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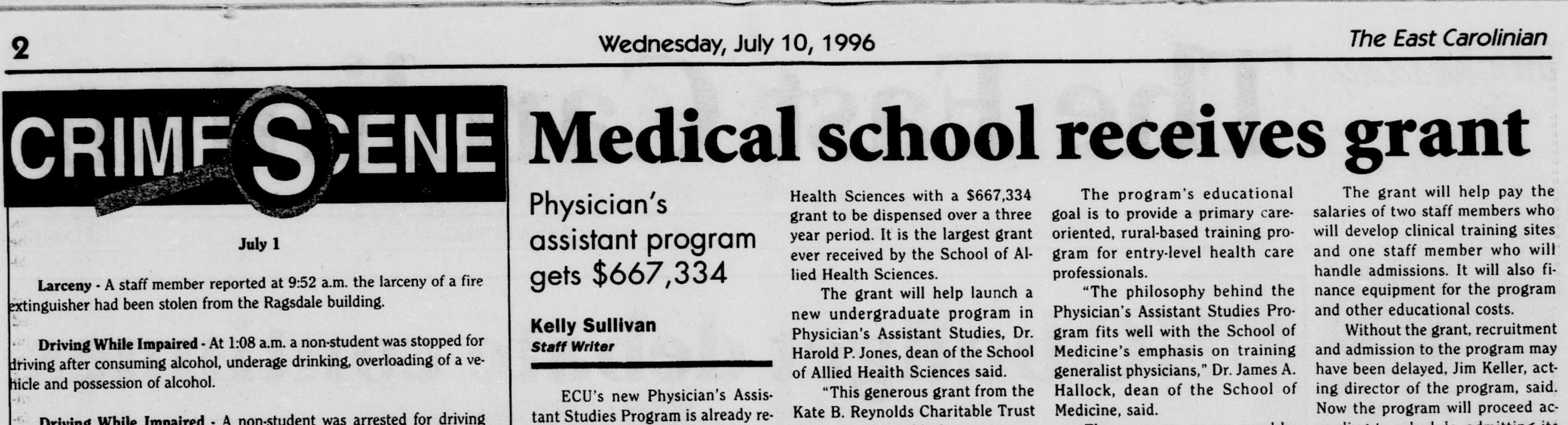
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Stores, Harris was an asset to the university for many years. Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight and Photo Courtesy of Department of University Unions received a significant boost with the \$10,000 gift from Harris, who was responsible for the art and school supplies in the Eighty-Eight luxury cars, Buick the Belk-Tyler Foundation. Mr. Greenville Banks, Belk Regional Student Stores since 1967, took pride in his work and made sure the Park Avenue, LeSabre, Riviera The Belk-Tyler Foundation has a history of support-Manager and Manager of Belk at Carolina and Regal models and some 1997 book store kept up with the latest trends. ing the arts at ECU. Mr. Greenville Banks, who is the East Mall, presents Vice-Chancellor of Fellow employees remember Harris saying that the part of hs job he LeSabre sedans that have 3.8-li-Regional Manager of Belk and the General Manager of enjoyed most was meeting and helping the customers. Institutional Advancement Jim Lanier with ter engines, the automaker said the Carolina East Belk, has particularly been involved Harris, a native of Farmville, attended NC A&T in Greensboro and is today. All were built before May in ECU's arts activities. The Carolina East Belk was one a \$10 thousand check from the Belksurvived by his wife, Pearl, two daughters, Jennifer and Debbie and two 1996. of the charter members of the group which eventually Tyler Foundation to benefit the S. Rudolf grandchildren, Emily and Wesley. Alexander Performing Arts Series. See ART page 3 <u>Phone</u> (newsroom) 328 - 6366 (advertising) 328 - 2000 The East Carolin Student Publicati 2nd flor Forecast Inside LIFEcyle Wednesday The East Carolinian Thursday Beck is not a 'Loser' with his new release page 2 Student Publication Bldg. Partly Sunny Partly Sunny OPINION duesday Opinion writers duel over VMI issue.. High 92 High 92 .page Greenville, NC 27858 Fax SPORT Sednesday Low 75 328 - 6558 Low 75 Student Pubs Building; E-Mail UUTEC@ECUVM.CIS.ECU.EDU Pirates assured spot in Conference USA... across from Joyner



Driving While Impaired - A non-student was arrested for driving while impaired and driving without an operator's license at 12:40 a.m.

Assault On A Female - A non-student was arrested for assaulting a female at 12:40 a.m.

Driving While Impaired - A staff member was arrested for driving while impaired at 4th and Rotary Street at 2:29 a.m.

July 3

Fire • A staff member reported at 5:47 p.m. that there was a fire in the electrical room at the Croatan. The Greenville Fire Department responded to the call and extinguished the fire. The fire started in the motor of the air conditioner.

July 7

Second Degree Trespassing - A non-student who had been previously banned from campus was issued a state citation by the ECU police for trespassing at 7:32 p.m.

Larceny - A faculty member reported that \$150 was stolen from his office in the Fletcher building. The money was in his desk and the office was locked when he left the office at 2:17 p.m.

Second Degree Trespassing - A non-student was cited on a state citation for second degree trespassing. He was stopped by ECU police at the intramural field at Berkley. The subject was banned from campus at 7:32 p.m.

July 8

First Degree Trespassing/Breaking and Entering - An unknown person broke into the change machine located in the basement of Aycock Residence Hall. The person removed all the money from the machine. The crime was reported at 8:04 a.m.

Computer Tampering - A faculty member reported that someone had used his computer over the weekend without consent from him. The crime was reported at 10:20 a.m.

Suspicious Person - A student reported that a male subject approached him and another student and tried to sell them drugs. The student adceiving recognition only five months into the program, thanks to a major grant. The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust of Winston-Salem

awarded the School of Allied Jones said.

Football stadium expansion on hold

Budget to determine Dowdy-Ficklen fate Amul. Pereter

Amy L. Royster Assistant News Editor In addition to additional seats, Hamrick said the plans call for cosmetic

ECU officials with big plans for renovations as well. Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium are holding During the last session of the legtheir breath waiting to see whether or islature, the \$6 million was not included not legislators will include money for anywhere in the budget. According to an expansion of the stadium in the Nix, much finger pointing began over which legislator was responsible for failstate's budget. Mike Hamrick, ECU's athletic di- ing to include the money, which was a request from the capital, during the last rector said that \$6 million has been requested from Raleigh in order to add session. In a fax to TEC, Aldridge included 8,000 upper deck seats on the north a copy of a bill to be introduced in the side, 1,460 club level seats, and 3,000

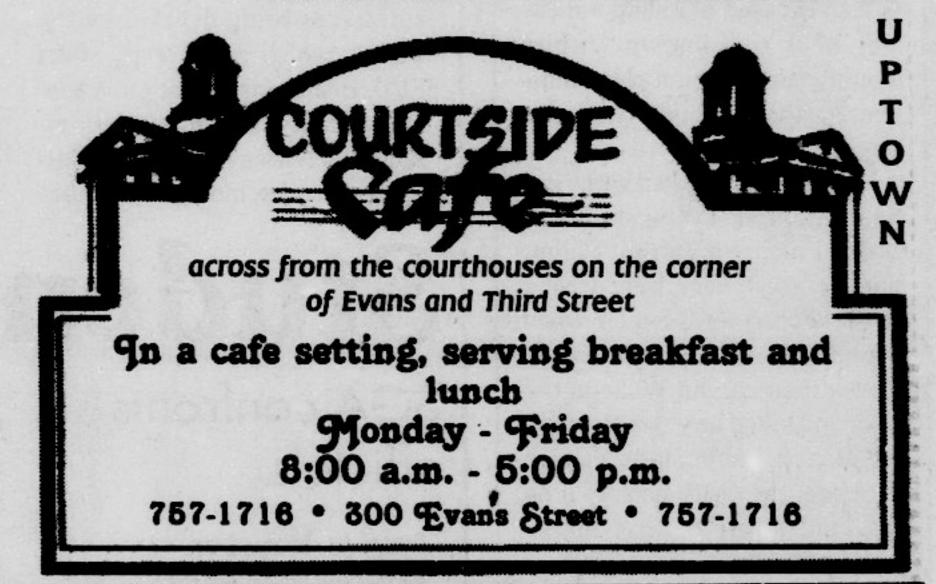
end zone seats. Hamrick said that the university has raised \$12 million in private support for the expansion. "For every two dollars that we put into the project, we wanted to ask the state for one dollar," Hamrick said. Hamrick said that the \$6 million will pay for itself in approximately 3.3

The program was approved by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors in February. It is the only state-supported assistant studies program in North Carolina.

