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Marcus Crandell and Junior Smith have led the Pirates to a 7-4 season and a bowl game on New Year's Eve. Check it out on page 9.

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Our reviewer got Trapped in Paradise at Hendrix last week, and you can be the first kid on your block to enjoy Mixed Nuts tonight. For the sneaky news, see page 6.

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"Booze it" program deemed successful

Katy Newton
Staff Writer

The eyes of the nation are on North Carolina. On Nov. 14, "Booze It & Lose It" went into effect and became one of the largest anti-drunk driving ef-

forts ever launched in the United States. Three weeks later, "Booze It & Lose It" has come to a close with a whopping 3,858 driving while intoxicated (DWI) arrests under its belt.

For the past three weeks, law enforcement officials imple-

mented "Booze It & Lose It" by setting up around 400 checkpoints per week throughout North Carolina's 100 counties. Chief F.T. D'Ambrasio of the Bethel Police Department said, "We were looking for DWIs and any other offenses we could find."

The checkpoints were in the form of roadblocks, and at these roadblocks, each driver was required to present a driver's license and vehicle registration. Officers ran checks on license and vehicle tag numbers, and they also made sure people were wearing their seat belts and properly restraining their children. If officials thought a driver had been drinking, they would conduct verbal and motor field tests and, if necessary, use the passive alcohol sensor, a device that allows officers to measure alcohol concentrations.

"We're not doing anything different than what we have been doing," said 1st Sgt. W.D. Campbell of the North Carolina Highway Patrol. "The difference is in the combined effort." In Pitt County, this collaboration included the Highway Patrol, the Pitt County Sheriff's Depart-

ment, the Department of Motor Vehicles and local police departments, which included Greenville, Bethel, Winterville and Ayden.

While efforts to stop drunk driving are old news, "Booze It & Lose It" is innovative in its approach. Emotional appeals by innocent victims in wheelchairs and by distressed mothers of children killed by drunk drivers are touching, but they simply are not deterring the thousands of people who get behind the wheel after an evening (or afternoon or morning) of partying.

Col. R.A. Barefoot of the North Carolina Highway Patrol recognizes the problem. "Research shows that appeals to do what's right don't work for people who drink and drive," Barefoot said in a press release. "What deters them is the risk of getting caught and losing their

license. Like the television ads say, 'We're going to get them, all of them.'"

Even though drunk driving has become quite the politically incorrect thing to do, last year, there were 469 alcohol-related deaths in North Carolina. The good news is that the numbers are going down. There were 534 alcohol-related deaths in 1992 and 561 in 1991. But as D'Ambrasio pointed out, "Those statistics don't mean anything until we drive those figures home ... Each year, we lose a city the size of Greenville in traffic fatalities."

Despite the intensive effort provided by the "Booze It & Lose It" campaign, DWI arrests are also down. Ac-

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North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Initiative

BOOZE IT & LOSE IT.

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Congress faces legislative battles

(AP) — Congress' next generation of leaders, Democratic and Republican alike, are setting independent tones that augur an era of sparring between the two parties as well as within them.

New, younger men have captured three of the four top leadership jobs in the GOP-controlled House and Senate that will convene in January. And though everyone spoke of bipartisan cooperation when possible, the leaders made clear that they will pursue their interests and protect their constituencies.

But no one can guarantee that there will be peace and harmony within each party.

The sole remaining lieutenant from this year, Senate GOP leader Bob Dole of Kansas, will have combative conservative Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi looking over his shoulder as his top lieutenant. And the two new Democratic leaders, Tom Daschle of South Dakota in the Senate and Richard Gephardt of Missouri in the House, warned that they would distance themselves from the administration and President Clinton.

"We want very much to work with the White House," Daschle said in a typical statement. "We will not be led by them. We will not view ourselves as an extension of them."

Perhaps the most assertive new leader of all will be Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., appointed yesterday by Republicans as their candidate for speaker, a choice that will be confirmed by the full House when it convenes Jan. 4.

Gingrich, 51, is one of the most conservative of Republicans and replaces the moderate Rep. Robert Michel, R-Ill., 71, as party leader. He wants to carry out the Republican "Contract With America," a campaign-season doctrine promising tax cuts, stark changes in welfare and other measures that are likely to spark conflicts with Democrats.

For some Democrats, combat

with Gingrich will be based on more than ideology. He is a bitter foe who helped bring down Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, and whose aggressive tactics have been personally vexing for years.

Gephardt, 53, takes the top job being vacated by the defeated Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., 65. Both men have been more inclined to seek consensus than to engage in partisan warfare. But Gephardt has a sharper edge and vowed last week to protect "workers, middle-income families, the poor families of our country" — a sure sign of opposition against GOP proposals that Democrats construe as helping the rich.

Gephardt shares similar problems with his 46-year-old Senate counterpart, Daschle. Democrats have yet to figure out whether their repudiation by voters means they should edge toward the political center where most votes are, or nurture their most loyal constituents — minorities, women and labor. So at least until the politics of 1995 becomes clearer, they are choosing a middle ground.

"We stand ready to work cooperatively," said Daschle, who replaced Sen. George Mitchell, D-Maine, 61, who is retiring. "We hope Republicans, in turn, are prepared to reciprocate."

As for Dole, his colleagues by one vote stripped his longtime second-in-command, Whip Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., of his job and handed it to Lott.

The Mississippian is more doctrinaire than Simpson, and leads a growing flock of conservative GOP senators who constantly pressure the more moderate Dole to move to his right. That could portend more confrontation with Democrats.

Parking deck questions continue

Popular idea has price tag

Wendy Rountree
Staff Writer

To build a parking deck or to not build a parking deck — that seems to be the question looming across campus because of the current parking situation.

"There has been rhetoric on-going about parking decks ever since I've been here and I've been here now five years," said Layton Getsinger, assistant vice chancellor for business affairs. "Every time there is a parking problem or perceived parking problem or there's a diminishing number of parking spaces as with the new construction, people always come up, 'Well, we need parking decks.'"

Getsinger said when ECU went up on parking decks from \$50 to \$70 three years ago, students began parking their cars on the streets of the neighborhoods surrounding the campus, and the communities began recommending that the university build a parking deck.

As a result, Getsinger said the university began looking into the possibility of building a deck.

"In the state of North Carolina — basically, in the country — parking decks cost anywhere from around \$6,000 to \$9,000 per parking space," Getsinger said.

Getsinger said there are added costs connected to having a parking deck.

"You have the ongoing cost of security," Getsinger said. "You have to have someone staffing it to ensure that people who are authorized to use it are using it. Then you have the problem of will people use it because you

have to charge a premium for people who utilize it because not everybody can park in there."

For a parking deck to be cost effective, Getsinger said it must have at least 1000 parking spaces. The university looked into a parking deck of 1800 spaces because the Master Plan, issued in 1992, predicted the university would need 2000 more parking spaces between now and the turn of the century, based on a projected growth rate of two percent per year of the student population.

"That has not materialized thus far," Getsinger said. "We've had sort of a flat growth rate in our student population, so right now we are behind in our growth. So, those numbers really have not materialized to the level that the Master Plan had projected."

Getsinger said a parking deck of 1000 spaces would cost between \$6 million and \$10 million dollars. Based on that information, the university investigated the cost of a deck with 1800 spaces at \$9,000 per space. The total cost came to \$16,200,000, and with security, maintenance and payment cost, the deck would cost \$1,659,225 a year.

To pay for the parking deck, Getsinger said he proposed several ways.

"We could increase the parking decal by \$50 annually times 10,000 which is

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People on the Street

Q. How do you feel about Jeffrey Dahmer's death?



"One wrong does not make another wrong, right; however, that could have been God's way of punishing him, who's to say?"
Annette Mercer, senior



"Stick a fork in him, he's done." Matt Wiles, senior



"At the risk of sounding heartless, its hard to have any sympathy for him. I think he got what he deserved."
Michaela Durkin, freshman



"I honestly believe it was justifiable, but minimal punishment for the crimes he committed. Although death appears sad, I'm certain a lot of people are smiling over this one. The saying is surely true: What comes around goes around..."
Missy Horton, junior

Photos by STUART WILLIAMS

Old Guard

Eight members of the U.S. Army Drill Team (Old Guard) visited campus Friday for a demonstration. The Old Guard's primary mission is to protect the highest officials in Washington, D.C.

Photos by SUSAN SCHWARTZ





Campus mail being opened by Post Office staff

What many may think is illegal is perfectly within the law at some universities. A student at Middle Tennessee State University recently tried to mail 50 newsletters pertaining to a local band through the campus mail system, but the letters were sent back. The post office stated the newsletters were considered advertising, leaving the student to wonder how the post office employees knew. The student later learned that the post office does have a legal right to open mail because it is a private service run by the university and not the U.S. postal service.

