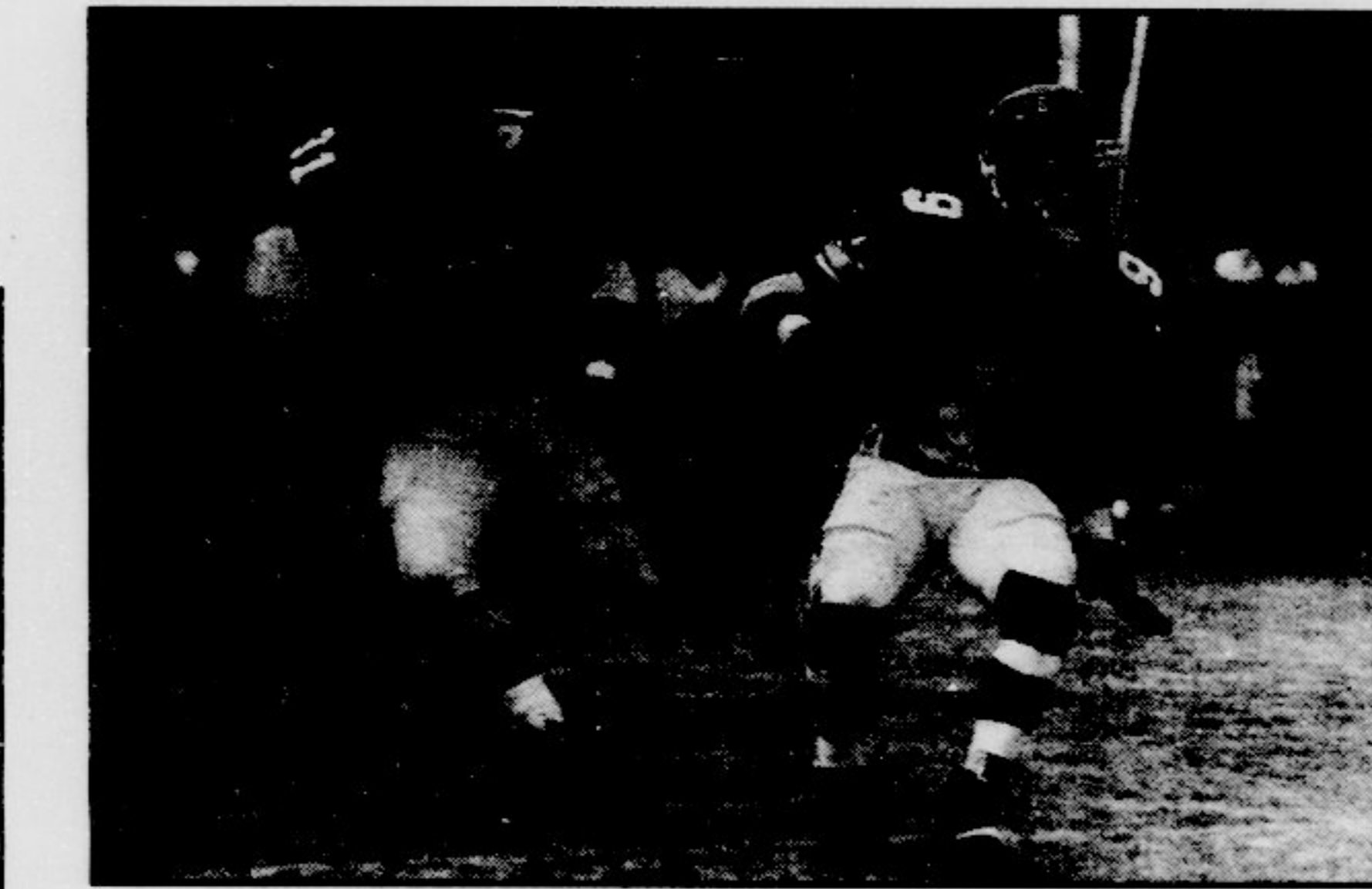
The Falcons allowed 40 sacks last season, two more than the league average.

