

Students say textbooks are useless, overpriced

Briefs

Across The State

BRYSON CITY, N.C. (AP) — A magistrate from the Cherokee Indian Reservation is appealing his conviction of driving while impaired stemming from a March citation by the state Highway Patrol.

Teague Bradley Parker was found guilty on the charge Thursday in Swain County District Court. He was given a suspended sentence of 60 days in jail, ordered to pay a \$100 fine and told to surrender his driver's license and perform 24 hours of community service.

CHARLOTTE (AP) — William E. Perry, a 25-year agent with the FBI, has been named the new agent-in-charge for North Carolina.

Perry, 52, comes to the bureau's Charlotte office after more than a year as the ranking deputy assistant director of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division in Washington.

Across The Country

COLCHESTER, Vt. (AP) — Marilyn Nichols Kane watched as crowds of strangers picked through her former husband's lavish belongings, put up for sale to pay the hundreds of thousands he owes her for child support.

Her former husband, precious metals consultant Jeffrey Nichols, is in jail in New York City. He owes an estimated \$640,000 in back child support and pleaded guilty last month to a federal charge of leaving a state to avoid the obligation.

CLARKSON, Ky. (AP) — A man who walked into a rural bank branch carrying a rifle and wearing a stocking over his head was shot to death by the bank's manager, who then went out and shot out the tires on the man's car, authorities said.

Kentucky State Police said the man held open the bank's front door and pointed his high-powered 30.06 rifle at the manager, who quickly drew the .45-caliber handgun from under a counter and shot him once in the chest.

MIAMI (AP) — Four people on a small plane that reportedly was hijacked from Cuba were rescued after crash-landing in the Gulf of Mexico off southwest Florida, the Coast Guard said.

The plane circled a Russian-flagged freighter, then crashed into the waters close to it, said Lt. Cmdr. Marcus Woodring, a Coast Guard spokesman. The freighter's crew rescued the four people aboard.

Around The World

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — While insisting its cause was just, President Nelson Mandela's African National Congress admitted today that some of the means used in the struggle against apartheid were inexcusable.

The public apology before a commission investigating human rights abuses of the apartheid era came a day after a similar confession from the National Party, which oversaw apartheid from 1948 until reforms began in 1990.

Faculty members beg to differ

Lisa Daniels
Contributing Writer

Each semester as students scrounge up money to pay for textbooks they should ask themselves: Are these worth the money I'm paying for them? To many students at ECU the answer seems to be no. Textbooks aren't worth the stress and frustration that paying for them causes at the start of each semester. On top of all of the other tuition and fees, paying for textbooks can be an added burden that can leave many college students financially depleted.

This leaves many students asking the question, can this class be taught without a textbook? Do professors un-

load many unnecessary books and supplements on to an already broke college student? After a survey of several ECU students reactions seemed to be mixed.

Amanda MacCreary, a senior social work major said, "No, I definitely don't get my money's worth. A lot of the time you don't need the entire textbook for a class, it is mainly used to supplement the lecture." She also said as she may be able to pass a class without the textbook, she definitely wouldn't receive an A in the class. Many students seemed to share this

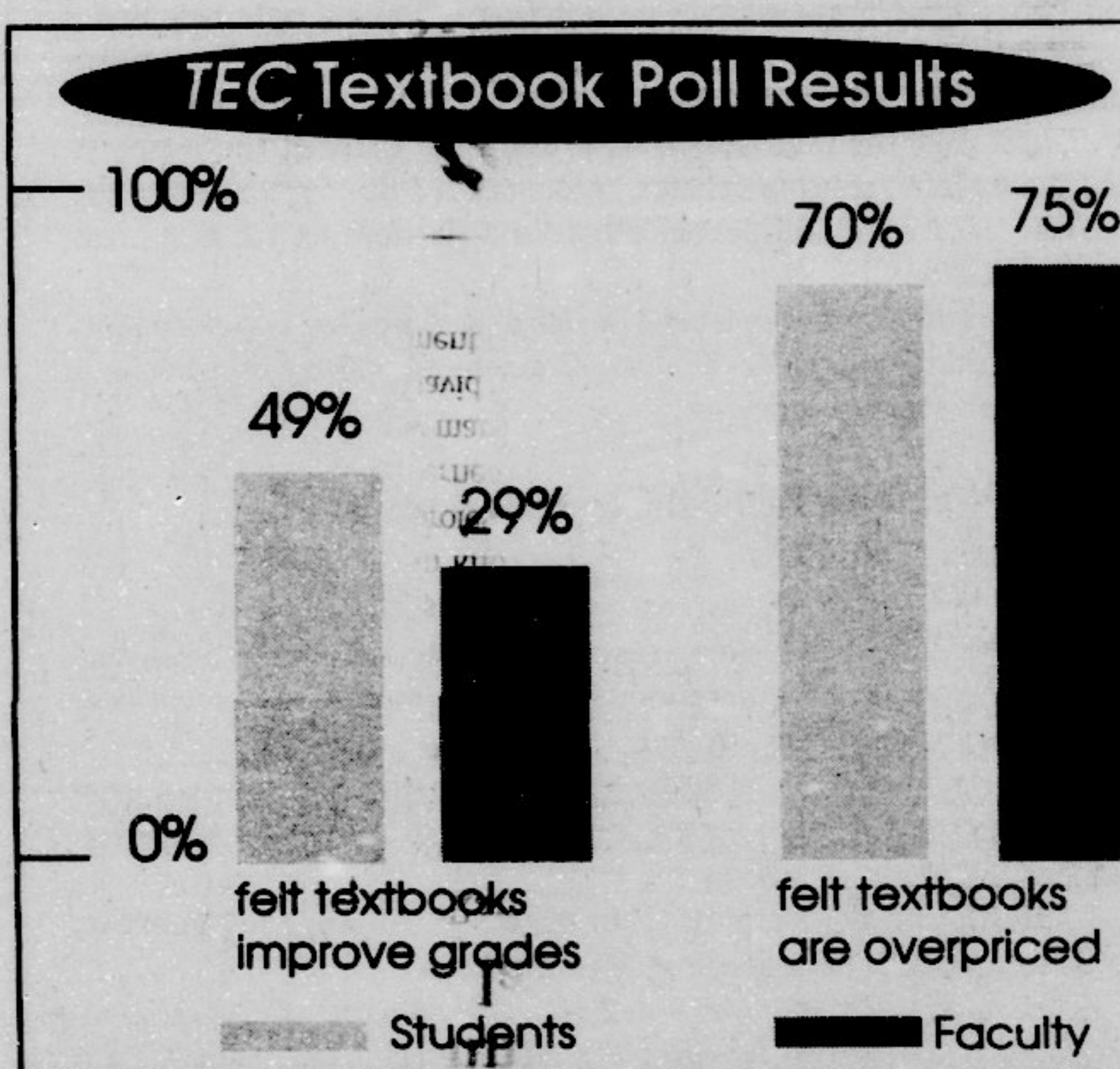
belief. Out of the 20 students surveyed by TEC, 70 percent said they felt their text books were overpriced. Many agreed that although textbooks can help in the understanding of professors' lectures, they are still not worth the money that was paid for them.

Thirty percent felt that textbooks are essential for the understanding of the class and for future reference, and worth the money that is paid for them. For biology major Jonathon

"Although textbooks may be slightly overpriced, they are essential in the understanding of some of my classes."

— Jonathon Cummings, biology major

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Budget commission gets view of campus

Officials hope tour will generate enough funds to finish renovations

Jullie Schutz
Contributing Writer

Legislators who toured ECU's campus had an opportunity to see, first hand, what buildings need improvements.

On Wed., Sept. 25, the Advisory Budget Commission stopped at ECU as part of a three-day tour through eastern North Carolina. This committee is responsible for composing the states budget for the next two years.

Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs Robert Brown said university officials have put in a request for \$62 million for repairs and renovations to existing state funded campus buildings.

Brown said this money would go toward repairing air conditioning systems, electrical problems, brick work, roofing and the steam plants.

"The university is currently receiving \$4 million to \$5 million a year for repairs and renovations," Brown said.

The Advisory Budget Commission's tour gave university officials the chance not only to show the committee where tax payers' money had gone in the past, but what money is needed for future improvements to the university.

"In years past the University would show the committee old Joyner Library in order to plead our case with them," Chancellor Richard Eakin said.

This year, university officials were able to take the Advisory Budget Commission to the on going \$30 million expansion to Joyner Library, so

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Parking During Fall Break

October 17 - 18, 1996

The following information pertains to parking on campus during Fall Break, October 17 - 18, 1996:

Freshmen parking permits will be honored on campus in student parking areas (not in Staff or Private) beginning Wednesday, October 16, 1996 at 4:00 p.m. The earlier time for Freshmen permits is to provide the opportunity for individuals to park and load their vehicles.

30-Minute Loading Permits will be available to Freshmen who must park prior to the 4:00 p.m. time on October 16, 1996. These permits may be obtained at the Residence Halls Community Service Desks beginning Tuesday, October 15, 1996 at 4:00 p.m. Community Service Desks are located in Fletcher Hall, Cotten Hall, and Aycock Hall. The permits are valid in Resident lots and spaces only. They are not honored in staff, private, handicap, fire zones, no parking, or metered spaces.

Unregistered vehicles may park in student areas beginning Wednesday, October 17, 1996 at 4:00 p.m. Unregistered vehicles and vehicles with student permits parking in staff or private lots will be issued a campus parking citation. Students with unregistered vehicles desiring to utilize the 30-Minute Loading Permit prior to 4:00 p.m. on October 16th, must first obtain a One-Day Parking Permit from Parking and Traffic Services. The fee for a One-Day Parking Permit from Parking and Traffic Services. The fee for a One-Day Parking Permit is \$2.

All other parking regulations (staff, private, handicap, no parking, expired meter, etc.) will be enforced during Fall Break.

All questions pertaining to parking on campus during Fall Break should be directed to Parking and Traffic Services, 328-6294 or 6963.

Clinton wins first round by 21

19% of poll views call Clinton/Dole debate a tie

Gary Langer
Sunday, Oct. 6, 1996
c/o ABC News

Before any spinmeisters got to them average Americans who watched Sunday night's debate picked Bill Clinton as the winner by a 21-point margin, and gave him a very slight bump in support as his prize.

Fifty percent of viewers thought Clinton won and 29 percent called Bob Dole the winner, an ABC News poll found. Nineteen percent called it a tie.

Who won?	Clinton	Dole	Tie
Clinton	50	29	19

As is usual in a presidential de-

bate, not many minds were changed. Clinton went from an 11-point lead among debate watchers beforehand to a 14-point lead among the same people after the debate. That's a very modest movement, and it did not come from Dole's bid but from the absent Ross Perot's.

Among Debate Viewers	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate
Clinton	51	55
Dole	40	41
Perot	5	2

This result does not reflect the presidential contest among all voters — only among a random sample of registered voters who watched the debate. That way it tracks real change among actual debate viewers.

MOVES: Debates usually reinforce rather than change opinions, and that was mainly what happened Sunday. Among viewers who supported Clinton before the debate, 82 percent thought he won it, and 95 percent still supported him after it. Among viewers who supported Dole before the debate, 63 percent

thought he won it, and 94 percent still supported him after it.

LAST TIME: The first debate in the 1992 presidential election was unusual because it did have an immediate impact on presidential preference, more than doubling support for Perot, from six to 14 percent. Still, that only pulled Perot from a distant third place to a little less-distant third place.

This year Perot was excluded by the Presidential Commission on Debates.

Among 1992 Debate Viewers	Pre-Debate	Post-Debate
Clinton	48	46
Bush	34	31
Perot	6	14

METHODOLOGY: This poll was conducted by telephone Oct. 6 among a panel of 616 registered voters who were contacted at random last week and they'd by watching Sunday's debate. The results have a margin of error of 4.5 percentage points. Field work by Chilton Research Services of Radnor, Pa.

