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Students' near-fatal drug use reflects designer drug popularity

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Two students hospitalized after collapsing at a late-night party are evidence of the popularity of a new and dangerous "designer drug." A 22-year-old ECU student, and a 21-year-old Pitt Community College student were found unconscious on the front lawn of 506 E. 10th St. on April 4. Several members of the Sigma Pi Fraternity, who were sponsoring a late-night party, notified the Greenville Rescue Squad when they found the students on their lawn, unable to breathe.

Rescue personnel arrived on the scene at 3:46 a.m. and found the students in a coma-like state. The students were taken to Pitt County Memorial Hospital and placed on respirators. Both students were released from the hospital on April 5.

Greenville Police found a Coke bottle filled with a clear liquid at the scene. Analysis by the State Bureau of Investigation revealed the liquid to be gamma hydroxy butyric, or GHB. GHB, also known as scoops and liquid ecstasy, is a clear, oily liquid which, when ingested, gives users a quick high, followed by heavy sedation.

Using alcohol as a chaser to GHB is potentially deadly. The mixture may cause extremely slow breathing or total respiratory collapse. GHB can be made at home using chemicals, but officials warn that unskilled "kitchen chemists" could produce samples with unknown side effects.

Pitt County Memorial Hospital has documented several cases involving GHB in the last 30-60 days. While this drug is not illegal to possess, police are still investigating where the students obtained it. Jeff Yurfest, president of Sigma Pi, expressed concern that GHB is becoming too popular and people were associating it with fraternities.

"They were downtown drinking and they came here during a late night," Yurfest said. "They apparently took the GHB, but I have no idea if they took it here or not. I got home from work and there were two people passed out in our yard."

Yurfest said he fears the incident will cause people to associate the drug with the Greek system.

"Neither of them were members of this fraternity or of the Greek

system," Yurfest said. "They just happened to be here when they collapsed. It could have happened anywhere, but it kind of sucks that it happened here."

Yurfest also emphasized that the house on 10th Street is the home of a few fraternity members and not the Sigma Pi fraternity house.

"We have never had this kind of problem here," Yurfest said. "It isn't like someone was passing it (GHB) out from the fraternity. It's a shame after all the effort that the Greeks have put in to clean up our image on this campus that something like this happened."

Students said the incident reflects the popularity GHB has gained in the Greenville area.

"It's big on campus," said ECU student Rebecca Ann Reynaud. "It's all around. It's at the bars and its in the parties."

There have been conflicting reports over whether or not GHB can be detected in a drink. The high absorption rate of the drug often prevents it from being detected in the emergency room.

"It does have a very strong taste," said another student Ted Rowell. "It's very salty."

Donna Walsh, director of the Office of Health Promotion and Well-being, said GHB is not classified as a date-rape drug because it does have a taste.

"It has a slightly salty taste that people are overcoming by mixing with cinnamon," Walsh said.

Chris Arline, president of the Inter-Fraternity Council at ECU, also had some comments on the incident regarding possible sanctions against Sigma Pi.

"At this time I have seen no documentation that would indicate Sigma Pi had anything to do with this," Arline said. "I think that it was just bad luck that it happened at a late night where a lot of their brothers live."

Arline also said the Greek system would try to arrange for speakers on the subject to come to try to inform people about the dangers of using GHB.

"I have done research on this drug since this happened and the Greek system will be trying to spread the word that this stuff is a bad thing," Arline said.

Greenville Police said that they were put on full alert after the incident. The Food and Drug Administration had been supplying the department with information about the drug.



Above is a representation of the molecular structure of gamma hydroxy butyric. Also known as GHB, scoops, or liquid ecstasy, the drug has been gaining popularity in the Greenville area and nearly claimed the lives of two local students earlier this month.

Effects of GHB scare reach farther than ECU campus

Designer drug proves deadly

GREENVILLE (AP) - An unapproved bodybuilding drug that nearly killed two East Carolina students earlier this month is having a resurgence in North Carolina, a doctor said.

Gamma hydroxy butyric (GHB), illegal in two states, cannot be legally marketed nationwide, the Food and Drug Administration has said.

But in the past eight months, a Texas teen-ager was killed and a Georgia woman lapsed into a coma after ingesting the drug,

according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP).

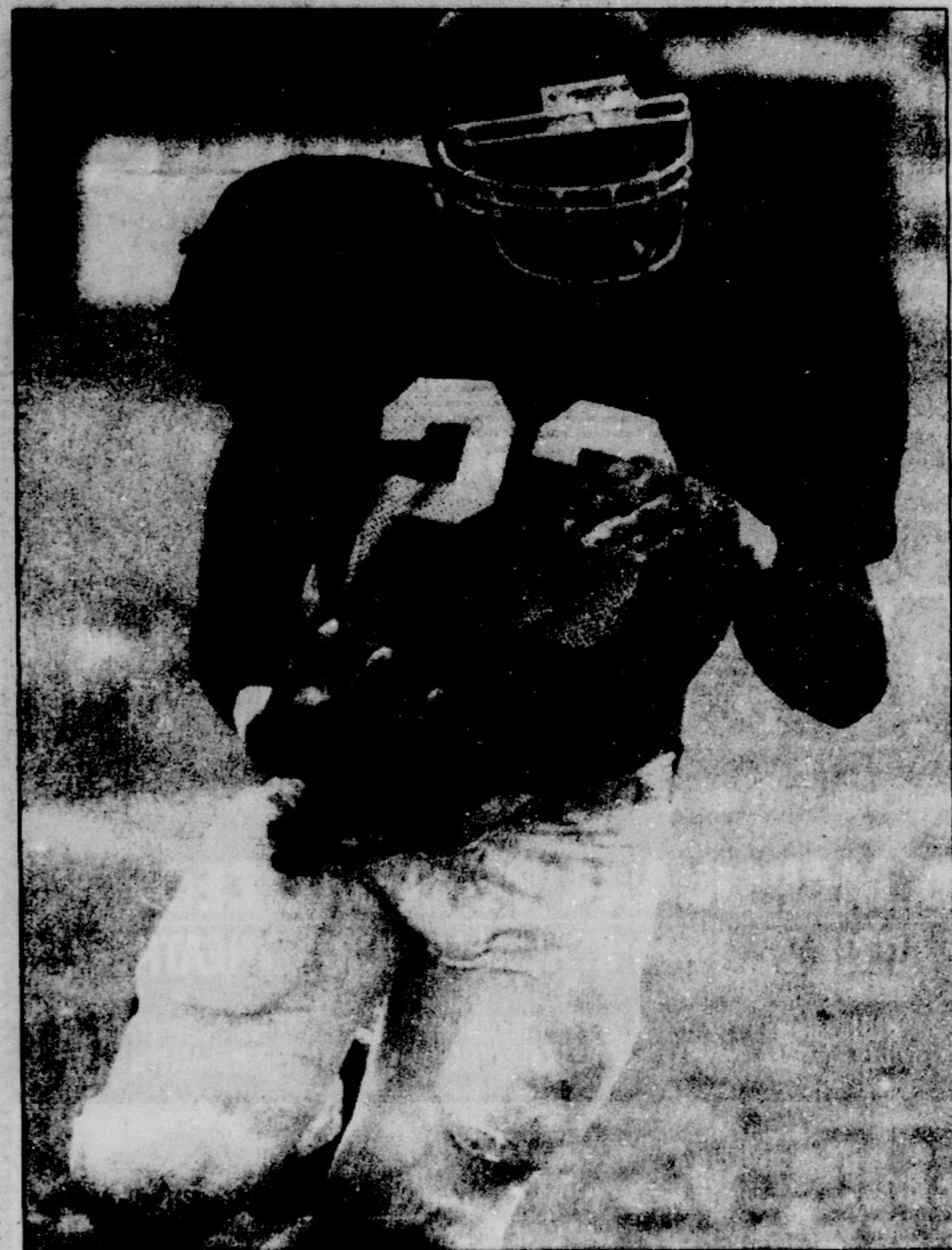
The two college students collapsed April 4 after mixing the drug with alcohol at a party near East Carolina. Both needed respirators to resuscitate them.

But Dr. Sven Normann, of the Florida Poison Information Center, said word has gotten out that GHB produces euphoria, increased sensitivity to touch and drowsiness. It's also been hyped as an aphrodisiac, he said.

The side effects include breathing problems and - when the drug is mixed with alcohol and other depressants - vomiting, seizures, loss of bladder control and amnesia.

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HOGGING THE BALL DURING PIGSKIN SCRIMMAGE



Jamie Wilson carries the ball in Saturday's scrimmage. Wilson rushed for 70 yards on 15 attempts.

PHOTO BY CHRIS GAYDOSH

Summer graduates allowed to walk in May

Officials change position on commencement rights

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Graduating seniors with courses to be completed in summer sessions will now have the choice of graduating in either the spring or fall Commencement ceremonies.

The decision was made and announced by university officials on Friday, April 11.

"We need to carefully examine our policies to make sure that we are being fair to all our degree candidates," Chancellor Richard Eakin said. "ECU's size makes it virtually impossible for us to hold just one graduation ceremony during an academic year."

The decision was made in hopes of avoiding problems for students whose families had already made plans to attend the May 10 ceremony.

The December ceremony was established specifically to recognize students who completed their degree requirements during the summer and fall," Eakin said. "But we understand that many students who plan to finish their courses in the summer would rather participate in the May ceremony because it would be inconvenient for them to attend in December."

The only stipulation for seniors finishing their course requirements in the summer is that their names will be printed in the December program rather than the May program.

The decision applies to those students who will be finishing in summer sessions this year.

University officials are reviewing the situation and trying to devise a plan that will accommodate all students when it comes to time to graduate.

A recent resolution was written by the student government association (SGA) in support of those seniors fulfilling their course requirements during the summer.

The resolution states that no summer graduation is available to those students completing their course requirements during the summer. It also said that undue hardship is created for those students and their families who would have to participate in the Fall Commencement.

Since most students will leave the Greenville area to follow their careers or continue their education elsewhere, the resolution listed this as another reason for reversing the decision.

Another point of importance to SGA which was included in the resolution was that seniors should leave ECU on a positive note.

This resolution gives all seniors lacking summer school credits the full support of the SGA. The SGA would like to see a policy allowing all seniors to participate in Spring Commencement.

Student activists organize bike rally for Greenway

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Several ECU and community organizations have teamed up to hold the Third Annual Earth Day Bike Rally.

