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ECU medical team pioneering new surgical techniques



Dr. Randolph Chitwood observes a monitor while leading a surgical team through a minimally invasive video assisted heart surgery.
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Minimally invasive surgery less painful, not as risky, inexpensive

AMANDA BRIGGS
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Dream Team may not include Michael Jordan, but it does consist of the medical center's most innovative surgeons.

The Dream team consists of six doctors: Randolph Chitwood, William Chapman, Joseph Elberts, Lorraine Tarfa, Ken McDonald and David Deaton. These six doctors are trying to perfect the minimally invasive surgery in their distinctive field.

Minimally invasive surgery involves the use of tiny cameras, smaller incisions and revolutionary new tools that allow the surgeon to do all the work from outside of the body. This surgery reduces hospital costs, pain, scarring, and reduces the risk of infection.

Chitwood is the surgeon who put

together this team and developed the prototype for these tools.

"We have formed a team approach to build a program and introduce new technologies. We would like to become a nationally known center," Chitwood said.

Chitwood's specialty is heart surgery, but the team is using the minimally invasive techniques on other surgeries.

"Having a team allows for a wide range of expertise. There is specialization in vascular, oncological, obesity and heart surgeries," said Harley Dartt, with News and Information for the ECU Medical School.

Gall bladder surgery was one of the first surgeries to use minimally invasive techniques. Since this is a new form of surgery, it has not been fully developed, and only 30 percent of all patients can have these techniques performed.

"This is tremendous for the reputation for the ECU Medical School," Dartt said. "This team is spear heading the minimally invasive program. Our team is the best in the country, and as far as we know the best in the world."

Computer executive appointed to new position

Huskamp brings
experience to position
starting Nov. 1

JONI SURETTE
STAFF NEWS WRITER

Not only is Jeffrey Huskamp new to ECU, so is his position: associate vice chancellor for administration and finance technology.

"We feel that Mr. Huskamp chose East Carolina University because it is one of the most exciting universities in the country," said Dr. Richard Ringesen, vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Huskamp served as director of the North Carolina Super Computing Center from 1990-1995 and has PhD in electrical engineering and computer science from the University of California at Berkeley. As well as serving as vice president of the Consortium for Scientific Computing at the Von Neuman National Super Computer Center at Princeton, include only some of them.

"We wanted to go for a higher level of work," said Blake Price, director of Computing and Information Systems.

Huskamp's new position, which he will be assuming Nov. 1, requires him to serve as chief information officer. He will be leading the university by helping to seek funding, involving the staff in increasing technology and benefitting the students by providing them with highly advanced learning tools.

"Jeff is good at bringing in new funds as well as assisting with strategic academic plans," Price said.

Many members of the faculty feel Huskamp's arrival is an honor. Faculty members hope he will help to lead the campus to a new level in technology.

"We are very fortunate to have Mr. Huskamp as a member of our staff," Ringesen said.

Ringesen stated Huskamp will contribute to already the university's outstanding position above other universities.

"We're doing things that other universities only wished they were doing; we want to be the best in the country," Ringesen said.

Check out this week's **focus**
on alcohol abuse.

Homecoming king and queen candidates narrowed down to final eight

Festivities scheduled to
commence Oct. 24

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STAFF WRITER

The 1997-98 Homecoming celebration is right around the corner.

The theme chosen to represent 1997 is "All Decked Out for the 90th." This refers to ECU's celebration of 90 years.

Voting took place on Wednesday, Oct. 15 for one of homecoming's most awaited event: the crowning of the king and queen.

The final eight candidates for king are: Joshua Beardsley, Rob Fannon, Colin McRae, Adrian Floyd, Kengie Bass,

Tremayne Nunley, Mark Harrigan and Carlton Blanton.

The final eight candidates for queen are: Nikki Noren, Jodi Warden, Leslie Pulley, Sharlynda Fleming, Sage Hunihan, Valencia McCoy, Mary Underhill and Amy Berridge.

Some of the candidates running for king and queen are excited about coming so close to having a chance to represent ECU.

"I want to get involved on campus a little more than I already am," said Joshua Beardsley, candidate for king and Cotton Fleming/Jarvis representative.

"I love this school and it would be wonderful to represent it in that way," said Jodi Warden, candidate for queen and ECU ambassadors representative.

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news briefs

across the state

French company to build first North American plant in Whiteville

WHITEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A French manufacturer of electroplated steel wire will construct its first North American plant in Columbus County, bringing 50 jobs to the region.

Conflandey S.A. will build the 104,000 square-foot facility at the Southeast Regional Park in Whiteville as part of a \$15 million investment, according to a state Commerce Department release Thursday.

The company will receive a \$4,000 tax credit for each new job created, the department said.

Female officer claims sexual harassment

ASHEVILLE (AP) — A female police officer has filed a federal lawsuit that accuses a 24-year veteran of the department of sexual harassment.

The lawsuit alleged the woman was forcibly kissed while the officers were on duty and that an unknown form of aphrodisiac was placed on her ankle during a trip to Fort Bragg with a group of teen-agers.

Parol officer Melinda Ingle filed the lawsuit in June in U.S. District Court in Asheville against the city of Asheville and Sgt. Walt Robertson.

In Robertson's answer to the lawsuit, filed in court, he said that he and Ingle kissed, but that all contact between them was consensual.

Ingle, who joined the department 12 years ago, is seeking an unspecified amount of punitive and actual damages.

The city denied the allegations. The lawsuit contends the city knew of prior sexual harassment by Robertson but did not take action to stop his behavior.

across the nation

India's warrior caste assembles in rare gathering

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — More than 10,000 men from India's warrior caste, some of them descendants of ruling princes and maharajas, assembled Sunday to discuss ways of strengthening their ancient kinship.

The gathering at New Delhi's Red Fort an Islamic emperor's 16th-century castle was the first such meeting in a century, organizers said.

The men discussed issues dividing their Kshatri, or warrior, caste, such as members contesting elections against one another.

Many also complained of India's treatment of their caste, whose dominance ended in 1947 at the close of British colonialism.

The government took over most of the princes' property, leaving them only personal homes and some palaces.

Governor announced task force to examine low milk prices

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Gov. George Pataki has appointed a dairy task force to find ways to offset low milk prices without impacting consumers unfairly.

Dairy industry and consumer group representatives will work to help protect dairy farmers from going out of business and at the same time, provide customers with affordable milk, Pataki said Saturday.

Milk prices have dropped more than 20 percent since last year, forcing some farmers to auction off their cows.

Timothy Carey, executive director of the New York State Consumer Protection Board, is also co-chairman of the task force. The task force is expected to report back to Pataki in 90 days.

around the world

Shining Path Guerrillas blamed in deadly ambush in Peru

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Gunmen ambushed anti-drug police in Peru's Amazon jungle, killing three officers and wounding a fourth, authorities said.

Police blamed Saturday's attack on the leftist Shining Path guerrillas, whose attacks have dropped off dramatically in recent years in the face of a government crackdown.

The wounded officer said about 50 rebel gunmen ambushed the police officers' van near Minas de Sal, 240 miles northwest of Lima. He said he survived because the attackers took him for dead.

Army troops and police searched the area after the attack.

The Shining Path has long been the most fearsome of Peru's leftist guerrilla groups. About 30,000 people, mostly non-combatants, have died in fighting between the rebels and government forces since 1980.

Violence by the Shining Path has fallen sharply since its leader and founder, Abimael Guzman, was captured in 1992.

Petrochemical explosion, fire kills 4 in Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — An explosion and fire at a giant petrochemical complex in southwestern Iran killed four people and injured three others, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported Sunday.

The fire roared through the Razi petrochemical plant in the city of Masjed Soleyman in southwestern Khuzestan province on Saturday, the news agency said.

A gas leak had touched off the explosion, the Kayhan daily newspaper said.

It indicated the fire had been extinguished, but officials could not be contacted for independent confirmation.

The extent of the damage was not immediately known.

Kayhan quoted Omidwar Rezaie, the area's representative in Parliament, as saying poor safety conditions and mismanagement at the complex were to blame.

The Razi complex, built in 1970, produces more than 3.7 million tons of chemicals per year, including ammonia, urea and sulfur.

The Herbert Eckhoff concert which was scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 22 1997 at 8:00 p.m. in Hendrix Theater has been cancelled due to the illness of the performer. The Department of Marketing regrets any inconvenience to its patrons.

Program offers academic support, stress management

VICKIE BUCHAN
STAFF WRITER

There are several programs started to help students with academic problems and to help prevent stress from occurring.

The Partners in Education Program (P.I.E.) offers academic support and stress management for students who need it.

"[P.I.E.] is the driving force of academic support center on campus," said Janice Johnson, assistant director of academic support and special projects for university housing.

The program is for anyone, but has been found to be most beneficial to freshmen.

"A lot of freshmen come to college with no clues as to how to

study or what college is even like," Johnson said. "They end up doing poorly at the beginning of the semester and digging to bring up those bad grades for the rest of the year. 'Sometimes for the rest of their college career.'"

P.I.E. is offered five times throughout the fall semester and five times in the Spring semester.

The workshops cover topics such as: how to study for mid-terms and how to take tests. The work shops are planned each semester according to what they feel students need.

Johnson feels that it helps prepare students for the real world.

"It helps them with the transition into the academic world," Johnson said. "They need this solid foundation."

Another program geared for freshmen is the S.A.I.L.L. (Students achieve Through Involvement in Learning). This program helps make ECU a little more of a familiar school to incoming freshmen.

The program was started by Bill

Woodard, a coordinator in Belk Hall, approximately two and a half years ago.

This program deals with issues such as: homesickness and academic problems.

Margie Bradley, director of S.A.I.L.L. believes the more students that are involved, the more likely they will stay with the university.

"We eventually want to have a hall of just freshmen in the S.A.I.L.L. program. We've found that freshmen tend to be more eager to get involved," Bradley said. "Everything is new to them."

S.A.I.L.L. offers tours of different places on campus and tells students

where to buy books and get general information.

A special separate staff is also there to counsel.

"I don't ant any student to feel as if there is nothing they can do to help their situation. Nothing is to bad to work out," Bradley said.

Students signed up for S.A.I.L.L. when they got their roommate assignments in the mail before school started. Once they agreed to become a member they had to sign an agreement to participate in functions on campus.

Students who complete the program will receive certificates and pins for their achievement.

Car break-ins on campus can be prevented

Most cars broken into not high dollar automobiles

HOLLY HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

Mr. Rogers' neighborhood it's not.

ECU's campus is a prime spot for car thieves to pillage automobiles and annoy students who must leave their cars on side streets or in huge lots. But there are ways to ensure the security of your car and make it more difficult for someone to escape with the contents of it.

"The cars actually broken into are not high dollar cars," said Sgt. Mike Jordan of the campus police. "They (thieves) look for the best stuff."

Items that most commonly attract a burglar's roving eye are car phones, CD's and — very frequently — stereo equipment.

It is more likely that a car will be broken into by way of a window, and not a picked lock, so often damage to the vehicle is added to the already costly burden of property replacement.

The police department reports thefts from cars are most frequent in the freshman lots because they are away from campus and traffic.

Adding to the problem is the fact that most of the perpetrators are not students. However, the police department is taking steps to combat the problem.

"You can't be in the lots 24 hours a day but we patrol as often as we can," said Sgt. LaFrance Davis of the campus police department, adding that often officers "let other things we have to do for our side."

Loud car alarms, though common devices, do seem to deter thieves and protect cars, as they are designed to do. It seems, however, the most effective ways to keep your car protected are the most obvious. Jordan advises that

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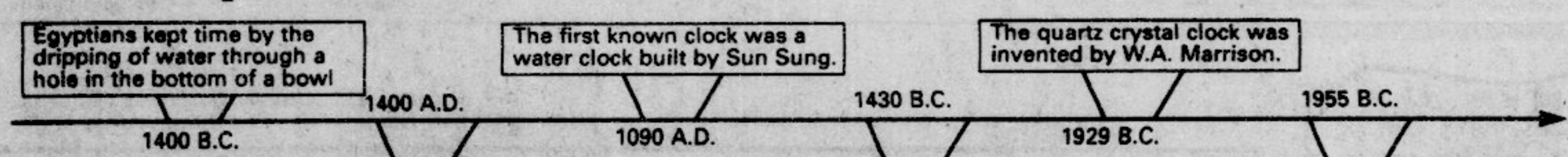
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The History of Time



Clocks

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Yurfest, said they have adapted, but still don't know why the clocks

are always wrong. "Everyone asks me, in every single class. I'm to the point where I know what time I get out, like if the big hand's on the one, or whatever," Yurfest said.

ECU does plan to fix the problem, however, they found that

it was more complicated than simply ordering a new part. "Unfortunately, the equipment is no longer manufactured. We're running off a temporary feed, and we have not been able to replace the system," Harrell said.

Any available alternative to the original signal system would have

been very costly to ECU.

"When we looked at what it would cost to replace the automatic signal system, it was about \$300,000," Harrell said.

That price estimate is in addition to the \$380,000 to repair the other damage done by the accident last summer.

"The alternative to that is changing all the clocks," Harrell said.

Harrell said there are approximately 90 clocks in GCB, and replacing all of them, at a cost of approximately \$60 per clock, would cost the university almost \$6,000, and there would then be additional ongoing maintenance costs.

Those clocks would also have to be manually reset twice a year to compensate for Daylight Savings Time; the destroyed automatic signal system did this automatically.

"Nothing's simple, and nothing costs just a little bit," Harrell said. However, the University has found an alternative that it

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believes will be cheaper in the long run.

"We can buy a reasonably priced system to reset just the clocks in GC at about \$10,000," Harrell said.

The \$10,000 system will cost more initially than replacing the GCB clocks, but will then be self-maintaining and incur no other ongoing costs.

Although the majority of the clocks which ran on the destroyed automatic signal system are found in GCB, there are approximately two dozen clocks throughout the rest of campus that also used the same system. Those clocks will be replaced by Quartz clocks which will run on batteries, or else be removed entirely in those locations where they are redundant.

Harrell added that the University apologizes for the inconvenience caused by the accident. They hope to have the new system installed and accurate timing restored by the beginning of next semester.

Theft

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students should always keep their cars locked and their valuables out of sight, or better, not in the automobile at all. In case of a stereo or audio equipment theft, the police department can return a lost item only if the student

knows the serial number. Finally, if possible, always park in a well-lit area so the thief will think twice, or the crime can be reasonably reported if there is a witness.