Pories to deliver commencement address

Brings host of achievements to podium

Angela Koenig
Staff Writer

Dr. Walter J. Pories has recently been named as the speaker for the 1996 fall commencement by Chancellor Richard Eakin.

"He (Dr. Pories) recently retired from the chairmanship of the department of surgery and I thought it an appropriate time to recognize him for his accomplishments," Eakin said.

Pories is the founding chairman of the department at ECU's School of Medicine which he began 19 years ago. He retired from this position in July so that he could have more time to work on research and to help with the introduction of managed medical care in eastern NC.

He also acts as director of the surgical residency program. This program has become nationally known while under his guidance.

He wrote the curriculum for the department of surgery's program at ECU as well as for programs across the nation. He is also the author of scientific books and articles.

"Dr. Pories not only has been a major influence on the School of Medicine but also very important to the university at large," said Dr. Randolph Chitwood, chairman of the department of surgery. "He is responsible for devel-

oping the academic department of surgery in the School of Medicine, but more than that he has brought a spirit of scholarship, creativity and service to the university at large. [Pories] brings humanism and compassion to clinical care, and that is what he believes in. Pories is in fact nationally known for these qualities.

"He is one of the reasons I chose to come to this program. He is very compassionate. He takes pride in knowing about the personal lives and professional lives of residents. He is concerned with their families as well as how many surgeries they perform," Dr. David Rock, chief resident of the department of surgery, said.

"He prides himself of the fact that none of his residents have gotten divorced. Some residency programs boast that their own high divorce rates mean their residents work harder," Rock said.

Pories will continue to be a faculty member at the School of Medicine although he has retired from his chairmanship. In addition to his work at the School of Medicine, he is a painter of watercolors.

"[He] is about as close as you can come to a renaissance man and by that I mean that he is a very accomplished man in many ways. Not only is he an accomplished surgeon, but he is also an accomplished artist as well," Eakin said.

Pories will address more than 2,000 graduates and relatives at the commencement ceremony on Dec. 7. He has spoken at several medical school graduation ceremonies previously and is one of students' favorite lecturers inside the classroom.

"They (students) know he's not just there out of obligation, but because he wants to be there," Rock said.

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University of South Florida welcomes VP debate

After two weeks of negotiation, the Dole and Clinton campaigns agreed to ax the initial plan to hold the presidential debate in St. Petersburg and decided to hold the vice-presidential debate there instead. The St. Petersburg debate will now pit Bob Dole's running mate Jack Kemp against Vice President Al Gore. Ross Perot's running mate Pat Choate won't participate since the duo was shut out of the debates last week.

Last year, the Commission on Presidential Debates, the nonpartisan group that sponsors debates, recommended St. Petersburg as the site for the second presidential debate and Hartford for the vice presidential debate.

But, those plans were turned upside down when the two campaigns began hashing out details. The candidates have final say on when and where the debates are held.

Burglary ends in flood at The University of Missouri - Columbia

The MU Fine Arts building sustained substantial damage after vandals flooded most of the first floor Sunday morning, said Melvin Platt, director of the music department.

Four to five inches of water collected on the floor of the main practice hall as vandals broke into the building and turned on faucets in the two first floor bathrooms.

Vandals also put hand towels in the toilet and over the top of the drain to prevent it from pouring down the drain.

The main hall stage overturned with three-fourths of it covered in water. Platt said at least two people were responsible for the damage.

North Carolina Central University rallies to promote voter empowerment

National, state and local politicians joined N.C. Central University's dance team, color guard, cheerleaders and marching band Monday in urging students to make their voices heard and their votes count this November.

Thousands of students gathered to celebrate Historically Black Colleges and Universities Day. Speakers took the opportunity to liven the day by giving impassioned speeches, dancing and leading students in chants.

The NCCU marching band, the Sound Machine, played up-to-date-hip-hop music to which the crowd swayed. The band adheres to the motto "Excellence is No Accident," an idea the speakers and students turned into the day's theme.

Similar celebrations were held across the country yesterday in honor of Historically Black College and University Day.

Compiled by Amy L. Royster. Taken from various college newspapers and CPS.

Civil War comes to life at ECU

Symposium focuses on NC's role in history

Christina Anderson
Contributing Writer

ECU will host the first Civil War Symposium, on Oct. 11-13. The symposium will focus attention on North Carolina's role in the Civil War.

According to Dr. David E. Long, an assistant professor in the history department, North Carolina's role "has traditionally been given second class citizenship."

The symposium will include presentations from Civil War historians and writers. The guest speakers are

people who have made a major splash in contemporary Civil War scholarship, Long said.

"It's a prestigious group of people," Long said. "I'm excited about it."

The list of speakers include: Mark Grimsley of Ohio State, Clyde Wilson of the University of South Carolina and Chris Fonvielle of Wilmington and a graduate of ECU.

Not only will the symposium include speakers, but participants will also visit some local historical sites. On Friday, Oct. 11, participants will tour the Grimesland Plantation, home of Confederate General Bryan Grimes. A "pig-pickin'" will be held after the tour and a panel of graduate students headed by retired ECU professor, Dr. William Still, will discuss the Confederate blockade.

A banquet will be held on Oct.

12, along with a roundtable discussion of all the speakers at the symposium. On Sunday, Oct. 13, Mark L. Bradley of Raleigh will help lead a tour of the Bentonville Battlefield. A visit to the C.S.S. Neuse Exhibit and Wyse Fork Battlefield will also take place on Sunday.

"North Carolina has been overlooked or neglected compared with her neighbors," Long said. "Yet when you look at the part North Carolina played in the Civil

War, soldiers in North Carolina died in larger numbers, in greater percentages than from any other state."

The symposium is sponsored by the ECU Division of Continuing Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Institute for Historical and Cultural Research.

Students should register in advance. For more information about the symposium, call the Division of Continuing Studies at (919) 328-6143.

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— Dr. David E. Long, assistant professor in the history department

Religious leaders ponder life on Mars

Issue raises some serious concerns

NEW YORK (AP) — If there is intelligent life on other planets, the first question evangelical theologian Tony Campolo would ask the other beings is: What can you teach us about God?

"There's a cosmic dimension to salvation. There's a cosmic design," said Campolo, a popular author and preacher from Eastern College in St. Davids, Pa. "It just may be that Earth is a place where the most important drama of the salvation story was acted out, but the salvation of God extends far beyond the limitations of our minds."

Far from being afraid the recent NASA discovery that life may have existed on Mars would shake the foundations of their faith, many religious leaders and theologians say the news should

be greeted with a sense of humility and awe at the infinite creative potential of God.

This is not the 16th century, when Christian leaders would condemn Copernicus and later Galileo for teaching that the Earth was not the center of the universe.

Today, scientific advances — including the idea that a potato-sized meteorite which blasted off Mars 15 million years ago contains several physical and chemical traces suggestive of life — are more likely to be greeted as evidence of the unlimited power of God, religious leaders say.

"We believe a God who is capable of creating one world is capable of creating many worlds," said Rabbi Alexander Schindler, former head of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. "It does not change our fundamental faith. It doesn't touch it in the slightest."

While the NASA results are preliminary — and even then they are only talk-

ing about tiny, nearly 4 billion-year-old microbes — they are tantalizing. Prominent religious thinkers are not immune from the same flights of imagination about extraterrestrial life that have gripped so many others for so long.

David Byers, executive director of the Committee on Science and Human Values of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said he has been thinking about it since he was a boy.

"I remember, when I was about 10 or 12, thinking if I ever ran into an alien, my first question would be, 'Who's Jesus?'" and see what they said," Byers recalled.

Rabbi James Rudin of the American Jewish Committee said the recent discovery calls for "a little galactic modesty on the part of not only the scientific community, but also the religious community... How do we know that we are the only form of life?"

Few of the theologians interviewed doubt that if beings with the ability to think existed on other planets, God

would have relationships with them.

"Whatever is there is God's creation," said the Rev. Robert Russell, a physicist and United Church of Christ minister who founded the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences in Berkeley, Calif. "I would imagine God would be as interested in being in communication, in relation with that form of life as God is with Earth, with terrestrial beings."

The other side of the issue is how should human beings react to free, self-conscious moral agents from another planet.

"Our religious understanding would impel us to reach out to them in friendship... because they are fellow creatures of God created in his image," Schindler said.

If the alien beings turned out not to have committed original sin, "to be unfallen, an angelic race, then we'd have

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Food collection at Thursday's football game

Each person that will be attending this Thursday's nationally televised ECU-Southern Mississippi Football game is being asked to bring at least one non-perishable food item to the game.

Special food boxes will be set up at each entrance to the stadium and fans are being requested to drop food in those boxes. The food will be distributed to needy families in Eastern North Carolina that have been devastated due to Hurricane Fran and Hurricane Bertha.

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Welfare: A closer look at the issues

Barbara Vabejda and Judith Havemann
Washington Post Staff Writers
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A far-reaching welfare law that takes effect today is already playing out in diverse and unforeseen ways in states across the country. In Alaska, officials are struggling to reconcile the law's precise definition of the "work" required of welfare recipients with the lifestyle of Native Americans in the remote bush, where the work of subsistence fishing and hunting is unpaid and episodic.

In Colorado, the problem is geography: Booming ski areas offer job opportunities for welfare recipients, but the nearest affordable housing is 100 miles away.

In Kentucky, leaders are getting calls from worried grocery store owners in the eastern part of the state, where the coal industry is so crippled that food stamp and welfare benefits support the local economy.

As the law took effect, 11 states, including Maryland, had submitted to the federal government their outlines for implementing the new policy, while others say their plans are months away and

still face contentious legislative debates. President Clinton last night approved two of those plans, Michigan's and Wisconsin's. Wisconsin's proposal to require virtually every adult on its welfare rolls to hold down a job was controversial when first submitted, but the passage of the welfare law two months ago gave states almost unlimited authority to design their own programs so long as they meet the federal law's tough new mandates.

The states with completed plans will receive an annual payment from the federal government effective today, and by acting quickly these states ensure they will receive the largest amount possible. The clock also starts ticking for welfare recipients in those states, marking the beginning of a five-year lifetime limit on benefits.

Interviews with dozens of state officials in recent days make it clear that the welfare measure, particularly its intricate mandates, is already raising unique issues in different regions of the country. And when the success of the

new system begins to be evaluated a year from now, the result is likely to vary as dramatically as the economies of New York City and rural Iowa.

In their effort to meet the law's first deadline — getting 25 percent of their caseloads into jobs a year from today — may states plan to stick with experimental welfare reform plans they've already been testing under waivers from the federal government. The law allows them to continue these programs, but does not exempt them from complying with new work requirements and other tough mandates.

But in many cases, meeting the law's work requirements will mean expanding these programs or adjusting those that aren't successful. And the trick will be matching their programs to the precise language in the new law.

State officials must also figure out how to track who on their welfare and food stamp rolls has worked, for how many hours and how many weeks. In

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a lot to learn from them," Byers said.

He said, "If you run into a race like those folks from 'Independence Day,' you're not going to have much time for theological reflection."

That is the question that fascinates theologians: If other beings were given the same capacity for free will, would they avoid human mistakes?

"Is that capacity to sin, to do true violence to ourselves, in some sense inevitable... or is it possible that you can

have a race of moral free agents who are truly guileless, who are at peace and harmony with themselves," Russell said.

Campolo sees an ominous development in the trend in films away from portraying aliens as almost Christ-like figures, such as in the movie "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial," to their depictions in the current hit "Independence Day," where beings from another planet try to destroy the Earth.

He said it reflects a climate of fear and anxiety in the country, that extends to our attitudes toward other strangers, such as Mexican immigrants.

Indulging his own imagination, Campolo said he could envision a scenario where God — tired of the mess human beings had created in this world — would send beings from another planet to help people learn to love one another.