ECU Environmental Awareness Club (GAIA), ECU Natural Extremes, Pamlico Tar River Foundation (PTRF), the Cypress Chapter of the Sierra Club and Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greenville are organizing the event which will take place April 20.

"Basically what we're trying to do is raise money to extend the [Greenville] Greenway," said Bike Rally Chairman Jeff Yurfest.

The Greenway is a paved path through the wetlands in Greenville for people to walk and ride bikes along while touring the wetlands.

The rally will conclude with a five mile bike ride. This will start at the Town Commons, go through the Greenway, along the bottom of College Hill, to Dogwood Hollow, then past St. Peter's Church and finish at the Town Commons.

Participants in the bike ride will include members of the community ranging from boy scouts to ECU students.

After the bike ride there will be a family picnic, eco-scavenger hunt, entertainment and prize give-aways.

Mayor Nancy Jenkins and ECU Geology Professor Dr. Stan Riggs will also speak.

The entertainment will include music from members of Purple Schoolbus, Hipbone, Midnight Blue and the Kelly Smith Band.

The groups will raise money for the Greenway through the sale of T-shirts. To buy a T-shirt people must register for the rally. The cost of registration is \$10, which covers the cost of the T-shirt.

"We got sponsors to cover the cost of the T-shirts so the money we get will be profit for the Greenway," Yurfest said.

According to GAIA Secretary Sarah McConnell, 80 percent of the proceeds will benefit Greenway. 10 percent will go to GAIA and 10 percent will go to Natural Extremes.

Last year's rally raised over \$1,000.

"We are currently in the process of putting up fliers across campus [about registering]," McConnell said.

The bike ride will begin at 3 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. there will be a nature walk down the Greenway guided by Biology Professor Dr. Vince Bellis. At 2:30 the ECU Police Department will talk with participants about bike safety.

Interested participants may preregister or register at the rally. To register or for more information contact Yurfest at 758-1348 or McConnell at 328-3434.

Presidential panel considers aspects of human cloning

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) - Stuart Orkin, a developmental biologist at Harvard Medical School, says human cloning has "inherent risks that I think are unacceptable." But that does not mean he thinks research into it should be banned.

"We may miss the boat in a sense" if all study of human asexual reproduction is outlawed, Orkin told the National Bioethics Advisory Commission on Sunday. "There is some advantage for research to go on."

President Clinton formed the 18-member commission to study implications of human cloning after a Scottish scientist in February presented Dolly the sheep, the first-known successful clone of an adult mammal.

As the panel mulls over the ethical, scientific and policy ramifications of human cloning, Clinton has banned use of federal money on such experimentation and suggested a moratorium on private studies.

Both Orkin and Janet Rossant, a professor of molecular and medical genetics at the University of Toronto, appeared to pique the committee's interest when they agreed that human cloning may be premature while so much is left to study in animals.

"Is it possible that we can do most of the basic science on animals ... without ever creating an entity which many people find offensive?" asked commission member Thomas Murray, director of the Center for Biomedical Ethics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Orkin did not advocate widespread cloning of animals. Plenty of research is left to do that

would not necessitate further cloning of any kind, he said. But researching human cloning could lead to major advancements in such fields as organ transplants, he said.

"I'm not comfortable with the notion of banning any kind of research," Orkin said. "However, I am comfortable with moratoria on the implantation of cloned human embryos because of the inherent risks that I think are unacceptable."

Rossant said because not all animal research is directly applicable to humans, the board should "avoid prohibiting legitimate research into animals or humans (because) it really has big potential for immense benefits in the future."

The panel's mandate takes it beyond scientific ramifications of cloning into the hazy realm of ethics.

Religious groups already have testified before the commission, which is now dealing with whether to incorporate religious beliefs into the recommendations to Clinton.

"It's one thing to respect their beliefs ... but it becomes difficult to incorporate that to make public policy," Murray said.

Commission member Bernard Lo, director of the medical ethics program at the University of California, San Francisco, questioned whether scientific review boards should ask the motives of laboratories seeking funds for future cloning projects. Others involved in genetic studies are not required to answer such questions.

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Unity and prayer service attracts 1,000

CHARLOTTE (AP) - About 1,000 people attended an interdenominational prayer service promoting unity and harmony in a city divided by recent events.

This month alone, Charlotte has seen a controversial city council vote halting arts funding and the killing of a black woman by two white police officers near a traffic checkpoint.

During the service Sunday at Memorial Stadium, government officials gave words of encouragement and representatives of the Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim faiths offered prayers. Gospel choirs sang rousing hymns.

Organizers had hoped to fill the stadium with 24,000 people after sending invitations to all 726 houses of worship in Mecklenburg County.

More than once, speakers urged participants to take their concerns for the city and use them as a call to action.

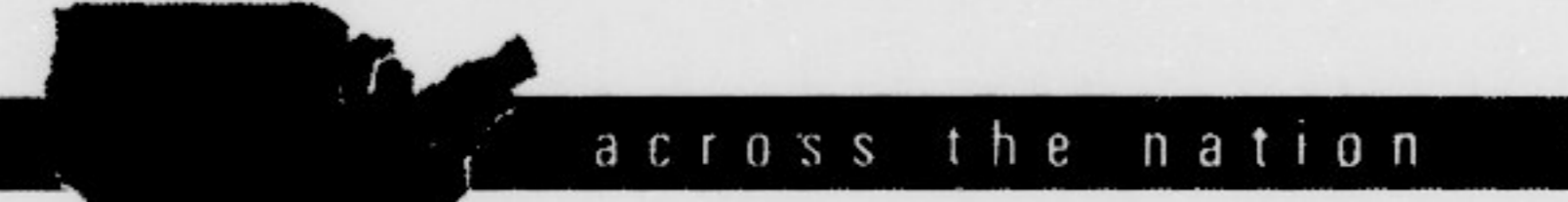
State offers grants for pollution prevention

RALEIGH (AP) - A deadline of June 13 has been set for business and industry to apply for up to \$20,000 in matching pollution prevention grants from the state.

The state Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources expects to award the grants in July, the department said.

Grants offered this year will favor projects that reduce water consumption through efficiency improvements or reuse of water. More than \$1 million has been awarded for 119 grants since 1985.

The grants are for projects that can be duplicated.



across the nation

Harris Poll finds most believe smoking is addictive

NEW YORK (AP) - The overwhelming majority of Americans believe smoking is addictive, and most of them believe the tobacco company executives share that belief, according to a Harris Poll.

According to the poll being released Monday, 90 percent of the public believes smoking causes cancer. Among smokers, 79 percent also believe that, it said.

The nationwide poll of 1,006 adults was conducted by telephone by Louis Harris and Associates Inc. during March 26-April 1. The results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The pollsters found that 95 percent of the public, including 92 percent of the smokers, believe smoking is addictive.

And 92 percent, including 88 percent of smokers, believe the tobacco company executives also think their product is addictive.

However, the poll found that 40 percent agreed that tobacco is a legal product and the companies should be allowed to sell and advertise their

State, local governments compete for jobs

HICKORY, N.C. (AP) - More and more cities and counties are offering tax rebates to companies that build or expand plants - raising the stakes in the fierce competition for new industries and their jobs.

"You don't do it because you want to. You do it because you have to," said Union County economic development director Lee Correll, whose county lost a \$55 million Wal-Mart distribution center to Paggeland, S.C., in 1995 after that state offered twice as much in incentives.

Local and state officials across the country are wrestling with the complex issues of whether to sacrifice potential tax revenues in order to get more, and to whom they should give them.

The fight heated up in North Carolina after the state Supreme Court last year ruled it unconstitutional for local governments to offer incentives. Winston-Salem lawyer William Marcey had sued after his city and Forsyth County gave more than \$13 million to 24 companies, and a lower court ruling in his favor had chilled local government recruiting efforts.

Cabarrus County was among the first to try something different: It used tax rebates to get Corning Inc. to build a massive fiber-optics plant that will create more than 600 jobs.

Other recruiters took note of Cabarrus' success, and dozens of local governments have adopted or are considering similar policies.

In 1996, the N.C. General Assembly approved a reduction in the corporate income tax, job-creation tax credits for all 100 counties; and worker training, machinery and equipment tax credits. The company could get \$19 million from newly approved state tax credits by 2000.

The county promised to return 85 percent of the company's property tax payments for the first five years.

Corning won't say how much it is investing, but county officials estimate the company would get \$8 million in tax breaks if it invests \$300 million.

Cabarrus Economic Development Director Maurice Ewing said the county offered more

after losing a major AMP Inc. electronics plant to York County, S.C., where a menu of state tax breaks can reduce a company's property taxes 43 percent for 20 years.

"We couldn't compete with South Carolina because they were giving away the stars," he said. "We had to have something on the table to be in the game."

The grant policies work like this: A company that builds a new plant and pays property taxes for five years can get much of that money back in the form of a grant. The grants are in addition to more traditional assistance such as land, site work, water and sewer line extensions and roads.

North Carolina local governments are requiring minimum investments ranging from \$500,000 under a proposed Union County policy to \$5 million in Cabarrus County. Many localities have set up sliding scales that tie the size of grants to the amount companies invest, although Catawba has also linked them to factors such as jobs created and type of industry.

Competing for industry used to be a game played largely by the states.

North Carolina pioneered the idea 30 years ago by developing a highly regarded community college system, offering free job training and helping with utilities, roads and tax credits.

Other Southern states responded by sweetening their financial packages, and now North Carolina's incentives pale in comparison.

In the early 1990s, North Carolina couldn't match the estimated \$300 million in incentives that South Carolina offered BMW to locate in Greer.

Many economists think governments should stop competing.

"It's very rare you ever get back enough in taxes to make up for what you gave up," said James Smith, a professor of finance at UNC-Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler Business School. "The argument is everybody else does it and we should do it, too. That might make sense if you're in a state that has a hard time attracting industry. In North Carolina ... we just don't need this."

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Cultural Center sponsors Heritage Fest

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Even if the motive were questioned, private clinics that do not use federal grants would not face such scrutiny. That, commission members suggested, would create

another moral dilemma.

While the panelists seemed to be asking more questions than providing answers, many did agree that whatever is recommended now will come under scrutiny again as science speeds along.

"Once the science is out of the bag, somebody is going to do it," said panel member Lawrence Milke, director of Hawaii's Department of Health.