The police department urges anyone who has any information about this kind of crime, or any crime, to visit the anonymous crime tips page on the web, report it to Crime Stoppers, or call the ECU police department.

The four commandments of combating car theft

- Park in well-lit areas
- Keep your car locked at all times
- Do not keep anything of value in your car, or if you must, put it out of plain sight.
- If you have new serial equipment record the serial numbers or the police cannot help you reclaim it if it is found

Source: ECU Police Department

campus
briefsECU student elected to
Phi Kappa Tau National
Council

Sean McManus, a senior at ECU, has been elected to a two-year term on the National Council of the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity. McManus is a member of the Fraternity's Gamma Eta Chapter.

A triple major in personnel, curriculum development and education, McManus is a native of Karalee, Queensland, Australia. His campus offices include SGA Vice President; chair of IFG philanthropy, Greek Games, special events and community service committees; Panhellenic Council; SGA liaison; Student Services Board; Resident Advisor; Hall Council President, and Residence Hall Association president.

As one of the three undergraduate national councilors, McManus will work closely with fraternity leadership directing the fraternity's growth and implementing new policies over the next two years.

Winners of ECU pumpkin
decorating contest
announced

ECU students Phillip Carter, Karen Fleenor and Rick Gray recently demonstrated their artistic talents by winning Dowdy Student Store's Pumpkin Decorating Contest. The contest was held as part of the annual pre-Fall Break Sidewalk Sale on Sept. 30. Thirty student contestants painted, glittered and glued their way into the competition using free pumpkins and supplies from the Student Store.

Phillip Carter's clown pumpkin took first place, earning him an ECU jacket. Karen Fleenor's cat came in second place, winning her an ECU sweatshirt. Rick Gray's Men in Black themed pumpkin earned him an ECU t-shirt.

Winning pumpkins and other entries are on display at the Student Store.

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NINE STITCHES

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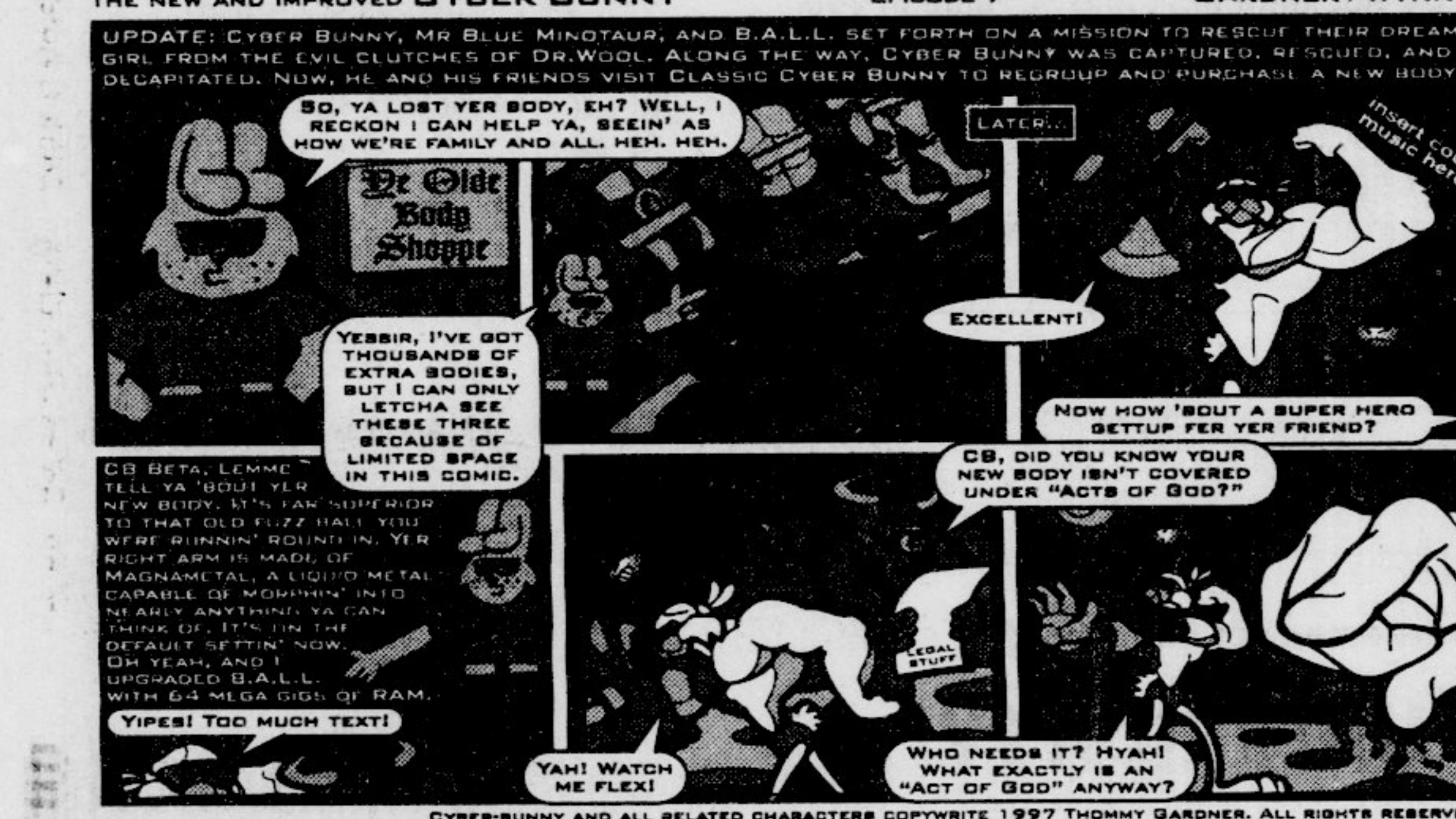
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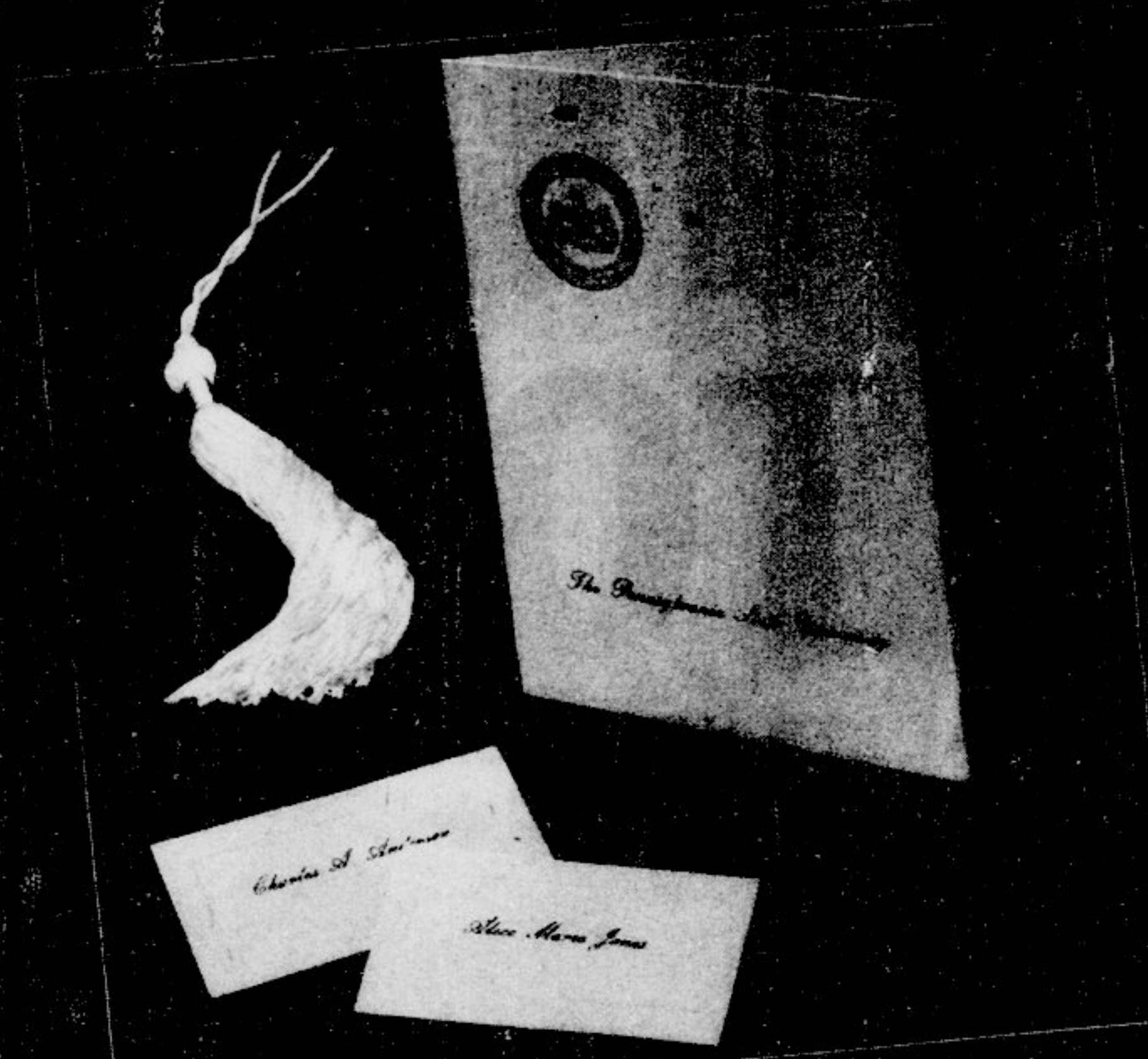
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ourview

We, the students of ECU, spend a lot of time griping about parking and parking tickets, the unreasonable cost of the "hunting license" and limited parking.

Well, here's another angle on the parking situation ... why is it that Parking and Traffic Services is so completely adept at finding every single car that is parked two inches too close to the curb with its fading, covered-over-with-grass-so-that-you-can-barely-see-it yellow paint marking no-man's land, and yet the campus police always happen to be somewhere else when our few worldly possessions are being stolen?

Many students have had the unfortunate experience of having valuables stolen from their cars while parked on campus or on one of the surrounding streets. Many of the "on-campus" parking lots, especially the freshman lots, are actually located far away from campus in fringe parking, away from heavy foot and vehicle traffic that would provide potential witnesses to a crime and thus deter thieves. Many of the off-campus streets on which students typically park are not very well-lit and also do not have heavy traffic, which is not only a safety risk to students walking back to their cars late at night, but also encouraging to aspiring burglars.

It's not as if students as a group have all that many valuables to spare. Being a full-time student is notoriously hard on the finances. Most students work, either on-campus or off, to supplement their income that they get from financial aid, scholarships, or family support. Most of our money goes to pay for tuition, fees, books, rent, utilities and groceries. Extras and luxuries, such as CDs, stereos, nice clothes, jewelry, assorted electronics or anything else for which students have to save and sacrifice, have been too hard won to make their loss a small thing.

Now, we understand the division of duties between Parking and Traffic and the ECU Police Department. It is the police department's job to ensure the safety of our valuables, not Parking and Traffic's.

Still, think about how many cars from Parking and Traffic you see patrolling all over campus, all day, every day. As much time as they spend in ECU's parking lots, they should see every single theft and attempted theft being performed. They could then call the police and let them know a crime is being committed. With a little more cooperation between departments, a lot more crimes could probably be prevented.

Parking and Traffic Services, the department that's making money for the university, is doing a bang-up job of patrolling and ticketing. Campus Police, the department we depend on to keep us and our valuables safe and secure, could take some patrolling lessons from Parking and Traffic Services.

If ECU can afford to keep the ticket-givers in constantly rotating shifts all over campus, why can't they do the same for the ECU Police Department?

The answer may be money. While giving tickets brings income to ECU, saving student's property does not. Is this ECU's subtle way of letting us know which is more important to them?

OPINION Columnist

Mary WEBB

Dean Smith, god to a small planet



"Hey people," I said in a loud voice. "Who the heck is Dean Smith? And what happened to him?" The entire class went silent and every head swiveled towards me. Several pairs of angry eyes glared with hate.

Everyone was engaged in a deep discussion and had solemn looks on their faces when I walked into class. Over all the hushed tones and murmuring, I kept catching the words "Dean" and "Smith."

"Hey people," I said in a loud voice. "Who the heck is Dean Smith? And what happened to him?" The entire class went silent and every head swiveled towards me. Several pairs of angry eyes glared with hate.

Finally one of my classmates, usually a happy-go-lucky type, leaned over the table and hissed across his outrage. "How long have you lived here?" he demanded. "Everyone knows who Dean Smith is — you need to go buy yourself a dictionary and an encyclopedia!"

And with that, all the others piled in. "You're going to suck as a journalist," one of them informed me triumphantly. Our instructor tried to act as a referee but failed. Even he was agitated at the notion that someone who had resided in North Carolina for five years knew basically zilch about Dean Smith.

Anyway, at the end of all that commotion, I still had no idea who Dean Smith was. Evidently, I had touched a raw nerve or something because no one seemed able to explain the facts in a clear and precise manner. There was much thumping of chests, shaking of the heads and held-back tears going around. There seemed to be a lot of emotion involved here and I had just trampled on the whole thing — totally without intention, I must add.

This was definitely a bad week for putting my foot in my mouth. Just a few days ago, I had announced in class that Michael Jordan was over-rated, overpaid and over everything else I could possibly think of! Needless to say, this was

forbidden territory as well and it immediately caused an uproar among the students. Now here I was again, in the very midst of another broken taboo.

Well to make matters right, I sought out a few of my friends, told them what happened and asked for any help that they could offer. After much rolling of eyes and anguished looks, a few of them imparted their knowledge of Dean Smith.

Apparently, he had been a North Carolina college basketball coach for the last 36 years and his legacy included two national titles as well as 27 straight 20-win seasons. Whatever that means. And now he was retiring.

The reaction that my initial question had provoked in class made it obvious there was much more to this Smith guy than just his record. He seemed to be a greatly admired and loved person. With this in mind, I decided to take my classmate's advice and go check out the library for some additional facts.

There were plenty of people at the reference area, all dispensing with information in a very helpful and efficient manner. "I am looking for some data on Dean Smith," I said to the lady behind the desk. "Can you please help me?"

In a slow and precise fashion, she put down her pencil and looked at me. "Who on earth is Dean Smith?"