"We've always looked at ourselves as people sending out missionaries," Campolo said. "Maybe we need to receive a few at this point in history."

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western Ohio, where migrant farm laborers receive benefits on and off as they come and go each year, the tracking requirement present a daunting challenge.

Any change in policy as massive as the new welfare law is likely to bring unintended results. This one is very specific about where states must end up; what is doesn't specify is how they should get there.

"Even within my state, one size doesn't fit all," said Robin Arnold-Williams, Utah's director of human services.

She hopes to address the unemployment in rural Utah with job development programs that likely would be completely ineffective in booming Salt Lake City.

In Arkansas, state officials are developing a "menu" of welfare services that could be tailored to the have and have-not areas of the state.

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that they could see what the state of North Carolina had done for the university, Eakin said.

After giving the committee a tour of the new library, university officials took the commission to Flanagan Hall, ECU's science and technology building.

"Flanagan Hall was built in 1939 and renovated in 1970," said Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and chemistry professor Carolina Ayers.

Due to budget problems during these renovations, the emergency safety showers were constructed, but the drains were omitted, Ayers added. As a result, when the showers are in use the water leaks down to the first floor.

The commission toured the facility, while lab was in session, so that

they could see how obsolete the facilities are in terms of teaching modern science," Eakin said. "We were able to give them a first hand report on the nature of that facility."

According to Eakin, the university is planning on constructing a new science and technology building, and when it is completed Flanagan Hall will turn into offices and classrooms.

Dr. Diane Henshaw, director of Continuing Education, said the legislature's money has allowed the division to start a new program this fall which offers bachelor's degrees to working adults without them having to commute to ECU.

The degree program is offered at Craven Community College, Carteret Community College and Havelock Middle School.

"The program is in an area where educational opportunities are not widely available to adults," Henshaw said.

However, in order for ECU to receive any funding from the Advisory Budget Commission, University officials have to send a list of priority needs to the University of North Carolina General Assembly. They determine which of the 16 University of North Carolina schools receive funding for improvements and renovations to their campus.

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Cummings, this is true.

"Although textbooks may be slightly overpriced, they are essential in the understanding of some of my classes. In that respect, they are worth the money I pay for them," Cummings said. "There is no way I could pass the class without [the books]. They are also important for future reference."

According to a recently released survey published by the Association of American Publishers, there seems to be an overall increase in the value in which college professors and students place on textbooks in academic work. According to the survey, 55 percent of faculty and 49 percent of students regard textbooks as "very important" in helping students retain information, study more efficiently, clarify concepts and provide future reference.

The study also revealed that while 75 percent of faculty feel that using textbooks will improve students' grades, only 51 percent of students share this view.

"Textbooks are not worth the money they pay for them if students don't read them," said Dr. Roger Rulifson, a biology professor. "A lot of times they only think of money, not the value that the textbook may bring to

them in the future."

Rulifson added that although it may vary with each discipline, and some textbooks are better than others, textbooks can be "valuable tools," especially in a student's major.

"You better read it cover to cover, and you better hold on to it," Rulifson said.

Textbook sales have increased in the past two years - six percent last year and 10 percent the year before, according to Wanda Scarborough, the

ECU Student Store manager.

"Textbook sales have increased and book buy-backs have increased," Scarborough told TEC. The biggest increase, though, is in the course packs put together by professors.

Some professors may be realizing that asking for students to buy an entire text for just a few chapters is excessive. This could be why more and more of these course packs are being put together to give students a more affordable option.

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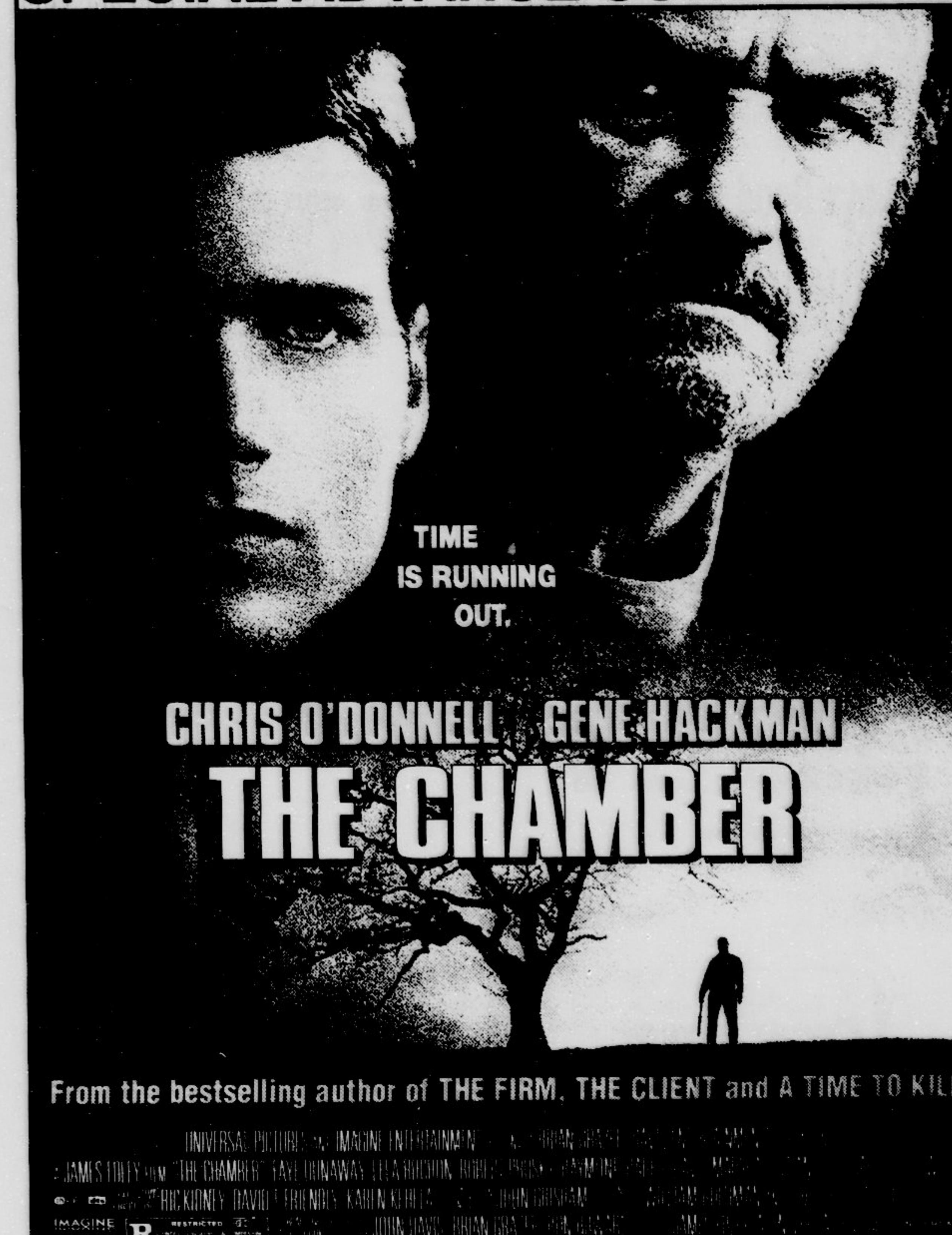
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Our View

Been seeing a bunch of unfamiliar faces on your television screen lately, telling you that you need them to "fix things for you and your fellow citizens?" Well, you might need to listen up.

Those weird-looking guys interrupting your favorite talk shows and sitcoms may be running the country someday (today, even), and if we, as students don't know what they stand for, we may be in a world of trouble.

Tuning in to debates and political summits may not be your idea of an exciting evening at home, but the decisions these people make may have a greater impact on our lives than we think.

Issues like increasing the minimum wage and a middle class tax break really matter. Even if you don't have a job or you don't pay taxes, we're sure your parents do. Think about this no extra funds at home may mean one less care-package being sent to you, and even worse, you might have to start paying your own phone bill.

Wake up and smell the politicians. State and national elections are important. Get involved, get out and vote.

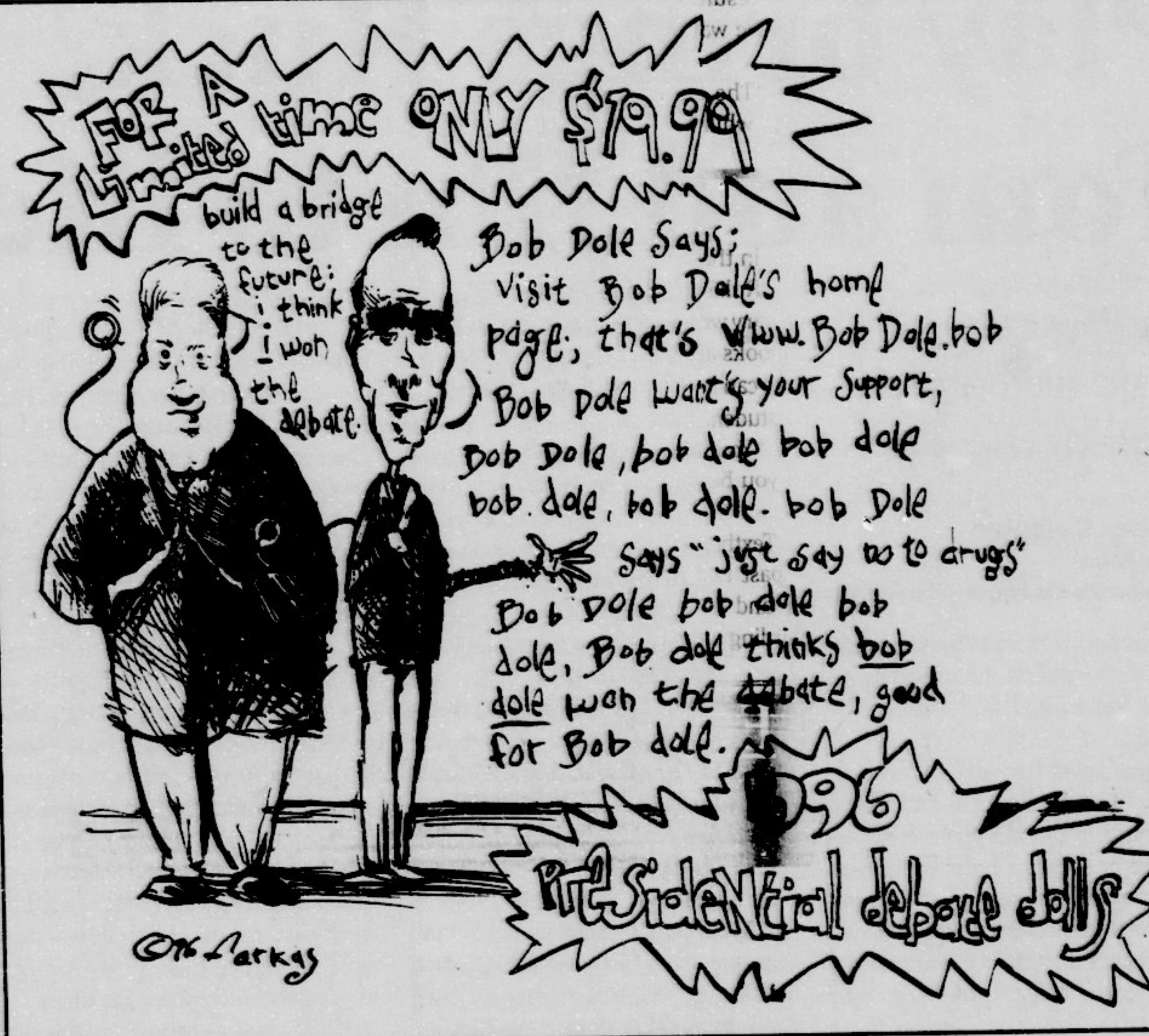
It's unbelievable, we know, but there actually are some students who think the only elections that directly affect them are the ones that happen on campus. People! Wake up and smell the politicians! State and national elections are probably the most important things in which you could ever become involved.