George went to the Colts as a hometown high school hero.

"Maybe you just have to leave home to become the player and person you want to be," George said Thursday.

Atlanta dealt George's rights to Indianapolis for Chris Hinton, Andre Rison and a No. 1 pick that became Mike Pritchard.

Jones said to make room for George's salary, the Falcons won't exercise their option on Hebert, their primary quarterback last year. He said Hebert, who is recovering from surgery on a frayed tendon in his right elbow, could be re-signed as a backup, but at a salary drastically less than the \$3.5 million he was due this season.



File Photo

If ECU avoids injuries, both sides of the ball will be loaded with talent.

## Football scrimmages

(SID)—East Carolina's football squad went through its first major scrimmage of spring practice, and the results pleased Pirate coach Steve Logan.

"This is one of the best scrimmages in the last three years in terms of not having any flat spots," said Logan. "The defense gave up just two big plays all day and the offense was crisp all day long."

The Pirates scrimmaged for 2 1/2 hours, going for 132 plays in Ficken Stadium.

Sophomore Marcus Crandell returned at the quarterback spot, seeing most of the snaps. The Robersonville, N.C. native, missed the last nine games of 1993 after breaking his leg against Central Florida in the second game of the season.

"Marcus was a little rusty to begin with," said Logan, "but he's right back under the saddle. I was pleased with his performance today, knowing where he has come

from."

Crandell completed 19 of 42 passes for 214 yards with five interceptions, most coming on deflections.

The play of the secondary also pleased Logan. The longest pass play of the afternoon was 37-yard pass from Crandell to junior tight end Dwight Linville. "The secondary did not give up any big plays," said Logan. "They were moving to the ball real well today. That's the type of play we need to see during the season."

Redshirt freshman John Peacock was the rushing leader with 99 yards on 12 carries and a 57-yard touchdown. Junior Eric Blanton, who had 81 yards on 12 carries, also pleased Logan. The third-year Pirate coach indicated that both will see action in 1994, backing up Junior Smith and Jerris McPhail.

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## Golf team finishes fourth

(SID)—Lightning and severe weather forced the cancellation of Sunday's final round at the Furman Intercollegiate Golf Tournament. The cancellation of play gave second round leader East Tennessee State the team title in a field of 24 teams. East Tennessee State the team title in a field of 24 teams. East Tennessee State

also won the individual medalist honors with Keith Nolan's five-under par two-round total of 139.

East Carolina played well finishing tied for fourth with Maryland. ECU got outstanding play from freshman Rob Anderson. Anderson finished tied for third with Garrett Willis of East Tennessee State firing a two round total of 142 (two-under par).

There were 130 golfers competing in the event. Other ECU scores:

Josh Dickinson (147), Trey Jervis (149), Dave Coates (154), and Brent Padrick (154).

## ECU named advisory

(SID)—East Carolina University's Student Development Program has been selected as one of five in the nation to become an Advisory Institution for the NCAA Life Skills Program, school officials announced Monday.

The NCAA Life Skills Program provides a systematic personal development program designed to

reach each student-athlete based on his or her individual needs. The focus of the program is on the individual as a whole person—academically, athletically and emotionally—and on the changing needs and skills of that individual in the years during college and

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said. "The independents who are out there give potential of a merger between the great Midwest and the Metro. People want to salvage something from the teams that were left behind from the Southwest Conference."

While the ECU football program does play some quality teams every season, (like Washington and Syracuse last season and Auburn this year) ECU really does not have rivalries besides Virginia Tech. When the Bucs used to play N.C. State on a regular basis, it was a very popular game for both schools. That series was broken off, but ACC Assistant Commissioner Tom Mickle says the Wolfpack is seriously considering playing us again soon during the regular season.

An association with a conference can bring in better recruits, coaches, fans, market exposure and possibly

television. What everything boils down to is money. A loaded bank account can buy almost anyone happiness. Money is the main purpose of conferences and break apart.