Students are taking a stronger political stance than in the past

College freshmen in the 90s are more likely to have strong political opinions than their counterparts in previous decades, stated a freshman survey compiled by the cooperative institutional research program at the University of California in Los Angeles. The survey was given to students across the country and found that men at the University of North Carolina consider themselves more conservative, while women consider themselves more liberal; a political battle of the sexes?

Retired librarian attempts suicide in front of library

A retired librarian at North Carolina State University put a gun to his head and shot himself in front of the library he worked in for six years. He died the next day leaving police with few clues to why he would try to kill himself. One NCSU police sergeant suspects the suicide had to do with health problems.

Flying furniture damages vehicles

Two students reported that their vehicles had been damaged by a chair and a table thrown out of a window in one of the residence halls at the University of North Carolina last week. None of the students reported seeing anything, but several reported hearing yelling and the sound of something being thrown out of a window at around three in the morning.

Recycling program raises \$190,000 for scholarships

"One man's trash is another man's treasure" is an appropriate slogan for Middle Tennessee State University's new recycling program. What began in 1972 as a fundraising effort for their science club has contributed \$190,000 towards scholarships for students. The program recycles aluminum cans, newspapers and recyclable white office paper. More than 22 scholarships were awarded this year ranging from \$500 to \$2,000.

Compiled by Tamba Zion. Taken from CPS and other campus newspapers.

Abortion funding may cease

(AP) — A program unique to North Carolina may be exterminated during the two-year legislative session beginning in January. On the other hand, the state abortion fund for poor women may be too hot to touch.

Funding has zigzagged up and down since 1978 during the terms of governors Democratic and Republican. But with governors having no power to veto legislation, the abortion fund has survived as long as Democrats captained the General Assembly.

Abortion rights advocates are using GOP gains last month to convince supporters that a more-conservative Legislature will close in on their rights.

"Election day was for all intents and purposes devastating for reproductive rights," said Beth Ising, executive director of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League of North Carolina.

With Republicans scouring the state budget for places to cut in order to live up to pre-election promises, the \$1.2 million abortion fund may seem an anachronism to many lawmakers.

"There are many voters who feel, and many legislators as well, that as a public policy, the state should not be providing tax dollars to that particular purpose, especially when we spend millions to keep people alive," said Rep. Steve Wood, R-Guilford, an abortion opponent whose re-election campaign was endorsed by N.C. Right to Life.

Oras N.C. Right to Life President

Barbara Holt said: "The majority of Americans, and especially North Carolinians, do not support tax money being used to kill unborn children."

North Carolina is the only state that pays for abortions with a fund not linked to Medicaid, according to NARAL's national headquarters in Washington, D.C. The Tar Heel state is one of 13 that will fund abortions for adult women without conditions that the pregnancy result from rape or incest, or threaten the mother's life or health.

Women are eligible for state funding if they are over 18, no more than five months into their pregnancy, and have incomes below the federal poverty line. For an individual, the poverty line is \$7,360 a year. Minors can also tap into the fund in restricted cases.

Counseling is mandatory and a social worker must spell out other options. If an eligible woman chooses abortion, the social worker is responsible for helping make the medical arrangements and conducting follow-up counseling.

The fund, administered by the state Human Resources Department, paid for 4,448 abortions during the 1993-94 fiscal year at an average cost of \$260.

The General Assembly held the abortion fund's budget allocation flat last July. Lawmakers upped the funding to \$1.2 million in 1993 after four years of limiting it to \$424,000. During that span, the fund regularly ran out of money before the end of the year.

Advocacy groups on both sides of the abortion debate count about two-thirds of the 170 members of the General Assembly elected last month as abortion opponents.

While abortion supporters and opponents cut across party lines, the view of abortion-rights activists is that the more conservative, tightfisted tilt in the Legislature could spell trouble for the abortion fund.

"There are pro-choice Republicans, there are anti-choice Democrats. But when it comes down to supporting a woman's right to choice, the numbers aren't there," Ising said.

Other advocates, however, note that Republicans avoided the explosive issue in the "contract" for reform they signed in October.

"This election was not about abortion. In those elections in North Carolina in which this was an issue, anti-abortion candidates have gone down

in flames," said Robin Davis, a lobbyist and vice president of the state chapter of the National Organization for Women. "If we're in their position, I would want to not wake the sleeping dog."

Republicans have been too busy preparing to make good on tax cuts, reduced spending and other reforms promised in their contract to consider abortion, said an abortion opponent just named a member of the House GOP leadership.

"There's been so much time spent on organizational matters and having legislation ready to file and fulfilling the terms of the contract, that we haven't talked about it," said Rep. Robin Hayes, R-Cabarrus.

"I don't think it'll get any unusual emphasis. We're talking about spending the taxpayer's money wisely."

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According to Frank Smith, Assistant Public Information Officer for the Governor's Highway Safety Office, "[The arrest numbers] are actually lower than what we've seen in past years, which means that people are getting the message."

"Booze It & Lose It" was part of the Governor's Highway Safety Initiative, a five-year program that brings together such resources as the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the National Highway Safety Research Center, the North Carolina Department of Insurance and the Governor's office. The

initiative was started by North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program Director Joe Parker. In 1993, the Safety Initiative sponsored "Click It or Ticket," a program that was instrumental in raising North Carolina's seat belt use from 65 percent to over 80 percent. The

Governor's Highway Safety program is currently planning a crackdown on speeding, which will be similar to "Booze It & Lose It" and "Click It or Ticket."

North Carolina General Statute 20-16.5 states that drunk drivers will lose their licenses on the spot. Four DWI convictions in seven years require permanent revocation of a driver's license. A person can be charged with DWI if he or she has any drugs in his or her system or if alcohol concentration meets or exceeds .08. But as D'Ambra pointed out, "Any amount of alcohol in your system is enough to kill somebody."

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about the average of what we sell per year," Getsinger said. "We would get \$50,000 from hourly parking meters and then we would have an annual student fee of \$64. That's on top of the already \$70 you are paying."

"In scenario two, we increase the decal by \$160 annually versus the \$50 increase, and we have the same \$50,000 from the parking meters, but no student fee increase. In other words, it would be all on the back of the 10,000 people who buy parking decals," Getsinger said.

Basically, even though all 10,000 people who buy parking decals will pay either \$184 a year as in scenario 1 or \$230 a year as in scenario 2, only 1,800 people will actually be using the facility. Getsinger said the university would have to start charging these prices for decals before construction would actually start to have enough money to satisfy a bond requirement, which is needed to fund the deck.

Getsinger said the issue more strongly concerns the staff and faculty than students because they will still be on campus after four years.

"Unlike faculty or staff, students pass through this environment like I did. I was here for four years," Getsinger said. "The problems are still going to be there for those who stay behind."

However, Getsinger said the ultimate decision to build a parking deck would have to be made by students and faculty and staff.

"The decision to build one is not the decision that rests with the administration," Getsinger said. "The administration would be the ones to implement the decision once it would be made. [The decision] would be put before the students and the faculty and staff."

Getsinger said his research on the parking deck was given last spring to the student government, the faculty senate, the chancellor's staff and the counsel of deans. He said most people who received the information on the parking deck did not realize the cost.

"Everybody who has had a brief on this said, 'Wow, we didn't know it would cost this much money. I didn't know it would affect me this much personally. I'm not in favor of that,'" Getsinger said.

Getsinger said the state of

North Carolina, since the 1970's, has a mandate that all parking at state facilities has to be paid for by the users of the lots. The state does not pay for parking lots at state buildings.

While the university was looking into building a parking deck, Getsinger said it was comparing the same 1800 spaces with more surface parking.

"The cost per space is \$1000 versus \$9000 per space," Getsinger said. "The total cost of that project would be \$1,800,000."

The parking decal would have to be increased by \$50 annually.

After reviewing the outcome of the comparison, Getsinger said the university plans to continue developing surface parking areas until land contiguous to the campus is used up completely.

"People that we have talked to at other institutions — Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Charlotte — all these schools have parking decks," Getsinger said. "The one consistent theme that comes out of all of these people is that you do not want to build a parking deck unless you have absolutely run out of land to build surface parking. Parking decks are a luxury, not a necessity."

"They are things that are status symbols, not necessarily providing the service that they are designed to provide unless you are land locked, which we aren't right now."

Recently, ECU has acquired land located near Allied Health, on Charles Boulevard from the Blount family. The university plans to change this area into intramural fields and develop the present intramural fields behind Ficklin Stadium into more commuter parking lots.

"I would probably go with that idea better than a parking deck just because of the cost in the long run, keeping it up, the security and the bills for it," said Colleen Larkin, a junior English education major. "I think it would be better to make more lots."

Getsinger said in order to pay for developing new parking lots and mending old ones, the board is going to be asked on Dec. 8 to increase the decal fees by \$28, going from \$70 to \$98.

