

## N.C. budget may mean tuition hikes

### University officials committed to keeping costs low despite new projects

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As the summer drags on, the House and Senate have not been able to come to an agreement on revenue availability, making this session the second longest and the most expensive in N.C. state history and delaying decisions on tuition increases for the UNC-system.

Conferees have been chosen and discussions on the education system have just begun to take place.

The budget increases and reductions will affect the UNC-School System, including ECU.

In the House budget there has been a proposal made to increase in-state

tuition by three percent. Out-of-state tuition would not be affected by this increase.

"The General Administration, the Board of Governors and the administration of this university are all committed to holding down tuition as much as possible," said Richard Eakin, Chancellor of ECU. Eakin added that "It is stated in the constitution of our states that higher education should be provided at the most practical of costs."

The Student Government Association (SGA) has not yet declared where they stand in terms of a possible tuition increase. At this time the SGA is still trying to establish where they sit with it.

"Students have an inordinate amount of expenses being in college. Additional expenses do nothing to enhance the education process," said SGA Vice President, Sean McManus.

"Our effort is to see no tuition increase for anyone-period," said Dr. Emmett Flood, School of Education.

A fact that is not well known to students in the UNC system is that North Carolina has one of the lowest prices of tuition, if not the lowest.

There are a number of positive aspects to be brought to ECU in terms of the budget. ECU Administration has planned several capital projects scheduled to take place in the coming years.

In terms of the General Assembly there are three projects that are before

them for consideration," said Eakin.

The first project, which is already underway, is the completion of the expansion of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. This is a \$7 million project to add 8,000 seats to the stadium, bringing seating capacity to 43,000.

The second project is a \$2 million continuation of the planning department in the Science and Technology building.

The third project in front of the General Assembly is a \$500,000 project to explore the capability of a third floor for the Rivers Building.

"For a long time it has been said that was a part of the original plan," said Eakin.

There are more projects the university is planning that have not been brought before the General Assembly.

There has been a proposal brought in front of the Board of Trustees to expand and improve the Student Health Services. This expansion should make Student Health Services more functional.



Chancellor Richard Eakin supports low costs and new projects.

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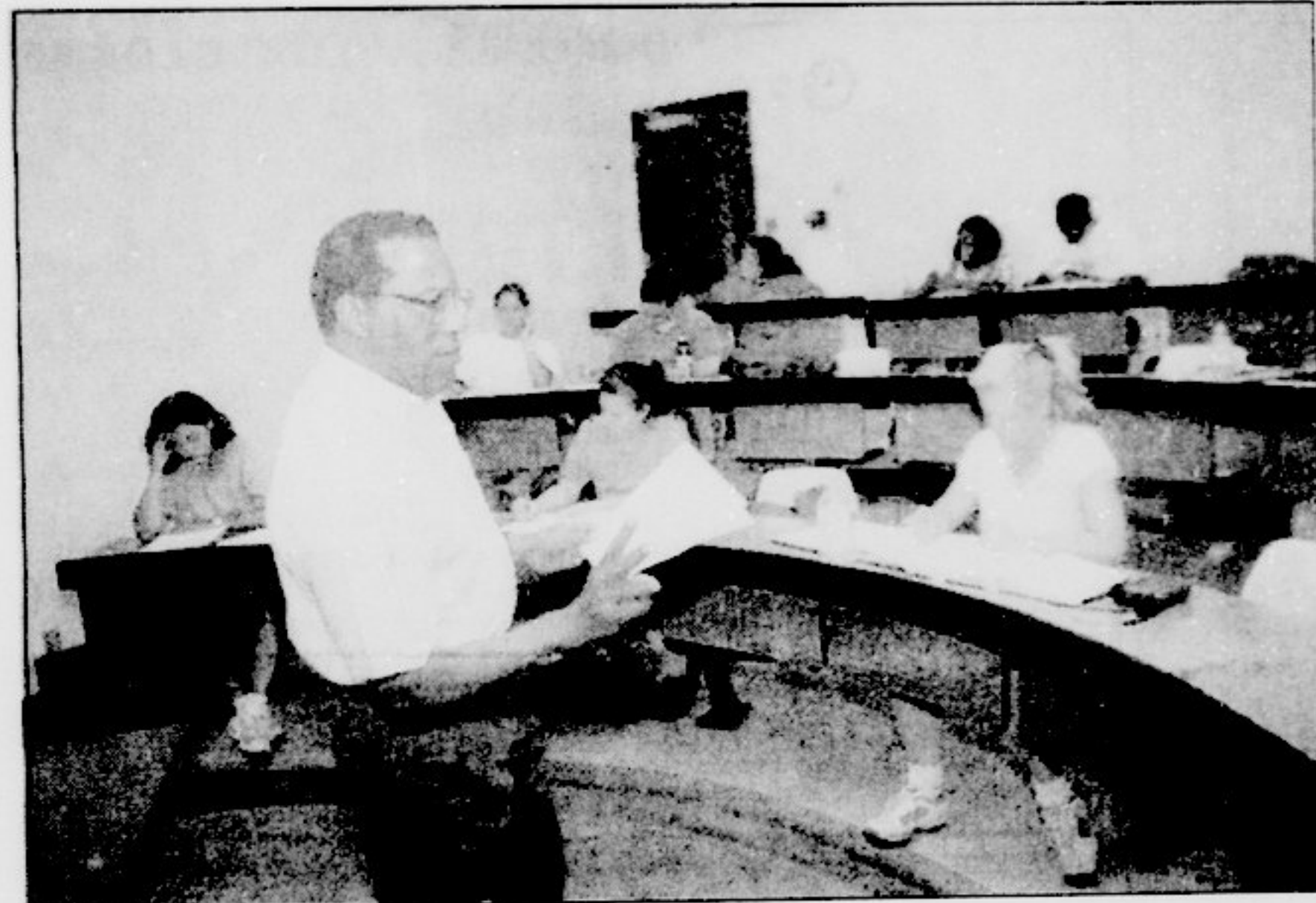
## ECU profs' salaries low

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The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) recently released their annual report on faculty salaries. Dr. Linda A. Bell, leader of the AAUP's committee on salary

ing so good." This year's annual report has shown that academics are not keeping up with today's inflation rates. This is a growing concern for East Carolina University professors, since ECU's salaries seem to be falling behind the AAUP's average.

The AAUP's survey included 2,236 institutions, 1,275 of which were public institutions, 478 independent, and 483 religion related institutions. According to the survey, the average raise of three percent did not keep up with



Doctor Belk teaches Spanish 1002 in the General Classroom Building each morning during second summer session.

survey and an associate professor of economics at Haverford College, stated to The Chronicle of Higher Education, "academics are not look-

ing the inflation rate of 3.3 percent. Although continuing faculty members are usually one-

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## UNC-system president Spangler retires this week

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After eleven years of devotion to higher education in this state, the president of the University of North Carolina System, will leave his post at the end of the week.

On Friday, C.D. Spangler will turn over his presidency to California educator Molly Broad, the first female president of the UNC-system. Looking back over his tenure and toward the future, C.D. Spangler discussed the change-over with *TEC*.

Spangler reflected upon his tenure fondly,

saving a combination of "good people, colleagues, and chancellors who are devoted to their students," characterized his presidency.

"Taking pride in one of his most notable projects as president, he said keeping the rising costs of tuition to a minimum is important. He explained that most of the graduates of the North Carolina University system will stay in North Carolina, pay taxes and become good hard-working citizens of this state. Therefore, it makes sense to him to pro-



President C.D. Spangler retires Friday after more than eleven years.

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## GETTING THE RUNAROUND



Richard Rodriguez and Alvin Ras from Aruba run distance in the heat and humidity controlled room with Director Neal Pollock of the Leroy T. Walker Human Performance Lab in the Sports Medicine Building.

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## Olympic hopefuls train in International Human Performance Center

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Since June 9th, the International Human Performance Center (IHPC), located in the Ward building on ECU's campus, has been testing, evaluating, and informing Olympic athletes and hopefuls from around the world. Although the center could essentially be helpful to any athlete, so far all of the athletes have been solely runners in track events.

"The purpose of the center is to bring athletes from developing countries to the facility, and put them through a series of tests in order to test different aspects of how they run, how economical they are, how well they can tolerate certain conditions," said Katherine Stephens, an intern at the IHPC, "and then we give them specific suggestions on how they can take that information and improve."

"The IHPC's program focuses more on the science behind the sport than the actual athletic technique.

"Could we improve a basketball player's free throw? No. But we can tell him or her how to improve their aerobic ability, how to improve their power output and their body composition," said Stephens.

Dr. Leroy T. Walker, a former Olympic

track coach and former chairman of the U.S. Olympic Committee, was the man who founded the only international human performance center in the world, right here in Greenville.

"He is a world renowned coach, and he has coached more medal winning Olympic athletes than any other," said Stephens. "It was his dream to start a facility like this."

Dr. Walker had always had the idea of the IHPC in mind but had never followed through until just recently.

The idea behind the center is to be able to provide state-of-the-art technology and up-to-date methods of analysis that can bring an athlete of a less developed country to the same level as the wealthier countries.

The center is brand new and has been in operation for the first time this summer. The facility was proposed last fall, and then Dr. Walker and his associates went to Cancun to propose it to the Association of National Olympic Committees. The rest is history.

So far the center has had visitors come from such countries as the Congo, Cameroon, Ghana, the Ivory Coast, Kenya, Argentina, the Virgin Islands and Cuba.

Olympic coaches come to the center as well, and even administrators of each country's Olympic teams are admitted to come and observe. So far approximately 30 athletes have visited the IHPC. The current group is from

Aruba.

"The main goal, really, is to keep the coaches involved, because the coaches are an integral part of the whole training process and they are the ones that make the all the decisions on what the athlete is going to do," said Stephens. "They come along with the athletes, some of them actually go through the tests themselves, and then we go over all the results with them."

Each group of athletes spend a total of two weeks at the center, one week involves physical testing and the other incorporates the learning seminars.

One day of testing for an athlete can be grueling. They start at 6:30 AM and can go until 4:00 or 5:00 in the afternoon. Some tests include running in hot and humid conditions, or running at maximum speeds, while other tests analyze bio-mechanics, body composition, power output and muscle fiber type.

The seminars go over athletic issues such as sports psychology, nutrition and injury prevention.

The intent is that the coaches take this knowledge home to their other athletes and distribute and apply that knowledge. Stephens expressed that the center hopes that they will be able to reevaluate the athletes in the fall.

Ms. Stephens has had the pleasure to see many Olympic athletes come and go.

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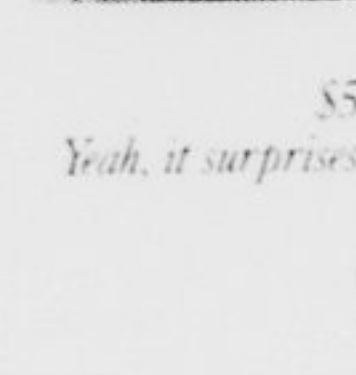
What do you think the average professor makes per year? Are you surprised to hear the average is about \$44,000?



