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The University Welcomes Back students with new logos

Arrgh Mates! There's a new Pirate on Board

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These old logos have represented the university through the years...



The Pirate mascot of the early 1960's



This Pirate appeared for only one year, 1970



The Pirate logo from 1971-1982



The official ECU Pirate logo of today



New look a step in establishing national recognition, officials say

TRACY M. LAUBACH
SPORTS EDITOR

"The time has come to look into the future," Mike Hamrick, athletic director said. "As we grow, we want to continue to boldly revise our identity and we have done that."

That's right Prate fans, ECU has changed its image. A new set of word markings along with a tougher, bolder Pirate image has been introduced and will boost the already existing ECU logos.

While Greenville will still shine purple and gold, and Pee Dee will still be on the side lines at games, the new image will be available for purchase through retailers carrying the officially licensed merchandise. The new logo is also found at center court of Williams Arena.

According to Chancellor Richard Eakin, the new logos present a picture to the world about ECU's proud tradition of excellence.

"We are showing to the world that ECU is a place that takes second to no one," Eakin said. "We deserve to be on the national scene and hopefully these logos will help us do that."

Hamrick said that as the university revises its identity, it

cannot forget the tradition of the past at ECU.

"We believe this updated look is another step toward establishing a nationally recognized program," Hamrick said. "As we move into the future, we are excited about these new markings that add so much more to our athletic program."

The logos were created by a licensing program administered by The Collegiate Licensing Company, whose members include more than 160 colleges, universities, athletic conferences and the NCAA.

Chris Marsiani, a representative from The Collegiate Licensing Company, said the new logos unveil a new image while complementing the existing mascot.

"Over the past 14 years, the market for collegiate products has grown to a \$2.5 million business," Marsiani said. "As the market matures, competition increases. ECU has shown growth with each year, and we were very impressed with their commitment to the success of these new markings."

Also excited about the new image is Head football Coach Steve Logan.

"I am tickled about this new logo and I know that the football team is too," Logan said. "We are going to wear it and wear it with pride, and represent the university in a good fashion."

As part of the Prate community, you can voice your opinion about the new logos and word markings. Visit our website at tec.ecu.edu and let us know what you think!

ECU takes steps toward future

CRAIG D. RAMEY
STAFF WRITER

As the millennium approaches, the ECU campus is expanding to meet the changing needs of students in an age of technology. Projects worth a total of 180 million dollars are in the works. These will hopefully make ECU more appealing to future students.



Richard Eakin
CHANCELLOR

"The most challenging thing for us was to design the new Science and Technology Building," said Bruce Flye, Director of Facilities Services.

This building will be 220,000 square feet, contain three 250 person classrooms and cost 58 million dollars. Inter-Departmental research will be conducted there, and Chemistry and Biology classes will meet there. The building should be completed in five years.

"Lab space is limited," said Chancellor Richard Eakin. "To serve students well, we need more lab space. This Science and Technology Building should do the trick. It will be one and a half times the size of the Rec Center."

Improvements will also be made on the Speight Building. In some classrooms, professors will be able to use laptops to project computer information onto overhead screens, providing a more efficient teaching tool than transparencies or chalkboards.

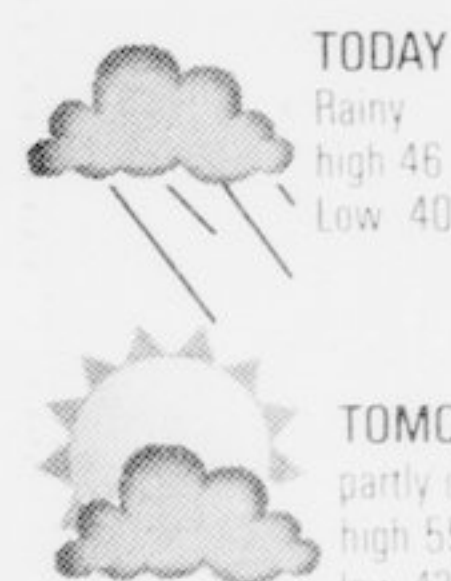
A new dining hall for West Campus is in the works, and renovations on the old Jones Cafeteria are planned. The renovated cafeteria will include a coffee shop and karaoke.

"We want to offer the students an alternative place to hang out on Saturday nights," said Flye.

New parking lots are proposed for the north end of Picklen Stadium. This will provide 600 new parking spaces. Existing gravel parking lots will be paved and have emergency phones and lights added.

Finally, renovations on Jarvis and Jones Halls are planned. Jarvis will receive new air conditioning and more modern bathrooms, while Jones will get a new sprinkler system and have air conditioning added. Belk will disappear altogether, to make way for an extension of College Hill Drive, which will intersect Fourteenth Street.

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Family, friends plant tree in memory of murdered student

GREENSBORO (AP) — Family and friends of Brian Dragon are hoping the tree they planted in his memory will stand alone, not in a forest of similar memorials. Dragon, 16, died Sept. 30 after being shot in the forehead by a 15-year-old friend following an argument about the gunman's sister, police said. The two boys had been drinking beer.

Stamp unveiled celebrating First Flight

KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service unveiled its First Flight stamp, celebrating Orville and Wilbur Wright's first successful manned, power-driven flight, Sunday at the Wright Brothers National Memorial here.

Hot line to help college-bound students with Financial Aid Forms

(AP) — College-bound seniors with questions about complex federal financial aid forms can call a toll-free hot line. Help from volunteer financial aid professionals is available between 2 p.m. and 9 a.m. through Jan. 16, by calling (800) 407-3147. Spanish-speaking counselors will be available at that number from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 14.

U.S. Supreme Court refuses to hear Missouri Death Row case

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear the appeals of two Missouri death row inmates. The country's highest court on Monday rejected without comment the appeals of Michael Roberts and Reginald L. Powell.

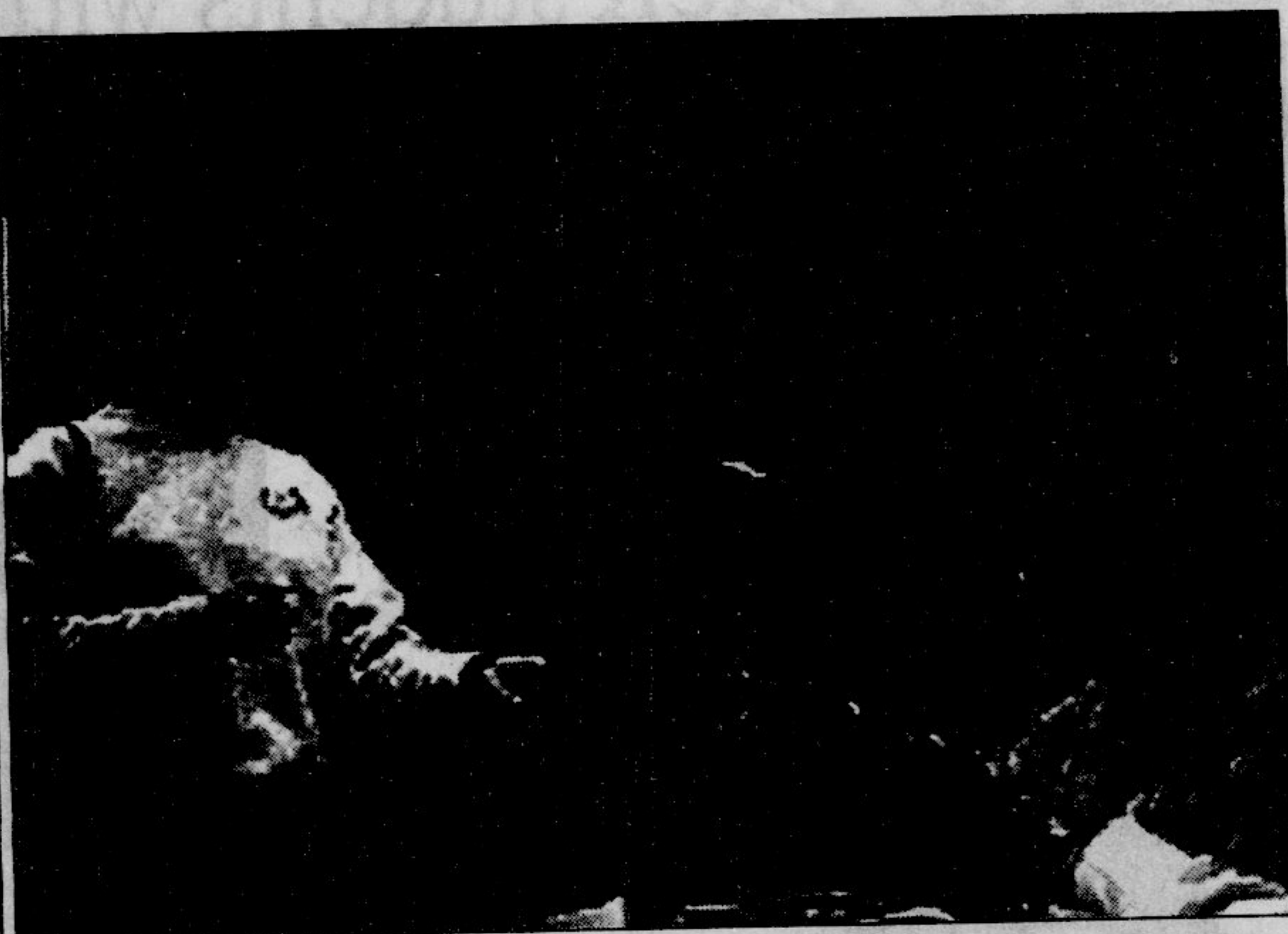
Germany to introduce new 50-mark bill to foil counterfeiting

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Germany will introduce a new 50-mark bill next month designed to foil counterfeiters, completing a security upgrade for larger denominations.