"The reason for the request for increase in fees is to allow us to go ahead and asphalt the freshman lot [at Allied Health] to convert the remainder of that field into freshman parking and asphalt

it and asphalt 150 spaces at Harrington baseball field," Getsinger said. "It would also give us the capability of converting the playing fields behind the north side of Ficklin Stadium. It would also allow us to cut Ficklin Drive through from where it currently stops over to Berkeley Boulevard, which would allow us to get a circular route for our bus traffic and our shuttle buses from Minges over to Christenbury and back up to College Hill."

However, some students said they do not want to pay increased fees whether it is for a new parking deck or more surface parking.

"Concerning the parking situation, I believe that more parking is indeed needed," said Tony Morace, a senior English education major. "I do not believe that those who will not have the opportunity to utilize the proposed parking, should be required to pay for it in higher parking fees. It is enough that my student fees have been bloated to pay for an addition to Ficklin that will not be open during my enrollment. I would rather see an increase in fees put towards direct educational enhancements."

Getsinger said all this planning is to eventually move most parking away from the core of campus by offering lower decal prices to students who park in perimeter lots and use the bus system.

"By creating parking lots by Allied Health and Ficklin and Minges," Getsinger said, "that gives us the opportunity to start allowing people to make that adjustment. We're making parking fees so attractive out there that it would entice people to give up parking here and park out there and ride the shuttle back and forth."

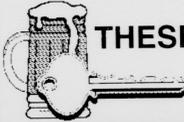
"The recommended parking increase is going from \$70 to \$98 for core parking and for \$30 to \$48 on the perimeter. We are trying to find all the different things that would be a reason why people can't park on the perimeter and trying to eliminate those."

The freshman lot at Allied Health will be finished by next fall, while the other lots at Ficklin and Harrington will be ready in two years.

"We are positioning ourselves financially to be able to pay for these things and to borrow as little money as possible," Getsinger said.

In the future the university has plans to go to a zone style of parking. Level A would be at the core of campus and Level B would be on the perimeter. Students would pay the standard price for Level A while students pay half the standard price for Level B.

Getsinger said, however, that students who want a parking deck and want to pay the cost should speak to the student government and have their wants voiced by their student representatives. If the demand is there, he said, the administration will move forward to building the deck.

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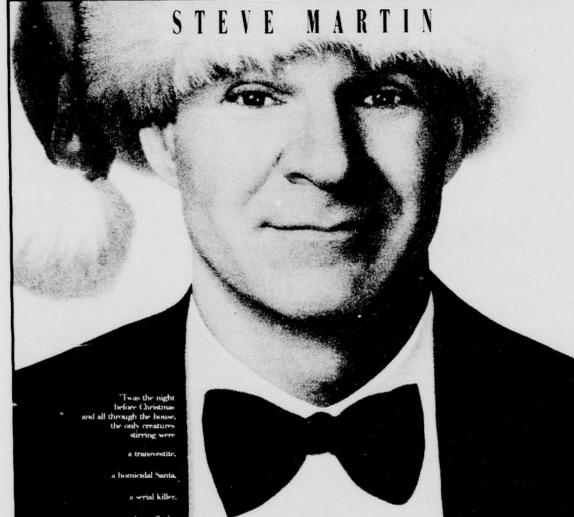
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CONGRATS TO OUR SENIOR SISTERS who graduate in Dec.: Heather, Sonja & Phoebe. Wow! You think you know your sisters until Senior burns! We hope you had a blast. We will always love you like sisters. Love your sisters and pledges of Alpha Xi Delta

ALPHA PHI OMEGA- Congratulations Brother Brian Vetrano! Great job with pledging, proud to have you as part of the family. Brotherhood. Your Big Brother.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA: Congratulations Paige! You worked hard and it all paid off. I take great pride in calling you "My Brother." Never forget the meaning of Brotherhood! Love, Richard "Your Big Bro"

ALLY K. You're a great little bro. Congratulations on getting in, you'll make a great brother. Blossom, don't forget to wear the hat, whoa! Love, Dave

TO THE GAMMA PI RHO PLEDGE CLASS of Alpha Pi Omega- You all did a great job this semester. Congratulations! I love you all and will miss you- Mistress Rose

Announcements

ALL STUDENT ORGANIZATION LEADERS
There is a meeting today December 6 at 5:30 in Mendenhall room 244 for all Student Organization Leaders. Topics to be discussed are Liberty Bowl Tickets and the upcoming basketball season. Dave Hart and other ECU Athletic Coaches will be attending to answer any questions.

AMA
AMA is having elections today Dec 6 in GCB room 1028 from 3:30-4:30pm. The following offices are available: President, Vice President of Program, Vice President of Communication. The office descriptions are available at the AMA bulletin board.

PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPETENCY TEST
The Department of Exercise and Sport Science Motor and Physical Fitness Competency Test is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 1994, at 1:00pm in Christenbury Memorial Gym. A passing score on this test is required of all students prior to declaring Exercise and Sport Science as a major. Direct questions to Mike McCammon or Dr. Gay Israel at 328-4688.

NEWMAN CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER
Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses for this day are: Wednesday, Dec. 7 (Virgil Mass): 5:30pm. Thursday, the Feast itself: 8am, 12:10pm & 5:30pm. All Masses are at the Newman Center, 953 E. 10th Street— 2 houses from the Fletcher Music Building.

ATTENTION ECU STUDENTS!
Have you ever wondered about different contraceptive options, STD's, Alcohol awareness, date rape, nutrition and other health issues? The light

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Employment Opportunities are available to students who are interested in becoming PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS to students in wheelchairs, READERS, and TUTORS. Past experience is desired but not required. For an application contact: Office for Disability Support Services, Brewster A-116 or A-114, Telephone (919) 328-6799

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The National Pan-Hellenic Council is having a Talent Show Friday, Dec. 9th at Jenkins Auditorium at 7:00pm. General Admission is \$3. Afterwards there will be a pre-exam jam at Mendenhall Student Center from 10:00pm-2:00am.

Costs are \$2 for students and \$4 for non-students.

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EAST CAROLINA FRIENDS
Would you like to be a positive role model, a big Friend for a child in the community? Then be a part of East Carolina Friends. We have little friends ages 6-11 and starting in January students in 9th grade. For more information call Nikki 328-7655 and be sure to look for announcements and flyers in January. I would like to thank the volunteers for their commitment this semester. Keep up the good work. Have a safe and relaxing break.

PITT COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL ARTS DAY '95
The Pitt County Arts Council's Arts Day '95 will be held on Saturday, January 28th at the Pitt Plaza Mall. The Arts Council is inviting any and all artists representing all mediums to contact them about booth space to display and sell their wares! Grass

Roots organizations are invited to contact the Arts Council as well to reserve booth space for display information. This year the Council invites all Community performers to submit audio and video tapes in order to be considered for entertainment during the day as well. The Arts Council is also taking names of volunteers who wish to donate their time for set up and on-going activities during Arts Day as well. Direct all submissions and inquiries to The Pitt County Arts Council ARTS DAY '95, PO Box 8191, Greenville, NC 27835 or call 757-1785 for booth application forms. For further information phone Llene Cox at 752-3247. Students Welcome.

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We'd be grateful for a dead week

This is ridiculous. It happens every year, and we foolish students put up with it. We, the Editorial Board of The East Carolinian, are demanding (OK, we'll beg ...) that professors across this campus be permanently banned from administering tests in the two weeks prior to final exams.

This is not too much to ask — we are merely enforcing a character trait that should be inherent in professor-hood: organization.

In the simplest of terms, it's not fair. When professors get off track, spend three class periods talking about their children's hamsters, last year's summer vacation to Woodstock, and the numerous senior summaries that just take up too much of their time, we should not have to suffer the repercussions.

It's not fair that a professor feels the sudden urge to teach about all of ancient history in the final three class meetings — material that, "Yes, class, you can expect to see on the final."

Now, we know this isn't always the case. However, the haphazard administering of tests outweighs the legitimate, well-timed exam-giving.

As already poor and suffering students, why must we live through speedily-compiled tests on material that was crammed down our throats in two days — all so that the professor can divide by

four instead of three, or three instead of two, etc., at the end of the semester?

Granted, we appreciate numerous opportunities to exercise our brains, stay up all night and spend hours writing novels in bluebooks about all the wonderful pieces of knowledge we have so eagerly acquired throughout the semester.

We're just asking for a little time. Like more than 24 hours. More than two days. Oh, heck, give us a whole week to get ready!

We're asking professors to keep in mind that we have finals to prepare for, final projects to complete and lengthy papers to compose. OK, so maybe some of us procrastinate. We know who we are, and we know we're only hurting ourselves. (Whoa—that was a parent speaking, there! When did we hire adults?) But please, don't assume we have spare time. Don't assume we are only enrolled in your class. There are others, so many others. Not to mention the jobs a lot of us have so that we might be enrolled to take those tests.

