Special measures taken to ensure construction site safety

ERIKA SWARTS HOUSING/CONSUMATORY SERVICES ISSUES STAFF WRITER

With so many campus construction projects around campus, concerns have been raised about the safety of the sites for students, faculty, staff and workers.

According to Director of Facilities Planning, Design and Construction Mr. Bruce L. Flye, Jr., facilities services has taken extensive precautions to ensure the safety of students and faculty. With help from the individual contractors, facility services has erected protective barriers and have routed traffic around hazards. They have also tried to manage damages that could be caused from fires, weather, chemicals, dust, noise, shock and debris.

"To accomplish this, while also operating the University, calls for the added precaution of involving layers and layers of people for the designers, contractors, and the University on a constantly vigilant basis," Flye said.

The national organization that governs over the safety of construction sites is the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). They regulate such things as requiring workers to use hard-hats while inside or around the project. However, according to Construction Management Director Dr. Douglas Kruger, OSHA only covers the workers involved in the project. They do, however, ask the employers to keep people out of any project areas. This leaves the responsibility of individual safety to the individual contractors. So, do students

"I think so. As long as they have fences, I feel protected," Lily Worku an occupational therapy major said. "The noise is the only real problem." Students have also complained about the smoke and dust that has been surrounding the sites, especially near Joyner Library. Freshman Brett Olson said he feels pretty safe. He did agree that it does get a little noisy. He also was somewhat concerned with the smoke last semester that

clouded the walkway near Joyner. Aside from being aggravating, the noise vibrations have not caused any damage. According to Flye, there has only been one incident on campus and that was about 30 years ago during a piledriving operation.

Flye notes that he is very concerned with the safety of construction sites, especially the ones where the most people pass near by. He also gave a list of future construction projects we can look forward to, such as: adding elevators to Austin and Rawl, and renovating the Fletcher Music Recital Hall. However, the greatest project is the new Science and Industrial Technology building which is currently estimated to cost \$50 million.



Renovations being made to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium account for one of the three major constructions projects going on around ECU campus.

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Construction management team receives award

The Department of Construction Management at ECU has received National Recognition this month by placing fourth in the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Student Chapters Annual Construction Management Competition for four year programs. The event took place on Jan. 23 and Jan. 24 at the NAHB's National Convention in Houston. ECU's fourth place finish was behind Purdue University, Arizona State and Brigham Young.

ECU's students have competed only twice in the NAHB competition. Last year's teams won Rookie of the Year and fifth overall out of a field of 17 schools.

Team members were: Heather Banks, Matthew Cave, Eddie Hamlett, Joseph Mobley, Craig Smith and the alternate, Jimmie Goodman.



Police Corps Scholarships Awarded



On Jan. 27, the deputy secretary of the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety awarded four ECU students Police Corps scholarships valued at up to \$30,000 each for four years of study. The students are Vidal Barfield, Christopher Edge, Ted Sauls and Sandra Vaughn. These students received four of the 20 Police Corps scholarships to be awarded throughout the state this year. North Carolina was one of six states chosen by the U.S. Department o

Justice as a pilot site for this national program. To date, Seven North Carolina students have been awarded scholarships.

ECU graduate joins Sergent-At-Arms staff of the NC Senate

The start of the new session of the General Assembly in Raleigh has garnered much attention, and Bill Gheen, a recent ECU graduate and advocate of young voters, will be serving the state senate on the Sergent-At-Arms staff. Gheen, who moved to Greenville in 1990 to attend ECU, became Senior Class President and graduated with a B.S. in Political Science in May, 1995.

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No pain, No gain:ROTC physical demands lead to success

EMILY LITTLE SPECIAL GUIDANCE ISSUES STAFF WRITER

The alarm goes off at 5 a.m. By 6 a.m., they are up and running for two minutes, and follow it up with two minutes of sit-ups and (PT) may sound exhausting to mere mortals ECU offers." who wake up in a groggy state for an 11a.m. class, but the members of the ROTC program consider it a daily activity.

ROTC is no different from any other program in the classroom. Freshmen take an hour course once a week to learn map read-

ing, basic first aid and general introductory information. Sophomores take the course twice a week, learning basic tactics, leadership and communication. Juniors use their course to learn more advanced tactics and leadership and seniors teach what they have

"ROTC is more physically demanding than academic," said Master Sergeant Lee two minutes of push-ups. Physical Training Custis. "It's as hard as any elective that the Teaching Fellows at ECU and included

tage of the scholarship funds while others receive \$1500 "love money" for joining the Despite the early morning workout, program. In the end they are all guaranteed officer standing and employment in the mil-

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Ladies Elite Service organization comes to ECU

MARGUERITE BENJAMIN NEWS EDITOR MINORITY STUDENT AFFAIRS

Though February is Black History month and the efforts and achievements of African-Americans are in the spotlight for the next three weeks, many minority students feel the need for more positive exposure throughout the year.

One such student is Taiisha Nicole Goins, a sophomore and member of the ECU track team, told TEC that she felt like opportunities for minority students to get involved in positive activities were very limited.

"I looked around and saw, basically, that tion. outside of Thespians for Diversity and Allied Blacks for Leadership and Equality (A.B.L.E.), there was really nothing for us," Goins said. Goins transferred from Appalachian State University, where she became a part of a service organization for minority women called its purpose promoting unity and sisterhood among all minority women and serving the African American community through volunteer work.

"Our [volunteer] services are not limited to just African-Americans, but they are our primary concern," Goins said, adding that the addition of Ladies Elite to ECU's recognized organizations could benefit minority women in

"Not only does it (the organization) promote much needed solidarity, but the experience gained through volunteering will make a difference in the future. People are under the impression that they can go their whole college careers just going to class and that alone will be

"The truth is that employers look at more the community," Goins said.

than just grade point averages, and being a part of a productive service organization is a great thing to have on your resume," Goins said. While Goins stressed that Ladies Elite is not a social sorority, the original idea of bring-ing Ladies Elite to ECU was met with some tension from other organizations on campus

geared toward minority women. "My reason for introducing Ladies Elite is not to offer competition to any other organiza-tion," Goins said. "I'm not here for a popularity contest. I'm here to offer a service. I'm staying; they're staying."

Goins said she saw no reason why students

who were already a part of another organiza-tion, Greek or Non-Greek, could not be a part or at least show support to the new organiza-Pamela Gilchrist, president of Delta Sigma

Theta Sorority, Inc., agreed and added that she also feels the introduction of Ladies Elite is a good way to promote unity. "We all strive for excellence and sister-

hood," Gilchrist said. "Even though we aren't a Ladies Elite, which she thinks can be an asset part of the same group socially, we basically to ECU and Pitt County. Founded in 1982 on stand for the same things and our goals are simthe campus of ASU, the organization cites as ilar. For that reason, I think we should support Gilchrist added that Goins should be com-

> mended for her efforts because it takes a lot of hard work to bring an organization together, especially when everyone is not supportive. "Personally, I don't feel any Greek organization should feel threatened by the addition of a new organization for minorities," Gilchrist

added. "We should all be working toward the Today is the last day for interested students to complete an application, as the intake

process will be starting soon. "Basically what we're looking for are minority women of all shapes, sizes and shades who have time, positive assets and energy to dedicate to an organization dedicated to serving

Workshop held for perspective teaching fellows

JACQUELINE D. KELLUM ARTS AND STUDIES ISSUES STAFF WRITER

This past Saturday ECU's current North Carolina Teaching Fellows (NCTF) held a workshop at Mendenhall for those high school seniors who are currently finalists competing for next year's Teaching Fellows scholarships.

This past Saturday's workshop was a volun-

tary undertaking, which is encouraged by the Teaching Fellows organization, and which must be held on one of two Saturdays designated by the organization. It was arranged by Some of the future officers take advan- particular areas of interest, an information ses- things we do is to provide seminars once a sion which detailed specifics about the scholarship and a session on interview techniques. According to Dr. Ronny VanSant, director of for the freshman students, professional comthe Teaching Fellows Program at ECU, this

workshop was part of an ongoing effort to pub-

licize the Teaching Fellows Program and raise awareness about the need for high quality teachers in North Carolina classrooms.

"The NCTF program is a \$20,000 scholar-ship, \$5,000 each year for four years, with an intensive enrichment program," VanSant said. "So it is very important to note that it is not just a scholarship about money. It is a program that is designed to enrich their undergraduate

years and create an educator of excellence." This program began in 1987 in an effort to prevent a predicted shortage of teachers by the turn of the century. Students who receive this scholarship are expected to spend four years teaching in North Carolina after graduation to

repay their scholarship. "At East Carolina, the program is an active campus tours sessions which concentrated on one," VanSant said. "One of the academic month for each class."

These seminars include transition issues

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news

N.C. Zoo keepers try experimental birth control on

ASHEBORO, N.C. (AP) - No birth control method, except abstinence, works all the time.

A new drug being tested on giraffes at the North Carolina Zoo, however, apparently works none of the time. At least not yet.

Two mother giraffes stood protectively over their calves, 5-foot miniatures of their long-limbed, thick-lashed moms.

The calves - a male born Nov. 11 and a female born Dec. 1 - are among the zoo's newest arrivals. They had their first day outside with the zebras and ostriches that share the 3 1/2-acre Forest Edge exhibit on Jan. 4. The caives' father as well as a second, younger male, remained in pens behind the grassy enclosure. If allowed back in, Baes explained, they might try to mate with the females and the caives could get hurt if they got in the way. And, besides, the last thing the zoo needs is more giraffes.

High school basketball coach faces drug trafficking

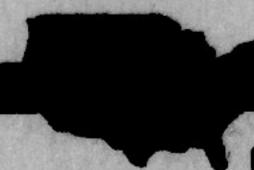
HIGH POINT, N.C. (AP) - A high school basketball coach who resigned last week for personal reasons was arrested Tuesday and charged with

cocaine trafficking, police said.

Robert Lee Clemons Jr., 40, the former coach of the T. Wingate Indrews High School boys' varsity basketball team, is linked to last week's seizure of two kilograms of cocaine at a residence, police said.

Clemons faces charges of trafficking in cocaine, conspiracy to traffic in cocaine, maintaining a dwelling for the purposes of selling controlled substances and possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, said Capt. Dan Hodgson, commander of the department's special investigation divi-

The charges against Clemons and two High Point men came after a four-month undercover investigation by the High Point Police Department, the Guilford County Sheriff's Department and the State Bureau of Investigation.



Online world reacts

INTERNET (AP)-The big Web sites were primed for an onslaught. The president was giving the State of the Union address just as a verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial was expected. Would millions turn to the Internet

Not exactly. One of the biggest draws of the evening was talk show host Rosie O'Donnell, who attracted 16,000 participants to a chat room on America Online. Simpson's chat room had about 6,000, and just 500 eople logged on to talk about the State of the Union.

Many did log on to check out things online. CNN recorded 30,000 hits

minute just as the verdict was announced. But it was short-lived. Of the two breaking stories, it was clear what mattered most online: CNN's home page feature story was the Simpson verdict; the State of the Union address only warranted a headline slightly bigger than news of

Elizabeth Taylor's benign brain tumor Over at rival MSNBC, the Simpson headline got top billing and was larger than the president's.

Judge allows local TV to show movie about love-triangle slaying

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - A judge cleared the way for a movie about two former military cadets accused in a love-triangle slaying to be shown on local television despite arguments that it will jeopardize a fair trial.

Accorneys for former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora, 19, had argued that Dallas-Fort Worth's NBC affiliate, KXAS, should not be allowed to show "Love's Deadly Triangle: The Texas Cadet Murders."

District Judge Joe Drago on Tuesday denied Miss Zamora's request for an injunction blocking the broadcast, but he asked IXAS to voluntarily

pull the program. He also urged residents not to watch it.

KXAS said the movie will air as scheduled on Monday with a disclaimer saying it is not based on a court case because two trials are pend-



Iran quakes kill at least 72 people, injure more than

BOJNURD, Iran (AP) - A magnitude-5.7 carthquake and dozens of aftershocks rocked northeastern Iran today, a day after two powerful quakes in
the same area flattened several villages, killing at least 72 people.

The death toll, given by state-run Tehran radio, has been climbing
since two earthquakes about 40 minutes apart shook the city of Bojnurd
and villages around it Tuesday. At least 200 people were injured.

