

Orientation winds down for incoming students

University staff successfully welcomes class of 2001

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As this school year's "Discover ECU" Orientation sessions come to a close, campus will quiet again to its normal summer school pace as the members of the Class of 2001 await their return to campus for a more permanent stay. The staff at Orientation and the First Year Experience

poured hours of work into each of the past six two-and-one-half day sessions to ensure that both parents and students left with an accurate portrayal of the programs and services available at ECU.

Beth Anne Pretty, director of Orientation and First Year Experience said it was important that Orientation students keep in mind that all of the planned sessions had a specific purpose in mind. These sessions included an introduction to ECU's academic regulations, taking placement tests, or watching skits depicting the potential problems of college life.

"We feel that all of the sessions are important, and that they should attend all of them, because they're all there for a reason," Pretty said.

In addition to attending all the sessions, Pretty said, it is also important each year for students to come ready to actively participate.

"The most important and useful thing the students could do was to ask questions," Pretty said.

Orientation students were encouraged to take advantage of the people resources offered them during their stay. Probably the most indispensable resource available during Orientation is the voice of experience.

The Orientation Assistants are upperclassmen who have been trained to help freshmen make their transition into college life as smooth as possible, and are there to help. If there is no Orientation Assistant immediately available, there are usually other currently attending students who are willing to answer questions.

"We've usually had comments that most people are pretty nice around here," said former Orientation Assistant John Reeves.

While all sessions are important, there were a few in particular that could make the difference between a good start to a successful academic career or a dissatisfying freshman year, such as the session which introduces students to their prospective majors.

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Charlotte Wild visited ECU during orientation although she will not attend until Fall 1998. Her mother Andrea Wild and grandmother Abigail Subold (far right) took a tour led by Kelly Reynolds (far left). PHOTO BY CELESTE WILSON

Arthritis affects more than elderly

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When most people think of arthritis, they identify it as a disease of the elderly. However, according to the Arthritis Foundation, arthritis is found in all age groups, including almost 250,000 children. And it affects about 40 million Americans. That equals to about one in every seven people.

Women have a greater chance of getting arthritis than men, about 66 percent of arthritis patients are women, and in some forms of arthritis, the percentages are as high as 80-90 percent.

Arthritis is not a disease in itself, but is actually a symptom of over 100 different types of diseases associated with pain and debilitation of the joints and ligaments in the body. It can make bones brittle, weaken the spine, cause internal organ damage, and even shorten life expectancy.

For many people arthritis limits the amount of jobs available to them.

"There will be many jobs that you can still handle easily, others that can be handled with some modifications and a few that you may have to eliminate as possibilities," said Dr. Doyt Conn, senior vice president for medical affairs at the Arthritis Foundation.

Many cases of arthritis are self diagnosed and often not treated properly, if treated at all. This is usually due to misconceptions about arthritis, or because the patient simply cannot afford proper care, according to Conn.

"Writing off your joint pain as just arthritis puts you at risk in a number of ways," Conn said. "You may end up enduring more pain and function loss than necessary."

"Many of the types of arthritis reveal themselves slowly, and only alerting your doctor to new or changed symptoms will give your doctor enough pieces to put the puzzle together."

Conn said doctors have access to broad ranges of treatment for the many forms of arthritis, and not seeing a doctor could result in debilitation, damage to joints and muscles, and in some remote instances, death.

There are various forms of therapy for the many types of arthritis. Pain relief is a primary goal in arthritic treatment. Medicines, physical therapy, and hot/cold applications are all methods of relieving or lessening arthritic pain.

Through proper dieting, medication, physical training and joint protection, arthritic patients can enjoy a normal life. Acupuncture has been found to alleviate pain as well.

"Interest in acupuncture is growing among people with arthritis," said Cindy T. McDaniel, editor of Arthritis Today, a publication of the Arthritis Foundation.

"Several reliable studies indicate its effectiveness, and it may be recommended by medical professionals to supplement or complement conventional medical treatment."

As debilitating as arthritis can be, it might prevent some patients from wanting to take the extra time it takes to prepare special

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Michael Jordan takes a shot during the Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Classic Sunday at Brook Valley Country Club. PHOTO BY CHRIS GARDOSH

Proposal seeks to control art funding

This is the first in a series of articles on this topic. The next will focus on how the plan affects ECU specifically.

RALEIGH (AP)—County commissioners and city councils could control how local arts groups spend state grant money under a proposal tucked away in the state House budget.

The Republican-led House wants to give local officials the right to block any art exhibition or performance they find objectionable as long as it is at least partly funded with a state grant and presented in a publicly funded building. Any arts group seeking a state grant would have to agree in writing to abide by local officials' decisions before receiving any money.

The three-sentence provision was put into the 343-page budget by Rep. Sam Ellis, R-Wake.

"It's simple: If you're going to take our money, you subject yourself to our opinion. And 'our' is what I believe to be the opinion of the majority of the population."

Rep. Sam Ellis, R-Wake

"Nobody knows what art is, nobody can define it," Ellis said. "But they can define what meets a community's standards."

The N.C. Arts Council, part of the state Department of Cultural Resources, is responsible for distributing state grants for the arts. The council distributed about \$4.5 million this year, some of it going to local arts councils, which in turn distribute the state money to local artists.

Under Ellis' proposal, state arts grants could not be used for performances or other art works if local officials object, in a resolution, to the display or performance.

A similar provision is in the current state budget, but it expires when the fiscal year ends June 30. The House proposes writing the measure permanently into state law.

The move comes amid debates in at least two major North Carolina cities over arts

funding and community standards. Mecklenburg commissioners eliminated most county funding for arts groups in a dispute over works with homosexual themes.

In Guilford County, the play "La Cage Aux Folles" sparked similar controversy because its two main characters are homosexual.

Guilford commissioners cut the \$30,000 in county money going to the United Arts Council of Greensboro, one of the groups supporting the play. The commissioners also cut \$315,000 going to the High Point Arts Council.

Those controversies, Ellis said, show a growing awareness among local elected officials of their role in setting community standards.

Rep. Alma Adams, D-Guilford, attacked Ellis' proposal June 17, saying the Legislature should stay out of the arts debate. The provision would give local governments "unprecedented power" and probably would violate the First Amendment, she said.

"Freedom of expression is being attacked," said Adams, an art professor at Bennett College.

Ellis dismisses concerns that his proposal could stifle freedom of expression.

"There's no First Amendment right to a contract, and this is a contract," he said. "You need \$2,000 to perform a work of art. As a term of the contract, to accept this state funding, you should agree to subject yourself to the community standards."

But Mecklenburg County commissioner Hoyle Martin, who led Charlotte's charge against homosexual-themed arts, agreed with Ellis that local elected officials may be the best judges of which arts projects are appropriate for the community.

"I don't believe I'm supposed to come to this elected office and leave my moral convictions in my dresser drawer," Martin said.

The group shouted as it rolled in a papier-mache tank, con

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Hong Kong, China rejoin for uncertain future

HONG KONG (AP) — Tom between excitement and anxiety, Hong Kong shed its 156-year-old colonial mantle today and rejoined China, its original master and now the pilot of its course to the future.

"I have relinquished the administration of this government. God save the Queen," said a cable from Gov. Chris Patten to London sent at midnight as sovereignty changed.

With a simple ceremony, the playing of both countries' national anthems and a switch of flags, Hong Kong was passed from the dwindling British Empire to the world's most populous nation. The Chinese flag and Hong Kong's new flag finished their ascent up the flagpole eight seconds after midnight.