Now here's the kicker. We heard the SGA is pushing for a "dead" week, as well. Can you believe that the student media and the student government are in agreement? Well, not exactly. We say: "Tack on another week!" Sure, one week of guaranteed pressure relief before finals would be a blessed event, but where's your holiday spirit? We have shopping to do, too!

Capital punishment can deter crime

by Brian Hall

Two injustices were committed last Monday when serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was murdered in a Wisconsin prison. The first was that Dahmer was allowed to be killed while under the state's protection.

While many have stated that this was a fitting end to a murderer's life, this was not justice, this was murder.

The bigger injustice, however, was that Dahmer was allowed to live in the first place.

If the state of Wisconsin had the death penalty and had used it in this case, then the families of Dahmer's victims would have been spared the painful memories this incident doubtlessly brought up. They also would have been spared the victim status now accorded Dahmer.

Crime has now surpassed the economy as the number one concern of the American people. In response, most candidates in this past election sounded as they were running for sheriff, not Congress.

These candidates made the usual responses about getting tough on criminals. Real toughness will require the expansion of the use of the death penalty, not such phony gimmicks as "three strikes and you're out," or gun control.

The reason that the use of the death penalty will have to be expanded is simple. Murder, as the most heinous crime, sets the upper bound of punishment in society.

If we leave the average sentence for murder in our country at the present 25 years

to life (with actual time served about 11 years), then the sentences for rape, kidnapping, etc., must be proportionally lower.

For example, if the average sentence for rape is raised to 20 years (which would mean about eight actual years behind bars), then as a society we are presenting a dangerous temptation to rapists to kill their victims.

By killing his victim, a rapist potentially adds only three years to his sentence while simultaneously reducing the odds of being captured. If, however, the sentence for murder is execution, then a sentence of 20 years or more for rape actually makes sense.

Moreover, such tactics have worked in the past, even without wholesale executions. For example, from 1930 to 1950, murders of all types in our country ranged from 5,000 to 7,000 per year. Executions in the same time period ranged from 117 to 199. Thus a murderer faced a 1 in 25 chance of being executed. Presently, however, the odds of actually being executed for committing a murder is about 1 in 625.

Not only were murders more likely to face execution, such a sentence was carried out much more swiftly. For example, on February 15, 1933, an anarchist attempted to kill President-Elect Roosevelt in Chicago. He instead killed Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak. When Roosevelt was inaugurated five weeks later, the murderer had been tried, convicted and executed.

No crime policy can prevent all murders, but there is at least anecdotal evidence that

some can be. For example, many retired police officers related that when they arrested armed robbers, frequently the robbers themselves had either disabled their guns or refused to load them.

When questioned, these men stated that they did not want to take the chance of shooting someone in the course of a crime, for fear of the executioner. Contrast such actions with today's crimes when many thieves shoot their victims for no reason whatsoever.

The most common attack on the death penalty is that it is unfairly implemented and discriminates against minorities. This is true, though not in the way most opponents believe.

Blacks, for example, make up a larger percentage of executed criminals than their proportion in the general population. When just the population of convicted murderers is looked at, however, one finds that white murderers are more likely to be executed than black murderers.

Black lives are being undervalued, but it is the lives of black victims, not black murderers. As a society we need to be just as willing to sentence a black on black murderer to death as a white on white murderer.

The only way to see that justice is done in all cases is to see that all first degree murderers, regardless of race, are sentenced to the only fitting punishment for their crime: death.

Is the spirit of Christmas authentic?

By Joshua White

Christmas time is almost upon us with holiday wishes and peace on earth and good will towards men. 'Tis the season for increased commercialization in retail stores and out-of-work Joe's playing Santa Claus at the mall. Just what is all this seasonal festivity about?

Originally, Christmas started out as a holiday devoted to honoring the birth of Christianity's founder, Jesus Christ. However, over the course of time, Christmas has been relegated to the same status as Halloween or Easter. It is just another chance for the greedy bastards that control corporate America to exploit people on an important religious holiday.

Quite simply, Christmas has nothing to do with jolly old Saint Nicholas or receiving an expensive gift under the tree on the morning of Dec. 25. The holiday also has nothing to do with sugar cookies, Frosty the Snowman and Christmas music being piped into elevators and waiting rooms in hospitals.

While I am not trying to negate

the images that people associate with the season, I do feel that people have attached a great deal of superfluous symbolism to Christmas, which has absolutely no bearing on why the holiday is celebrated in the first place. This is not to say that there is one expressed purpose for celebrating the holiday, but that the initial meaning behind various traditions has become obscured.

Religion is obviously the underlying reason the holiday's being celebrated in the first place. Dec. 25 is designated as the birth of Jesus Christ, although historically, there is no evidence to suggest that Christ was born on this precise date.

The facts concerning when Christ was born are not the most significant issue. What is at issue are the reasons that motivate people to celebrate a holiday in honor of someone, who they honor by doing everything contrary to the teachings of that person.

Jesus did not say that people should recreate the act of the Magi

by giving exorbitant presents on Christmas (but I somehow have the feeling that if retail merchandisers could sell packages of frankincense and gold they would.) He also did not put emphasis on material possessions, although this is the form that people's "love" takes on Christmas.

If anything is to be gained from the holiday, then it is the message of peace of love towards all of humankind. Why this attitude should only persist one day out of 365 is questionable. Peace and good will towards all men and women should be a matter of course all year round.

This Dec. 25, while you are opening presents and listening to Tammy Wynette's version of "Here, Comes Santy Claus," do not forget what the season is about. Most importantly, remember that peace and love should be extended to your fellow man and woman everyday, not just at Christmas.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:
On 29 November 1994, your paper printed an article by Joshua White titled "Watch out, here come the Republicans!" In this article Mr. White discusses the infamous Newt Gingrich, the highly debated school prayer issue and whether Republicans are "illiterate or simply have a flagrant disregard for the Constitution."

I should say that I am a Christian Republican who can read, and I hold the United States Constitution close to my heart. The Constitution's First Amendment reads in part: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Mr. White made his first mistake when he referred to this amendment as "Article I" of the Constitution. Article I of the Constitution establishes Congress' legislative powers.

His second mistake comes in his interpretation of the word "establishment." Establishment here refers to the creation and enforcement of national religion.

Those in favor of school prayer are not working to create a national religion, but instead allow children to pray and worship God. If being a Christian and worshipping God is so terrible, then why don't we remove the phrase "one nation under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance? Without God, Mr. White, you, nor I, would exist! We must give our children time to pray each day, at home, at church, and at school. Mr. White, I hope you don't end up in hell. We will be praying for you.

Tony Joynor
Senior
Political Science

To the Editor:
I am writing you in concern over Joshua White's article, "Watch out, here come the Republicans!" in November 29, 1994, edition of The East Carolinian. After reading this article, my primary response is: Typical. In voicing his personal opinion, Mr. White resorts to school yard insults and untrue stereotypes against the Republican party. Referring to Newt Gingrich as a "slimy worm-eating critter" and to Dr. Seuss' "The Grinch" is childish and meaningless to his argument.

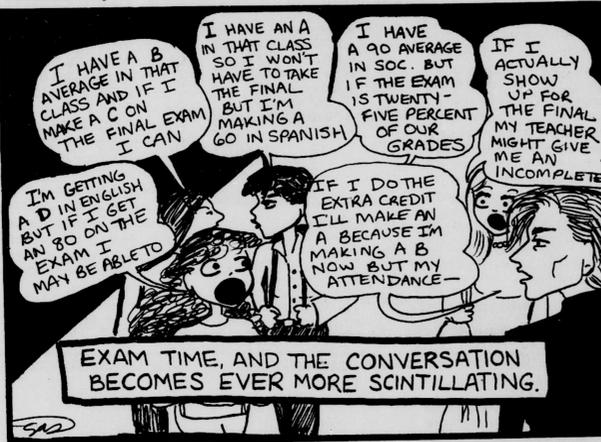
He also misrepresented the Republican standpoint about religion in school. He made it seem that a typical scenario would be that every morning at school everyone morning would be preached to in a Christian voice. THIS IS NOT THE REPUBLICAN STANDPOINT. The Republican's only point is that it should not be illegal for prayer to occur in school. That is the simplified version of course, but

nonetheless, their idea.

Mr. White also said that the "twenty-something voters" were in for a shock when they found out that the Republicans don't give "jack-squat" about their interests. My only comment to this is that I, as a "twenty-something voter", voted for whom I believed would help America as a whole and not for my own personal interests.

Due to the word limitation, I must end this letter. Before signing off, however, I would like to note that Mr. White's stereotype of Republicans as "conservative yuppies" is the same as the stereotypical Democrat as a long haired, hippie type, Communist pinko.