No injuries or damage was reported yet from today's quake.

Relief workers and mountain climbers were sent to the stricken vil-

lages, but heavy snows and freezing temperatures prevented them from reaching all of them, Tehran radio said. Some roads were buried under knee-high snow or blocked by landslides.

Eight villages were demolished by Tuesday's quakes, and 35 others suffered damage, the Islamic Republic News Agency quoted the Red Crescent Society as saying. More than 2,800 houses were severely damaged, said the Red Crescent, the Muslim version of the Red Cross.

Academic dept. praises student tutorial program

BECKY ALLEY ORIENTATION/GENERAL COLLEGE ISSUES STAFF WRITER

The Student Tutorial Program of the department of athletics has proven to be a rewarding educational experience for both tutors and athletes.

"We have had a lot of success with the Academic Development Program here at ECU. The tutors have played a big role in our success and our athletes have really committed to getting a good education. Our football team alone is graduating 85 percent within five years and there are only 15 other Division 1 schools that can say that," said Amy Barnes, athletic development

The tutoring program provides free tutoring for student-athletes upon their request. The tutors are students with a minimum 2.5 GPA and are selected on the basis of faculty recommenda-

Jeff Mobley, a junior who has been tutoring for two semesters, feels that it is beneficial to the

"Having a student tutor helps the athlete because it is someone who is on their own level. It shows them that me as a fellow student could do it so they can too. A lot of them just need more confidence in their academic abilities,"

Mobley said.

"It is just more casual for the tutor and

former tutor, said. Besides tutoring, the tutoring staff is responsible for instilling needed study habits, efficient note-taking skills, and test taking strategies in

"Many people have misconceptions about what the athletes do all day," Barnes said. "They are generally busy with practice and classes from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. They don't have the free time to prepare for class like everyone else. Really what the tutors do is help them with man-

"I never realized how busy the athletes were until I started tutoring them," said Jennifer Emswiler, a math and biology tutor. "It's really great to help them and see them working hard." The tutoring occurs either in an individual or group study hall format. Many of the tutors feel that the individual format has more advantages.

Roshani Shah, who has been a tutor for two years,

says that when the athlete are in a study hall learning experience to have a student be the there are too many distractions for them and that they do not do as much work. Anthony Nobles, a freshman football do their work. They have to want it."

player, agrees with Shah's comment. "I prepared more for my tutor so I would know what she was talking about and it did help my grades. Study hall though is a whole different Amy Barnes at 328-4673.

thing. I guess if you need it, it helps," Nobles

the athlete. It's like having a friend help you out instead of being lectured at," Jennifer Farris, a lete to approach learning with the same commitment and energy they give to athletic competition. To ensure the tutors are doing a good job, all tutors are evaluated at the end of the semester. Barnes said the athletes are also asked during the semester if everything is working out

with their tutors. A tutor who preferred to remain anonymous said a problem facing the program is the violation

of the "no-dating" policy. The tutor said, "When you get hired, they tell you this is not a dating service. You are not supposed to date anyone you tutor. However, I've heard of some of the girls dating the athletes they tutor and doing their work for them. It's not right and it's giving the rest of us a bad name. There needs to be stricter enforcement of this

Several tutors mentioned that some of the athletes would wait till the night before a test or paper before they would call them for help. This also is another problem facing the program.

"When someone is 20 or 21, you can't make them learn," Farris said. "You can't force them to The tutoring program is always in need of

more tutors. Anyone who is interested in becoming a tutor and has at least a 2.5 GPA may contact

President supports boosting teaching standards

RALEIGH (AP) - Gov. Jim Hunt's who have successfully gone through efforts to establish national standards for teaching received a boost the governor's office. from President Clinton Tuesday night in his State of the Union

cited efforts by Hunt and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to establish nationally accepted credentials for excellence in teaching.

"I was very pleased that he men-tioned the hard work that's gone into setting high rigorous standards for teachers that many of us have years," Hunt said in a telephone interview after watching the speech at the governor's mansion.

Hunt created and chairs the teaching standards board, which promotes better teaching through voluntary certification. North to reward better teaching excellence by supporting teachers who seek National Board certification. The president said 500 of those

master teachers have been certified since 1995 and his budget would enable 100,000 more to seek national certification as master teachers. North Carolina leads the nation in the number of educators, with 93

the rigorous process, according to

Hunt said teachers must take videos of their teaching to an assessment center as part of the process. As a reward, those in North Carolina get an extra 4 percent in their pay-Hunt said he would recommend

this year that the bonus be raised to Hunt said many parts of the president's speech provided a pre-view to his State of the State

address next week. "The presidents' proposals tonight are very similar to those that we're focusing on in North Carolina. He also had a great deal to say about early childhood," the governor said.
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The governor said he also agreed with the president's strong words about the need to protect young children and teen-agers from the influence of tobacco, a statement that received cheers from legislators "I agree with that," Hunt said.

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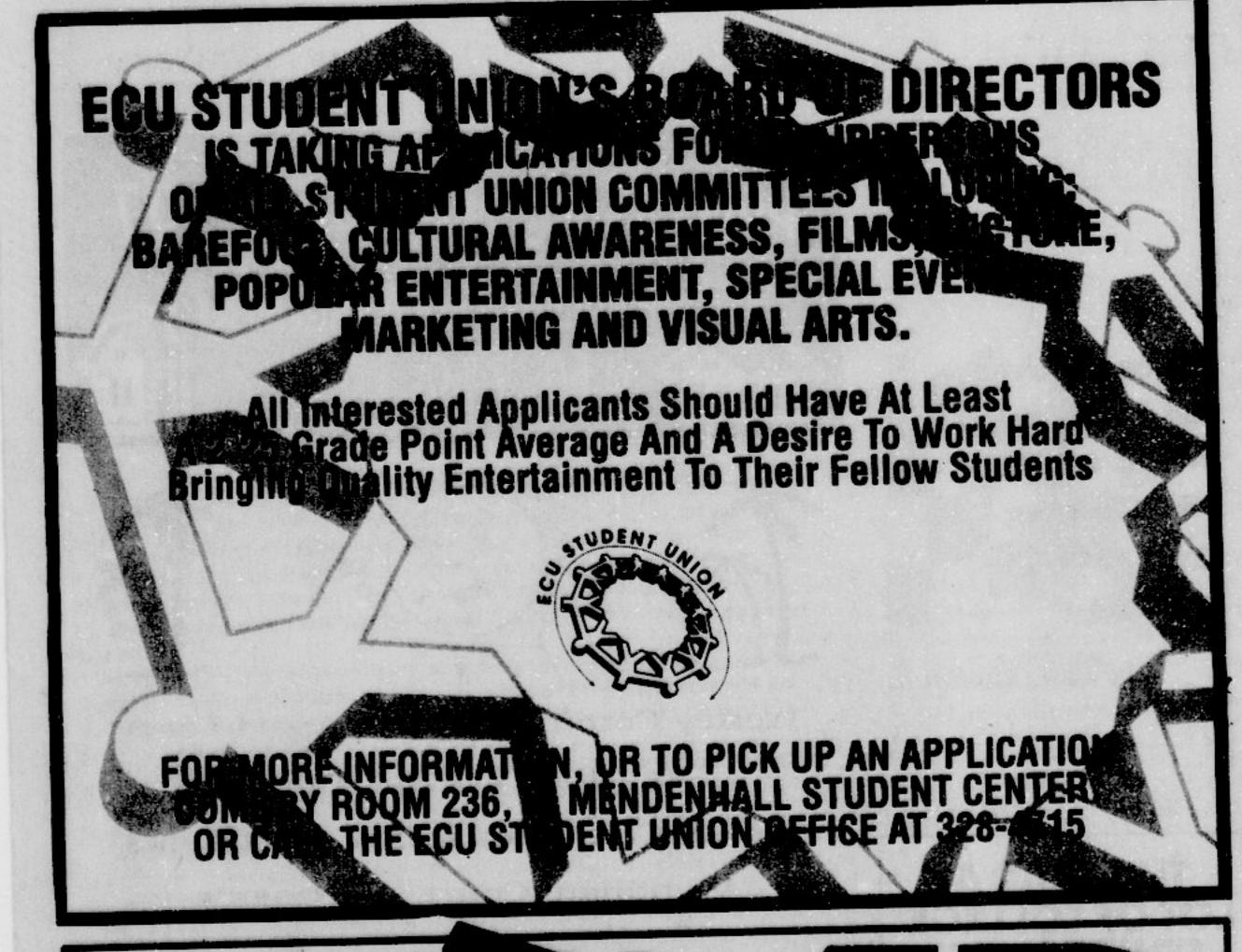


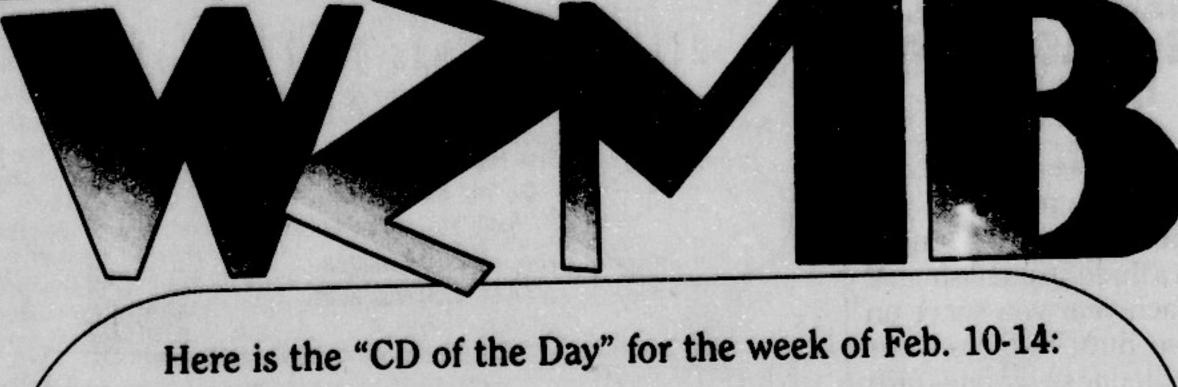
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Damage to property - A resident of Clement Hali reported damage to her vehicle while parked in the Reade Street parking lot. The left side mirror

Larceny - A student reported the larceny of her license plate from her vehicle parked in the Ficklen and Charles parking lot.

January 29

Damage to property - A student reported that the doors of his vehicle were scratched while the vehicle was parked south of Mendenhall.

Damage to property - A student reported that the doors on his vehicle were scratched while the vehicle was parked on College Hill Drive.

January 30 Assist Rescue - A student was transported from Austin to PCMH by

Greenville Rescue after he collapsed. Suspicious Activity - A non-student was banned from campus after he followed two students from downtown to Fletcher Hall.

Damage to property - A student reported that her vehicle was damaged while parked south of Fletcher Hall.

January 31

Larceny - A student reported the larceny of his stereo from his vehicle parked in the Third and Reade Street parking lot.

Larceny - A resident of Garrett Hall reported the larceny of a ring from his room.

Larceny - A student reported the larceny of her hubcap from her vehicle parked in the Third and Reade Street parking lot. February 3

Assist Rescue - A student was transported from north of the Fletcher Music Building to Pitt County Memorial Hospital by Greenville Rescue after suffering from a seizure.

Damage to property - A staff member reported damage to her vehicle while parked west of the Eppes property.

Breaking and entering/property damage - A resident of Jones Hall report-ed that someone entered his room during the Christmas break and damaged his bicycle.

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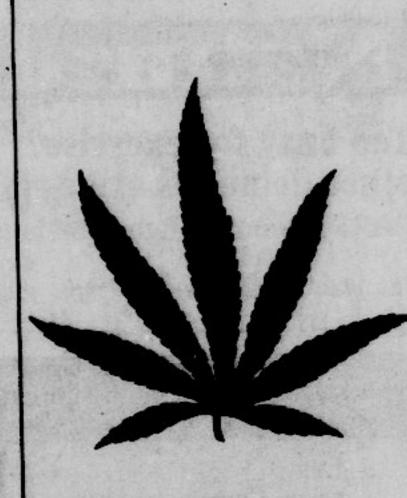
Shooting rampage leaves father dead

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) - The son of a man who died during a shooting rampage has filed a negli-gence complaint against the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the way employees handled the suspect's mental ill-

Ralph Walker Jr. and Kevin Reichard died after Wendell Williamson, a UNC-Chapel Hill law student, allegedly walked up a downtown street firing a high-powered rifle at people. Williams was later found innocent by reason of

During the trial, psychiatrists said Williamson was suffering from mental illness and that he was delusional at the time of the shootings. The lawsuit is similar to one filed last week by the parents of Reichard. It contends that several employees failed to warn others of Williamson's potential violence, provide proper treatment for Williamson or notify the police department about Williamson's

mental illness or potential threat. Ralph Walker III filed the claim, which seeks \$150,000, Friday with the N.C. Industrial Commission. A deputy commissioner will decide whether the claim is valid.