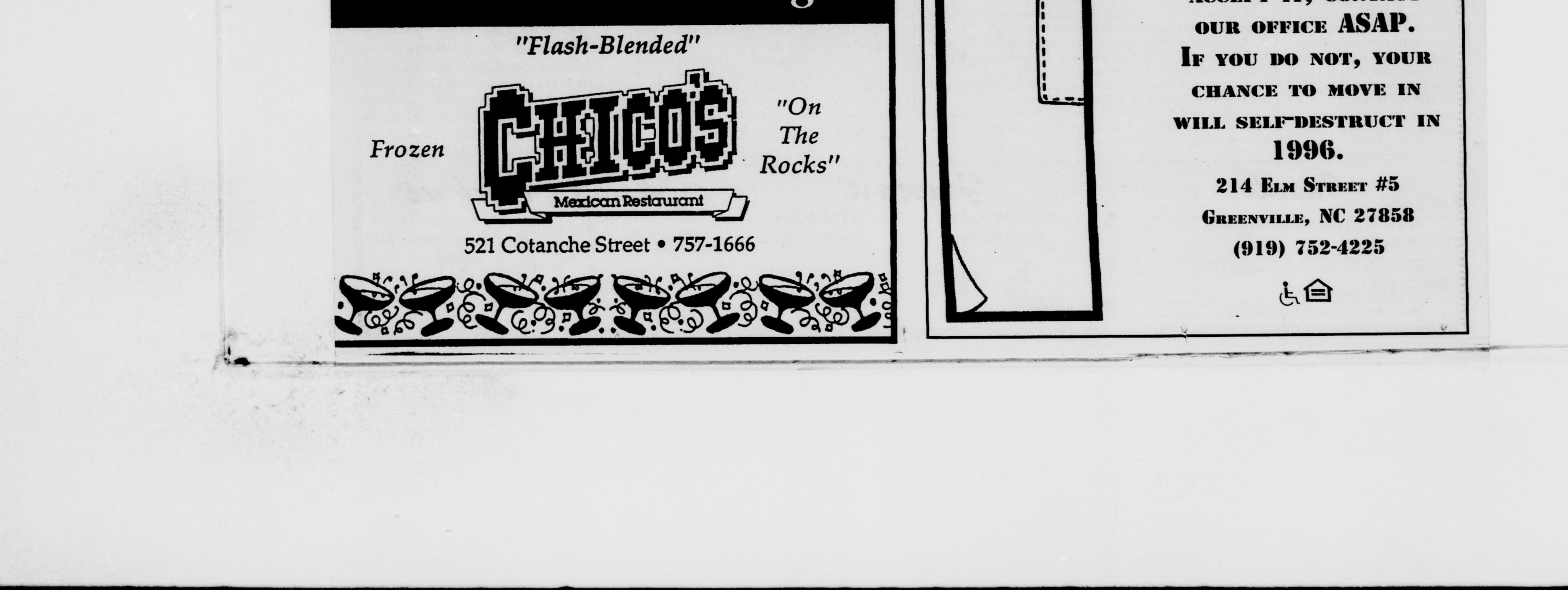
Physician assistants are health care professionals licensed to practice medicine under a physician's supervision. Some of their responsibilities include taking medical histories, performing physical examinations, ordering and interpreting tests, making diagnostic evalua-

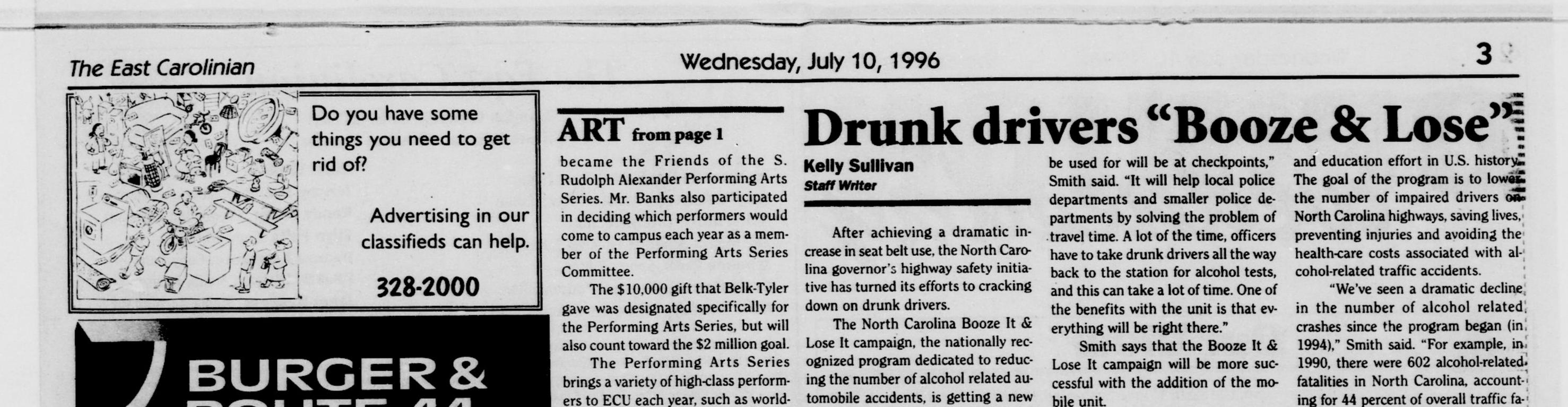
tions, writing prescriptions and carrying out treatment plans. The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust chose to award ECU with the grant based on the School of Medicine's dedication to increasing access to health care in undeserved areas, John H. Frank, director of the trust's health care division, said. The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust was created in 1947 by the will of Mrs. William N. Reynolds of Winston-Salem. Three-fourths of the trust's income is designated for use in health-related programs and services throughout the state, with the remaining one-fourth devoted to the poor and needy of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

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years because of the amount of money vised the subject to leave. When police arrived at 3:05 a.m., the subject that visitors to the stadium will spend PSSST! was gone. in the local economy. "The expansion is good for the **UUR SECRET AGENTS** July 9 economy," Hamrick said. "We will have additional seats for additional fans who Controlled Substance Violation/Alcohol Violation - A non-student HAVE will spend money staying in local howas issued a citation for the possession of alcohol as well as a controlled tels and eating in local restaurants." CHOSEN YOU TO LIVE AT substance at 1:30 a.m. Hamrick points to research on an upcoming game in Charlotte as testi-TAR HIVER Compiled by Amy L. Royster from official ECU police reports. mony to the stadium's value to the ESTATES. SUMMER DUNS WE'RE RECRUITING **RESIDENTS WHO WANT** Cool Down TO ENJOY AMENITIES and LIKE A FITNESS CENTER, Relax OLYMPIC-SIZE SWIMMING with a POOL, RECREATION Margarita ROOM, AND SAND Your choice **VOLLEYBALL COURT.** Lime, Peach, Strawberry THIS IS YOUR & Raspberry **MISSION.** IF YOU CHOOSE TO ...Mean Cantina Nights ACCEPT IT, CONTACT





ONLY \$1.99 plus tax	clude the North Carolina Dance The- atre, the London Chamber Orches- tra, and the opera <i>The Barber of</i> <i>Seville</i> , among others. It was re- named the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series in June of 1995 in honor of the man who founded the series. The \$2 million goal of the Cam- paign for the Arts, once attained, will be shared among the School of Art, School of Music, the Department of	ing the campaign. Assistant Public In- formation Officer Frank Smith said the mobile unit will be equipped with everything officers will need to en- force the program. The 32-foot long vehicle will be equipped with two intoxilyzer 5000 breathalyzers, telephones, worksta- tions, lavatories, DWI checkpoint signs as well as cones and traffic vests.	an educational tool at high schools to educate kids on the dangers of drunk driving, and so that they can see what happens to drunk drivers when they are caught," Smith said. The mobile unit will be accessible to all state enforcement agencies by bookings through the Forensic Test for Alcohol branch of the Department of Environmental Health and Natural Resources. The 1996 Booze It & Lose It pro-	traffic fatalities. That's a dramatic de-
(#1 or #2) Sonic Burger, & Route 44. Big Drink.	lion, and the interest rates were such that we were each able to skim \$30 thousand a year from it for the four different areas, that would just be a huge boon to each of us," Woodruff said. The Performing Arts Series is currently supported by ticket sales and the support of patrons such as those belonging to the Friends of the Performing Arts Series. Students who are interested in obtaining tick-	Ficklen Stadium at ECU. The bill in- cluded \$6 million to complete the ex- pansion, provided the funds are matched on the basis of two dollars of non-state funds for every one dollar of state funds. Senator Warren has pledged his support to the expansion as well. "If there is any way it can be in- cluded, I will do it," Warren said. "My focal point of my career is making sure	we get every dollar for ECU." Hamrick said that he is optimistic that the House and the Senate will reach a budget which includes this money. "I know our local legislators are working hard for it," Hamrick said. "Rep- resentative Aldridge and Senator War- ren are in support of it. Senator Mark Basnight has also said that he is in sup-	
618 GREENVILLE BLVD. • 355-9815	ets for either the full 1996-97 sea- son or individual performances are eligible for discounted rates and can purchase tickets at the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall. N.C's Legendary Rock N' Roll	2800 E. 10th St. Say PI Get Ha	ATTES & ir Cut for rytime	endine said. "We need better salaries to recruit the very best." Oxendine added that with the state enjoying "economic good times," he encouraged the legislators to pass a budget that allowed for pay raises. Elizabeth City State University, Chancellor Mickey Burnin was in at- tendance and called for legislative

now in its 70's & 80's 209 E. 5st. Greenville, NC 24th year in Dance Night only \$2 adm. downtown for members 752-7303 Greenville adies Free Admission CoMedY Adv. Tix locations Until 11 p.m. \$1 Bottle Beer East Coast 2 music Quieksilver Wash Pub ZONE Every Wednesday Attic Wednesday \$ 1.50 Med Hi Balls \$1.50 Tall Boys ZONE / / \$.99 320z. Drafts (11 p.m. - 2 a.m.) College Night Thursday Vameless? from 7-10pm Only \$2 Admission Friday \$2 32oz. CHARLEN Draft Only Greenville Summer Appearance! Saturday \$2 32oz. Draft Recently opened for the Allman Brothers!! YOTE