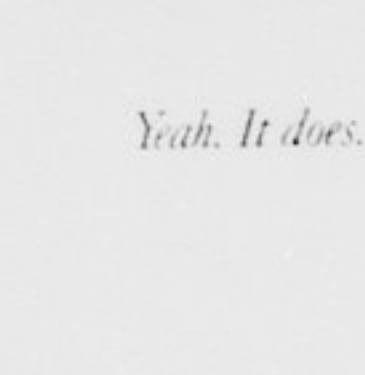
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**Grocery chain requiring finger signatures for check cashers**

**RAYETTEVILLE (AP)** - When it comes to cashing government or payroll checks, you've got to hand it to Food Lion. Actually, a finger will do.

The Salisbury-based grocery chain has started requiring "finger signatures" from customers wanting to cash government or payroll checks at its Fayetteville stores.

Company officials say the policy, which began Monday, is needed to combat check fraud.

Payroll and government checks are the most likely targets of check counterfeiters, forgers or thieves, a Food Lion spokesman said.

The policy requires a customer wanting to cash a check to provide a print of an index finger. The check is processed like other checks. If it bounces because it was stolen or forged, the store will forward the fingerprint to law enforcement officials who will use a national crime database to locate the suspect.

Food Lion has tested the Crime Bite Authentiprint system at its Charlotte, N.C. and Jacksonville, Fla., stores. The company said the program reduced check fraud 30 to 40 percent in those two markets.

**Sex-disease rate is dropping, but South still worst**

**CHARLOTTE (AP)** - The number of gonorrhea cases in Mecklenburg County last year was less than half that of 1994, officials said.

The numbers indicate that Southerners are catching up to the rest of the country in practicing safer sexual behavior, said Dr. Tom Fleming, an infectious disease physician at Carolinas Medical Center.

Still, North Carolina has the third highest gonorrhea rate in the nation, double the national average, according to the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In 1994, Mecklenburg had 4,219 cases of gonorrhea, according to the 1997 State of the Child report compiled by the Council for Children. This dropped to 2,683 in 1995 and 1,857 in 1996, the report shows.

The county showed similar, but slightly less dramatic, declines in three other sexually transmitted diseases - syphilis, chlamydia and nongonococcal urethritis - during those years. The report also showed that sexually transmitted diseases among teens followed the same pattern.

The CDC has state-by-state gonorrhea rates, but only through 1995. The rates range from six cases per 100,000 people in North Dakota to 353 per 100,000 in Mississippi. North Carolina had 333 cases per 100,000, compared with a national average of 150 per 100,000.

**NASA to re-tool Pathfinder's duties after annoying resets**

**PASADENA, Calif. (AP)** - Despite the successes of the Mars Pathfinder mission, NASA from the leader has been asked to do too much at once.

After the computer aboard Pathfinder overloaded several times itself for the second time in three days, project manager Brian Muirhead said the rover's activities would be scheduled to occur one at a time.

Many tasks had been performed simultaneously.

The latest reset occurred early Monday, interrupting the relay of a full-color panoramic scene from the red planet. It was one in a series of annoying glitches since the landmark mission began on the Fourth of July.

No data was lost, but controllers have to go back to where they left off.

Despite the ups and downs of the mission, NASA scheduled a news conference Tuesday to release the latest images and scientific data from Pathfinder and its rover, the six-wheeled Sojourner.

Before the reset, Muirhead said, the rover had snuggled up against the marian rock dubbed Yogi for a chemical analysis. Pathfinder had already sent an image of Sojourner touching Yogi, as well as the first part of the 360-degree panorama. But as Pathfinder commenced the scene, it was also collecting atmospheric and weather data and taking more pictures. The computer perceived that one of its tasks was proceeding too slowly and reset itself.

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"Another proposal being brought in front of the Board of Trustees is to expand the dining facilities on west campus," said Eakin.

The dining facility would be located where the amphitheater now sits between Clement Hall and Fletcher Hall.

A project that is being planned at this time is the complete renovation of Jarvis Residence Hall in 1998.

"This will preserve the building as you see it today and will allow us to have central air conditioning," said Eakin.

The tile roof on Jarvis will also be restored, giving the building a modern and contemporary look.

"A project that is already in progress behind the Allied Health Sciences Building, the intramural fields are being expanded and further developed," said Eakin.

"After the completion of the intramural fields, we will construct a large parking lot on the north side of the stadium," said Eakin.

The parking lot will have dual usage. On game days the lot will be used for game parking, but during the week the lot will be used for student parking. Parking classification of the lot is unknown at this time.

"We have long term plans to make the shuttle service even better than it is today," said Eakin.

In addition to all the improvements on campus there is a proposal for a one percent reduction for all academic support areas on campus.

Chancellor Eakin is extremely optimistic about the University receiving the potential \$3.1 million in funding.

"Typically anything that is in both versions of the bill will find itself in the final version," said Eakin.

**President**

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vide them with an affordable education.

"It's an investment in the students," Spangler added.

Spangler offered advice to Broad, the university's president-elect, to "keep the students' interests first." He said that "the students' interests come first through her new position."

Spangler stressed that the general assembly sets the pace, and that without a good economy they cannot act favorably towards the UNC system.

"[She should] hope for a good economy in North Carolina," Spangler said. "This is North Carolina's time at bat."

Spangler said he did not anticipate significant changes in the system after Broad takes over.

"Ms. Broad has sensitivities," Spangler said. "She understands the importance of students and faculty. I am very confident that she will be an excellent president...she wants to do the job."

Spangler said that when he took the job in the mid 1980's he did not have prior qualifications which specifically suited him for the position.

Deeming his presidency a "unique experience," he said he is looking forward to retirement.

While Spangler does not have definite plans yet, he knows he will always remember his position as UNC-system president as worthwhile and "the best job in North Carolina."

"It's really been fun. You know you're working for something meaningful," Spangler said.

**Athletes**

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"It was fascinating to watch the Olympic athletes at work," said Stephens.

She has seen an athlete do a maximum running race and run faster than the crowd would allow. The 14 mph sprinter, she said, the maximum speed running race, has since been replaced by a "Track Master" that can go up to 25 miles per hour.

Another certain athlete amazed her as well.

"There was one girl that came through the last time. She was 14 years old and she could already run as fast as the people who ran in the finals in her event at the Olympics."

Stephens also commented on what it was like to work with people from other countries.

"So far the athletes have been English speaking, some of them spoke English better than others."

However there were some language barriers when it came down to explaining proper procedures of certain tests.

"I remember spending 30 to 45 minutes on a test that would normally only take a couple of minutes, because the procedure was hard to communicate sometimes," said Stephens. "But it was a lot of fun because it gave me a chance to actually talk to the people and get to know them better."

Should there be athletes in the future who do not speak English, there are plans to have translators available.

The university is providing a number of services for the athletes to make them feel more at home.

"They live over in Unstead, and it's almost like a hotel," said Stephens. "Someone makes up their beds every day and brings them new towels, and they have a little goody bag for them with shampoo and toothpaste, etc."

They are also provided meals at Todd Dining Hall and a personal shuttle bus takes them from place to place.

As for activities for the athletes, there are a few activities planned for them, and of course they are allowed to go out after a hard days work.

The group from Aruba has been here for the last week, and has had the pleasure of visiting both Wilmington and Busch Gardens to pass the extra time away during the past weekend.

While in Wilmington, the two athletes competed in a triathlon and placed 6th and 7th out of 238 participants.

The visitors from Aruba are delighted to be able to participate in the program, and they are enjoying their stay so far.

"You people have something in your smile, the way you are treating us, and they told me, 'it's the people of the south,'" said Peter Simon an

**Faculty**

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percentage point higher, this in turn only allowed for a two-tenths percent rise increase for continuing professors.

"Economy wide, wages have increased modestly but the general picture for faculty is not very good, both in relative terms compared to other professions and just looking at today's data," Dr. Bell said.

The AUP reported that the average salary of a professor at East Carolina was \$62,000. This includes the medical school, which is only a small percentage of the faculty. The average salary for the medical school is \$191,405. This is in comparison with the School of Arts and Sciences whose average salary is \$44,604. The range in salary is at a high with The School of Business, whose departmental salary is \$60,000, and the low with Health Science Library at \$26,977.

"Averages are dangerous because they falsify information and make it appear that the profession of any three makes make a higher salary than they really do. The statistics can be falsely portrayed if the School of Business and Medicine is averaged in. If you want to get a clearer picture of average salaries, keep the different schools separate. Try to avoid a false picture," said Dr. Stephen Dock, an associate professor of foreign languages.

Differences in salaries were found to be due to the status of the college, location, department and gender. Private comprehensive universities earned an average \$4,000 more than public comprehensive universities such as East Carolina.

Along with the discrepancies in salary between departmental averages, there is also a 5.5 percent pay differential between men and women at the full-professor level.

"Small but persistent differences in male and female pay within the same public universities exist," Women professors at ECU are \$2,815 below the faculty salary average of \$59,865.

Olympic coach from Aruba, as he laughed. "We feel comfortable here. I feel like I am home."

When asked about the language barrier, he said there weren't too many problems with communication, just a few word misunderstandings here and there. He noted that their stay so far has already polished up their English.

Simon is eager to implement more of the program and will learn from the experience.

"The tests results from the athletes give us an idea of what program we should use for them," Simon continued. "The plan is to come back in November to see the improvement."

Simon currently trains many athletes in Aruba, starting from ages 7 to 14. Richard Rodriguez and Alvin Ras, the two athletes currently in attendance, will start training with him when they return to Aruba.

"These two are the best athletes in Aruba," said Simon.

Both athletes have run in races around the world, including the Boston Marathon, the Washington Marathon and the South American championship race.

Simon explained why he actually participated in the tests himself.

"I take everything I learn here and bring it to the people of Aruba. I have the experience, so I can tell them and I can show them. With this, I can help all these athletes make their dreams come true."

Although Simon will not have all the equipment that is provided at the IHPC, he explained that more traditional methods can be substituted for the technology used here, such as measuring heart rates with a stop watch as opposed to EKG's, or measuring body composition with skin fold measurements as opposed to underwater weighing.

But for Aruba's best athletes, such as Rodriguez and Ras, their training is considered more seriously.

"If you see how many people are working here, how much time it takes for the athletes, and I say, OK, am I going to be able to do all of this in Aruba for Alvin Ras? The best thing to do for [the top athletes] is to pay for the tickets for them to come all the way to the USA."

We should look for these up and coming athletes in the Olympics at Sidney, in the year 2000.

As for the future of the IHPC, they are looking at expansion of their facilities.

"This lab is very small for the magnitude of people that will be coming through. So they want to build a building specifically for the International Human Performance Center," said Stephens.

The IHPC also wishes to expand their sources of monetary support through corporate sponsorship. The predicted increase in travel and tourism as the center grows," she explained, "will benefit the Greenville economy, especially ECU."