Human rights activists win prestigious Dutch award

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Five renowned human rights activists won a prestigious Dutch award Monday for their crusades on behalf of the oppressed and the poor. The Beggars' Medal went jointly to Mubtashir Pakpahan, the jailed Indonesian trade union leader; Sergei Kovalyov, a leading Russian human rights activist; activist Vera Chirwa of Malawi; Aboriginal leader Noel Pearson of Australia; and Guatemalan lawmaker Rosalva Tury.

One Card office busy with last minute rush



A student picks up her One Card at the Student Store. Students who have not had their card made may still have their pictures taken at the One Card office during the week of Jan. 10.

PHOTO BY SABRINA THOMAS

Students may still get One Card week of Jan. 10

AMBER TATUM
STAFF WRITER

Procrastinators never fear; there is still time to get your ECU One Card. Photographs will be taken the week of Jan. 10 in the One Card office.

Located in the Wright Building inside the Student Stores, the One Card office is busy as people cram in to get their new card. Office hours are Monday through

Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Extended hours will run Jan. 16-19 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For those students who have already had their picture taken, cards can be picked up at their neighborhood service office or in the lobby of the Wright Building outside the Wright Place.

"ECU One Cards for students who live in resident halls have been delivered to their community (neighborhood) service desk for their dorm," said Jennifer Sutton, director of the One Card program.

The One Card system replaces the old ID cards and activity stickers. Freshmen received One Cards from the get-go.

One incentive to get a new card is that checks will not be accepted in the Student Stores without a One Card.

The One Card also replaces the Debit card; it will work in vending machines and serve as a meal card and a library card.

Dependent cards will be made free of charge through Jan. 16. After that, there will be a \$10 fee. The replacement cost, if one should misplace their new card, is \$15.

The Gold Key Account is a purely optional function. This serves to make life a little easier for Pirates campuswide.

"The Gold Key Account can be used at various areas on campus including the library, Student Recreation Center, Student Health Center, East Carolinian [and] Mendenhall," said Sutton.

Campus officials hope to develop the One Card for use with campus mailing services and as a replacement for dorm keys.

Officials prepare 91st anniversary celebration

Festivities slated for March 9

CRAIG D. RAMEY
STAFF WRITER

A yearly tradition of celebrating ECU's founding day is one of the main focuses for the university. Officials hope yearly celebrations will bring a feeling of tradition and pride in the history of ECU.

"We want all the student involvement we can get," said Mike Dorsey, head of the Founder's Day Committee. "Even though we are not going to cancel classes, we urge faculty to bring students to the celebration. It's important for students and faculty to embrace the tradition of founder's day."

This is more feasible than last year, when the anniversary celebration lasted for a week instead of this year's festivities,

which will be wrapped up in a day. "We're hoping to start a tradition," Dorsey said. "We're concentrating on counting down to our hundredth."

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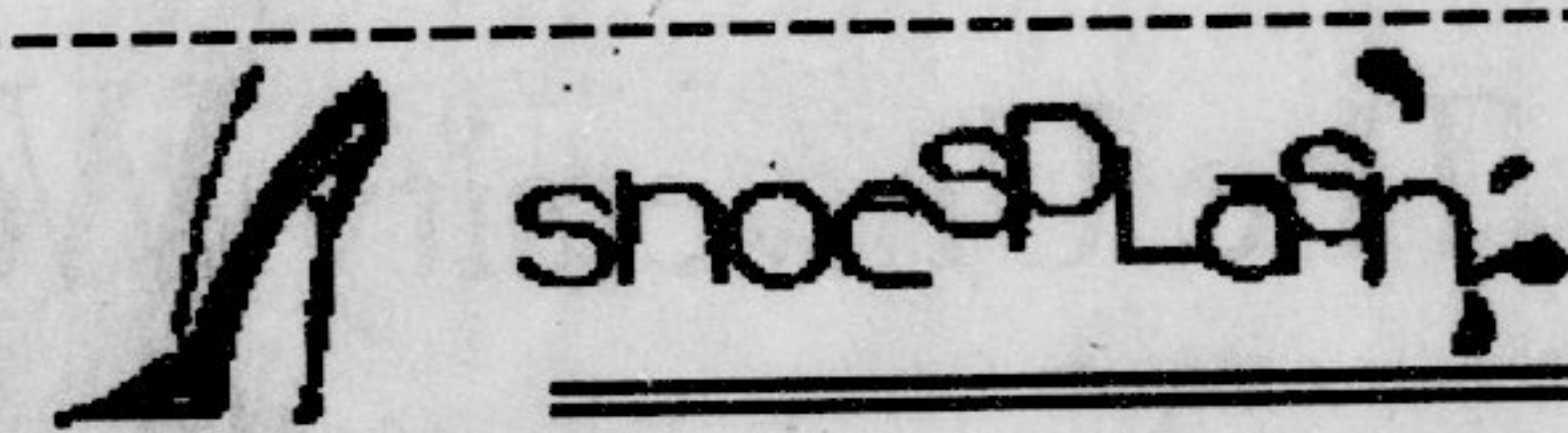
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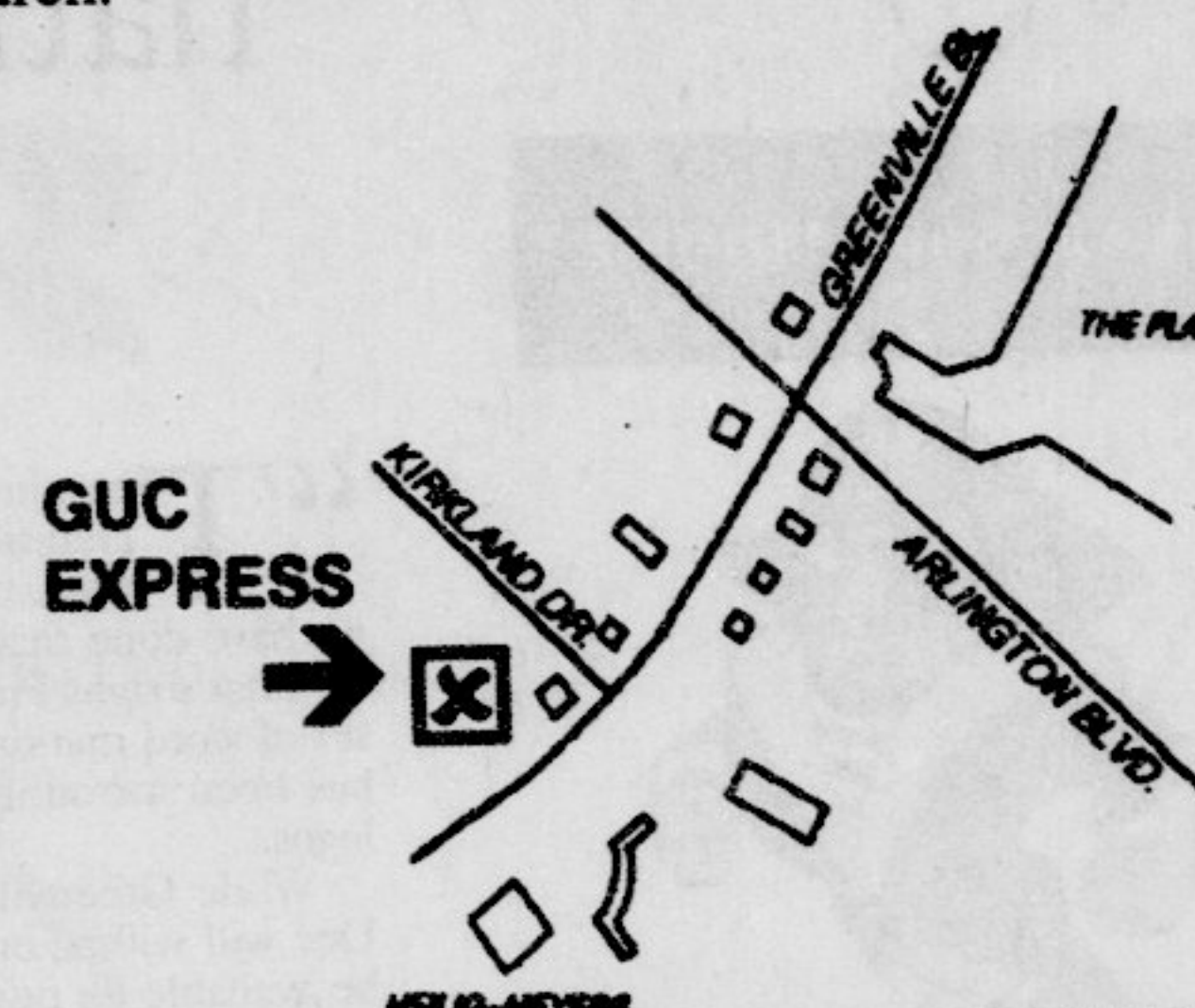
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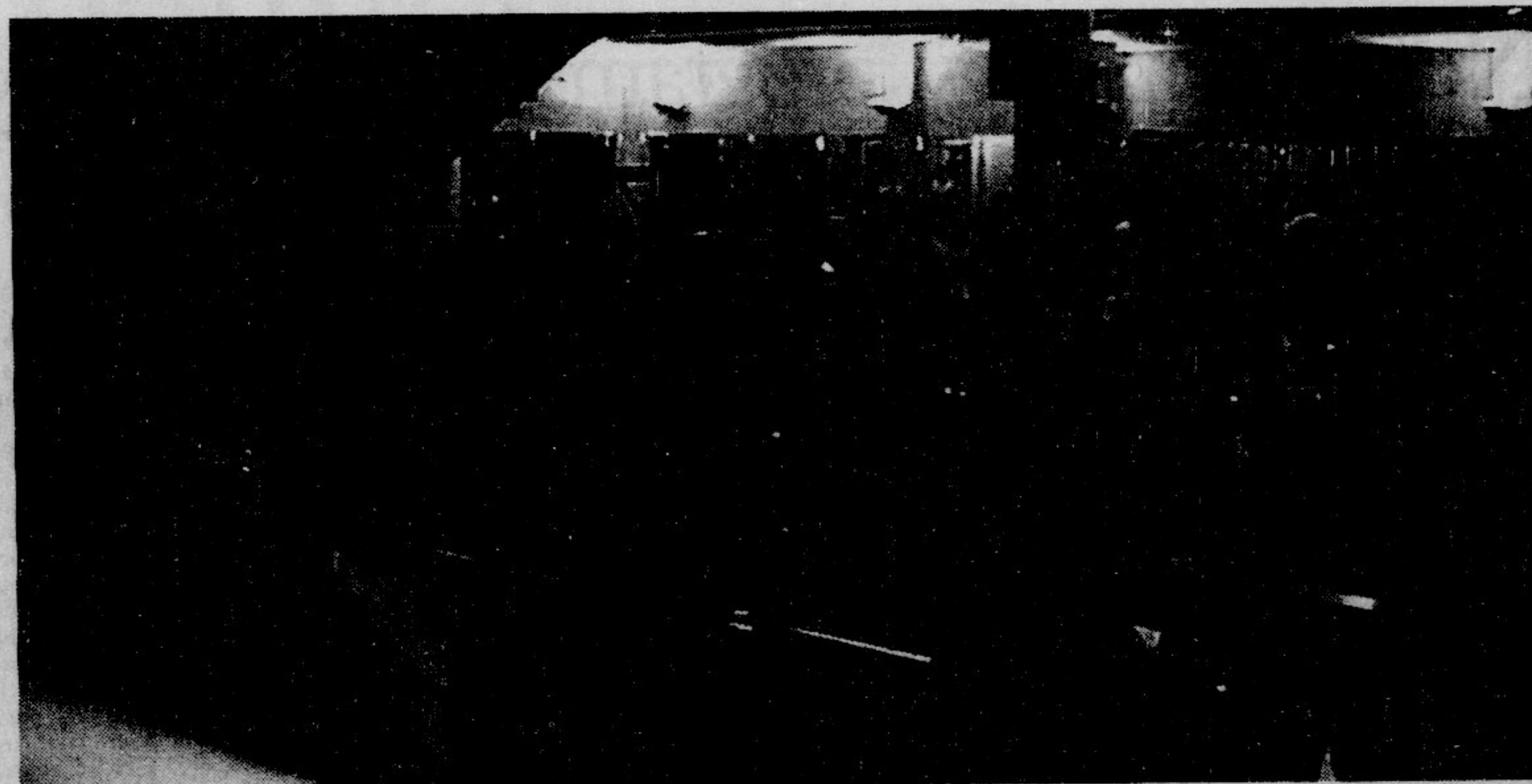
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University Officials are planning for the construction of many new facilities that will benefit the student body, just as the Recreation Center has since its opening.