Stuart T. Hooper
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Lifestyle

Trapped in Paradise without a clue

Ike Shibley
Staff Writer

Trapped in Paradise stars Nicholas Cage, Jon Lovitz, and Dana Carvey as three wayward brothers struggling to get out of the small town of Paradise, Pennsylvania after having robbed the town's bank. Unfortunately for the brothers, the people of Paradise are too friendly. Not only do the gentle townspeople unknowingly care for the criminals, but they also manage to make the brothers feel guilty about their deed.

Judging from the audience reaction, most viewers enjoyed themselves because laughter could be heard every few minutes from the nearly packed theater. Not only did the situation draw laughs, but all three leads got to exercise their comic skills with consistently funny results.

Trapped in Paradise begins with Dave (Lovitz) and Alvin (Carvey) Firpo being released from prison on parole. During the course of the exit interview the audience learns that Dave is a habitual liar (though Lovitz never once says "yeah... that's the ticket") and Alvin is a kleptomaniac. The only brother not in prison is Bill (Cage), the most mature, and sanest, of the brothers.

After Bill and Alvin get released from jail they coerce Bill into driving them into Paradise where, unknown to Bill, they plan to rob a bank. Once Bill sees the ease with which the bank can be robbed, his brothers can't convince him to help rob it. Once the three brothers manage to obtain the bank's money, after a

hilariously lengthy ordeal in which they have to bring all the people from the diner across the street into the bank, they have difficulties leaving Paradise.

One of the reasons the Firpos have trouble is that Alvin, the getaway driver, takes them around in a circle. "I just took four left turns, like the map said," protests Alvin

little long for a light comedy but mildly entertaining scenes like this one keep the film flowing nicely.

Mildly entertaining, describes most of *Trapped in Paradise*. The actors get as much mileage as they can from their roles but cannot create a comic masterpiece without a good script. They probably make the film funnier than it

ter are all rather trite. The story relies on too many of the same jokes, like Alvin stealing anything he can get his hands on and Dave constantly telling bigger lies, to draw inspired laughs.

Nicholas Cage once again shows his versatility by filling Bill Firpo with warmth, humanity and humor. *Trapped in Paradise* will nei-

what they excel at doing. Lovitz lies and Carvey combines his George Bush impression with Garth's attitude to form Alvin's character. Both stars are funny but neither has the screen presence of Cage.

The supporting cast of *Trapped in Paradise* is a pleasant surprise, especially Madchen Amick (best known as Shelly on *Twin Peaks*) who plays Sarah Collins, the girl that Bill Firpo falls for. John Ashton, Donald Moffat and Richard Jenkins add great support. If the leads help make the film funnier than it should have been, then the supporting cast makes the film warmer. They give the town of Paradise a hospitable personality.

Trapped in Paradise provides enough laughs to warrant a guarded recommendation. When compared to last year's holiday film about a small village, *Grumpy Old Men*, this new film cannot compare. But for two hours of laughter with a bit of good cheer thrown in, *Trapped in Paradise* will do quite nicely.

On a scale of one to 10, *Trapped in Paradise* rates a six.

This was the second of three sneak previews to be shown at Hendrix Theatre this semester. The third and final film to be shown is *Mixed Nuts*, a comedy starring Steve Martin and directed by Nora Ephron, who is best remembered for *Sleepless in Seattle*. *Mixed Nuts* will be shown tonight at 8 p.m. in Hendrix.

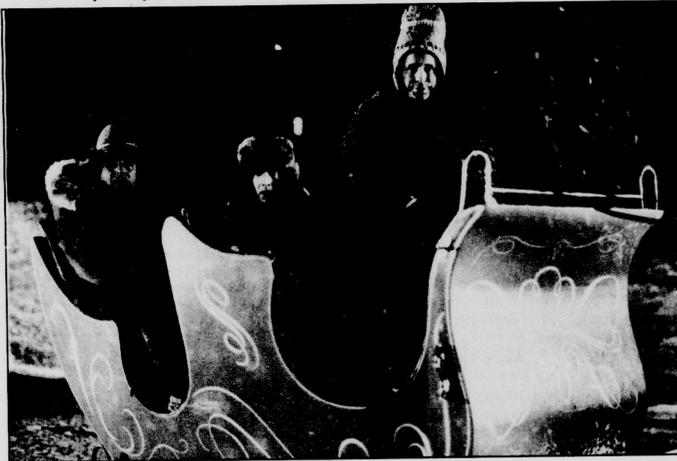


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John Lovitz, Nicholas Cage and Dana Carvey stare blankly at the camera from their four-seater sled in the new 20th Century Fox film *Trapped in Paradise*. The film screened last week at Hendrix Theatre as part of a three-film sneak preview program. The next film in the program, *Mixed Nuts*, shows tonight at 8 p.m.

in an attempt to prove that he has not taken his brothers in a circle. Comic situations like that one pop up throughout the film. *Trapped in Paradise* is actually a

should have been, but that still does not equate to a truly funny film. The comedy is too broad to really hit its mark. Most of the scenes that evoke the most laugh-

ther help nor hurt his career, but the film does show why Cage will probably become a relatively big star in Hollywood.

Lovitz and Carvey do more of

Children's minds inflated by Garbo and crew

Jennifer Coleman
Staff Writer

Fred Garbo's "Inflatable Comedy Theatre" played to a house full of children, ranging in age from one to ten, and their parents.

Oh, and then there was me. My roommate and I were probably the only actual students of the univer-

sity who attended the performance. And there's really only one thing I can say to those of you who missed it:

"Nyah nyah nyah nyah nyah!" This was the most exciting, thrilling, amazing show I've ever seen. Put aside the fact that Fred Garbo has starred on *Sesame Street* for eight seasons as the man inside

Barkley the Dog (although that one fact made Garbo a living legend in my opinion). He is a superstar in his own right, and the "Inflatable Comedy Theatre" proves it.

Garbo and his partner, Daelma Santos, kept their audience entertained with over an hour of dancing, juggling, mime and inflation! Garbo began his show with a 'pre-show warm up' which required an audience volunteer. Unfortunately, I was passed over for a Shirley Temple look-a-like in the front row. Garbo brought out nine school pencil boxes and proceeded to juggle three of them. Then, he brought out three juggling clubs, handed them to his lovely assistant and balanced all nine boxes on his chin! With the boxes still balanced, he juggled the three clubs

to end the trick to thunderous applause.

Garbo's juggling skills were not allowed to rest. Throughout the show, he juggled six rings, three flaming torches and three huge inflatable cubes. His skill amazed the adults in the audience while his physical comedy delighted the children. But what impressed me the most were his inventions.

Garbo's inflatables consisted of gigantic cubes, a snowman, a Christmas tree complete with lights, an accordion, a complete living room set including a television and an "Airedale Dog" (which looked suspiciously like Barkley, but who's complaining?). And let's not forget Fred Zeppelin, The Inflatable Man! With the aid of an inflatable suit, Garbo turned him-

self and Santos into one of his inventions.

My favorite part of the show happened right in the middle. Garbo and Santos had inflatable kites attached to sticks that they could swing around the stage. Garbo took his and began to make fun of a dance routine Santos had done earlier in the show. In retaliation, Santos made fun of Garbo's juggling. I loved this part because not only was it hilarious, but it showed the friendship between the two performers. They were entirely comfortable with each other on the stage.

Another thing that impressed me was the relationship be-

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A DROP IN THE BUCKET

Mark Brett
Lifestyle Editor

"A Drop in the Bucket" is just what it claims to be: a very tiny drop in the great screaming bucket of American media opinion. Take it as you will.

Christmas was originally a pagan holiday. Not the celebration of the birth of Christ, you understand, but the date, December 25. It was a feast holiday of some sort, when our heathen ancestors got together to eat, drink, be merry and carouse til dawn. It was the mother of all parties, not unlike downtown Greenville on Halloween.

When the Christian church spread north via the Holy Roman Empire, the Christian missionaries were shocked by the pagan's behavior. They knew they had an uphill battle ahead of them if they were going to convert these hedonistic folk to the ways of the Lord. So, they stepped in and told the pagans that they would no longer be celebrating the feast on December 25, but the birth of Christ instead.

After a few pagan skulls were cracked by the missionaries' Roman guards, some bright pagan asked, "Can we still have the orgy?" The weary missionaries begrudgingly said yes, and so the pagans agreed to celebrate this new holiday of Christmas. Though still pagans at heart, they were now Christians by name, and the soldiers more or less left them alone (except at tax time).

As the years and generations passed, the former pagans came to accept Christianity and Christmas. The winter feast was forgotten. Christianity rode on the backs of expanding empires, leading to the discovery and colonization of a new continent, and ultimately to the founding of America.

Christmas has survived all this time, a celebration now as old as the winter feast it replaced. But now it's under attack by another new-but-similar holiday called X-Mas. A holiday of capitalism, X-Mas celebrates merchandising. It revels not in the joy of giving, but the thrill of buying. It's a shopping holiday with a name that denotes its ultimate meaninglessness: X-Mas, the generic holiday.