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munication for the sophomores, multiculturalism for the juniors and professional issues for the

The Teaching Fellows also parvariety of projects in the area. "The summer after their fresh-

Carolina go on a discovery trip all over North Carolina," VanSant said, "to see the schools, to see businesses, to see atomic energy plants, to see pickle factories, to meet the people and say, 'this is the state where you will be spending four years teaching; this is sophomore year, the Teaching in a variety of activities, including Habitat for Humanity, arts internship, Outward Bound, trips to Cambridge, England or other countries. The rising seniors are

learning how the school systems recipients have finished college but according to VanSant, the students still aren't staying in the

required to spend a week in a

of teaching," VanSant said. After that -- and the state has done a study on this -- they are leaving at about the same rate as non-Teaching Fellow teachers. In other words, teachers are leaving the classroom in droves."

VanSant cited two reasons why, in her opinion, teachers are not staying in the profession. One is lack of pay increases for experienced, veteran teachers. The other was the lack of a comfort-

"Teachers are professionals. What professional do you know that doesn't have an office and a phone?" VanSant said.

With such a high percentage of even the best teachers leaving the ssrooms, VanSant said it is Fellows program, which is trying to change the image of teaching and make it a more respected profession. Students in our region of the state, in particular, need to be the lowest number of applicants and the lowest number of recipi-

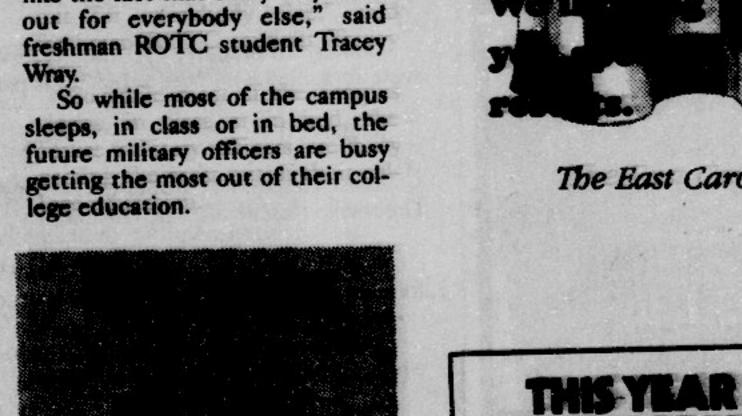
to public school students in North just for the money, which does The Teaching Fellows Program allow a lot of students to go to colis now old enough that the first lege that wouldn't be able to, but the enriching program that goes along with it, which we believe prepares a professional in a better

ROTC

itary after graduation. But the students aren't all camouflage and career. Twice a year they have a formal. On occasion they take trips to places like Fort Bragg to demonstrate their command of critical thinking, management, and communication skills which may later assist them in other walks of life.

Beyond all else, the ROTC program is a close community. "I like the fact that everybody looks out for everybody else," said freshman ROTC student Tracey

So while most of the campus sleeps, in class or in bed, the future military officers are busy



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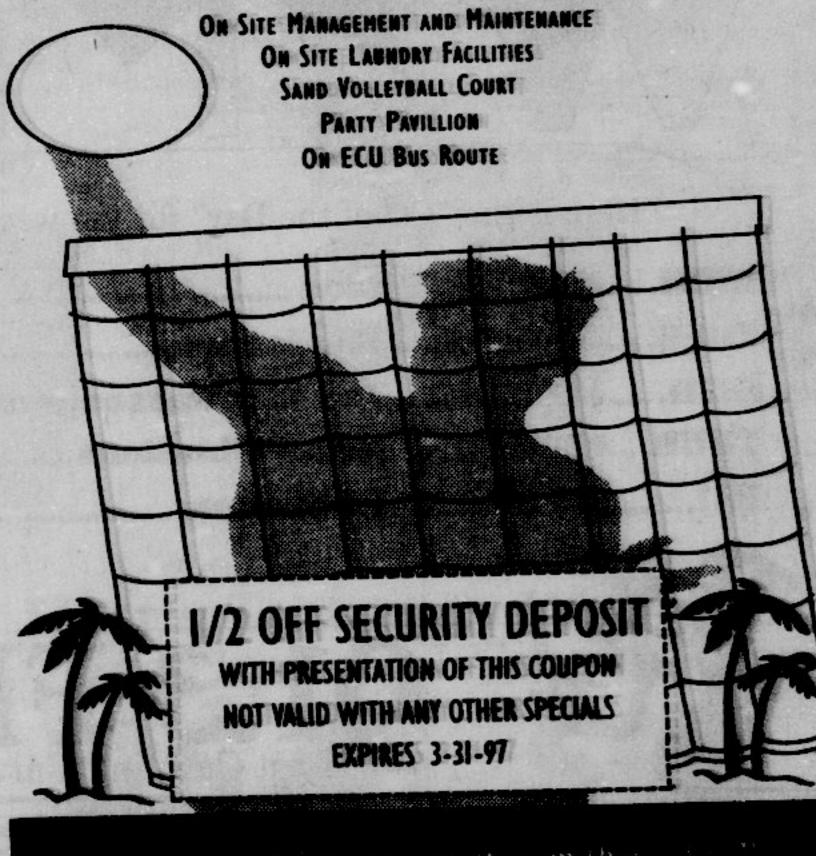


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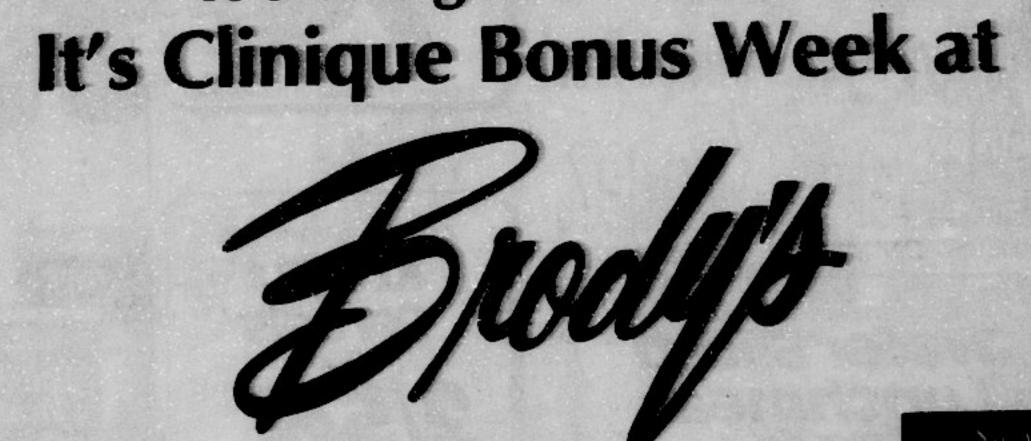
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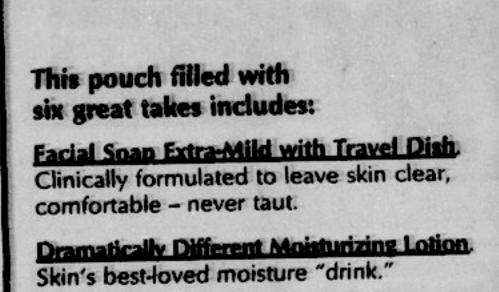


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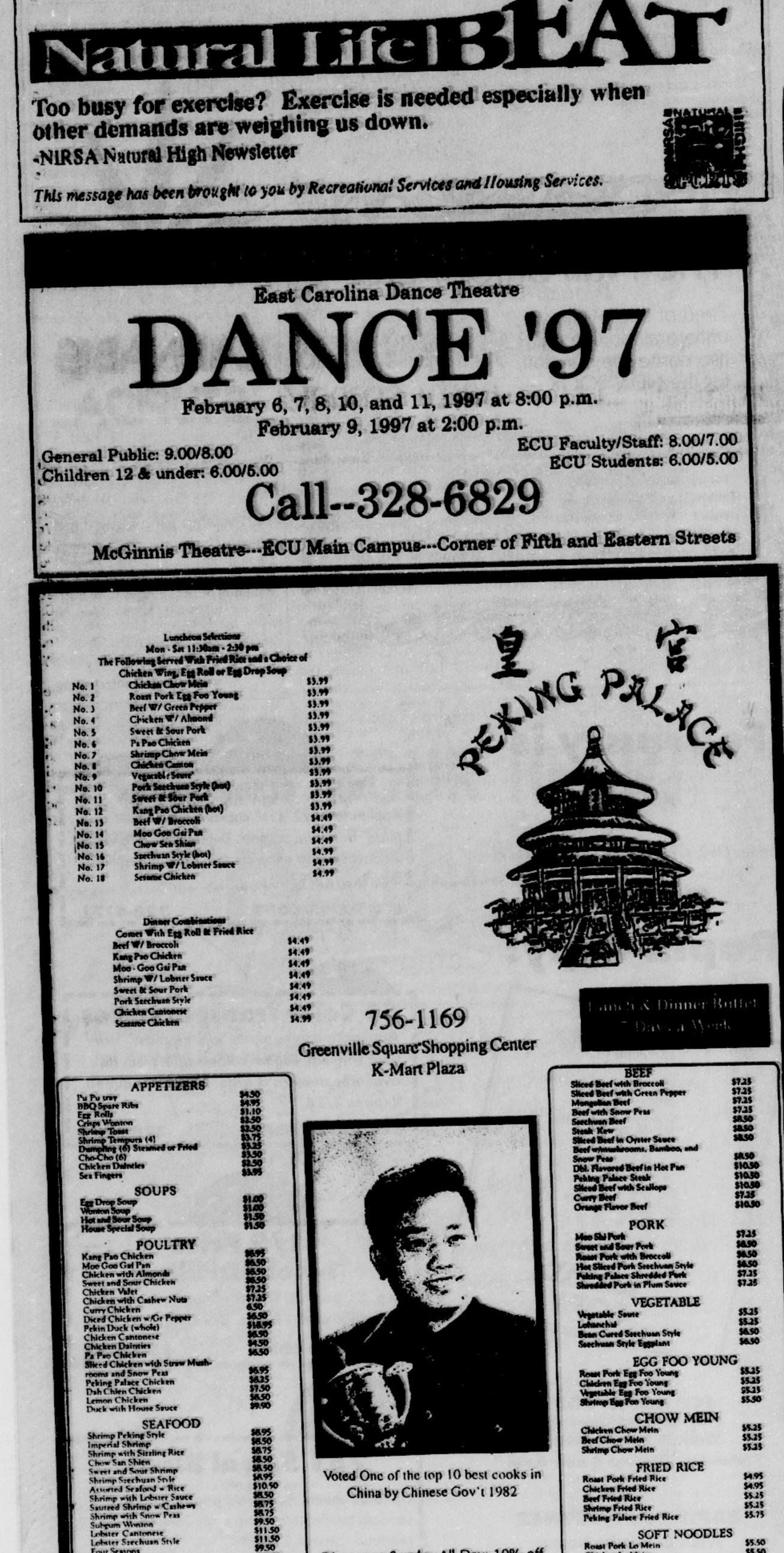
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The Wild West has several connotations, depending on the angle one takes. For some, the Wild West represents a time of adventure and discovery, a time when human sweat and blood paved unimaginable roads for future generations.

For others, the Wild West symbolizes a time of lawlessness and violence where even the most respectable citizen carried a pistol at his or her side. Life was dangerous then; either you defended yourself, or you became the next name on a tombstone.

That was a time long gone. Or so we at TEC thought. Last week, one of our local TV news stations aired a feature detailing the increasing violence that is plaguing Greenville. Considering the Greenville's relatively small size, the city and its citizens have witnessed an inordinate amount of murders within a short period of time.