GHB

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and a deceleration of the breathing rate that can lead to a coma, he said.

Hospital officials in Pitt County said they have seen at least six cases of GHB overdoses since February.

"The possibility exists that the person could use GHB and be left in what we call a persisting vegetative state," said Dr. William Meggs. "I would go on record unequivocally and say, 'Stay away from this stuff.'"

In December, the State Bureau of Investigation released a report about GHB warning of its developing reputation for causing hallucinations, heightened sexual desire and euphoria. The report also said the drug has started popping up in nightclubs, college campuses and areas where high school students congregate.

The ECU students said GHB is considered en vogue in college circles.

"It makes you feel like you're really drunk without the dragging effect. It kind of pumps you up," said the 21-year-old male student.

"It makes you want to stay out late. You don't want the night to end until it wears off," the other student, a 22-year-old female, said.

The federal Drug Enforcement Administration wants to have GHB classified as an illegal narcotic, similar to cocaine. Rhode Island and Georgia have already outlawed it and five others - California, Florida,

Texas, Massachusetts and Hawaii - have bills banning the drug in different stages of enactment.

At ECU, the overdoses were a wake-up call to university officials, who are planning a program next fall on GHB and other trendy drugs.

The Inter-Fraternity Council, a student association of fraternities, will help organize the event, president Christopher Arline said.

"It scares the hell out of us, and we don't want to lose any of our friends to this," he said.

Already, the office of Health Promotion and Well-Being at ECU has information on GHB available, according to Karen Boyd, associate dean of students. Officials took further action after the overdoses, contacting the student newspaper about doing a story and passing information to residence halls.

Greenville police are trying to find the supplier of the GHB that led to the two overdoses, Lt. John Teel said.

A young man who said he lived out-of-town told police he brought a GHB-filled Coca-Cola bottle to the party, offering it free to anyone who wanted it. By the time police confiscated the bottle, it was virtually empty, Teel said.

In the meantime, education about the drug's potential effects needs to get out, Meggs said.

"These people could have quite possibly died," Meggs said. "These are people who should really know better. The ones I've seen have been college-educated, employed people."

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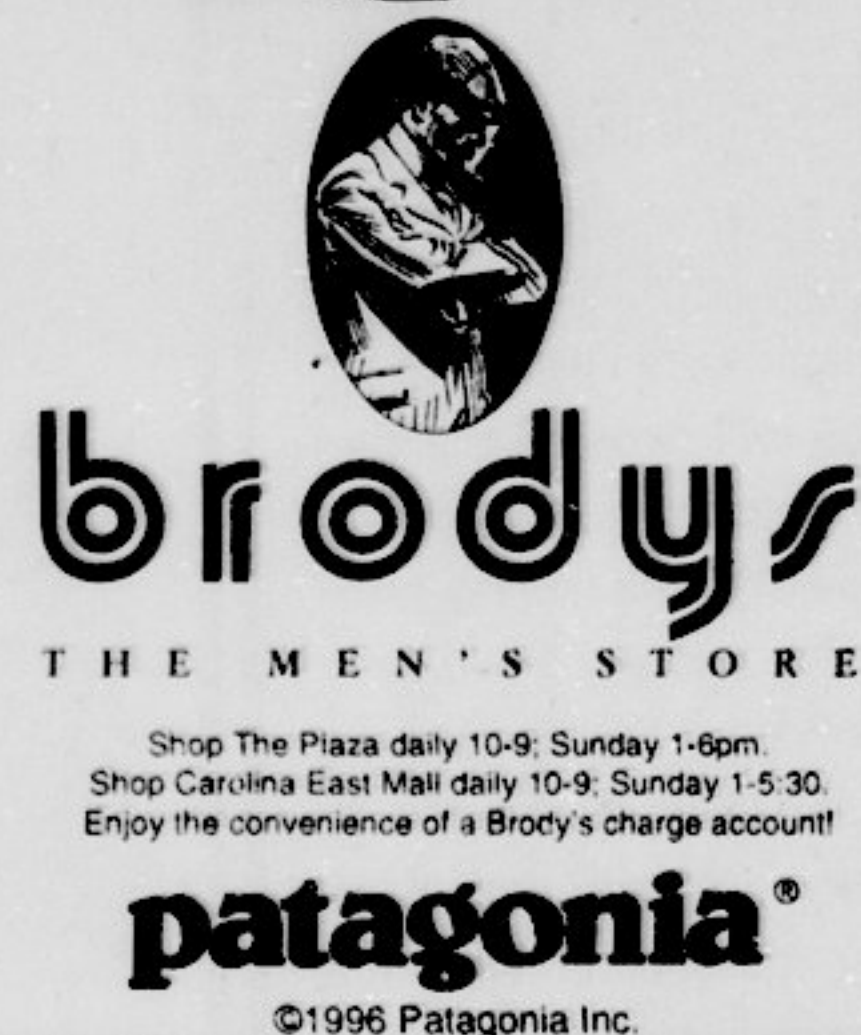
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Even if the motive were questioned, private clinics that do not use federal grants would not face such scrutiny. That, commission members suggested, would create

another moral dilemma.

While the panelists seemed to be asking more questions than providing answers, many did agree that whatever is recommended now will come under scrutiny again as science speeds along.

"Once the science is out of the bag, somebody is going to do it," said panel member Lawrence Miike, director of Hawaii's Department of Health.

GHB

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and a deceleration of the breathing rate that can lead to a coma, he said.

Hospital officials in Pitt County said they have seen at least six cases of GHB overdoses since February.

"The possibility exists that the person could use GHB and be left in what we call a persisting vegetative state," said Dr. William Meggs. "I would go on record unequivocally and say, 'Stay away from this stuff!'"

In December, the State Bureau of Investigation released a report about GHB warning of its developing reputation for causing hallucinations, heightened sexual desire and euphoria. The report also said the drug has started popping up in nightclubs, college campuses and areas where high school students congregate.

The ECU students said GHB is considered en vogue in college circles.

"It makes you feel like you're really drunk without the dragging effect. It kind of pumps you up," said the 21-year-old male student.

"It makes you want to stay out late. You don't want the night to end until it wears off," the other student, a 22-year-old female, said.

The federal Drug Enforcement Administration wants to have GHB classified as an illegal narcotic, similar to cocaine. Rhode Island and Georgia have already outlawed it and five others - California, Florida,

Texas, Massachusetts and Hawaii - have bills banning the drug in different stages of enactment.

At ECU, the overdoses were a wake-up call to university officials, who are planning a program next fall on GHB and other trendy drugs.

The Inter-Fraternity Council, a student association of fraternities, will help organize the event, president Christopher Afline said.

"It scares the hell out of us, and we don't want to lose any of our friends to this," he said.

Already, the office of Health Promotion and Well-Being at ECU has information on GHB available, according to Karen Boyd, associate dean of students. Officials took further action after the overdoses, contacting the student newspaper about doing a story and passing information to residence halls.

Greenville police are trying to find the supplier of the GHB that led to the two overdoses, Lt. John Teel said.

A young man who said he lived out-of-town told police he brought the GHB-filled Coca-Cola bottle to the party, offering it free to anyone who wanted it. By the time police confiscated the bottle, it was virtually empty, Teel said.

In the meantime, education about the drug's potential effects needs to get out, Meggs said.

"These people could have quite possibly died," Meggs said. "These are people who should really know better. The ones I've seen have been college-educated, employed people."

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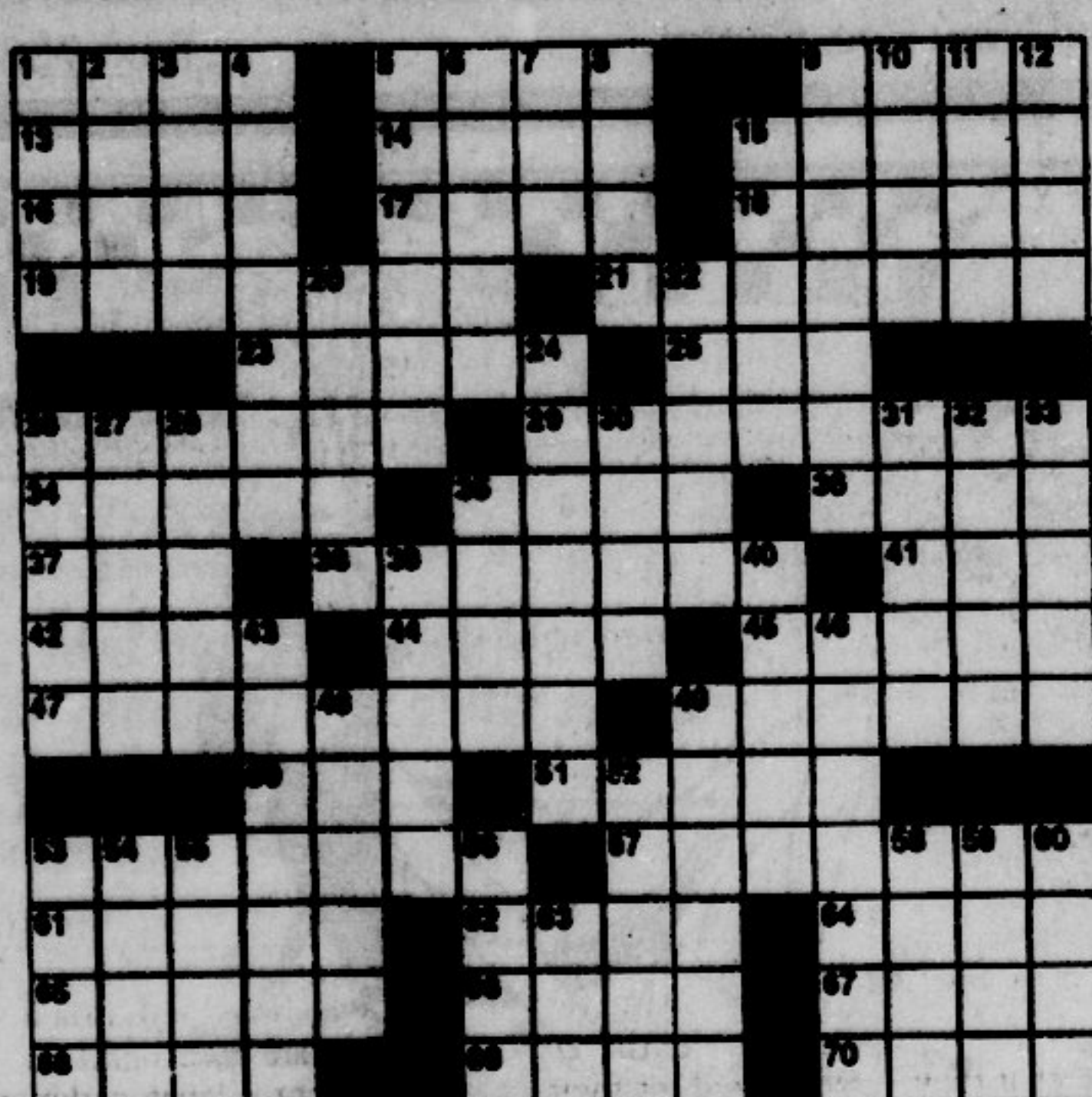


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ourview

We would like to take a moment out of our busy lives to spread a little sunshine. (We know, that's not really like us, but we're in a giving mood today.)