From 1965 to 1976 the Pirates were part of the Southern Conference. Those teams included WCU, W&M, VMI, GW, Davidson, Furman, The Citadel, Richmond and Appalachian St. The league folded after the 12-year existence.

If ECU does enter into a football conference, it could eventually lead to the whole athletic program joining. Basketball could possibly even become more popular than football, but that would depend on the conference.

Obviously getting into a conference is not easy, but once the football program does become a member, the benefits will be rewarding if the conference is a quality one.

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after graduation.

"Our participation as an advisory school in the NCAA Life Skills Programs is a result of the strong commitment from the Department of Athletics to provide a quality program for every student participating in Intercollegiate Athletics," said Pam Overton, Assistant Athletics Director for Student Development. "Our program will

be enhanced as we join with other major universities that are committed to similar goals in student development."

Along with ECU, Arizona, Georgia Tech, Ohio State and Penn State were selected as Advisory Institutions for the program. Forty-one other schools were selected as pilot schools for the program.

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Smith, an All-America candidate, only had eight carries for 25 yards and a touchdown. Before the start for spring practice, Logan said that Smith will not have much of a load during the spring because of his previous accomplishments. "We need to see what others can do," said Logan.

Two tight ends-Linville and sophomore Scott Richards-each caught seven passes during the scrimmage. Linville had seven grabs for 117 yards, while Richards caught seven passes for 74 yards.

Defensively, Morris Foreman, David Hart, David Crumie, Hank Cooper, Mark Libiano and Tabari Wallace each had interceptions. Foreman also had two sacks and a pass deflection. Sophomore defensive tackle Daniel Russ had four sacks for minus 28 yards in the scrimmage.

On special teams, Chad Holcomb hit 2-of-5 field goals and

three extra-point attempts. Holcomb hit field goals of 36 and 37, but missed from 34, 48 and 39 yards.

The Pirates will have three more major scrimmages before the annual spring game on April 16 in Ficklen Stadium. The next scrimmage is on Thursday afternoon in Ficklen Stadium. The spring game is part of the 11th Annual Great Pirate/Purple/Gold Pigskin Pig-Out Party, held April 15-16, at East Carolin University.