And like our pagan ancestors, whose happy orgy was set upon and slowly changed by the Christian missionaries, we've allowed the retail missionaries to change Christmas. Whereas Christmas has a tradition of 12-day celebration, X-Mas is the ever-expanding holiday; it get longer every year. The first X-Mas decorations of 1994 popped up at Wal-Mart (an X-Mas holy

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CD Review System

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- PATHETIC
- LAME
- PRETTY GOOD
- BRILLIANT

CD Reviews



The Connells New Boy



I guess you could say that Raleigh's Connells have made it big. Since its release a year ago, their latest CD, *Ring*, has sold over 150,000 copies. Their tour in support of the album has been quite successful so far. They have played 200 gigs in the last 10 months, playing with such acts as Neil Young, Booker T. & The MGs, Blind Melon and Catherine Wheel. In September of this year they started another tour of the South with very little rest from the last tour.

Their new EP, *New Boy*, was designed to be given out at those shows as a souvenir and will be in stores soon after. It is a six song EP with tracks from various sources. The title track is off *Ring*, and there are three unreleased songs (one of which is a cover) and two live radio broadcasts. If they aren't careful, they may find themselves among all the other alternative-gone-top-40 bands.

The title track from *Ring* was reprinted and features The Connells signature melody and the soft vocals of MacMillian. It sounds like a real nice love song, yet the lyrics are about domination and submission.

There are two new tracks on the disc, "Logan Street" and "Wonder Why." Once again, there is no mistake that this is The Connells; both songs have that melancholy pop sound that the band is known for. They have the alternative sound, yet they are not really abrasive, which is a formula that may prove to be successful on the popular charts in the near future.

Then there is the one cover song on the EP, "Living in the Past." It is a cover of a fairly well-known song by Jethro Tull. They have been playing this song in their live sets during their recent tour and decided to record it for this release. It really is an excellent cover, and it's not really that different from the original. The vocals translate well to Connell-ese, and the music proves to be a little more mellow, but still good. It seems particularly strange to me that the sentiments expressed in the song fit the hippies it was addressed to originally just as well as the new generational audience that will be listening to it now. "Now there's revolution, but they don't know what their fighting / We'll just close our eyes, outside their lies go on much faster / Oh no, we won't give in, let's go live in the past."

The last two songs are live re-

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Elizabeth lives again!

Queen Elizabeth I is brought to dramatic life by English actress Barbara Hird in her 45 minute one-woman show *Elizabeth R*. The queen's life and loves are discussed by Hird, who also performs every year in *The Lost Colony*. *Elizabeth R* comes to Hendrix Theatre tomorrow night at 8 p.m. Admission is free. For further information, call the Mendenhall Information desk at 328-4700.



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Small crowd fights gravity at the Attic

Shannon Gay
Staff Writer

Fighting Gravity, formerly known as Boy O Boy, played to a tiny crowd last Saturday night at



Photo Courtesy of Fighting Gravity
Fighting Gravity strikes a silly pose. Perhaps they're still waiting for the Attic crowd to show up.

the Attic. Boy O Boy was a popular ska band that used to play to packed houses, but either their appeal has died or their name change has yet to pass through the grapevine, because no one was at the Attic on Dec. 2.

Since their name change to Fighting Gravity, the band has landed a radio campaign for the soft drink Mello Yello. Their song "Threat or Menace" chimes in the background as MTV VJ Adam Curry

speaks of new musical talent. This is a big break for a band, especially since their music genre is ska. Most people aren't familiar

with ska (a musical blend of reggae, funk and rock), with the exception of ska kingpins The Mighty Mighty Bosstones, and even the Bosstones aren't exactly a household name. Fighting Gravity has played with many big names like 24/7 Spyz, Eek-A-Mouse and Tribe Called Quest, and these music parings display their diverse style.

Fighting Gravity is distributed through Caroline Records, the same label that carried Smashing Pumpkins on their breakthrough album *Gish*. Fighting Gravity has put out four albums in four years and frequents the top 10 college charts, so it's odd that the attendance at this gig was next to none. They put on an excellent show however, despite the lack of audience.

They played "Don't Have You," and that's one of those songs you felt as if you've heard before. It's a song that got the small but eager crowd dancing. Even if you don't like Fighting Gravity, their music will make you sway because it's simply joyous and the horns add to their happy vibe.

The song that captures their musical expression best is "Deep Blue." This ode to ska music con-

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Who's the Black Sheep?

Dave Pond
Sports Editor

In today's hip-hop society where every rapper and his grandma are relaying tracks about being "real," which ultimately means slinging rocks or popping caps in somebody, a true hip-hop fan longs for bugged-out rhymes similar to Slick Rick's "La-Di-Da-Di," or even The Pharcyde's "Passin' Me By."

To this list one could add Black Sheep—that is, before their new release, *Non-Fiction*. Black Sheep fans buying this CD expecting a new level of their "Flavor of the Month" sound be warned: you won't get it!

The CD opens with the "Non-Fiction Intro" (which sounds like it could be a very phat Zhane track) and continues throughout with tracks containing slammin' jazz loops, semi-hype beats and lyrics that flow and (supposedly) "represent" the true Dres and Lawnce.

On *Non-Fiction*, the listener finds the same scenarios found in most hip-hop projects today. "We Boys" is the track that depicts the Sheep and their crew displaying a "lyrical beatdown" typical of coarse-voiced m.c.'s with foul mouths. "Autobiographical" characterizes the typical back-in-the-day track in which Dres recalls his childhood, his first brushes with the law, etc. "Me & My Brother" is the braggadocious track in which Dres and Lawnce combine interesting flowing styles with humiliating snaps that together make an interesting cut.

On a more positive note, the Black Sheep make up for some of the mediocre tracks by adding definite crowd-pleasers such as "Without A Doubt," the first re-

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tains the lyrics, "In the deep blue sky I find all the answers / it's my chance to escape from reality." Their music is a pleasant escape from the real world, because their lyrics are simple and their music combinations are lively.

The seven-piece band recently released a CD titled "No Stopping, No Standing," which would be something to pursue if you're interested. They are a very fun, happy and bouncy band and their perky performance last Saturday was very entertaining. It's a shame no one was there to experience it.

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tween Garbo and Santos and their audience. Before the show, Garbo stayed in the lobby, welcoming the audience and talking to the children. After the show, both he and Santos, after allowing the audience to play with the inflatable cubes (which I thought was really cool) went out into the lobby to sign autographs and sell T-shirts and videos. The kids loved them.

I'm framing my ticket (which, by the way, has both Garbo's and Santos' autographs) and my picture of Garbo. This was simply the coolest show to ever come to ECU. I give it 12 out of 10 stars (two for extra credit). If Garbo ever comes back, I hope more college students get to see him. Believe me, you won't regret it.

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cordings from Purple Dragon Studios in Atlanta that were made for a live broadcast on Live X (WNNX), an alternative station from the same city. One is an acoustic version of the title track off their third album, *Fun And Games*. The other is an acoustic rendition of "New Boy." Both are quite good and very accessible to those who shun the more aggressive types of alternative.

Overall, this is a very good EP. If you are a devout Connells fan you may like it even more than I do. They have been headlining *Rolling Stone's* New Music Tour since October and they may be coming around here soon, so check them out.

-Kris Hoffler

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lease from the *Non-Fiction* project. This track is guaranteed to add hype to any party. Then there's the track "Let's Get Cozy" (similar to "La Menage" on their first album) which reminds the listener that Mr. Lawrence is still the dominating "Mr. 9.5 [inches]" when it comes his genitalia. "E.F.F.E.C.T." is a hip-hop anthem produced by and featuring Showbiz & AG, who add that certain 'diggin'-in-the-crates' phatness.

Black Sheep's *Non-Fiction* gives the listener a hint of the styles that were ear-catching on the first project. However, they give just that: hints. Sheep's sophomore project is a big letdown to those who were expecting the playful lyrics and hilarious stories of *A Wolf In Sheep's Clothing*. Black Sheep should stick with writing fiction.

DROP From p. 6

shrine) before Halloween. I was shopping for some ghoulish black costume stuff and walked right into the festively garish green and red of X-Mas.

Now some may call me a Grinch (the Satan of X-Mas), but that's just too damn early. I need Halloween to purge me of the morbidity I collect all year like so much evil navel lint so that I can enjoy the spirit of Christmas. Likewise, I

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need Thanksgiving as a festive warm-up for the virtual good-will-to-man A-bomb Christmas represents. There's a reason these holidays are spaced a month apart.