One can speculate about the causes of such violence, and one can point fingers, but that is not our concern at the moment. What concerns us at TEC is a comment made by someone from the Pitt County Sheriff's office. When questioned about Greenville's violence, an official was quoted as saying Greenville is now like the Wild West, that it is a town of lawlessness.

Fine. He is entitled to that opinion. But he went a step further, a step that should not be taken by any official who represents a community. He said Greenville citizens should arm themselves with guns in an effort to defend themselves.

While we are sure that many local residents may view such a statement as being filled with wisdom and sincere concern, such a statement also endorses vigilante actions. An elected official should be a person the community can look up to and depend on, someone who will work hard to solve the community's problems. We at TEC feel that the official's unthinking statement only increases the problem of local violence; it does not in any form or fashion offer a solution.

We understand that the local law enforcers have their hands full, if not tied, but laws are instated for a specific purpose - to maintain a sense of peace. If the Sheriff's office tells the public to go out and purchase guns, the result can only be an increased state of unrest. What happens when someone decides to use one of those guns, for whatever purpose? Who is going to be the judge and jury who distinguishes a criminal act from a justified act of self-defense?

We don't have any simple solutions.

Community violence is not a simple issue. Many factors play a part in the problem, whether they cultural or economic. What we do firmly believe is that an increase in gun ownership does not deter crime. If anything, it increases the possibility of violent deaths.

Greenville is not the wild west yet. Crime is bad, but crime is a fact of life throughout the entire country. If you want to really experience a taste of the Wild West, stick a gun on the side of every hot shot out there and see what happens. The next drunken fist fight downtown will end up a bit more

messy, and then you'll feel like a true cowboy. Guns are not the solution. There have got to be other paths to travel.



OPINION Ebonics: language or laziness?

Some say it's a dialect. Others say it is slang. The rest say it is a language, but only a select few have any real

apprehend it, to kill it. Many want to prevent it from flourishing. So many people seem to be afraid of it. They are fighting like cats and

Just because a person is in a position of power, or is an educator, does not make that person an expert on

the subject of ebonics. Columnist Stanley Crouch refers know how to teach." At least, he what? Perhaps they feel it is taking So, even though he is against establishing Ebonics as an official language, he seems to be implying that we need

to teach teachers how to teach. How odd! Teaching students how to speak how to teach these children is exactly People are for it. People are what the entire issue of Ebonics Oakland School Board wants to do just that. Teach students and teachers. So does everyone who is for

> Derrick Bell, a law professor, says, "Any damn thing that is out of the main stream of what white people feel comfortable with causes a contro-

Some educated blacks feel that it right. the issue of ebonics brings them down. Down to where? Down to them back away from the white world that they now are a part of and back to their pre-conceived colored

is nothing short of prejudice. Even some blacks seem to have allowed white society to prejudice them

For blacks and society in general to do nothing about the African American elementary and high school student's problems in reading and writing English productively, is like shooting your self in the foot.

It hurts, causes pain, and prevents 'equal rights' for all U.S. citizens. If something is broke and of value to us as a society, we fix it. We make

We need to do something to help our young ill-educated students, before they grow old and become justanother statistic - another human being who never amounts to much, because he or she can't read or write

OPINION

know, the one saying that we're a party school. Well, guess what? We are. ed most with ECU is the ESPN footthrow the best tailgate parties ever. where a fight between students broke that ECU is playing in? If you have, then you know how that whole city is town. And you better believe that

But, do we really want to be known only for our partying skills? What can

we, as students, do to help? Well, way back in the day, ECU party, but we can do it safely, which night clubs, no more turning over cars, are that you go to almost every night.

I'm sure that all of you have heard the and most importantly no more drink- We worship downtown. If we can find rumor going around about ECU. You ing and driving.

The one incident people associat- gun it, we will. There is nothing against Syracuse. You know, the one pened to catch it on tape. Of course, we consume before the game. Everyone took this incident and blew when Halloween comes around, we're it way out of proportion. I mean, yes, why aren't they considered a party our infamous "ECU Mike Tysons" did make us look bad while throwing

punches at each other. But this one the whole university. Another thing that people don't understand about us East Carolinians

is our shrine, downtown. Downtown,

for those of you who aren't aware of

this, is the street where all those bars

a reason to go out and celebrate, Dab What the rest of the world doesn't know to do our homework before we go out and not when we get back. And you know, other colleges have a street like our 5th Street. For example, N.C. State has Hillsborough Street, which has more bars than our 5th Street. So,

It all boils down to one point, we East Carolinians know how to party. incident shouldn't be associated with And yes, we are also proud of our academic side. We do take our studying seriously. But we also know how to have a good time. So, maybe instead of the other colleges trying to put us down, they should come out to the Emerald City and see just what East Carolina is all about.

Faculty/staff would benefit from SRC

I am writing in response to Mr. membership in a fitness center.

Bazluki's letter in the Tuesday, I would also be willing to

our choices for an HMO, ity but there should be some way to

Healthsource, offers \$150 towards a compromise on this issue.

benefits of physical fitness. Current to go towards the Recreation Center? Maybe have faulty and staff pay to use the facility but if it is used by the indimonth, refund the monthly fee? I do not believe that the students should

I feel that decisions are often made by people who may earn a salary where there is discretionary money available they are being nickled and dimed to death and that this is one more exam-

Assistant Director of Student

ple of how the University devalues their employees.

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SGA executives deserve free tuition

members, another \$800 was allocated were as follows: President \$400, vice president \$225, treasurer \$250, and the secretary received \$200. The grand total of these expenditures for for your representation of the tions process. Do your research like I

ter is \$8604, give or take a few. enrolled in the previous semester. amount of time to resolve this issue, sions. There average student is paying a unfortunately, you the students are whopping total of \$.49 to be repre-sented on a state wide level. Many propaganda once again seeing that it is

people will spend this amount in typ- almost time for SGA executive council The truth about SGA spending can ing paper to voice their disapproval of elections. It makes a nice platform amount of money, per student, to have good representation. It is my opinion that the stipend should be withdrawn and only the tuition should be paid. No actual money should switch hands and it would only total approximately

It is an honor to receive free tuition There were 17,479 students The legislature has had a huge

To harp on the negative things sur-

rounding SGA. To act like you are listening to students concerns. There are many things that will influence your decision to vote so pay close attention to what you hear in the upcoming months. Look out for those alterior motives involved in the electhe executive council for one semes- University and not exactly an honor to have and don't accept election boast about a \$400 per month income. promises. More than that, get involved and make your own deci-

> Jonathan Huggins Senior



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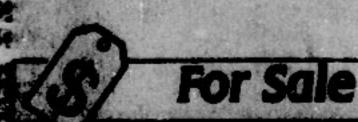
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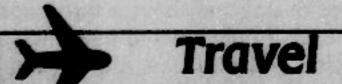
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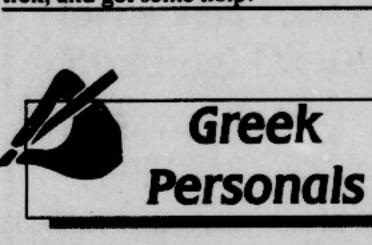
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Personals

HOULD I GO BACK to his place. I has been a long time since... He will respect me more if I meet him again omorrow over a cup of coffee at the Beanbag Cafe on 3rd & Jarvis. WHOEVER IS PUTTING THESE Beanbag Coffee Shops ads in the paper needs to get a life, move out of your parents basement, stop watching star trek, and get some help!



ALPHA PHI WOULD LIKE to than Delta Chi for the awesome bid night party. We had a blast. Let's do it again sometime! Love, the sisters of Alpha

EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA SER-VICE sorority is holding spring Rush February 3-6 in Rawl 105 5:30 pm till 6:30 pm. ESA is affiliated with St. Jude Childrens Hospital. Questions 321-0307. Hope to see you there! SIG PI - CONGRATS ON your successful spring rush. You guys are the best! Love, Alpha Xi Delta.

gether soon. Love, Pi Delta. TO THE BROTHERS OF SIGMA Alpha Epsilon. Congratulations on a successful spring rush. Wish I could have been your "Nametag girl" Keep up the good work! Love Jeanne.

Greek Personals

PI DELTA WILL BE holding an in- CELTIC FIDDLER PAULA formal rush Feb. 17 - 19. Call Ami at 328-3751 for rides and further details. Hope to see you there. Go Greek! THETA CHI, THANKS FOR show-MASK, FINS,& SNORKEL ing us such a great time at bid night Friday. You guys always know how to

> ALPHA PHI WOULD LIKE to congratulate Anne Newton on her recent engagement to Kevin Snead. You are a lucky guy Kevin! Best wishes to both of you. Love the sisters of Alpha Phi! THANKS FOR THE GREAT time Tuesday night. Phi Tau! Love, ZETA SIG EP - THANKS FOR a great bid night/pref party. It was a blast. The sisters and new members of Alpha Xi

> SORRY WE ARE SO late but thank you Sigma for your excellent speaker. She was very wonderful. Love Pi Delta. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW Gamma Alpha pledge class of Alpha Xi Delta: Cyndi Bowman, Holly Drill, Heidi Gant, Katie Hamil, Dana Menture, Lesley Parker, Nicole

sisters of Alpha Xi Delta. TO THE BROTHERS OF Tau Kappa again! Love the sisters and new members of Delta Zeta.

Announcements

PI DELTA, ECU'S ONLY local sorority is holding an informal spring RUSH Feb. 17 - 19 in the Mendenhall Student Center. Come on out and bring a friend. Join us for three days of fun and excitement! For more info call Ami at 328-3751. Go Greek!

THE CAREER SERVICES (O) DE (O) will hold orientation meetings in the Career Services Building for seniors and graduate students on the following dates: Mon. Feb. 10 at 4:00 and Tue. Feb. 18 at 3:00 pm. Students will receive instructions on registering with Career Services, establishing a credentials file, and the procedures for cam-

BISEXUALS, GAYS, LESBIANS AND allies for diversity will meet on February 6, 1997 at 7:30 pm at Mendenhall room 244. Valentine Dance tickets on sale at the meeting \$5.00 per person. Come and learn more about B-GLAD! Bring a friend! Hope to see ECU WOMEN'S LACROSS CLUB has

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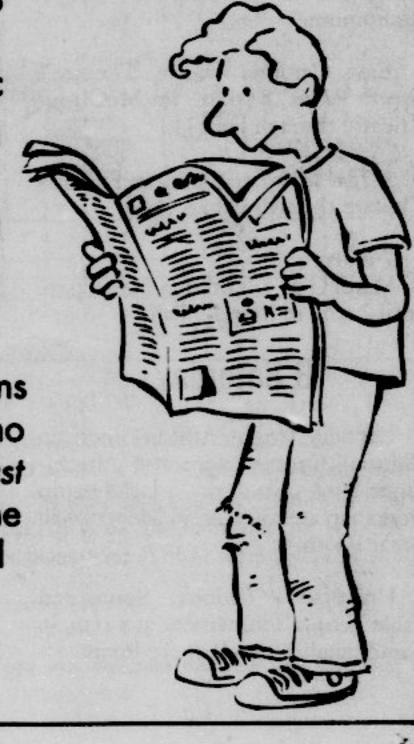
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DEREK T. HALLE SENIOR WRITER

Nerf Herder (a band whose name came from George Lucas' film The Empire Strikes Back) have compiled a debut self-titled album that will thrill you, bore you and leave you standing in no-man's land as soon as it's all said and

The three man band, Steve, Parry, and Charlie, have come up with a groove that touches upon many bands in the music scene at large. With guitar sounds that mimic Green Day and vocal melodies that match up to any

Weezer hit, you'll find that originality isn't their strong suit.

So an original sound isn't what they're looking for. If you ask me, the band has a whole comic approach to what they're doing in the first place. They're playing music together for a living. They're writing songs about Van Halen, having a few laughs, and are constantly moving on to other clubs, making music in the newest local scene.