Buildings, parking in planning for campus

CRAIG D. RAMEY
 STAFF WRITER

Old buildings and rising enrollment signal the need for new facilities on the ever-growing ECU campus.

Projects totaling \$180 million in value hope to ensure that ECU stands in front rather than falling behind.

"The most challenging thing for us to design was the new Science and Technology Building," said Bruce Flye, director of facilities services.

A building that will cost \$58 million, be 220,000 square feet in size, and contain three classrooms that will seat 250 students each hopes to be ECU's biggest step yet into the age of technology.

This facility is planned to reach completion within the next five years. It will hold classes for chemistry, freshman biology and areas for inter-departmental research.

"Lab space is limited," said Chancellor Richard Eakin. "To serve students well, we need more lab space. This Science and Tech Building should do the trick. It will be one-

and-a-half times the size of the Rec center."

The Speight Building will also be taking a technological step forward. Four or five rooms will be advanced in a program called the "Smart Classroom." This plan allows a professor to plug their laptop into the podium, thereby connecting them into a large screen at the front of the room. This saves time on the chalkboard, as well as making the lecture more accessible to students taking the class in other parts of the world, via the internet. Belk has also petitioned to receive this type of technology.

Dining services are expected to receive a face lift in the near future. With the addition of a new dining hall on the West end of campus and a renovation project for the old cafeteria below Jones Residence Hall, students will have more dining options on campus.

The West end dining hall will replace the small amphitheatre behind White and Clement Residence Halls. The renovated cafeteria in

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Bruce Flye
 director of facilities services

Jones will likely replace the Galley, offering such perks as a coffee shop and karate.

"We want to offer the students an alternative place to hang out on a Saturday night," said Flye.

Parking problems are also in the vision of ECU planners with proposed lots at the north end of Ficklen Stadium and at Reade Circle. The Ficklen lot will provide an additional 600 spaces, while the Reade project will be a renovation of an existing lot, by turning it from dirt to pavement and adding lights and blue phones.

Renovations and a proposed plan for College Hill will change the way students live on campus. Jarvis will be totally renovated by adding air conditioning and modernized bathrooms. Jones will be air conditioned and a new sprinkler system is slated to be installed. One of the biggest plans for College Hill will be the continuation of College Hill Drive so it will pass through where Belk Hall currently stands and connect to 14th Street.

Supplemental Instruction an option for academically troubled

NATASHA PHILLIPS
 STAFF WRITER

Many ECU students, at some point in their college career, may experience academic difficulties.

ECU categorizes academic difficulty on three levels: academic warning, academic probation, and academic suspension.

"Academic warning only considers the number of hours attempted at ECU; however, academic probation includes transfer hours," said Donald C. Joyner, assistant dean of the office of undergraduate studies. "Academic

probation requires students to maintain a certain GPA; however, failure to comply with university standards may result in suspension. If suspended, a student has the following three options: attend summer school, write a letter of appeal to the Readmission Appeals Committee, or accept the period of suspension and apply for

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readmission," Joyner said. Students who encounter academic difficulty may choose to receive assistance. A supplemental instruction program is offered through the office of undergraduate studies. "Our Supplemental Instruction (SI) leaders provide academic guidance through discussion groups to all interested students. SI leaders attend the class along with the students three times a week to

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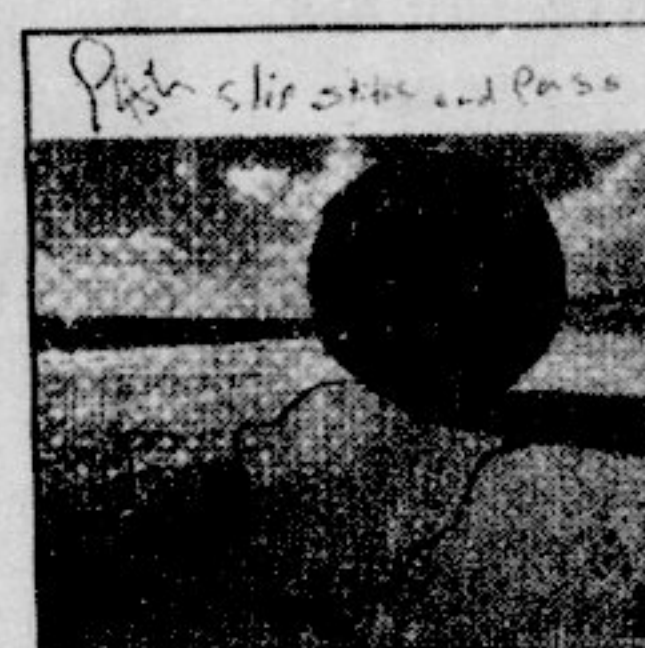


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New technology, programs, planning may bring classification upgrade for ECU

CRAIG D. RAMEY
STAFF WRITER

New departments, degrees and programs proposed for ECU's future could make the university one of the highest ranking institutions in the North Carolina university system.