LETTER to the Editor

Cardboard village seemed overly glamorous

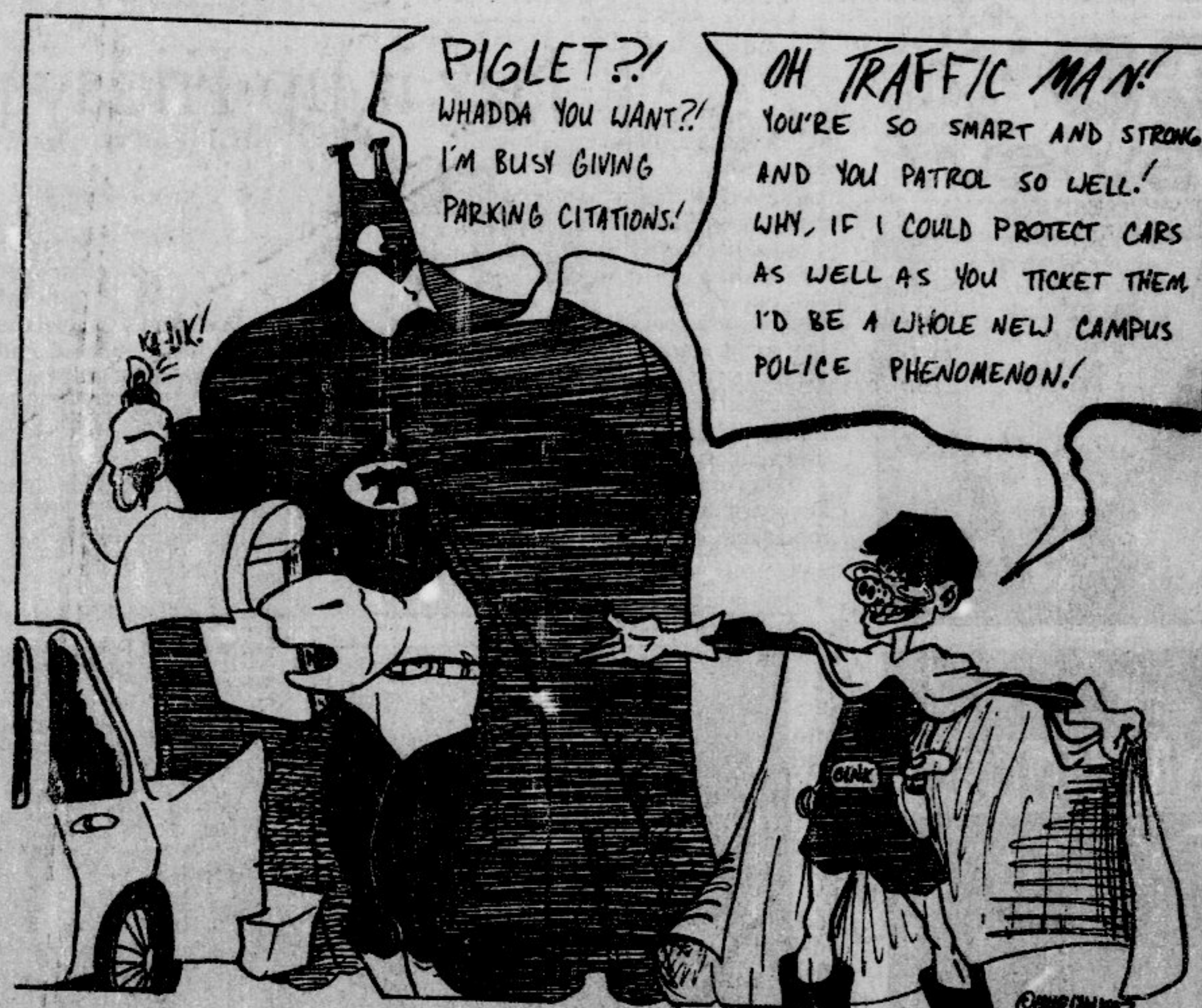
I am writing about the Phi Lambda Phi with regard to how they "roughed it out" for charity. Phi Lambda may have had the right intentions, but in the process I feel they have misinterpreted what it really means to be homeless.

Chris Feathers explained how Phi Lambda made the community aware while having fun in the process. Well, Chris, there is absolutely nothing fun about being

homeless. I have worked to combat the problem with the homeless for six years in Philadelphia. I have seen firsthand all they must endure. For instance, the homeless must beg for money so they can eat; they have to wear the same clothes, not shower and ride out all of the different weather conditions. This is why I am so offended by their so-called village. Maybe next year Phi Lambda will have the courage to

live in their shanties in the middle of the winter or at least a week. Anyone could have lived under their glamorized conditions for two nights. Phi Lambda, you cannot effectively portray the homeless without putting yourselves in their shoes.

Joshua Neil
Junior
Political Science



OPINION Columnist

Jeff BERGMAN

Television dumbed down too much



If I were to drink a certain kind of beer, I could get any woman I wanted. I could just drink a beer, sit back and watch the women flock to me like I was a Big Mac and they were Rush Limbaugh.

I sat down the other day and, in one of my rare moments of peace and solitude, I turned on the old idiot box. Now, normally I would have picked up a book, but I had just finished reading quite a few chapters of Economics and a few more about Congress; it was time for a break.

I do not have cable. Gasp! Yep, I live in the stone age, but I do have running water, so that is a plus. As I sat and flipped through the six channels I have, I was disturbed. Network programming is severely lacking in taste and in talent.

The networks have taken what is seemingly a good idea and beaten it to death. The so-called good idea is the television show Friends. I am tired of seeing 20-something people doing anything. Or at least they play that genre; in reality a few have already hit 30.

Sickened is how I feel when I see these yuppie wannabes live a lifestyle that is implausible given their jobs. I am tired of the writers stereotyping our generation as whiney, with no real goals in life. I am sick to death of this crap the networks like to call "entertainment" — and I use that term rather loosely.

What else did this marvelous creation show me? Well, if I believe what I saw, I am either extremely glib or really stupid.

If I were to drink a certain kind of beer, I could get any woman I wanted. I could just drink a beer, sit back and watch the women flock to me like I was a Big Mac and they were Rush Limbaugh. This beer would make me so irresistible I

would not even have to talk; the beer would do that for me.

Wow, would you believe a certain shoe can make you run faster, jump further and make you unbeatable? All at the expense of some poor child, in some forgotten factory, working for the change I have in my couch.

Oh, do not forget the big old cars. Yeah, the big, huge sports-utility vehicle is my dream car. Why, with the four-wheel drive, anti-lock brakes, passenger side air bag and a V-8 engine, not only can I pick up the kids from day care, I can also go off-road. Speaking of which, when is the last time you saw one of these SUVs actually going off-road? Remember, kids, a U-turn does not count.

To those of you who own these gas guzzlers, I cannot wait until the United States miffs OPEC, and another gas crisis hits. Tell me what kind of gas mileage do these things get 5,10,15 miles per gallon? If I remember correctly the Model T, which came in any color you wanted, as long as it was black, got around 21 miles per gallon.

Television, God's gift to those with no imagination. Or people like me who are so tired of thinking a mindless show is good break.

LETTER to the Editor

Students key to athletic programs success

As an alumnus of ECU, I would personally like to thank all the students who attended the ECU Southern Miss football game.

Not enough can be said about the importance of student participation at a collegiate athletic event. The turnout at the game was outstanding.

The athletic program at ECU is one of which all students and alumni can be proud. Not only has Steve Logan and his staff put

together a quality program both on and off the field, so are the basketball programs of Ann Donovan and Joe Dooley. The men's and women's soccer programs are on the rise and with new leadership for a couple of our spring sports, baseball and women's softball, these too will flourish even more.

The students' involvement is much more important than what seems to be obvious. Their attendance and vocal support not

only helps with team successes, but with the recognition those successes bring.

Private contributions both to the athletics and academics increase correspondingly. Even though ECU is a public institution, private support is of utmost importance in our university's growth.

Thomas L. Southern
Alumnus, Class of '74

LETTER to the Editor

SGA got away with unjust election again

I would just like to let everyone know what has gone on in the SGA elections. The SGA did a poor job of promoting the elections. I only saw one ad in The East Carolinian. Second, the election rules state plainly that an announcement of the meeting for the candidates is supposed to run in The East Carolinian. I don't recall seeing such an announcement. The meeting was supposed to explain the election rules, but lasted no more than 10 minutes and the election rules were not explained — just skimmed over.

Now for the big one: Everybody has heard the reason why so many names were taken off the ballot. The excuse by Scott Forbes was that candidates did not turn in an expense report. He quotes the election rules, but left out a very important part. Article XII, Section 2 reads: "The elections committee chairperson shall set the exact date by which all expense accounts and lists of workers must be submitted to the elections committee. This information will be provided in written form to each candidate or candidate's representative at the

mandatory meeting."

No one got any written information. How were we supposed to know the due date?

Undue blame for the invalid election has been placed on the poll tenders. But the fault rests solely on the elections committee and their efforts to put their "people" in your SGA. The elections committee has broken the election rules and the sad thing is they got away with it.

Steve Hines
Sophomore
Communications

"If I open my mouth to speak, must I always be correct, and by whose standard?"

Alice Walker, author 1983

CD review



Jars of Clay
Much Afraid
4 OUT OF 10

Plumb
Plumb
5 OUT OF 10

JOHN DAVIS
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Christian music has been in the news, both locally and nationally, in the past year quite a bit. With MTV's expose on the strange, cliquish Christian punk scene last month and the attempts at censorship in the Rec Center here at ECU, the new Jars of Clay album couldn't have come in the mail at a better time.

I'll make no bones about it, kids: about 95 percent of everything which proceeds from the mouth of Nashville, TN (the home of the Christian music industry) is fairly, if not exceedingly, crappy. "Crappy" is strictly a technical term I picked up from this kid named Tommy Barna back in elementary school. It was the word he used to describe the fake GI Joe action figures you could buy at 7-11. (They didn't have the Kung-Fu grip like the real GI Joes did.) Fortunately, there are a few Christian music acts that do transcend the bad taste of the A&R departments of Christian music labels.

However, neither Jars of Clay or Plumb is such a band. Jars released their debut album a few years ago, which contained the surprise hit "Flood," which got heavy airplay on modern rock and pop radio. They immediately became the darling of Christian music, replacing DC Talk, who had been the industry's previous great white hope. DC Talk never got anywhere, and although Jars got a little further than that with "Flood," a little further than nowhere is still next to nowhere.

If they continue in the vein they've been in, which is to fill albums with an hour's worth of sappy, wishy-washy mope-a-thons, they'll meet DC Talk somewhere near that nowhere and maybe the two bands can play and ask the good Lord for some talent, or maybe some soul.

One of the frustrating things about both of these bands is that they don't seem to have realized that the middle crisis that rock went through in 1991 is over. Kurt is dead, and why would a Christian want to act like the dear departed Mr. Cobain anyway. Not that either band comes close to writing songs as good as "Tourette's," which is Nirvana's worst song, but they've somehow adopted a very unjoyful, complimentary attitude that is like the fake 7-11 version of what we all fondly remember as the Gen-X attitude.

Last time I checked, Christianity was supposed to be about how God makes people's lives more joyful and fulfilled, not sad carbon-copies of the popular attitude of the day. Christianity, at its best, ought to be standing against the fashions of pop culture, not mimicking them when they're

Heavy peanut butter things in orange wrappers

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SEE JARS, PAGE 8

Jazz it up Friday night with ECU Jazz Ensemble

MICCAH SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Hey all you cool cats. If you've got the urge to kick back and jam to the smooth grooves of a world-class jazz concert, you can scratch your itch this Friday night, when the School of Music presents the monthly Jazz at Night performance, featuring the musically gifted student members of the ECU Jazz Ensemble and various faculty of the School of Music.

Director Carroll Dashiell, who provides guidance at the keyboard during performances and dynamic leadership during rehearsals, is full of his usual enthusiasm about the upcoming

concert.

"Just the fact that we can do the series over there and for the students to be able to perform in that kind of setting (is great)," said Dashiell.

And what a setting it is. Mendenhall's Great Room gets the whole works, transformed magically into a candlelit bistro on these Friday nights, complete with moody lighting, free jazz-food buffet and white tablecloths.

Illuminated warmly by the chandelier glow, combo after combo takes the stage and pumps out classics from old jazz masters like Cole Porter, Stanley Turrentine, Miles Davis and The Duke.

The mix is equalized by the addition of modern works as well, but just as impressive was the 20-minute rendition of

"Ellington's Caravan" last year.

New jazz just doesn't have the power to make me want to get up and dance. Now and then a sleek diva ascends the stage and belts out a familiar tune or two; last month's highlights included "Prelude to a Kiss."

More often than not, however, the spotlight belongs to instrumental soloists like Mitch Butler on trombone and Peter Lamb on saxophone. Bassist George Knot and drummer Dan Weiner will provide backbone to the various combos on Friday evening's performance.

Be sure and get there early: Jazz at Night is famous for standing room only. Jazz at Night begins at 8 p.m. Put on your swingin' shoes and prepare to be dazzled.



DRESSED TO KILL

Our guide to Halloween

MICCAH SMITH
STAFF WRITER

TOP FIVE COSTUMES TO AVOID

Now that you've been cajoled into dressing up for Halloween again, let me present you with a small list of worn-out, used-up, sorry old costumes you'd better not be caught dead (or undead) in:

The Crow. Now I know there's an angst-ridden resurrected corpse inside you somewhere...it's just that everybody else does it. Every year.

A member of KISS. Leather pants, asbestos wigs and smeary clownish makeup all clash with the puke on your spiky black boots.

Drag Queen. (see KISS member)

Generic kitty cat. C'mon, ladies! Get a clue! Whiskers, perky ears and a black bodysuit may have been sexy...on the Island of Dr.

Moreau!
Vampire (Anne Rice style). Just say no to fluttery, pale goth vampires. Try going as Nosferatu instead. Be a vamp with attitude!

Alright, kiddies! Get out your trick-or-treat bags, flashlights and homemade costumes! Mom will lovingly apply ghoulish makeup to your face in your choice of three not-too-complicated designs: witch, vampire or pirate. After that, you can go around the neighborhood for a bit with your friends and see who can score the most candy.

Wait a minute! We're in college now. Mom's not here to help anymore and that can be the scariest thing of all about Halloween nowadays. This is definitely not a sport for sissies. Forget the old bedsheets toga or ghost costume of bygone days. Get creative! Now's your chance, the only night out of the year when you can't be whatever you want, no questions asked.