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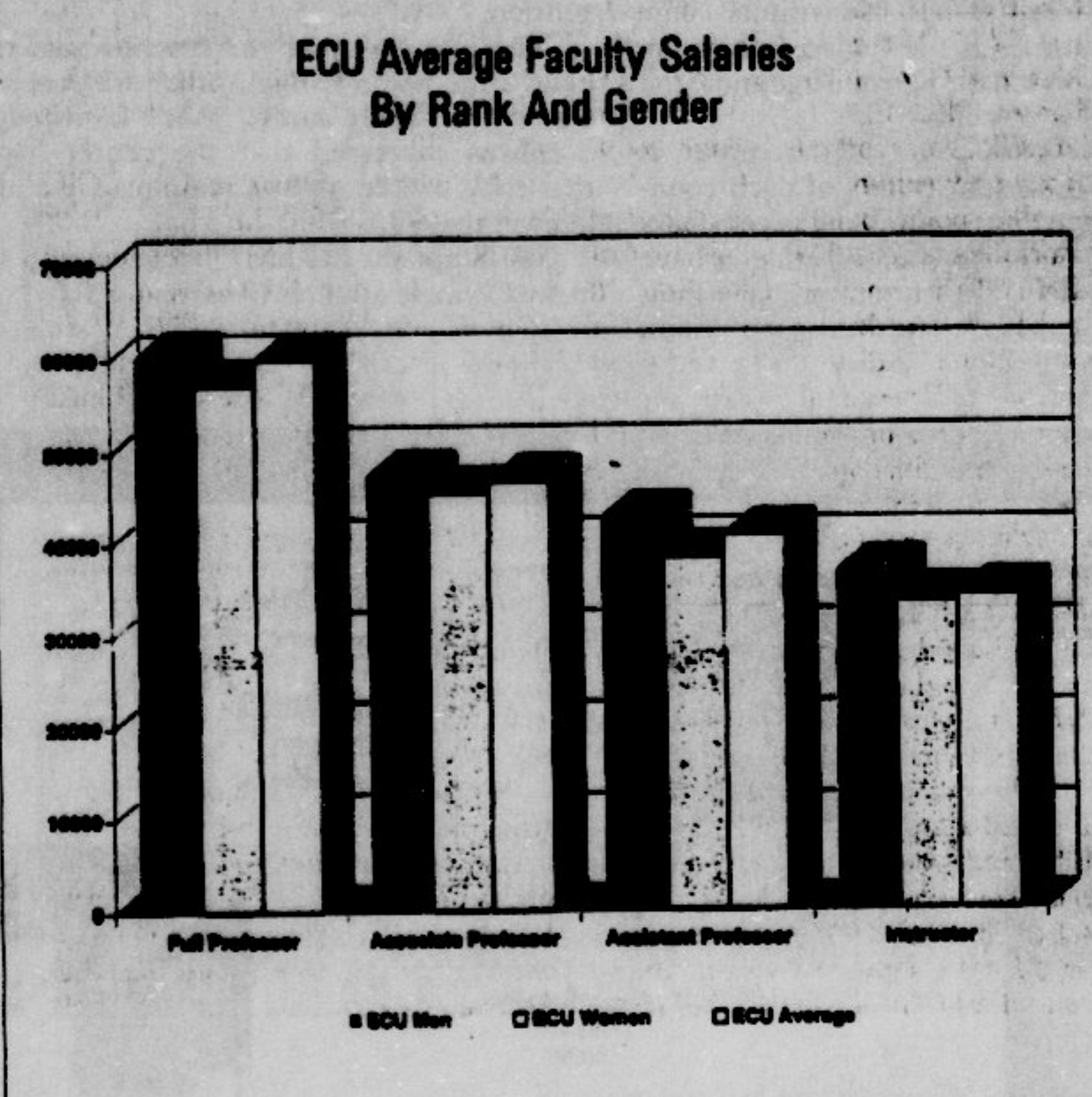
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## QUIZVIEW

A recent report from the American Association of University Professors shows that faculty members at ECU are being paid below the AAUP's average. While it's good to be concerned about faculty wages, we need to look at wages for graduate teaching assistants as well. Some GTA's make about one-tenth of the AAUP's \$44,000 average for an ECU professor in the college of Arts and Sciences.

Not only are GTA's a cheap form of labor for the departments on campus, they allow departments flexibility, they allow faculty to teach courses they really want to teach and they allow faculty members to have time and assistance for research. GTA's, in many departments, teach most of the entry-level classes. Some students' only contact with a department is through the GTA employed to teach them.

Graduate students, for the most part, have to work their way through without help from Mom and Dad or financial aid loans - loans some don't want to take because of the ten years of loan payback they face for undergraduate studies.

TEC's own editorial board has four members who are graduate students and graduate assistants, forced to work as a GA and for TEC, all the while carrying a full load of classes and struggling to make ends meet.

Because the salary for an assistantship is low, GTA's often find themselves without some luxuries that are taken for granted, luxuries they could get if they chose not to be in graduate school - like health insurance, retirement benefits and the ability to actually save money. A good chunk of their money goes right back from where it came: the university. Many graduate students have had to quit pursuing their degree to get a job with benefits so they can support the family they started. While on-campus health facilities are available to a GTA, if an ailment requires off-campus treatment, they are put into a financial bind.

Graduate assistants, though part-time, are university employees, representatives of the university. On average, a GTA is paid for working 20 hours a week, even though much more than 20 hours may go into the job.

Having a graduate assistantship, though, means more than a way to finance graduate school. It is a way for graduate students to make themselves marketable and to gain invaluable experience, such as teaching a class or editing a journal. The low salary and absence of benefits, however, makes it impossible for some to afford working for experience rather than for benefits. Experience can be more valuable than benefits and money, but experience doesn't pay for health care costs, required texts or tuition. GTA's deserve to be rewarded in some way for a job well done for the department they represent and the university they attend.



### OPINION

Jeff BERGMAN

#### Big Brother may be reading your e-mail



*The Open Records Act was supposed to allow the public to have access to governmental information...not designed for the university to have access to student e-mail.*

mail by anyone not a party to the communication. Well, no problem you say. I sent the mail to my friend, my boss is not part of the communication. How wrong you would be.

The law allows for the owner of a system, the boss, to inspect mail as a "necessary incident to the rendition of his service to the protection of the rights or property of the provider of that service..." In basic language the law translates to systems administrators being allowed to inspect the contents of messages if it is a necessary part of their job. Unless your employer gives you privacy rights, you have none. Michael Smythe learned this lesson the hard way. Smythe had a few choice words to say about company managers. He typed a message and sent his mail to his boss via electronic mail. The e-mail was intercepted by his employer, Pillsbury. Even though Pillsbury had told employees e-mail was private, Smythe was fired. Smythe brought suit and the case was dismissed without a trial.

Yes, business's have the right to make sure employees are not sending out corporate secrets. However, the rights of the business to protect corporate assets should not infringe upon the rights of the individual.

Perhaps you think Big Brother only exists in a book. Perhaps you are wrong. Take Oklahoma State University for an example. OSU reserves the right "to inspect elec-

tronic mail usage by any person at any time without prior notice as deemed necessary to protect business-related concerns of the University to the full extent not expressly prohibited by applicable statutes." The policy simply means OSU considers e-mail to be public records. The bending and twisting that resulted in this stance stems from Oklahoma's Open Records Act (ORA).

The ORA was designed to make state official's records impossible to hide from the public. The law was designed to be an electronic version of the Freedom of Information Act. The ORA was supposed to allow the public to have access to governmental information. The law was not designed for the government, i.e. the university, to have access to student e-mail. OSU has contorted and mangled the law to fit their own agenda.

E-mail should not be held different from regular mail. E-mail should be treated the same as regular mail handled by the United States Postal Service. Only under court order should e-mail become opened.

With more and more people preferring the use of electronic mail in place of the postal service, the rights of the individual must be protected. Remember, privacy rights are not taken away in a short period of time. Rather the rights are taken away at a snail's pace, with each movement condemning us.

### OPINION

Marilyn WEBER



#### Book markups cost students lots of dough

*Markups for some used books can reach as high as 33 percent in accordance with the publishers price list, and a new book usually has a flat markup rate of 25 percent.*

Fluorescent yellow, pink and green hi-lighted passages assaulted my eyes. In the margins, cartoon figures with mischievous smiles and wild hair jostled for place. Tiny squiggles masquerading as hand written notes were dashed here and there. My friends and I were looking at a used book at ECU's student store.

With much trepidation, I took my book (and nothing else) to the

counter and pulled open my wallet, expecting to pay around \$25.00 to \$30.00. "That will be \$45.00 please," said the cashier. "What? It's a used book!" I protested weakly. She gave me such a look of sympathy that I hurriedly paid, grabbed my backpack and fled to a solitary location. There I extracted the book and looked at it. A previous price tag (which someone had tried unsuccessfully to blacken out with a marker) proclaimed the price as \$42.25. Huh? I was confused. It seemed that I had just paid more for my used book than the person who had bought it before me.

Every semester hundreds of students search UBE and our own student store for the best value in used books. We have to deal with the fact that professors change the textbooks frequently, although the course numbers and names stay the same. I'm sure there is a ready explanation for this practice. So, very frequently, the 'free book' that your good friend passes on to you becomes pretty much useless.

Another rip off (and folks - this is only my opinion) are lab books! They cost anywhere from \$25 to \$40 and are non-refundable and non-resalable. Once you buy a lab book, you're stuck with it. How many of these things do we actually use? Personally speaking, I've had three courses requiring a lab book and not once has it been absolutely imperative to use any one of them. Please remember we're students. If it's

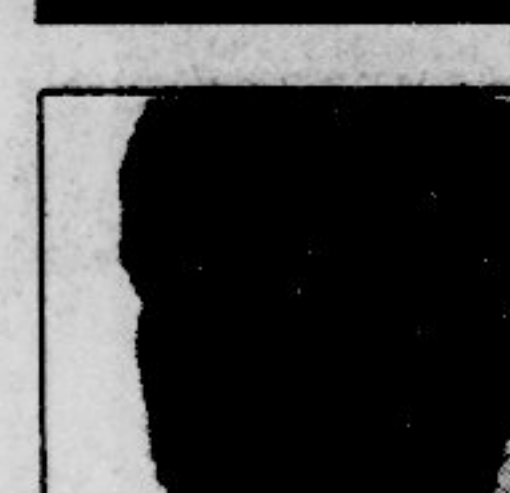
left up to us to complete our lab books, you know it's not going to happen if a grade is not involved. That's plain old common sense.

Anyway, I went to see Katherine Burney, textbook manager for ECU's student store. She explained the long procedures that are involved in textbook pricing. For example, used books are sold at half the current new book price issued by the publishers. The key phrase here is the "publisher's list." She circulates a "wanted list" among six different companies for used books as well. New books are bought only when these companies fail to come through with used ones. Markups for some used books can reach as high as 33% in accordance with the publishers price list, and a new book usually has a flat markup rate of 25%. Burney emphasized that UBE is a privately owned book store whereas the university student store is practically self-generating. The student store also gives money back to the students in the form of scholarships.