Our fellow student medium, *The Rebel*, has recently won two prestigious awards for their work on the issue that came out last year. Our other colleagues over at *Expressions* also garnered national recognition and praise last semester for their efforts on their publication.

In case you don't know, and shame on you if you don't, *The Rebel* is ECU's student literary and arts magazine and *Expressions* is our school's publication focusing on minority issues. Both magazines are totally created by students. The submissions are all by students, and the editorial staffs of both are comprised of students, as well. *The Rebel* is only published once a year and *Expressions* comes out twice every semester, which is often a reason that knowledge of their existence is somewhat limited on campus.

We would like to see that situation change. We would like for more people to open themselves up and read these superior productions of our fellow students. We would like for more students to try and actively participate in the creation of these publications.

And with the accolades that these two magazines have recently been given, perhaps more focused attention can be brought to bear on them.

We at TEC applaud the staff and contributors of *The Rebel* and *Expressions* for a job well done. Both magazines deserve all of the recognition that has come their way. Good luck in the future.



OPINION Columnist

John DAVIS

Can't we all just get along?

Recently, *The East Carolinian* ran an advertisement from a group called Another Way. The group is a Christian organization of ex-homosexuals who maintain that God fulfilled their needs and therefore healed them of their homosexuality. I've heard a lot of talk about the ad, mostly criticizing it, but I figure, "Hey, this is America. They can say what they want."

While citing the offices of *The East Carolinian* yesterday, I ran into an acquaintance of mine who happens to be a very active member of B-GLAD (Bisexuals, Gays and Lesbians Advocating Diversity). He was a little ruffled under the collar about this ad, and informed me that he was going to write "screaming letters to the editor" and launch a massive counter-ad campaign.

Now, I have nothing against the counter-ad campaign. Like I said, this is America. But when I got to thinking about the "screaming letters to the editor" bit, I realized that the fellow has no grounds for them. Actually, they might undermine his position, and that of B-GLAD's, severely.

So I asked him, "Well, have you called this 1-800 number in the ad?"

"I checked out their Web site (also in the ad) and I decided that anyone who says that AIDS was the best thing that ever happened to them (homosexuals) isn't worth talking to," he said.

Now, I'm not sure I'd agree that AIDS is the best thing that might ever happen to me, but I did know a fellow who had a high possibility of being HIV positive. Strange as it might sound to us normal folks, this fellow did count that as a blessing. He saw the possibility as a sign that he ought to pursue a career helping AIDS victims. I bet all those people he's helping right now are thinking his possibility of having the disease was the best thing that ever happened to them. (He graduated and I never found out if he was truly positive or not.)

More importantly, this conversation made me realize three things about the actions of B-GLAD in the situation which are quite revealing. I hope they're not an example of how the members of B-GLAD normally conduct themselves.

First, I'm all for diversity, and I thought that B-GLAD was too. It would seem to me that if the members of B-GLAD were really advocating diversity (as their name suggests), that they ought to be celebrating the fact that there are homosexuals out there who hold a view opposing theirs. That is what diversity means, after all. If B-GLAD does not support diversity, but is rather just another bunch of political whiners (and I hope this isn't the case), then perhaps they ought to change their name.

Secondly, if B-GLAD is successful in their campaign to have the editor refrain from printing ads pertaining to people's beliefs in sexuality and religion, then they are shooting themselves in the foot. The same First Amendment rights that allow B-GLAD to print ads for Blue Jeans Day and Pride Week allow the people at Another Way to run ads as well.

And third, given the lack of research done by members of B-GLAD, and given the snap judgment of my friend in the offices of *The East Carolinian*, I would have to say that this Christian group is a victim of stereotype and bigotry. I felt like I had stepped into an alternate dimension - the Christians were promoting love and the gay rights group was being prejudiced. Perhaps once a member of Another Way has been contacted and a dialogue is opened between the two groups, then some judgments can be made.

I once read a Peanuts comic strip in which Snoopy was writing a book. It was a book of theology and its title was *Has It Ever Occurred To You That You Might Be Wrong?* I could plainly see from my friend's expressions that it had not, in the least, occurred to him that he might be wrong. I think he may have been afraid to consider that possibility. I can understand why. The world view of Another Way, if it is right, would mean my friend would have to do some changing in the way he thinks. It might mean he'd have to be uncomfortable for a while. But isn't that what diversity is for? Isn't the main benefit of diversity the presence of other ideas and beliefs challenges us to understand ourselves and our own beliefs, as well as considering the opinions of others? Diversity is a two (or three or four) way street.

In closing, I would like to comment that I do understand why the members of B-GLAD feel as hostile as they do. The Christian groups on campus have not acted in a way that is very loving toward homosexuals. In my Bible there are lots of commands about not judging others and loving one's neighbor.

Last week, during Pride Week, I overheard quite a few hateful and hurtful conversations from people who are supposed to be God's representatives. Only yesterday I heard about an incident at the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship where a female student was driven to tears because she wanted to point out that the attitude of some Christians was inconsistent with their claims that God's love is in them. She was harshly treated and, as stated, driven to tears.

We don't all have to agree. America isn't about agreeing. But if we can't talk to each other and learn from one another's ideas, then somebody needs to call up George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and let them know their "grand experiment" has failed.

B-GLAD mad about ads

To the Editor:

We write this letter in response to the two ads placed in your paper on 10 April by Another Way Out, that seek to portray gays as living lives of sexual promiscuity and lesbians as victims of abusive relationships with men. The statement by the "ex-gay" man saying "AIDS was one of the best things that could have happened to me," is one of the most ignorant remarks any person could make with regard to issues of HIV and AIDS. AIDS is not some punishment from God upon homosexuals. If it were, why would lesbians have a lower risk of infection than heterosexual men or women? Why would hemophilic children be infected by the blood products they must have to induce normal clotting of blood?

Many mainline Christian churches do not share this group's narrow-minded opinion of the issue of orientation. They affirm our relationships and support the spiritual growth of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and individuals who are questioning their orientation. Lesbians do not "[pair] up with other women out of emotional dependency rather than true love."

We all form relationships with those of the same sex because they are who we truly love. Perceptions of our lives and relationships as not valued, intentionally or unintentionally, give license to those who would attack us in the name of some hateful interpretation of Christian Scriptures.

We question the judgment of the editorial staff of *The East Carolinian* for publishing such an offensive message in its pages. Would you also accept an advertisement from "...the members of the Neo-Nazi party..." or other groups which practice discrimination in our society? Would you publish an ad from this same group that says Jews must repent or burn in Hell? Or do you only accept ads which target non-heterosexual individuals?

Lora Josey, President B-GLAD
 Rich Elkins, Treasurer B-GLAD

Climbing on the backs of artists

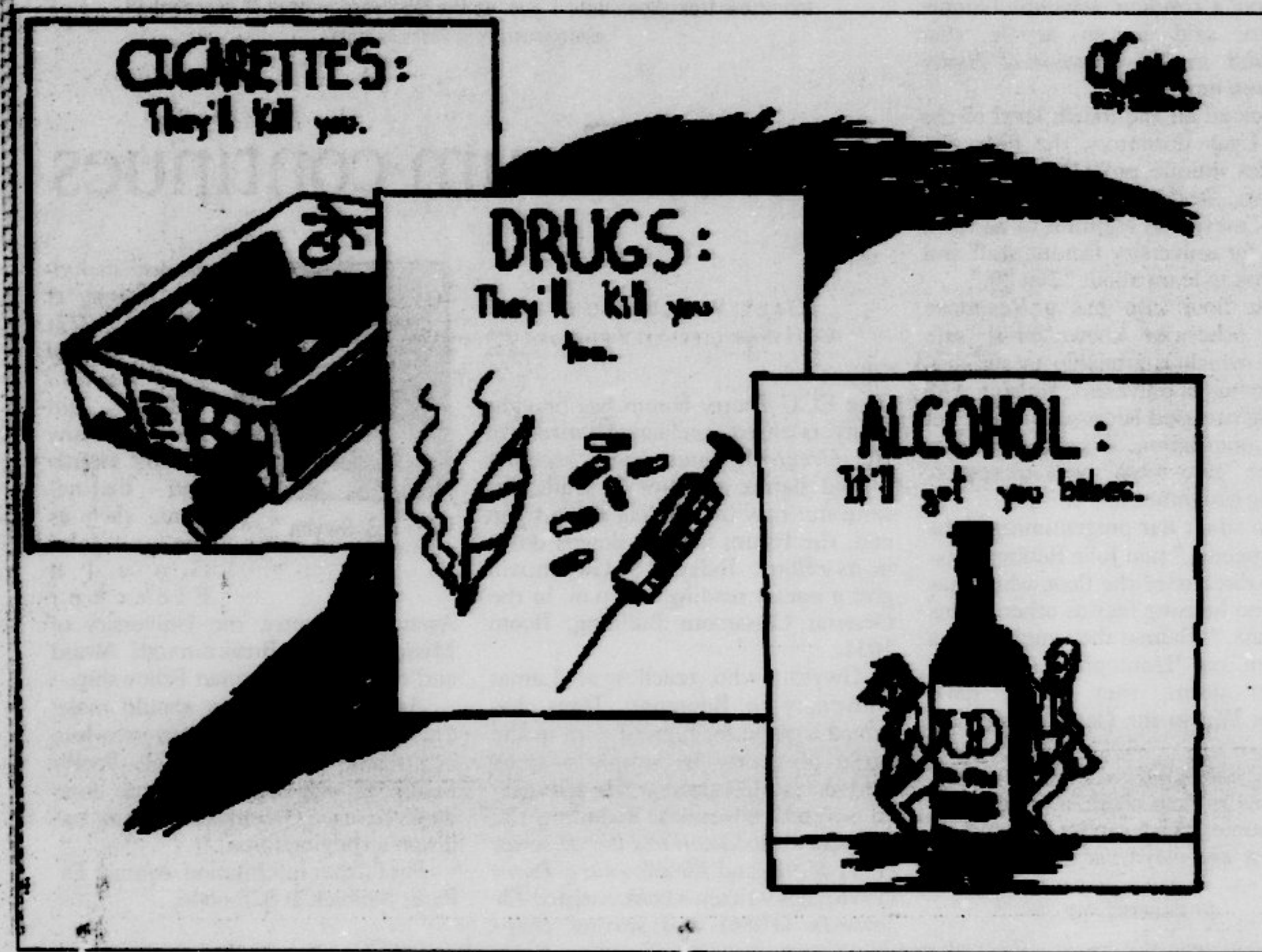
To the Editor:

Congratulations to *The Rebel* magazine for their recent Pacemaker Award. However, *The Rebel*, which is a showcase of the best student artistic and literary talent, should be ashamed of the way they treat the artists and writers whose work they publish.