In a moment, the territory's 6.3 million people ceased to be British subjects and became citizens of a new entity called the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong.

"China will, tonight, take responsibility for a place and a people which matter greatly to us all," Prince Charles said in a speech shortly before the Union Jack came down before a global array of VIPs gathered in a hall overlooking Hong Kong harbor.

"We shall not forget you, and we shall watch with the closest interest as you embark on this new era of your remarkable history."

Chinese President Jiang Zemin called the handover "a victory for the universal cause of peace and justice." He said, "July 1, 1997, will go down in the annals of history as a day that merits eternal memory - the return of Hong Kong to the motherland."

As "God Save the Queen" played, Charles, heir to the British throne, watched with a dejected expression and a far-off look in his eye as the Union Jack descended.

Patten was less circumspect: He looked downright sullen and spent just seconds in a post-ceremony handshake gathering before turning on his heel and walking off.

On the Chinese side, only Premier Li Peng smiled slightly during the ceremony.

Shortly afterward, Charles, Patten and his family and others in the British delegation boarded the royal yacht Britannia in Hong Kong harbor and sailed away, Chinese and British well-wishers reached out across a police barrier to hug Patten.

The crowd roared, "Hip, hip, hurrah."

The brief handover observances at Hong Kong's new convention center followed a day of parades, speeches, performances and banquets, followed by a night sky bursting with British fireworks over Victoria Harbor. Rain-drenched spectators joined bagpipers in a spirited, emotional rendition of "Auld

Lang Syne."

Right on schedule, more than 500 Chinese troops rolled into Hong Kong in convoys precisely at 9 p.m. in preparation for the midnight handover.

In Hong Kong the mood was of joy, sadness, and apprehension. Beyond the pageantry, for most residents the historic event boiled down to one question: Will Communist China keep its promise to preserve Hong Kong's freedoms and its capitalist economy?

"Thirteen years ago we thought it was very far away. Now it's suddenly here," said Elsie Li, a clerk, referring to the 1984 agreement that Britain would hand back the colony today. "I still can't believe it's true."

Several pro-democracy anti-China demonstrations were held in Hong Kong, and most remained small and peaceful. Just before the handover ceremony at the convention center, however, members of the April 5 Action Group, a coalition of Chinese activists, briefly blocked the road. Police holding hands surrounded them and moved them into an approved protest area.

The group shouted as it rolled in a papier-mache tank, con

PIRATES on the street

Do you think the N.C. legislature should pass a bill allowing county officials to ban any state funded art exhibition or performance which they find objectionable?



If they are the main source of funding, then they should keep their money if they can't appreciate true art, because art is an expression of feeling.
Jamal Adekunle



I don't believe the legislature should be able to remove funds from exhibits based on their opinions.
Jennifer Johnson

Come on, let's get back to common sense! We don't need a bill for every issue. If art offends you, don't view it.
Tim Noonan



They should be concerned with the public's view, not so much with their own.
Sophia Harrison



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Elimination of orientation program questioned by NPHC President

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Excessive noise and uninvited guests caused lasting changes in the social programming for incoming freshmen during the first orientation session.

During a performance by the musical group Duality at Scott Hall, residents of 14th Street called the Greenville Police complaining of excessive noise.

When police arrived, the rock band had completed their performance and the next phase of entertainment, a Unity Step performed by active members of the National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC), had begun.

Greenville Police ordered the crowd to disperse and the remainder of the Unity Step was cancelled. That portion of the Orientation program was also cancelled for the remainder of this summer's Orientation sessions.

Dean of Students Ronald Speier pointed out that non-orientation students attended the program and that the programming was not set up for just the minority students but was intended for all orientation students.

"That part (the NPHC presentation) was also changed because we could not control access to the program," Speier said.

However NPHC and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity President Christa Rey disagreed.

"Whether or not access to the program could have been controlled is not a major issue," Rey said. "ECU is a public facility, and crowds should have been expected."

Rey said the whole ordeal was an unfortunate and preventable mistake. "These problems could have easily been corrected without canceling the entire presentation," Rey added.

"This whole ordeal was the result of poor planning. Still, our main concern right now is that these minority freshmen are missing out on an important, cultural aspect of Greek life."

According to Rey the show was important to minority students. "The concept of a Unity Step was good for a number of reasons," Rey said. "We wanted to show the freshmen the social side to black Greek organizations and at the same time put an end to the misconception that

we are all petty and in a constant state of rivalry with each other."

According to Dean of Students Ronald Speier, had everything gone as it was originally planned there would have been no complications to the program.

"There were some changes made to the program of which we were not aware," Speier said. "I was under the impression that the entire presentation would be a 'unity step' and no group would perform alone."

Rey said though NPHC was given no set guidelines, the groups worked together and composed a theme in which the groups would step individually and then come together to step in unison.

Speier said he assumed that sometime later it was decided that each group would have time to step individually before they would eventually come together. It was during the individual phase that one of the groups (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity) made gestures that Speier described as "inappropriate."

Speier said since the NPHC presentation has been excluded and other changes have been made such as controlling the volume of the music, the gatherings at Scott Hall have been more orderly.

"All of the students still have a chance to get together and enjoy drinks, food and raffles just like before," Speier said.

"We feel that these events have left minority students without a social outlet because, quite frankly, the band Duality does not address the need of our culture."

"Everyone knows that any Greek step show is geared toward minority students," Rey said. "Though it was performed in front of everyone, it is obvious that minority students will be more familiar with it and better able to appreciate it."

Minority students do have the opportunity to learn more about the service orientation of Greeks and other types of organizations in a forum setting in which campus leaders are given time to discuss the purpose of their individual groups. There is also a program that allows minorities a question and answer opportunity with Dr. Brian Haynes, director of Minority Student Affairs.

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The placement tests in foreign languages, chemistry, mathematics and English let students know if they need to take any remedial courses, or if they are eligible to place out of the first level of some classes.

Another extremely important session is the one at which ID's are made. An ID is a must-have for any college student. With it, students are eligible to participate in campus activities and take advantage of resources like the campus computer labs or the Student Recreation Center.

"One of the new features of Orientation this year that we were

all excited about was the chance to offer sessions in the new Rec Center," Pretty said.

Orientation students got an introduction to the Rec Center on the first night of orientation, when from 9-11 p.m. they were given the opportunity to tour the new facility, participate in demo aerobics classes, see a martial arts demonstration, learn cheers from the ECU cheerleaders and enjoy free food.

Pretty added that overall if Orientation students keep in mind that this experience was there for them to receive valuable knowledge about their new school and to enjoy, then it was worth the months of planning and effort.

From July 16-22, campus and the Orientation staff will accommodate two groups of transfer students who, like the freshman class, must learn to navigate at ECU.

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denning Chinese officials for crushing pro-democracy protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989 and killing hundreds.

Jiang, the first Communist Chinese president to visit Hong Kong, arrived only a few hours before the day's festivities began. Before leaving Beijing, Jiang renewed pledges to preserve Hong Kong's freedoms.

As Jiang flew into the airport, an exhausted-looking Patten moved out of Government House, taking with him the British flag that used to fly over the official residence.

He bit his lip and swallowed hard as the band played "God Save the Queen."

Later, at Britain's open-air sunset farewell ceremony, Patten paid emotional tribute to the colony he governed for five years. "I have no doubt that with people here holding onto these values which they cherish, Hong Kong's star will continue

to climb," he said. China swiftly asserted its sovereignty with the advance contingent of 509 troops moving across the border from the city of Shenzhen. Early Tuesday, 4,000 People's Liberation Army troops were to arrive in Hong Kong by ships, helicopters and armored vehicles.