The Science and Technology Department, along with ECU's Sports Medicine program, will be among those most affected.

New technology in the biology department has already been

shown, with appearances on both the Discovery Channel and the Sci-Fi Channel.

"This kind of technology will bring new interest to ECU, and with this new interest comes more money and more programs."

Richard Eakin
Chancellor

run while being filmed and then have the tape slowed down and studied by an expert team of scientists. This technology has been proven to shave milliseconds off an athlete's time.

"This kind of technology will bring new interest to ECU, and with this new interest comes more

money and more programs," said Chancellor Richard Eakin. "With all this growth, we hope to get more faculty and operating funds to accommodate our students. As far as our future plans go, I'm most excited about our new Science and Technology building. We just got approved for the planning of two PhD programs in biogenetics."

ECU also has one of the highest ranking teams for Coastal Resource Management. Scientists from all over the eastern seaboard come to ECU to compare notes on the growing problems of overpopulation in coastal areas and the burden it puts on estuaries.

"This type of research is crucial, and people are coming here to do it," Eakin said.

By 1998 ECU hopes to have a PhD program in medical biophysics as well. Other departments that will gain new PhD programs in the near future include the following: sociology, geology, biology, and the department of marine and coastal services.

With the addition of so many new programs and degrees, ECU will move up to a Doctorate II level. This type of classification can only be reached by holding a sufficient number of PhDs over a period of time.

This new classification means more funds and prestige for ECU," Eakin said. "I'm proud to say that at this point in ECU's history, we don't have to apologize to anybody. We are a top-notch university."

Both enrollment from and academic standards have increased.

"With all this growth, we hope to get more faculty and operating funds to accommodate our students," Eakin said.

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Academic Trouble

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discuss scholastic issues. Instructors teach students efficient and productive study techniques in a particular area of study," Joyner said.

Many departments offer tutorial programs. Computer aids, academic enhancement workshops, outreach programs, and individual conferences are additional sources for students experiencing academic difficulty.

Some academic programs are optional; however, academic warning or academic probation workshops are mandatory. Students are required to attend an Academic Success Workshop and to meet with their academic adviser.

Students are notified through the mail that "failure to attend one of these workshops will result in your record being tagged and you will be unable to adjust your schedule or register for further courses."

"Non-mandatory workshops are offered throughout the semester to everyone. There's no charge, but very few people consistently attend the meetings. Students can't take advantage of the program if they don't come," said Dorothy H. Muller, dean of the office of undergraduate studies.

During mandatory meetings, students are asked to complete a self-assessment form. This form lists the most common factors contributing to academic dilemmas. Over the last three years, the four most reported reasons for academic difficulty have been the following: lack of academic motivation, poor class attendance, poor test-taking skills, and an inadequate balance between extracurricular activities and class work.

"Poor academic performance is not always the result of a lack of knowledge. Academic transition and occupational uncertainty can make college an extremely stressful period. We encourage students to objectively look at their strengths and weaknesses. Through individual conferences and personal discussions we hope to guide students in the right direction," Joyner said.

"The university recognizes the importance of advising conferences between advisers and students," Muller said.

The adviser survey form is one of many methods used to help improve the overall college experience by improving advisement. Student participation is absolutely necessary; however, only 15 percent of the student population complete and return their forms.

"The office of undergraduate studies strongly encourages students to complete their adviser survey form. Another form will be released in March. This form can be completed in person or on the web. Either way, student participation is completely confidential. We hope more students will take this opportunity to voice their opinion," said Muller.

The adviser survey form is not the only method used to increase academic performance. The office of undergraduate studies offers grade calculation instruction, tips for college success, academic assistance resources and academic support centers.

"I encourage students to use the office of undergraduate studies as frequently as possible. Come in for an individual conference and discuss your goals with a qualified staff member. Although we are here to assist the student body, self-awareness tends to be the most valuable teacher. Be honest and truthful with yourself. Know your limitations and build on your strengths," Joyner said.

For more information about the office of undergraduate studies, visit Brewster A-113, call 328-6001, or visit the office web site under Academic Life on the ECU home page.

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Campus crime average for fall semester, police say

Larceny was top problem for students this fall

HOLLY HARRIS
NEWS WRITER

Crime on campus last semester stayed fairly average for the fall term, said Captain Johnnie Umphlet of the ECU police department.

The most problematic crime for university students — larceny — continued to be the most prevalent one this fall. In fact, though it may seem that theft would be easier for thieves in the

spring and summer when windows are left open and students get careless in the heat, Umphlet said crime actually declines around that time.

"Fall semesters tend to be a little more open for crime because you have a lot of new students who might not take precautions like they normally would," Umphlet said.

Umphlet cited examples of

students forgetting to lock dorm room doors, allowing people they don't know well to be in their rooms when they are not there, and neglecting to use a bike lock, (or using a cheap one that's easy to break into) as some of the chief causes of theft on campus.

The key is to make yourself a difficult target, Umphlet warns.

"In order to avoid becoming a victim of any crime be aware of

your surroundings. Go to [automated] tellers during the day, or with a friend if going at night, secure your items, and don't leave anything in your car," Umphlet said.

Though the university police have yet to receive their official figures for last year, they are confident that the department did its share to keep crime to a minimum on campus last year,

officials said. Through crime prevention programs, programs in residence halls and maintaining a constant patrol, the department seeks to keep everyone on campus safe and careful.

"Try to make it so hard to target you that the thief will go elsewhere...and trust your instincts. If you feel suspicious, give us a call," Umphlet said.

Online crime reporting site not used by students

Rewards available for tips leading to arrest, conviction

HOLLY HARRIS
NEWS WRITER

ECU has a crime tips service that can be reached via any computer, but this service, however, seems to be a well-kept secret.

Though the site can be found through ECU's own web page, it has only been used one time in the nearly eight months that it has been up.

"It hasn't worked too well, said Detective Mike Jordan of Campus Police. "When we put it up in June we had someone hit it, and nothing since."

Oddly enough the one hit the page received came on June 10 last year, only three days after the page appeared, and before the university had even publicized its presence. The tip received was drug information that was outdated because the students involved left in May. But Jordan says any information anyone may have about a crime is needed and would be useful.

"The main thing about doing it [the computerized tip line] is people don't want to come in. When people can just type, it's anonymous," Jordan said.

Jordan hopes the tip site, which was modeled after an innovative program at the University of Richmond, will see more use in the future. There hasn't even been any prank hits or misleading information — just the single hit in June.

One incentive to lure students into using the site is the possibility of getting money through the Crime Stoppers program. Crime Stoppers, an anonymous phone line in which the ECU police department participates along with the Greenville police department, provides payments for tips that lead to an arrest and conviction.

Each time a user visits the site they will be asked for their anonymous information; leaving a name, however, is an option. Jordan is the only person who checks the site, so all information given is highly confidential.

In the future each person who uses the site who will be assigned a tip number that will flash on the user's screen. This number can be used to contact Jordan with more relevant information or as an identification number for money award purposes. For now, though, the line is still lacking that feature, and anyone who reports information is welcome to call the police department anonymously or write again to give further information or track the impact of their tip.

"The big thing is that it's there for anyone to use; if you have any information, please let us know," Jordan said.

To get the word out, the police department plans to publish pamphlets, give out information about the site at all freshman orientations and put links to the crime tips page in more noticeable and accessible places.

To reach the page you can find it under the police pages or at the following address: <http://www.ecu.edu/police/ecupd.htm>. You may also contact Jordan directly at JORDANM@mail.ECU.EDU.

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ECU crime records more accessible than other campus departments

JENNIFER VICKERS
STAFF WRITER

ECU's crime records are more accessible than most other campus police departments.

"We are a police department. Our records fall under a records law," said Chief Thomas C. Younce, assistant director of the ECU Police Department.

ECU follows a public records act, unlike other universities which follow the Campus Security Act.

"This is much more open than what falls under the CSA," Younce said.

The Campus Security Act, a national law passed in 1990, is used on campuses that receive federal funds. This act states the requirements that campus police must follow. ECU is an exception and follows the Public Records Act.

"Arrest reports are a public record. We have a 911 system and all of our calls are recorded. Any arrest is public record. The name, address and sex is available to the public. The name and address of a complaining witness is public record. However, criminal investigation is not a public record. They have to be released by court order," Younce said.

The Public Record Law claims that the name or address of a complaining witness can be withheld if the information is "reasonably likely to pose a threat to the mental health, physical health, or personal safety of the complaining witness or materially compromise a continuing or future criminal investigation or criminal intelligence operation."

"We are much more open than what is required by the Campus



ECU police officer assists a student who is looking through the campus crime log which is located at the ECU police department.
PHOTO BY CLAY BUCK

Security Act. There is an amendment in Congress, but it won't affect how police departments handle crime records," Younce said.

The Public Record Law states: "Records of criminal investigations conducted by public law enforcement agencies or records of criminal intelligence information compiled by public law enforcement agencies are not public records as defined by G.S.