Writings and art works were published as award-winning work from students who paid entry fees to submit their work for judging. Out of over a hundred entries, only a few works were accepted in and published. Students published in the 1996 issue were listed to enter by promises and monetary awards. As of April 1997, over a year after the work was selected, the winners have not been paid, and many of the works submitted were damaged and one is partially missing. The Student Media secretary, Yvonne Moye, said, "The budget for these awards had to be spent on the printing of the magazine." Mr. Wright, the faculty media adviser, was informed that the winners had not been paid their promised awards in October '96.

The action taken by the ECU Student Media has been to cut in half the already low budget for awards in 1997 and pay both years winners. The awards are an insulting \$35 for first place, \$25 for second place and \$15 for third place. The Rebel management offended these creative people who make the magazines award-winning existence possible by paying such meager awards. We are also outraged because no action was taken to pay the award winning entries from last year until the student media adviser was threatened with commentary.

Jonathan Mugnon
 President
 Graduate Art Alliance



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's unfair to let non-grads walk

To the Editor,

Recently, we, the student body of East Carolina University, have been subjected to the whining of a group of students who feel that they should be allowed to graduate this spring even though they still have one or two classes left to complete. This group of students feel that it is unfair that they were not at least told they would be unable to graduate at the next ceremony.

However, if said students will consider the definition of graduation, they will then realize that it is both reasonable and fair to prevent them from graduating at that time and, moreover, that any notification of this fact is simply unnecessary.

Graduation is a ceremony at which students who have successfully completed an entire course of study are recognized for their accomplishment. Thus, if a student lacks even one class from said course of study, he is not eligible for graduation. This fact is so obvious that it should not need stating. The inability of the students in question to comprehend this fact says to me that they have not learned much from their time here at ECU and should not be allowed to graduate anyway. In conclusion, it would be unfair to the many students who have completed their studies (and deserve the recognition of their achievements that a diploma represents) to force them to share their special day with those who have not.

William A. West
 Junior

"Words are things, and a small drop of ink, Falling like dew, upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think."
 Lord Byron, English poet, 1819

CDreview



**Apocalyptica
Plays Metallica by
Four Cellos**

FAT REID
STAFF WRITER

So, these things are just plain strange. One of these would have to be the idea of playing Metallica on cellos. However, the strangest thing of all about this is that it works, and surprisingly well.

It seems that in 1993, four cellos at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, Finland, got the idea of playing Metallica on their cellos. So, they asked through their Metallica records searching for playable songs. Due to the physical demand of cellos, songs with fast solos were out of the question. So, they went through the Metallica discography looking for songs that would be fun and entertaining. They eventually narrowed down the list. But the question remained, "Would people really like it?"

So, after three years of practicing and honing their skills, Apocalyptica played their first show at a local metal club. The crowd got so into the show they actually started to sing along to "Master of Puppets." Shortly after the quarter was signed and began recording an album.

After two more years, the fruit of their recording sessions has been released in the U.S. In the meantime, the band has been opening for such acts as The Sex Pistols, Bad Religion, and Sepultura on their tour circuits. Major with this break in American soil, they will bring their act to us. In the meantime, we still have the CD.

The CD contains material spanning Metallica's entire career. The opening song is their hit from a few years back, "Enter Sandman." The quartet tries to cover every facet of the song, so there's one cello giving the deep rhythm beat while others play various leads and "vocal" arrangements. The rhythm part takes a few moments to get accustomed to, but once the other cellos join in, it becomes a right song that flows smoothly.

A seemingly unusual song for the group (is there a usual Metallica song for cellos?) is the second track, "Master of Puppets." It would seem that classically trained musicians would more likely stick to songs like "Nothing Else Matters" or "Fade to Black." However, these young players back down from no challenge and fly



**Life In General
One Door Down**

DEREK T. HALL
SENIOR WRITER

Life In General, the dynamic duo that seems to be making their mark in the studio, are back with another release called *One Door Down*. The album starts off with a song called "Goodbye." From this, I was able to already catch a grasp of what I was to hear - a unique acoustic sound that followed a progressive maturity all in its own.

This record is something that the guys in R.E.M. would love. The next song, "Better Off," flows just like the first. They aren't the same song, they just move with respect to each other. Best of the way that James Iha and Jerry Chapman do. They both write, play acoustic and sing, however, they're not onto anyone else's sound. It's easy to tell that these guys are doing their own thing.

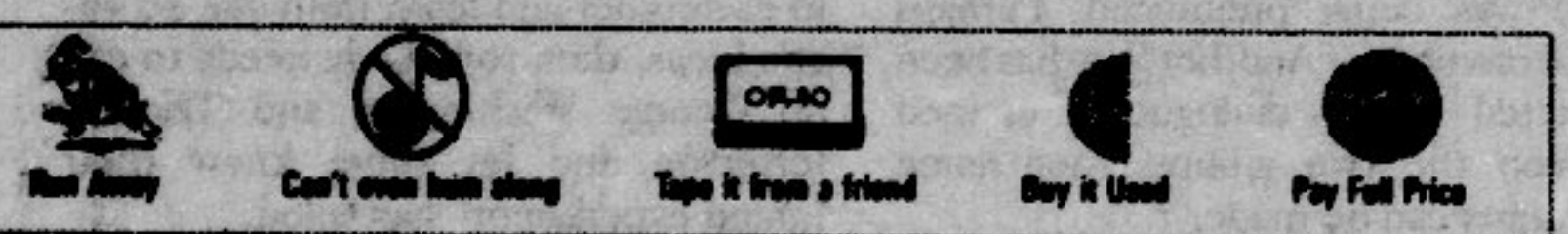
As the album rolls on you'll hear a really powerful tune called "Skin." Where the lyrics for this song ("Rip me open, pool me down from side to side / I am you see time has tried to wander") are coming from, I'm not sure. The most amazing thing about the lyrics is that they don't fit into context with the music that is being played. The lyrics move in a totally different direction. And although they move in separate ways, they find their way back to one solemn purpose. At the end of the song, the message is complete.

The nice track on the record is called "Eagle." It's an acoustic song set to a slower pace than the rest of the record. There's a big buildup the first time around. It's sort of a tease, they don't take you anywhere else, just right back to the verse. This is good writing and a decent display of dynamics. You won't let down that the song doesn't pick up. It actually helps you appreciate it a bit more. As a result, the listener is positioned for listening to the tunes that follow on the record. Like I said, it's good writing.

The song on the record that I believe holds the most promise is "Cow Tipping." Anybody that's a good 'ol country boy will understand the true meaning behind a song like this. What's funny about it is that LeVeaux puts himself in the cow's position: "I hope you're happy now / Cause I'm a lonely cow / Chewin' my cud dear / Alone in the field here /"

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Laura Kipnis politicizes pornography

DALE WILLIAMSON
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Larry Flynt, the porn king who first gave life to *Hustler* magazine, has received a lot of publicity lately. When acclaimed film director Miles Forman released his controversial movie, *The People vs. Larry Flynt*, everyone from critics to talk show hosts had Flynt on their tongues. Even Mr. Flynt himself went public, boasting to the world that he, like the film claims, is a symbol of American free speech, no matter what you think of him or his questionable publication.

Pornography has been a hot issue for feminists for a long time, and this Thursday ECU will get the rare opportunity to engage in the issue when Laura Kipnis, one of the most vocal feminists dealing with pornography, gives a talk entitled "National Pornographies: Transnational Bodies."

Kipnis has actively studied the social complexities of pornography long before Woody Harrison portrayed Flynt on the big screen. She is possibly best known within the academic world for her 1992 essay entitled "(Male) Desire and (Female) Disgust: Reading *Hustler*."

Now that Flynt has been somewhat embraced by Hollywood and mainstream media, Kipnis is more active than ever. She is currently one of the most cited scholars when discussing the controversy of pornography.

While much of the Larry Flynt debate has revolved around the issue of free speech, Kipnis has moved beyond that. Her current work examines pornography as culture, specifically a transnational culture that has connections with the avant garde aesthetic.

Kipnis' professional and academic history has more than qualified her as an appropriate voice for such a controversial issue. She was trained in the arts, earning her M.F.A. at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in 1982; is currently an Associate Professor of radio, television and film at Northwestern University in Chicago; has published two books on sexual politics, *Bound and Gagged: Pornography and the Politics of Fantasy in America and Estuary Unlabeled: On Sex, Capital, Gender & Aesthetics*; has written and directed several avant garde videotapes; and has presented talks on art and sex at many conferences.



Her interests with pornography stem from both her interests with the avant garde and a concern for social justice.

"I don't come out of a traditional academic discipline," Kipnis stated during a phone interview. "[The study of pornography] is not just accepted across the board. However, my approach doesn't get much eye rolling because it is so political, dealing with class."

Coming out of the art world, Kipnis didn't expect to have a career turn as an academic. However, it was her artwork that led her into the academic circle and allowed her to become a lively voice in the academic dialogue.

"I would get invited to show my videos at academic conferences," she reflected. "Then someone asked me to write essays. So, I ended up with a career that was split between me being a video artist and an essayist."