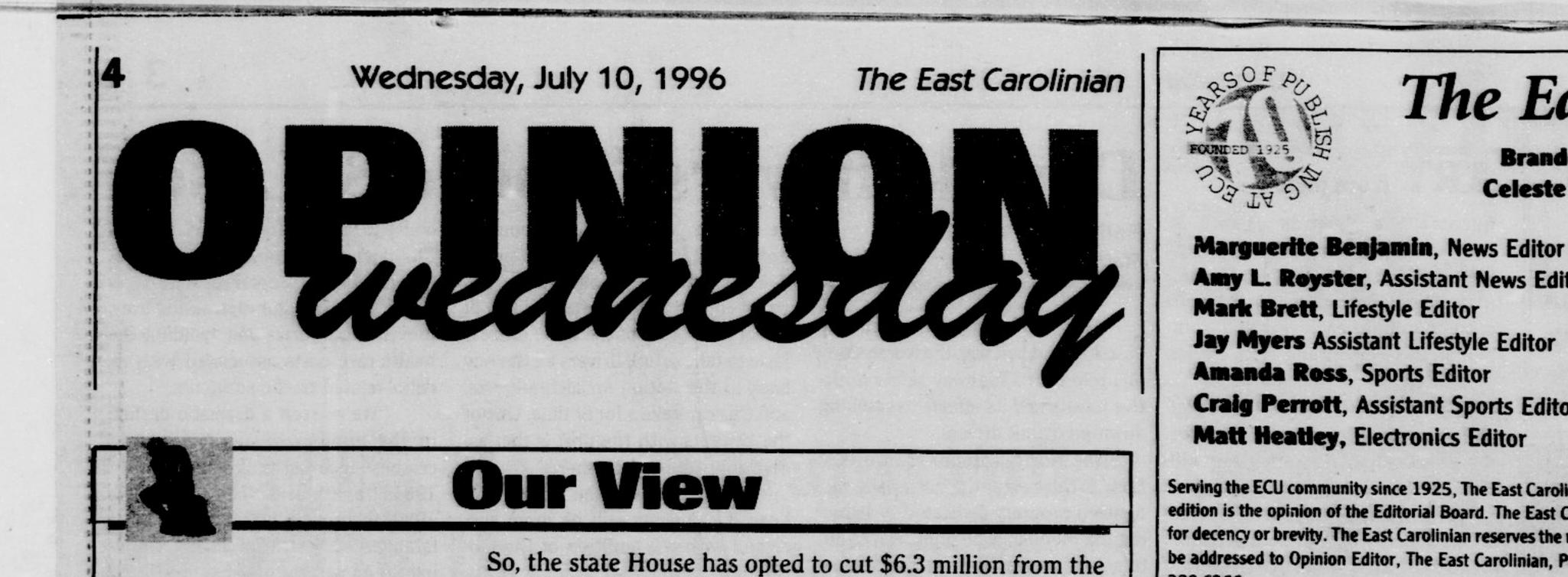


Hunt ended the forum by cann on citizens to participate in the process by contacting their legislators and informing them of the issues they want included in the budget. "As many people as we've got here today, we've got to call them (legislators) up and write to them," Hunt According to Nix, legislators are considering including \$4 million dollars for the Fire Safety Loan Fund which would help facilitate interestfree loans for off-campus residence halls to install sprinkler systems and After the forum, Nix asked Senator Perdue what position legislators were taking on such funding. "It's down to one mile now and there is a lot of resistance," Perdue said in response to Nix's question. Phillips said that he agreed with Nix that funding which would facilitate sprinkler systems was essential. "My main goal today was to secure funding for sprinkler systems," Phillips said. Nix said that she felt good about

the outcome of the forum and her opportunity to speak with Senator-"I was impressed that the gover-

nor was able to be present and listen * to a variety of citizens' opinions," Nix







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UNC system budget and strike a blow for ignorance in North Carolina.

What are they thinking? In a time when America can barely compete in the world market because our educational system is a joke, they decide to slash funding. With an almost \$400 million excess in the state budget, they decide that they can no longer afford to subsidize one of the better state university systems in the nation.

It's not that the amount they're cutting is crippling. Spread out over the whole university system, \$6.3 million will only cause a few ripples here and there in the individual schools. Of course, anybody who's ever worked for the university will tell you that things are pretty lean as it is. But we'll squeak by.

The real insult here is that these cuts come in the face of Gov. Hunt's proposed \$100 million increase in the university system budget. That extra money was going to go to stuff like salary hikes for faculty and staff, health insurance for teaching assistants, new equipment and library materials, research grants and financial aid.

While these are things the universities certainly need to keep up with other schools around the country, we could get by without them. Granted, with that extra \$400 million floating around, you'd think they could cough up a little more dough for their schools. But to cut more on top of that ...

In part, this is an attempt by the House to force the UNC system to raise its tuition rates to match those of other schools around the country. On the surface, that doesn't sound like an unreasonable request.

But you have to realize that North Carolina has low tuition because some smart cookie in our state's history realized that the vast majority of our population is poorer than dirt. With higher tuition rates, a lot of North Carolina citizens would never make it to college. They'd never leave the farm, or the ghetto, and we'd be every bit as ass-backwards as the rest of the country seems to think we are.

But low tuition reaps the state other benefits, too. Students flock to North Carolina from all over the country because they can go to school cheaper here than at home. More students equals more people, and more people equals more money. More money equals good business, and a stronger state economy.

Dueling Columnists Gen. Patton's place falls to VMI has Southern political correctness discomfort Anthony Slade **Jennifer Hunt**

Opinion Columnis

of gratitude for the Supreme Court having complicated the gender issue in America even further. The Virginia Military Institute (VMI) ruling was a move that was completely dictated by the "politically correct" mandate cast upon Americans during the reformation fervor of the late 1980s and early 1990s. Give this nation a fresh decade and we think the slate is perfectly clean to begin instilling new ethical quotas. The media parmers with every special interest group in the selfimportance handbook and next thing you know, there's no smoking allowed in Taco Bell. Blink, collect yourself, and you suddenly realize that your face is stinging because the food server has slapped you silly for referring to her as a waitress. Then one morning Charlie Crewcut (name changed to protect his real chauvinist identity) wakes to his first day at VMI. hops out of his bunk and heads to the latrine where he finds another cadet engaged in the non-traditional VMI process of shaving her legs. Oh, it's only the lonely dream of a freshman, homesick for his girlfriend, right? Actually, the reality is that our constitution has a little section in it about equal protection. Last week this clause enabled our justice system to derail the VMI legacy by ruling that females must be allowed to apply to the military college. This coming after a 157 year trend of all-male enrollment. The decision by seven of the eight Supreme Court justices will not only cause huge rifts in the flow of education at VMI, but in America's academic institutions collectively.

I would like to start out by expressing my absolute lack

Opinion Columnist

The libertarian philosophy that change is good is appropriate and necessary in a great deal of our socioeconomic dilemmas, but only through prudent and logical consideration. What seems to be lacking in this coeducational landmark is foresight. There is no question that women should be entitled to a fair shake when vying with men for job status. should also go without saying that the idea of equal protection should secure a level forum for females in the coed classroom. The problem is that it doesn't. We have heard on muldefiance. tiple occasions in the past that the Constitution is outdated. The ideals that our forefathers put forth were noble and just, but have been consistently ineffective in the past half century. Yet, it is the dog-eat-dog credo of our wonderful bureaucracy that is still perpetuating dissension amongst the sexes in academic facilities. So why are schools like the Citadel and VMI being targeted by the ACLU and groups like the National Organization for Women (NOW)? It's not so difficult to see the motivation. first female admitted into the Citadel, it didn't take long for tive immediately," it would "enthusiastically accept" qualified feminist coalitions to make her their flagship. What better women. way to set a precedent than to take on one of the oldest male traditions in the nation? Poor Nancy just wanted to serve her country. She didn't realize that groups like NOW are more interested in extermination rather than integration. The VMI incident is no different. Rather than creating a sensible alternative, NOW opted to use the Supreme Court which is manipulated by a 320-year-old document that in theory reserves the right to change the policies of any public establishment. As usual, there is a gap between theory and reality. Reality is that this is a disruption in a process of higher learning that produces a more ethically sound man, which is what we all want, right? That's why the school still exists, because that is what it was good at. Perhaps in a utopian setting it would benefit all if a military college were open to both sexes. The state of our nation does not allow this though. The line between genders has widened due to the misuse of equality issues as a political tool. Special interest groups continue to come up with short-term solutions to long-term problems they have perpetuated. It seems that the admittance of young women into VMI is only a preamble to a huge sexual harassment scandal that will undoubtedly occur. Until then, NOW will wait for the opportunity to seal the fate of an undeserv- cal regime. ing scapegoat.

Women walking among the rats and wrecking havoc on a 157-year-old tradition is becoming a reality for the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). This is the feeling of many of the alumni, students and staff of the institute. They see women as a threat to their precious system and rules, instead of opening up their eyes and arms to the amazing set of challenges put before them.

This Friday and Saturday, the board of visitors of VMI will meet to devise their official response to the Supreme Court's June 26 ruling that the institute must admit women or forego its public funding. In the days since that ruling came down, some alumni did openly weep, others were extravagantly defiant. "We've had people urge us to do things we didn't think were proper. spiteful things, vengeful things," says Edwin "Pete" Cox III, the outgoing president of the VMI Alumni Association, who declines to elaborate but says he didn't answer those particular letters. The more rational extremist view, meanwhile, was to make

the school private. The money needed would likely top \$100 million. Becoming a private school would be loaded with problems. As a private school, VMI would no longer receive a state subsidy. This year, the school will receive \$10.3 million from Virginia taxpayers. Directors of the school's Alumni Association have decided to recommend a multi-million dollar fund-raising effort to give VMI the money to separate from the state. "But no one has written a six figure check yet," said Col. Mike Strickler, spokesman for VMI.