If you're the guy with the red Chevette bearing a bumper sticker that reads "DIE, Jesse, DIE" and you've never taken the initiative to vote before, then guess what ... You are part of the problem, man. How do you think these people keep getting re-elected?

Another excuse we've heard? "I'm only one person. My vote wouldn't make that much of a difference." Haven't you ever heard of a 31 to 30 victory or defeat? Not all elections are landslides, and if you and the three people you spend your time complaining to will take some action, that's four votes right there.

In other words, if all you do is sit around and complain about the politicians, that's all there ever will be - reasons to complain. So if you want to make a move that will redeem your soul for having wasted yet another year without a meaningful contribution, do something that has impact - VOTE!!!

In the infamous words of "Outcast," "You need to get up, get out, and get something ... (you know the rest.)



Driving yourself to your grave

I am not here to preach. I am here to remind everybody about how precious life is. I know this sounds like the typical cliché you might find in a typical article, however it is not. I want to remind everybody about the idea of a designated driver.

Brian Lewis Burns
 Opinion Columnist

You know that person who gets to hang around their drunk friends and almost baby-sit them. It may seem like the worst job in the world, just think of the alternatives.

If you were not there to drive your friends home, you may not have those friends. I am not saying that all accidents are caused by drunk drivers, what I am saying is that the majority of them are.

A friend of mine was driving home from a concert, sober as could be. She and her friends had the perfect evening. She had just become a sister in the sorority she had worked so hard to join. Everything seemed perfect. After the concert, she and her friends were on the highway driving back to her school when she got hit. I do not mean sideswiped or rear ended, I mean a head on collision. The driver of the other vehicle apparently had had way too much to drink, and having climbed into the cab of a jacked-up truck, commenced to navigate his way down the wrong side of the highway.

She did not have any time to react. She turned the wheel of her little Honda, but it was too late. The truck plowed right into her killing one of

her friends immediately. My friend was lucky enough to live until she arrived at the hospital.

My friend would still be here with me if that drivers' friends who were sober had taken his keys or had called a cab for their friend. There were two sober men in the cab of that truck watching their drunk buddy at the wheel. I was not the only person to lose in this situation. My friends' parents will never be able to see their daughter again. Her friends will never be able to here her laugh or see her wonderful smile again.

It is because of this guy and his buddy's that she is no longer with us. This is why it is so important for people have a designated driver. It is not too much to ask for one person to remain sober for one evening, en-

suring the safety of their friends.

The designated driver program is, perhaps one of the best ideas that I have seen come around in a long time. My fraternity has a program like this, every weekend night, two people sit at home and wait for a call from a brother or a friend who needs a ride. This goes on all semester long.

However you set up your program, it is important that you know who is the designated driver for that evening. This simple little step could possibly save you from having to face the realization that you may never see your friends again.

I do not recommend having to go visit your friends in a hospital or even worse as I had to do, at the cemetery. The hard truth is that when someone who has been drinking gets behind the wheel of a vehicle, they are selfishly taking not only their life into their hands, but anyone else who happens to be on the road that night.

Please, for your safety and that of your friends, please be responsible enough to have a designated driver available every time you are drinking. It can really make a difference and I don't want to have to read about some poor individual who could have been saved from disaster by making one phone call to a friend or a cab.

It is now up to you. If you decide to go out and drink, then you have to call someone. Do not get behind that wheel and take others lives in your hands!

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Play brings Huck, Tom and Jim to life

Big River uses music and effects to great success

Jennifer Coleman
Senior Writer

The first time I read *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, I read it only because I had to, and I complained the whole time.

I was going through my "why do we have to read this stupid stuff all the time" phase in seventh grade. I was determined to hate the novel — and was quite ashamed of myself when it became one of my favorites. Since then I've read Mark Twain's masterpiece about once a year, and it is still one of my favorite books.

So when I heard that the ECU Playhouse would be doing *Big River* this year, I was pretty excited. It's getting a little

difficult to read for pleasure now, with all the reading I have to do for class, and I jumped at the chance to "watch the play" to get my yearly fix of Huck Finn.

I was not disappointed. I'd never seen *Big River* before, but I must admit that this adaptation is really true to the book. All of my favorite scenes were included, and the most important lines are quoted almost directly from the original text.

I really liked the performance. It was highly entertaining, which I believe is at the root of all theatre. However, in the beginning, I had a major problem with the sound. I could barely hear Jerry Green (Jim), especially when he sang. The orchestra was very loud, which is to be expected, but I guess Green's microphone wasn't turned on. This problem was corrected during intermission, but I think someone should have noticed it much earlier. After all, this could have been fixed many times during the first act when Green was offstage.

I also thought the casting choices were interesting. Take, for example, Huck

Finn and Tom Sawyer. I might be looking at this from too much of a literary standpoint, but in the novel Tom Sawyer is considerably younger than Huck Finn. In this performance, Matt Stevens (Tom Sawyer) seemed older than Chad Brown (Huck Finn). This didn't detract from my enjoyment of the show by any means — both Stevens and Brown did an excellent job. But in the back of my mind that point kept popping up.

There were several effects throughout the show that I found extremely successful. In the first song, "Do You Want to Go to Heaven?" (which, by the way, is the one I've found myself humming most often) a beautiful picture was made by placing the chorus behind the scrim (the translucent black screen). I also thought that the lighting effect that created the forest was amazing. I felt that it was much more interesting than if they had tried to paint some trees on a backdrop.

The absolute best part of this show

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Guest speaks about culture, economics

Andy Turner
Staff Writer

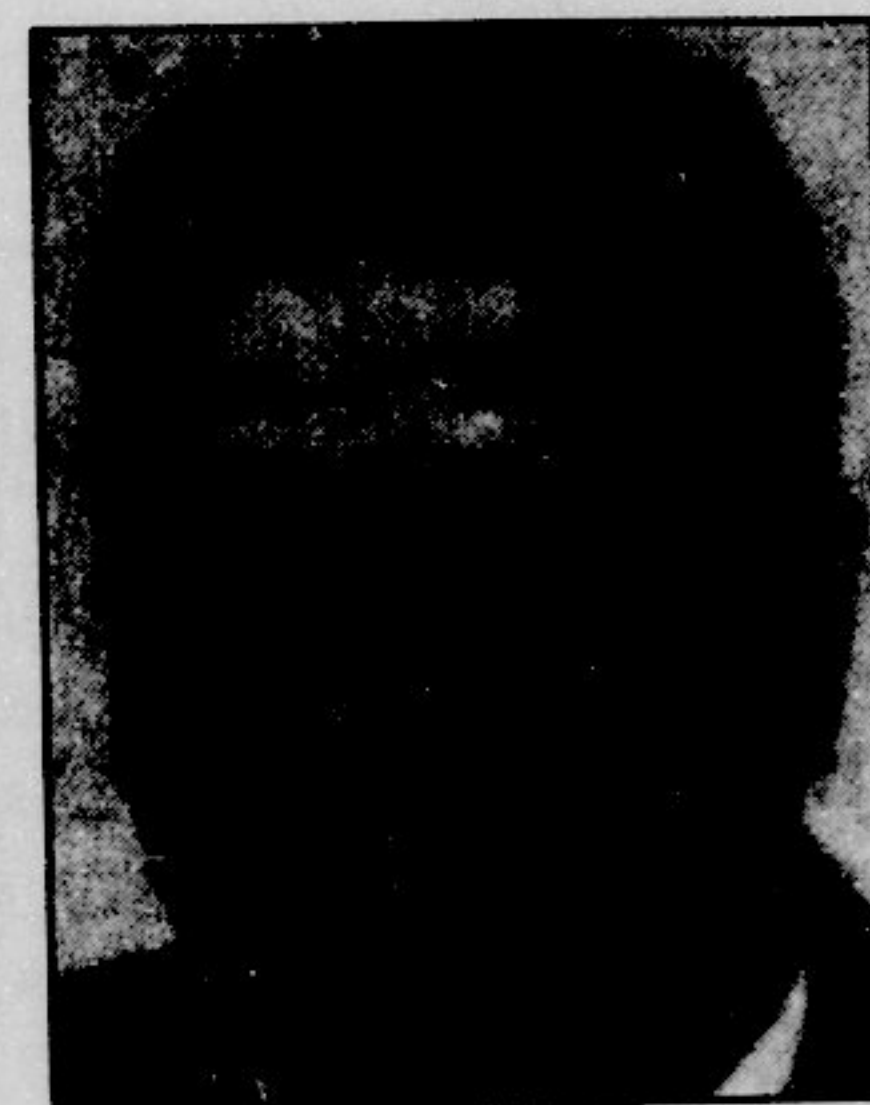
Finding problems is easy enough — the rub is in providing viable solutions.

Dr. Claud Anderson, author of *Black Labor, White Wealth: A Search for Power and Economic Justice*, will attempt to offer his solutions to African-American economic difficulties tonight when he makes his first trip to the ECU campus. Anderson will speak at 7 p.m. in the Great Room of Mendenhall Student Center.

The event is sponsored by the Ledonia Wright African-American Cultural Center, the College of Arts and Sciences, the ECU School of Business, the BB&T Center for Leadership Development and the vice chancellor of academic affairs. It is free to all students, staff, faculty and the general public.

Anderson serves as president of the Harvard Institute, a think tank based on solutions presented in *Black Labor, White Wealth*. The organization is devoted to positively affecting the social and economic reform of black America.

Anderson served as assistant secretary of commerce under former President Jimmy Carter and as coordinator of education for the state of Florida. He recently spoke at the NAACP National Convention in Charlotte and at the Essence Music Festi-



Dr. Claud Anderson

val in New Orleans.

Taffy Benson Clayton, director of the Ledonia Wright African-American Cultural Center, said she has seen Anderson speak before, and she believes he does a commendable job of relating African-American history in the United States.

"He was extremely inspiring and very informed."

— Taffy Benson Clayton,
director of the Ledonia
Wright African-American
Cultural Center

Anderson, she added, showed

"clarity" and "depth" in connecting events in history and linking them to the economic problems of African-Americans today.

"I think this is something worth sharing in an academic atmosphere."

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There is nothing more useless than screaming at a wall. It's just spittle and bricks, bricks and spittle. However, if you put enough voices together, that wall might just be blown over. So join in another futile attempt to change the status quo and listen to a "Scream at the Wall."

Jay Myers
Lifestyle Editor

I can't stand the smell of struck matches and the South has a problem confronting unpleasanties.

What the hell do those two things have to do with each other, you may ask. Stay with me and I'll get to the connection in a minute.

We have a big problem with being two-faced here in the Bible Belt. Every day down here we put up the facade of being wholesome, pure, kind, loving, compassionate, healthy and happy. Yet every day we get closer and closer to being the exact opposite.

One of the first images I can remember of my grandmother involves her creative use of fire and smoke. Ever since I was a baby (and I'm sure that it was a tradition long before then), my grandmother has struck a match and thrown it in the toilet to cover her more offensive after-bowel movement smells. This practice is a tradition now for most of my family and I can tell you from experience that it does nothing to cover any smell. In fact, it's worse because it makes the feces smell burnt.

From now until the end of time, I will associate the smell of matches with the smell of dookie and nothing will change that fact. If a friend of mine lights up a cigarette, I smell dookie. When I try to light some candles or make a fire in the fireplace so that my wife and I can have a romantic evening, I smell dookie. Until you've been through an experience like this, and perhaps some of you have, you don't realize how often that struck match smell is around. Believe me, the smell is everywhere.

The reason I mention this practice is because I think it's indicative of the small ways in which we Southerners try to cover up our less noble attributes. I'm not saying that my grandmother is ignoble. I am saying that she's deluding herself if she thinks that her stuff don't stink.