Britain and the United States questioned whether such a show of force, especially armored vehicles, was necessary.

With dozens of top foreign officials in Hong Kong for the handover, there was a flurry of diplomatic activity, including talks between U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook.

Albright expressed hopes for a post-handover Hong Kong "that is free, a Hong Kong in which personal freedoms exist and will not be squeezed out."

China regards the return of its territory as a glorious event, and Beijing was putting on massive celebrations. Chinese streamed by the tens of thousands to Beijing's Tiananmen Square to view the clock counting the seconds past midnight.

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dietary foods. Arthritis might also lower their appetite due to fatigue and pain.

"Even though some dietary changes seem to help the symptoms of arthritis, people should only

start a diet that is approved and supervised by their doctor or nutritionist to avoid endangering their health and making their arthritis worse," Coan said.

Despite many speculative claims by books and natural medicines, as of yet there is no cure for arthritis.

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QUIZVIEW

Friday we celebrate our independence. We'll eat hot dogs, drink beer, go to the beach and watch fireworks. Maybe we'll hang the flag out front, or maybe we'll just be happy to have the day off work. But how many of us will think about what the future holds for our country?

Another celebration took place earlier this week far from the United States. On Monday, Hong Kong celebrated its return to China from Britain. It too celebrated with fireworks and exuberant parties. Hong Kong was once again a part of China after 156 years. But now as this historic date has passed, questions are abundant concerning the future of Hong Kong. Will China keep its promise of "one country, two systems?" Who will have the greater influence on the other as a result of the reunion: China or Hong Kong?

"One country, two systems," will undoubtedly be difficult. China seems to have already taken a step in the wrong direction by disbanding Hong Kong's pro-democracy legislature elected in 1995 and replacing it with a Chinese-appointed legislature. The new legislature met immediately after being sworn in Monday. It passed numerous new measures, including rules governing political protest. Under the new rules, all groups must register with the government. Protesters must get police permission to hold rallies and burning the Chinese or local Hong Kong flag is punishable by imprisonment and a hefty fine. To their credit, Chinese officials did allow democracy activists to stage protests during Monday's celebration.

Both Hong Kong and China will feel the effects of the reunion. It is quite possible that Hong Kong's democratic leanings will have a positive effect on China. However, it is also very likely that it will only produce in Chinese citizens a higher desire to make money, not result in democracy or liberal thinking in China. If the result is purely greed, devastation is indeed possible. According to a recent article in Fortune magazine, there are slum dwellers in Shanghai who do not have running water, yet they have cell phones. When they see the way prosperous Hong Kong residents live, what are they supposed to think?

When we wake up Saturday morning, our biggest problem may be the pain in our head or the hot dog stains on our shirts. But for Hong Kong and China the future is much more complicated.

OPINION

Children learn to hate during ugly divorces

What is this country coming to? While sitting in a fast food restaurant the other day, I could not but help over hear the conversation a father was having with his grade-school-age daughter.

"Daddy, it's not Mommy's fault," said the little girl. "Yes it is," said the father back to the child. "If your Mom wants to go back to high school, she should have never dropped out in the first place. She is 33-years-old. She is supposed to be an adult. She should not be wearing shorts."

Those are the exact words I heard on June 26, 1997 while innocently eating my sandwich.

The child looked so sad. She obviously did not want to hear her father say negative things to her about her very own mother.

It was obvious to me that a separation and likely a divorce was the scenario.

Several years ago, I met a young man who absolutely hated his father. He outright told me that his father was nothing but a no-good drunken bum. I queried him, wondering how he knew this. His reply to me was that his mother had told him all about his rotten father, and that he had not laid eyes on his dad since he was 5 years old. He spoke of how the father just left and how he was too sorry to pay child support. Then the young man lit up and spoke proudly of how he now helps his mother — something his old man would not do.

Obviously, this young man only knew one side of the story. I explained to him a little of another

situation I of which I know in which a mother of six lost custody of her children. All of them! How she had a lack of funds, etc., she rarely got to see her children. I explained to him how she dearly loved her children. How she grieved over not being able to be a mother to them. How she would cry at night for her children. How the father poisoned their minds against her. How the legal system isn't always fair.

He listened. Then I begged him to give his father a chance. I asked him to contact his dad. He may be a drunk, but that does not mean that he does not love his own flesh and blood. I encouraged him to go and see his father, to find out who he is today and what he is all about. The young man promised me he would. He realized his attitude toward his father came from someone he loved very much, someone who loved him, but who had extremely bad feelings for his dad. I do not know if the young man visited his father. I hope he did.

Another woman I know also speaks badly of her children's father. But this man does pay child support and he has a life insurance policy for his children. He is a good father and a hardworking man. The woman simply has ill feelings toward him.

Although the courts do not approve of one parent bashing the other, it happens all the time. Naturally, if the parents are divorcing, their feelings for each other may be negative. What is horrible is divorced parents who pass these

feelings on to their children. The Bible says to honor thy father and thy mother. The Koran instructs us to honor our parents. How a child can choose to have absolutely nothing to do with their very own-parent is beyond me.

Sure, if a problem exists, I understand monitored or brief visits. But to go for years, or all one's life, with no phone calls, no letters, no birthday or Mother's Day or Father's Day cards is different. To allow decades to pass with no visits at all is cruel and inhumane. It hurts me personally to see children treat their parents that way. I feel empathy for the disaffected parent. I am a parent; I have the love of some of my children, the disdain of others. Only the Lord knows the pain this causes.

Something needs to be done. Perhaps divorcing parents should be required to go through a special course instructing them on better ways to channel their anger than through their children.

The Lord gives us only one mother and one father. We should love, honor, respect and include our parents in our lives. My parents are deceased. I would give the world to be able to have them here with me. Without our parents we would not even exist. Just think of what our mothers went through to give birth to us.

There is always another side to any story. The parent who speaks negatively about the other parent is only harming their child.



OPINION

Jeff BERGMAN

Big business opposes EPA's Clean Air Act

I will huff and puff and blow your house down. Or maybe I will wheeze and gag and try to blow out a candle. Last November the EPA decided to try to reduce ground level smog and soot; the regulations are now up for review by the Clinton administration.

The proposed regulations are under constant attack from big business. Under the Clean Air Act, the EPA is required to review health data every five years and determine if the public health is being protected. The review that led to the regulations was supposed to be done during the Bush administration. A lawsuit by the American Lung Association was needed to make the EPA get on its horse.

The industries that will be most affected by the regulations have balked at the cost. The new regulations have a proposed cost of \$8.5 billion. \$8.5 billion is a lot of money, but the benefits of the new regulations clearly outweigh the costs.

The benefits range from reduced asthma and decreased hospital admissions to stopping the premature deaths caused by the smog and soot. Asthma is up 118 percent since 1980. A total of 20 million people live in areas where levels of smog are likely to trigger their respiratory problems. About 40,000 premature deaths could be avoided

with the new regulations. The cost might not even be \$8.5 billion. In 1990 electric companies made the claim that reducing sulfur dioxide emissions would cost \$10,000 per ton. The reductions are being done now for a little as \$100 per ton.

A coalition of 500 companies and trade groups are trying to prevent the regulations from being enacted. The coalition has solicited funds from the members, some gave \$100,000 to join. The alliance is named the Air Quality Standards Coalition.