This year I plan to get in touch with my primitive nature by gadding about as an Amazon Woman in a costume I made myself out of fake fur from the Piece Goods Shop. Now I know most of you aren't as gifted with free time or harebrained ideas as myself, so I intend to steer you in the right direction for costume perfection via the great retailers of Greenville.

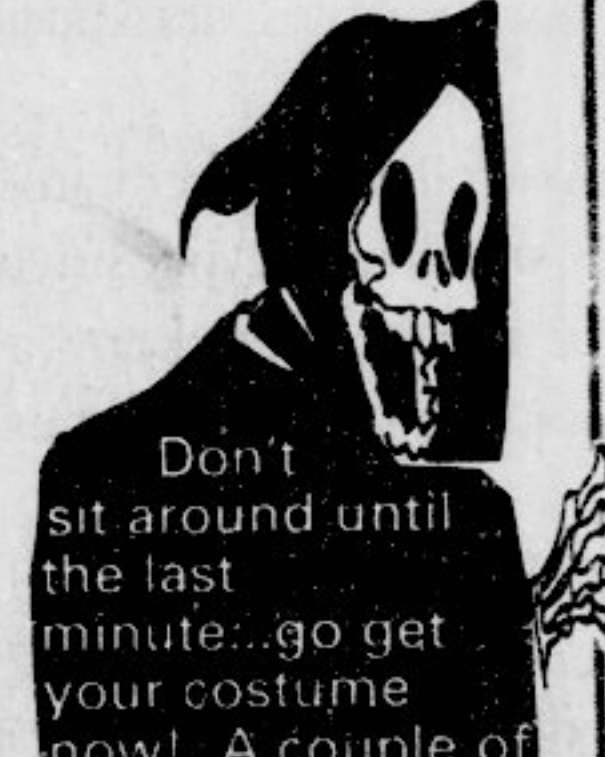
Charades, a temporary store located in the Carolina East Mall, is not exactly costume heaven, but Gracie, an employee, spilled the beans about popular costumes this year: the I Dream of Jeanie costume and the M&M's costume for adults. Straight from the horse's mouth, some free advice on what not to buy in the Piece Goods Shop. Now I know most of you aren't as gifted with free time or harebrained ideas as myself, so I intend to steer you in the right direction for costume perfection via the great retailers of Greenville.

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Sneak a peak at Gattaca

ANDY TURNER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

The fine folks at the Student Union Films Committee are bringing another free flick to Hendrix this Thursday at 8 p.m.

Gattaca, starring Ethan Hawke and Uma Thurman and written and directed by Andrew Niccol, is set in the 21st century where parents are able to choose the genetic makeup of their children.

If your parents decide to go natural and not choose your genetic makeup, you may as well get in line for a big old hiney whupping. *Gattaca* style.

But as the tagline says, "there is no gene for the human spirit," except, of course, Gene Simmons. That tongue has more spirit in it than a Dallas Cowboy cheerleader after her fifth round of screwdrivers (you didn't think of that did you, Mr. Movie Mogul?).

Hawke is Vincent Freeman (get it?), a young fella born of love and loachic coochie, not in some dang lab. He sets out to fulfill his dreams of high-tailing it on a rocket to Titan, Saturn's 14th moon, a place where they'll still shake your hand or whatever else even if you aren't a perfect specimen.

Before Vincent can hop on a

rocket to happy land, he has to deceive the folks at the Gattaca Corporation. He does this by assuming the identity of a once superior genetic specimen who has been paralyzed in an accident.

Vincent has to be on constant guard to ensure that the Gattaca smarties don't bust his jig. They have blood tests, pee tests, even the Pepsi Challenge, any one of which could show Vincent for the imperfect lug that he is. But he rises rather quickly through the Gattaca ranks and even lands himself a sweet little sugar booger named Irene (Thurman).

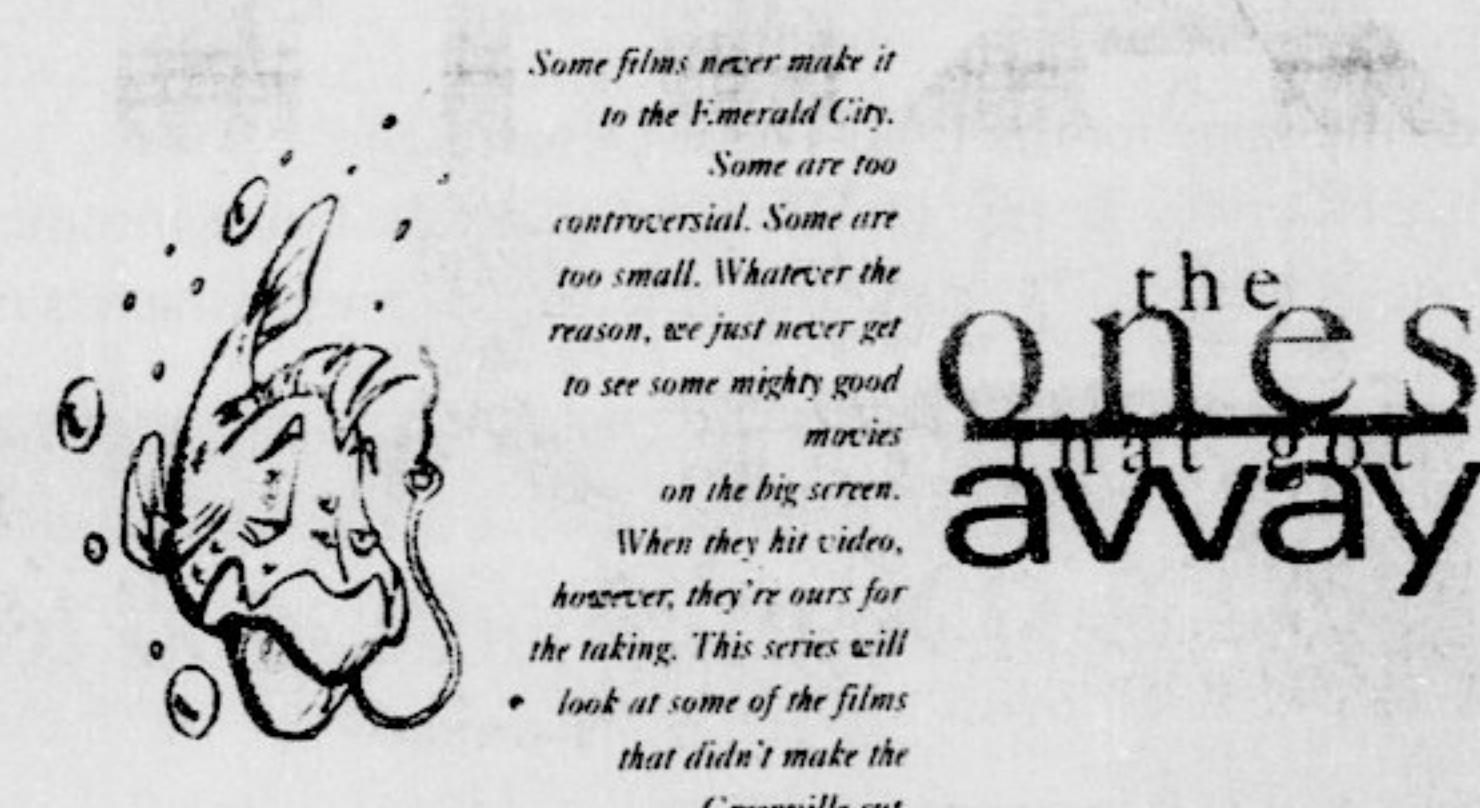
All Helsinki breaks loose when the director of the space agency gets iced. A search turns up an invalid's eyelash near the murder scene. Guess who the owner of the eyelash is? Ur, oh Mr. Vinnie, you in big stinky trouble now.

So, Vincent has to rely on his natural instincts to get out of the pits of crap land and save his imperfect booty.

It all sounds kind of like this dream my cousin had after drinking three bottles of Brass Monkey and passing out on my neighbor's howlegged basest hound, Rucka. But that dream didn't have cinema's greatest actor ever named Ernest, Ernest Borgnine, as *Gattaca* does. Where Borg goes, fun and spiritual awakening are to be found. Pick up a pass at the Central Ticket Office on Thursday.



Uma, Ethan, Ethan, Uma.
PHOTO COURTESY OF COLUMBIA



Depp equals Pacino in complex Donnie Brasco

DALE WILLIAMSON
SENIOR WRITER

Keanu Reeves is challenging his acting skills yet again. This time, the young thespian is pushing himself to the limits by acting in the new film, *The Devil's Advocate*, alongside none other than Al Pacino, a modern-day screen legend who has starred in some of the most respected American films of all time. Good luck, Keanu.

While most film buffs laugh at the very concept of Reeves playing opposite Pacino, few were laughing earlier this year when former *21*

Jump Street star, Johnny Depp, not only co-starred with Pacino in the critically acclaimed *Donnie Brasco* but also equaled Pacino with a potent performance that recalled the determined professionalism of a young Robert DeNiro. Jack Nicholson and, yes, Al Pacino.

Donnie Brasco is one of this year's most praised films and destined to be an Oscar contender. Unfortunately, it never played Greenville theaters. But, just like you can't stop the sun from rising, you can't stop films of all sorts from hitting the video market. And, as the fates would have it, this Pacino/Depp masterpiece is now on video for all the Pirate country to enjoy.



Forget about it.
PHOTO COURTESY OF TRISTAR

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THEATRE review

STEPHANIE RUSSELL
STAFF WRITER

East Carolina Playhouse has begun the season with a solid winner. The cast of *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* grabs the audience and pulls them along for the evening's wild ride. Cast members vie for your vote like cheap politicians on election eve. This show is sure to please everyone, especially because you, the audience, write the ending.

The Mystery of Edwin Drood is a play within a play. A troupe of London actors, performing at the Music Hall Royale in 1892, is our guide for the evening's hilarious journey through Charles Dickens' final novel, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. The players, lead by the Chairman, introduce us to Dickens' cast of

characters.

We first meet the local choirmaster, Mr. John Jasper. He is the music tutor of Miss Rosa Bud, whom he secretly desires. The only problem is, she has been engaged to his dashing nephew, Edwin Drood, since birth. However, Jasper with his jekyll and hyde personality and a penchant for opium, has revealed in the opium den of the Princess Puffer.

To complicate matters, the Reverend Crisparkle (former suitor of Rosa's mother, who died mysteriously) is the guardian of two visitors from Ceylon in the past, one of his charges, the fiery Helena Landless, had tried to escape an abusive stepfather by disguising herself. She is protective of her brother, the passionate Neville Landless. Neville joins the competition for Miss Rosa Bud's affection. Tempers flare between Neville and Edwin. The plot thickens.

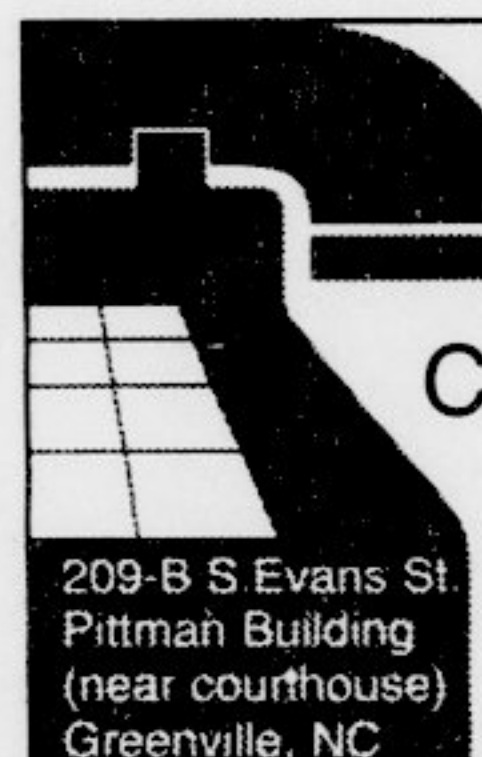
The Mystery of Edwin Drood pleases audience

On the way to Christmas dinner at John Jasper's home, Drood and Rosa decide to break their engagement and exchange tokens of friendship. When they arrive at the dinner party, the Landlesses and Reverend Crisparkle are there. Trisbuns run high among the guests. Edwin Drood has disappeared the next morning, leaving behind only a bloodied cape. Has murder been committed?

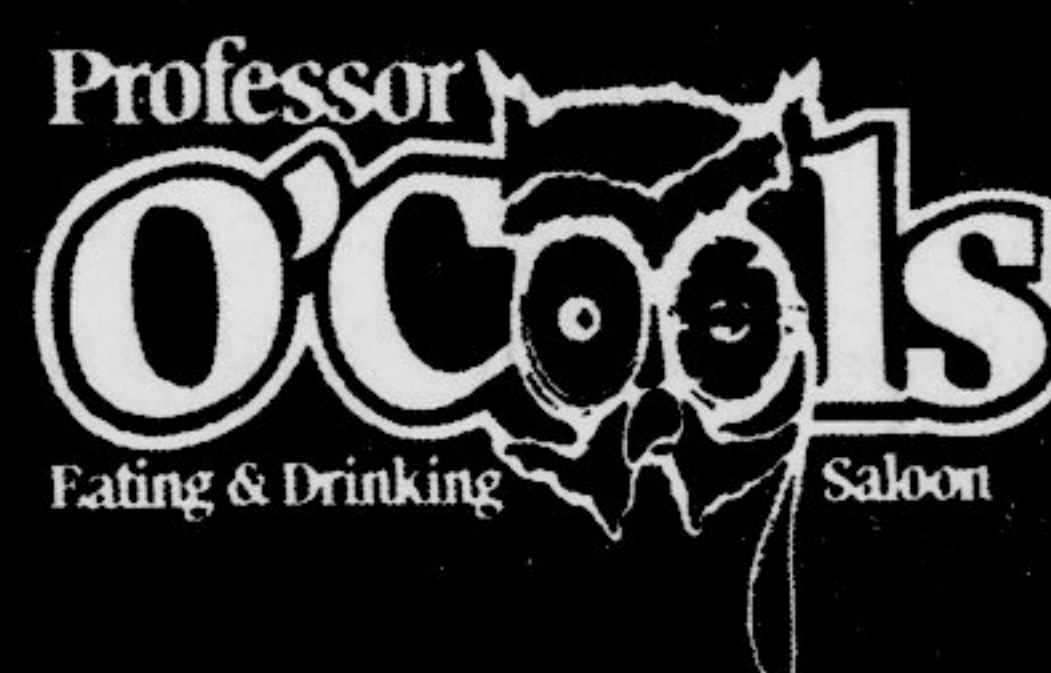
The investigation reaches its climax six months later. Princess Puffer has come from London to Cloisterham to investigate her client's connections with Rosa Bud. Dick Datchery, a mysterious detective whose true identity is unknown, appears. Here, Dickens' novel ends.