But we've let the skull-cracking goons of capitalism push X-Mas on us for so long now that I'm not sure Christmas exists as anything more than a memory. Kind of like the way we see only a pale echo of pagan orgies in our modern Christ-

mas celebrations. I mean, I'm 26 and I can't really remember a Christmas that lasted only 12 days.

And it's in reflection on my X-Mas childhood that this gets really scary. As insidious as X-Mas seems now, it gave me some of my favorite childhood memories. Silly String fights with my brother on X-Mas morning. Zip, my life-long stuffed animal monkey companion. Weird puppet animation X-Mas TV specials ("Bumbles bounce!").

So now I wonder if I ever celebrated Christmas at all. Has X-Mas overtaken us, like Christmas overtook our pagan ancestors? Have the Christmas traditions of family, food and good cheer gone the way of the winter orgy, faded memories of a world just past?

In answer, I leave you with this: I remember finding out as a child about the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. Intrigued, I asked my mother, "Do Jewish people believe in Santa Claus?" She wasn't sure. Come to think of it, neither am I.

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Sports

Pirates improve over '94 season

Aaron Wilson
Assistant Sports Editor

East Carolina has made vast improvements as a team from last year's 2-9 season to their present record of 7-4 going in to their contest with Illinois in the St. Jude Liberty Bowl on New Year's Eve. Speculation about head coach Steve Logan's job security has ended, and now he is being rumored for head coaching vacancies in the college ranks and as an assistant in the NFL.

The Pirates have more first downs, rushing yards, passing yards and total offense than their opponents. Last year, they were outgained in every single one of these statistical categories.

ECU is on the positive end of turnover margin as compared to minus-20 a year ago. A major weakness for the offense last year was its inability to control the ball and run the clock to give the defense a rest. This year time of possession is up as well as scoring.

ECU averages 27.2 points per game and only allows 21.2. In last season's 2-9 debacle the Pirates were outscored 29.9 to 15.9. Even the third quarter woes of a year ago have been cured. ECU has still been outscored, but only by nine points — up from 94-22 last year.

Responsible for all of this success is a game plan for this program that started a few years ago. The plan involved playing the young talent that Logan and his staff have been recruiting, as well as playing with a more aggressive style of play.

The ECU defensive and offensive schemes are not much different, but the added experience of a year ago has made the execution of the play calling that much better.

A healthy Marcus Crandell at quarterback has proved to be the main difference for the Pirates. Besides his accurate, strong throwing arm Crandell's leadership qualities really help out as far as directing what is the eighth youngest team in the country. Crandell, a 6-foot, 200-pounder from nearby Robersonville, NC, has had quite a season and should push for Sophomore All-American honors.

Crandell has completed 230 of 401 passing attempts (57.4 percent) for 2,687 yards and 21 TD's. He is currently ranked fourth in school history in career passing yardage passing Michael Anderson after the Memphis game. He was named Liberty Bowl Alliance Offensive Player of the Week against Southern Miss. and Virginia Tech.

"Marcus has a great arm, is quick and mobile and has great instincts," Steve Logan said. "He also has the leadership abilities and attitude to match."

TB Junior Smith has also made

his mark on the Pirate offense. The senior from Fayetteville, NC is ECU's all-time leading rusher, passing ECU Hall of Famer Carlester Crumpler, Sr. this year. Smith has 1,204 yards rushing and 9 TD's in 1994 and has shown an added dimension to his game, catching 35 passes for 306 yards out of the backfield.

He was a pre-season candidate for the Doak Walker Award and has been named to HM All-American teams by the Football News, Street & Smith's and the Sporting News. Smith, although small at 5-foot-6 and 180 pounds, is quick (4.4 speed) and strong (380 pound bench press). He should be a prospect for this year's NFL draft.

Smith has been supported strongly by backup Jerris McPhail who is the fastest player on the team, running a 4.38 in the 40 yard dash. McPhail, a transfer from Wake Forest, has 335 yards rushing and ECU's longest offensive play of the year with a 67-yard TD catch against Central Florida.

At receiver the Pirates are led by Jason Nichols, Mitchell Gallo-way and Larry Shannon. Nichols has 42 catches for 450 yards and Gallo-way has 36 catches for 566 yards and 4 TD's. Shannon is a huge target at 6-foot-6 and 200 pounds. His size and 38-inch vertical leap has enabled him to score six touchdowns and one two-point conversion on his 17 catches. ECU coaches like to go to him in the red zone on the fade route.

The Pirates have two good tight ends in sophomores Sean Richardson and Scott Richards. Richardson has 17 catches, two TD's and two-point conversions. Richards has 18 catches and 4 TD's.

The offensive line has been strong all year in blocking for Junior Smith and Marcus Crandell. They have allowed just 9 sacks and

led by all-star candidates Ron Suddith (6-3, 290) and Charles Boothe (6-6, 285). Jamie Gray, Kevin Wiggins, and Terry Tilghman round out the starting lineup.

Defensively, the man for the Pirates has been junior inside linebacker Mark Libiano. Libiano a pre-season honor candidate is a 6-foot-3, 235 pounder with 4.6 speed from Easton, PA. He has 135 tackles on the year with 11 for losses, two sacks, and an interception.

"Mark can be as good as he wants to be," ECU defensive coordinator Paul Jette said. "He is always around the football. He has

claimed his starting job from Marvin Burke.

The defensive line is led by seniors John Krawczyk and Willie Brookins. The two junior college transfers are tough steady players who put a lot of pressure on the quarterback. Krawczyk, a 6-foot-3, 275 pounder who bench presses 415 pounds has 63 tackles, 1.5 sacks, 3.5 tackles for losses and seven quarterback pressures.

Brookins has come back from a knee injury to have three tackles for losses and sacks to go with his team high 22 quarterback pressures. Both should have chances to be selected for the NFL draft al-

middle of the Pirate defense line. They round out the ECU front four.

Outside linebacker Morris Foreman has 72 tackles and a INT. The Farmville, NC junior also returns punting for a 10 yard average making him one of the few linebackers in the country that returns punts.

"Morris is a guy with a great feel for the game, has natural instincts and is a play maker," Jette said. "He's an integral part of what we do."

In the secondary the Pirates are led by twins Daren and David Hart. Daren has 74 tackles, nine for losses, 3 INT's, and 2 forced fumbles. David has 50 tackles and 4 interceptions on the year.

Free safety Dwight Henry also runs track and has 76 tackles and 3 INT's on the year, returning one for a TD versus Southern Miss. Emmanuel McDaniel has 5 interceptions this season and was ranked first in the country earlier this season.

"Daren is a very tough kid," Secondary coach Chuck Pagano said. "He plays with such a high level of intensity and he is a very smart football player. Even though he is only a sophomore, he has become a leader in the secondary."

On special teams the Pirates have improved dramatically. True freshman punter Matt Levine has a 42.6 yard average and he is the Pirates second-leading passer with 2 completions off of fake punts.

He may also replace place kicker Chad Holcomb, who has only hit 6 of 13 attempts. Levine is 2 for 3 on FG's on the year.

In every area that a team could improve on, the Pirates have. They have made a complete turn around from last year. At every position, except for quarterback, the Pirates have depth.

The talent level and team speed is much improved.

For the first time, in a long time, ECU has a legitimate honors candidate at every position. With 18 starters returning, they should be even better next season.



File Photo

5-foot-6 tailback Junior Smith has become a record-shattering running back during his four-year career at ECU. This season, he rushed for 1,204 yards and 9 touchdowns for the Pirates.

good instincts, runs well and has improved his pass coverage."

B.J. Crane is second on the team in tackles with 79. The sophomore from Atlanta, Ga., recently re-

though they may both play linebacker in the pro's.

Sophomore Lorenzo West has 51 tackles and three sacks this year. Junior Walter Scott is a force in the

Congrats to Lady Pirate head coach Rosie Thompson and her team for winning last weekend's UMBC Invitationnal in Baltimore, MD

Sand V-ball court opens on the Hill

(RS) — After a two-year wait, College Hill's new sand volleyball court is open for use. This court will replace the two courts swept aside for the construction of the Todd Dining Facility.

The \$3,500 court is free to all ECU students and staff for drop-in play and will probably be the last addition to the hill for some time to come.

"Though we'd like to expand on that one court, we've run out of space to build upon," said Pat Cox, Associate Director of Recreational Services.

The huge amount of sand used to cover the court's surface makes for safe diving and overall comfortable barefoot action that characterize hazard-free beach play.

Measured at 30' X 60' with a standard net, the court falls between the Jones Hall back parking lot and the Epps Middle School fence, which is an occa-

sional nuisance.

"Balls bumped a little too high in its direction tend to sail over," mentioned Dave Edwards, the Coordinator of Scott Hall.

However, this has not impacted court use, weather permitting.

The fence will stay until the middle school's buyout, after which a host of possibilities await College Hill. Until then, students will have to make do with what is available.

Pat Cox pointed out an opening in the gate, located 20 yards behind the court, that is often overlooked.