Some in the coalition claim to have the public's best interest at heart. Based upon what a few have said, I am inclined to agree. Gerald Esper, a vehicle environmental director for an association representing General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, truly believes in his corporation. Esper, speaking on the premature deaths, said the elderly people and others with severe diseases would have died within days anyway. Remind me not to have Esper anywhere near me when I am in the

hospital. A lobbyist within the oil industry has the public health in mind when he says, "People can protect themselves. They can avoid jogging." Even better yet, go jogging with oxygen tanks strapped to your back.

The same oil lobbyist has a soft heart for children when he states, "Asthmatic kids need not go out and ride their bicycles." The lobbyist is right; kids today do not spend enough time inside playing video games and watching television.

A vice president in the American Automobile Manufacturing Association, Richard Klimisch, holds a similar opinion to the tobacco lobbyist. Klimisch believes a 20 to 30 percent temporary drop in lung function is not a health problem.

The Air Quality Standard Coalition contributed more than \$30 million to congressional campaigns. The money was used to convince Congress that the new regulations are unneeded. I hope the Clinton administration displays some chutzpah and agrees with the regulations. I like to breathe; don't you?

OPINION

William S. COCHRAN

Tobacco settlement shrouded in ambiguity

There definitely seems to be an air of ambiguity surrounding last week's settlement between the major tobacco companies and the attorneys general. Big tobacco (Philip Morris, RJR Nabisco, B.A.T. Industries PLC's Brown & Williamson and Loews Corp.'s Lorillard) hurriedly agreed to proposals set forth by the attorneys general. The gist: tobacco companies agreed to shell out \$368.5 billion in compensation over the next 25 years; to drastically alter their marketing programs (including future omission of human or cartoon figures from advertisements i.e. so long, Joe Camel and Marlboro Man); and to genuflect to the power of the FDA.

The attorneys general are calling their efforts land-mark, monumental. Mississippi's Michael Moore said it is "the most historic public-health achievement in history." They made it sound like they had discovered the cure for cancer; in truth, much of what they've done may never see the light of day. The settlements have to next pass through the Oval Office and then Congress. The Clinton camp coyly sends inferences about its stance. Press Secretary

Michael McCurry said the White House thought big tobacco would give more if it wasn't rewarded too early. They were also covering the FDA's backside in case the proposals fell through. Essentially, the White House did not want to show their hand until the last possible moment. Even after the settlement was reached Clinton was reticent about his position. "Now what we have to do is subject the proposed agreement to strict scrutiny."

When and if the proposal does get the Presidential approval, it will be up to the lethargic men and women inside the Capitol to seal the deal. Senate majority leader Trent Lott of Mississippi says his chamber won't even begin to consider the plan until late fall, which gives the Hill's legislators plenty of time to pick apart the 68-page proposal. Scott Harshbarger, president of the National Association of Attorneys General, "What is our biggest fear? Congress. Our fear is that all this hard work could go down the drain."

If the proposal does pass, what does all this mean to the consumer and, more importantly, to the farmers of North Carolina? Tobacco com-

panies will have to raise prices. Some predictions foresee a doubling of cost to consumer. A pack of Reds will probably run you about \$4.00 to \$5.00. As such, the number of American smokers is bound to decrease; perhaps as much as 10%. However, the stock market has watched all this unflinchingly. In fact, stocks of Philip Morris and RJR have steadily increased the past few months, a good indicator of stability and continued consumer sales. Why? The \$368.5 billion over a quarter century will not even put a dent in big tobacco's over-seas market (in the US alone, cigarette sales constitute a \$50 billion industry annually).

Many anti-smoking advocates think big tobacco got off too easy. Regardless, the proposal was a step in the right direction from a public-health point-of-view. The attorneys general pressed big tobacco to submit to the regulatory heel of the FDA, to admit to wrong-doing (rather monumental in and of itself), and to curb future marketing ploys. On the other side of the line, a steady over-seas industry and decreased risk of future legal assault buffers the stocks of big tobacco. For the North Carolina tobacco growers, only time will tell how hard they'll be hit, but if the market stays stable and European and Asian sales stay strong they should be able to weather this storm.

"The biggest threat [to a free press in Hong Kong] comes not from direct censorship by the government, but...from self-censorship."
Christopher F. Patten, British politician, 1996

CD reviews



Sammy Hagar
Marching To Mars

7 OUT OF 10

PAT REID
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

It's been almost a year since the music world was hit with the news of another singer shake-up in what seemed to be a stable Van Halen. After 10 years as lead singer, Sammy Hagar was no longer a part of Van Halen and original singer David Lee Roth was back in control. Of course, we know now that this would not last long, and before all was said and done, Gary Cherone from the metal band Extreme would be in the driver's seat. That has been the last word from Van Halen in months. Hagar, however, didn't cry over spilled milk, but jumped right back into action with his first solo album of new material in a decade, and his first solo album without help from the Van Halen brothers since 1984's *10.5*.

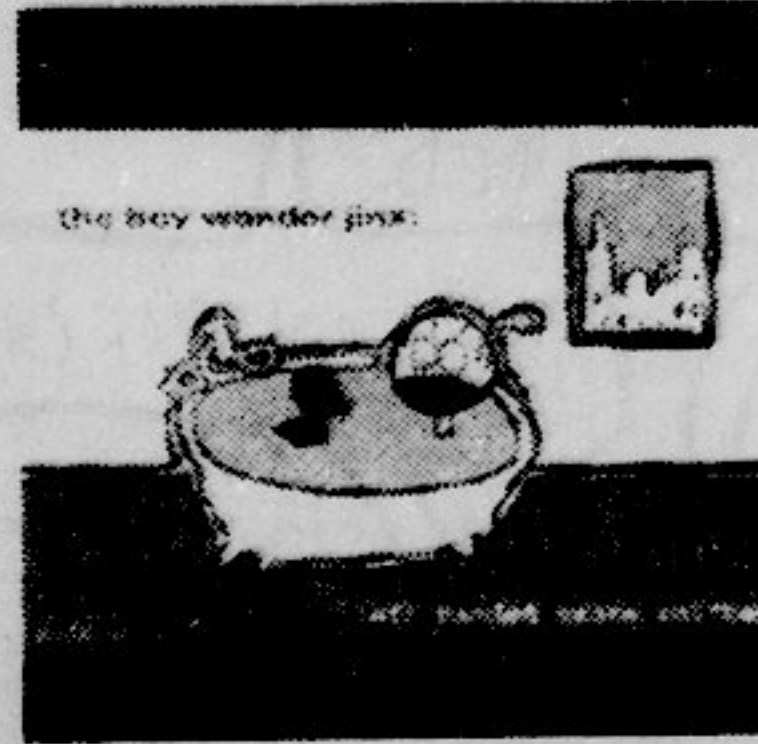
Hagar started work on *Marching to Mars* immediately after getting his walking papers from Van Halen. Former Grateful Dead drummer Mickey Hart helped get Hagar motivated to pick up and move on, and ended up producing and playing on the title track.

The other songs have been graced with the likes of Damon Johnson of Brother Cane, Huey Lewis, and Matt Sorum and Slash from Guns N' Roses. The result is an album different from Hagar's time with Van Halen, and a substantial leap forward for Hagar musically, as *Marching to Mars* is a diverse mix of blues, rock and funk.

Marching To Mars kicks off with the first single, "Little White Lies." Originally a song about racism, Hagar revamped the lyrics after seeing an interview with Eddie and Alex Van Halen on TV. The final version instead became a musical commentary on the break-up. "Little White Lies" sets the stage for the diversity of the album as it contains strong blues riffs, acoustic slide guitar, courtesy of Roy Rogers, and straight ahead power chord rock by Hagar and Slash.