Now that you have all of this information, here is another piece of advice: sell your books as soon as it is feasible. Last semester, a friend of mine sold her Comm. Law book for \$40.00 at UBE on the morning of our final exams. After the exam, I rushed to UBE where they offered me \$16.00 for the same book. Apparently they were now overstocked. So, know the system... play to win.

### OPINION

William S. COCHRAN



#### GTA's ask ECU: Show me the money

*How is this university going to grow and gain a better reputation... unless it prides itself on bringing the best students and graduate teachers to Greenville?*

There's some truth to the old adage, "Do unto others as you'd have them do unto you." Well, in the case of East Carolina University's treatment of graduate teacher assistants, it seems the university must want to be treated rather poorly. I mean, everyone knows that college is a business; you pay upwards of \$5,000 dollars a year for four years

to get a diploma, which helps insure your chance of getting a good paying job after graduation. You pay your money. You go to class. Hopefully, you study and learn.

Some of us even have ambitions that goes beyond the classroom. Perhaps you study material not required by classes to further your mind: Baudrillard, Poincaré, or Sophocles. Maybe you subscribe to the Wall Street Journal, Time, National Geographic or The New Yorker. Maybe you've done an internship or worked through cooperative education.

The point being, you give of yourself to this school, this institution and this fine university. You are dedicated to the improvement of your understanding of the world you live in, and certainly you'd like to think that the university is reciprocal in this relationship. No doubt ECU gives you something back: chiefly knowledge, confidence, maturation, adulthood and a finer tuned mind to understand and enrich life.

Perhaps I am being a bit idealistic, but I believe these are some of the principles upon which this great university was founded. Why is it then that the university is so Spartan with its allocation of salary and benefits for the GTA's and professors in general? I don't want to make this sound negative but come on, \$2,400 a semester with no medical, dental or insurance benefits.

That amounts to about \$1.80/hour if I put in the needed forty hours a week to best serve the students I'd be teaching.

When the administration is this cheap with its teachers, how is it going to attract better graduate students and better professors? In essence, how is this university going to grow and gain a better reputation in the highly competitive intercollegiate system that is America unless it prides itself on bringing the best students and graduate teachers to Greenville?

My father graduated from ECU, played football for the Pirates back in the early sixties. My dedication is unwavering, but this fall as an ECU alumni and graduate student pondering whether I want to teach two Freshman comp courses for the meager salary they offer, I have to ask, "What is East Carolina University doing for me?"

I'd like to think that the administration has enough foresight and pride to help those that are helping them. To allocate a better balance of pay and benefits for its employees can not help but profit the university in the long run.

Straight up, I love this school, the students, the prof's and the administration. I consider them a part of my family, but with the truly cheap treatment I would get as a GTA, I am beginning to feel more like the Abel of the brothers Cain and Abel.

"Spitwads are not free speech."

Bart Simpson, cartoon character. 1996

CDreview



The Headnecks
Plutonium
Chickenshack

2 OUT OF 10

FAT REID
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

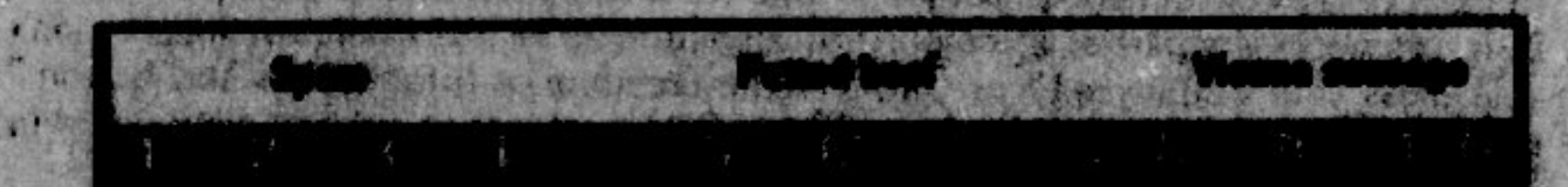
South Carolina has always been a substantial place for an up and coming band to get their start. Years ago, Sparrowsburg, SC gave the music world the Marshall Tucker Band, and in recent years, bands like Hootie & the Blowfish, Cravis Melon and Edwin McCain have all helped put South Carolina on the musical map. But don't look for the Headnecks to join this group of bands from down South that have "made it." In fact, if you're smart, you won't really look for the Headnecks at all.

The band's independent release, Plutonium Chickenshack, starts out with a seemingly promising song, "Cornbread, Rolls, or Mashed," which starts off with an incoherently rambling chorus of "Bing Your Head," but soon goes into a cacophonous guitar groove that rocks. Unfortunately, the words are more than a little hard to hear, and the Headnecks do not have the vocal range to make the lyrics stand out. "Bing and grays, mashed potatoes, baby lites, sliced tomatoes, hazmat, sweet peas, candied yams, big ol' beets..." All the words of the song are nothing more than meaningless sounds strung out in rhythm to the music. The chorus isn't much better as it simply celebrates country food "served by southern chicks." Not exactly deep, but it does provide a good laugh the first time you listen to it.

"She" starts out with a heavily distorted bass and guitar line that is intended to be a punch, but this does not necessarily work out as well as it could. The lyrics are there, just not easily understandable, and after the first song I'm not sure if anyone would even want to try and figure them out. Of course, the Headnecks can't learn a good thing, so, and barely into the song there's a break that is intended to be a distorted bass sound reminiscent of Neil Young's "Hey Hey, My My." Of course, Neil did it much better.

By far the best song on the CD is also the most different song on the CD. The only reason Plutonium Chickenshack didn't get a rating of 1 is the fifth song, "Fins of Hell." It's a really catchy whistling tune, and it sounds like a song that has nothing left but to get drunker and go to hell. This is what country music was made to be.

From here out the CD has rock basses and then leads to "Bling" which is a song without a single redeeming factor. By about the fifth song, I realized the Headnecks are about as good as they can get. If they had released the same CD ten years ago, with big hair and leather, they would have been sacked right into the glam rock ball that so plagued music in the late 80's. But, by now every one has come to their senses and realized that most of the music of that time was pure crap, and the Headnecks are out of luck. But they also shouldn't give up hope. After all, there came back, so anything is possible.



concertreview

Bad Livers Cookin' at Rhythm Alley

JENNIFER LEGGETT
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As a kid, just getting home from a hard day of observation school, watching the TV reruns was part of my daily routine. Slippy Dips, Good Times, and Family Feud were some of the best just to name a few. But my all time favorite was The Andy Griffith Show, especially the episodes with the interesting jug band music of the Durlin Family. They were their own Hot Hot.

Maybe this is why I can't help stomping my foot to some good old fashioned bluegrass. It would definitely explain why the Bad Livers show at Rhythm Alley in Durham was all that and a jug of moonshine.

With Danny Barnes on banjo and guitar, Mark Rubin on bass and tubs of all things, and Bob Green playing guitar and mandolin with incredible genius I have never seen before, Bad Livers sounded like the Darlings on speed. This Azzin based band takes the authenticity of traditional bluegrass and blends it with influences from punk to funk, giving it a goofy, punkability sound.

Bad Livers started off their first set with some good tunes "Six Feet Down," "Chicken Pie" and the fierce "I Know We Ain't Married but I Love You Still." Leading off "Shufflin' to Memphis" and the second set with a "...ready fellow," Danny Barnes made the audience feel like they were at a genuine hoodown.

The last part of the evening was geared more toward their new album with the songs "My Old Man," and "Falling Down the Steps (With a Pistol in My Hand)." It was fierce. It was fun. I have never heard a tubs sound so good.

The eclectic mixture of the crowd at Rhythm Alley, (70 or so punk guys, hippies, old bluegrass dudes, metal chicks, professor types), was an atmosphere boost to the newly opened club that will be the host to other blues and insurgent country acts. Seeing three twentysomething guys wearing Air Jordans, playing experimental bluegrass and promoting their new album Hugs on the Highway was a New Now experience in the greatest sense of nostalgia.



Bad Livers had 'em smile' at Rhythm Alley in Durham last Monday. PHOTO COURTESY OF SUGAR HILL CORDS

moviereview

Contact touches the unknown

DALE WILLIAMSON
SENIOR WRITER

9 OUT OF 10

Space, the final frontier. These are the ventures of the industry known as Hollywood, its ongoing mission to seek out new marketable formulas and concepts, to boldly make as much money as possible.

This seems to be the newest philosophy in Tinseltown. Science fiction has been hot for the past few years and the recent successes of such blockbuster films as Independence Day, Star Trek: First Contact and Men in Black are solid proof that the trend will not soon fade. Moviegoers have been bombarded with so many big-budget space flicks lately that even the most die-hard sci-fi fan is probably getting a little weary. Still to come, Starship Troopers, an X-Files feature film, another Star Trek adventure and the long-awaited Star Wars prequel.

Admittedly, many of the newest entries into the sci-fi genre have been impressive and fun. But none have been particularly engaging on the intellectual or philosophical level-until now.

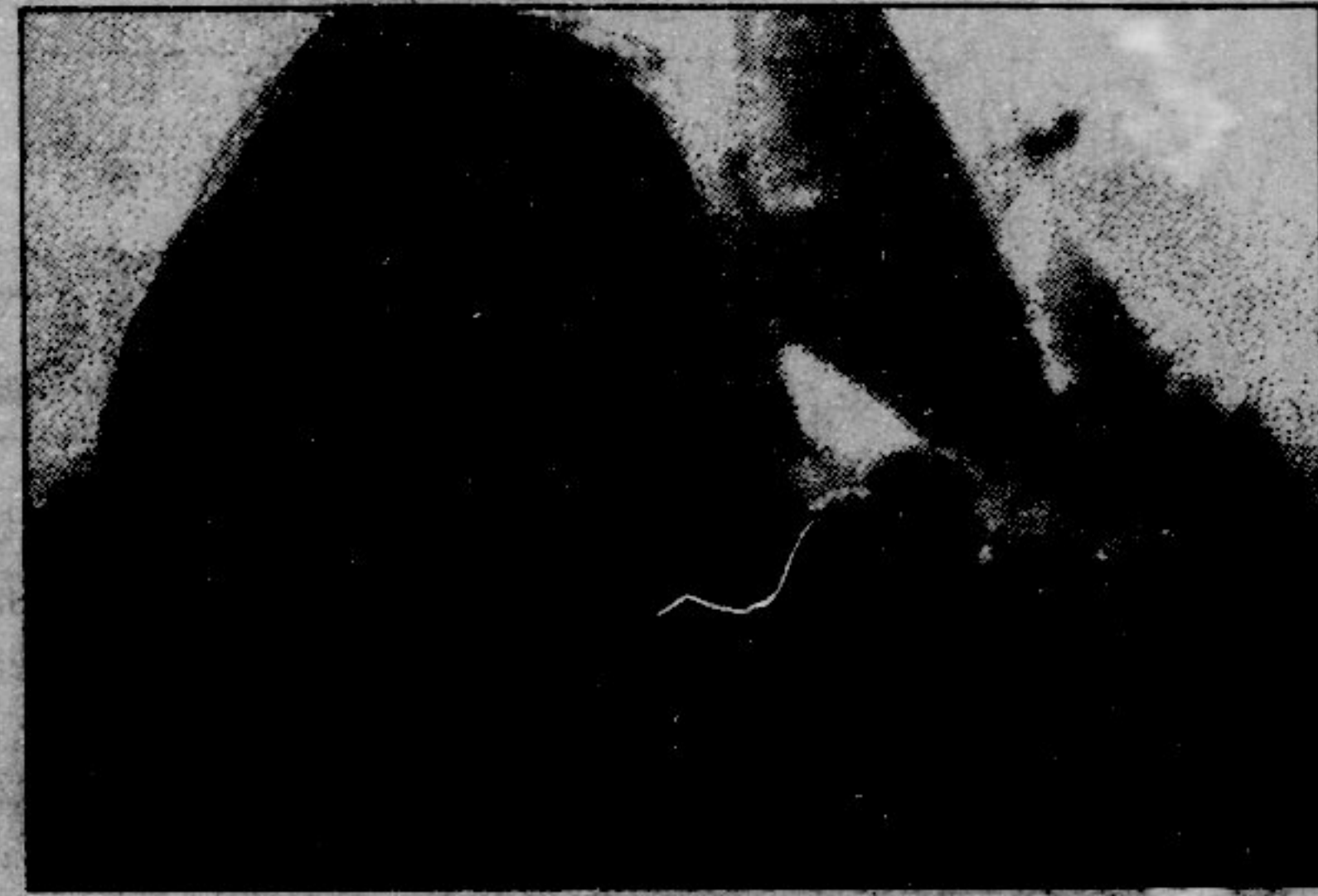
Contact, the latest film by Academy Award winning director Robert Zemeckis, is being marketed as a simple movie about earth making its first contact with extraterrestrial life. Judging from the trailers, one would expect something in the vein of The Arrival, a very forgettable Charlie Sheen flick concerning an alien signal that reaches earth from the outer limits of space. While the basic premise for Contact may be similar to The Arrival, Contact has several positive elements working in its favor.