"Van Halen" is a song about that group which actually pays them much respect. For the early years, when Eddie was playing "Eruption," the song sounds pretty good; however, Nerf Herder takes a turn in its music and

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Faculty and students present Dance '97

Jennifer Coleman

Major: Theatre Education

Home: Wilmington, NC

Senior Writer

Class: Junior

arts some of the finer things in life. Not only do the arts provide ment, but they teach many important skills, hand-eye

recognition of colors and shapes, public

One of the things about art that impresses me the most is that, although everyone can appreciate it, not everyone can do it. Take, for example, poetry. I love to read poems, but can't write them to save my life. Another art form I wish I could do well is dance. I don't mean dance the way we do downtown with that famous, drunken synchronous sway. I mean real dance, like ballet, modern, tap and jazz. I'm a klutz from way back, but I do appreciate dance.

The East Carolina Playhouse perbining the talents of the faculty, guest to close out the first act. Through the Box Office at 328-6829.

guests. This year's program yet not simplistic, composition. includes pieces by faculty members Alan Arnett, Dawn Clark, Joseph Carow, Patricia

The opening performance will be "Opus 9, 24," a pure neoclassic ballet. This piece is choreographed by ballet master Joseph Carow and set to music by Benjamin

Next comes "Avatar," choreo-

Rodger Belman.

graphed by Dawn Clark. It is described as "an exploration of a past or future possibility ... an organic interpretation of what may happen after the descent." "Interplay Two" combines elements of Spanish dance, dance styles from the '20s, mime and cheerleading, as well as props, vaudeville and ballet bravura dancing into an exciting and energetic

graphed by Patricia Pertalion. New Yorker Rodger Belman choreoforms a dance program each year com- graphs a guest piece entitled "Tides"

artists and students. Dance '97 use of patterning and repetition, features pieces choreographed Belman has abstracted various aspects by faculty members and special of ocean movement in this minimalist.

The second act will open with choreographer Patricia Weeks' "Confessions," which combines dance Pertalion and Patricia Weeks and dialogue. The four stories conand guest choreographer tained within "Confessions" concern

what it means to be a woman. Senior dance major Sandy Tillet will perform "The Weakness in Me," a modern jazz solo with music by Melissa Etheridge. Alan Arnett choreographs this story of one person's struggle to overcome lingering dependency on an

Finally, the performances will conclude with "Rhapsody in Blue," a tribute to American movie musicals. Alan Arnett also serves as choreographer her and will put in a cameo appearance.

ex-lover.

Dance '97 opens tonight and will run until Feb. 11 in McGinnis Theatre. All performances are at 8 p.m. except for the Sunday, Feb. 9 performance, which duet. The non-stop romp is choreo- is a matinee at 2 p.m. Students and faculty can purchase discounted tickets with a valid ID. For more information or to order tickets, call the McGinnis

ANDY TURNER SENIOR WRITER

You don't have to get half-cocked beads to experience Mardi Gras. held in Room 221, and the Lady Luck Mendenhall Student Center is your Casino will be open for business in the ways and means to New Orleans on Social Room.

Events Committee of the Division of Student Life are sponsoring this Mardi Gras Celebration scheduled to kick off at 9 p.m. Activities galore are planned, which promise to be just as interesting as chugging Kiwi-fruit

Mardi Des wich a descent of the Najor Main looby and free sinces of King Cake will be given out at the Student Organization booth. If you find the hidden baby in one of the slices, you'll be recognized as royalty and named King or Queen of Mardi Gras.

The Caheere is the Student Organization booth. If you find the hidden baby in one of the slices, you'll be recognized as royalty and named King or Queen of Mardi Gras. Mad Dog with a drag-queen named Henry on Bourbon Street (or whatever boils your crawfish).

Various activities are planned to 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. A spades continue through the night until 2 tournament is slated to begin at 9:30 p.m. Video karaoke will give you the p.m.

chance to sing and shout about it and pins can square off downstairs with free billiards and bowling. They'll tattoo you in the Cynthia Lounge if you Grisham.

Friday night.

The student center, Ronald E.

Dowdy Student Stores and the Major

There will be a contest displaying masks created by students in the masks created by students in the main lobby and free slices of King

The Cabaret in the multi-purpose the Fettucini Brothers, with shows at

A Time to Kill, John Boy Grisham's es are available at the Central Ticket then have it documented forever on a legal thriller, will be shown beginning Office from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and at free video. The hustlers and the king- at 10 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre. resident hall community service desks Viewers are encouraged to place one of them hoodoo-voodoo curses on pick up guest passes at the Central

your butt tattoo to strange men for beads. Bourbon Street Bingo will be King and Queen will take place at desks until 9 p.m. 10:15 in the multi-purpose room. At 11 p.m. in the dining hall, you 4766.

can chug hot sauce to your heart's content - or 'til it explodes - at the Cajun buffet. Then, shake off the sausage jambalaya in the Great Room during the DJ dance, lasting until 1:30 a.m.

There are prizes up the gumbo all night long, including t-shirts, masks, hurricane glasses and secret grand prizes. Grand prizes will be awarded at 1:30 a.m. (You must be present to win.)
The event is free to all ECU

students with a valid ID. One guest per student will be admitted with a guest pass. Guest passfrom 8 a.m. to midnight. On Friday, Ticket Office until 6 p.m. and at the

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LIFESTYLE EDITOR

then that his latest film, Dead Man, has all of

directed by Jarmusch, Johnny Depp plays Bill

Blake, an accountant from Cleveland who wears

quite the nerd. Having recently lost both his par-

named Machine. He has a letter that promises

shows up on the train as a soot-covered fireman and tells Blake, "I wouldn't trust no words written on no piece of paper." He warns Blake about

In this black and white western written and

on the big screen.

Whatever the reason, we

just never get to see some

Jarmusch kills with Dead Man



Johnny Depp plays the quiet, unassuming William Blake in director Jim Jarmusch's black and white western, Dead Man.

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February 6 Thursday

S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series: Bolshoi Symphony Drchestra at 8 p.m. in Wright

Auditorium. East Carolina Dance Theatre's Dance '97 at 8 p.m. in McGinnis

Theatre through Feb. 11. A Time to Kill at 8 p.m. in Hendrix heatre through Feb. 8.

Mardi Gras celebration from 9 p.m. entil 2 a.m. in Mendenhall.

8 Saturday Ledonia Wright African-American Eultural Center sponsored African-American Student Leadership Workshop at 9:30 a.m. in Mendenhall

Great Koom. Table Tennis Tournament at 1 p.m. in Mendenhall Multi-Purpose Room.

Family Fare Series: Black Journey at 2 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

9 Sunday

University Unions Sponsored Darts Tournament at 1 p.m. and Table Soccer Tournament at 5 p.m. in Mendenhall Billiards Center.

Sunday at the Gallery Concert: Louise Toppin, soprano, and Sharon Munden, mezzo-soprano, at 2 p.m. in the Greenville Museum of Art.

10 Monday

Faculty Recital: Britton Theurer, trumpet, and Reiko Ishii, piano, at 8 p.m. in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

International Photography and Digital Image Exhibition at Gray Gallery, through March 4. Faculty Recital featuring Britton

Theurer, trumpet, and Reiko Ishii, piano, at 8 p.m. at A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

12 Wednesday

Thespians of Diversity: Black History play. Tentative. Please call Reginald Watson at 328-6684 for more

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Machine and calls it the end of the line.

Of course, the expected happens and when Blake arrives in Machine, the job has already been taken. He tries to work his way past the manager, played to slimy perfection by John Hurt, so that Jim Jarmusch has a knack for making interesting he can talk to the big boss about the situation. films. If you've ever seen his Night on Earth or But when he succeeds he gets more than he bar-Mystery Train, then you know what I mean. His gains for. The big boss turns out to be the eternal films are filled with strange and bizarre charactough guy, Robert Mitchum, who would just as ters, quirky dialogue and intriguing, often starkly soon shoot Blake as look at him. beautiful, visuals. It should come as no surprise

Penniless and jobless, Blake is lost at the end of the world. And the plot just gets stranger. A series of mishaps turns the once hopeful accountant into a wanted murderer, an outlaw with three bounty hunters on his trail (one of whom is the

sullen and creepy Lance Henriksen). glasses, a bow tie and a plaid suit. He starts out as Blake meets and befriends an outcast Native American (Gary Farmer) who calls himself ents, Blake uses his life savings to travel by train "Nobody" since his name translates literally as from his hometown, Cleveland, to a small town "He who talks loud and says nothing." Nobody mistakenly believes Blake to be the poet William him a job when he gets there. Sounds simple Blake, who is one of the Indian's heroes. Wrong. Within the first few minutes things go wacky. First of all, manic actor Crispin Glover

age but ends up being spiritual. This sacred overtone, as well as much what Jarmusch accomplishes in the film, owes a great

deal to director Ingmar Bergman. The look and feel of Dead Man is reminiscent of Bergman's The Seventh Seal, in which a knight encounters Death and plays chess with him in order to win his life back. The starkness of the wilderness, the monotony of the beginning train ride, the solemnity of Blake's character, even the black and white film stock used, all harken back to Bergman

As much as Jarmusch owes to Bergman, though, he owes more to pop culture. Dead Man is full of pop culture references and representations. Iggy Pop, former lead singer of the Stooges and current solo artist, and Gibby Haines, lead singer for P (a band which features Depp on guitar) and the Butthole Surfers, both make appearances in the film. There are characters in the film named after George Drakoulias, a big-time record producer, and Benmont Tench, a member of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. Two marshals sent to capture Blake are named Lee and Marvin after the hard-nosed actor Lee Marvin. The haunting Throughout the film, Nobody helps Blake with and dismal score for the film is even provided by his journey, one that had begun as a physical voy-

All of these layers of information combine into SEE DEAD, PAGE 10



health **ННИМНННИМННН** minute

Tips shared for preventing STDs

JENNIFER PHILLIPS STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE

Despite the increased public attention given to STDs, many questions and misinformation about STD prevention abound. The intent of this tions the Student Health Service receives about STD prevention. Question: Can a person get an

STD from oral sex? Answer: Yes. The fact is that STDs can be transmitted through unprotected oral, anal and vaginal sex. With specific reference to oral sex, a person can acquire an oral infection of such diseases as chlamydia, herpes, genital warts and gonor-

Although the direct relationship between oral sex and HIV transmission is still debated, there is mounting evidence that HIV can be transmitted through oral sex. The best method of preventing an STD is by practicing abstinence. Specifically, abstinence refers to refraining from oral, anal and vaginal sex.

If people choose to engage in oral sex, some type of barrier should be used to prevent the exchange of bodily fluids. In performing fellatio (oral sex on a male partner), non-lubricated condoms should be used. In performing cunnilingus (oral sex on a dental dam should be used. A dental dam is a piece of square latex that is

"Health Minute" is to address some dom that is cut at both ends and of the most commonly asked ques- down the long way can be a sufficient and convenient alternative for Question: Is there a separate

screening test that can be done for each of the different STDs? Answer: Yes. For example, syphilis requires a blood test. Chlamydia and gonorrhea require a sample of fluids from the vagina or male urethra for lab testing. Herpes and genital warts generally require a physical examination which looks for signs of these diseases. HIV involves a blood test. Unfortunately, there is no such thing

as a single lab test to tell if a person

is completely disease-free.

Students interested in obtaining an STD screening may make an appointment at the Student Health Service by calling 328-6317. When making an appointment, indicate to the appointment secretary that you would like an appointment for a "personal reason" and specify your preference for either a male or a

female health care provider. There is no charge for seeing a Student Health Service health care female partner), a barrier such as a provider. If the provider recommends screening tests, there is a reasonable fee associated with having placed over the area in which oral sex these tests done. The Student is to be performed on the female Health Service does not provide HIV partner. If dental dams are difficult antibody testing. Students interestto find, a non-lubricated male con- ed in a free and anonymous HIV test

Department of Health at 413-130 Question: How effective are con doms at preventing STDs?

Answer: Latex condoms a effective in reducing the risk for deease transmission, but they do no provide 100 percent protection, When latex condoms are used consistently, correctly and with a spetr micide, they may have a failure rate as low as two percent. When condoms are not used both consistently and correctly with every act of intercourse, the failure rate could be as high as 15 percent.

Question: Is one brand of condom better than the others? Answer: The answer to this quest tion is not precise. Condoms and

considered a personal product, like laundry detergent or toothpaste. Everyone seems to have a preference for a particular brand. In the May 1995 edition of Consumer Reports, the following con-

doms were ranked as the top five in the category of "burst index:" Excita Extra Ultra-Ribbed, Ramses Extra Ribbed, Sheik Elite, Lifestyle Vibra-Ribbed and Ramses Extra. Products with the higher scores on this index should offer greater assurance against breakage in use. (The Student Health Service does not endorse any of the products listed above. The information was sup-

plied for educational purposes only.)