"Salvation on Sand Hill" is next and also contains various parts and elements. "Salvation" allows Hagar to use his full vocal range, first using low soothing tones to draw you into the song before tapping into the power of his voice to take the song to a new level. In fact, this arrangement seems to be the formula for the whole album. Slow, mellow starts tend to give way to powerful rock leads and full-fledged guitar solos, giving the album a smooth, flowing texture that makes the whole greater than the sum of its parts. While all the songs are good, when the album is put on and left to play through, it flows in a way that makes the 50 minutes of music seem to go by in five.

Other highlights include the Bootsy Collins bass driven "Would You Do It For Free?," the upbeat "Both Sides Now," and the ballad "Kama," named for his newborn daughter. It seems that ten years in a band didn't hamper Hagar at all, and, in fact, may have caused improvements. Instead of the strong guitar sound of his previous solo albums, *Mars* has an excellent balance between all elements, and ends up with no one instrument dominating the others. In fact, with another album or two of the quality of *Marching to Mars*, look for Hagar to be on his way to huge success, perhaps the biggest success of his career.



Boy Wonder Jinx
Left Handed Smoke Shifter

7 OUT OF 10

ANDY TURNER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

I gather Raleigh's Boy Wonder Jinx are a tad hesitant about growing up. First, there's the name of the band's new album: *Left Handed Smoke Shifter*. This most precious of tools should be familiar to any former summer camp attendees who have been sent on a fruitless pursuit of a left handed smoke shifter by cruel campers. Then there are the songs.

On "Bike Ride," the first track on the album, lead singer Dan Phillips tells us that he still calls shotgun, but can't ride "my my bike anymore." A great song, "Bike Ride" is certainly worthy of any all-star indie anthem compilation (there's gotta be one). The song smacks ya with its pulsing bass riff and sticky pants lyrics: "The bonfire skies/your breath mint eyes/never buy your ice cream cones/never kiss your collar bones/your breath mint eyes under bonfire skies."

The band has no guitarist; the bass does the rocking. The guys in Girls Against Boys, with their dual bassists, might sound like the Boy Wonder Jinx if they got laid less often. The band's sound and introspective lyrics also shares common ground with Sebadoh. Phillips' vocals are sort of a cross between Lou Barlow's sleepy whisperings and Robert Pollard's (Guided by Voices) pseudo-British accent.

Have you been meaning to sway more often? "Hillsborough and Wade" will cause widespread swaying I'm sure. Complemented by a nice, little keyboard melody, the song takes a disillusioned trip through the streets of Raleigh: "Between Hillsborough and Wade, a conscious circle is made/the balances are swapped/Why was I so dismayed with Hillsborough and Wade?" Sound familiar?

Continuing the disenchantment with aging theme, *Left Handed Smoke Shifter* offers "Way Past 21" and "Thirtynothing" (possibly just disenchantment with the TV show, but I'm counting it anyway). "Way Past 21's" roaring chorus sounds like Superchunk at their best. "Thirtynothing" offers, "Man they caught our breath last night/Hope and Michael had a fight, but no one cheated so I guess it's alright." I'm glad it's alright, too.

"Goner" and "Local Hero" are also fitting for your next all-American-super-lo-fi-indie-rock-explosion mix tape. I am a critic; hear me label. One of the few non-pleasant songs on the album is "Italics Mine." It gives me an uneasy British-pop vibe bubbling in my stomach, projecting nasty visions of Oasis and feuding Gallagher brothers.

By the way, if you ever do find a left handed smoke shifter, give me a call and we'll go snipe hunting.

movie reviews

Patriotic pride shines on video

DALE WILLIAMSON
SHOW WRITER

"I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free, and I won't forget the men who died and gave that right to me." This energetic chorus from a popular country song, the name of which escapes me, has been echoing through my skull the past few days. Independence Day is rapidly approaching, or have you not noticed the significant increase of fireworks for sale at every corner of Greenville? People will party and celebrate July 4th, some with genuine regard and pride for the nation, others with little notice or care. But, nonetheless, people will celebrate.

While most Americans will take advantage of this special holiday by grilling outside or soaking in the sun at the beach, some will simply stay inside at home. For the latter group, I offer you a way to celebrate your freedom without breaking a sweat - watch a patriotic movie.

Patriotism takes many forms, and many films have dealt with the subject in various manners. Some have expressed their love for America through shameful propaganda, some have been critical by dealing with the country's darker moments, and some have simply expressed idealistic enthusiasm for a country that is, in theory, a true place of opportunity.

So, for all you patriots out there, get ready to wave those flags because here is a sampling of some must-see patriotic films that make any July 4th complete.

Dave - Director Ivan Reitman created the perfect optimistic American film for the '90s with this patriotic comedy. Kevin Kline is wonderfully cast as Dave Kovic, a regular guy who happens to be identical in appearance to the President of the U.S. When the President suffers a major stroke under "questionable" circumstances, Dave is "encouraged" by the White House to play the part as our nation's leader. Dave is a rare gem that manages to examine dirty politics without being depressing. It is in every sense a very fun and funny movie.

Apollo 13 - Ron Howard's best film to date is also one of the best films ever made detailing America's quest for the moon. Based on the real-life drama of the Apollo 13 mission, this story is American determination captured on film. Tom Hanks leads a stellar cast that includes the likes of Kevin Bacon, Bill Paxton and Ed Harris.

Bob Roberts - While Tim Robbins' directorial debut may carry all the qualities of a documentary, it is in fact a biting political satire. Robbins plays a right-wing politician/performer who wins people by pulling such antics as singing folk songs. Robbins, who is very much an activists' filmmaker, explores the dirty underbelly of American politics with enough creative energy and inspired humor to make even the stiffest conservative crack a smile.

All the President's Men - Dirty politics gets dealt a rawer hand in Alan J. Pakula's masterpiece. Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman play real-life



Celebrate the 4th with a patriotic movie. Here, Harrison Ford acts like a tough guy in *Clear and Present Danger*. PHOTO COURTESY OF PARAMOUNT PICTURES

American reporters, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, as they uncover the Watergate scandal that led to President Nixon's early departure from the White House.

1776 - This delightful film is a musical account of history's grandest moment, the creation of the Declaration of Independence. Major historical figures such as John Adams and Benjamin Franklin will seem larger than life once you watch and hear their struggle to create a new nation.

Glory - Some of America's greatest heroes, men who have died to help create America, rarely have their story told. *Glory* is an invigorating and, at times, sad narrative about the black soldiers of the Civil War who fought for a cause they truly believed in. Morgan Freeman and Denzel Washington shine as two soldiers who share a dream.

Clear and Present Danger - While Harrison Ford does not qualify as an American hero, he is better than any contemporary actor at playing one.

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BOWL ACTION



John Gregory catches air in the first ever Backdoor skate contest. PHOTO COURTESY OF PATRICK HILLAN

Cashmere
Jungle Lords
sweat it out

ANDY TURNER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Screw Calgon, I decided to let cashmere take me away last Wednesday at Peasant's.

After a day that was hot as the devil's privates, it was quite agreeable to relax and cool off to the surf/jungle rock of Richmond's Cashmere Jungle Lords. It was pleasant at Peasant's. (I'll sell that as a slogan/jingle if the cash is right.)

The band is touring to promote their recently released album, *Southern Barber Supply*. It was the first time the Lords had visited the Emerald City in quite some time. In fact, the lead singer remarked they hadn't played in Greenville since '86 at the New Deli. You may remember the New Deli if you happen to be on the six-year college plan.