Contact is based on Carl Sagan's popular novel of the same name, and, as thousands and thousands of readers would testify, Sagan is not a mediocre writer of books. Zemeckis has packed his film with a wonderful sense of awe that is led by the always commanding Jodie Foster. Finally, and most importantly, Sagan's ideas intelligently translate to film thanks largely to a focused script (written by Michael Goldenberg) that dares to place human drama over alien extravaganzas. The result is the most mature and sophisticated mainstream film released so far this summer.

Without delving too deeply into the plot, I'll give the basic highlights. Jodie Foster plays an astrophysicist who, despite criticisms from her colleagues, dogmatically dedicates her professional and personal life to looking for extraterrestrial life. She joins a scientific team whose sole function is to listen for all the emissions going on in space. Of course, Foster discovers an alien signal, the government gets involved, the media spread the word and the world goes wild with excitement and fear. What follows is a struggling race to decipher the signal and figure out its intentions.

Contact may be disappointed here. Contact is deliberately paced with only fleeting moments of action. Still, the story's central theme of human quest for universal truths is so relevant and applicable to contemporary human consciousness that one can't help but be completely drawn into the quest.

As Foster and company progressively get closer to understanding the signal's meaning, philosophical and religious questions abound. Matthew McConaughey, who turns in a fine performance despite being miscast, serves as the proponent for faith over science. This goes in direct contrast



Jodie Foster phones home in Contact. PHOTO COURTESY OF SONY PICTURES

with Foster's stance that science has dispelled a need for God. These opposing beliefs serve as the film's main conflict and thrusting force. It also fits neatly into the current alien phenomena. In a world where God no longer exists, where else can we look for meaning than to the stars?

Don't worry, though. Contact is not a two-and-a-half-hour lecture on human philosophy. It is a indeed every bit as entertaining and fun as any summer roller coaster currently playing. Zemeckis takes full advantage of sight and sound, making this a theatrical experience, something that will be diminished on video. The Carolina East theater in town finally has a fully functional DTS sound system, and Contact clearly illustrates the difference a sophisticated sound system can make (particularly in the hypnotic opening sequence).

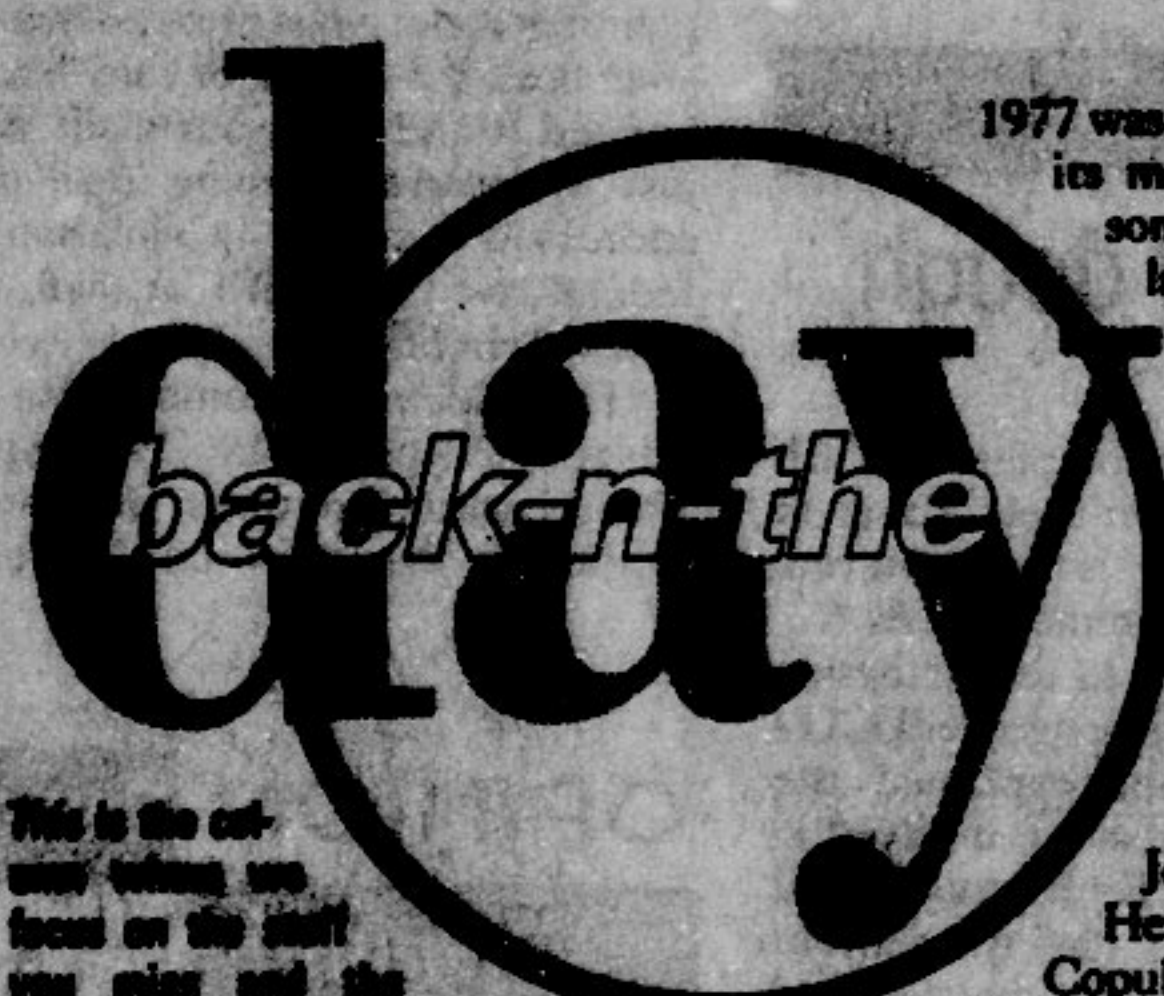
The film only slips at sporadic points. Forced efforts at developing a love interest between Foster and McConaughey, admittedly, aren't completely effective, and McConaughey's character, who serves as a spiritual adviser for the U.S. President, should be played by an older actor who commands more respect. But these minor faults are easily overlooked once the awe-inspiring mystery of the unknown takes over.

Contact thrives on the unknown. No clear answers are given, no definite resolutions are determined. In many ways, the film concludes with more questions than it began with. This is an honest and serious attempt to tap into modern society's anxiety about either being or not being alone in this infinite universe.

Skeptics may mock any effort to seriously address the possibility of extraterrestrial life. Believers may want the issue to be more seriously dealt with. And simple fans of science fiction may just want more fiction in their science. Whatever criticisms Contact gets dealt, credit must be given to Zemeckis and company for daring to touch the unknown without destroying the mystery that keeps the world looking into the night sky and flocking to the theaters.

Punks still rock 20 years later

ANDY TURNER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR



1977 was the year that punk rock was at its best, its most vital. A handful of great records, some considered legendary now 20 years later, were released. The Sex Pistols declared war with Never Mind the Bollocks Here's the Sex Pistols. The Clash released their self-titled debut album, and the Ramones launched a Rocker to Rocker. But there were two bands who epitomized the punk rock attitude, if for no other reason than the titles of the albums they released that year: The Dead Boys' Young, Loud and Snotty and Johnny Thunders and the Heartbreakers' L.A.M.F. (Like a Mother Copulator).

The Dead Boys formed in Cleveland in 1976, before moving to New York's Bowery district and hooking up with C.B.G.B. owner Billy Kristal. Stiv Bators, Cheech Chrome, Jimmy Zero, Jeff Magnum and Johnny Blitz were exactly what their album proclaimed: Young, Loud and Snotty. Some critics have written that attitude was all the Dead Boys possessed; actual musical talent was non-existent. Rubbish. The Dead Boys were much



Above, Stiv Bators of the Dead Boys gets snotty with Bators. At left, Johnny Thunders strikes a rock-and-roll pose. ABOVE PHOTO COURTESY OF C.B.G.B.'S LEFT PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHNNY THUNDERS HOME PAGE

more than the musical equivalent of Kevin Bacon's dancing rebel character in Footloose. They wrote some damn fine songs.

The opening track, "Sonic Reducer," sets the tone: "I don't need anyone, don't need no mom and dad/ don't need no good advice, don't need no human nice/ I got some news for you, don't even need you, too." Fast and furious, "Sonic Reducer" is more than just self-help for angry punk rockers. The song sums up what punk rock means to alienated, angst-ridden teens the world over. Everyone who considered the song's narrator a loser gets it from the sonic reducer with Bators proclaiming at the end of the song, "Then I'll be 10 feet tall, and you'll be nothing at all."

The alienation theme is continued on tracks such as "Not Anyone," "Ain't Nothin' to Do" and "High Tension Wire." After hearing these songs, you taste the sewers and gutters of New York City in your mouth. They are tales of the terminally poor, bored and pissed off. Offering more than just "love stinks, yeah, yeah," Young, Loud and Snotty gives us "What Love Is" and "Caught With The Meat in Your Mouth." These two songs are potent pictures of rot-



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# It's SHOW TIME

July

16 Wednesday

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 Pro-Pain, Spudmonsters, and Fueled at  
 the Mission in Raleigh.  
 Jump Little Children at the Cat's Cradle  
 in Carrboro.