You might say that the upcoming meeting represents a struggle for the institute's Southern soul, having lost its six-year battle to remain all-male (a battle that was nothing if not Southern, the doomed attack on the high ground, Gettysburg all over again.) To many Southerners, of course, there is nothing so distasteful as having the federal government tell you -once again- that you are wrong and backward and need to change. Even if the government's right. VMI has two equally Southern solutions that lie before it. It can accept defeat with honor and grace (like Robert E. Lee), or it can self-destruct in the process of

Gov. Hunt's budget proposal tor **UNC** system was trashed by the House. But the \$6.3 million in additional cuts is a slap in the tace to education in North Carolina.

> Raising tuition could be disastrous for North Carolina, but the money to keep the schools running has to come from somewhere.

> Let's face it, the UNC system has become the victim of petty political squabbling in the state capitol. Hunt faces a lot of opposition in the Congress, and their refusal of his university budget is just a way for them to strike out at him. Somebody needs to remind these jokers that education is not a political football they need to be kicking around. Not with what's at stake.

Luckily, the House is still kept in check by the Senate. If the Senate budget is more favorable to the university system, we may not see the cuts voted on by the House. Let's hope the Senate is a little less petty, and a lot more realistic.



Colleges and universities were created to suit the specific needs of every individual. Public funding has enabled every type of person to learn without the distraction of prejudown Let. dice. The Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership was Funt formed with that idea in mind. It may not have been as well your hour. orchestrated as it should have been. That is due to the misappropriation of public funds, not because VMI wanted it that way. Unfortunately, Patton's alma mater is now in a catch-22. 0% FARKAS To retain male exclusivity would require outrageous private coin shows a quality school going under, because the people who initiated this change do not want to see integrated suc-"The Constitution is the enduring charter of cess in its hallowed halls. This gender modification at VMI has exploited these young women; calling attention to them our nation and our liberties. It should not be will inevitably cause endless arguments in a setting that is treated as a billboard on which to plaster the designed to preserve peace. At the same time, the special interest groups involved will get the kickbacks they bumper-sticker slogan of the moment." wanted from all this attention in the first place. I think Patton would agree that this has all been one big red herring, where young women like Nancy Mellette get no other opportunity than to be an answer to a trivia Edward M. Kennedy, U.S. senator, 1995 question.

"If we've learned anything, we've learned to take orders," says Cabell Brand, VMI class of 1947. But it's also true that in the course of its distinguished military history, VMI has cultivated a reputation of keeping up the fight and not backing down to defeat. VMI's response is also a '90-ish angry male quality and a sense of violated male solidarity that mirrors the response to the nation's service academies when, 20 years ago, Congress compelled them to admit women. It is also worth pointing out that a certain other Southern school reacted surprisingly: two When Nancy Mellette decided that she wanted to be the days after the ruling came down the Citadel declared that, "effec-

> Not VMI. Instead, Superintendent Josiah Bunting III described the ruling, written by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, as a "savage disappointment" to VMI alumni and warned that the Institute couldn't possibly begin admitting women this fall. And now the board of visitors is taking weeks to produce its final answer, leaving us to wonder if Virginia will attempt the same contortions it committed with "massive resistance" in the 1950s (including the creation of private academies) in a fruitless and dishonorable effort to avoid integrating public schools.

In filing after filing, the state of Virginia had argued that women would "destroy" VMI, saying that men would never feel comfortable encountering women in the rat line, which is the central element of the school's self-described "adversative system" of ritual deprivation and humiliation.

It is for this reason that the privacy option is being dismissed by many alumni and VMI supporters. Bunting is even downplaying the possibility. "The school and its supporters and students will discharge our responsibilities under the court order ... with honor ... and in a gentlemanly manner," he said. Bunting has said that he will resist making all but the most minor changes to accommodate women, or altering VMI's physi-

I understand the fight and the desire to stay within the tradition, but times have changed and women are capable of

funding; that's not likely to happen. The other side of the New Market. "VMI fought a good fight, and it's over with, so lets 100 years ... making it a better school." scholar to walk the line. This is a new and exciting challenge and it should be embraced with an open mind and optimism for

the future.

exploring new frontiers and breaking barriers that hold them back. I feel that if the school were private and a woman forced entry, it would be a different issue, but the issue ahead of us is the financial funding of the school. Virginia taxpayers of both sexes should not be obligated to pay for a single-sex school out of their hard-earned taxes. "The decision's been made and I'm glad it's over," says Cabell Brand who lives in Salem, Va., and whose family connection with VMI goes back to the Battle of put this behind us and go on I would like to participate with VMI alumni who have some resources into setting up a really innovative scholarship program to get the best students we can get in the next generation and improve the school in the next This is a hidden challenge for VMI and they haven't realized the great possibilities that would accompany a coed institution. Making VMI coed and doing it right could be the most invigorating challenge of Josiah Bunting's distinguished career The rat line will not get in the way of the first female Rhodes



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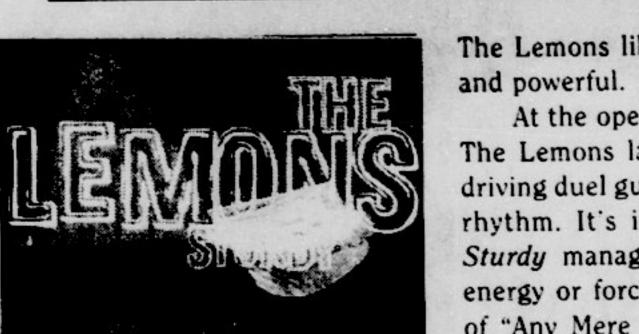
life gets, all I do is stroll downtown, and suddenly my existence is given some semblance of symmetry -even meaning all for what? A dollar? Fifty cents?

Sometimes a superficial sense of self-worth can be had for less. Last week, while I was finishing a Number Three at Subway, an aged schizophrenic slapped me on the back. This guy was at least six-two and weighed well over 200 pounds. I almost choked on my sub.

"Cuse me sir," he said, "you a Christian man?" I didn't feel special because he'd asked this of everyone at the counter. Then: "Be good, and do what your daddy tells you." I gave him my drink when I left. By the way he thanked me, you would have thought I'd bought him a new pair of shoes. Lately, though, they've been getting on my nerves. Not the crazy folks; some of those

Odelay is the artwork. The pictures People, are you ready for this on the inside are things he's touched summer's most explosive album? Beck Hanson, who some would argue is the upon in the recording of the album. epitome of music's comical side, has On the back cover is the phrase "Je surprised us with Odelay, an excel- Suis un Revolutionaire." That's lent follow up to last year's Mellow French for "I am a Revolutionary." Some won't know what to think about Gold.

this. Some will listen to the record, If you're hoping I would give a read this, and still not understand. brief explanation of the lyrics on this album, forget it. Beck speaks a lan- That's the whole great thing about Beck. It's for him to understand and guage all his own. "And everybody for you to find out, if you want to. No knows my name at the recreation center," he sings on "Devil's Haircut," the pressure! This album will probably serve as opening track. Not a lyric that you Beck's finest work: however, I will not would find on an everyday album; be surprised to find out that his next however, it is Beck's charm that makes release goes through the roof as well. him the star that he is. After all, he is a revolutionary. As the disc rolls on, you'll find a



1970s disaster movies. On the surface, it sounds like ing off so much of our surplus a great idea. An all-out alien inva- population, that some of these sion, all the world's greatest cities people would die. But no. They live, wiped out in minutes, heroic regu- and linger, and spend most of the lar joe types fighting against impos- film's first hour dragging things sible odds. several million corpses... down.

And to make matters worse, al-I can't imagine a much bigger disaster, or much better subject mat-See INDEPENDENCE page 7 ter for a popcorn sci-fi epic.



Acting saves Phenomenon

into George's brain. That is until Travolta triumphs George is struck by an unknown, The Lemons like their music: loud as super genius in At the opening of "In My Way" comedy-drama The Lemons lay down a sound of driving duel guitars and a full, solid ics. **Dale Williamson** rhythm. It's in this fashion that **Senior Writer** Sturdy manages to never let up on energy or force until the last note

blinding flash of light from the night skies above on his 37th birthday. Suddenly, George is able to comprehend everything from chess to phys-The bulk of the film focuses on George and his struggle to be a su-

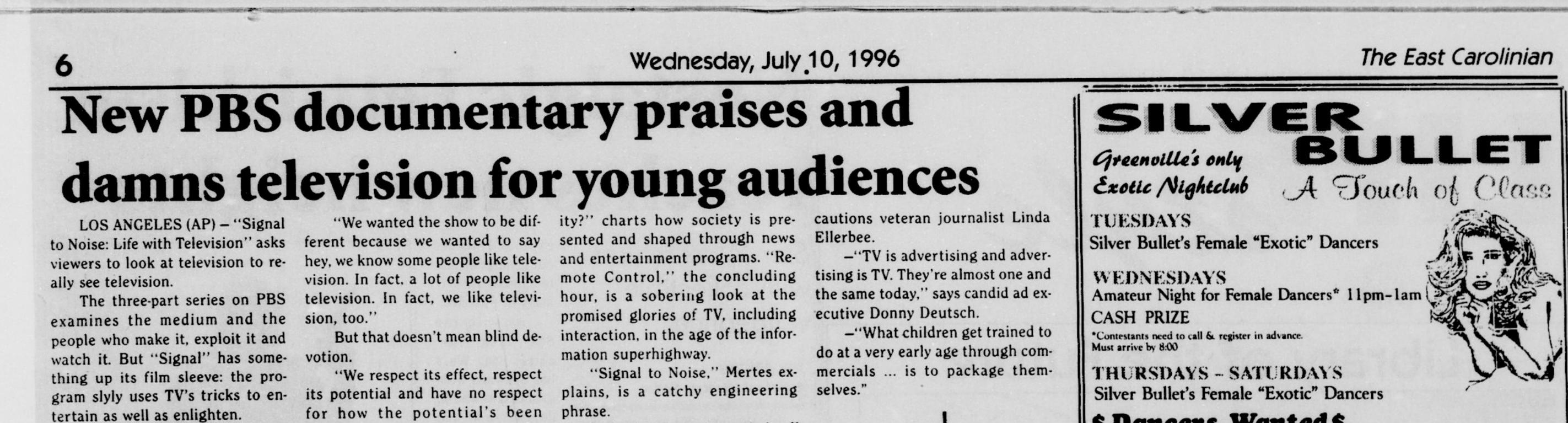
per genius unlike anything humankind has ever known and at the same