The band's first few songs seemed a bit lackluster. The Cashmere Jungle Lords were possibly still stunned at the bellhead that attacked Greenville like a rabid, snarling pit bull. Or maybe it was just the sparse crowd. The crowd did grow as the night went on, as did the crowd's enthusiasm. As a result, the band picked things up after the first few songs.

"Chicken Pickin'" offered the crowd a glimpse of life and culture in the confines of Charles County, Virginia. Pig pickin's apparently just don't get it for Charles Countians. The song was a raw rock workout that got several crowd members to dance and countless others to have visions of finger lickin' chickens crowing in their heads.

Many of the band's songs do seem to inspire widespread dancing and shimmy-shimmy koko bopping. With only three members, the band is similar in sound and spirit to Chapel Hill's Southern Culture on the Skids with a little less camp and goofiness. SCOTTS would have no doubt had chicken parts a slingin' during "Chicken Pickin'."

Some of the band's songs were duds. "Mt. Melrose Ave." sounded like limp, bow-legged Link Wray, the original punk. However, all in all, the show was quite enjoyable. The Cashmere Jungle Lords will be playing at Peasant's again at the end of July. Go. See. Support your local music clubs. Let them know you care. Shucks.

I applaud Peasant's for bringing in a band that got its inspiration from sand instead of roots. Please continue.

Butter fingers	Chicken fingers	Rollie Fingers
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July

2 Wednesday

Comedy Zone at the Aric.
Freedy Johnston at Cat's Cradle in Carboro.
Lapis Lazuli at The Lizard and Snake in Chapel Hill.
Jon Shain and Paul Messenger at The Cave in Chapel Hill.
Misfits at the Riverview Theatre in Norfolk, Va.

3 Thursday

The Allman Brothers Band and Cry of Love at Walnut Creek Amphitheatre in Raleigh.
Hobex at the Brewery in Raleigh.
Agents of Good Roots at Friar Tuck's in Norfolk, Va.
Tina Turner and Cyndi Lauper at the Virginia Beach Amphitheater in Virginia Beach, Va.

4 Friday

Nameless at the Aric.
Nikki Meets the Hibachi at the Cat's Cradle in Carboro.
America and the Spencer Davis Group in Newport News, Va.

5 Saturday

Kaia and Faustina at The Lizard and Snake in Chapel Hill.
Tiny and Whitey and the just Say Yes Blues Band at the Cave in Chapel Hill.

6 Sunday

The Freight Hoppers at the Cat's Cradle in Carboro.

7 Monday

Bad Livers at Rhythm Alley in Raleigh.
David Spencer and Mumblefish at The Cave in Chapel Hill.

8 Tuesday

Nonsense II: The Second Coming at McGinnis Theatre.
Soccer, Ashley Stone, Boy Wonder Jinx, and Poole at the Cat's Cradle in Carboro.

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Patriotic
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This is the third film to feature American super patriot Jack Ryan, and it's arguably the best. Filled with political backstabbing, American fire-

power, and idealistic loyalty to America's cause, this is the thinking person's action movie.
Easy Rider - Dennis Hopper shot this rebel movie about two bikers riding across America in a search for America on a non-existent budget, but the result is one of the most influential American films ever. *Easy Rider* shows a deep love for our

country by being very critical of it, climaxing with one of the most unsettling endings ever. Watch for a young, spunky Jack Nicholson in a supporting role.
JFK and Born on the Fourth of July - These are two of director Oliver Stone's best statements on the American dream gone wrong. While the two films may differ in subject

matter, both paint a bleak picture of America unraveling and decaying. Stone is very much a product of the '60s, yet his films are visual punches in the face that address contemporary concerns. Love him or hate him, Stone uses his freedom of speech right in unforgettable ways.
Mr. Smith Goes to Washington - Frank Capra and Jimmy Stewart were a match made in heaven when it came to capturing idealism, enthusiasm and determination on the silver screen, and this classic picture is one of the best ever made. Stewart uses his innocent charm to outstanding effect as a young, hopeful senator who quickly discovers that in order to play politics you have to be willing to get your hands dirty. This is truly an inspiring gem that should be required viewing for all political potentials.
Yankee Doodle Dandy - James Cagney may have been famous for playing bad as a villainous gangster, but his Oscar-worthy moment came in the form of a musical. Chronicling the rise to fame of George M. Cohan, the man responsible for such patriotic songs as "Yankee Doodle Dandy," this film is perfect for Independence Day. If every American has just a touch of the pride, energy and patriotism for their country as Mr. Cohan did for his, then maybe, just maybe, the world would be a lot more hopeful. And there you go, my personal picks for the fourth of July. I know it's a biased list, but it's my American right to be biased, and it's your American right to take it or leave it (and I don't need to know your reply to that).
Whatever your stance on our country may be, have a safe and happy fourth. God bless America!

MORE BACKDOOR



A local skater does a rail slide at the Backdoor skate park. PHOTO COURTESY OF PATRICK IRELAND

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Celebs hit the links for Ronald McDonald House

AMANDA ROSS
SPORTS EDITOR

What do you get when you combine celebrities and golf? The 13th annual Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Classic.

The annual tournament, which benefits the Ronald McDonald houses of Greenville, Chapel Hill, Durham and Winston-Salem, brought the stars to Greenville for a great cause this past Sunday. While the celebrities were there to entertain and sign autographs, they knew the real reason that brought them to Brook Valley Country Club.

"Sure there are a lot of celebrities here, and it's a great opportunity to see them and possibly get an autograph, but what we want you guys to do is to take the message back that there are a lot of caring individuals who feel like they want to give their time and support to help out some very good causes," Jordan said. "I think this is a very good cause for the children and the families who are going through difficult times. We all are very healthy and very fortunate to come out here and play golf and swing a golf club."

Jordan, who has never won his own tournament, led his team to a 15-under 57 gross score, which translated into a 47 with the six player's handicaps factored in. The team of Grant Aleksander, who plays Phillip Spaulding on Guiding Light, finished at 29-under par with a 43 to captain the winning team.

Some celebrities, like legendary former Notre Dame Head Coach Lou Holtz, were playing for the first time and thought the fans that came out to watch were just great.

"The fans were tremendous, and the fact that I lived in Raleigh and coached North Carolina State for so many years we have a lot of great memories," Holtz said. "It's great to be back here."

It wasn't just sporting legends that were on hand. Hootie and the Blowfish's Darius Rucker parook in the activities and knows it was for a great charity.



"Everything is for a good cause," Rucker said. "I wouldn't be here if it wasn't. This is for the Ronald McDonald house, so it's like anytime you can come out and hang with the people and play golf you can't beat that."

There was plenty of humor on hand from everyone. During Saturday's practice round Denver Bronco's wide receiver Willie Green and ESPN's Stuart Scott let everyone know that they don't bet money on any games.

"They, we don't bet money, that's illegal," Green said. "He (Scott) could write a book about owing me money and it would get out the wrong way, so we don't bet."

"But on a more serious note, Green said we all need to help benefit charitable events more than we do."

"I think it needs to be recognized a lot more than it is," Green said. "A lot of people don't realize how fortunate we have it. This tournament, which Michael is putting on, is a great thing and guys like Stuart and Jeff (Blake) and all the rest of the other guys that are coming out to support it are having a great time. I think we are having a better time than the kids are."

Future hall of famer and former Cleveland Indians baseball player Dave Winfield was also a first timer to this tournament, and was glad to help out the kids the tournament was benefiting.

"When you're doing anything for kids and their families, and the situations and predicaments they're in, Ronald McDonald goes way back and does a great job," Winfield said. "It's a great tournament and I'm glad to see so many people out here. I'm glad to be here in Greenville."