The Music Hall Royale has the audience solve the case. Almost everyone is a suspect, but our charming Chairman narrows the possibilities. At this point, the audience boos,

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Set in the late '70s, *Donnie Brasco* is yet another gangster film, but it is one fueled by such poetic tragedy that it almost feels like a contemporary Shakespearean play. Depp plays Donnie Brasco, a young hot shot who wants to be a player in the New York underworld. He gets his chance when Lefty (played by Pacino) enters his life. Lefty is an old pro in the mob world. He has played the game for 30 years, and he knows all the ins and outs of Mafia rules and regulations. Despite his long years of service, Lefty has not progressed up the Mafia's chain of command as quickly as he should have. Still, he is a determined man with a hopeful eye constantly towards the future.

Lefty takes to Donnie and vouches for him. In Mafia terms, this means Donnie becomes Lefty's responsibility. If Donnie does wrong, Lefty pays the price because he brought Donnie into the Mafia's elite circle and gave his personal guarantee that Donnie's okay.

As a result, Donnie and Lefty develop a tight friendship, something truly rare and highly valued in the underworld. Donnie becomes a surrogate son for Lefty, and Lefty a father for Donnie.

The problem, and the film's intriguing conflict, is that Donnie is not okay, at least as far as the Mafia is concerned. Donnie is an undercover FBI agent who has dedicated three years of his life trying to make contact with someone connected to the mob. However, Donnie never counted on becoming so involved with this other life—involved to the point that he will jeopardize his own life and career to protect Lefty.

A great deal of credit needs to be given to Paul Attanasio, who has created a beautifully involving screenplay that fully develops its main characters with one honest and heartfelt scene after another. In lesser hands, Donnie and Lefty would be cardboard caricatures that are more clichéd than believable. As it stands, though, Donnie and Lefty are both tragic heroes in the traditional sense.

They both carry the tragic flaws of foolish pride that lead to their ruin.

Not only are these men believable as characters, but their relationship is completely realized. Unlike the characters in the Harrison Ford/Brad Pitt film, *The Devil's Own*, there is no doubt that Donnie and Lefty truly care for each other. Donnie's sense of reality unravels not only because he knows that he has become a gangster but also because he can't choose between the law and his friend.

Attanasio's script is unnerving and filled with complex character relationships and situations, but it is not without its sense of humor. A delightfully hilarious moment shines in the film when Donnie tries to explain to his fellow FBI agents the subtle use of the mafia expression "Forget about it." It's a classic piece of dialogue perfectly played out by Depp and expertly staged by Director Mike Newell.

Newell, whose previous features include such sophisticated features as *Enchanted April* and *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, hit the jackpot when he got Depp and Pacino. Both actors become their characters and give award-worthy performances. Depp, who has already proven himself in films like *Dead Man* and *Ed Wood*, clearly develops a character torn between duty and friendship. Depp consistently chooses risky roles that he excels in, and, as a result, has matured into the best actor of his generation.

Old pro Pacino tops himself as an aged mobster who has the drive and desire to succeed within his crime-ridden world but only seems to have the world pass him by. Lefty is one of the few despicable film gangsters that is truly filled with pathos and, as a result, forces the audience to actually care for him, even if he is a murderer.

I fully acknowledge that I constantly overpraise movies, but I do not just when praising *Donnie Brasco* as a brilliant, modern-day masterpiece. It even exceeded my expectations, and those expectations were pretty high. If you've got the time and money, *Donnie Brasco* is worth every moment and cent.



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Drood

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hisses, claps, stomps and generally misbehaves to sway the vote. The Chairman brings the rowdy audience to a vote and a possible solution to the mystery, which is then acted out by the cast.

Chad Brown, Jennifer King, and Emily Jernigan perform well as John Jasper, Edwin Drood, and Rosa Bud, respectively. The Music Hall Royale's Chairman, and our personal guide and know-it-all for the evening, is played by Matt Stevens. Stevens creates an amazing chemistry with the audience, controlling us as he bounds around the theatre and stage.

The Landladies are played by Heather Guthrie and Danny Zyne. She portrays the feline aristocrat and he the haughty ladies man. These two own their parts.

The Tony Award winning music is well performed by the cast, chorus, and orchestra. Sandra Jones is perfect for The Princess Puffer. She nails the character! Jones has a superb singing voice and really gets to show it off in Puffer's songs, "The Wages of Sin" and "The Garden Path to Hell". In the smallest roles of a waiter and Bazzard, Jim Bray has the audience

in the palm of his hand as he captures the essence of his character. Bray belts out his solo song "Never the Luck" with dramatic flair.

I have never been disappointed in the sets of Playhouse productions, but these are almost unbelievable with their detail and color. Kudos to Robert Alpers for his amazing set design. The scene in the opium den is well choreographed and captures the evil of Jasper's heart. Costumes and lighting enhanced the overall effect of the play.

The only problems with the production were in hearing some lines and technical difficulty with the microphones used on stage. At first, some people may be confused by the play within a play concept.

This is a definite must-see production. You are a part of the action from the moment the lights dim until the closing of the curtain. Don't miss your chance to decide how this mystery should end.

Catch the show tonight at 8 p.m. in McGuiness Theater. Tickets are available at the theater box office for \$6-10 for students and children under 12, \$11-13 for ECU faculty and staff, and \$13-16 for the general public.

Jars

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five years out of date. If the Good Shepherd does lead you through the valley of the shadow of death, you're supposed to end up at the Lord's table. At least that's how Psalm 23 paints the picture.

Plumb is not immune from this syndrome either. While not as mediocre and bland as Jars, Plumb are still pretty boring. Instead of sounding like a wimpy out version of *Airplane!*, they sound like a substanceless copy of Garbage. Like Garbage, they build their songs around drum loops and a female singer. Unlike Garbage, Plumb's beats all sound like they stole them from a Def Jam records reject pile. Run! DMG would be

ashamed to use these beats. Unlike Garbage, Plumb's female lead doesn't use her voice to evoke spooky and thrilling emotion. Tiffany Arbuckle barely sings with a discernible melody, never mind emotion.

Most of the songs could be cool, if the band would shake off whatever contractual obligation is keeping them from actually making rock music. For the most part, the songs sound as though they took what should have been the moody bridges in the songs and turned them into the songs themselves.

Fortunately, there is hope. God is all-powerful, and perhaps if these bands decide they want to work at it, they could become good bands. They aren't without talent altogether, it's just that they might want to pray that God gives their music a Kung-Fu grip.

Costumes

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the costume stores. Walmart and Kmart also carry finishing touches to any costume. Just remember to keep an open mind; what you need may not even be in the costume aisle.

Well, my children of the night, I am confident in your abilities to

dress yourselves in appropriate garb for the Big Night. You have been advised. You have been warned. My parting words to you are: get a costume, wear the costume, and go have fun in your costume! How else do you expect the Great Pumpkin to find you?

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ECU watches record drop to 0-2 in Conference USA

AMANDA ROSS
SPORTS EDITOR

There would be no parrying in New Orleans this time. ECU traveled down to Tulane to take on the Green Wave who were picked to finish last in the preseason coaches poll, while ECU was predicted to finish first. But Tulane has been a surprise to many in the conference and with their 33-16 win over ECU, they stand atop Conference USA at 3-0, and 4-2 overall. The Pirates, with a record of 0-2 and 1-5 are just ahead of last place Louisville.

Dan Gonzalez was picked off twice in the first quarter, which led to one touchdown and a field goal. That would prove costly later in the game.

Tulane jumped out to a 16-0 lead in

Green Wave rolls past Pirates in C-USA battle

the first quarter while the Pirates struggled to find some offense. The Pirates held Tulane to zero points in the second quarter and added a Brantley Rivers 45-yard field goal just before the half. The Green Wave took a 16-3 lead into the locker room.

The Pirates netted 150 passing yards and 18 yards on the ground. Only seven of those yards came from Scott Harley, who was benched midway through the second quarter for the rest of the game by Coach Steve Logan, for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

"I told him he would not go back in the game," Logan said.

Tulane racked up 186 total offensive yards, as quarterback Shaun King completed nine of 16 passes for 123 yards and two touchdowns. Gonzalez went 16 for 28 for 150 yards and two interceptions.

The Pirates, used to being down at the half, looked to have a new spring in their step at the beginning of the third quarter. Cornerback Dwight Henry picked off King's pass on second and four, and took the ball 25 yards before being downed at the Tulane 27-yard line. It only took ECU one play to score when Marcus Harris ran the ball in the end zone to cut Tulane's lead to 10.

But then disaster struck. Just as ECU was closing the gap, Tulane drove down

on their next possession and only needed four plays to score another touchdown. ECU was now down 23-10, after breathing down Tulane's neck. The score was a crushing blow to the ECU defense.

"There's just no explanation for it," Henry said.

The third quarter ended with Tulane ahead, 30-10.

ECU tried to fight back as Gonzalez hit Jason Nichols in the end zone, on their first drive in the fourth quarter for the 11-yard score, but the Pirates still trailed 30-16.

Tulane scored one more time after Gonzalez fumbled the ball. Four plays and nine yards later, the Green Wave kicked a field goal and handed the Pirates the 33-16 loss.

King finished with 258 passing yards and four touchdowns, as Gonzalez ended with 247 passing yards and two touchdowns.

Harris was the leading rusher for ECU with 33 yards, followed by Jamie Wilson who ran for 24 yards. Jason Nichols led the receiving corps with 70 yards, followed by Larry Shannon with 42 yards.

For many of the players, this season has produced little hope and a lot of sad feelings.

"Things are going as bad as they can

get," Shannon said. "Me personally, for the team, it's been a struggle all year. Hopefully we can keep working and get more mature."

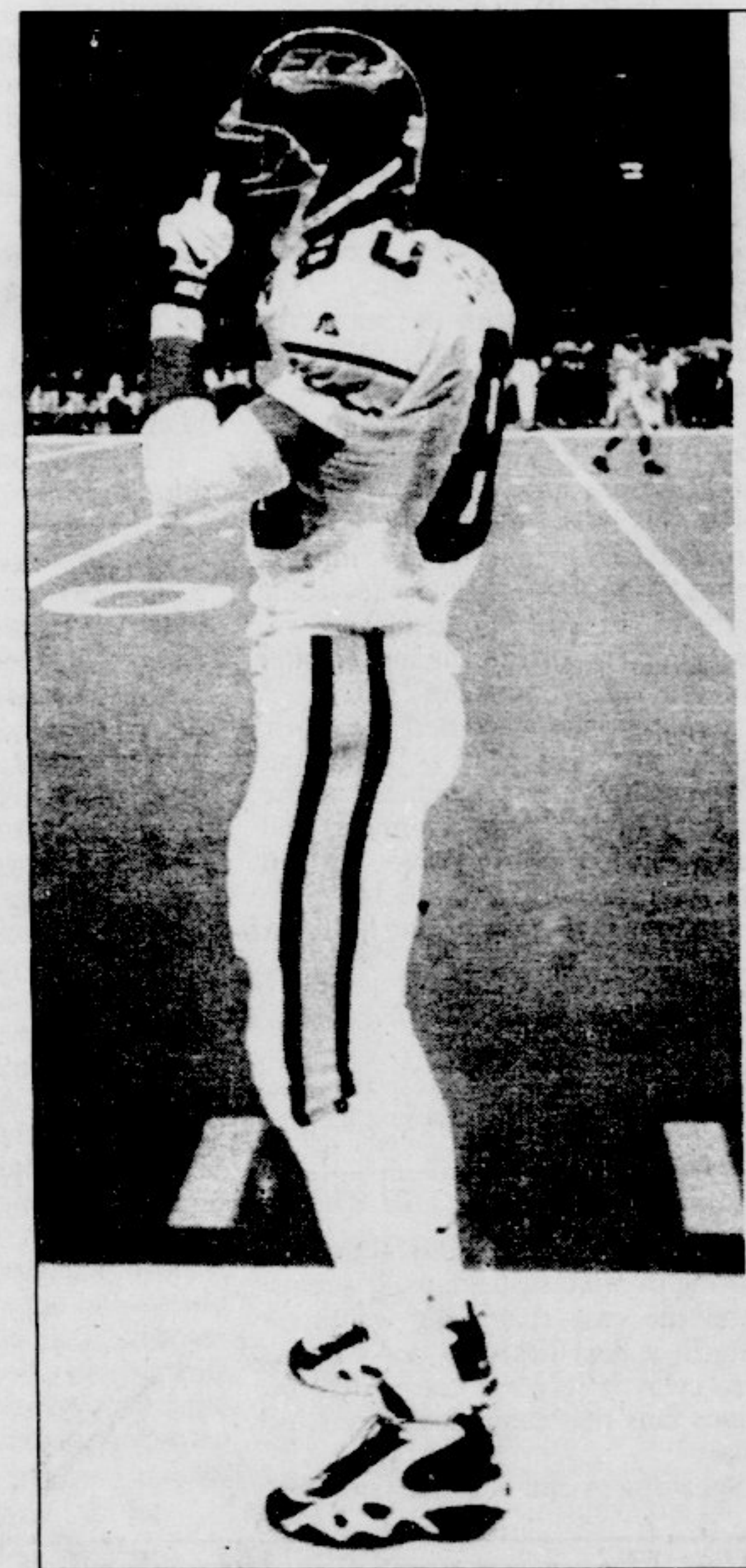
Logan understands where his team is right now with all the inexperienced players.

"We just have so many kids doing so many brand new things," Logan said. "I thought we'd be a little further along than we are, so you have to deal with what is."

But for Henry, he sees this as a learning experience for getting better in the future.

"We're down but our guys have a lot of spirit and heart," Henry said. "You can bounce back on this. It's a good way to build on things. It's definitely a learning tool and we can build on this and get better."

The Pirates will look to rebuild this Saturday and hold off Memphis, who comes in with a 2-4 record and 0-1 in the conference, after being idle last week. Kick off is set for 3:30 p.m. and the game will be televised on Fox Sports South.