Styx (Paradise Theatre Tour!) with Kansas at Walnut Creek in Raleigh Friday, July 12 Running from Anna at Peasant's Café Leaf Vince Gill with Kathy Mattea at Walnut Creek in Raleigh Saturday, July 13 Dayroom at Peasant's Café

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	guys are actually better company than most "sane" people. No, I'm talking about guys like Mr. White Pants. He's one I al- ways see trying to squeeze a dollar out of local passersby. I have absolutely no re- spect for Mr. White Pants. He cornered me one day in front of the library. "I'm hungry." he said. "Gimme a dollar so I can eat." In my backpack I just hap- pened to have six chicken sand- wiches, which I'd lifted from a certain all-u-can-eat place (you see, I was broke too). I offered the guy some of my food. Caught off guard. he shook his head, mumbled something in- coherently. I forked over two quarters, half of what I had.	The Lemons Sturdy Image: Sturdy image: Stur	rhythm leaves them without much diversity and may end up being their downfall. By the start of "Shakin' My Head," the second song on Sturdy, it becomes apparent that lead singer Greg Lovell isn't much for singing: however, emotional screaming seems right up his alley. Fortunately, the music and Lovell's vocals man- age to complement each other for the time being and leave "Shakin'" a pretty catchy punk song. In fact, Sturdy seems to be based on catchy punk songs. Unfortunately the third song, "Alright Already," is the beginning of a downhill turn for the musical side of The Lemons. After a few more mediocre songs, the lack of actual singing begins to take its toll,	those who possess extraordinary in- telligence, particularly when the sub- ject can make for a good story. In 1968, Cliff Robertson won an Acad- emy Award for his portrayal of a men- tally retarded patient turned genius in <i>Charly</i> . Last year, filmgoers expe- rienced the wondrous intellect of <i>Powder</i> . And now regular guy John Travolta expands his mind in <i>Phe- nomenon</i> , a film that isn't as intelli- gent as it would like to be but is still packed with enough emotion and talent that one doesn't care. The almost tired concept of <i>Phe- nomenon</i> is simple enough. Travolta plays George Malley, a totally likable yet simple man who lives in a small Capraesque town. George isn't an idiot. In fact, he has a desire to learn what he can, including such things	has always loved. Director John Turteltaub, who last hit it big with While You Were Sleeping, and writer Geraid DiPego stumble at several points, but they ultimately are able to deliver on the emotional goods. Like Powder, Phe- nomenon goes straight for the heart by filling the story with tender mo- ments where characters truly inter- act with one another. George's rela- tionship with Lace (Kyra Sedgwick) and her children is handled in a subtle, honest manner that serves to further develop George and the film's overriding theme of humanity. Also, Turteltaub and DiPego ex- plore some intriguing elements within their concept, such as the	at Walnut Creek in Raleigh Monday, July 15 Florida Printmakers Society Exhibition at Gray Gallery (runs through July 26) <i>Tuesday, July 16</i> Plato's Cave at Peasant's Café Airplane! at Hendrix Theatre FREE! Sleuth at the ECU Summer Theatre in Wright Auditorium (runs through July 20)
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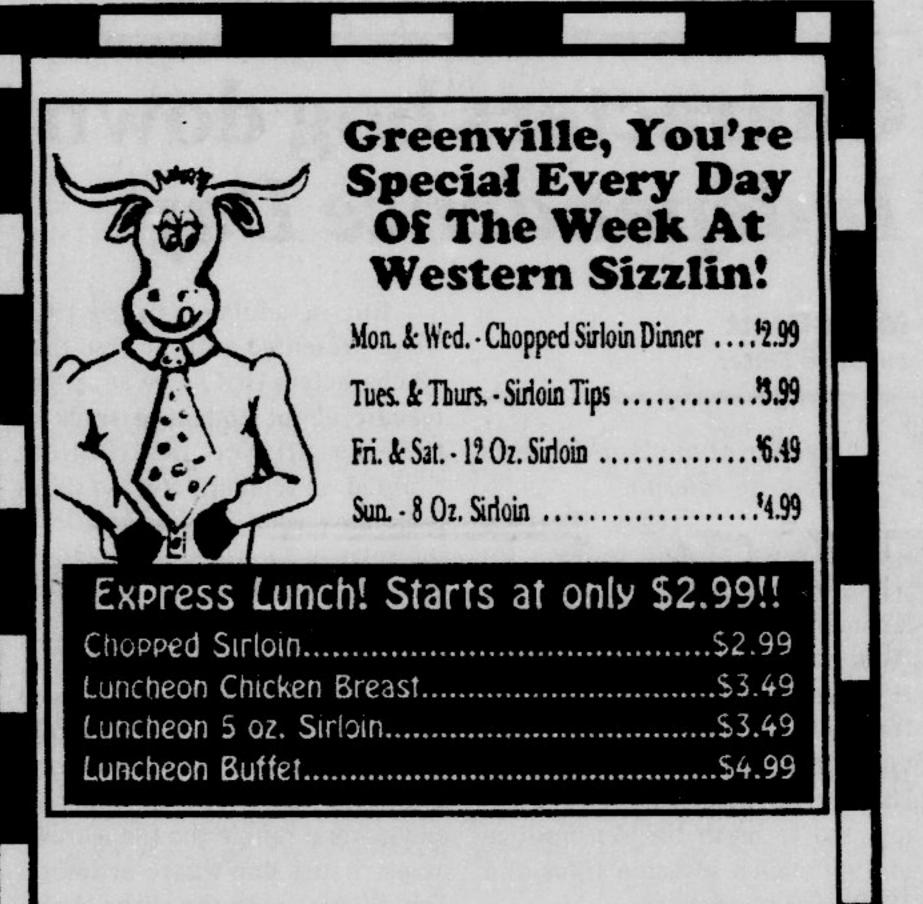
If the signal-to-noise ratio is off wasted," said Mertes. The snappy pacing and lippy at-The first hour, "Watching TV in any transmission, including TV, titude say MTV; the meaty commen-Watching Us," looks at TV's com- then the signal can be interrupted tary they adorn says beware, telemercial soul and the love-hate rela- and "you're not getting any inforvision is more than just a home for tionship the medium inspires in the mation. So it kind of metaphorically "Wheel of Fortune," and we must viewers-consumers it manipulates. applies to TV," she says. understand how it influences us. Mertes makes sure she's got "The ads on TV, I think, are a A subversive dissection of television using television - now that's bunch of yelling people, and they're the right ratio in her series, creattruly Must-See TV. The Indepen- all arguing 'Buy me, buy me, buy ing a forum for many voices withdent Television Service series airs me," we hear from a bright young out losing sight of the big-screen on consecutive Thursdays starting TV watcher, Zachary Gelnaw-Rubin. picture: the social, economic and "Watching TV" gives TV admir- political implications of TV and . this week and concluding July 25. Producer-writer Cara Mertes, ers space, too. One quirky little seg- how to uncover them. who originated the idea and orches- ment consists of a producer's paean There are, appropriately trated the work of 21 independent to actress-comedian Roseanne; enough, soundbites galore: -"If television is a window on filmmakers, says creating a lively when the star and fan meet, program that praised TV, while at Roseanne seems bemused by her the world, and it can be, it's always important to remember that the same time damning it, was in- devotion. The second episode, "TV Real- somebody's framing it for you," deed the goal.