132-1. Records of criminal investigations conducted by public law enforcement agencies or records of criminal intelligence information may be released by order of a court of competent jurisdiction."

ECU's Police Department is no different than the Greenville Police Department when it comes to handling crime records. The only difference is that ECU is involved with crimes that occur on

campus.

"What we're reporting occurs in our jurisdiction, which is our property of ECU. A crime off-campus isn't in our records," Younce said.

The public records law is number 132-1.4, and is located in chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes. The Campus Security Act can be looked up on the internet at this address: www.soconline.org/csa/index.html.

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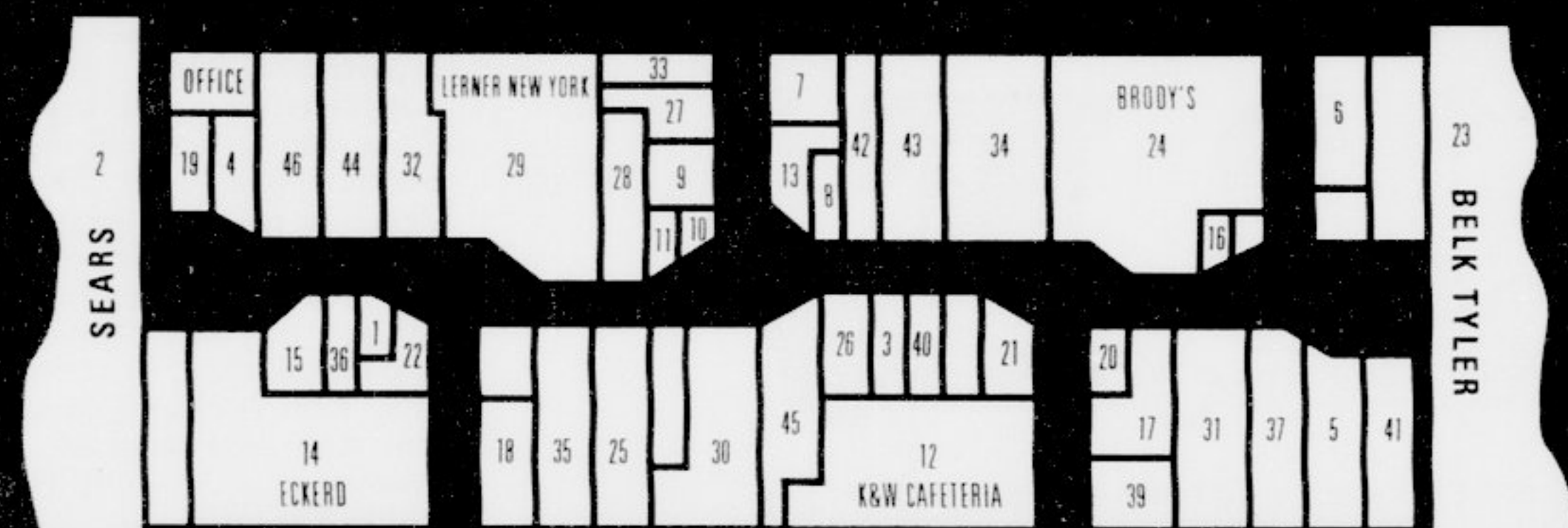
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our view

While the Pirate we all know as Pee Dee will remain near and dear in our hearts forever, ECU has changed its image.

Although university colors will remain purple and gold and Pee Dee the Pirate will still cheer with the fans at games, updated word markings and symbols will boost the already existing ECU marks to provide a tougher, sleeker university image.

The newer logos and markings do a fine job in promoting a successful future for ECU athletics. The tougher, bolder image is the athletic department's effort to present the university as bigger, better, and stronger than its opponents.

These are by far the most creative and original of all of the images ECU has seen in its history, so even if you are one who doesn't like change, it is more than likely that you will still be impressed.

The older marks and logos will still be used; the newer ones are a mere revision of the past. ECU has worked its way onto the national scene with Pee Dee and the older logos, so to discontinue using them would be unreasonable.

In support of the athletic department's efforts to bring new logos to ECU, as students, faculty and staff, we must show our appreciation and approval by purchasing the new merchandise, available through several local retailers.

The logos, designed with the intention of carrying ECU into a new year also a new century, can only be successful with the support of its student body and community. It is up to you, Pirate fans.

You can still wear all of those purple and gold shirts that you have collected throughout the years, you can still come to the games with a black patch over your right eye, and you can still tailgate before the football games (God forbid if that were ever taken away!) But please, wear your new logo and wear it with pride. Join the university's effort to show the world that we are indeed up there with the best of collegiate athletics and academics.

All retailers of ECU merchandise will be carrying the new logo, including Overton's and Walmart, and of course, Dowdy Student Stores.

LETTER to the Editor

Do your part: vote in upcoming elections

On Thursday, Jan. 8, as I flipped back and forth between news broadcasts, I saw the excitement in all the peoples' eyes as the new ECU logos were being introduced. This event even brought a smile to Coach Steve Logan's face — hopefully the Pepto Bismol is no longer a part of his life.

It seems as though every new day brings more excitement, knowing that we will always be a part of this great institution. Right before our eyes we are being primed for national exposure — exposure that will only bring more respect in the future. We have paid our dues to the collegiate gods and now is our time to enjoy the success that we have worked so hard for.

Thanks to the greatest chancellor the university has ever seen, the best football coach in the country and the most competent supporting cast ever assembled, we can one day return to our homes around the country, grinning from ear to ear. Wow, I love this place!

So what is it that students can do to make the university better? Vote in this semester's SGA elections: that is what we can do. By helping SGA to reach our goal of 5,000 voters this semester, we, as students, can show we are doing our part in making ECU the best it can be. It is apparent that voting on a statewide basis is very poor. You do not have to have biochemistry under your belt to figure out that something needs to be done. You do, however, have to care how \$165,000 of your student fees is being appropriated.

We here at ECU have an opportunity to rise above the rest in yet another area by simply voting in this semester's elections. If we can focus our attention on putting the right people in office, our university will continue to make its way to the top. Yes, we, as students, are in control of our own futures. The responsibility this time falls on us as students. The faculty and staff have been doing their part to increase ECU's appeal. Now our job is to

vote and make ECU proud.

One week prior to election day, the legislators of the SGA will have information on every candidate so we can make the best decision when voting. There will be a table in front of the Student Stores, much like that encountered at Homecoming. Pictures, class and a list of issues for each candidate will be supplied.

It has been a tremendous year in the legislature meeting; almost every position has been filled with dependable students. We now need your help in making the Student Government Association the best it can be. As I stated earlier, we here at ECU have an incredible opportunity to set the pace for voter participation among every school in the UNC system. All we have to do is fill in a few circles. Help us take pride in saying "GO PIRATES!"

Jonathan Huggins
Senior
Nutrition



OPINION Columnist

Jeff BERGMAN

Watch out; here come predictions



1998 will bring more warning about the millennium bug...

Another Kennedy will die...

'98 is an election year...

We have less than a year to ban one song: "1999."

Seeing as how everybody else made predictions for the coming year, I figure I might as well use my psychic powers to see into the coming year. After hours of meditation and a few pots of coffee, I started "having visions" or delusions, whichever.

1998 will bring more warning about the millennium bug. The oh-so-smart computer programmers

thought they had solved every problem. We can watch movies with dinosaurs, see the Titanic sink and get a 3-D graphical interpretation of how O.J. supposedly committed a couple of murders. But we can not get a computer to add past ninety-nine? Brilliant guys, just brilliant. Another Kennedy will die. Given this family's track record, I would seriously consider giving myself up for adoption if I were one of them.

'98 is an election year, so here are some of my election predictions. The person with the most votes will win the election. I think one of these people might be Geraldine Ferraro. She has an excellent chance of winning. If she does not, she can always go back to appearing in Pepsi ads and TV shows.

I have a good feeling that the Democrats will pick up a few seats in the Senate and the House; call it a gut feeling.

The Republicans will be running on a cut taxes platform, especially around here. Eyeing a budget surplus, the Republicans will continue with their short-sighted vision and try to buy votes by promising to return the money to the people. Never mind the social-security system is falling apart like the Mir. Forget about the

exorbitant debt our government owes; we want tax breaks.

Once again, the Republicans will be running on the family values and Christian Coalition platform. Family values, I hope you know what they are. Family values are when you ask your wife for a divorce while she is in the hospital under going cancer treatment (see Newt Gingrich).

The Democrats will also be preaching tax cuts, but only because the Republicans are doing the same. Child care and schools seem to be on the agenda for this year. We have to do something for the kids after we took away their parents' support under the welfare reform legislation.

Just a reminder we have less than a year to ban one song. Now, I am the last person on the face of the Earth who feels we must ban any song, book, web page or thought. With this song I am willing to make an exception. The song is performed by the idiot formerly known as Prince. The song "1999" will played relentlessly on the radio for one year, 365 days, 52 weeks, 31,536,000 seconds.

Oh, and as for my New Year's resolution, I am still trying to keep 1994's resolution: I resolved not to make any more resolutions.