Larry Shannon participates in pregame workouts this past Saturday in the Superdome.
PHOTO BY AMANDA ROSS

Women's soccer team loses to JMU, still looking for record eighth win



Jennifer Reiley dribbles the ball down the field during practice.
PHOTO BY AMANDA PROCTOR

STEVE LOSEY
SENIOR WRITER

In their four years at ECU, women's soccer has never reached the eight-win milestone. On October 4, a 3-1 victory against Wofford tied the seven win record set by last year's soccer team. Their next game, against Richmond, was a 2-0 loss. Their October 14 game against Virginia Commonwealth was scoreless throughout the first half, but a VCU goal midway through the second half suspended their dreams of the new record, at least until another day.

Hopes were high going into Sunday's CAA game against James Madison University. Once again, they had an excellent chance of breaking their record. Unfortunately, despite their enthusiasm and drive, the Pirates were unable to bring home the victory they so badly wanted.

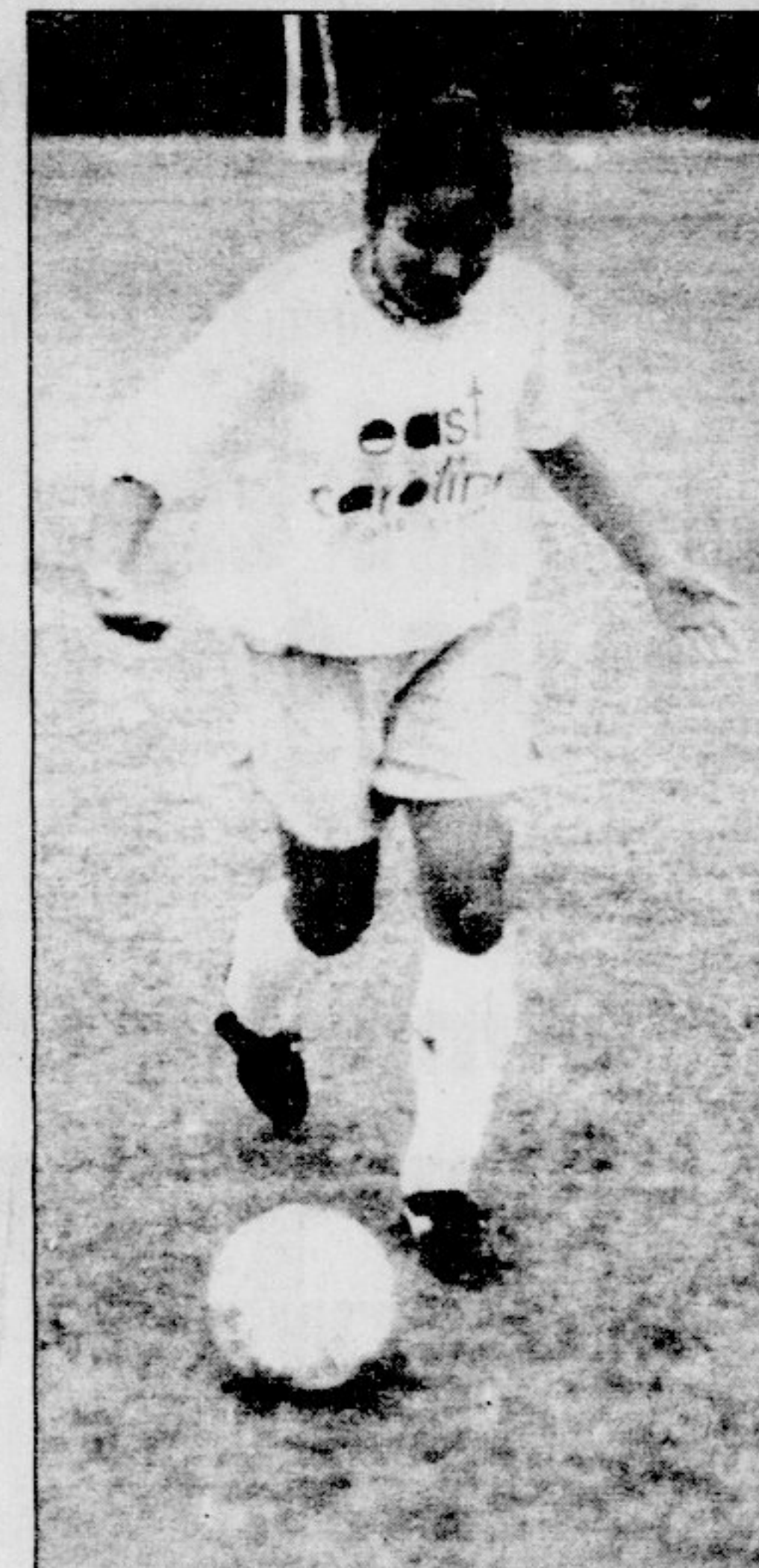
The Pirates found their offense shut down by the James Madison Duke defense in the first half. They had a tough job facing JMU's goalkeeper, who was chosen All-American before the season began. ECU was only able to attempt three shots in the first half. JMU had 12 attempts, two of which scored.

"We had very good chances," said senior forward Stacy Gause. "We didn't have as many shots on the goal, though."

The defense had a difficult time holding up against JMU's first half offense. Each member of the Pirates was forced to defend against JMU's unrelenting offense. Their speed and tactics kept them away from

Who's Hot?

	Shots	Goals	Assists	Points
Kim Sandhoff	27	3	3	9
Jennifer Reiley	23	4	1	9



ECU's Kim Sandhoff is one of the Lady Pirates' most valuable players.
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Women's Soccer Record

Date	Opponent	Score	Date	Opponent	Score
Aug. 30	Liberty	L 0-1	Sept. 27	At NC State	L 0-3
Sept. 3	At Barton	W 5-0	Oct. 4	Wofford	W 3-1
Sept. 6	At Radford	L 1-2	Oct. 8	Richmond	L 0-2
Sept. 7	At Virginia Tech	L 1-4	Oct. 14	At VA Commonwealth	L 0-1
Sept. 10	At William & Mary	L 0-4	Oct. 19	At James Madison	
Sept. 14	Appalachian State	W 1-0	Oct. 22	Campbell	
Sept. 17	At Davidson	W 2-1	Oct. 26	American	
Sept. 21	UNC Asheville	W 2-1	Oct. 31	George Mason	
Sept. 24	Old Dominion	W 2-1	Nov. 2	Elon	
Sept. 30	At UNC Wilmington	W 1-0	Nov. 5-9	CAA Tournament	

TEC'S
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GOSSIP

STEVE LOSEY
SENIOR WRITER

Realignment not wise decision for baseball

Professional baseball is in a state of crisis. Since 1994's players strike crippled the game, many have not forgotten those involved. The reaction to the labor dispute was akin to the fury that killed America's oldest professional sport. But now, Acting Commissioner Bud Selig appears determined to finish that job.

Selig, who has been the acting baseball commissioner since Bart Giamatti's death in 1989 and also owns the Milwaukee Brewers, has concocted a ludicrous plan to do away with 100

years of tradition in one fell swoop.

Under Selig's proposal, known as Plan A, 17 of the 30 teams will change leagues—not divisions, but leagues. The changes will accommodate geographic locations to, in the words of Selig, "take the game into the 21st century." (Selig must use the same speech writer as Bill Clinton.)

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Tell me, what does "the 21st century" mean? The invalidation of records that have stood since before many of us were born? The rejection of the National and American Leagues that we grew up with? The whole idea is shameful.

One of the reasons for dividing leagues by region would be to cut down on costs for away games. Once again, it all comes down to money.

Selig claims that realignment will renew local rivalries among teams in the same town. That may be true. Comiskey and Wigles may overflow. Yankees and Mets fans may relish the games, but it would only be a few months before "Cubs versus White Sox again?" would become a

familiar refrain. What of the many teams that don't have teams in the same city or even the same state? Essentially, Selig would upset all of baseball to provide a bit more interest to a handful of teams.

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From growing up in the DC area, I and other Orioles fans eagerly awaited the next Orioles-Yankees game. Under Plan A, we would still see many more Baltimore New York matchups. What Plan A would rob us of, however, would be the other close series that drove this season. The Baltimore-Seattle games were some of the most exciting games I had seen all season. If Plan A is approved, we will have seen the last time Brady Anderson squared off against Randy Johnson's lightning fastball.

Hey, Pirate Football fans!

Believe it or not, the season will be closing soon, and once again, ECU will be taking on the NC State Wolfpack for one of the most exciting and most anticipated games of the year. As always, the team wants nothing more than to look up into the stands and see purple and gold from their loyal fans.

The game is scheduled to be held at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh on November 22nd. Tickets will be available from today until Friday, Oct. 24 and can be purchased for \$27 at the ECU Athletic Office. Students must present a current university ID and may purchase only one ticket per person.

Reliable player brings needed consistency to team

Marc Miller leads golfers in stroke average

JEREMY ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER

This year, the Pirate Golf Team has been struggling with being consistent. The one constant for head coach Kevin Williams so far has been Marc Miller, a sophomore from Durham, NC.

Miller leads this year's team with a 72.9 stroke average for the fall season. He had his career best finish in September at the Palmetto Intercollegiate Classic, placing in a tie for first.

"I thought I played three solid rounds. I bogeyed the 18th. But overall I was pretty happy," Miller said.

Finishing near the top is nothing new to Miller. At Riverside High School, Miller was a four year letterman. In 1995, he won the North Carolina High School State Championship and finished his senior season with a 70.2 stroke average.

Last year, in his first collegiate season, Miller placed in the top 30 in all three tournaments he participated in, including scoring a tournament low round of 70 at the CSU Fall Invitational.

"He (Miller) picked up where he left off last year. He has a tournament low round of 70 at the CSU Fall Invitational."

"He (Miller) picked up where he left off last year. He has a super demeanor. His course management skills are the best I've ever seen for his age," Williams said.

"When I'm on the course, I just try to play my game," Miller said.

"His game" has been better than most this season. He has two top ten finishes and carded a low round of 69.

Miller started playing golf at a young age. He credits his father



Marc Miller
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with introducing him to the game.

"I started playing when I was about ten. I went out to the course with my dad and just picked it (golf) up," Miller said.

Miller admits there is still room for improvement in his game.

"I need to work on my irons and getting out of the bunker more. My putting has improved a lot over the last six months," Miller said.

With the "Tiger Woods effect" sweeping the nation, golf is becoming popular with the younger generation, a trend that Miller is glad to see.

"It has been great for the game. More people are playing at the high school and college level," Miller said.

SPORTS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Cross Country team runs well in N.C. meet

ECU's men's cross country team finished fifth, while the women's squad placed eighth on Saturday at the North Carolina Cross Country Collegiate Championships. North Carolina State swept both the men's and women's team titles. The Wolfpack men placed the top-seven runners, while the Lady Wolfpack had five runners in the top-ten.

Junior Jamie Mance (Wilmington, Del.) led the Pirates running the 8,000 meter course in 25:31, finishing 14th overall. Sophomore Justin England (Raleigh, NC) finished behind Mance running 25:32, placing 15th. Stuart Will (Lilburn, Va.) was the squad's top freshman finisher running in 25:45, placing 23rd.

Sophomores Brian Beil (Stafford, Va.) and Jeremy Coleman (Williamsburg, Va.), finished as the Pirates No. 4 and No. 5 runners. Beil finished 37th in 26:05, while Coleman placed 55th in 26:34.

"Every single runner on the team

ran hard today," commented assistant men's cross country coach Mike Ford. "Our top four runners got off to a good start today and hung on. Mike Marini (Wilmington, Del.) pushed our No. 5 through No. 9 runners to run well today."

Kern Hartling led the pace for the Lady Pirates finishing 23rd. The junior from Baypoint, NY finished in 18:25 on the 5,000 meter course. Senior Karen Reinhard (Burke, Va.) placed 39th in 18:52, while sophomore Robin Bates (Winslow, Maine) finished 41st in 18:56.

"Despite injuries our top-three runners really stepped up today to run their best times of the season," said women's head coach Charles "Choo" Justice.

ECU's freshman tandem of Becky Testa (McDonald, Ohio) and Fran Lattie (Lumberton, NC) finished as the team's No. 4 and No. 5 runners. Testa finished 68th in 19:31, while Lattie placed 75th in 19:42.

"Our performance and effort was good," Justice comments. "We still have got to step it up to keep up with the competition."

Mistake

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Selig's goal, he has often stated, is to bring in more casual fans. It seems to be the case that Selig wants to bring in a few fans who don't really care, even if it costs the scores of serious fans that came back after the strike.

Speaking as one of those fans, I'm

starting to feel a bit like a cheap hooker. No matter what, I keep coming back. Sometimes I wonder what it would take to forever turn me off of baseball. The designated hitter? Interleague play? The strike? The omission of an entire World Series? Because of money, there will always be an empty space on the records. That blank is the mark of a time when greed overcame reason. I hope baseball doesn't suffer another catastrophe-one that may actually be fatal.

It's Homecoming Weekend at ECU,

and it is expected that Dowdy-Ficklen will be packed on Saturday as the Pirates take on the Memphis Tigers in a conference battle. Don't forget to pick up your ticket for the game before they run out. Student tickets are available at the Athletic Ticket Office and also at the ECU Student Store, and as always, a valid ECU I.D. must be presented at time of pick-up.