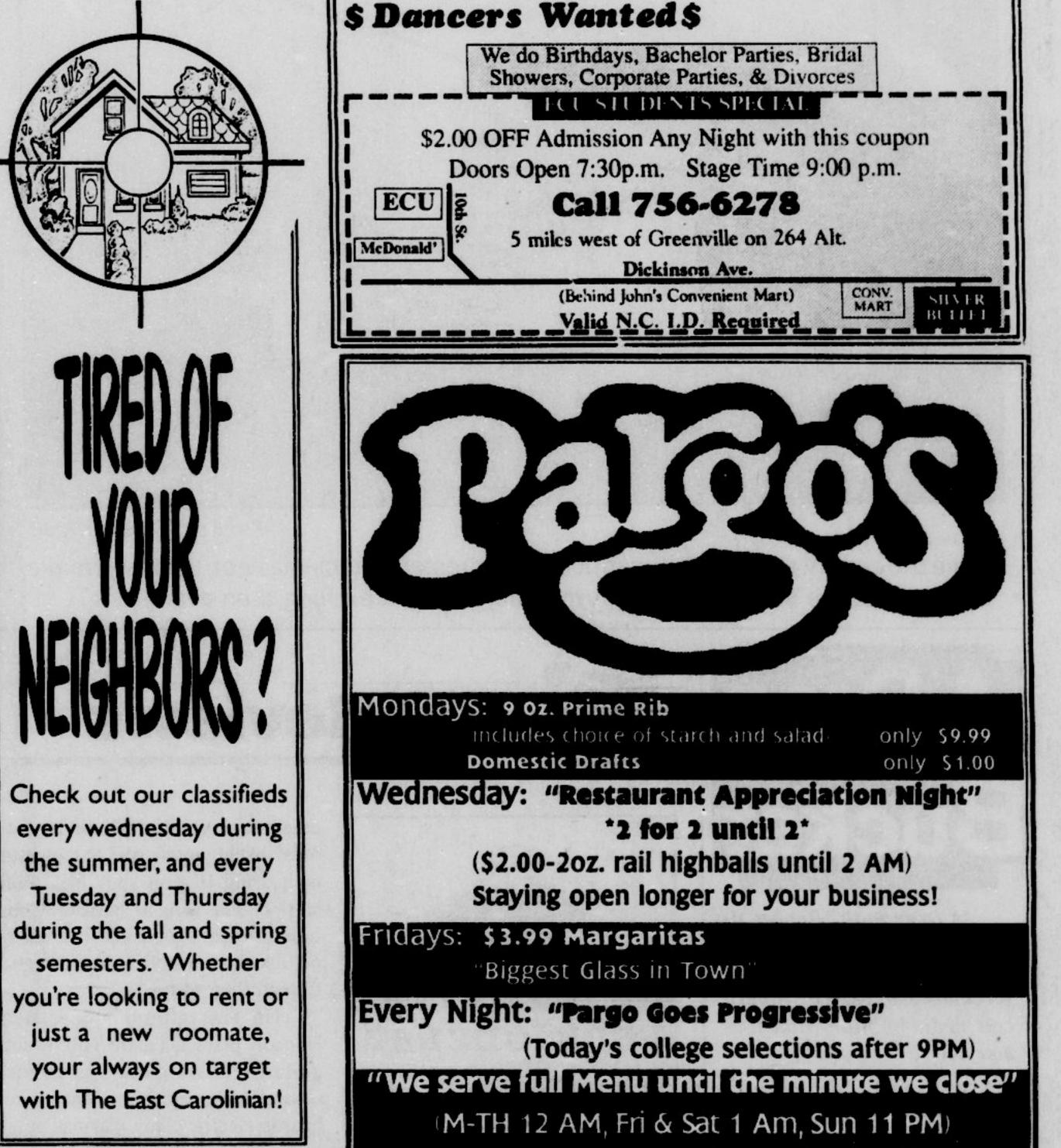
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public reaction to George's unex- opposed to some caricature. The film could trim down the story to under plained gift and the government's demands an actor with Travolta's cha- two hours. Still, if you don't care unwillingness to let someone with risma, and he definitely delivers. about tornadoes or alien invasions, Phenomenon is not (forgive me then Phenomenon is this summer's George's brain power go unchecked. The filmmakers even offer an alter- for saying this) a phenomenal movie. most intelligent alternative. native explanation for George's situ- The pacing is probably a bit too le-On a scale of one to ten, Phenomation, one which attempts to be more thargic for many, and a good editor enon rates a seven.

plausible than extraterrestrial interference.

Unfortunately, the film is not without its weaknesses. Turteltaub goes for the MTV crowd too much by filling in the gaps with nifty pop tunes from the likes of Peter Gabriel over lengthy montage sequences. And DiPego goes for the golden Oscar with too much zest by giving his characters one too many preachy lines. Dialogue dealing with a man's need to support his woman and a





man's human spirit meaning more than his brain's biological make-up aren't totally nauseating here simply because the outstanding cast is made up of solid professionals.

Ultimately, Phenomenon is saved by its cast. Robert Duvall and Forest Whitaker naturally improve any film they touch, and Kyra Sedgwick is an underrated presence that deserves more box office attention than such flat performers as Demi Moore.

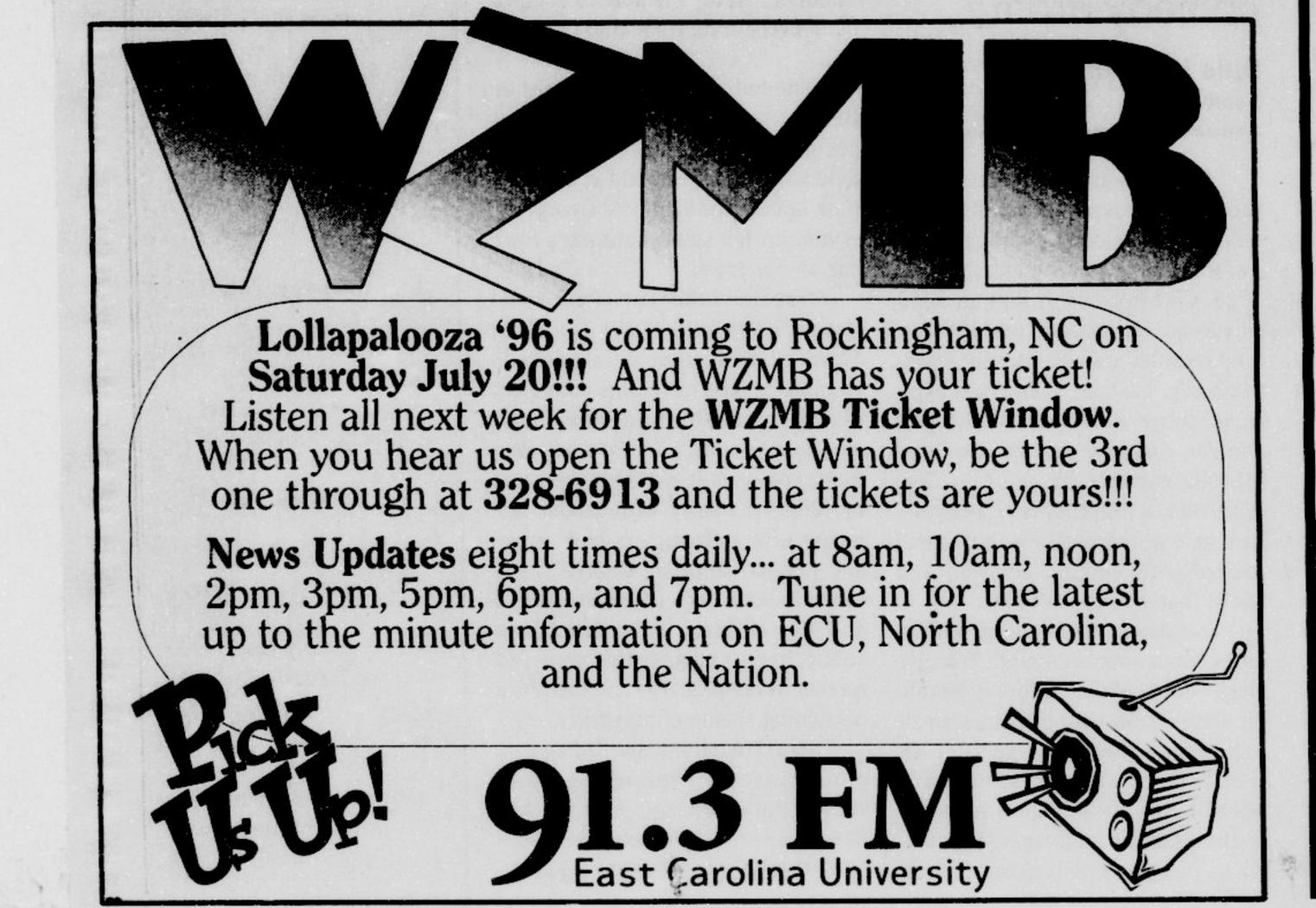
Even with the strong supporting cast, the film's true hero is Travolta, who shows no sign of slowing down since his comeback. Unlike his characters in Pulp Fiction and Get Shorty, George Malley is a regular Joe who only desires a simple life. And unlike his performance in Broken Arrow, Travolta gets an opportunity to tone down his act and focus his efforts more on an actual human being as

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ther and son) as well as the first ap- entire collection. and he finally left me alone. Now who stands at your restaurant when he badgers me, I ignore him. table, crying baby in arm, and pearance of the ever-popular bounty I don't give out money any- watches you eat your milanesa? You hunter Boba Fett, sells at conventions ies like me the figures are making a stock characters. more - unless I know exactly where get used to it. Or you don't eat. for as much as \$30. it's going. A year spent in Buenos I give what I can give the best Aires hardened the bones around I can. I give at church; I give my point when the Donny and Marie are quite a few kids out there scarf- Too Much in 'Nam. my heart. The bones, mind you, not time; I even give my food - if some- Osmond variety show did a musical ing them up too. As TEC staff writer, the heart. There, every day, one one really wants it. But why do I skit featuring themselves as Luke and ECU graduate student and Star Wars sees entire families begging in the still feel guilty when I turn down Leia, Kris Kristofferson as Han Solo, fan Dale Williamson puts it, "Star subways. How do you say no to a mother Should I feel guilty?