"The only difference between the expression of an opinion and an incitement in the narrower sense is the speaker's enthusiasm for the result. Eloquence may set fire to reason."

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Supreme Court Justice, 1924

LETTER to the Editor

Dining Hall employees should be sanitary

There are many things that go on in the dining halls that many people do not know about. Many people just come in and get their lunch or dinner without noticing the many unhealthy practices that some of the employees of the dining hall have. These things need to be brought to the attention of everyone in order for the problem to be solved.

On many instances, I have been in the cafeteria and noticed these unsafe practices take place. There are particular "repeat offenders" who always seem to be doing these unhealthy things.

One particular employee, who shall remain nameless, has served me food without protective gloves on several instances. This is a health

risk to everyone he serves and it must be stopped. The simple task of wearing gloves and using the proper, clean serving equipment can save many people from potential sickness which could occur due to the spread of germs. This employee, as observed by myself as well, has also contaminated food and the utensil he was using to prepare the food.

On this occasion, the employee took a spatula and raked it onto the side of a nearby trash can. Then he immediately proceeded to use the very same spatula to prepare and serve food. This, to me, seems to be something worthy of attention, not to mention it is very disgusting.

These instances, as described

above, and many that were not mentioned, all took place in Todd Dining Hall; but the same sort of things most likely occur in the other dining halls as well. I filed a suggestion card about these instances and gave it to the manager of Todd Dining Hall. Some improvements have been made, but only a few. I feel it necessary for all of the people who eat in the dining halls to know that these things happen right under their noses, and hope that there can be something done about it if more people are aware that these things go on.

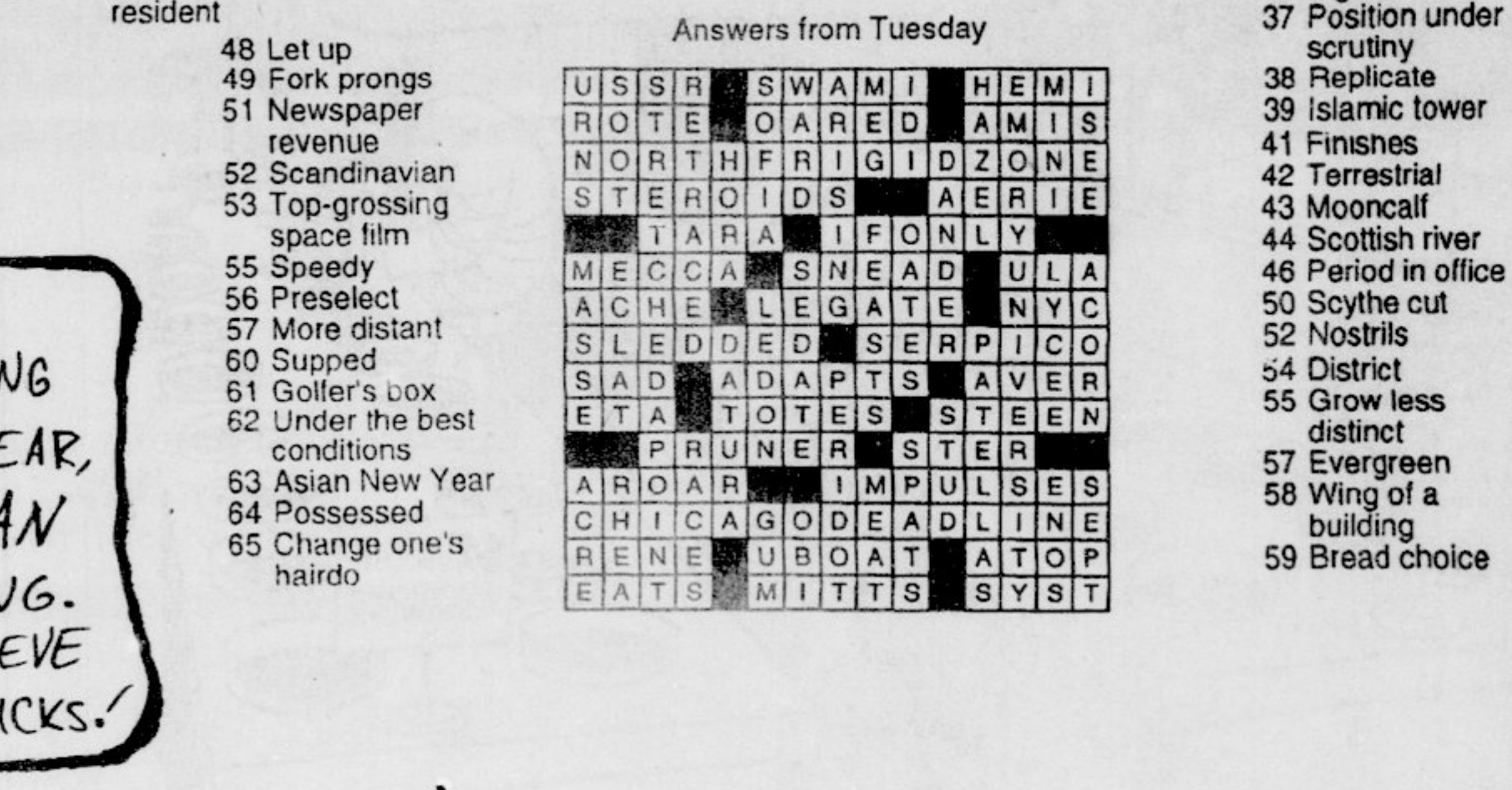
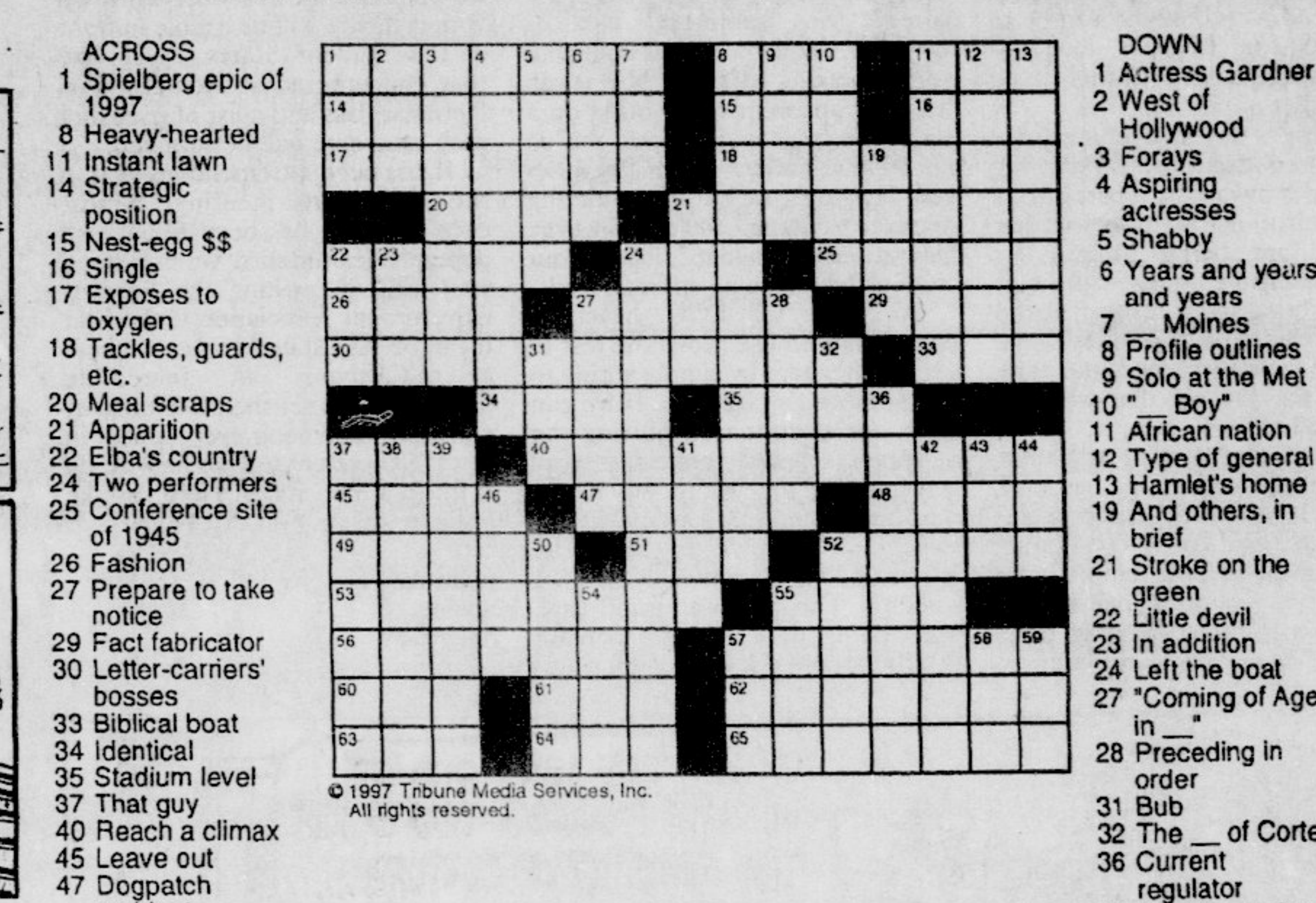
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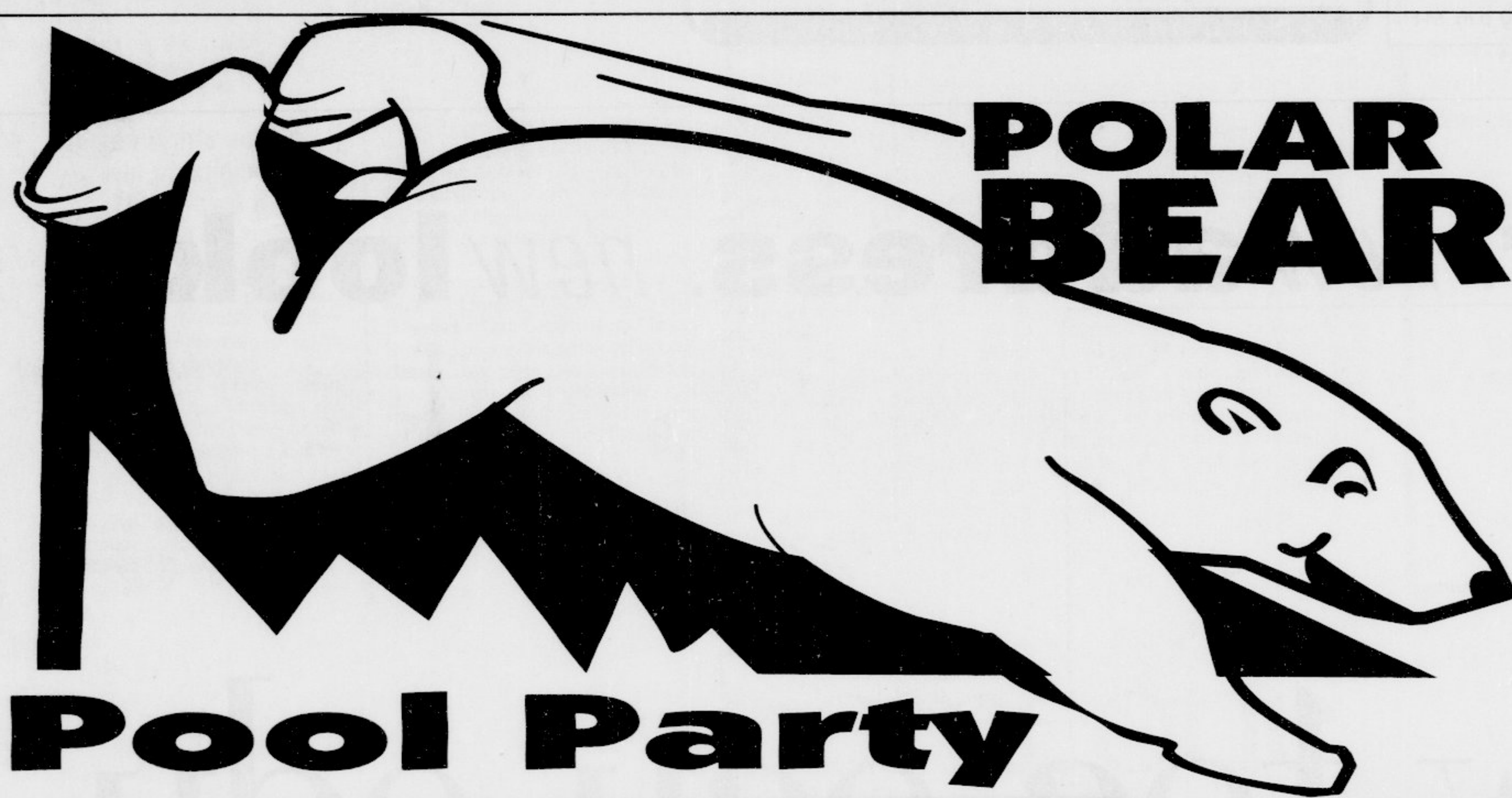
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Through the years...