And the South does the same thing. We delude ourselves into thinking that everything is peachy keen and wonderful down here. Some think that all of our problems will go away eventually. But if we don't deal with them they will in fact get worse. There are still racist, misogynistic, hateful attitudes that are shared by multitudes of people below the Mason-Dixon line.

Of course, I know that these same problems exist elsewhere in the country, too. It's just that they deal with controversy more openly than we do. If you don't like someone you tell them to their face instead of criticizing them behind their back.

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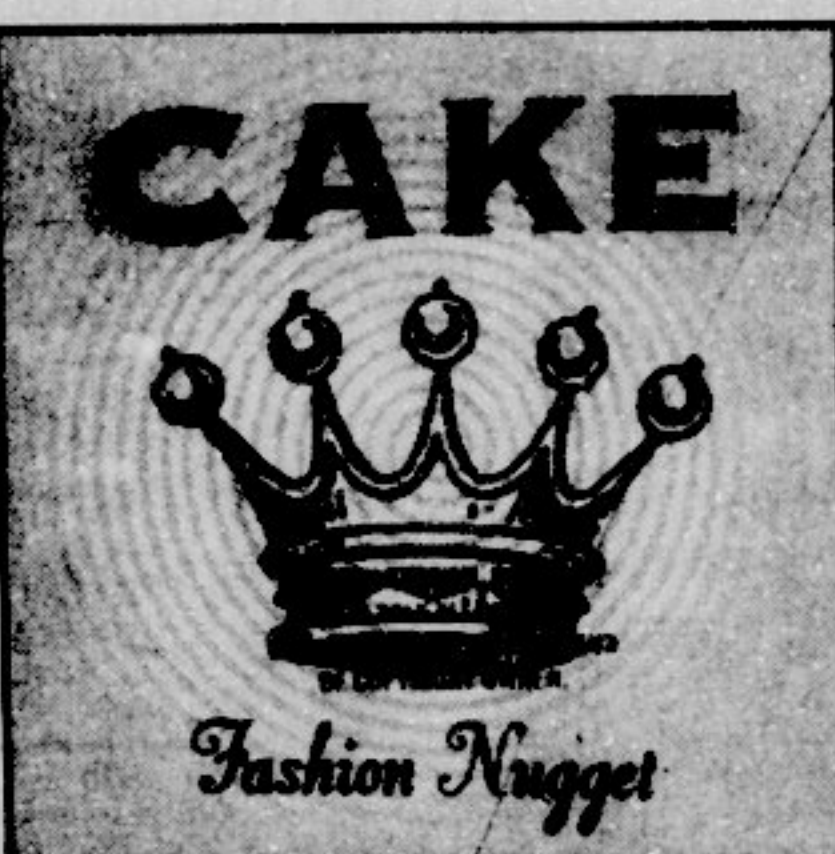
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Cake
Fashion Nugget



Derek T. Hall
Senior Writer

Cake. It's about time someone used this for a band name. It's everybody's favorite treat on the biggest day of their year. It's usually taken for granted, but Cake, oh Cake, what a good time. Although this Cake tastes a little stale in some spots, the icing is oh so sweet.

Combining sounds that include guitar, vocals, organ, bass, trumpet, percussion, drums, as well as acoustics, this quintet from Sacramento plays with melodies that fit together in weird ways.

"A good song is like a teardrop in the eye of a prize-winning poodle at a world class dog show," John McCrea, the band's lead vocalist, rhythm guitar player, and organist says.

I guess he's talking about the second track on this record, called "The Distance." The first single from the record, the song is currently doing well on the charts and is definitely a hit. The song starts with a techno beat that, within a lyric, changes shape. Even though the track goes all over the place, it keeps its original attitude. It's very intense.

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John Mellencamp
Mr. Happy Go Lucky



Pat Reid
Staff Writer

The blue-jean rocker is dead... or at least steadily dying. Maybe that's wrong to say, maybe they're just joining the '90s. Either way, there's a revolution going on somewhere. First Bryan Adams comes out looking like a bad slacker rip-off singing "The Only Thing That Looks Good On You (Is Me)," and now John Mellencamp goes dance... or so everyone wants to think.

However, anyone who gives a listen to Mellencamp's new album, *Mr. Happy Go Lucky*, will realize that he is simply expanding on the sound he experimented with on his past couple of albums, *Dance Naked and Human Wheels*.

The reason everyone immediately assumes Mellencamp has gone techno is the enlistment of Junior Vasquez as his co-producer. Yes, this is the same Junior Vasquez that has frequently worked with Madonna. In fact, she's the one who recommended him to Mellencamp.

A few years ago, Madonna suggested that Mellencamp let Vasquez do a dance version of his single

"Love and Happiness." He agreed, and though the two never met on that project, Mellencamp kept Vasquez in mind. So, the New York-based Vasquez went to Indiana for the recording, and small-town Mellencamp went to New York for the mixing.

The result is the best Mellencamp record in years. While not another *Scarecrow* or *Uh Huh*, *Mr. Happy Go Lucky* proves just as listenable as those huge albums of the '80s. In fact, Vasquez's influence is only on five of the 12 songs, and those are mediocre songs that end up vastly improved by his helping hand.

The album's opening track, "Overture," is just that — a violin overture for the album. The first real song on the album is the dark and unusual "Jerry," a story about a "slightly" deranged man named Jerry who gets his kicks yelling at the man in the moon. The pound-

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Connells conquer Greenville



Doug McMillan, lead singer of the Connells and former ECU student, flaunted his Pirate pride during their recent show at the Attic. Always crowd pleasers, the band is touring in support of their newly released album, *Weird Food and Devastation*.



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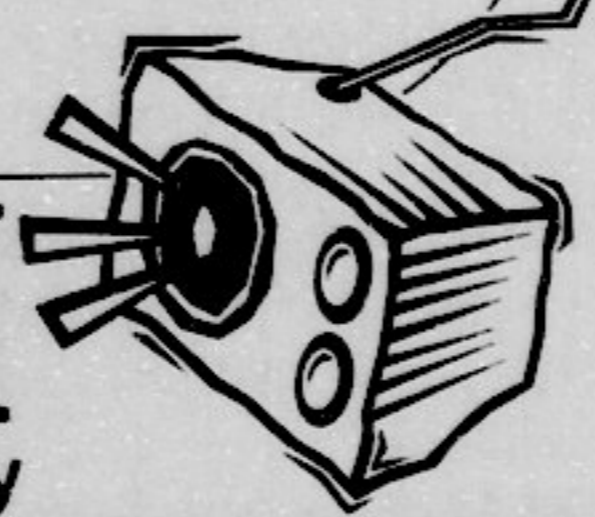
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Flu Season Special!

Jennifer Phillips
Student Health Service

Flu Season is fast approaching. The article that follows is intended to serve as a guide to answer your most basic questions about the flu and how to avoid it.

Question: What is the flu and how common is it?

Answer: It is estimated that between 25-50 million Americans come down with the flu every year. Influenza or "flu" includes any number of types of fairly common, highly contagious viral diseases.

Question: How is the flu different from a cold?

Answer: Generally the symptoms of a cold involve stuffy noses, sneezing, sore throats and coughing. The signs and symptoms of influenza tend to be more severe and to last longer. The distinguishing symptoms of the flu include:

- high temperature (102-104 F) lasting three to four days
- prominent headache
- general body ache that may become severe
- fatigue and weakness that may last two to three weeks
- extreme exhaustion
- nausea and vomiting

Other symptoms that may be present are the same as those found in colds (stuffy noses, sneezing, sore throats and coughing), and thus the confusion. Also, complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia may develop from the flu.

Question: How is the flu transmitted?

Answer: Unfortunately influenza is highly contagious, particularly in the first three days of the infection. The virus may be transmitted by coughs, sneezes, laughs and normal conversation. The usual incubation period is two days.

Question: How do I avoid getting the flu?

Answer: Some health officials recommend everyone get annual flu shots. The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta estimate that 70 to 90 percent of healthy young adults who get flu shots will avoid infection. It is best to obtain a flu shot in the fall, before flu season hits. It takes the body 12 to 20 days to produce protective antibodies after obtaining the shot.

Beginning Oct. 15, flu shots will be available "at cost" to students at the Student Health Center. Call 328-6317 to schedule an appointment. Other than a flu shot, the best strategy for prevention is to maintain a healthy immune system through a balanced diet and

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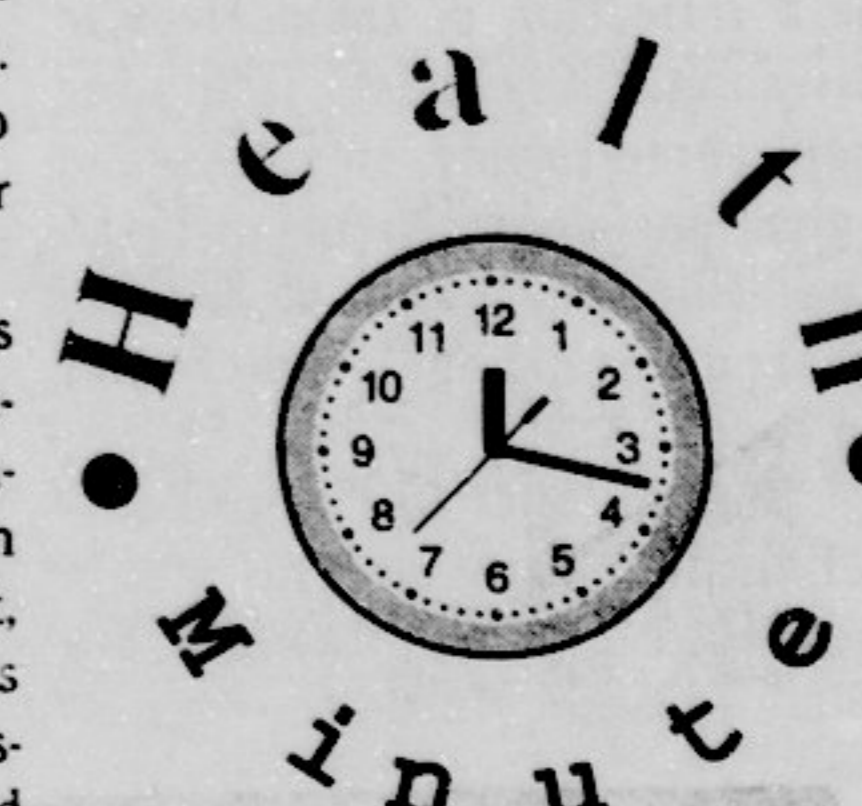
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to get enough sleep — both of which can be challenging goals for college students.

Question: Who is at the greatest risk of getting the flu?

Answer: At highest risk for influenza are those people over age 65; those with serious chronic diseases including: asthma, emphysema, diabetes, kidney disease, HIV infection, and anemia; and health care workers.

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Lecture series makes theory relevant

Dale Williamson
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Jane Austen is more popular now than she has ever been. Her novels are constantly being translated into major feature films, and to great critical and box-office success. But Ms. Austen was and is much more than simply a Hollywood fad. She is a major literary figure who still holds a firm place within the academic circle, and she is to be the topic of a talk given by James Thompson, the first speaker for the 1996-97 Theory Colloquium Lecture series.

Thompson, an English professor at UNC-Chapel Hill, will read his paper entitled "How to Do Things with Austen" this Wednesday, Oct. 9, and he is definitely an appropriate voice for Ms. Austen. With a strong, specialized background in 18th-century literature, Thompson has authored several books, including his most recent *Models of Value: Eighteenth-Century Political Economy and the Novel* (Duke UP, 1996) and *Between Self and World: The Novels of Jane Austen* (Penn State UP, 1988). He is also widely

published in a variety of journals, such as *Philological Quarterly* and *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture*.