roller-skating, scantily clad female nostalgic about it because of how it stormtroopers. This too can be had first affected our imaginations, and we ally Smart Guy who gets so caught ernmental alien research facility, on video at most conventions for an want that for our children as well." equally exorbitant price. Beginning late last year, Kenner thethethe ... the words, yes ... the are some of the best in the film, Have fun Star Wars spawned two sequels Toys began releasing a new line made words, they, ah, they don't come giving us the only scenes of the which were so popular that I doubt I with new molds for the '90s con- out the way they're supposed to aliens in action outside their ships working with need to name them here, and next sumer, each costing about \$5 apiece. (you know, the guy he's played in and establishing them as successyear, 20 years after its initial release, Princess Leia now sports a massively every movie since, ah, The Fly). Oh ful villains. Blowing up a bunch of Star Wars will return to the big screen muscular physique and Luke looks yeah, he's Environmentally Con- cities is all well and good, but una great team. in a new enhanced version with addi- strikingly similar to professional scious, too. til we see our heroes face-to-face tional computer-generated special ef- wrestler Lex Luger. Despite those The only person who gets to with the bad guys, they remain a A new Chili's is opening flaws, the figures are flying off the do much of anything interesting vague, impersonal threat. fects. To introduce this 20th anniver- shelves faster than the Millennium here is Bill Pullman as the presi-So yes, Devlin and Emmerich soon in GREENVILLE! sary extravaganza, Lucas has engi- Falcon in hyperdrive. Everybody can dent. Pullman gets what is easily hit all the alien invasion notes corneered an unbelievable marketing once again own their very own Boba the juiciest part in a rather dry rectly. The problem is, those notes blitz, the keystone of which is the re- Fett. collection of characters with his are pretty obvious ones. Anybody, Now Hiring release of some of the most success-It appears that the market for Gulf War hero president, a reason- given the formula and a halfway ful consumer products ever: Star Wars these hunks of plastic is so strong able man of peace who, once all the decent video dub of The Day the that in less than a year the collect- facts are on the table, takes deci- Earth Stood Still, could have action figures. All Positions Originally, the popular line of ible price for Princess Leia or Lando sive action. cobbled this script together. toys stretched over all three movies. Calrissian (two of the harder to find Also to Independence Day's was in continual release from 1977 figures) is as high as 40 to 50 dol- credit is the handling of the inva- these movies. I've seen a million FULL & PART TIME FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES until 1985, and included over 100 fig- lars. And it's not stopping there. sion itself. The special effects are alien races attempt to take over the If you're a high-energy, people-oriented person ures, 20 vehicles and several playsets. Plans call for an almost never-end-very nice indeed, and they didn't Earth in a million different movies. looking for a great opportunity to join a fun The amount and variation of toys avail- ing line of new figures, possibly blow the best shots (that is, those This is very familiar ground. For a team, we can offer you: top benefits like: able was a wonderland for kids and a eclipsing the colossal numbers of the that look the least like models) in more mainstream audience, how-Tuition Assistance Program, Paid Vacations, the commercials. The arrival of the ever, maybe it's fresh and different nightmare for their parents. original release. Insurance Plan, Training, Considering how much interest alien ships is pretty awe-inspiring, and new. Nowadays, those same figures are Advancement Potential, worth some serious cash and I wish I there is now, by the time the next for example, and some of the dog-But not for me. Despite Inde-Quality Work still had mine. I made the mistake of trilogy of new films appears Lucas fight sequences are also quite thrill- pendence Day's flag-waving good **Environment** & giving them to my little brothers, who may very well conquer the world by ing. time of a climax, and its nice spemuch more! proceeded to mangle and destroy the bankrupting it. The aliens are appropriately Natural Tife B steak. Each American spends about \$250.00 a year on pendence Day rates a six. fast foods. -NIRSA Natural High Newsletter equal opportunity employer, m/s RECREATIONAL SIPOLETTS

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most all the actors are stuck play- evil and creepy. Their technology Luckily for all the nostalgia junk- ing the worst kind of Hollywood is some of the best sci-fi design work I've seen in a long time; all big comeback. Although many of the So we get Randy Quaid as the the various ships are variations on Star Wars mania hit its lowest buyers are older Star Wars fans, there Alcoholic Crop-Duster who Saw the basic flying saucer design, from the small two-man fighters all the We get Will Smith as the Cocky way up to the huge Mother Ship Black Fighter Pilot (basically, that's that stays in orbit.

Will Smith in a flight suit). Devlin and Emmerich even tie somebody like Mr. White Pants? Paul Lynde as Grand Moff Tarkin, and Wars has influenced much of the en-We get Judd Hirsch as the the whole thing into our existing Redd Foxx as Obi-Wan, complete with tertainment we have today. We are Crotchety Old Jewish Father. UFO abduction mythology, right We get Jeff Goldblum as the Re- down to visiting the top-secret govup in his own thoughts that Area 51. These sequences, in fact,

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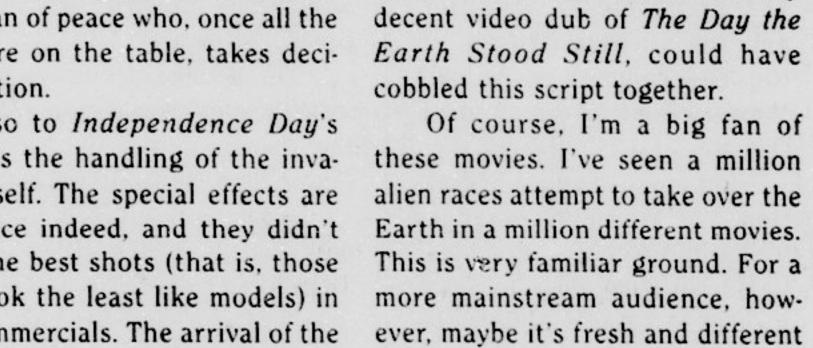
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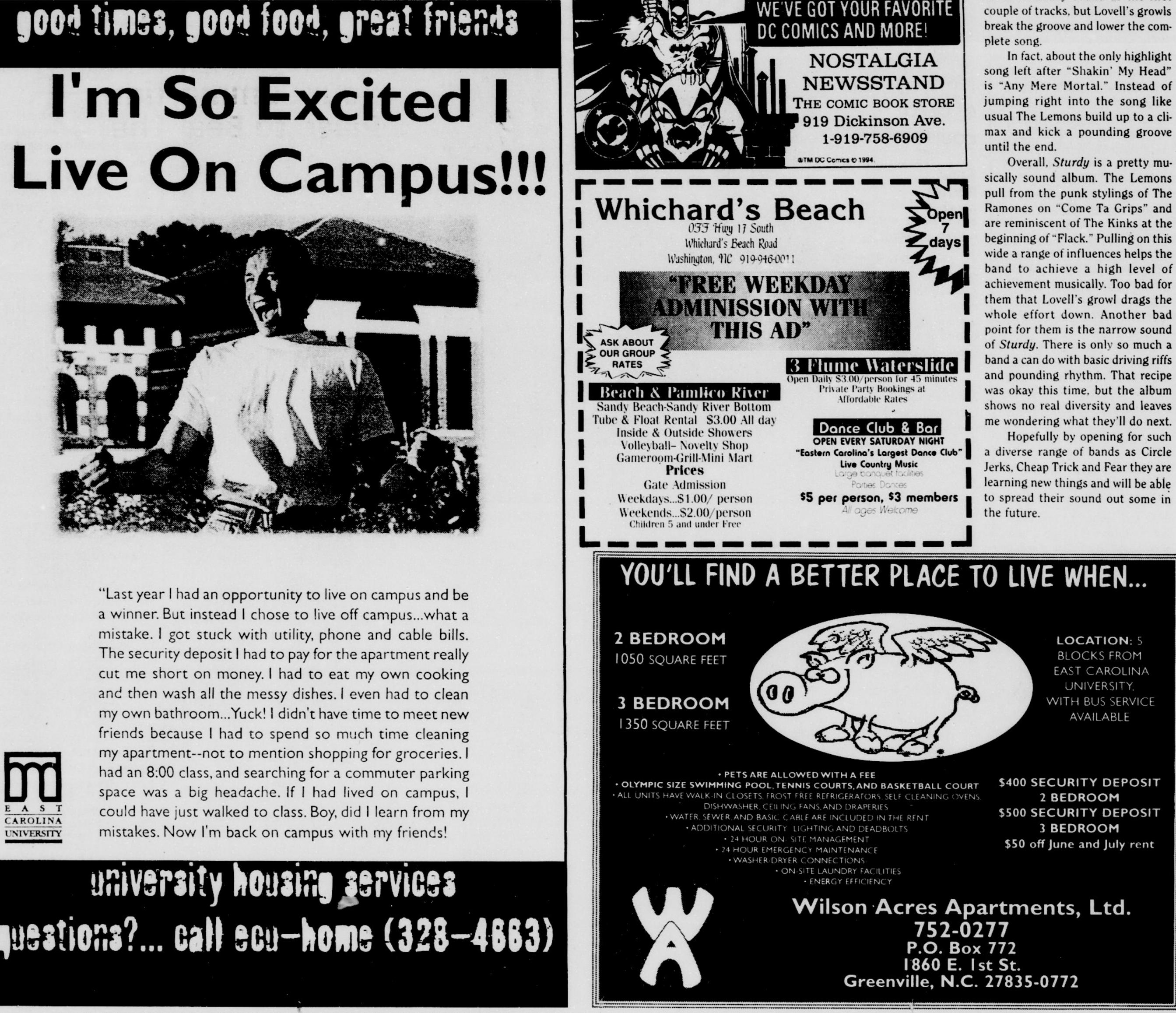
cial effects, I can't say I found it much more than mediocre. With so much stuff fighting for screen time. the film ultimately chokes on its own poorly-chewed conceptual

On a scale of one to ten, Inde-



such as on "Plead the Fifth." The song starts out excitingly different from the others and proves itself to be as musically sound as the first couple of tracks, but Lovell's growls





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I know the new fad for professional franchises is threatening to move if they don't get the facilities they so desire. For example, the Houston Oilers moving to Nashville. The last few years the city couldn't care less what happens to the team. Attendance is low, interest is way low and the maintenance as well as field quality is inhumanely low.