When Kipnis allowed her scholarly skills to sink into the muddy waters of pornography, she decidedly took a different approach than most traditional feminists. Instead of focusing on how pornography oppresses women, she asked, "What other meanings circulate within pornography?"

What she discovered was that pornography illustrates gaps between social classes. Focusing on the idea of class within pornography, Kipnis began to use pornography as "a vehicle to talk about social issues that aren't talked about in other media."

Kipnis will deal with questions on how to talk about pornography within a national context, addressing such topics as gender, class and politics.

In a nutshell, Kipnis will be talking about "the politics of pornography in the current national politics."

Kipnis' talk is sure to be an informative and engaging experience that will spark some lively discussion. The lecture will be presented by the English department as part of its Theory Colloquium Lecture Series on Thursday, April 17 at 4 p.m. in Room 2014 of the General Classroom Building. A reception will follow in the English faculty lounge of the General Classroom Building. All are welcome to attend.

Blues in the House at ECU

JAY MYERS
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

To promote the grand opening of their new club in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., the House of Blues is bringing the jazz-influenced soul of the band Lake Trout to Mendenhall's Brickyard from Noon until 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Lake Trout finds their home in the Baltimore area, where they are one of the premiere bands in the local music scene. Lake Trout's sound is hard to pin down. Not only does the band list jazz greats Miles Davis, John Coltrane and Grant Green as influences, but also funksters The Meters and Curtis Mayfield and current rap groups The Pharcyde, Digable Planets, A Tribe Called Quest, and The Roots. Sounds like a great time for all.

The North Myrtle Beach House of Blues itself has an impressive lineup scheduled for their inaugural month of May. The club will be christened on May 4 with a performance by the Blues Brothers (Dan Akroyd, Jim Belushi (replacing his brother John) and John Goodman) and the

Godfather of Soul himself, James Brown. To say that James Brown is not to be missed is an understatement. Besides that amazing opening bill, the club has booked quite a number of other stellar performers to visit within the first month. Names such as Spearhead, Koko Taylor, John Mayall's Bluesbreakers and Erykah Badu don't just trickle off the tongue, they impress greatly. Add Johnny Cash to that list (yes, Johnny Cash), playing one one day but two, and you've got a schedule that can't be missed.

If the House of Blues can keep this up, and I feel quite certain that they can, then this club should become one of the main live music attractions of the Southeast.

It is to their credit that they recognize the potential mass audience they can draw from Southeastern universities, and that they have chosen ECU as representative of the people they hope to attract. So given their respect for this university, it is only right that we should support their appearance on campus tomorrow by going to see Lake Trout. I'll definitely be there.

For your convenience, we have the May calendar for the House of Blues:

May calendar for House of Blues

May 4	Grand Opening with The Blues Brothers & James Brown
May 5	Inner Circle with King Chang
May 6	Little River Band with Roomful of Blues
May 7	Zzz Top
May 8	The Waitresses
May 11	Members of the Jerry Garcia Band
May 12	Leon Russell & David Allan Coe
May 14	Spearhead with Camp Lo and Coolbone
May 15	Koko Taylor & Her Blues Machine
May 16	Little Bear with the Blind Boys of Alabama
May 17	John Mayall's Bluesbreakers
May 18	The Fabulous Thunderbirds with Luther "Guitar" Johnson
May 19	Erykah Badu with Eric Benet
May 20	Backstreet Zydeco
May 22	The Double Brothers
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Chris Savastano faced housing problems that most students at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass., never have to deal with.

When students in his dorm discovered he was gay, they tampered with his mail, broke into his room and even threatened his life.

When Savastano heard about "2 in 20," a floor of all gay, lesbian and bisexual students and their heterosexual allies, he signed up immediately.

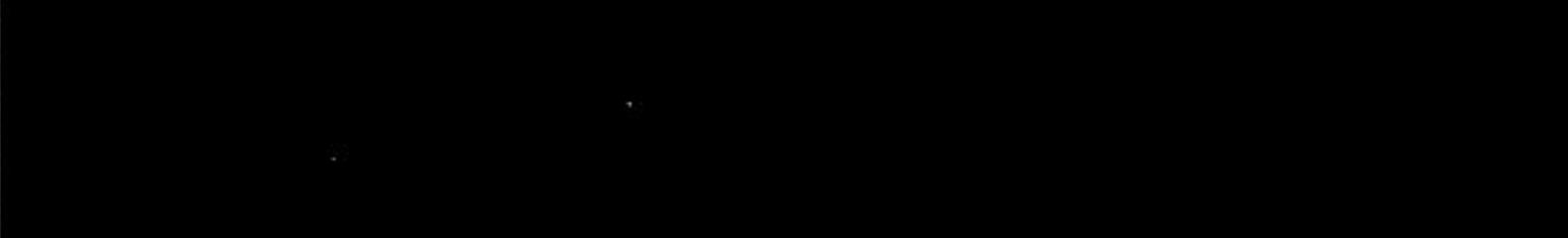
The first successful program of its kind, "2 in 20" works to end homophobia and to provide a supportive environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students.

"When you're first coming out, it's nice and reaffirming," Savastano, a junior said, "you're not alone and isolated. It's exactly what other people are going through."

Students asked the housing administration to initiate the floor in 1992 after many had faced problems similar to Savastano's.

"It provides a sense of support and comfort in a society that doesn't always provide that to them," said Michael Gilbert, the director of housing services at UMass.

The floor began with ten residents and has grown each year. It now has 33 residents and may expand to another



Diversely-influenced jazz & soul band Lake Trout will perform for The House of Blues tomorrow from Noon until 1 p.m. on the Brickyard in front of Mendenhall.

Poetry Forum continues

DALE WILLIAMSON
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

The ECU Poetry Forum has brought many talented, acclaimed writers to the Greenville area, most recently Gerald Barnes on April 8. While this semester may be winding down to an end, the Forum has not slowed down in its efforts. Today, R.S. Gwynn will give a poetry reading at 8 p.m. in the General Classroom Building, Room 1031.

Gwynn, who teaches at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, has

books, including *Bearing & Distance* (1977) and *No Word of Farewell* (1996); and has won many literary awards and distinctions, such as the John Gould Fletcher Award for Poetry, the University of Missouri Press Breakthrough Award and the N.E.H. Summer Fellowship.

Any lover of poetry should make much to make Gwynn's literary tradition a thriving force.

For further information, contact Dr. Peter Makuck at 328-6046.

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Circumcised men have varied sex

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Circumcision offers virtually no health benefits but men who are circumcised tend to have more varied sex, a recently published study said.

The report by University of Chicago researchers found no significant differences between circumcised and uncircumcised men in their likelihood of contracting sexually transmitted diseases. But the study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* did find "significant differences between circumcised and uncircumcised men in terms of their sexual practices."

"The difference... was greatest for masturbation - ironically a practice that circumcision was once thought to limit," the study said. It said 47 percent of circumcised men reported

masturbating at least once a month vs. 34 percent for their uncircumcised peers.

The difference in frequency cannot be explained but it does "cast doubt on the Victorian-era notion that circumcision reduces the urge to masturbate," the study said.

In addition, circumcised men were found to be nearly 1.4 times more likely to engage in heterosexual oral sex than uncircumcised men. They were also more likely to have had homosexual oral sex and heterosexual anal intercourse.

The study was based on an analysis of data collected from a sample of 1,410 men, aged 18 to 59, in the United States, which has one of the world's highest non-religious circumcision rates.

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stages of the coming-out process. Although resident assistants say that the majority of the university appears to support "2 in 20," there are members of the community who say they disapprove of it. "This university claims to promote diversity," said Paul Ferro, the treasurer and former president of the Republican Club at UMass. "You are supposed to have contact with people who are not like you." Ferro said he doesn't think it is

right that gay couples can live together while heterosexual couples cannot. At Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., an all-gay floor isn't necessary, said Danny Nolan, a sophomore and the acting co-president of the Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Alliance. If problems arise, Nolan said he would encourage students to first confront the administration.

"When you have to segregate to form a community, that's a good sign that things are wrong," Nolan said. Savastano, though, said living in "2 in 20" has helped him fulfill his main purpose for attending college: to get an education. "We can concentrate on being students," he said. "That's why we're

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through "Master" with an ease and a grace that makes any listener truly appreciate their skill. The slower side of Metallica doesn't go unnoticed, though. "The Unforgiven" is played with a haunting beauty that is enchanting and totally enthralling.

This album does not have a low point. From beginning to end, it is a solid work that demands no song be overlooked. However, a particular highlight is "Harvester of Sorrow." Originally from Metallica's *And Justice For All* album, "Harvester" is a favorite of Metallica fans worldwide and a song that is always included in the band's live set. However, Apocalyptica actually seems to come through with a more powerful version, if that's possible. The sheer power of the cello as an instrument, combined with the fluidity it gives the lead parts, make "Harvester" a gem above all others.

Other songs on the CD include "Wherever I May Roam," "Welcome Home (Sanitarium)," "Creeping Death," and a powerful rendition of "Sad But True." No matter what your background, if you have any interest in Metallica or classical music, this CD will become a favorite. And while I can't even begin to guess under what category you'll local record store will stock this one, I can say that it's worth asking for (or, if you can't find it, worth ordering as well). Chances are you won't be disappointed.

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The study also found circumcised men have a slightly lower risk of sexual dysfunction, especially later in life. Circumcision rates reached 80 percent in the United States after the Second World War but peaked in the mid-1960s and have since fallen off

amid debate over whether the practice has health value or adversely affects male satisfaction, the study said.

"The considerable impact of circumcision status on sexual practice represents a new finding that should further enrich such discussion," the researchers wrote. "Our results support the view that physicians and parents be informed of the potential benefits and risks before circumcising newborns."

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Why don't you knock me over while I'm sleeping.

Either leVasseur is making a symbolic gesture to something or another in his life, or he really feels for all the cows that have ever actually been tipped over. In a way I think it's a song about being branded a slave. Not a slave in general, just a slave in their own minds. Knowing that your only purpose in life is to be branded for food is probably very unpleasant and we don't appreciate the creatures. (Then again, maybe not. I just thought that would be a cool comparison.)

Songs later, as *One Door Deeper* comes to a close, I realize the purity of this record. It's two guys making a living doing what they live to do: doing what they feel to be right. It's music for a meal. It's life on the road. You know, your basic Life In General kind of stuff.