18 Friday

Purple Schoolbus at the Attic.  
 TBA at the Firehouse Tavern.  
 Meatbox at Peasant's.  
 Guided By Voices at the Cat's Cradle in  
 Carrboro.  
 The Vegas Beat at The Lizard and Snake  
 in Chapel Hill.  
 Indian Summer at The Cave in Chapel  
 Hill.  
 Maxwell and Zhane at Chrysler Hall in  
 Norfolk, Va.

19 Saturday

Breakfast Club at the Attic.  
 Nameless at the Firehouse Tavern.  
 Fuego Del Alma at Peasant's.  
 Hank Williams Jr., The Charlie Daniels  
 Band and Travis Tritt at Walnut Creek  
 Amphitheatre in Raleigh.  
 Purple Schoolbus and Moon Boot Lover  
 at the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro.  
 David Spencer and Mumblefish at The  
 Cave in Chapel Hill.  
 Maxwell and Zhane at Ovens Auditorium  
 in Charlotte.

20 Sunday

Spider Monkey at Peabody's in Virginia  
 Beach, Va.

21 Monday

Phish at the Virginia Beach Amphitheater  
 in Virginia Beach, Va.  
 Blue Miracle at Friar Tuck's in Norfolk,  
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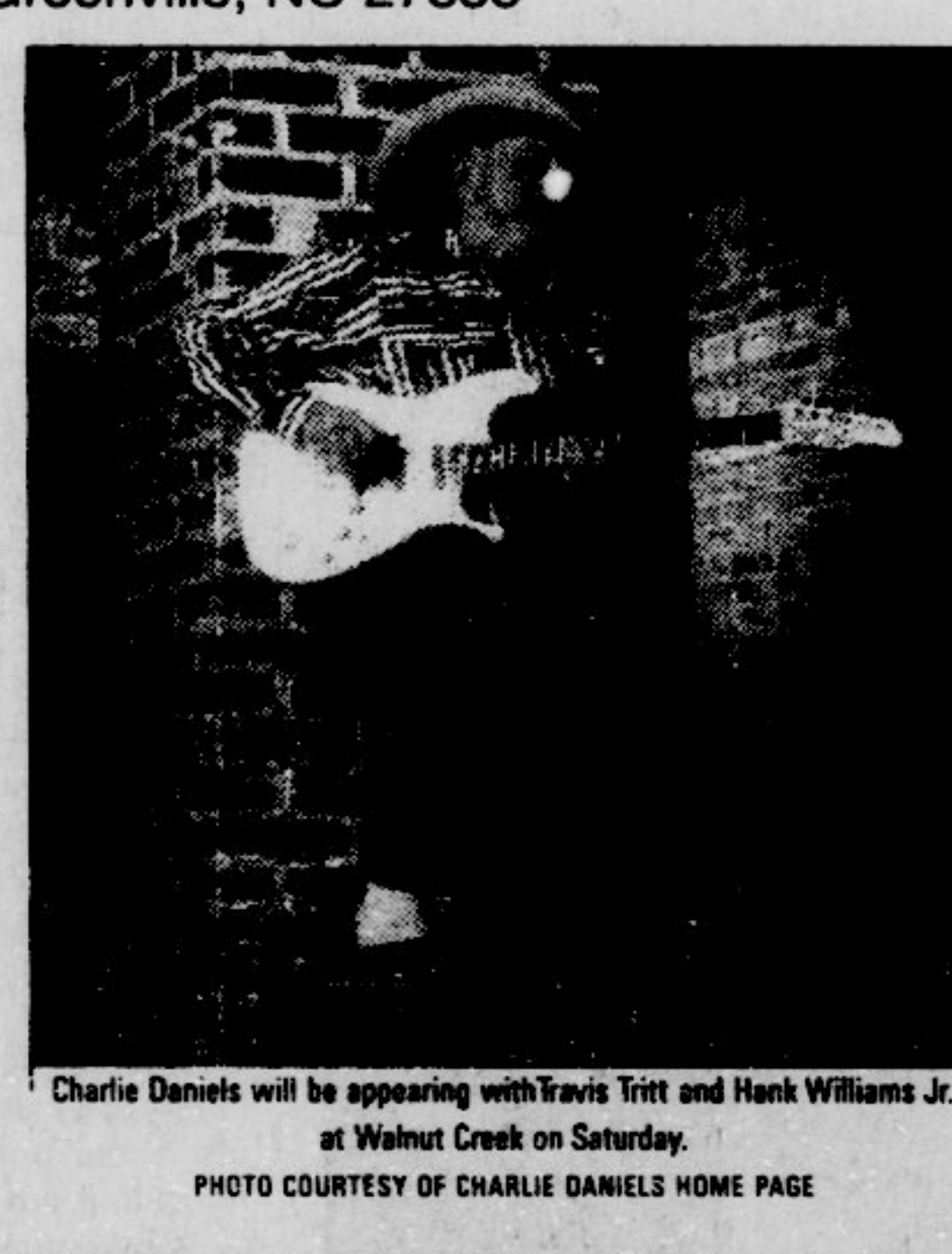
22 Tuesday

Nebulus at the Firehouse Tavern.  
 Block at Peasant's.  
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Charlie Daniels will be appearing with Travis Tritt and Hank Williams Jr.  
 at Walnut Creek on Saturday.  
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**Back in the Day**

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ten love, love that stinks worse than  
 bad meat.

The Dead Boys have no doubt  
 influenced a number of aspiring punk  
 rockers. Pearl Jam, Green River and  
 The Supersuckers have all covered  
 their material. Bonip Records has  
 recently released the original, rougher  
 mix of *Young, Loud and Snooty*, *Younger,  
 Louder and Snottier*. Sadly, Siviv Batons  
 died in 1990 in Paris as a result of  
 injuries he received after being hit by  
 a car. Cheech Chrome is slated to  
 have a new album coming out soon on  
 Bomp. The whereabouts of the  
 remaining members are unknown.

Yes, Johnny Thunders and The  
 Heartbreakers played rock and roll  
 with their "hearts on their sleeves,"  
 but they also played with their arms  
 strapped for another heroin injection.  
 They were junkies. They even briefly  
 considered renaming themselves the  
 Junkies. Lead singer and guitarist  
 Johnny Thunders and drummer Jerry  
 Nolan were former members of glam  
 punkers The New York Dolls. Walter  
 Lure and Billy Rath played lead guitar  
 and bass guitar respectively. Richard  
 Hell served briefly as a Heartbreaker  
 before leaving to form his own band.

L.A.M.F. did not reach its potential  
 upon its initial release. Problems in  
 the mix of the album hindered its  
 quality. Remixes for the album were  
 done in 1984 and again in 1994. The  
 1994 version on Jungle Records is  
 probably the best version. The  
 Heartbreakers sound wasn't quite as  
 harsh as The Dead Boys, who sound  
 almost heavy metal on some songs.  
 Their sound was rooted in the Rolling  
 Stones and '50s and '60s R&B. The  
 Heartbreakers wrote rock and roll  
 anthems. Most of their songs featured  
 catchy melodies and even catchier  
 choruses. Just as often as their songs  
 were about dependency on drugs and  
 excessive lives, "The Heartbreakers"  
 songs were about - what else -  
 women.

There's a lot of love on L.A.M.F.  
 You get "I Wanna Be Loved," "Frate  
 Love," "I Love You," and their version  
 of "Do You Love Me?" Barry Gordy,  
 who wrote "Do You Love Me?,"  
 should have thought about signing  
 The Heartbreakers to Motown or at  
 least as songwriters. They were the  
 druggie version of  
 Holland/Dozier/Holland. On "I  
 Wanna Be Loved," Thunders sings in  
 a drunken slur, "...do what I'm gonna  
 say/I'm so crazy 'bout you/ I don't  
 wanna play, I wanna be loved by you."  
 It would have been a hit for Marvin  
 Gaye.

The Heartbreakers had their punk  
 anthem, too. "Born to Lose" lives  
 down the street from The Dead Boys'  
 "Sonic Reducer." "Living in a jungle,  
 it ain't so hard/ but living in a city, it'll  
 eat out your heart." I think I'll just  
 stay in the country forever.

Johnny Thunders and The  
 Heartbreakers left more than just the  
 track marks on the arms, they left a  
 mark on rock and roll. The Devil  
 Dogs, The Humphers, The  
 Candystratchers and millions of lesser  
 bands have taken their cue from the  
 band. The current "alternative coun-  
 try" movement also owes much to  
 The Heartbreakers.

The Replacements, I think, are  
 one of the few bands who equaled  
 and even topped The Heartbreakers  
 in spirit, musically and in their rela-  
 tionship with illegal substances. The  
 Replacements even did a song in the  
 early '80s about Johnny Thunders  
 (and probably a lot about themselves  
 also) called "Johnny's Gonna Die."  
 The song detailed Thunders' excess-  
 es in his music and his life. The cho-  
 rus offered a taunting "Na Nanna Na  
 Na." The Replacements' prediction  
 came true in 1991. Johnny Thunders  
 died in New Orleans hotel room after  
 combining a lethal mixture of  
 methadone and alcohol. Nolan died a  
 year later.