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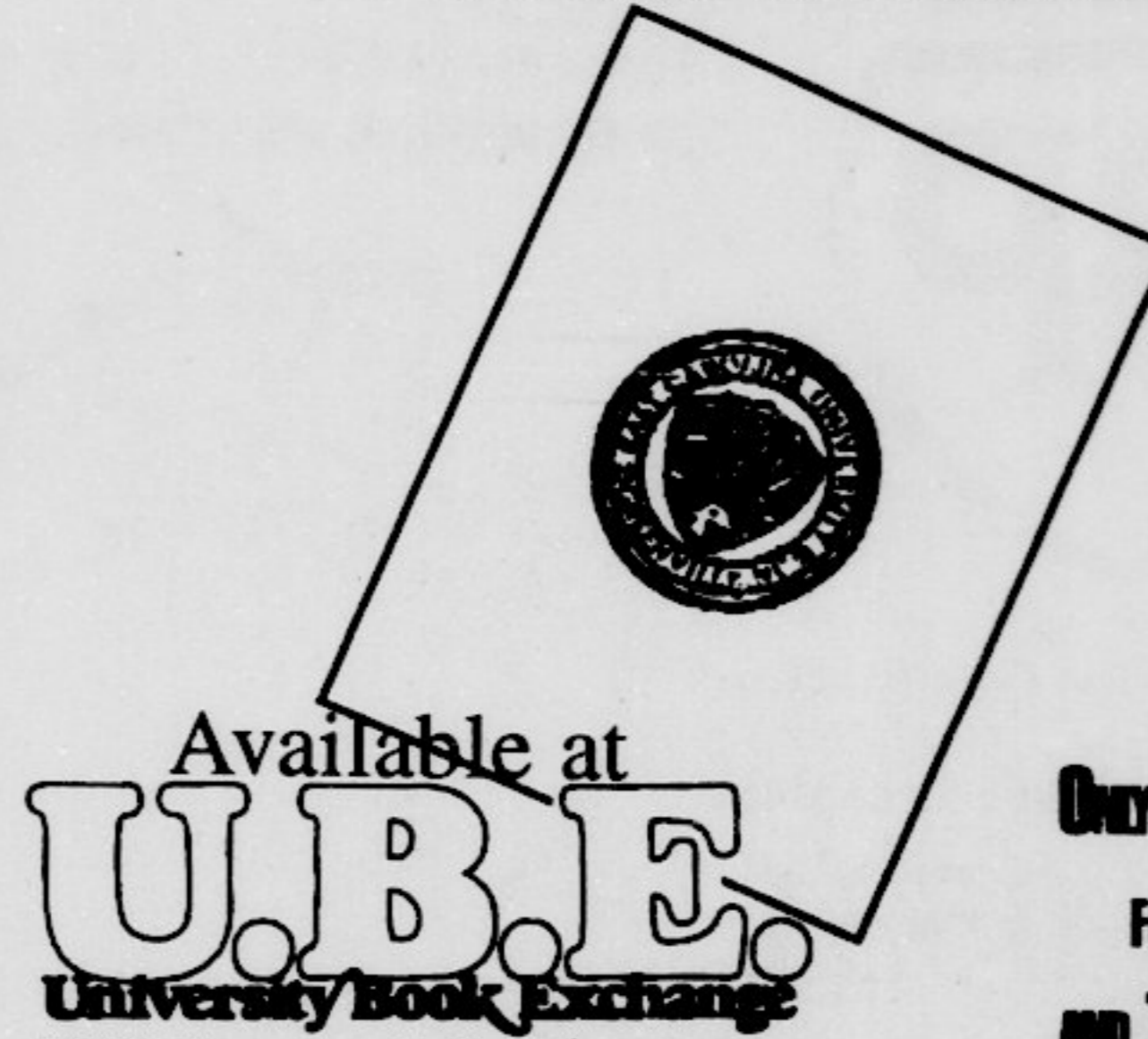
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## Magic running show with Lakers again

(AP) — Magic Johnson kept encroaching on the court, unable to stay in the three-foot purple-painted area between his seat and the sideline. Once, waving his arm to get his players to press on defense, he nearly clobbered a passing referee by accident.

Johnson seemed to want to get out there again and get in the flow, strip off his pinstriped suit and reveal the gold Los Angeles Lakers uniform. But the fantasy of Johnson returning as a player yielded to the reality of Johnson as head coach. And for one enchanted night, that was enough.

Los Angeles Lakers owner Jerry Buss, who fired Randy Pfund last week, couldn't have been more gleeful unless he had Johnson back handling the ball. Buss had the next best thing, and the packed Forum rocked just as it did when Johnson ran Showtime.

"It's a whole new era now,"

Buss proclaimed Sunday night in the giddy aftermath of Johnson's first game as NBA coach, a 110-101 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks. "You've got to forget the past and look to the future."

The Lakers' past is the future if Johnson stays on. It's full-court pressure on defense and fast breaks on offense. It's clever passes and smart shots. It's run, run, run. And, more than anything, it's the excitement that Magic Johnson brings to the game.

Fans gave him a two-minute standing ovation just for walking to his seat after the anthem. When his name was announced moments later, and the song "I Feel Good" came blasting out of loudspeakers, the applause gave way to more than 17,000 fans dancing in their seats.

Hollywood stars were here again. The buzz was back. Showtime. Magic Time.

Hats and T-shirts heralding his

return. More than a game, this had the feeling of an event, a wonderful welcome home party thrown by the Lakers and attended by only the third sellout crowd in an otherwise dismal season.

And in case any cynics thought Johnson was here just for the show, just a big name to bring in more fans until the end of the season, he dispelled that notion by coaching like crazy from start to finish.