"Should balls fly astray, students can just cut through this instead of climbing the fence," Cox remarked.

As to its future use, Jordan Sparks, Community Service Representative, believes small tournaments between the hill dormitories is a very good idea.

"Student enthusiasm for such activities on this part of campus is high," Sparks said. "We will certainly organize or take part in them."

Recreational Services will have competitions in the works for the later part of the spring semester.

They also encourage smaller tournaments. Anyone interested should reserve the court through Angela Baumann in CG 105-A.

Until this time arrives, the facility will be available for open play.

Volleyballs may be picked up at Christenbury's Equipment Room (115) with a Student ID.



File Photo

ECU students once again have the chance to play beach volleyball on College Hill.

PIRATE NOTES

(SID) — The entire lower level of the renovated Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum, with a seating capacity of 1,700 is being made available to ECU students.

Opening night in Williams Arena is Jan. 6, 1995, featuring a Pirate doubleheader. The Lady Pirates will host Western Carolina at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pirates facing East Tennessee State at 8:30 p.m.

Student pick-up day for opening night is Thursday, Dec. 8, 1994, and the students can pick up their free ticket at the Athletic Ticket Office (with a valid ECU ID). Tickets are available beginning at 8 a.m. on a first-come, first-serve basis, and any student tickets not picked up will be made available for sale.

After the opening-night games, student ticket pick-up days will be the day before each home game (beginning with the Jan. 11 game.)

Along with a newly-renovated arena, this year's basketball season will include a new promotion for ECU students — the "Perfect Pirate Fan Contest." Any student who attends all 12 men's games and two of three selected women's games (Jan. 29, Feb. 10, or Feb. 12) will be eligible to win a Spring Break trip for two to Panama City, Fla., and the opportunity for NCAA tournament tickets, should the Pirates qualify.

To enter the contest, students must be present at the opening night game and stop by the sign-in table in the lobby of Minges Coliseum (with a valid student ID), prior to the 10-minute mark of the first half. At the table each student will be given one entry form to complete and submit in the registration box.

Then at each men's game and two of three women's games, each student who entered on Jan. 6 must stop by the registration table prior to the 10-minute mark of the first half, to let us know they are in attendance.

At halftime of the final men's home game, on Feb. 25, all the students who have met these requirements will be eligible for the grand prize. One student will then be randomly selected as the winner of the contest and receive the Spring Break trip, compliments of Sandpiper Beacon.

Several hotels in the Memphis, Tenn. area have announced the availability of additional rooms for the St. Jude Liberty Bowl game between Illinois and ECU. The game is slated for Saturday afternoon, Dec. 31.

Enthusiastic interest in the game and additional New Year's Eve weekend events generated a huge demand for hotel and motel accommodations. At one time, local hoteliers announced they were all sold out. However, several major blocks of rooms have been released by booking agents, and the city is ready to welcome all comers.

Additionally, good seats are still available for the game. "It's been a welcome relief to hear that more hotel rooms are now available," said Steve Ehrhardt, managing partner of the St. Jude Liberty Bowl. "We've been swamped with calls. So many fans were disappointed; they couldn't attend the game because they had no place to stay. Now they can buy a ticket and come on to Memphis. I won't promise that their team will win, but I can promise them good

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Baseball players make counteroffer

(AP) — Given one more chance to come up with something that might interest owners, striking baseball players begin meetings this week aimed at making progress in settling the dispute.

About 100 players are expected at the three-day session. On Thursday, many agents plan to meet in Atlanta, possibly to review the counterproposal that players hope to make to the owners' payroll tax plan.

"The object of the meeting will be to catch up everybody on where we stand and to see if we can develop a counteroffer that will produce some meaningful dialogue," union head Don Fehr said Sunday in Atlanta.

"It's going to be hard work, but we'll see if we can get it done," he said.

Mediator W.J. Usery planned to meet with the players Tuesday, Fehr said. Also this week, prominent agent Dick Moss intends to talk to the players about his United League, which he hopes will start playing in 1996.

At Usery's urging, owners delayed a meeting today in Chicago at which it was expected they were going to put in place a system built around a salary cap.

"I know there are some that thought we should have implemented already," Atlanta Braves president Stan Kasten said.

"I do think that Don is seeking to go to his players and bring us a proposal that is fair," he said. "There is nowhere else to go."

Players and owners are scheduled to meet Friday in Rye Brook, N.Y., in yet another attempt to make progress at settling the strike that began Aug. 12.

Owners, however, already are planning to meet next week. If there is no settlement by Dec. 17, they are likely to implement their own system, which would also include the elimination of salary arbitration.

"I'm not saying we're going to come out of our meeting with a proposal that is just going to knock their socks off," Braves pitcher Tom Glavine said. "But hopefully we can come out of our meetings with a proposal that has the basis to which we can start negotiating a deal."

The players made their most recent proposal on Sept. 8, calling for a 1.6 percent tax on the 16 teams with the highest revenue and a 1.6 percent tax on the 16

teams with the highest payrolls. Management's latest proposal came on Nov. 17 and called for a much steeper tax that would have escalated to 77.66 percent for the Detroit Tigers this season. As an example, the Tigers, whose payroll was almost \$57 mil-

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Upcoming ECU Sports

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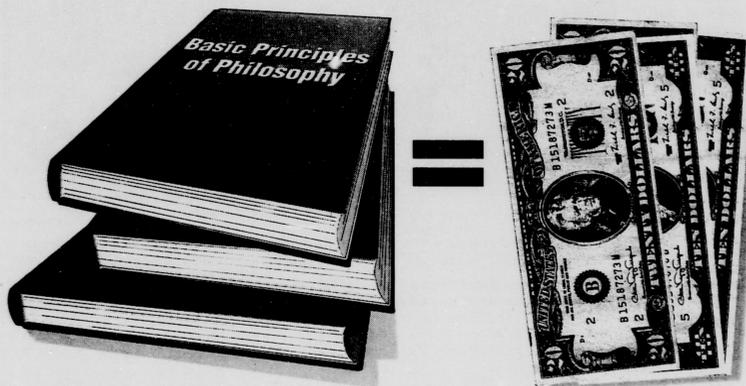
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Bowe beats Donald — twice

(AP) — "Larry was more elusive than I anticipated," Bowe said. Judge Dalby Shirley gave all the rounds to Bowe, scoring the fight 120-108, while Judge Bill Graham had it 118-110 and judge Art Lurie 118-109. The Associated Press had Bowe ahead 118-111.

"I needed a fight," said Bowe, whose only fight since losing the titles to Evander Holyfield in November 1993 was an aborted four-round no contest against Buster Mathis Jr.

Donald, though, turned the night into more of a track meet than a boxing match.

Donald bounced on the balls of his feet almost the entire fight, throwing punches only in short flurries before either moving out of range again or tying Bowe up on the inside.

"Come on, come on," Bowe implored Donald throughout the fight. Donald's habit of fighting in spurts showed in ringside punching statistics, who had Donald throwing only 233 punches for the 12 rounds to 473 for Bowe. Ringside punching stats showed Bowe landing 219 punches to 103 for Donald.

"I know I won pretty easy," Bowe said. "I can't do any better. I trained hard for this fight and so did Donald."

The fight came a day after Donald filed suit in Los Angeles, charging assault and battery for an incident at a prefight press conference in which Bowe threw two punches at Donald. He might have helped make his case during the fight, emerging with his right eye puffed up and seemingly unable to discuss the fight.

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lion, would have paid about \$1.8 million under the players' plan. The Tigers would have paid \$44 million under management's proposal.

Players contend the owners' big tax would serve the same purpose as a salary cap.

Fehr also is sure to reiterate the need for union solidarity. Owners have talked about starting next season with replacement players if the major leaguers are still on strike.

"I don't think any one of us is going to say every single one of our guys are going to maintain the line and not cross," Glavine said.

"You certainly are not going to see the big-time players that people are going to pay to see anytime soon."

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seats and a place to stay!"

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As the Pirate football team readies itself for the Liberty Bowl, ECU's Goju Shorin Karate Club kicked into action with their first tournament of the year last weekend. This semester's tourney was put together by James Dozier, and held in Rocky Mount at the Holiday Inn Civic Center.

In the 12 events that ECU's club took place in, team members took home over half the first-place trophies as well as placing in the top five of their respective divisions.

Each division had members competing in both kata and sparring. Pam Marr and Michelle Trant placed first in both kata and sparring in their divisions, while Kris Hoffer and Paul Rogers placed first in kata and third in sparring.

Also, Keesha Kerns and Chris Newton finished second in both events, while Dale Land took home both third-place honors in his division. Michael Schertzinger (3rd in kata, 5th in sparring), Jennifer Barger (5th in kata, 3rd in sparring) and Chris Bunch (5th in kata, 4th in sparring) also did well for the Pirates.

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