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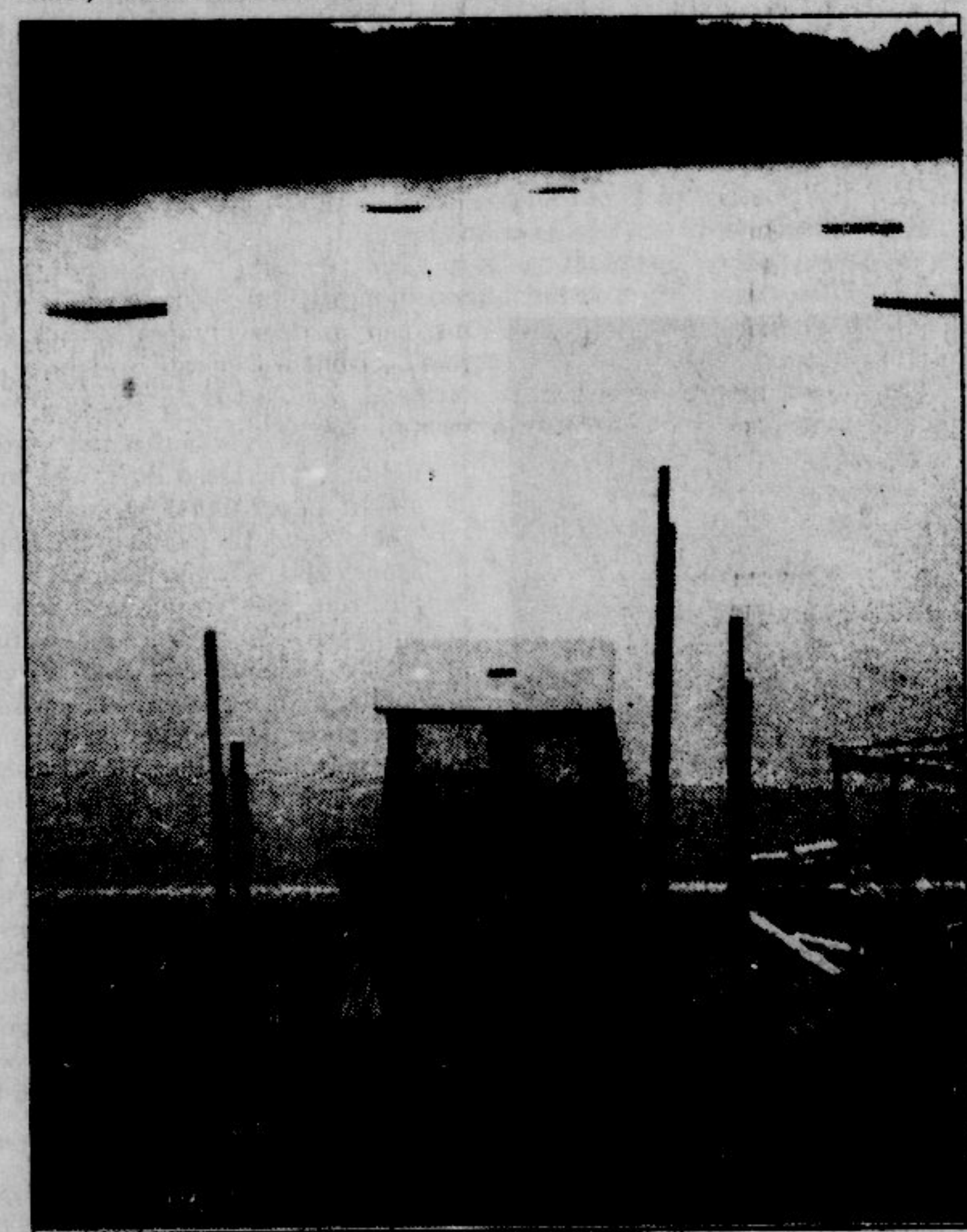
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For those of you who swing the club pretty well, or for the beginners, the aqua range comes equipped with five yardage islands. The islands are placed in the water from 95 yards to 245 yards.

Curtis seems to have quite a popular place for students and people in the community.

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Curtis said he enjoys hiring ECU students.

"Although I'm not hiring staff people right now, I do, however, hire ECU students when jobs are available," Curtis said. "Big Splash caters to every golfer, whether they are new to the sport or play often. They have an artificial turf pad or real grass from which you can tee off. It is a popular driving range among all ages, and with the inexpensive costs, it's an affordable way to get in some good practice."

So grab your golf clubs or borrow some friends' clubs, and if you still don't have any you can check them out at the Student Recreation Center. Curtis said if anyone has any questions about aqua golf to call him, or any of the staff members, at 758-1341.

## ECU basketball player charged in kidnapping

JACQUELINE D. KELLUM  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Last week, an ECU basketball player was arrested for allegedly kidnapping two women.

Lawrence Dewayne Thomas, 21, of 121 Riverbluff Rd., Apt. 42, Greenville, was arrested on Thursday, July 10, for attempted second-degree kidnapping and one count of assault by pointing a gun.

Detective Ricky Best of the Greenville Police Department investigated the incident, and confirmed that the charges were filed against Thomas.

"He's still in jail; the bond at present is \$51,000," Best said. At press time, Thomas was still being held at the Pitt County Detention Center, where he has been held since his arrest.

The alleged incidents of kidnapping involved two twenty-two year old women at separate times on Tuesday morning, July 8.

The first woman said she was approached approximately 10:20 a.m. while she was riding her bike on Hickory Street. She said she was approached by a black male who asked for directions to Greenville Boulevard. The man then threatened her with a gun and attempted to force her into a Chevrolet Cavalier. She escaped into another passing vehicle.

The second woman was walking on Greenville Greenway at approximately 10:45 a.m. when she was approached by a black male on foot.



Lawrence Thomas was arrested for allegedly trying to kidnap two women.

FILE PHOTO

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## Coaching search almost over

AMANDA ROSS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The head coaching job of the Pirate baseball team, vacated by Gary Overton last month, could be filled very shortly.

That is the word from Henry VanSant, assistant athletic director. The athletic department is keeping a tight lip on the interviewing process, but TEG did find out that the final decision has boiled down to four possible candidates.

Those four are Billy Best, Mike Fox, Keith LeClair and Joe McFarland. VanSant couldn't comment on any of the candidates, but said he hoped an announcement would be made later this week.

"We have interviewed candidates for the job and we plan to make an announcement on Sunday the 20th," VanSant said.

Best is a former Pirate as a player and an assistant coach and is currently an assistant with N.C. State. Best was the head coach at Elon College for three seasons, compiling an 82-45 record, before taking the position with State. During the '94 and '95 seasons, Best led his teams to the NCAA Division II tournament, and all three teams finished in the national rankings in the Division II polls.

For the past 15 years, Fox has held the helm at Division III North Carolina Wesleyan in Rocky Mount. A Chapel Hill graduate, he took the Wesleyan job after ECU graduate Tony Guzzo vacated the job and left for Virginia Commonwealth. (Guzzo is now head coach at ODU.) Fox has won the Division III NCAA championship once with the Battling Bishops and has led the team to the World Series.

Presently, LeClair is the head coach at Western Carolina, where he has posted a 228-135-2 record, earning Southern Conference Coach of the Year Honors in '92, '94 and '97. LeClair played at Western Carolina as a first baseman/outfielder and he played on four consecutive Southern Conference championship teams. He was the journey MVP in '88.

McFarland has been the head coach at Northern Illinois since 1991. He has a record of 123-211-1. His '95 team went 29-27, which was the first winning season for the school since 1972. In '96 Northern Illinois went 27-30 but still managed to win the Midwestern Collegiate Conference tournament to earn a spot in the NCAA tournament. It was also the first league title for the school since '72. McFarland was a head coach at Kellogg's Community College in Michigan before going to Northern Illinois. He was an assistant at Florida State in '82, Georgia Tech from '83-'86 and at South Florida from '86 to '90.

Overton, who was forced to resign after this season, posted a 427-237-1 record while head at ECU which makes him the winningest coach in Pirate history.

## Players, teams picked in pre-season polls

(SID) — The CAA announced the results of its pre-season men's and women's basketball polls. Both the ODU men's and women's teams were tabbed favorites to repeat as champions in a poll of CAA coaches.

ODU Head Coach Jeff Capel returns five players who made at least 11 starts last season's 22-11 squad which captured the CAA title and participated in the NCAA Tournament. The Monarchs will be led by junior guard Mike Byers, a pre-season All-CAA pick, who is the team's leading returning scorer (11.3 ppg). Senior point guard Brian Dunlap who was a pre-season Second Team All-CAA selection, also returns along with junior sharpshooter Mark Poag who averaged 11.3 ppg. The ODU frontline will feature 1997 part-time starter Reggie Bassette and Cal Bowdler along with Skipper Youngblood. The trio accounted for 13.7 points and 12.2 rebounds per game and will attempt to replace the production of the 1997 CAA Player of the Year, Odell Hodge, who graduated.

Joining Byers on the pre-season All-CAA squad are JMU senior forward Chatney Howard who was a first team All-CAA pick last season after averaging a team high 14.6 points per game for the Dukes. 1997 Second Team All-CAA selection, ECU's Raphael Edwards and American University's Nathan Smith were voted First Team in the pre-season poll. Edwards averaged 13.2 ppg last season, while Smith is the CAA's leading returner scorer (17.3 ppg) and one of the nation's top three point threats (82 treys).

Rounding out the team are William & Mary junior guard Randy Bracy and Richmond senior forward Eric Poole. Bracy averaged 13.0 ppg with a team high 37 steals while Poole topped the CAA in rebounding (8.8 rpg) while averaging 10 ppg.

Wendy Larry, the 1997 Sporting News, RCA and USBWA Coach of the Year, returns three starters from ODU's 34-2 squad which captured its sixth consecutive CAA title and advanced to the title game of the 1997 NCAA Tournament. The Lady Monarchs will be led by the 1997 CAA Player of the Year, Ticha Penicheiro who was a Kodak and AP All-American last season.

Penicheiro led the nation with 271 assists and 161 steals. ODU teammates Nyree Roberts and Mary Andrade each garnered First Team All-CAA honors last season. Roberts, a 6-3 season center, is the CAA's leading returning scorer (17.0 ppg). She also topped the conference in rebounding (8.8 rpg) and was fourth in scoring (15.5 ppg). Alexander, the 1997 Rookie of the Year, averaged 14.9 points per game. The 5-6 point guard was second in the CAA in steals (3.4 spg) and sixth in assists (4.1 apg).

Joining the ODU trio on the pre-season All-CAA squad are American University's Mary Klima and George Mason's Kristoona Alexander. Klima, a senior forward, topped the conference in rebounding (8.8 rpg) and was fourth in scoring (15.5 ppg). Alexander, the 1997 Rookie of the Year, averaged 14.9 points per game. The 5-6 point guard was second in the CAA in steals (3.4 spg) and sixth in assists (4.1 apg).



Raphael Edwards was the only Pirate picked as a pre-season All-CAA.

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## British Open showcases best golfers in world

TROON, Scotland (AP) — Memories abound at the British Open, as happens when an event is held 126 times, and the tournament looming this week at Royal Troon offers the promise of something truly memorable.

There may have never been a major championship held at a time when so many of the best golfers in the world were playing their best golf.

"To be pitted against the best, playing your best is what you dream of," Greg Norman said Tuesday. "It would be idyllic if you had nine holes to go and the top 10 players in the world locked in within a stroke of each other."

The top seven players in the World Golf Rankings came into this British Open very much on their games.

Tiger Woods, Ernie Els, Norman, Colin Montgomerie, Nick Price, Tom Lehman and Steve Elkington have all won tournaments this year - Woods, Els, Norman, Montgomerie and Lehman within the last month.

Asked if he remembered going into a major championship with so many of the best players playing so well, Price answered with a simple and direct, "Not really."

Montgomerie, the hometown hero who won the Irish Open with a final-round 62 two weeks ago, ticks off a list of contenders at Troon that would make for a stirring Sunday finish.

"Tiger Woods is the favorite," Montgomerie said about the No. 1

player in the world. "But I would like to include Ernie Els and Tom Lehman, who are playing very well at the moment. And Greg Norman won the other week and Nick Price is on form and you can never count out the likes of Nick Faldo or Steve Elkington."

Montgomerie did not include himself on that list but when asked about the state of his game, the 34-year-old Scotsman said: "It goes without saying that I'm playing possibly the best golf of my 10-year pro career right now."

Whether this British Open produces a tournament to be filed away on the highest shelf of the memory banks remains to be seen.

Norman, Price and Montgomerie already have bitter-sweet memories of Royal Troon and the west coast of Scotland.

For Montgomerie, it is a return to his childhood home and a reminder that of the four major championships this ironically is the one in which he has fared the worst.

Price thinks back to 1982 at Troon when he finished second by a stroke at age 25 after being three strokes ahead with six holes to play. He can also revel in the memory of the 1994 British Open he won just down the road at Turnberry.