All condoms sold in the U.S. have to meet the standards put forth by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Therefore, if people find a brand that does not cause any problems and they like it, there is no reason to switch brands.

If you have questions pertaining to STD prevention, please call the Student Health Service Health Educator at 328-6794.

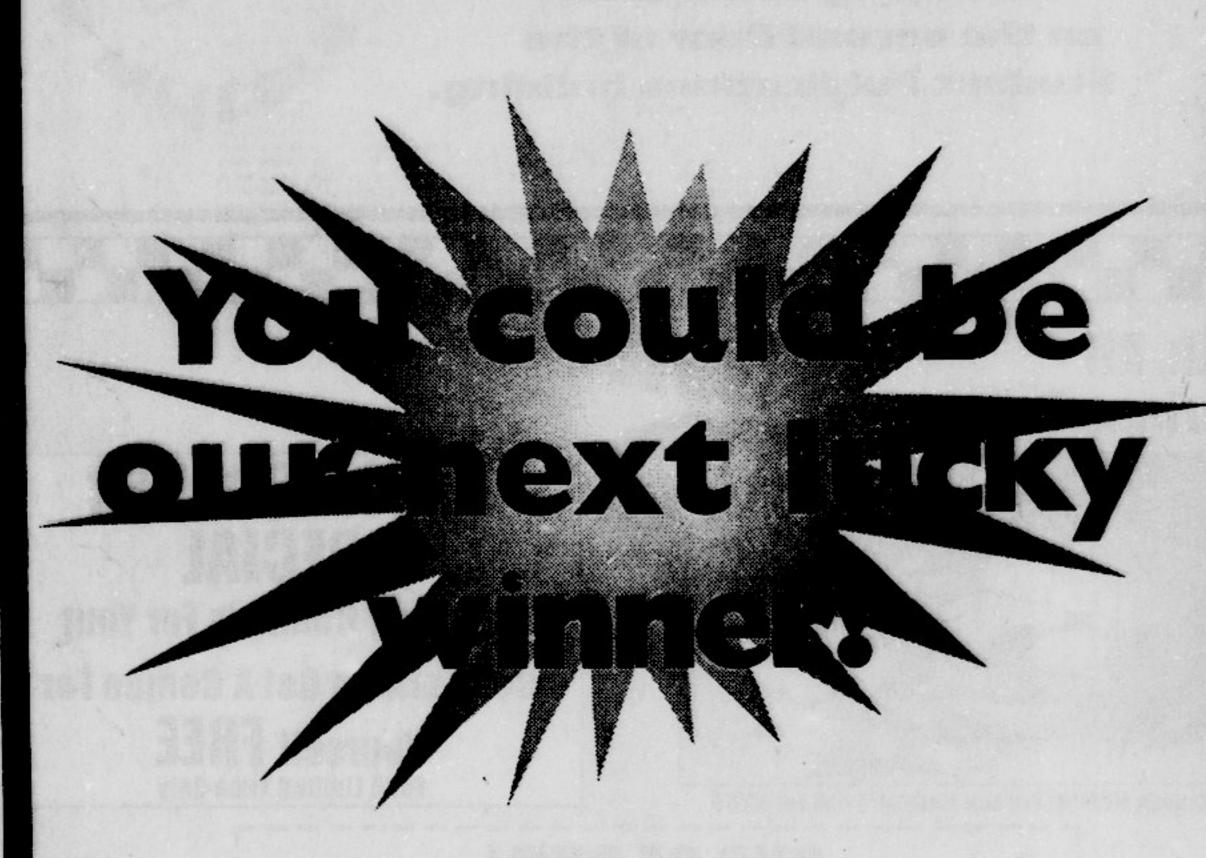


Vote For Your God

Last weeks results at the Wright Place in, "Who answers your prayers?" Are as follows:

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- 1 Buddha 1 - Mother Earth
- 1 Agnostic

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Court upholds Internet case as free speech

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Pormer University of Michigan student

"I feel that a society has a right to conitor elements it might consider flensive," Baker said. "In this case, the

careful monitoring turned into a mass hysteria and a witch hunt."

Baker was first charged for the rape and murder story. But federal authori-

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unequivocal act. In their majority opin-ion, U.S. Appeals Court Judges Boyce Martin and Martha Daughtrey agreed

before the full 16-judge federal appeals

Supreme Court.

"You must look at the person the message was intended for. By no stretch of the imagination was Gonda threatened by the e-mail," Baker's attorney Douglas Mullkoff, said. "The story was only shown to the woman after the U-M Department of Public Safety found it. The purpose of the e-mail was to fos-ter a friendship about sexual fantasies."

FBI Special Agent Greg Stejskal,
the chief investigator in the case, said the ruling raised the standard for prov-

according to these two judges, is that you must look at the subjective intent.
Was he just kidding? Who decides?"

Howard Simon, director of the American Civil Liberties Union of

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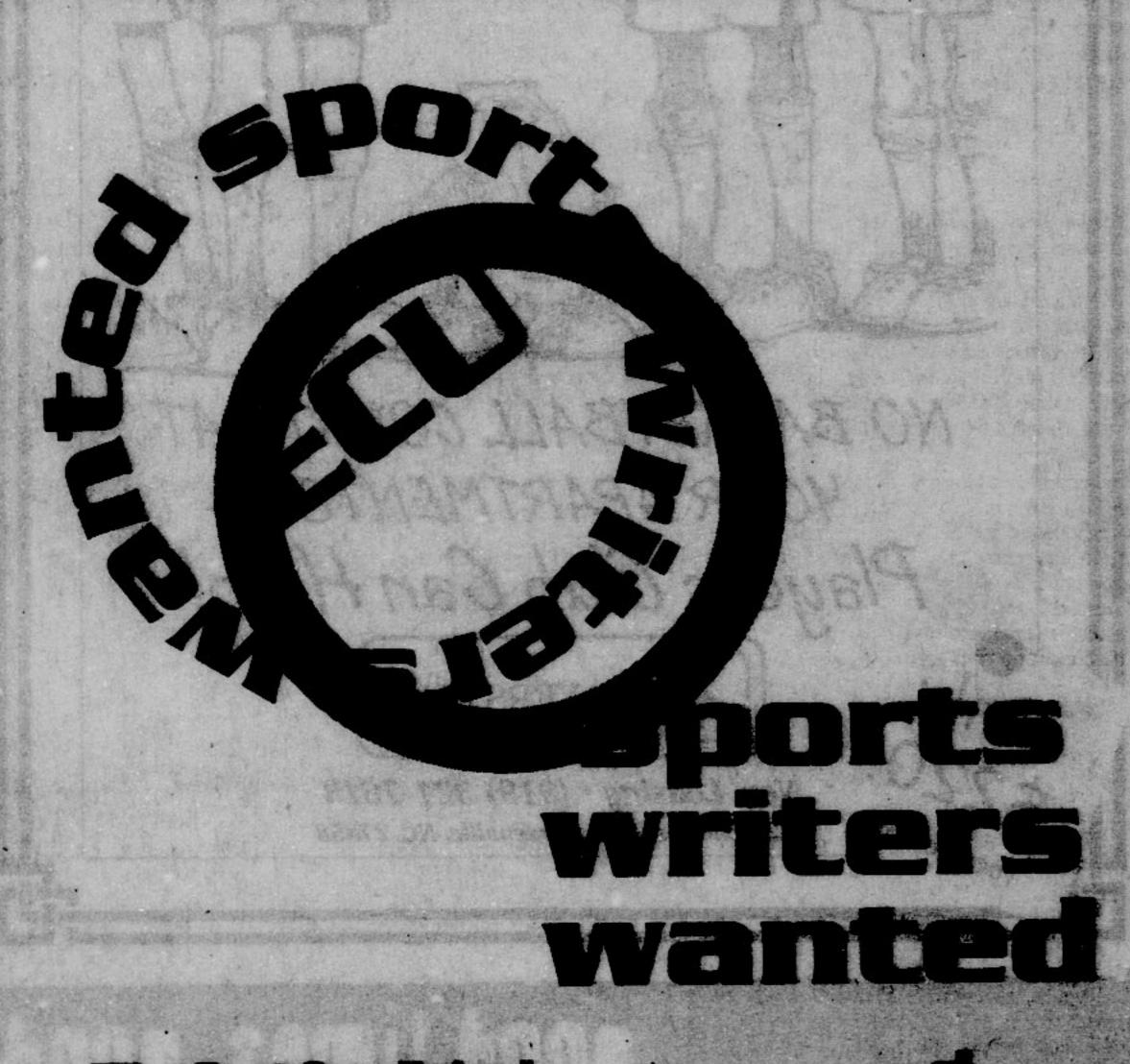
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Rodman Reinstated To Bulls

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Dennis Rodman, mindful that he could face banishment from the NBA if he takes another wrong step, returns to the Chicago Bulls next week. And he'll be playing for free until next month.

Suspended without pay by the NBA since kicking a courtside cameraman during a game between the Bulls and Minnesota Timberwolves on Jan. 15, Rodman was reinstated by the league Tuesday, effective after the All-Star break.

"I think it's unfortunate for the fans and everybody else that it occurred," Rodman said Tuesday night at halftime of the game between the Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Clippers at the Anaheim Arena. "I'm glad I can come back and play like I do again.

"I could say I'm sorry until I'm blue in the face, and it wouldn't prove anything. But I'm going to play for free. That shows that it isn't all about

Rodman's agent, Dwight Manley, said earlier in the day that his client, as a gesture of appreciation to his fans, will play his first 11 games after the suspension "for free, and donate the money on behalf of himself and the Bulls to 11 assorted charities."

No Breakthroughs at Umpires Meeting

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Baseball's big summit meeting of players, umpires and owners failed to produce any changes in the sport's disciplinary

Instead, as often happens in sticky situations, baseball created a committee to study the matter.

"You kind of have to lay yours cards on the table, and we did," New York Yankees pitcher David Cone said after Tuesday's six-hour session. "There will be more meetings of this nature, probably on a smaller scale. We're not

going to solve all the problems of the world in one day."

Umpires are still angry over the Roberto Alomar spitting incident.

Players are upset that umpires sometimes spark confrontations instead of diffusing them. Owners are frustrated that neither players nor umpires are overly cooperative.

In a meeting that included speeches by players, umpires, general managers, the league presidents and acting commissioner Bud Selig, each side "vented," according to several participants. While the talk got heated at times, it remained civil, according to people in the meeting who spoke on the condition they not be identified.

Injuries Knock Barkley, Drexler Out of All-Star Game

NEW YORK (AP) - Charles Barkley on Tuesday ruled himself out of the All-Star game because of an ankle sprain, and teammate Clyde Drexler later aggravated a hamstring injury that will force him to miss the game, too.

The NBA selected Detlef Schrempf of the Seattle SuperSonics to take Barkley's place, and a replacement for Drexler should be named

Drexler reinjured his right hamstring late in the fourth quarter of a 99-95 loss to the New York Knicks. He had returned Sunday from the injury,

which sidelined him for the previous two games.

Barkley, picked as a Western Conference starter in fan balloting, has missed the Houston Rockets' last seven games because of a sprained right ankle. He said he expects to return to the lineup a week from Priday against

"I made up my mind today when I tried to practice and I couldn't do some stuff," Barkley said before the game against the Knicks. "I'm not ready to play tonight, and I don't think it's fair to jeopardize the rest of our season just so I can play in the All-Star game."

Bowler Sets Three-game Series Record

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - Jeremy Sonnenfeld is going into the record books as the first bowler to roll three consecutive perfect games in competition.

"It's total elation," the University of Nebraska sophomore said Tuesday after learning that his feat was being officially recognized by the American

Sonnenfeld, 20, a business major, bowled the 36 strikes in a row on Sunday in Lincoln.

"It is the equivalent of someone getting three holes in one on a 540-yard par five," he said. "It's something nobody thought could be done."

Jack Mordini of the ABC compared Sonnenfeld's feat with the golfing exploits of Tiger Woods, the only person to win three straight U.S. Amateur

"Obviously, he should receive all the adulation that anyone setting a world record should receive," Mordini said of Sonnenfeld. Bowling's sanctioning body, the ABC has kept records for 101 years.