Getting specialized and accomplished academics to read their latest work is what the Theory Colloquium is all about. Sponsored by the English Department and the Dean of Arts and Sciences, the Colloquium strives to, as its fliers across campus say, "present a transdisciplinary group of speakers on current topics in literary and cultural theory and to foster dialogue on those topics."

According to Jeff Williams, an English professor who created the lecture series seven years ago, the Colloquium is "designed to bring prominent people in the field of lit-

erary theory, literary criticism or cultural criticism ... to campus to talk about relevant issues in the wide world of theory."

This world of theory is significant in today simply because the world is increasingly opening itself up as a multicultural realm where dialogue is the best way to understand and resolve controversial issues. The starting place for any solution is with theory. And, as Williams points out, "literary theory, literary criticism and cultural criticism have been the most prominent and active of the academic fields within the past 20 years."

"It doesn't just represent the English Department," Williams stresses. "It represents an interdisciplinary mix of such pro-

"Although we don't have piles of money, due to the success of the series, we have consistent support from the [the university], as well as other groups on campus."

— Jeff Williams, English professor

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ing front rhythm accompanied by a dance drum loop in the background lets "Jerry" start things off on the right foot.

"Key West Intermezzo (I Saw You First)" is the next song, as well as the first single. Mellencamp himself has described this song as having a dark topic with a happy sing-along chorus. Nearly everyone can see a reflection of themselves in this song. "Key West" is a song about three people, two guys and a girl. One guy has the girl, the other thinks she should be with him, and this hidden jealousy rules the song.

"Just Another Day" is the only Mellencamp song on the album with that classic Mellencamp sound. Straight from the older albums, "Day" sounds upbeat with a "live in the moment" feel. In fact, apocalyptic "live for today" messages run throughout the record.

"This May Not Be The End of the World" is a perfect example of Mellencamp's apocalyptic message. The chorus laments "This may not be the end of the world / But you can see it from here." Catchy one-liners like this are widespread throughout the album.

Other attention-getters include "It's hard to worry about the future / When your past is knocking at your door," and "Her Majesty, the Queen, is a pretty nice babe." Not your usual idle Mellencamp chatter.

Overall, *Mr. Happy Go Lucky* is an excellent collection of eclectic words and rhythms that should prove to be the best Mellencamp offering in a long while. One note to potential buyers, there are two versions of the album out there for sale. The retail giant Wal-Mart seems to have flexed their musical muscle again without saying a word.

For years now, bands have been changing their albums especially for Wal-Mart. Nirvana changed in

Utah to stay on the good side of Wal-Mart, but other bands haven't been so fortunate. The Goo Goo Dolls had their *A Boy Named Goo* album pulled recently. It seems that the cover photo of a boy with jam spread over his face resembled a boy with blood on his face to some customers, and Wal-Mart pulled the album. Sheryl Crow crossed paths with the sensitive dealer when she made a remark about Wal-Mart selling guns to children and teenagers. To sum up, don't waste your time looking for her new album in Wal-Mart either.

So, when Mellencamp prepared

for the release of this album, he decided to walk the safe side of the road. The album cover, a picture of Mellencamp and a little girl with the Devil on one side and Jesus on the other, has been changed for the Wal-Mart public. The Devil and Jesus have been removed from all Wal-Mart bound copies to ensure that there are no bad feelings from the Wal-Mart public. Fortunately, the music came through unscathed, and hopefully Mellencamp's blue-jean rocker image will too.

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Clayton said. "This environment is appropriate for a discussion of improving the African-American economic situation, which will strengthen the African-American community and, therefore, the greater American community."

Clayton said she hopes Anderson's audience leaves thinking, "What can I do to make the situation better?"

"I hope the audience becomes enlightened about what the economic challenges of the African-American community are," she explained. "I hope they leave with a new attitude and commitment to make a difference in our community, whether they are African-American or any other persuasion."

Anderson will hold a question-and-answer session following his presentation.

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was, as it should be, the music. Even with the sound problems in the first act, the songs were beautiful. I've already mentioned that "Do You Want to Go to Heaven?" is a favorite of mine, but I didn't think there was a single song I didn't like. Pap's rendition of "Guvment" was

inspired - it made me think of our own wonderful student government (if you didn't pay attention to this song, go see the show again; this is not a compliment to the SGA). Matt Stevens has a really good comic presence, and I laughed so hard through his "Hand for the Hog"

that I almost didn't notice that horrible pig Brown used to fake his murder.

Let me stop here and say that I could have done without that pig. My imagination is strong enough to picture him killing the pig and spreading its blood around the cabin without that pitiful visual aid. It was entirely too comical, and while Stevens' song was funny, the cabin scene has a very serious undertone that I think was ruined by that prop.

Chad Brown was really terrific as Huck Finn. He had the world-wise innocence of Huck down pat. One of the most important things about Huck's character in the novel is that he is almost an adult, but still very childlike because of his unusual upbringing. Brown handled these aspects of the character very well. The relationship between Huck and Jim was also very well represented by Brown and Green. I could see the close friendship that existed between the two despite the racial barriers inherent within their society.

One of the most hilarious parts of the show was the performance of the "Royal Nonesuch." Let's have a hand for Eric Whiteley, who murdered Shakespeare with impressive skill! I laughed so hard throughout that entire speech that I cried. I also saw much more of Andy Slade than I ever wanted to - but with hilarious results. I think these two (Whiteley and Slade) were definite high points of the show, and their en-

ergy and wit really started the second act off with a bang.

"The Crossing" was a very powerful scene that was handled very well. The song was beautiful, and the message was so strong. Also, I just have to say that Tara Kingsberry is awesome. When she sang "How Blest We Are," I could hardly contain my admiration. What a voice!

Another high point in the show was Jim Bray's performance of "Arkansas." I

know I speak for the entire audience when I say that he was hilarious. My sentiments were echoed in the curtain call when Bray got quite a few whistles and screams.

All in all, I have to say I thoroughly enjoyed this show. I go to the theater first and foremost to be entertained, and I was not disappointed by *Big River*. The show closes tonight, and I definitely suggest taking this opportunity to see it if you haven't already.

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The band also consists of Greg Brown (electric guitar, organ), Victor Damiani (bass), Vincent di Fiore (trumpet, percussion), and Todd Roper (drums, percussion). All have made their mark on this disc. You can tell them apart, and they compliment each other well.

A few songs on this disc did remind me of something I had heard before, yet the band makes no mention of where they swiped the sound from. For example, "Friend is a Four Letter Word" sounds just like Willie Dixon's "House of the Rising Sun." Although there's something about their creativity that sparks my interest, there's also something about their thievery that makes me wanna puke.

On the other hand, there are songs on this disc that are taken from other artists and the band gives them credit for it. Isn't that nice? The album includes covers of "Sad Songs and Waltzes," which was written by Willie Nelson, and "I Will Survive," which was made famous by disco queen Gloria Gaynor. Not surprisingly, the band does these songs justice.

You have to cut down to the essential roots of a song to make it come to life, especially when covering a song. You have to think about what was going on when the song was written. What made that person write that? What makes you want to cover it? And how are you going to let people know how

you feel about it? In an ironic sort of way, it's hard work. Being an artist is all about opening your mind, no limits. But when you cover a song, in order to do it justice and out of respect, you place limits on where it can and can't go.

To their credit, Cake knows what a groove is and they don't seem to have any problems making somebody else's song come to life.

Listen to this album when you're out to have a good time. It's a bonus that adds a little to any situation. Every song is different, and that's beneficial when you're trying to get your groove on.

The album is called *Fashion Nugget*. The group is Cake. The cat's good.

SCREAM from page 6

There's nothing politically correct about it. No censorship, no backstabbing, no lies. Hatred is above board, and therefore easier to deal with. In the South, you never know who hates you or who doesn't. We're in a state of constant paranoia.

A friend recently gave me a poster that outlines this problem well. It lists the little white lies that a particular North Carolina senator (yeah, that's right, the famously bigoted one) would have us believe to be true. I'll list them here for your convenience. And what the hell, I'll point out their Southern inconsistencies, too.

#1. Family values: The family that prays together stays together.

Okay, do you mean to tell me that all those church-going folk who get divorced were really worshipping Satan all this time. Wow, thanks for clearing that up. With the divorce rate now up to 60 percent, I guess Satan's doing a better job than God. Way to go, Satan.

#2. Racism: It's just business as usual ...

Yep, that's the South for ya. You didn't really expect anything to change after that whole civil rights thing, did you? The only thing that's changed is how often those in power lie about their true feelings.

#3. Gun control: Guns don't kill ... People kill.

Well if that's true then you don't mind if I give these M16's to these monkeys, do you? I mean, if all we're worried about is people, then take the guns away from them and put them in the hands of the more evolved simian. Guaranteed lower death rate.

#4. Sex education: No sex is good sex.

This is a statement from somebody who has never had sex. Responsible sex is good sex. Nuff said.

#5. Censorship: "Freedom of expression" is for people who look and think exactly like him.

I would say something about this, but I'm not ...

#6. Desegregation: "... We're free, white and 21, as we say in North Caro-

lina." - Senator Jesse Helms, as quoted in the *New York Times* in 1981.

So by now you've guessed who this is I'm talking about. First of all, I've never heard anyone in this state say the above quote besides the man himself. And secondly, if he's 21, then I'm still a fetus.

Let's have a reality check here, people. The Southern mentality is all about ducking the issue at hand and Jesse is a perfect example of this. He deals with problems by dismissing them out of hand. Simple one sentence answers will solve them all, he seems to think. But instead of shirking the responsibility, we Southerners need to step up and embrace our difficulties. They will be that much easier to deal with and perhaps overcome.

Finally, to my grandmother: all people go to the bathroom and all people stink, so instead of denying that try to come to terms with your natural, God-given odors. If you do, your children will thank you. And their children, and their children, and ...

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SPORTS

Tickets doing disappearing act

Tracy Laubach
Staff Writer

So, you're all pumped up and counting down the days until the football team goes head on against N.C. State, right?

Believe it or not, the grand finale of the season is approaching quickly. Now is the time to purchase your tickets and make plans to attend what is guaranteed to be one of the most exciting college football games of the year.

With more than 28,000 tickets already claimed, a limited number of tickets are available, but are expected to sell quickly. At this time, seating is available in both the upper and lower decks for \$25 and \$38 respectively.

Any tickets that are not sold within the next few weeks will be sent back to Charlotte to be sold, and at that time, will no longer be available at the \$10 student rate.

For all of you Pirate fans who are planning on purchasing your tickets the week of the game, not only are the chances of getting tickets slim, you will also be denied your student discount. Now is the time to get those tickets.

The last time the Pirates faced the Wolfpack was in 1991 in the Peach

day, Nov. 30th in Charlotte, will be the first ever college football game to be held at the Carolina Panthers' Ericsson Stadium.

The rivalry with the Wolfpack is one that continues to grow each year and it is important to fill the stadium with a lot of purple and gold to promote school spirit.

"We will be able to show the entire state of North Carolina what ECU is all about by making a huge statement about pride, class and spirit on national television."

— Lee Workman, assistant athletic director for ticket sales and promotions

This game is a step forward for East Carolina University," Workman said. "We will be able to show the entire state of North Carolina what ECU is all about by making a huge statement about pride, class and spirit on national television."