And Norman, who played his first major championship at Turnberry 20 years ago, remembers that his playoff loss at Troon in 1989 helped make him the only person to lose all

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Randy Bassette, ODU (11.3 ppg)  
 Mike Byers, ODU (11.3 ppg)  
 Raphael Edwards, ECU (17.3 ppg)  
 Chatney Howard, JMU (14.6 ppg)  
 Eric Poole, Richmond (13.0 ppg)  
 Nathan Smith, American (17.3 ppg)

**PRE-SEASON ALL-CAA FIRST TEAM**

Kristoona Alexander, GMU (14.5 ppg, 4.1 apg)  
 Mary Andrade, ODU (11.3 ppg, 8.8 rpg)  
 Mary Klima, AU (15.5 ppg, 8.8 rpg)  
 Ticha Penicheiro, ODU (17.0 ppg, 8.8 rpg)  
 Nyree Roberts, ODU (17.0 ppg, 8.8 rpg)

**TRIVIAtime**

Name the defending British Open champion.

Tom Lehman

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# fast break

## A hitter's worst nightmare: 31 strikeouts

SEATTLE (AP) - The game was a hitter's worst nightmare. Rusty Greer, Domingo Cedeno, Jay Buhner, Dan Wilson and Russ Davis each struck out three times. And Cedeno was a fifth-inning replacement for Will Clark, who took a Randy Johnson fastball on his right arm. Only four of the 20 batters in Sunday's Seattle-Texas game - Joe Judge, Alex Rodriguez, Paul Sorrento and Clark - didn't strike out. Thirty-one players struck out against Seattle's Johnson (14) and Bobby Ayala (four), and Texas' Bobby Witt (nine), Dan Patterson (two) and John Wetteland (two) to set a major league record for a nine-inning game. "That wasn't real pretty," said Dean Palmer, the Rangers' third baseman who struck out twice. "There was a lot of swinging and missing." The pitching performances broke the record of 30 strikeouts set by Seattle and Oakland on April 19,

1986, in a game when Jose Rijo had 16 strikeouts for the Athletics. In a game that left Johnson nothing to show for seven innings of brilliant baseball, Texas won 4-2 on Sunday with two runs in the ninth off Ayala, the first on Damon Buford's leadoff homer.

## Plummer says yes, Haley and Novacek to say no

(AP) - The local hero is coming in Arizona, just as two key members of the Dallas Cowboys are leaving the NFL. Jake Plummer, who led Arizona State to an undefeated record and a Rose Bowl berth last season, agreed to a three-year, \$1.6 million contract with the Arizona Cardinals on Monday. He is expected to back up Kent Graham at quarterback. "I want to be on a winning team that goes to the playoffs, and I know eventually - sometimes it doesn't happen the first, second, third, sometimes fifth or sixth year when you become a starter," Plummer said. "But whenever that happens, I know I'll get my chance to lead the

team." Plummer will get a \$700,000 bonus, plus \$241,000 in salary this year, \$302,000 next, and \$326,000 in 1999. While the Cardinals were welcoming their young quarterback, the Cowboys were getting ready to say goodbye to two mainstays: Charles Haley and Jay Novacek. Both were expected to announce their retirements because of bad backs at a joint news conference Tuesday.

## Magic GM says Scott's comments to youngsters unacceptable

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Dury comments by Dennis Scott during a summer camp in Virginia, including a threat to sit out next season, caught the Orlando Magic off-guard. General manager John Gabriel said Monday that Scott's actions before a group of children who listened to him while explicit rap music blared from the rear of the player's nearby sport utility vehicle were inappropriate. With arms flailing, the veteran of seven NBA seasons told the youngsters, ages 9-17, that he could retire if the Magic "don't start treating me right." "Don't ask me for my autograph, because 28 years ago, I was broke. You ask for my autograph now because I've got millions of dollars. Do not ask me for my autograph. Ask me to explain the rage that exists inside of me," Scott said in a scene caught on videotape at his youth

basketball camp in Sterling, Va. Gabriel said he spoke with Scott by telephone on Monday and that the 6-foot-8 forward told him that he wants to remain in Orlando and honor the final season of a three-year, \$9 million contract. "I've only seen bits and pieces of the video. But what he said is unacceptable. He told me he felt it was something he needed to make a statement about. But this obviously wasn't the proper forum," Gabriel said. "I'm concerned about my player. If he's having problems, or if he doesn't want to play here, or he's unhappy, I want to know about it. But I didn't hear any of those things from Dennis (on the phone)."

such as golf, into their lifestyle." Financed by Lilly, an Indianapolis-based pharmaceutical company, this year's series will run through the HealthSouth Inaugural at Walt Disney World next January, with the winner getting \$125,000 from a total purse of \$500,000. Golfers can win bonus points at the remaining 12 full-field LPGA events this season and triple points at the HealthSouth. In succeeding years, points will be awarded at all full-field tour stops.

## Gable to take year off, may be gone for good

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) - The Dan Gable era in college wrestling might be over. For now it's on hold. Gable, who dominated opponents as a competitor before making Iowa the most feared name in the sport, said Monday he is taking a year off as coach of the Hawkeyes and strongly indicated he might be out of coaching for good. "One thing I've been good at is reading my team. That's why we've been able to make decisions at proper times," said Gable, whose teams have won 15 NCAA championships during his 21 seasons as coach. "But I'm reading myself right now, and I really read myself as necessary for me to step down." Tormented by aching knees and hips and fatigued by the stress of constantly seeking perfection, the 48-year-old Gable will work in an administrative job with the athletic department while deciding his coaching future. Jim Zalesky, an Iowa assistant who wrestled under Gable, will be

acting coach for the 1997-98 season. If Gable decides not to come back, the school would seek a permanent replacement, athletic director Bob Bowlsby said.

## Heat keeps G. wds - but not enthusiasm - down

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - With a muggy, 92-degree day, the crowds weren't as big as expected as the Green Bay Packers opened training camp. Expectations for the Super Bowl champs, though, remain sky high. "I'm not satisfied at all with what we've accomplished," coach Mike Holmgren said. "I'm pleased, but I'm not satisfied." A year ago, the Packers were still smarting after yet another playoff loss to the Dallas Cowboys. They came to camp determined to win the Super Bowl, yet when they started telling everyone, Holmgren put a lid on all title talk. He won't ban the word "repeat" from the team's vocabulary this year. "Our goals are set very high again," Holmgren said. "My whole thing with that was I don't think you have to talk about it a lot. Everyone can talk about it and everyone will. And it will be written about. I just don't want the players to talk about it that much." "Let's just play and let your actions speak more than your words." Even though the champions return mostly intact, Holmgren told his team at its orientation meeting that everyone will have to work harder than last season to have a shot at back-to-back titles.

## Kidnapping

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who asked her for directions. She too was asked to leave with him, then was grabbed when she refused. She managed to escape from him also. Thomas will have to go before a grand jury, who will determine if there is probable cause for an indictment, and if there is, will then be judged in superior court. "He'll have his day in court," Bear said. Thomas, a reserve forward for the Pirates, is originally from Dallas and has been at ECU for four years. He still has two years of basketball eligibility left. If any other women have experienced similar incidents, they should contact the Greenville police by calling 830-4515, or go in person to

## British Open

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four of the major championships in a playoff. For no one is the return to Troon as poignant as for Montgomerie, who grew up within sight of the first tee. Second in the U.S. Open twice and second in the PGA once, he has never been higher than eighth in the British Open and has missed the cut four of the last five years. He hopes his local knowledge of the course where his father is the club secretary will count for a lot. "I've played this course in all types of conditions," Montgomerie said. "Obviously, I know my way around here." Price and Norman are two other players who can draw on years of experience playing British Open courses under British Open conditions. "Twenty years ago this week was my first major championship," Norman said about the 1977 Open at Turnberry. "I remember Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson shooting it out down the stretch and I remember watching it on TV," he said about missing the cut for the final round.

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# comics

**Lake Imp USA**

**John Murphy**

THE HOLIDAY, HAD IT'S "THE THUNDER" THAT COMES? ANY BODY HE SAYS A LAD OF HONOR AND JUST THINK ABOUT OUR TRAVELERS FOR CHRISTMAS?

CAUSE YOU GOTTA HAVE PHYSICAL PROOF OF HIS "SQUAWK" KISS LAST TUESDAY IN YOUR MINDS? CHRISTMAS? THE BEST?

NO MATH IF YOU'RE A HOME GARDEN ENTHUSIAST AND CAN'T AFFORD TO AS YOU PUT IT, "BEAT IN ANY HOME GARDEN?"

THEIR FAMILY PLANS YOU.

WELL, YOU GUYS, HAVE FUN OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK. MY CHARLES, MRS. CLIVE, HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

DO ANY OF YOU GUYS EVER FEEL LIKE YOU'RE TRAPPED INSIDE SOME LAB, SURROUNDED BY TV SET WITH A CAST MADE UP OF TOMMY?

I MEAN, MRS. CLIVE, I'M A FEELING TAMBULA UNTIL MARZELLA CLIVE ALONG WITH THE OTHER OVER AND OF COURSE MALLORY THE STRAIGHT MAN-CARACTOR LITTLE?

WHAT'S HE THINKING FOR KID'S FRONT, MALLORY? FROM YOU'RE GREAT! TIED TO BE THOUGH!

CLIVE, SURELY, GO HOME AND REST SO YOU CAN TAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE.

WOW, I'M GOING HOME AT LAST! I'M EXHAUSTED!

NO MORE SCHOOL FOR WEEKS ON END! I SHALL VEG MYSELF INTO A COMA!

PEACE! O' WILLIET!

HOW 'BOUT SOME A/C, SMOOTHING MUSIC TO BRING IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON?

THANKS FOR THE RIDE, MRS. CLIVE!

GET IN HERE, MALLORY! TESS AND POLLY ARE DYING TO SEE YOU!

MALLORY'S HOME!

HEY, YOU WEREN'T HERE!

WHAT TILL HE FINDS OUT WE'VE MADE HIS BEDROOM A DECK!

**ACROSS**

- Record
- Watch faces
- Sentry's command
- Spoken
- Sign up; var.
- Continent
- Calling block
- City in Bolivia
- Ground grain
- Embroidery piece
- State
- Rabbit
- American poet
- Tiled
- Adolescent age
- Unable to see
- Eccentric one
- Have being
- Ship
- On one's way
- Pack
- Long time
- Clashed
- Honking birds
- Clashed
- Tree
- Feel under the weather
- Prince of Denmark
- Sailing
- Story teller
- Narrative
- Earth
- bear
- Columbus' ship
- Title of respect
- Turn inside out
- Helen of —
- Spreads to dry
- Social
- Round of applause
- Back talk
- DOWN
- Tiny ones
- Dive's forte
- Date tree
- Trunk carrier
- Gobi of Sahara
- Harden
- Circle section
- Nobleman
- Under the covers
- Extra tire
- Huge
- Toledo's waterfront
- Erects
- Maps
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- Italian money
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