Sonnenfeld is the first to officially hit 36 strikes in a three-game series. Sonnenfeld will be presented with an award Saturday at opening cere-monies of the 1997 ABC amateur tournament in Huntsville, Ala., which

includes 9,285 teams competing over four months. Cigar Wins Second Straight Horse of the Year Award

NEW YORK (AP) - Jerry Bailey, who rode Cigar around the world and into the record books, summed up the horse's career pretty well.

"I appreciate what Cigar did for me," Bailey said Tuesday night, "but I think we should all appreciate what he did for racing." Cigar became the first horse since Triple Crown winner Affirmed in 1979 to win consecutive Horse of the Year awards, and it also completed his second straight sweep of Eclipse awards. On Jan. 10, he was named best older

horse or gelding in North America after winning five of eight starts, including the \$4 million Dubai World Cup and Woodward Stakes. Cigar, who reached celebrity status even outside racing circles, was the overwhelming choice of the three voting groups - the Thoroughbred Racing Associations, National Turf Writers Association and Daily Racing Form. Skip

Away, the 3-year-old champion, was the only other horse to receive votes. Cigar received 28 of 29 votes from the TRA, 109 of 118 from the Daily Racing Form and 131 of 145 from the turf writers. Skip Away had a total of 25 votes.

"I want to thank the other members of the Dream Team, Jerry Bailey and Bill Mott," owner Alan Paulson said, also referring to Cigar's trainer. "I sure hope I get another Cigar."

That doesn't seem very likely.

TRIVIAtime

The 46th annual NBA All-Star game will be held this weekend in Cleveland. Name the only player to be named the MVP of the All-Star game four times in his career?

Minneapolis) and '62. Bob Pettit of St. Louis, in 1956, '58, '59 (co-MVP with Elgin Baylor of

Pirates drop road game by two

AMANDA ROSS

SPORTS EDITOR

The Pirates had a chance to extend their first place possession in the CAA Monday night, in Washington, D.C., but American University spoiled their plans.

The Eagles dropped ECU 63-61. Nathan Smith shot a three for AU Small grabbed the rebound and put the ball back for the Eagles' lead. Being in these situations before, ECU called their last time-out and

LADY PIRATE TIME

OUT

The women's basket-

ball team takes a time

out to discuss the

game plan, during a

recent home game

against Coastal

Carolina. The Lady

Pirates will return

home this Sunday to

host Richmond

University in more CAA

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down the court and in the net with cent from the charity stripe. three seconds left. Jonathan Kerner inbounded the Pirates missed out on opportunities

ball to Othello Meadows who put up the shot to tie/win the game. (The referees were calling the shot a three, but Meadows' foot was on the line.) However, the ball hit the rim but failed to go in, as time ran out and the Eagles upset the Pirates.

Raphael Edwards was the leading scorer for ECU, pouring in 15 points and grabbing a team high eight rebounds. Tony Parham, a D.C. native, was next with 12 points

The Pirate hot 55 percent from

drafted up a plan to get the ball from the three point arc and 50 per-Head Coach Joe Dooley said the

> that could have sealed the victory. "The bottom line was simple execution," Dooley said. "We didn't produce - second shot opportunities just absolutely killed us." Parham said AU got the best of made tough shots at the end and

end," Parham said. "They out hustled us for all the loose balls. They were a step faster in the last six minutes of the game."

But, he said, that Meadows gave it his all with the last shot.

"On our side, 'O' got a good look," Parham said. "You can't ask for any

more than that." Alico Dunk agrees with Parham that AU made some tough shots with little time left in the game. "We were in a pretty good situation to win the game but we kind of let down there at the end and they

them in the remaining minutes of that kind of hurt us," Dunk said. The Pirates now fall to 7-4 in the "We kind of lost our poise at the CAA and 14-6 overall. ECU will hit the road for Saturday's game against Jacksonville State in Alabama for a non-conference match up. The Pirates will return home for the Feb.

hosting of Virginia Commonwealth at 7 p.m.



Managers keep equipment in tact

TRAVIS NEWKIRK STAPP WRITER

There are many groups that deal with ECU athletics in some form everyday. One of these groups is the

ECU equipment managers. Many people have never heard of an equipment manager, or have any idea what an equipment manager does. The main job of an equipment manager is to make sure an athlete has everything that he or she needs to play the game at a maximum level. This means if a baskerball player needs some new basketball shoes, an equipment manager will provide the new shoes.

Being an equipment manager is important because he or she is behind the scenes until he or she are needed. Much of an equipment manager's success depends on the

amount of the pride that he or she takes in the job. Jason Roberson, assitant equip-

ment manager, and six year veteran says he takes pride in his work; that's why he's successful. "Anybody can do this job, but the success rate is how much you put in to it," Roberson said. "My favorite sport to manage is football because

of the traveling, and the big crowds.

This spring I'll be doing baseball, and it will be a learning experience." Getting into equipment managing is easy. There are some people who have never played a sport who are equipment managers. One of the main things that must be learned is responsibility and safety, especially the safety of a football player, because of the high impact collisions that occur on each and

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DERRICK GAMBLE - DL, 6-5, 260, Neptune, N.J., (Valley Forge {Pa.} Military Academy)

Registered 37 tackles in 1996 at Valley Forge Military Academy...also had 6.5 sacks...deflected five passes and recovered three fumbles...runs 4.58 40-yard dash...attended same high school as current Pirate players Gonzalez...member of the 1995 state championship team...caught eight touchdown passes as a senior...second on the team in tackles...named firs team All-Shore...also named third team all-state.

MITCH GRIZZARD - TE, 6-6, 230, Grifton, N.C. (Ayden-Grifton HS) Selected All-Coastal Plains 2-A conference as a junior and Daily Reflector second team All-Area...was senior...had 12 receptions for 305 yards and three touchdowns as a

ELLIOTTE HARTGROVE - WR, 6-5, 220, Shelby, N.C. (Crest HS)
Helped lead Crest HS to the state 4-A championship...as a senior pulled in 35 receptions for 500 yards

and three TD's...named to the All-Northwest 4-A Conference squad and the North Carolina Prep News all-state team...named by Athlon College Football Magazine in 1996 preview edition as one of the top wide receiver prospects in the Atlantic Coast region...clocked at 4.7 in the 40-yard dash and bench presses 325 pounds...caught 21 passes for 234 yard and one TD in junior campaign...notched five receptions for 56 yards and a TD in sophomore season...two year starter at TE.

HOSEA JAMES - LB, 6-4, 218, Jacksonville, N.C. (Jacksonville

Named as the Jacksonville Daily News area defensive player of the year as a senior...also selected to the All-Midwestern Conference squad as a junior and a senior...ranked as the a pre-season all-state selection as a No. 16 prospect in the state by the SuperPrep magazine...totaled 75 tackles and four sacks in senior camjunior...averaged 12.3 yards per paign...also saw action at tight end reception as a senior and also aver- making one catch for nine aged six tackles a game on yards...runs a 4.65, 40-yard dash...a defense...also averaged 37 yards per two year starter at LB position.

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STEPPIN' UP TO THE PLATE



Rhonda Rhoust steps up to bat for the Lady Pirate softball team, during spring PHOTO BY DAVID FINCH

REMINDER

The women's basketball team will host the Lady Spiders of Richmond this Sunday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m. in Minges. Go and support your Lady Pirates.

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Virginia Beach, Va. (Tallwood HS) 1996 Virginia Beach defensive player of the year...selected to the alldistrict team as a defensive back and kick returner...1996 Virginia Beach Outstanding Male Athlete...averaged three and one half yards per carry as a senior...three year starter...team cap-

ARNIE POWELL - QB, 6-5, 205, Deep Creek, Va. (Deep Creek HS) Regarded among the top prospects in the state of Virginia...threw for over 2,600 yards during his career...also tossed 31 career touchdown passes and ran for eight TD's...had a completed percentage of 55 percent...as a prep senior running the Wing-T offense at Deep Creek, Powell completed 41 of 72 pass for 786 yards and nine TD's...rushed for 279 yards...was team Offensive MVP in 1996...named Southeastern District Offensive Player of the year in 1996...also selected to the all-regional and All-Tidewater teams...three

CHRIS NELSON - OT, 6-6, 280,

year starter...led the team to the 1994

Virginia State AAA championship game...record as a starter was 33-4.

Hickory, N.C. (Hickory HS) A Western Piedmont 3-A All-Conference selection...consistenth graded out high by Hickory coaching staff...a former soccer goalie, has only played one year of varsity football...led Hickory to the 1996 3-A State title and an undefeated 16-0 record...set a new record of 300 pound in the power clean in the Catawba County liftoff...bettered the previous record of 265 pounds.

CHARLIE ROBINSON - DB, 6-0,

170, Vorhees, N.J. (Eastern HS) A versatile athlete who played cornerback, quarterback, punter and place-kicker last season...recorded 31 solo tackles, three interceptions and five deflections...rushed for 386 yards last season...three for two touchdowns in wishbone offense...help lead team to 7-3 record...missed las games of season after suffering con-cussion in seventh game...as junior, he started at wide receiver...named all-conference at quarterback as senior in Olympic Conference...led his team to state payoffs last season.

WESLEY STURDIVANT - OT, 6-4, 296, Fayetteville, N.C.

(Fayetteville 71st HS)
Ranked as the No. 12 prospect in the state by SuperPrep magazine...named to the All-Mid-South Conference team as well as the Payetteville Observer All-Cape Fear Region squad...one of the strongest incoming Pirates, benches 375 pounds, squats 550 and dead-lifts 495...clocked at 5.5 in the 40-yard dash...team just missed the playoffs with a 6-3 record in '96...was also recruited by Wake Forest, Tennessee, and Ohio University.

AARON WALKER - DT, 6-3, 280,

Columbia, S.C. (Irmo HS)
A 1996 All-State 4-A selection...a
two time All-Region III and all-area North/South All-Star game...three year starter and 1996 team cap-tain...recorded 59 tackles, six sacks, two fumble recoveries and two blocked kicks.

KEVIN WARD - QB, 6-3, 180, Kinston, N.C. (Fork Union Military

Academy) Currently attending Fork Union where he played last season...set Kinston school single-season record for passing years with 1,602 and four touchdown passes with 16...connected on 98 of 207 attempts senior sea-son...as a junior, threw for 1,165 yards while tossing nine TD passes, also dubbed Kinson's offensive MVP as a senior...played back-up quarterback as a sophomore and registered some the All-Big East Team as a well as the All-Area squad in 1995...listed as No. 37 prospect in state by SuperPrep magazine...runs a 4.55, 40-yard dash.

BERNARD WILLIAMS - DE, 6-5, 212, Winston-Salem, N.C. (North

Forsyth HS) Selected to the Winston-Salem Journal All-Northwest team and was runner up for defense player of the year in the All-Metro 4-A conference...logged 12 sacks as a senior...also has made three interceptions over the last two years...clocked at 4.65 in the 40-yard dash...was also recruited by Clemson, Wake Forest, Maryland and Virginia Tech.

JOHN WILLIAMSON - DB, 6-2, 215, Cerro Gordo, N.C. (West

twice...averaged 5.3 yards per carry as a senior...threw for over 700 yards in 1996,...intercepted four passes during his final season...22 total tackles

in 1996...played quarterback and running back as well...runs a 4.6, 40-yard dash.

MARCUS BRYSON - TE, 6-5, 240,

Laurens, S.C. (Laurens HS) One of the top prospects in South Carolina...had 25 catches for 520 yards and 8 TDs at tight end as a senior last season...also played defensive end as a senior recording 13 sacks and had 102 total tackles...represented South Carolina in the Shrine Bowl...selected as the No. 3 prospect in the state of South Carolina by the Charlotte Observer...listed as a "Top Blue Chip in Atlantic Coast" region in '96 pre-view edition of Athlon College Football...named all-state in football and basketball...named all-conference in Region 1-4A...three year start at tight end and defensive end...won the offensive receiver MVP award from Laurens...finished his career with 75 receptions for 1,128 yards and 30 TDs...defensively he collected 162 tackles, with 14 sacks and two interceptions at defensive end...runs a 4.7, 40-yard dash.