"No matter what happens, I will always remember this day and this game," Johnson said, "because the guys put forth the effort. They're dead-tired right now."

When Wade Davis threw a pass into the basket toward the end of the game, Johnson laughed aloud and thought, "God was looking out after me."

The whole night reminded Johnson, the players and fans of the old days.

"No question about it," Johnson

said. "The guys got a big kick out of it. They got an emotional high out of it. They don't want it to be just tonight. They want this type of crowd every night. And I told them, if they give this type of effort, the people will be here."

Johnson looked exhilarated. He used to talk after the games with ice on his arms and knees and abdomen. Now he sat in his pin-striped banker's suit.


"I need some ice for my throat," he said. Mike Dunleavy, Milwaukee's coach, was the last Lakers coach that Johnson played for in 1991. Dunleavy was hardly surprised that Johnson would start off as a winning coach.

"Very few people can come in," Dunleavy said, "and get the kind of respect that Magic is going to get right away because of what he has accomplished, what he's meant to this organization and what he's meant to this city."

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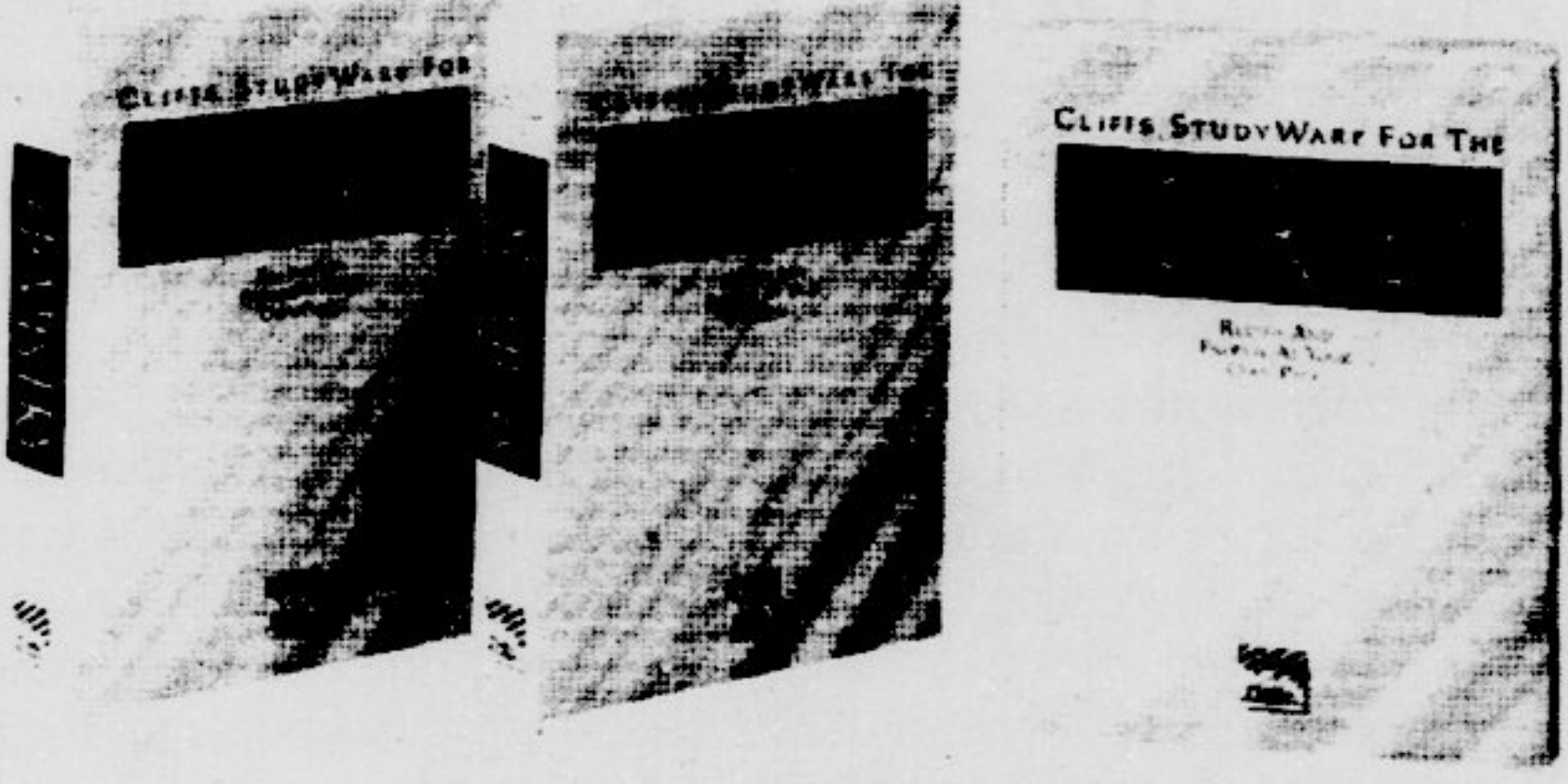
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culture center is trivializing the issue for several reasons.