The game, scheduled for Satur-

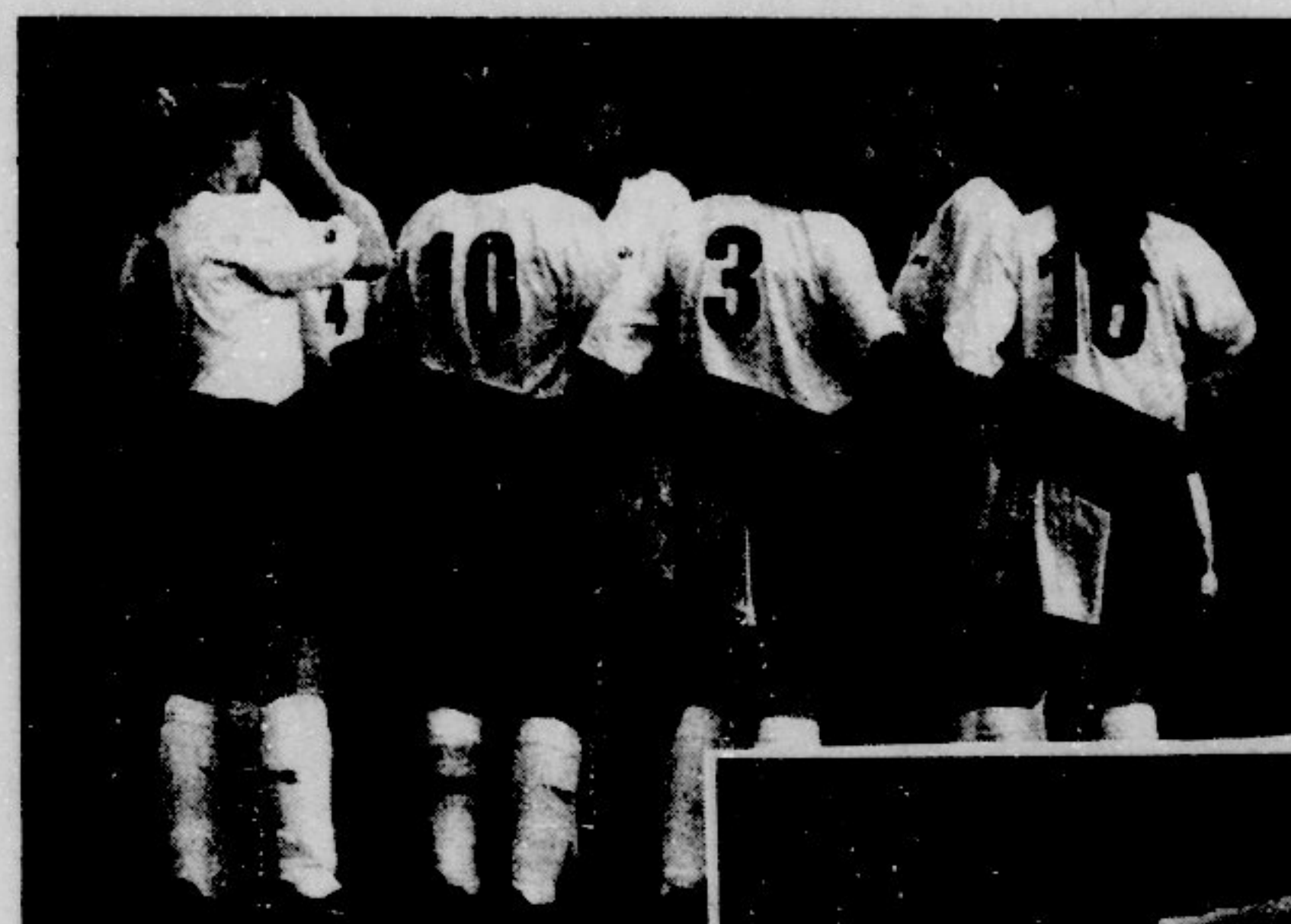
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"The ECU/NC State game carries with it such a rich tradition of rivalry," Workman said. "This is a chance for ECU to shine and show the whole state how terrific our program truly is."

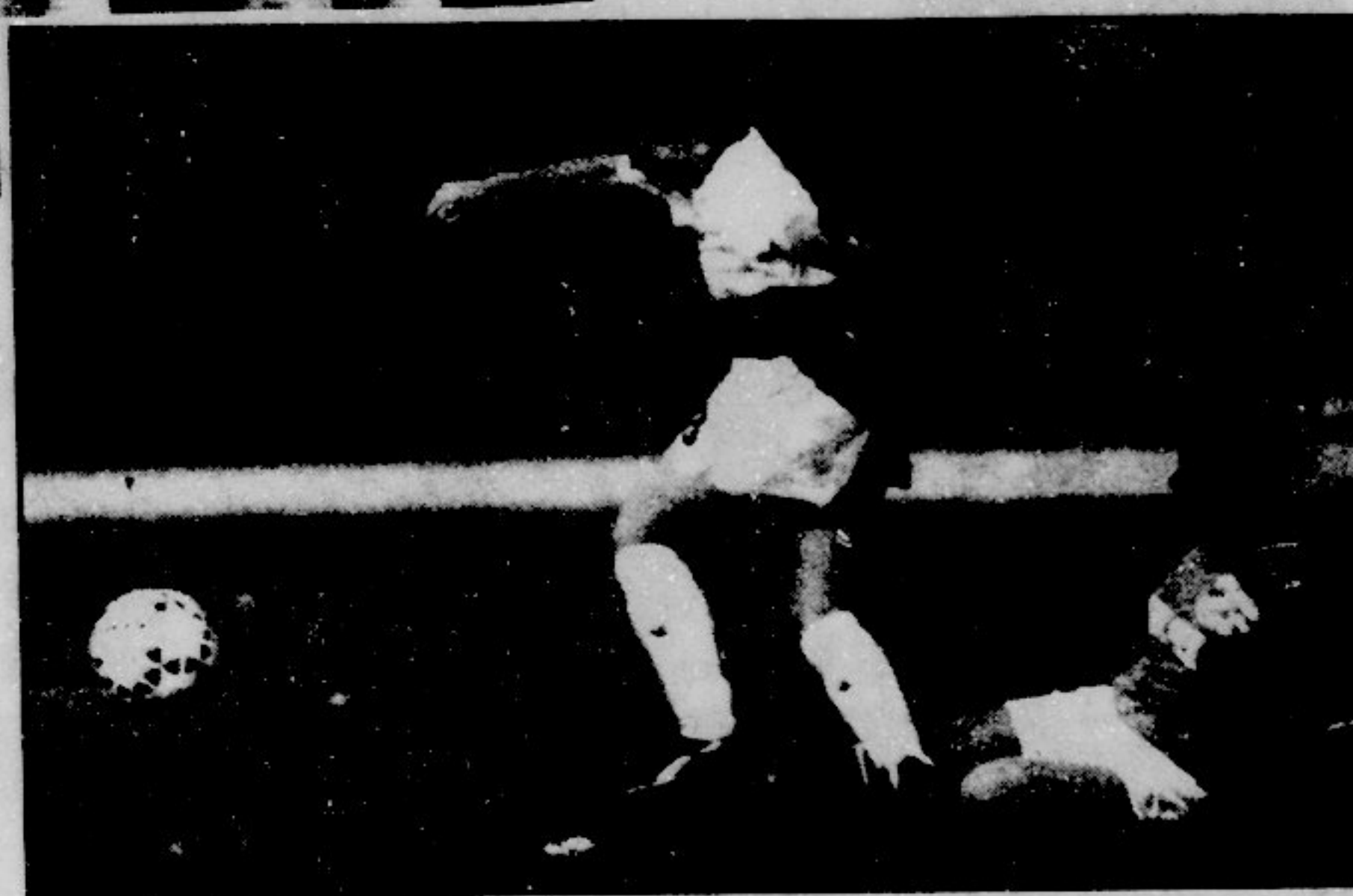
Tickets are currently being sold for the \$10 student rate, and can be purchased at the Athletic Ticket Office, which is located directly adjacent to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m..

Women's soccer splits games



Photos by PATRICK IRELAN

(Above) The Lady Pirates gather in front of their net as they map out their next move. (Right) Junior Stacie Gause breaks through the defense on her way down the field.



Jon Lauterer
Staff Writer

The ECU women's soccer team split two games this week beating UNC-Wilmington and losing to Virginia Tech.

The battle with the Seahawks took place on Wednesday at Bunting Field. The weather conditions were less than ideal, but the Lady Pirates seemed right at home on a soggy field.

ECU started the game showing agile pass control and effective musing of the ball from their opponents.

The women's team showed a great deal of determination because they hadn't won a conference game up to this point. Now, in front of a home crowd, the Pirates had their chance.

As the first half was winding down, it appeared that the Pirate defense was breaking up. The Seahawks' goalkeeper was looking impenetrable as well.

Just a few minutes into the sec-

ond quarter, the Seahawks' goalkeeper received a fierce kick to the head. She did not leave the game, and after a few minutes of composing herself, she was ready to begin play again.

Then one of the most well coordinated plays this team has pulled off this season occurred. Midfielder Melissa Rucker passed to midfielder team captain Stacie Gause, who then crossed the ball from the right of UNC-W's touchline to Stacie Schott for a monster header.

This play left Wilmington dumbfounded and bewildered, making it impossible for them to catch up. Then came the frustration fouls by the Seahawks, resulting in a yellow card.

When the final whistle sounded, ECU were the victors by a score of 1-0.

"It feels pretty good to get a conference win," Head Coach Neil Roberts said. "The girls played hard. They played really well in the first half. Credit [UNC] Wilmington for hanging in the game. Keeping the score 0-0 at half-time."

The Sunday game with Virginia Tech proved to be a tough challenge for the Pirate team.

The Hokies jumped on the board early in the game with a goal by Denise Williams in the fifth minute.

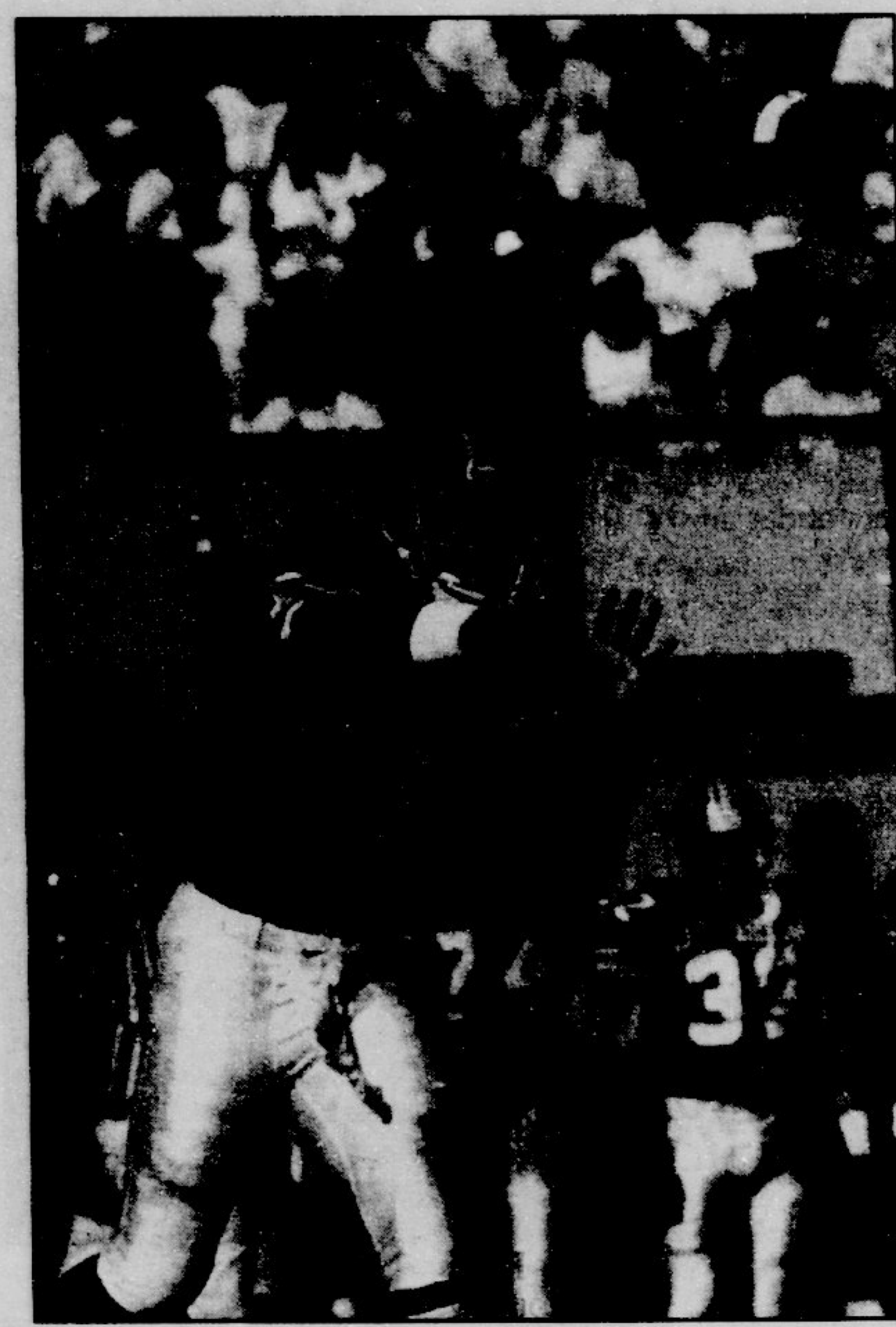
ECU attempted a barrage of shot attempts on the Hokie goal, but all came up short. The Hokies shut out the Pirates 4-0.