Athletics hoping for promising future ahead



The upper deck of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium will be complete by the start of the upcoming football season and will increase the total seating capacity by 8,000.

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STEVE LOSEY
SENIOR WRITER

Past

ECU Athletics... A look back to the beginning years

- 1909** Purple and gold selected by students as official university colors
- 1913** Athletic League established to coordinate recreational activities
- 1932** Intercollegiate football at ECU emerged
- 1934** ECU identified as the "Pirates"
- 1941** Only undefeated football team in history
- 1961** ECU inducted into the NCAA
- 1963** Dedication of Ficklen Stadium
- 1964** ECU admitted to the Southern Conference
- 1965** Scales Field House, Sports Medical Center, and Pirate Club House opened
- 1967** Minges Coliseum constructed
- 1975** Ficklen stadium equipped with new lighting system
- 1977** ECU withdraws from Southern Conference to become independent
- 1978** Ficklen stadium expanded to 35,000 seats
- 1991** ECU football earns #9 national ranking
- 1997** ECU inducted into Conference USA

Every new year finds students anticipating a new semester and athletic season. While students pack the stands and await the next game of 1998, many know little about past athletes who have played at ECU.

The ECU swimming team has come a long way over four coaches and 44 years. It began as a men's only sport in 1953 and stayed that way until the addition of the women's team in 1977. Nephie Jorgenson was the swimming team's first coach.

The 1953-54 season was short and unremarkable. It—and Jorgenson's tenure as coach—ended after only one victory and four losses. Ray Martinez became the head coach in 1954 and began to build what would become an impressive swimming program.

Jorgenson's time spent as coach was marked by both notable seasons and struggling ones. Martinez coached the Pirates to the NAIA National Championships in 1957 and 1959. In 1962, his team was NCAA College Division Runners-Up. In 1967, Martinez was replaced by Ray Scharf and inducted into the East Carolina Athletics Hall of Fame in 1979. He ended his career as ECU's swimming coach with a record of 62 victories and 69 defeats.

The swimming program was expanded to include women when Scharf's was time spent as coach. Scharf's swimming team broke even for three of his first four seasons as head coach. In 1971, they had a 7-5 season, beginning a nine-season winning streak that would only be broken in 1980, when the swimming team had a 2-5 season. Two years later, Rick Kobe would succeed Scharf as the head coach for both the men's and women's swimming teams. Scharf had 113 total victories and 87 losses during his time at ECU. Kobe has been the head coach for men's and women's swimming since 1982. Since then, he has led them to victory after victory. After fifteen years at ECU, he has coached the swimming team to an unprecedented level. He has recorded 245 victories and 96 losses and, this year, the women's team is looking toward winning a



The renovated athletic fields have been put to great use by ECU students.

PHOTO BY JONATHAN GREEN

record-setting fourth consecutive CAA championship. Minges Aquatic Center has seen its fair share of changes over the years as well. Minges was completed in 1967 and quickly gained respect as one of the premiere collegiate swimming arenas in the nation. The 1968 National Senior Men's Indoor Swimming and Diving Championships, Conference Swimming and Diving Championships, and the 1983, 1992, and 1994 CAA championships. The filters in the Minges Aquatic Center were updated in 1982 and an eight-lane Colorado electric timing system was added. The touch-sensitive timer has an accuracy of .005 seconds, more or less eliminating ties.

East Carolina's football team first appeared in a bowl in 1953 when they were known as the East Carolina College Pirates. They lost the Lions Bowl to Clarion College 13-0 and then were beaten by Morris-Harvey, 12-0, in the 1954 Elks Bowl. The Pirates made three bowl appearances in the 1960's and carried trophies away from all three. They defeated Northeastern 27-6 in the 1963 Eastern Bowl before appearing in the Tangerine Bowl twice. ECU trailed the 1964 game, against Massachusetts 13-6 until the fourth quarter, when a touchdown and a two-point conversion snatched East Carolina their second bowl victory. Having shown crowds their skill on the field, the Pirates returned to the Tangerine Bowl in 1965, crushing Maine in a 31-0 blowout.

Unfortunately, that would be the last time for 13 years that the Pirates would appear in a bowl game.

The Pirates traveled to Shreveport, Louisiana in 1978 to play Louisiana Tech in the Independence Bowl. Some things had changed about the Pirates in the interim, most notably East Carolina's change from a college to a university, but one thing didn't change: the quality of their football. ECU beat Louisiana Tech in a 35-13 rout. Unfortunately, it would once again be over a decade before the Pirates would appear in a bowl.

The 1990's have been a landmark decade for ECU's football team. The Pirates have appeared in three bowls so far, won two of them, and endured a lengthy expansion of Dowdy-Ficklen stadium. In 1992, the Pirates received their first bowl bid in fourteen years. They played NC State at the Peach Bowl and won, 37-34. Two years later, they appeared in the St. Jude Liberty Bowl and were shut out by Illinois, 30-0. In 1995, the Pirates returned to the Liberty Bowl and defeated Stanford 19-13 in a game won by Chad Holcomb's four field goals.