First of all, whether many people want to admit it or not, we are all taught about Caucasian culture from the day we first enter primary school until the day we die. In some sense or another, then, whether you agree with us or not, Joyner Library and Mendenhall Student Center can be viewed as of any kind about African-Americans or any other racial or cultural minority in these buildings? (Before some of you say that there were African-American displays for Black History Month, you must realize that Blacks exist all the time and not just in February).

East Carolina University has realized the importance of multicultural education as is evident by the school's implementation of the P-2 (Purple Pride-squared) program. This is a step in the right direction towards more diverse learning experiences for all of the ECU community, and it is for that reason that we justify building and African-American culture center and any other type of multicultural center.

We at ABLE do not appreciate the ridiculing of our organization. While we respect the right of others to express their opinions, we think this could be done in a more courteous manner.

Once again, we state that our meetings are open to all members of the ECU community and we would greatly welcome your attendance at these meetings. This would be a big step towards promoting greater understanding between us all.

**TU WA MOJA!**  
(Together we stand!)

To the ECU community:

We at ABLE would like to take the opportunity to respond to some of the negative criticism which both our organization and the Ledonia Wright African-American Culture Center have received in recent issues of The East Carolinian.

First of all, we will state the objectives of our organization--as written in Article II of the ABLE constitution--for the clarification of the ECU community:

- To provide fellowship for African-American students and others enrolled at East Carolina University.
- To involve members of the University community in learning experiences about the culture and history of African-Americans.
- To provide the University community with programs and activities that will expose them to the richness of the African-American contribution to global history and culture.
- To increase the University community's awareness of the challenges faced by African-Americans in their everyday lives.

ABLE would like to call special attention to Article V of our organization's constitution, the membership clause:

Membership shall be open to students, alumni, faculty, and administrative personnel of East Carolina University. Discrimination by race, color, gender, age, national origin, or disabling conditions will not be tolerated in membership practices.

Obviously, ABLE seeks diverse

membership. Because the name of our organization is "Allied Blacks for Leadership and Equality," this does not mean that we are excluding non-Blacks. National organizations such as the NAACP and NOW are engaged in promoting the advancement of Blacks and women respectively. However, neither of these organizations limits membership solely to Blacks or women, respectively.

Presently, our main concerns are about the two letters printed in the March 22 issue of The East Carolinian.

The two letters contain comments negating the importance and need for an African-American culture center here at ECU. One letter stated that the Ledonia Wright building "should be bulldozed to make way for parking" and that Blacks do not need "special attention."

The other letter asked if the African-American culture center is something "that everyone needs." It also stated that when honoring "a group in this way building a culture center], you step over the bounds of equality..." Both letters asked why there wasn't a White/Caucasian center at ECU.

The opinions expressed in these letters are examples of why we have a vital need for a culture center. Neither of the letters recognized the fact that building a culture center to educate others about our history and culture is not "honoring" or "exalting" us. Asking about a White/Caucasian