All was not lost at the half, but the Hokies of Virginia were too pumped up. They scored three times within ten minutes. The Pirates couldn't recover from that point on.

"We got beat bad today by a good Virginia Tech team," Roberts said. "We have to put this one behind us and get on with it. We have a big game to get ready for on Wednesday night (Richmond)."

ECU's record now stands at 5-5-1 and 1-2 in the CAA.

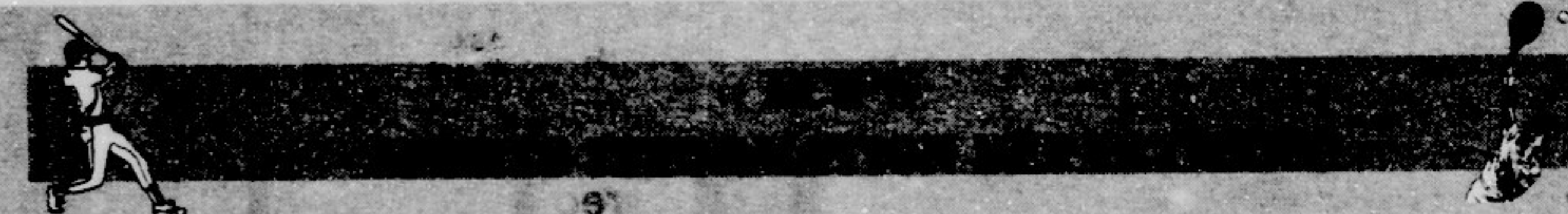
The Lady Pirates will square off with the University of Richmond this Wednesday for the first time ever. The match will be in Richmond and will begin at 7:30 p.m.



Goin' Deep

Unitas award nominee Marcus Crandell picks his target. Crandell and the rest of the Pirates are preparing to do battle before a national television audience, Thursday night on ESPN 2 at 8 p.m.

Photo by CHRIS GAYDOSH



The ECU volleyball team was defeated by N.C. State last week in a make-up match due to Hurricane Fran.

The Wolfpack swept ECU in three games, 15-0, 15-7, 15-3. The Pirates now hold a 5-14 overall record.

Freshman Shannon Kaess led ECU offensively, totalling 11 kills. The defensive leader was Kari Koenning with 16 digs.

The team will take a few days off before resuming normal practice. The Pirates will be on the road Saturday, Oct. 12 against College of Charleston. Then on Sunday, Oct. 13, the Pirates will take on Wofford College. Both matches are set to begin at 1 p.m.

Jason Freeman and Brett Rowley of ECU advanced to the second round of play at the Southern Collegiate Championships Friday.

Rowley began in a preliminary round match with Anshoomen Aga of Troy State. After defeating Aga 6-0, 6-1 he advanced to the first round of the division three flight. Rowley then defeated Vinicius Caribo of UT-Chattanooga in a hard fought three set match 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (3).

Senior Freeman also advanced with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over David Walker of Sanford in the first round of the Division four flight.

Roope Kalajo defeated Dennis Topic of Georgia State in a hard fought 7-5, 6-3 match to win his round. Kalajo then played fourth seeded Nic Chisholm.

Four other Pirates won their opening matches but failed to advance to the first round.

Junior Nils Alomar was defeated by second seed Patrick Johannsson 6-1, 6-3 of Kentucky in the first round of the Division two flight. Alomar had advanced after winning his preliminary three set match with South Florida Silviv Nator 6-2, 5-7, 6-4.

Sophomore Kenny Kirby was defeated in his first round match of the division two flight by fifth seed Joey Pitts of Georgia 6-4, 6-1.

Freshman, Daniel Prewell was defeated 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 by Pedro Pacheco of Central Florida in his preliminary round match.

Sophomore Derek Slate lost his match 6-1, 6-2 to Souheil Zezil of South Florida.

Loss suffered in overtime

Pirates fight the good fight, but come up short

Jon Lauterer
Staff Writer

The fans were freezing on the benches this past Friday, but the players were sweating up a storm in an intense battle between the ECU men's soccer team and the visiting Jacksonville Dolphins at ECU's Bunting Field.

"It was a strange game," Head Coach Will Wiberg said. "But it started out well."

It appeared to be a good start for Friday's game when sophomore forward Wyatt Panos assisted to freshman midfielder Robert Hyatt for a Pirate goal. Panos has been playing all season with a broken jaw, but the

Swansboro native has still managed to start every game.

ECU played an intense first half and it showed going into halftime.

The Pirates concluded the first half leading the Dolphins 2-1, but Jacksonville still had some hat tricks left for the Pirates in the second half.

Freshman midfielder Brian Denoo was injured by the Dolphin goalie at the beginning of the half, and had to be helped off the field.

The game continued to become more like football Americana as the second half got underway. The ECU bench was livid when senior midfielder Kevin Johnson was issued a red card.

Jacksonville took advantage of the call and scored from a penalty kick, leaving the score 3-2 still in ECU's favor.

Soon after, on the 85th minute of play, the Dolphins tied the score at 3-3, forcing the game into overtime.

Just before the end of regulation, senior midfielder Darrec Jones was ejected for foul language, marking the end of the game for the Pirates.

"We played well on our part," Wiberg said. "Everything just unraveled in the end."

When overtime began, so did the Jacksonville bombardment on the ECU goal. The Dolphins scored three goals during overtime, leaving the final score at 6-3 Jacksonville.

"We played really competitively for the first 80 minutes of the match," Wiberg said. "Unfortunately, circumstances beyond our control cost us the game."

ECU now goes 1-6 on the year with conference play slated to begin later this month.

The Pirates are now preparing for a big game with the Wolfpack of N.C. State on Wednesday. The game will be played at Bunting Field with a 3 p.m. kickoff time.

SRC to open this fall

Cathy Blondo
Rec Services

One of the most exciting things happening in Rec Services this semester will be the opening of the Student Recreation Center (SRC).

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See REC page 11

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The second pool consists of a four-lane, 19-yard pool area, designed for aqua aerobics, instructional swim classes and free-play opportunities. The leisure pool is made up of multiple jet swirl activity with heated water and bench seating. The outdoor pool is suitable for a refreshing dip, water volleyball and water basketball. Surrounding the outdoor pool is a large deck with pool furniture to meet your sunbathing needs.

A suspended track will be avail-

able for runners/walkers. It has a suspended one-fifth mile, three lane track with pace clocks and directional signs. The track is equipped with a special surface that protects you from obtaining injuries.

On the far end of the sports forum is the indoor climbing wall, which is a massive, 28-foot high structure with varying routes designed on a curved reposition panel system. Climbing shoes and harnesses will be available to rent for beginners or advanced climbers.

On the second floor you can choose from seven regulation racquetball courts and one handball court.

The SRC offers separate locker rooms for men, women and one unisex locker room. The locker rooms are equipped with showers, lockers, swimsuit dryers and a free towel service. They are all handicap accessible.

Before or after you participate in an activity, the SRC has a juice bar so one can grab a healthy snack, spectate, study and relax. The juice bar carries an assortment of healthy foods supplied by Aramark, including bagels, soft pretzels, juices and much more.

For more information call REC Services at 328-6387.

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Pick up tickets for Southern Miss game beginning today at 11:00 a.m.

Look for complete coverage of Thursday's nationally televised game in Thursday's East Carolinian

PITT COUNTY FAIR OCTOBER 7TH - 12TH

77th Anniversary 1920 - 1996 And Still Growing!!

Owned and operated by the American Legion Posts of Greenville, Farmville & Ayden

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS

MAIN EXHIBIT BUILDING

Agricultural and Commercial. Eastern Carolina shows off its regional pride by displaying its bountiful **AGRICULTURE**, flourishing **INDUSTRY**, quality **EDUCATION** and **SCIENTIFIC** and **ENVIRONMENTAL** pursuits.

SWINE BUILDING

SWINE & SMALL ANIMALS plus: **KIDS PETTING ZOO!**

SHEEP & LAMB BUILDING

Wednesday, October 9, 6:00 PM **Pitt County Lamb Show**
Wednesday, October 9, 7:30 PM **Flock Show**
Saturday, October 12, 10:00 am **Open Lamb Show** for ALL of Eastern North Carolina
EXPANDED SHOWING!

CATTLE BUILDING

Eastern North Carolina's finest **Cattle, Steers, Horses** and **BIG FARM ANIMALS**. Plus: Open Heifer Show, Saturday, October 12, 3:00 PM

18 BUILDING FARM MUSEUM

Finest exhibit of its kind in the South! Building after building of **Pure Nostalgia** plus the **500 HP Sawmill Steam Engine**. A must see!

THE 1996 MIDWAY

AMUSEMENTS OF AMERICA... America's largest carnival company (1996 Guinness Book Of Records) will bring its big Atlantic unit to Greenville with 35-40 Thrilling Rides, Shows, Music, Mirth and Memories. As usual, the **BIGGEST Midway East of Raleigh!**

1996 FREE ATTRACTIONS

- 1 Children of all ages will love the **Barnyard** located in the swine building! A wonderful collection of animals to feed, touch and hold. Small charge for Pony Rides! **Sponsored by Turnage Insurance Co.**
- 2 **Merry Heart and Co.!** One of the finest Puppet Shows for kids in the nation today! 3 shows nightly, Mon-Sat. Independent Midway. **Sponsored by Home Savings Bank of Greenville.**
- 3 **Wild Heart Entertainment!** 2 shows nightly consisting of **Linda Hawley and Country, The Wild Heart Chicken Show** for kids and **Wild Heart Karaoke**. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at the Grandstand.
- 4 **Demolition Derby** in the Grandstand. Saturday night, 7 PM. **The Pitt County Fair Demolition Derby** promises to bring you action-packed thrills never seen in this area before!
- 5 **Lilliana and Her Leopard & Panther Show** in the Big Steel Arena! The wonderful animal show that thrilled fair goers in 1991 is back by popular request! Independent Midway. **Sponsored by Garris-Evans Lumber Co. of Greenville.**
- 6 **Jamie Garcia's** spectacular circus acts including the chilling **Motorcycle "Globe of Death"** act that thrilled our fairgoers in 1995. The **"Circo De Spectacular"** returns again! **Main Midway. Sponsored by Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of Greenville.**
- 7 The old 1916 **CAROUSEL ORGAN** will belt out Midway Music on the Main Midway all night every night again this year, as well as the **GIANT GERMAN FAIRGROUND ORGAN**, built in Germany in 1895! Independent & Main Midways. **Sponsored by Hooker & Buchanan Insurance Co.**

Thursday ECU Students \$2.00 w/ Student ID

From Campus take 10th St. to Hastings Ford. Take a left and the fair is 1 mile on your left.