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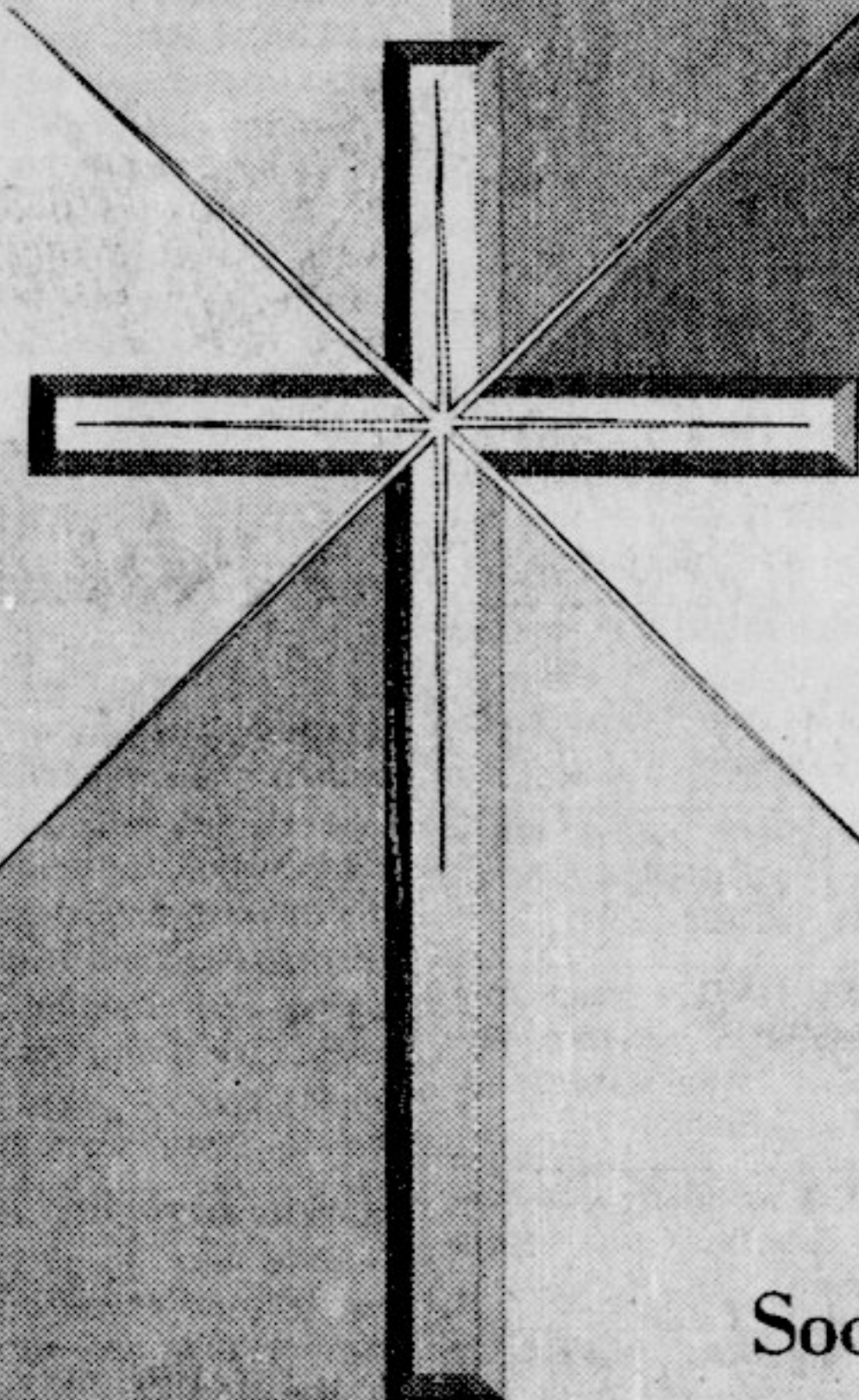


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Saturday, Oct. 18
Tulane 33, ECU 16
Houston 41, Cincinnati 38 (2 OT)

This week's games

Saturday, Oct. 25
Memphis at ECU 3:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Miami (Ohio) 2 p.m.
Houston at Louisville 3 p.m.
Tulane at Southern Miss 2:30 p.m.

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the Pirates and the ball on ECU's side.

"They were very quick," Gause said. "They would switch up on offense, which made it hard to stay on them. It was a very defensive game for us."

The second half showed those in the stands what the Pirates could do under pressure. They held back 18 more shot attempts by the aggressive Dukes, not allowing a single goal in the second half. Sophomore goalkeeper Amy Horton, who earned four saves in the first half, got seven more in the second half for a total of thirteen saves. Horton played all ninety minutes of the game.

"We all did very good," Gause said. "We were under a lot of pressure. We held them to two goals, which was very good, because they had about [30] shots."

"Our defense is great," Gause continued. "We've got [sophomore defender] Jill Davis, and [sophomore defender] Dana Derbin. It's tough to get around her. [Sophomore defender] Chrissy Bernabe also did a great job getting the ball

forward."

The Pirates ended the shutout with three and half minutes remaining in the game. Sophomore defender Erin O'Neill passed the ball inside the goal box to freshman forward Kim Sandhoff, who fired the ball past JMU's goalie and brought the Pirates to within one. It was O'Neill's third assist of the season and Sandhoff's tenth point of the year.

"We're really the kind of team that plays better in the second half," Gause said. "We won the second half. We need to play all 90 minutes that way."

"We played hard in the final 45 minutes," said women's soccer Head Coach Neil Roberts, "and, hopefully, we can build on that performance this week."

Unfortunately, there wasn't enough time left to regroup and score the tying goal. The game ended James Madison 2, East Carolina 1. ECU's record is now 7-8, 2-4 in the CAA. The women's soccer team's next match is tomorrow at 4:00. They will square off against Campbell at Bunting Field. Last year Campbell gave them a 4-0 shutout.

The Pirates have four games left before they start the CAA tournament.

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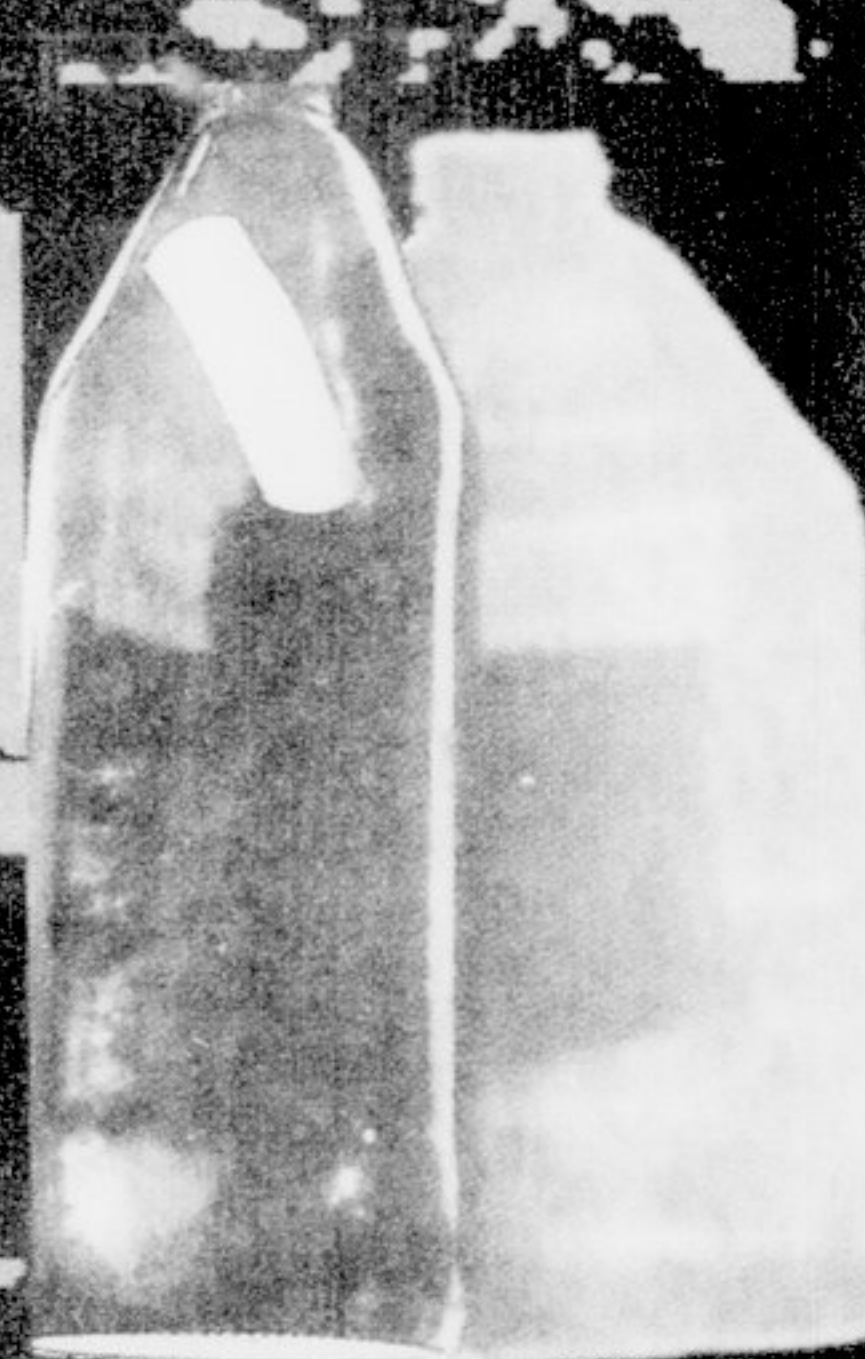
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ALCOHOL ABUSE

Other options than driving under influence exist

CHRIS STOTESBERY
FEATURE WRITER

You go downtown, have a few beers and are driving home. Suddenly you see blue lights flash behind you. You were speeding. The police officers suspect you have been drinking. He asks you to get out of the car and perform some simple tasks like touching your nose and walking a straight line. But when he asks you to recite the alphabet backwards, you mess up on Q. Now you are going to jail.

Drinking and driving is a serious issue for the students who like to go downtown. The downtown area is a very appealing place for people to go and have a good time. The problem is that most people cannot tell when they have had too much to drink before driving home. When this happens the driver is putting himself, any passengers riding with him and anyone else on the road at risk.

One 21-year old ECU student recalls the night he drove home after drinking.

"During the spring semester, I remember driving me

and a friend back to his apartment, but I don't remember the actual drive," he said. "If I had been pulled I would have been in so much trouble. But I continued to drive after a night of drinking even after that night."

Sgt. Phil Worthington of the Greenville Police Department, advises students to plan ahead.

"If a person is caught driving under the influence who is under 21 years of age there is zero tolerance."

According to Sgt. Worthington, all a police officer has to do is establish probable cause in regards to drinking and driving.

"The best thing to do is not drive your car downtown," he said. "Get a taxicab to drop you off and pick you up."

Another ECU student who is underage said she is usually the designated driver.

"I'm glad to be the designated driver because that way I know my friends get to and from home safely," she said.

Around campus it is known as the "drunk bus," but the

campus shuttle van is an option to avoid drinking and driving.

Cabs are another way to go. Aladdin, Dependable Cab, Eagle Cab and Yellow 7 Checker Cab all tend to have cabs downtown to pick people up. Most of these cabs can be found on the corner of Fifth and Reade Streets.

"A few weeks ago I went out drinking," said a 24-year-old grad student at ECU. "I didn't drive back but instead walked to a friend's house which was four blocks away. The next day I was glad I didn't drive, but I should have called a cab instead of walking to my friend's house."

Taxi cab rides from downtown to Players Club Apartments range from \$3 to \$4. Rides from downtown to East Brook Apartments, on Greenville Blvd., range from \$4 to \$6.

Most students fall into the area covered by these two

Greenville Taxi Cab Companies	
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apartment complexes, and are able to notice how cost effective it is to pay a taxicab, as opposed to \$80 plus a fine for court fees.

Riding bicycles under the influence is another way to get a ticket.

"I used to ride my bike downtown during the afternoon to drink but then I found out I could get a ticket for riding a bike under the influence," said Jon, a Psychology major.

Resources available to help students handle alcohol issues

Alcohol prevention promoted on campus

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"I ended up in the hospital with an LV. At that point I realized that alcohol had taken over my life."

"I hate the way drunk people act and I don't like to see my friends drink."

These are the words of anonymous ECU students that were written and put on a display concerning how alcohol affects lives. The display was part of an alcohol awareness campaign conducted by the Office of Health Promotion and Well-Being.

With college students across America increasingly engaging in binge drinking, ECU officials want students to know there is help available if alcohol begins to consume a great portion of students' lives.

"In the community there are counseling centers that have very good treatment programs, such as Alcoholics Anonymous and the Pitt County Mental Health Center," said Donna Walsh, director of the Office of Health Promotion and Well-Being.

Students do not have to look off-campus for help however.

Information on alcohol use and abuse can be obtained through the Student Health Educator Heather Zophy and the Office of Health Promotion and Well-Being.

Counseling is also available to students through the Center for Counseling and Student Development. According to Director Dr. Lynn Roeder, individual counseling is available to students and students who need long-term help may be referred to the Pitt Mental Health Center.

"Usually if they're saying they have a problem when they come in, they do in fact have one," Roeder said.

Assessment is done at the center to determine if a problem exists through the use of a Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI).

"This gets at the attitudes and behaviors (of the student)," Roeder said.

Experts say it is difficult to recognize when you or a friend has an alcohol problem.

"If you're using a substance to negotiate life's problems, this is a red flag to look at your use patterns," Walsh said.

"Some of the basic warning signs are if they start drinking alone, if they can't find fun without alcohol-can't socialize without alcohol, if their tolerance goes up-it takes a lot more to get drunk," Student Health Educator Heather Zophy said.