Winfield hasn't been playing golf for too long, but said he enjoys the game and enjoys helping out the Ronald McDonald house while playing with the



many athletes that came out for the tournament.

"I'm picking up golf a little more," Winfield said. "I haven't been out of the game that much, but when you're able to hang out with some of the guys you played with or against and have respected for so many years, and the celebrities draw other people which helps to make a great charity event, and you have a great event here."

Arnie Spanier, the voice on One-on-One sports, a sports talk show heard around the country each night, and the predictor of ECU's win over Miami last year, was there to sport some golf moves. But just as the balls were flying, so were his excuses.

"The club's broken, my clothes didn't get here and I've been wearing the same underwear and socks for a day and half, so that's all my excuses," Spanier said.

Spanier says he enjoys coming down here to Pirate land.

"I like coming out and meeting the people of Greenville, see what those Pirate fans are like," Spanier said.

Spanier took time out to make a few predictions of his own for Pirate football this year.

"I like the offense and love the team this year again," Spanier said. "You're looking at 9-2 or 8-3, somewhere around there. Maybe better."

One celebrity you might not see at any future tournaments is Mike Tyson. Jordan commented on the bizarre fight and said he is glad that taking out chunks of peoples cars isn't in his game.

SEE JORDAN PAGE 7

Tyson penalized for biting ear

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Mike Tyson was temporarily suspended and his \$30 million purse frozen yesterday, the first step by Nevada boxing authorities in disciplining Tyson for biting Evander Holyfield during their heavyweight championship fight.

The suspension is a preliminary move until the commission meets next week to determine its final action.

Tyson was not present at the hearing. The commission voted 5-0 to serve Tyson with a complaint yesterday and sign a waiver that would enable the disciplinary hearing to begin on July 8.

"We're obviously going to ask for some reason and judgment" at the hearing, Tyson attorney Marty Keach said.

"He also wants to fight again. That's what he does for a living. That's what his whole life is based on," Keach said.

Tyson threw himself at the mercy of Nevada boxing regulators on Monday in the wake of his disqualification for biting Holyfield, saying he "just snapped" and will not contest any penalty the commission wants to impose.

"I only ask that it's not a penalty for life for this mistake," Tyson said, reading a statement.

Asked by reporters if Tyson's apology might lessen his eventual punishment, commission chairman Elias Ghanem said it would not.

"Something had happened in the ring. The apology doesn't change what happened in the ring," Ghanem said.

"The thing I liked most is he said he needed some psychological and psychiatric treatment. I wouldn't look at it as mitigating anything," he said.

Ghanem refused to comment on the range of penalties. The New York Times and the New York Daily News reported yesterday that Tyson will receive at least a one-year suspension, according to Nevada sources. The New York Post reported Tyson will likely be suspended for a year and fined \$3 million.

By law, boxing commissioners

can only fine Tyson up to 10 percent of his purse, or \$3 million. But they can suspend him from the sport of boxing for as long as he lives if they choose.

A new federal law took effect today that forces other states to honor any suspension that Nevada imposes.

The commission also moved to cancel the check written to Tyson for \$29,824,600 from promoter Don King and asked that a second check be made out to the commission and put into an interest-bearing account.

Tyson apologized to everyone from the judge who sentenced him for his rape conviction in Indianapolis to boxing fans around the world for behavior he said even he couldn't explain.

Most of all, he apologized to Holyfield for the bizarre end to the fight.

"Evander, I am sorry. You are a champion and I respect that," Mike Tyson

world might see for themselves who would come out on top.

Standing alone in front of a lectern, his right eye still puffy and bandaged from the fight, Tyson spoke in a calm, yet vulnerable voice and took full responsibility for his actions.

For 4 minutes and 16 seconds, the most feared man in boxing pleaded for forgiveness and said he was seeking psychological help for biting Holyfield on the ears, taking a gash out of one.

"I have reached out since Saturday to the medical professionals for help to tell me why I did what I did. And I will have that help."

Holyfield said Tyson's apology was "a good gesture."

"The fans truly deserve it most," he said. "They are the ones who did."

SEE TYSON PAGE 7



Far left, Darius "Hootie" Rucker signed autographs as he finished his round of golf on the 18th green.

Top middle, former Notre Dame coaching legend, Lou Holtz, took time out for fans, during his first MJ tournament at Brook Valley.

Top right, Willie Green of the Denver Broncos and ESPN's Stuart Scott teed off together for Saturday's practice round and were mobbed by autograph seekers.

Left, Michael Jordan took a breather while waiting for his partners to tee off. Jordan, who has never won the tournament plans to return next year.

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Website offers ECU athletic information

AMANDA ROSS
SPORTS EDITOR



The Crossbones website can be found at www.crossbones.com

Looking for another way to get information about ECU athletics other than the newspaper or television? Then get your typing fingers ready.

The Crossbones website offers Pirate fans a chance to read all about ECU athletics, look at updated pictures of the stadium construction, and talk with Pirate fans around the country.

Started in the fall of 1995, the website was the brain child of Allen McDavid and Goby Heath.

McDavid, who is the vice-president of Marketing for SpederByte Communications in Greensboro, says the popularity of the site has grown tremendously.

"When we first started, there was a trickle of hard core Pirate fans that moved over from Prodigy and AOL," McDavid said. "Soon, through word of mouth, e-mail, etc. the news got out."

The news really gets out during football season when the site is hit more than one million times.

"Now during football season, we have monthly traffic exceeding 1,000,000 hits," McDavid said. "Our audience not only includes ECU fans but fans of many other schools."

The site offers a variety of amenities. On any given day, an updated picture can be found of the new upper deck being added to Dowd-Ficklen.

Mark Barber, who is owner and President of the Barber Agency Inc. Advertising and Public Relations, is on the advisory board of the Crossbones and is in charge of updating the pictures of the stadium construction.

"Everyday, ideally, I send an updated image on the stadium update project," Barber said. "I try to do it everyday, but it's really more like four or five times a week."

There is also a Pirate Talk page. Many people post questions and comments on this page and anyone can answer back. You can go back and forth as many times as you would like and talk about ECU sports.

The site also offers feature articles about ECU sports and anything nationally that is written about ECU athletics.

McDavid says this is a favorite page of his.

"If I had to pick one feature, it would probably be Pirate Talk," McDavid

said.

This is not necessarily a chat line, but you can get messages that are only two minutes old. Barber says it's not only ECU fans that talk on Pirate Talk. Sometimes our neighbors up in the Chapel Hill area like to get on and try to talk some trash about ECU sports.

"People from other schools, [such as] fans from Carolina like to get on the site and talk big about Carolina and it gives Pirates a chance to mouth off back to them," Barber said. "A lot of people from Conference USA get on the message board and post things that are interesting about their schools so you can learn about the other schools too."

The Crossbones site has been going through a lot of improvements and changes lately.

The most obvious improvements are functionally (through the frames environment) better graphics and faster download speeds," McDavid said.

"We plan to provide more contests and games as well as implement an easy to use chat board. We also would like to incorporate some features of special interest to ECU students."

McDavid points out that this is an easy way for Pirate fans to get information on ECU athletics, even from across the country.

"Imagine you are a Pirate fan living outside of Eastern North Carolina," McDavid said. "Very little information on the Pirates is available to you through traditional media outlets. This website fills the void for those fans, as well as providing a daily meeting place for Pirate fans to share info with like-minded folks."

The website can be found at www.crossbones.com. McDavid hopes that fans realize how much work has gone into creating and improving this website for ECU fans.