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Woods breaks Augusta records on way to victory

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - Tiger Woods' victory walk up the 18th fairway was drenched by a wild hook off the final tee at the Masters, which was probably just as well.

It is hard to imagine anyone capable of following in these footsteps. His romp over Augusta National Golf Club evoked memories of the cold stare and hardened heart of Ben Hogan, the charisma of Arnold Palmer and the sheer power of Jack Nicklaus.

Shortly after he drained a bending 4 1/2-foot putt for par on the final hole Sunday that gave him the lowest score in the 63-year history of the Masters, Woods choked back tears as he embraced his parents.

"Every time I hug my mom and pop after a tournament, I know it's over," he said. "I've accomplished my goal."

His 3-under-par 69 gave him a 270, breaking by one stroke the record that Nicklaus first set in 1965 and Raymond Floyd matched in 1986.

His 12-stroke victory over Tom Kite was not only a Masters record by three strokes, but the greatest winning margin in any major since Old Tom Morris won in the 1862 British Open by 13 strokes.

He also became the youngest Masters champion at age 21.

Woods wasn't thinking about any of these records when he teed off Sunday afternoon with a nine-stroke lead, or when he made his final climb to a spectacular salute at the 18th green.

Instead, Woods said a prayer of thanks to other blacks in golf who paved the way - Ted Rhodes, Charlie Sifford and Lee Elder, the first black to get invited to play at the Masters in 1975.

Elder stood by politely as Woods chipped onto the practice green, then said hello and wished him well.

Gordon edges Wallace on final lap

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) - His list of product endorsements includes milk, he is unfailingly polite with his fans and he's not afraid to cry in public. That does not, however, mean that Jeff Gordon is a softie.

"I want everybody to know that when it comes down to the finish, I'm not going to quit. I'm going to do whatever it takes," Gordon said after he bumped his way past Rusty Wallace 600 feet from the checkered flag and won the Food City 500.

Up until Sunday's victory, Gordon had relied on superior speed by his Chevrolet and his pit crew to win 21 Winston Cup races. But in No. 22, he showed he could do it with muscle as well.

"There's sometimes when pure desire takes over and you do whatever you have to do to cross the finish line first," he said.

No one was injured, but the 20 yellow flags tied NASCAR's modern-era record. The 132 laps run under caution represented the third-highest total in the modern era, which began in 1972.

Gordon stayed free of all the contact. But on the last part of the last lap, he initiated it.

"It was definitely the most exciting finish I think I've ever had in my career," he said.

Wallace, the pole-sitter, kept his Ford up front four times for 240 laps. He took the lead for the last time on lap 415 and built a comfortable edge before Gordon, with teammate Terry Labonte on his rear bumper, closed to within inches of Wallace with 20 laps remaining.

Wallace bobbed up high as he fought to control his car, and Gordon slipped past. While Gordon went on to a two-car-length victory, Wallace held off Labonte for second place by about five feet.

UNC lacrosse player stabbed at club

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) - A University of North Carolina lacrosse player was in good condition after being stabbed in the abdomen at a dance club early Sunday.

Police charged Robert Pratt, 26, of Mebane, with felony assault with a deadly weapon in the attack on Peter Murphy, 22. Pratt was released after his mother posted a \$15,000 bond.

Moments before the stabbing, a fight on the dance floor prompted the disc jockey to alert bouncers over the microphone.

Pratt was arrested at a nearby restaurant and told police he had fled to elude Murphy's friends.

Pratt said Murphy and a group of his friends jumped him on the dance floor because of a dispute over a woman. Others who witnessed the fight said that it consisted simply of shoving and pushing and then Murphy was cut.

Pratt said he was crouching on the dance floor and that Murphy had him by the throat while others beat and kicked him.

Pratt said he was able to reach into his pocket, grab a pocket knife that was attached to his key chain and stab Murphy in the abdomen to free himself.

Key ahead in the count all day, helped by Erickson

The two home runs by Jeffrey Hammonds sure helped. So did the solo shots by Cal Ripken and Chris Hoiles on Sunday.

The player who really gave Jimmy Key room to finish his first shutout in four seasons, however, was pitcher Scott Erickson.

Erickson was sitting on the Baltimore bench, charting pitches. And when Orioles manager Davey Johnson asked how many Key had thrown through eight innings, he was told 97.

Trouble was, Erickson forgot to count 10 or so.

Johnson let Key continue, and the left-hander wrapped up a 9-0 win Sunday at Camden Yards for his first shutout since May 28, 1993.

"We had the big lead so he allowed me to go out in the ninth. If the game's close, I don't go out there," Key said.

Key finished with 122 pitches. Johnson said that if he'd known the true count through eight innings, he might have gone to the bullpen.

"He was throwing nice and easy, but it's not the type of game you want to wear out your pitcher on," Johnson said.

TRIVIAtime

Name the golfer who has the most Masters' wins and in what years did this golfer record the victories?

65, '66, '72, '73, and '76

The legendary Jack Nicklaus has recorded six Masters' wins in '63.

Patriots sweep Pirates over weekend

STEVE LOSEY
STAFF WRITER

The Pirates came out of this weekend with hurt pride and a damaged record. They lost all three of their baseball games against the George Mason Patriots. The Pirates come out of the weekend with an overall 21-21 record and now fall to 7-8 in the CAA.

A doubleheader was scheduled for Saturday, but the rainy weather caused the second of the two to be postponed until Sunday. The game that was played that day was a rough one for both sides.

Both teams were chalking up hit after hit as they came up to bat. The pitching staff of either team could not stop the batters from blasting fiery grounders and soaring flies. The defense of each team had difficulty keeping the runners from advancing.

"Our defense was the answer to our loss," said Pirates Head Coach Gary Overton.

Saturday's game was played in pouring rain and at times had to be postponed for minutes because of the driving rain. In the end and 44 runs later, ECU had lost 17-27.

The first game on Sunday began with a promising start. The score remained 0-0 until the third inning. Macon Jones hit a shallow fly to center field that earned him a single. When Kevin Monroe came up to bat, the Patriot pitcher tried to pick off Jones leading off at first. The second time the pitcher threw to first, Jones slid headfirst into the bag. The ball ricocheted off his helmet and rolled to the deep end of right field foul territory. Jones got up and ran to second. A slow reaction by the Patriot right fielder allowed Jones to steal third.

Right fielder Antaine Jones was hit by a wild pitch while on first and quickly stole second base. The Patriots' catcher threw the ball in an attempt to get A. Jones out. The second baseman missed

the ball and it went past the center fielder. M. Jones seized the opportunity and bolted for home. A. Jones followed suit and made it to third. Left fielder Steve Salargo stepped up to bat and was thrown out at first, which allowed A. Jones to score.

Mason stayed off the board until the fifth inning. Overton pulled pitcher John Payne and put Conrad Clark on the mound. The next batter hit a fly ball that was caught in deep left field. The leading runner scored and made the game 2-1, ECU.

In the next inning, Mason's batters dominated the Pirates' fielders and pitchers. The first batter walked and stole second. The next batter hit a single and was advanced by the following batter, who was thrown out at first. The next man up hit a line drive over the shortstop's head that scored the two already on base. After a fly out and a single, Clark was pulled and Kevin Fulcher was put in. A hit to right field scored two more runs and Fulcher was replaced by Travis Thompson. Thompson walked his first batter and was pulled for Mike Daniels.

"The bullpen has somewhat struggled throughout the year," Overton said.

A hit to center scored another two runs, and before the Pirates could get their last out, the leading runner for Mason stole home. The final score was 8-2, Mason.

"Losing the first game the way we lost it certainly had an effect on the second," Overton said.

The second game on Sunday was similar to the



Antaine Jones (L) and Steve Salargo (R) prepare to step up to bat on Sunday against George Mason. ECU lost all three games this weekend to the Patriots. PHOTO BY AMANDA ROSS

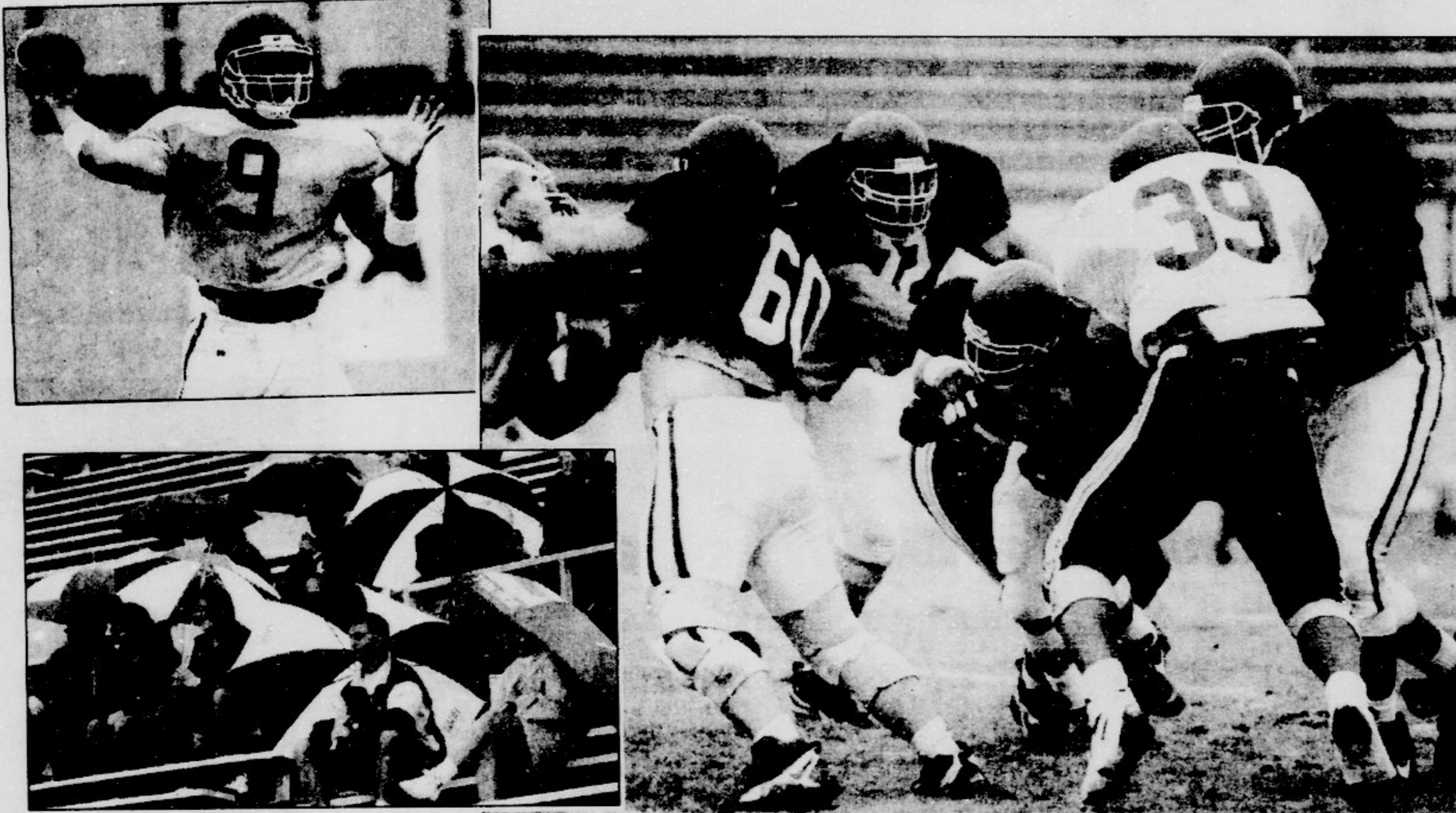
first. It remained scoreless until the fourth, when ECU took the lead with one run. Mason gained the lead with two in the next inning and took another in the seventh to make it 3-1. In the eighth they scored three, two of which were from a fly to center field. ECU raised the crowd's hopes a bit when they scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth, but were unable to score any more. The final score was Mason 6, ECU 3.