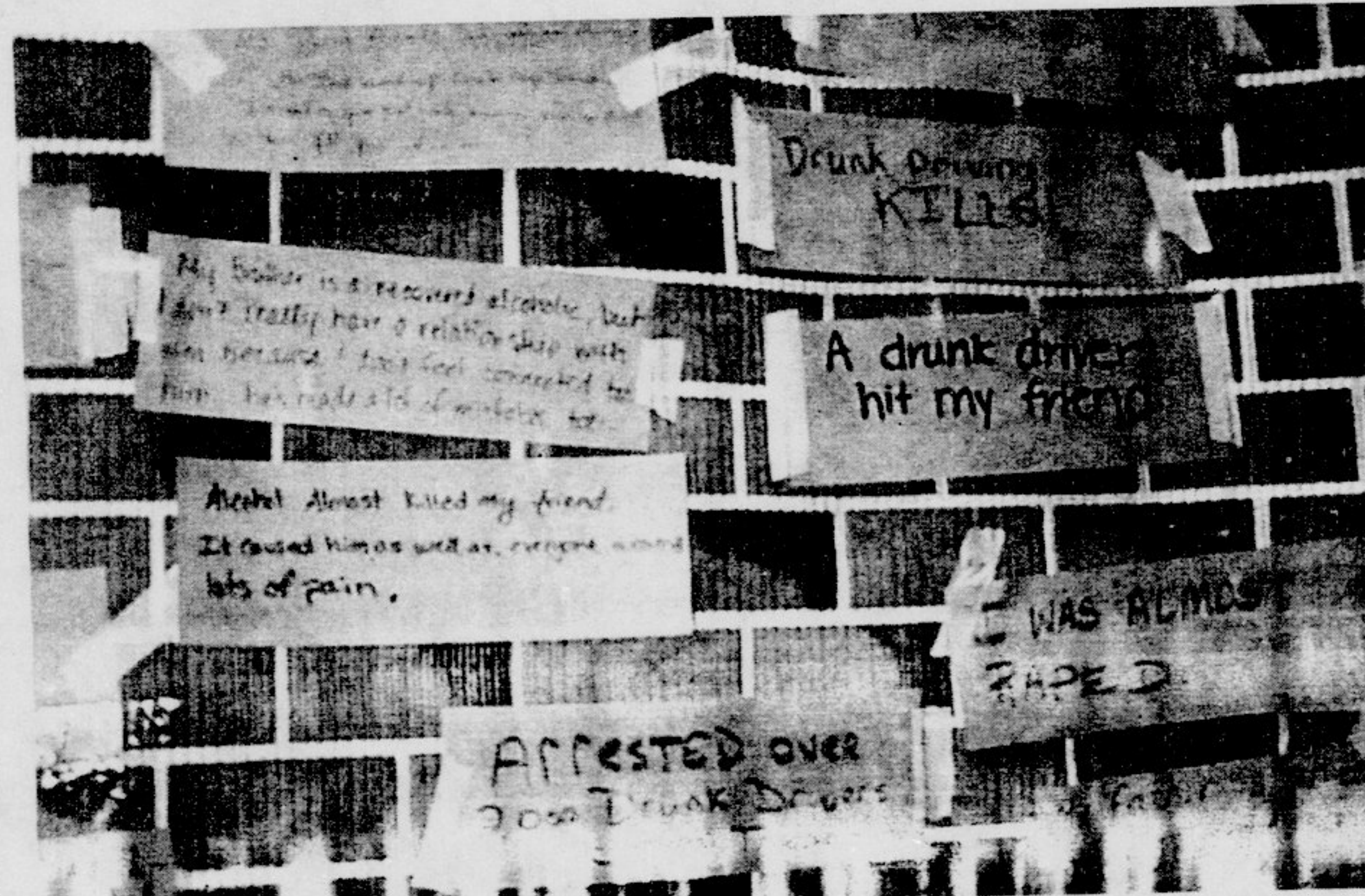
Other danger signs of alcoholism include using alcohol and drugs to cope with difficult situations, hiding the amounts of alcohol consumed and becoming uncomfortable when alcohol and drugs are not available.

Roeder said another counselor will hopefully be added next semester to the center who will specialize in substance abuse.

"Then hopefully we can become less reactive and more proactive offering programs and things on campus," Roeder said.

Oct. 13-17 was Alcohol Awareness Week on campus. A table containing information was set up outside of the Wright Place and the wall of "bricks" describing alcohol's influence was set up there.

Faculty and staff were encouraged to integrate alcohol issues into their curriculum during the week," Walsh said. "An example of this was the use of the Alcohol 101 CD-Rom by one professor."



As part of the Alcohol Awareness Week, ECU students wrote how alcohol has affected their lives. These "bricks" were then used to build a wall. The wall was on display last week in front of the Wright Place.

PHOTO BY AMANDA PROCTOR

Tips for remaining in control while drinking:

- Limit the amount you drink
- Sip drinks slowly
- Space drinks over time
- Eat heavy meals or dairy products before or while drinking
- Avoid salty foods that make you more thirsty
- Drink diluted alcoholic beverages rather than straight shots
- Avoid carbonated mixers or sparkling wine because they speed the alcohol into your blood stream
- Avoid "spiked" punch and other drinks containing unknown amounts of alcohol

Source: the American College Health Association

Alcohol is involved in:

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- just under 30 percent of all academic problems

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The purpose is to take an in-depth look at issues of importance to students and faculty at ECU. This issue is the third of six which will appear this semester. Look for the next issue on designer drugs which will appear in November. Focus is a class project for Shearman Duke's Basic News Writing class.

Fake IDs often used by students to enter, drink in bars

Bar employees trained in how to spot phonies

RYAN FITZGERALD
FEATURE WRITER

It's Friday night and you have been waiting all week to go downtown; you and all your friends plan to go to downtown to drink beer and meet people. You still have six more months until your 21st birthday, so you decide to borrow an ID from someone else who is of age and looks somewhat like you. The ID works and the night lends itself as another success in fooling the guy at the door.

This kind of thing happens every weekend, not only in downtown Greenville, but across the country. Underage students who don't want to be left out of the party scene find ways of obtaining a fake ID, no matter what the consequences. Using false identification is such a common occurrence that bars train their employees on how to pick out the phonies.

"Fake IDs are not that hard to spot out if you know what to look for. Usually just the way a person acts when they hand me the ID gives away how old they are before I even look at it," said J.C. Glasgow, an ECU student and former bartender.

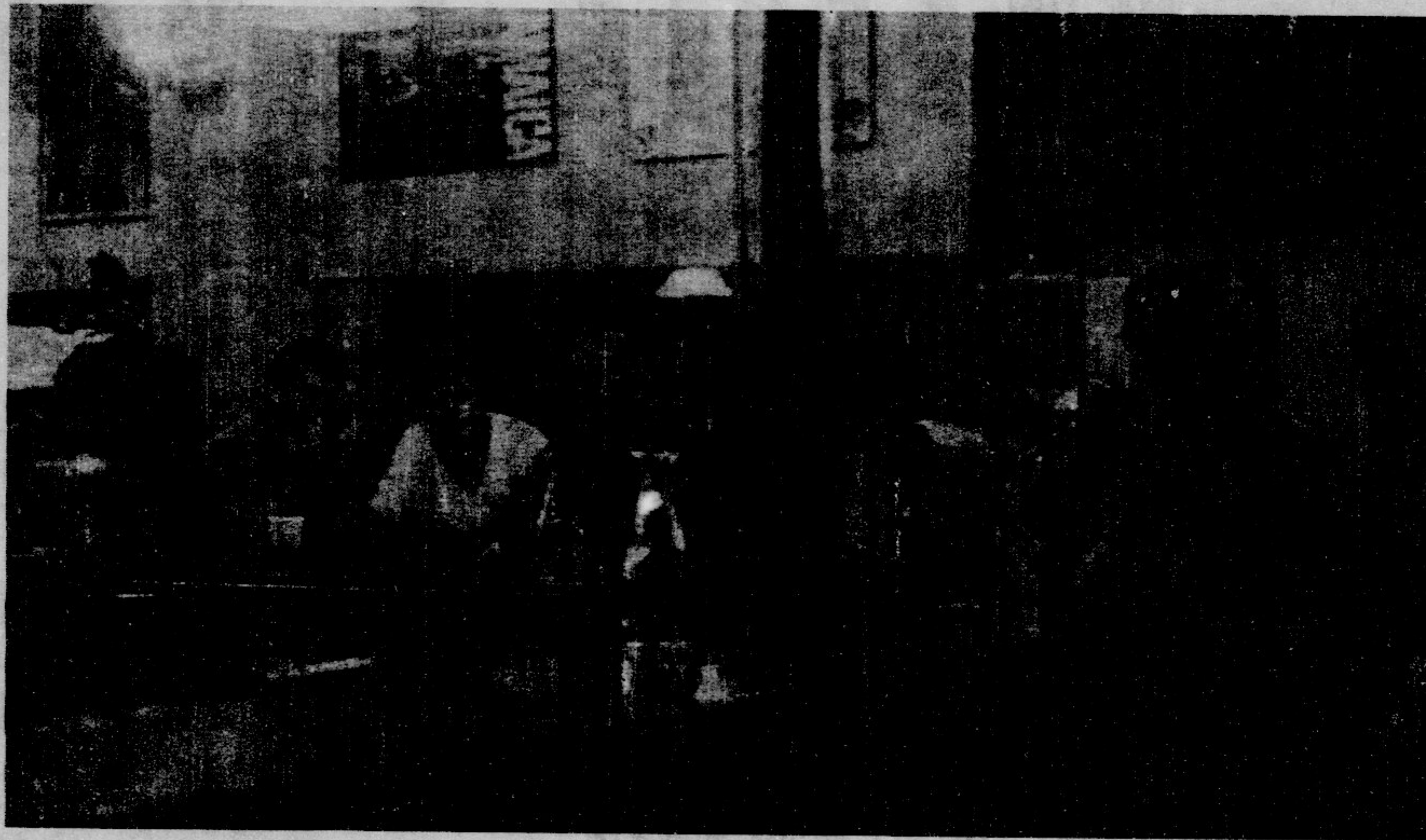
N.C. law requires that every drinking establishment must have copies of drivers licenses from various states behind the bar to check to see if an ID is authentic.

According to the Survey of Alcohol and Other Drug Use from the spring of 1997, about 62 percent of students say they consume most alcohol in bars.

"It's easy to get into bars in Greenville with a fake (ID) I think," student Carolyn Weikland said. "All you have to do is find an ID that looks like you and act responsibly."

Although fake IDs may be taken lightly by students, it is not taken so lightly by law enforcement. Penalties for possessing and using a fake ID can range from a misdemeanor charge to a felony for altering or mass producing the ID. Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) and Greenville Police keep a close eye on fake IDs and are starting to crack down in underage drinking downtown.

"I think a lot of people have fake IDs and use them pretty regularly," student Ari Hagan said. "But sooner or later everyone gets caught and that's no fun."



Patrons gather at bars to hangout with friends and consume alcohol. Bartenders and bouncers keep a close watch on patrons to be sure underage customers do not consume alcoholic beverages.
PHOTO BY AMANDA PROCTOR

Halloween celebration draws hundreds downtown

JEAN WHARTON
FEATURE WRITER

Halloween nights of dressing up as Ninja Turtles trolling for candy may be a thing of the past for many college students, but ECU students have their own "tricks and treats" each year on Oct. 31.

More than strolling on the sidewalk, spooking friends, or counting candy, Halloween at ECU is a night to pack the streets of downtown Greenville and drink. For

many, it is a night to dress up and drink. Halloween and alcohol are synonymous to many students. "People definitely drink more and just get crazy," Junior Kelly Wehmann said.

The holiday celebrations even attract non-students and out-of-town guests to Greenville to partake in the festivities. Johnnie Umphlet, captain of patrol at the ECU Police Department, said that many people from outside ECU and Greenville visit on Halloween. Problems that occur on normal nights happen more on this night due to the large

amount of alcohol consumption. Fighting, driving while impaired and underage drinking occur with greater frequency, but ECU is prepared. "We want to make sure that our officers can help with any problems," Umphlet said.

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Six campus police officers will join Greenville officers downtown and 15 extra officers will patrol campus on foot, according to Umphlet. This is in addition to normal patrolling and two officers stationed at Mendenhall Student Center for Midnight Madness. Police precautions help to prevent serious problems.

Officers plan to ban on-street consumption, according to Captain John Ennis of the Greenville PD. As in the past, Fifth and Cotanche Streets

would be blocked off, allowing people to fill the streets. Additional officers and road blocks prevent chaos from taking over on Halloween.

Some students look forward to the night and do not see the police as a threat to their fun.

"You'd think that things would be stricter on Halloween, but I don't think they are," Wehmann said.

Junior transfer student Robin Moore said that she came to Greenville for Halloween before she became a student here. Moore is looking forward to the night and

plans to drink with friends, have fun and "meet a lot of new people." However not all students plan to drink.

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Midnight Madness, which is an alcohol free event, will take place between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. Halloween night. Horror movies, karaoke and dancing will be among the events taking place.

Survey finds college alcohol use more myth than reality

Campaign started on campus to change misconceptions

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For years ECU has been known as a "party school." In fact, *Playboy* magazine even mentioned ECU along with the top party schools in the nation. A study conducted by the Division of Student Life shows that ECU is not much different from other campuses.

The department recently administered a survey of alcohol and other drug use to students to see what their behaviors and attitudes were and if the students' perceptions about the drinking behaviors at ECU were accurate.

What they found was that students believe more drinking occurs than is actually reported.

"We are a social school, but that does not mean we are a party school," said Donna Walsh, director of the Office of Health Promotion and Well-Being.

According to the survey, 74 percent of the respondents think their fellow students drink at least three times per week when only 17 percent reported doing so. 95 percent of the students indicated that they drink only on the weekends.

Jennifer Wienkie, a senior, felt that the rumor of ECU being a party school was just a stereotype and that it was a large misconception.

"Maybe a few years ago that would be true, but now the standards are higher and students are primarily concerned with their grades," Wienkie said.

Junior Meridith Hines agreed that there is a difference between the assumptions and realities of drinking.

"People do go out and drink a lot here, but not as much as outsiders may think," Hines said.

Drinking in excess amounts is an increasing concern among campuses across the country. On the national level, 38 percent of the total respondents to the survey reported bingeing on alcohol while the number here was 39 percent.

In order to change the high drinking perceptions that the students have and decrease the amount of binge drinking that occurs, a Misperception Campaign has begun on campus.

The idea is that if the school can change the students' misperceptions about binge drinking, then the students may reduce binge drinking themselves.

"Many students think 'Well, if my friends are going out and drinking, then I will too.' Most students want to be in the healthy majority," Walsh said. "What we want to accomplish with the campaign is to bring perception to reality."

A similar campaign was done at Northern Illinois University and the actual binge drinking rate decreased almost 20 percent. The Misperception Campaign at ECU hopes they can too can accomplish the same results.

Wienkie felt that the campaign would not be effective because people were going to drink with their friends anyway. However, Hines feels that the campaign might be effective because of the belief that ECU is a party school above everything else.

"Maybe the campaign will help our reputation and improve our image," Hines said.

Plans for the campaign include informational presentations, placement of newspaper ads, and putting up posters around campus and fliers in sorority and fraternity houses.

One of the first activities will be an information session on Wednesday Oct. 22 in White Hall at 8 p.m.

What is ECU known for?

1. Medical School
2. Pirate Football
3. Business School
4. School of Education
5. Rec Center
6. New Library
7. New Stadium
8. Sandra Bullock

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What's the best place for lunch between classes?

What's the best place to take a date for dinner?

What's the best place to get a good pizza?

What's the best place to live off-campus?

Who has the best game-day picnic to go?

Whose fries stay the hottest all the way home?

What's the best place to buy a keg?

What's the best place to dance all night?

What's the best place to buy CDs?

What's the best place to get a haircut?

What's the best place to park illegally on campus and get away with it?

What's the best reason to skip class?

What grocery store best fits student's budget?

What's the best place to have your car repaired?

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