"I would like them to know that a great deal of time, money and labor of love has gone into this site," McDavid said. "Its first and foremost goal is to

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TRIVIAtime

Name the boxer who was named the 1995 Ring Magazine Fighter of the year.

THE ANSWER

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n't get to see a full show. I felt I was going to knock him out anyway, but still the fans need to see that we as athletes get paid a lot of money and we should be able to hold our composure and not do anything illegal."

Holyfield believes Nevada officials should hand down a stern penalty.

"Whatever punishment they give him will show what kind of commission we have," Holyfield told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "It has to be something to make a statement; otherwise, other people are going to be doing the same thing."

Holyfield said he had not talked to Tyson, but said he would accept

his apology. "I'll let him know that his apology is accepted - and I'll probably ask him a few questions," Holyfield said, "but they'd be personal."

Tyson is still on probation for his rape conviction. Authorities said his efforts to brawl with police who tried to separate the two camps after the disqualification would probably not be cause to revoke his probation.

George M. Walker, the Marion County, Ind., chief probation officer, said no action is pending against Tyson in Indiana, where he was convicted of raping Desiree Washington and spent three years in prison. He said he would be watched closely.

"I think that at least for the time being, I'll be in a little more frequent contact with him," Walker said. "Mike still has some learning to do about how to control his anger."

Chuck Thompson, chief deputy district attorney in Las Vegas, said he had "no reason to believe" that Las Vegas police would submit a complaint against Tyson.

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"I think head butting is a part of the game even though he (Tyson) might be getting head butted more than he was giving head butts," Jordan said. "I have yet to see that type of reaction to head butting. I'm glad it doesn't happen in my game. Let me just say I'm glad it's in boxing and certainly not in basketball."

Jordan hopes that his annual tournament will draw more celebrities which would in turn bring in more money for the Ronald McDonald houses.

"The tournament, as you know, is getting bigger and bigger," Jordan said. "We're trying to expand the celebrity players and we would love to extend the field. But I think as we continue to grow that will happen. We haven't been able to accommodate everyone. Each and every year we hope to expand and hopefully we can continue to expand."

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spread the word of ECU and its athletics program worldwide." Barber says the Crossbones site has gotten a lot of positive feedback about the quality of the site.

"You would be amazed at the number of people who talk about the quality of the site, the quality of the talk, people know what they're talking about," said Barber. "This is a great site. I think it projects a very good image for the school."

fast break

Graham Marsh wins 18th hole

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Ill. (AP) - Graham Marsh overcame seven bogeys in the final round Sunday, making a birdie on the 17th hole and a perfect par on No. 18 to edge buddy John Bland and win the U.S. Senior Open.

It was the first major championship for Marsh, an Australian who had come close but failed in his first three appearances in the tournament. He won despite a closing round of 4-over-par 74.

Victorious for the second consecutive week on the Senior PGA Tour, Marsh earned \$232,500 by being the only player to shoot even-par at Olympia Fields Country Club's challenging North Course. He is the first Senior Open winner not to break par since Jack Nicklaus in 1991.

Bland, a South African who has finished in the top seven in six of his last seven events but hasn't won this year, ended at 1-over. Gil Morgan and Tom Warg: were another stroke back.

Nicklaus, who played well but was able to make only two of his 15 birdie putts Sunday, was in a five-player group that tied for fifth at 4-over. He shot 69, his best round of the tournament. Hale Irwin, the tour's top money winner, also was in that group after carding Sunday's best score, 67.

No messin' around: It's the free-agent season in the NHL

(AP)-It's hard to imagine Mark Messier playing for anyone else but the New York Rangers. However, that became a possibility when the NHL's free-agent market opened today.

The highly popular Messier, who led the Rangers to their first Stanley Cup championship in 54 years in 1994, is among dozens of unrestricted free agents who can now talk contract with any of the 26 teams in the league.

The list includes two players from the defending Cup champion Detroit Red Wings, center Igor Larionov and right wing Tomas Sandstrom, and such highly regarded goalies as San Jose's Ed Belfour, Dallas' Andy Moog and Glenn Healy of the New York Rangers.

Also available are such forwards as Colorado's Mike Keane, Esa Tikkanen and Russ Courtnall of the Rangers and Florida's Brian Skrudland, and defenseman Luke Richards of Edmonton and Gary Galley of Buffalo.

New York Islanders general manager Mike Milbury, whose team is reportedly interested in Messier, doesn't expect a fire sale today.

"There's no urgency on (the players') part," Milbury said. "And the only urgency on our part is to make contact to express interest and let them know we're serious."

Derek King, the Islanders' veteran forward, is among the unrestricted free agents. As far as restricted free agents are concerned, Milbury is one general manager who is in no rush to act.

"Restricted free agents are going to dangle there for quite some time. It's a much more delicate issue," Milbury said that all but one of his own restricted free agents, forward Niklas Andersson, will be made a qualifying offer.

McLaughlin wins Lysol 200

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (AP) - Mike "Magic Shoes"

McLaughlin lived up to his nickname on the only road course stop in the NASCAR Busch Series, winning the Lysol 200 at Watkins Glen International Sunday.

McLaughlin, of Waterloo, N.Y., took the lead for the first time on lap 58 of 82 laps, and beat Team 34 teammate Todd Bodine by 4.31 seconds.

McLaughlin, who started sixth in the field, spent much of the day trying to get to the front. But once he took the lead, he stayed there.

It was the second win of the year and third of his career for McLaughlin, who earned \$56,987.

"There was some concern for fuel at the end of the race, but they didn't tell me so I didn't know," McLaughlin said. "There probably wasn't much left, but I had no indication of it."

McLaughlin's win was the first for a NASCAR Busch Series driver in the seven years the Series has visited the Glen.

Joe Nemechek, who started from the pole, finished third, followed by Jimmy Spencer, who started from the back of the field, and three-time defending champion Terry Labonte.

Bodine, who was second in the Series point standings coming into the race, overtook Randy LaJoie, who finished 21st, for first place after 17 races on the 30-race schedule.

McLaughlin, Bodine and Spencer all pitted when the yellow flag came out on lap 46 after Buckshot Jones spun in turn 10. Nemechek, who was in the lead at the time, did not pit until lap 55 under the green. Labonte came in on the next lap, which allowed McLaughlin to take the lead.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., who qualified his car ninth, finished 39th, after incurring engine trouble on lap 12.

Hornets threaten to leave coliseum after three years

CHARLOTTE (AP) - The Charlotte Hornets have announced that they won't play at the Charlotte Coliseum after the 1999-2000 season unless they get a better deal from the city.

Hornets owner George Shinn says he's confident he and the city will work out an arrangement that keeps the team playing in Charlotte. The city and the team are scheduled to start negotiating a new lease Thursday.

"This decision on our part to elect an early termination of our existing agreement is not prompted by a desire or an intent to leave Charlotte, but simply a need to keep our options open," Shinn wrote in a letter that city officials received Monday.

City officials said they were expecting the Hornets' letter.

"This is not something that surprised us," said City Manager Pam Syfert.

Council members have instructed city staffers to try to hammer out a new lease with the Hornets. Shinn has offered to pay \$1.4 million a year for a five-year lease that would allow the team to run the Coliseum and receive all revenues.

The team now pays about \$400,000 a year under a lease that allows it to split parking, concessions and skybox revenues with the Coliseum Authority on game days.

Hornets officials say they need more money to pay rising player salaries.

Shinn said a new lease would give the team more time to work on its ultimate goal of building an uptown arena. He has said he'd like city taxpayers to vote on whether to help the Hornets build a new arena.

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