"We weren't making the plays during these games. That is the mistake that hurt us through the year," Overton said.

The Pirates have a week off before their next game at UNC-Wilmington this weekend. The game against ECU is considered a big one by UNCW.

"They are playing better than usual and we're not playing as well. We'll have to find a variety of ways to win," Overton said.

Purple/Gold Pirate scrimmage highlights



(Clockwise from top left) Dan Gonzalez looks for a receiver in Saturday's scrimmage. Gonzalez finished with 213 passing yards including a long throw of 27 yards. Damon Davis (No. 34) gets some blocks from his offensive line on his way to his 20 net rushing yards for the day. Fans sit through rainy, windy conditions to watch their Pirates play. (Opposite page) Jamir Wilson rushes for a team high 70 yards and one touchdown. Marcellus Harris was the day's leading pass receiver with 60 yards and one touchdown. Buck Collins caught six passes for 77 yards, while Jason Nichols caught four passes for 54 yards and Lamont Chappell had 44 yards on three passes and one touchdown. Quarterback Bobby Weaver threw for 44 yards and one touchdown, while the other quarterback Ernest Tinnin finished with 55 yards and one touchdown. PHOTOS BY CHRIS GAYDOSHI

Golfers prepare to tee off at CAA championships

ANTHONY STANFILL
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Golf Team is heading to Goldsboro on April 18-20 to participate in their last, and most important tournament of the season. The tournament is the Colonial Athletic Association Championships and will be played at Lane Creek Country Club. The Pirates are coming off their best tournament of the spring, with a fourth place finish at the Tennessee State Intercollegiate. Even though the Pirates had their best finish, Coach Kevin Williams felt they should have done better.

"I was disappointed in a way, because I felt that there was only one team last week that could have beat us, and that was Jacksonville State

from Alabama," Williams said. "But it was our best finish of the spring, so that's still better than we've been doing."

The CAA Championships are for bragging rights, and the Pirates will be facing all nine of the conference teams, including VCU, who's ranked 14th in the nation. Williams believes that they have a good chance of being in the top four, hopefully finishing second behind VCU. The Pirates have defeated Wilmington three out of the five times they've met this year. Both times ECU met James Madison they lost, but they were narrow margins of loss. VCU, UNCW and JMU were the top three teams that Williams thinks will be the best competition.

"We need to play consistent and do well two of the three days in order to take second place," Williams said. "If we want to win, and upset VCU, we'll

have to play good all three rounds."

The five Pirates Williams chose to go to Goldsboro are Marc Miller, Kevin Miller, Richie Creech, Steven Satterly, and either Daniel Griffin or Robbie Perry. Williams says that they'll find out for sure this week.

"Perry's been real consistent in tournaments, but not in qualifying," Williams said. "In fact, he was our lowest score in the Furman tournament. Then again, Griffin has been consistent qualifying and not in the tournaments. So the fifth spot will be decided this week, between these two [Griffin and Perry]."

The Pirates have won the CAA seven out of the last 10 years. Two years ago they placed second, and last year finished a disappointing seventh. Since this is the Pirates last tournament of the year, Williams summarized this season's play.

"I think that it was disappointing in certain ways, because of the inconsistency," Williams said. "We're basically a young team, starting three freshmen at some tournaments. Maybe this youth had something to do with the inconsistency, but they've had plenty of tournament experience. We did secure a winning record though, which we haven't had in two years, so that's a positive."

The Pirates, going into the CAA Championships, have an overall record of 91-65-3. If everything goes as planned and the Pirates take second, they'll finish the season with 98 wins. Even though Williams was disappointed, congratulations are in order for the Pirates' winning season, and once again to Kevin Miller, who was named Outstanding Scholarly Athlete.

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ECU thrower Michelle Clayton led the Pirates' performance amid the rainy conditions at the Duke Invitational this weekend. Clayton finished fourth in the hammer with a throw of 176-02. This distance was good enough for NCAA qualifying standards and also was a new personal record for Clayton and an ECU record. Two of the top three finishers in the hammer were former Olympians.

"I was very pleased with Michelle's performance," ECU Women's Head Coach "Choo" Justice said. "Her distance this weekend is top ten in the country this year."

Leve Wilson finished third in the triple jump with a distance of 39-08.75. Fellow Lady Pirate Leana Anding finished eighth in the event

with a jump of 37-01. For Anding, an ECU freshman, it was the first time she had made the finals in college.

In other women's competition, sophomore Kerri Hartling placed ninth in the 10,000 meters in 37:59.25, fast enough to qualify for the ECAC's Lady Pirate sophomore Missy Johnson finished third in the 400-meter hurdles (developmental) in 1:05.22, a personal best time for her.

Johnson also placed fifth in the 100-meter hurdles (developmental) with a time of 15.14, a season best for her. The Lady Pirates did not attempt to compete in many of Saturday's events including the relays because of the rainy condition.

"I was proud of the performances for our athletes that did perform," Justice said. "The weather got so bad that we knew we weren't going to run well, and we didn't want to risk injury before the CAA championships next week."

In the men's competition, ECU finished fifth in Saturday's 4x100 meter relay with a time of 42.19 as the wet condition played a part, slowing all the sprinters in the competition. The Pirates team consisting of Dwight Henry, James Alexander, Christian Rey and Derrick Ingram were in second place just before the final leg when a missed hand off spoiled its performance. The Pirates fastest time this

season is 40:55 run on March 29 at the Raleigh Relays.

The women's tennis team upped their record to 13-9 overall after winning a pair of non-conference matches on Sunday in the morning match. ECU defeated NC A&T by a 6-0 score and dealt Belmont a 6-0 loss in the afternoon match.

Against NC A&T, sophomore Anne Svec paced the Lady Pirates with a 6-0, 6-1 victory at No. 1 singles over Darlene Speas. Sophomore Rachel Cohen defeated A&T's Penda Dickey 6-1, 6-2 at No. 2 singles. Mona Eck, Hollyn Gordon, Gina MacDonald and Catherine Morgan were each 6-0, 6-0 winners at Nos. 3-6 respectively.

The Lady Pirates cruised to their second win of the day against Belmont in the afternoon match, losing just three games among the singles players. Eck and Morgan posted their second 6-0, 6-0 wins of the day at No. 3 and No. 6 singles while Svec, Cohen, Gordon and MacDonald were also winners.

The ECU softball team (40-18, 12-2) swept a double header from conference rival Liberty (26-17, 8-4) on Saturday. Despite adverse weather conditions, ECU knocked around the Lady Flames for a combined 23 runs in the two games. The Lady Pirates won both games in five innings due to

the eight run rule 14-1, and 9-1.

ECU jumped on the board first, scoring three runs in the first inning of game one. Amy Hooks scored the game's first run off a wild pitch by Katie Phillips. Dana Hulings and Sharilyn Strickland both ripped pitches in the second to put the game away.

Nicki Andrews was hit by a pitch to lead off the second inning. Dawn Conard and Tonya Oursidine then each laid down bunt singles to load the bases. Isorette Polonius then ripped a one out single to left, scoring Andrews and Conard. Rhonda Rest then drew a base on balls to load the bases again. Strickland then hit a one in the gap in left center to score two more runs. ECU scored six runs off five hits in the second.

Game two saw the ECU bats just as lively as game one. With two outs and Hulings on third, Andrews ripped a double down the third base line to open the Lady Pirates scoring in the second inning. Andrews would advance to third and then score off two wild pitches from Inge.

ECU added three runs in the third. Oursidine lead off with a single and scored on a Polonius double. Polonius would come around to score a Flames throwing error which allowed Rest to reach base safely. Rest would be driven in by Strickland on a sacrifice fly to left. The Lady Pirates would score two runs in each of the final two innings.

Jami Bendie picked up wins 22 and 23. She started game one and pitched a two hit game allowing one run. Bendie came on in relief in game two during the third and shut down any rally that the Lady Flames tried to put together. Bendie allowed two hits in eight innings of work on the day.

On Sunday the softball team traveled down to Wilmington to take on the Lady Seahawks. ECU split a doubleheader losing the first game 3-11 and taking game two 9-2. The win assures ECU at least a share of the Big South regular season championship.

Fischer Christi Davis improved her record to 7-5 overall in the 9-2 win. She pitched 12 complete games on the season only allowing three hits.

The Lady Pirate offense was lead by the long ball in game two. Polonius hit a two run homer in the first to give the Lady Pirates rolling. Strickland ripped a single to left to score Rest from second. With runners on second and third and two outs Andrews smashed a two run double off the outfield wall.

ECU has completed conference play. Coastal Carolina is currently tied with ECU in the loss column with three. Coast has ten conference games remaining and one has won't give the Lady Pirates their first ever outright Big South regular season.

The softball team will be in action today at 3 p.m. against North Carolina. The women's tennis match slated for today at 2:30 p.m. has been forfeited by Louisburg College and therefore will not be played.

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