I mean folks, (to imitate Jeff Foxworthy) "if you stop play at a NFL game because you have to patch up the astroturf, you might need to get a new stadium." Now that's a need for either a new stadium Time to or a new location. Now when you talk about tee it up the Hornets, that's another situation. There is no real inat area terest or fan support problems for Shinn's troop, and this isn't courses an 80-year-old rattrap they're playing in. It is one of the top Craig notch arenas in the NBA. Perrott Sure, a downtown arena Assistant would be more convenient for Sports Editor other teams coming in, but George, let's think about what you're saying here. You want Note: This is to build an arena in place of a the fourth in a 20,000 seat capacity facility series about golf that is usually sold out to start courses in and with, just for a more convearound the Pitt nient location? County/ George, check the fan sug-Greenville area. gestion box, pal. I think your fans, the folks that pay the bills The when it comes to pro sports, Bradford Creek don't want to see a new arena. Golf Club here in I think you gave them one Greenville has thing they've been wanting, a been plagued by new coach. bad weather and Now the other thing that bad luck. Forced Hornets fans do want to see is, to close down for yes, a renovation in the Charthe majority of lotte Coliseum. It's not extra this summer, the luxury boxes. No, not a new course is ruscoreboard. It's a new piece of mored to be the hardwood that says "1997 ready to re-open NBA Finals." at the end of this

The aerobics classes are already in full swing but it's not too late to drop in. With your drop-in pass, you can attend any five classes you would like to try. There are a variety of aerobic classes to choose from including Interval Power, Step, Aqua Fitness and Belly Busters.

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For those who would like to relax and have some fun, rec services offers Sports Editor a Natural Life Program. The Natural Life events provide students with nonalcoholic social events. Some of the fun-filled events include parties. Double Dare, King & Queen of the Halls, Jimmy Buffett Bingo and Bike-n-Blade Rodeo.

The Natural Life events are a great opportunity to enjoy a night with some friends or meet new people. Double Dare is similar to the wacky game show seen on televison. Register in the fall to get slimed. If you like bingo, Jimmy Buffett Bingo is the place for you. Buffett Bingo includes a night of food, prizes, games, Jimmy Buffett music and lots of fun. For a relaxing summer night under the stars, the Natural Life Program in conjunction with the Student Union Film Committee and Fleming Hall is offering Fleming Fresh Air Flicks. On July 11 at 9 p.m. "Raiders of the Lost Ark" is playing in the Fleming Courtyard. There will be free popcorn and snowcones, so come out and enjoy the movie. Rec services offers much more. For more information call rec services at

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"Drive" to Bradford Creek

month.

File photo

The Pirate football team, seen here in the Liberty Bowl, will now be affiliated with Conference USA. ECU hopes to begin conference play as early as the 1997 season.

Amanda Ross

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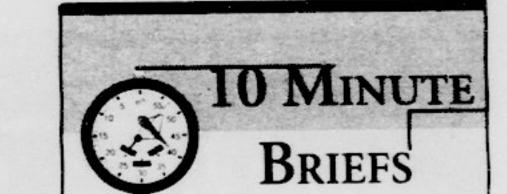
rector Mike Hamrick hopes that games, ECU will play games with ECU will begin conference play in the teams in Conference USA. Those teams are Cincinnati, Hous-1997. A big plus with the affiliation ton, Louisville, Memphis, Southern

Miss, and Tulane (with Army possi-ECU is now breathing a sigh to the conference is the scheduling bly being added to the conference of relief. The university's quest to of future non-conference games. later on as well.) be affiliated with a football confer-"Over the next eight years our

"We will have a great confernon-conference games will imence has been met. Over the past year. Conference prove," Hamrick said. ence schedule and we are really excited," Hamrick said. Some of the teams scheduled USA was showing a lot of interest

A conference affiliation will in accepting the Pirate football for the next several years, which inalso mean that ECU will have the team into its program. That inter- cludes games played here in chance to play for a national chamest is now a reality and the only Greenville and away, include Duke, pionship, something that hasn't thing left to do is work out the fine Miami, Navy, N.C. State, Syracuse, been possible since 1977. Confer-Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, and details of the contract.

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COLLEGE

NCAA has placed Alabama A &

M on a five-year probation for

rule violations in soccer and

track. The school also has to for-

feit its 1994 NCAA Division II

women's outdoor track and field

NBA

nio Spurs chairman Robert

McDermott, wants to sell the

team for \$120 million according

to a published report. The San

Antonio Express-News says

there is mounting opposition

within the 21 member ownership

group to the sale of the team to

the Maloof family of New Mexico.

Kevin Duckworth is familiar with

people who were arrested for

Duckworth's cousin and his

cousin's wife after some \$32,000

in jewelry was found in their

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ECU will not play in the con- West Virginia. ference this year, but Athletic Di-

Along with the non-conference



stealing jewelry from his home. Photo by CRAIG PERROT Police yesterday apprehended

Water can be a pretty thing to look at and play in; but when you're golfing the object is to avoid having to swim for your balls. Play it safe. Leave it short of the water, hit it well past or expect to grab a snorkel.

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ting surfaces, which was like putting in the sand at all. The course is conveniently lo-This is a Scottish style course were \$10 to ride nine holes and \$15 in your yard. I missed a two-foot cated on Old Pactolus Highway, just down the road from the Big Splash birdie putt on one of those things. equiped with a few grass-filled bun- to play the whole course. When they

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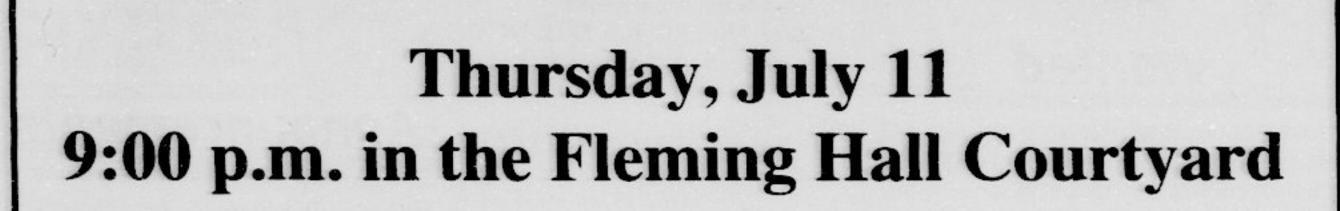
down the road from the Big Splash driving range. If you don't know where in the world that is, just take Greenville Boulevard east towards Washington (the town, not the Washington (the town, not the Control of the town, not the control of the town, not town, not town, not the town, not the town, not the town, n
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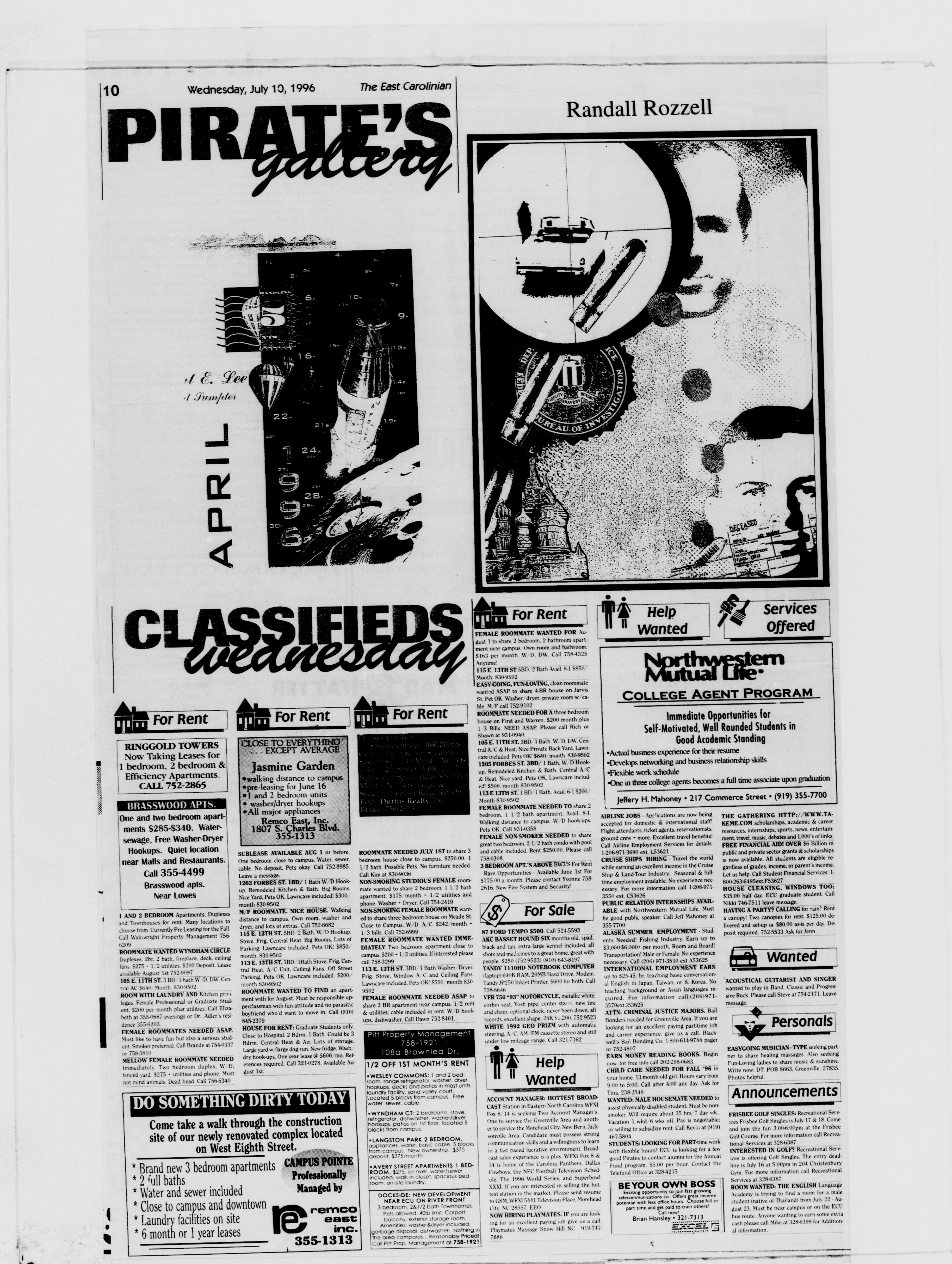
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