PERNELL GRIFFIN - LB, 6-3, 221, Williamston, N.C. (Williamston

One the Pirates most highly tout-ed signees...ranked as No. 2 prospect in the state by Southern Recruiting Magazine...named to '96 AP all-state team...runs a 4.65, 40-yard dash...selected to the Shrine Bowl game...all-conference in junior and senior years...first- team allsate...Daily Reflector's Defensive Player of the Year...named to the Relfcletor's All-Area Team...also listed by the Charlotte Observer as one of the state's top prospects...also named to the Washington Daily News All-Area Team...selected by Athlon College Football as a top "Blue Chip" Columbus HS)

Two-time all-conference selection...team MVP in 1996...named to the All-Columbus County team twice...averaged 5.3 yards per carry as

Tootoan as a top blue Chip prospect in Atlantic Coast region...recorded 166 tackles in 1996, including 98 solos...also had 35 quarterback pressures...helped the Tigers to the 1995 Class I-A state



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every play. Lives are at stake every time a player puts on a helmet and shoulderpads. When an athlete feels tentative about the way the equip-ment feels, he or she is more prone

to get injured.

In order to ensure that a player with any sport is as safe as he or she can possibly be, a new movement has been developed from the professional ranks of equipment managing down to the high school level. This movement is called equipment management certification. This certification test concentrates on the areas of fitting equipment, inventory, maintenance, laundry, accounting and management skills. Head ECU Equipment Manager Dan Glinski believes the certification test is a good thing.

The certification protects you in cases of tragedy. With the certifi-

cation you are seen by your peers as being knowledgeable of equipment managing. You can't be accused of not properly knowing how to fit an athlete, "Glinski said. equipment managing jobs and internships, but has now settled

down at ECU as the head equip-

The equipment management job doesn't come without criticism. If a school plays on national TV, the following days will bring calls from other equipment managers from across the country. Typical questions would be: What kind of uniforms do you wear or what kind of polish do you use to make the football helmets shine?

ment," Glinski said.

Georgia Tech for a year, and I was with the Atlanta Falcons for six months. During that time I learned

a lot of ways of handling equipment.
We even use the internet to find out
different ways of handling equip-

The hours of an equipment manager can be tough. During the fall an equipment manager's workday can start at 5:30 a.m. and not end until 5 p.m. that evening.
"During the fall season I generally work an 80 hour work week. On average 12 hours a day," Glinski

The next time you go to a sporting event, take notice of the damage free uniforms and equipment. The uniforms and equipment are in this condition because of the team behind the team, the equipment managers. Without their hard work and dedication, ECU athletics would be at a lower standard.

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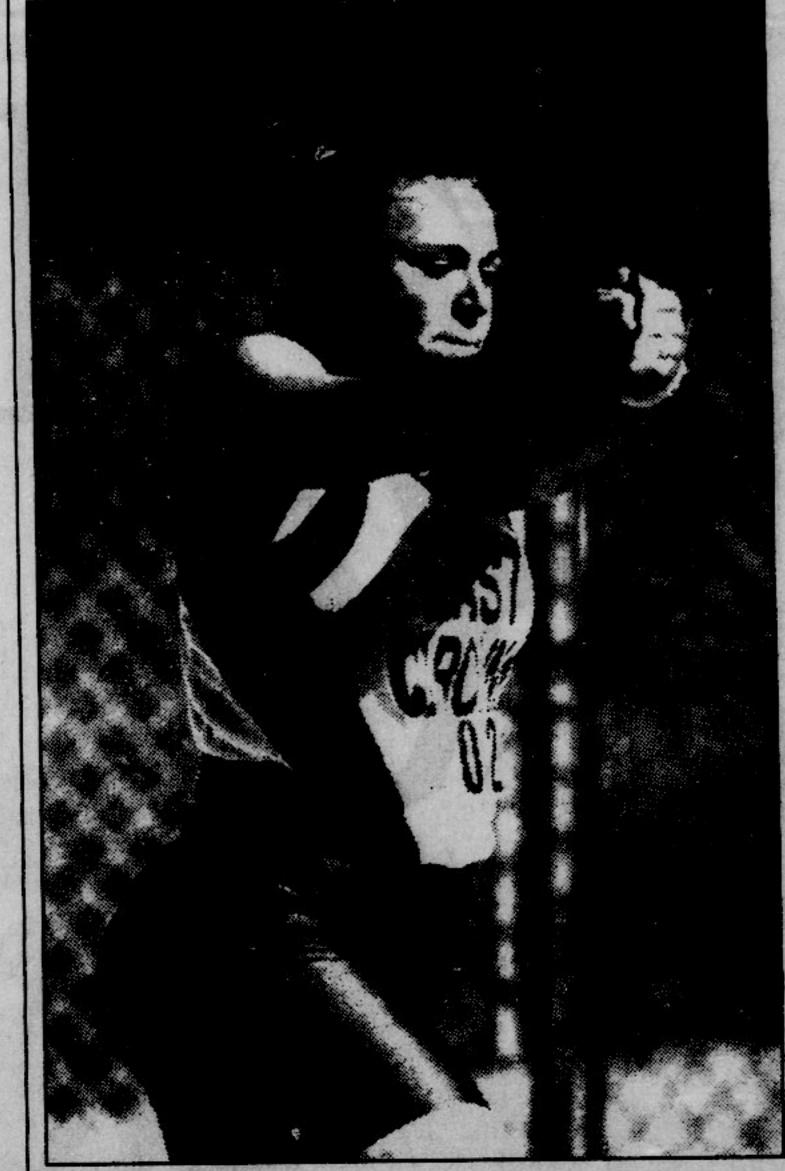
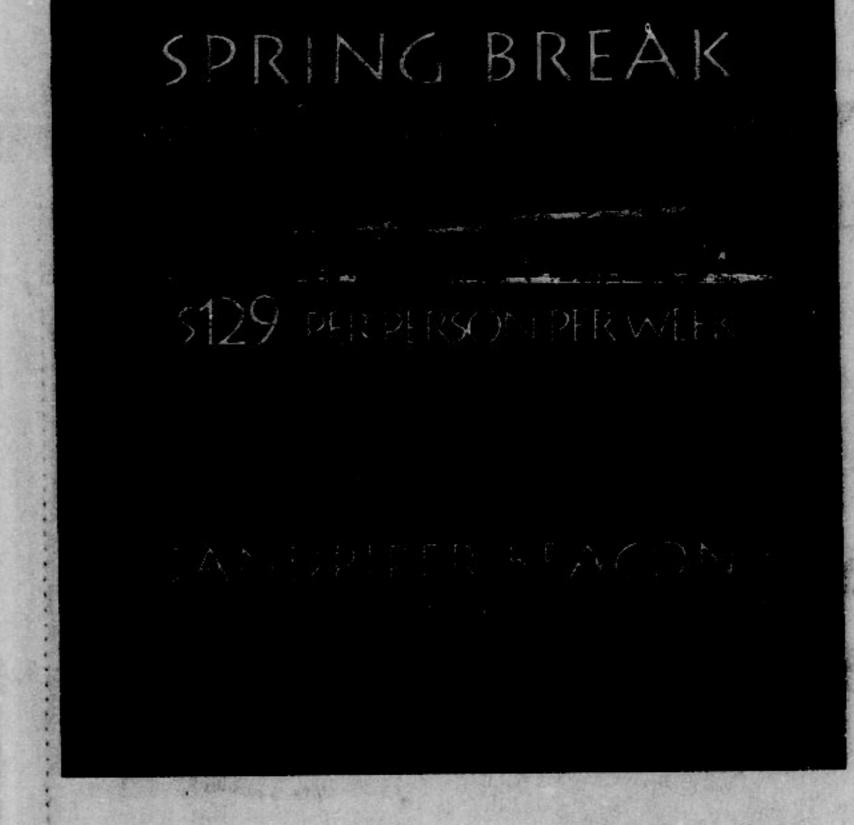
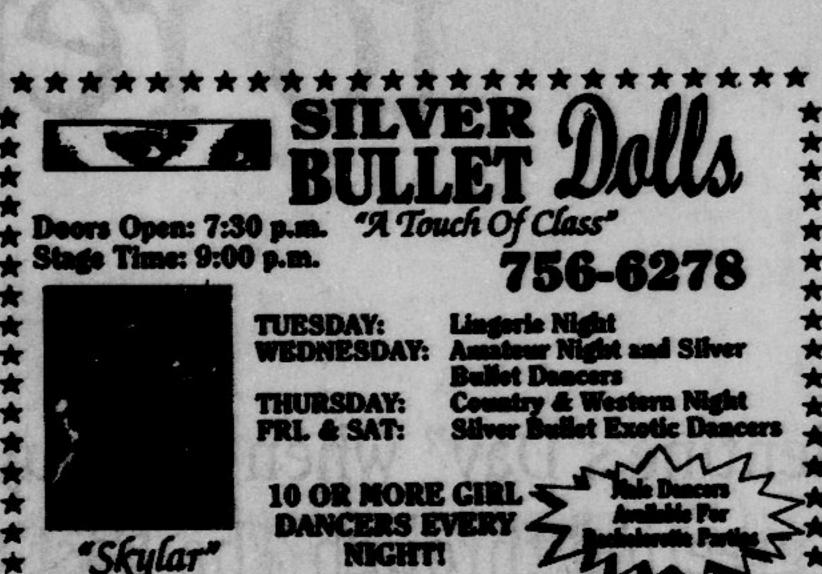


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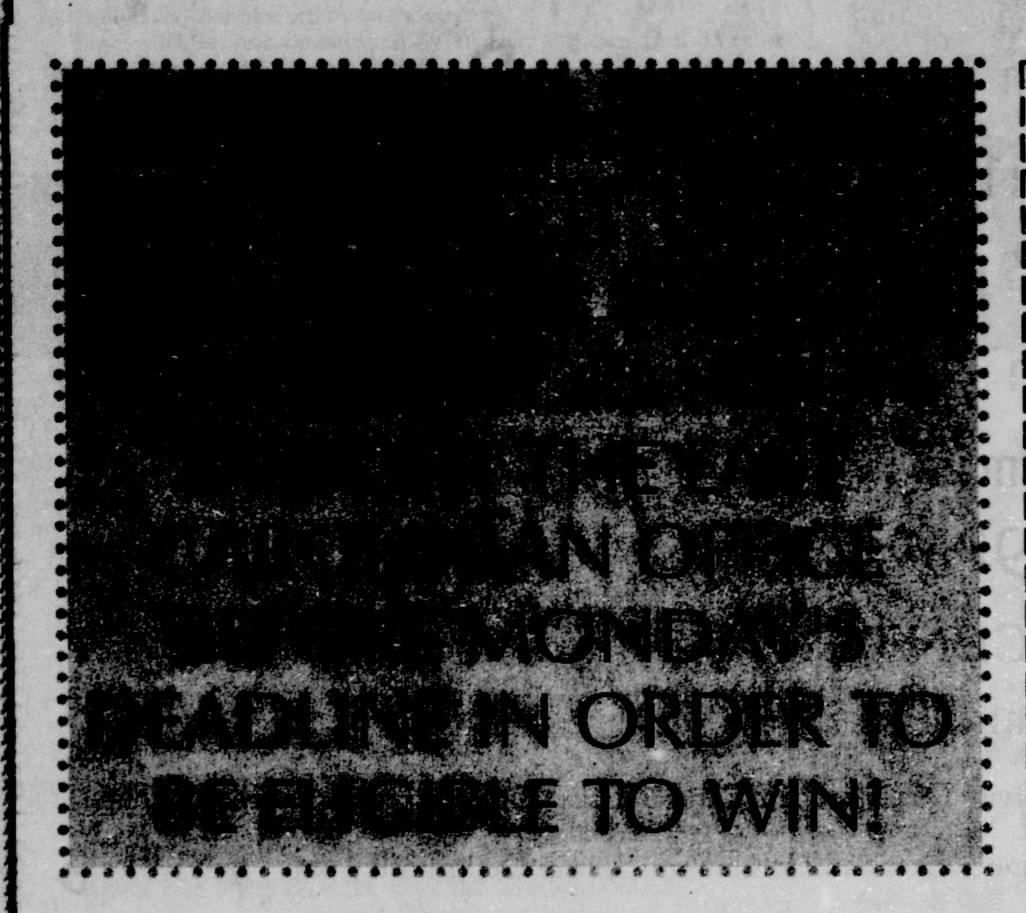
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