ECU's bowl record is 6-3. Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium was originally called James Skinner Ficklen Memorial Stadium. Chancellor Leo Jenkins announced plans for ECC's own stadium in 1961. After a year, the school had raised \$283,387 to go towards the stadium, though they had originally only planned to raise

\$200,000. The stadium was dedicated in 1963 and ECC celebrated with a 20-10 victory over Wake Forest. Ficklen was President of the E.B. Ficklen Tobacco Company of Greenville and founder of the Ficklen Foundation, an institution to provide financial aid for ECC's students. After the 1974 season, the aging light poles were replaced with a series of six towers. Before the 1978 season opened, an expansion increased seating capacity from 20,000 to 35,000, making Ficklen Memorial Stadium the third largest in North Carolina. The \$2.5 million raised for the expansion also made the construction of the press box and scoreboard possible. In 1994, Ron and Mary Ellen Dowdy presented ECU with a gift of \$1 million, which went towards the expansion of the stadium. After numerous delays and difficulties with construction, the expansion was completed and the renamed Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium now seats 48,000 people.

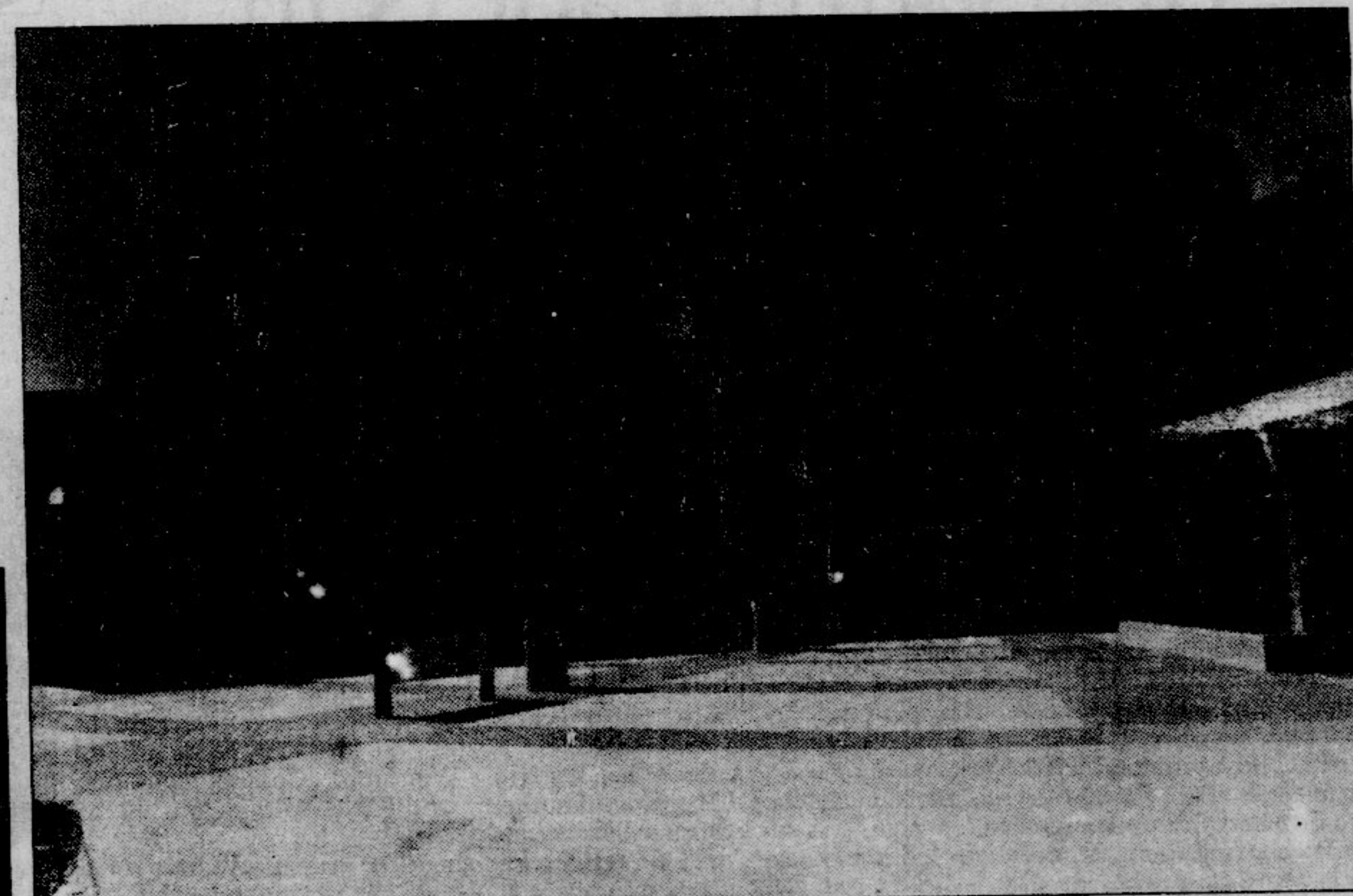
ECU's men's basketball program began in 1931. The program was in some disarray for many years. Until Howard Porter became head coach in 1947, no coach stayed for longer than three years. The team's record was erratic. A winning season would be followed by a losing season, and vice versa. Porter stayed at East Carolina for 12 years without a losing season. Twice, Porter coached the Pirates to first place in North State Conference.

ECU's basketball team achieved national prominence in 1993, when the Pirates took center stage in their own Cinderella story. The Pirates entered the Richfood-Colonial Tournament as the seventh seed, but shocked all when they proceeded to plow through the opposition. ECU first upset second ranked Old Dominion, 73-67, and went on to defeat the sixth seed, UNC Wilmington, 55-50. The Pirates took their rightful place at the top of the Colonial Athletic Association after a 54-49 victory over first ranked James Madison.

The Pirates went on to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1972. Their first opponent was the No. 1 ranked North Carolina Tarheels. The Tarheels, who would go on to win the national championship, defeated the Pirates 85-65. However, during the brief moment the spotlight was on East Carolina, they were able to win respect for the way they handled the Tarheel defense.

Lady Pirate basketball was begun in 1969 and, under the direction of Head Coach Catherine Bolton, had seven straight winning seasons. Bolton coached the Lady Pirates to victory in the 1973 AIAW Region II Tournament. In 1978, Bolton was replaced by Cathy Andruzzi, who went without a losing season until her last one, in 1984. Under Andruzzi, the Lady Pirates won the 1984 ECAC Tournament. The present coach for the Lady Pirates, Anne Donovan, began her career as head coach in 1995 and has just begun her third season.

ECU's Pirates have come a long way since they began, and have grown with the school. Now is a particularly exciting time to be a Pirate fan, with an athletic program that is beginning to receive national attention. Decisive bowl victories and the boost ESPN coverage has given ECU is helping the Pirates earn what they have wanted all along: respect.



The Student Recreation Center, which opened in January of 1997, has been one of campus's most recent successes.

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The Ward Sports Medicine Building is home to many athletic offices and training facilities.

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Future

What does the future hold for ECU Athletics?

Opening of the 8,000 seat expansion in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

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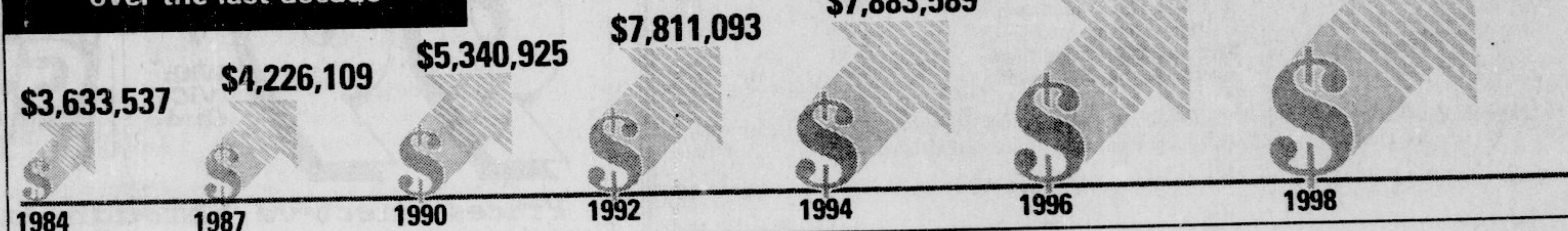
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A new women's sport will be added by the year 2,000 (specific sport to be announced)

Growth in the athletic budget over the last decade



Big South leaders in search of season repeat

Lady Pirates listed again as top conference team

JEREMY ANDERSON
SENIOR WRITER

Lady Pirate softball coach Tracey Kee has a right to be optimistic about the upcoming season. Despite losing four key starters, the Pirates are picked to be one of the top teams in the Big South Conference.

The Pirates will be hard pressed to top last season's performance, which included a school record 49 wins en route to the Big South regular season championship and a second place tournament finish.

Kee, 1997 Big South Coach of the Year, will once again look to junior Isonette Polonius to lead the young club, which only boasts five upperclassmen. Polonius was an All-Conference selection last year and led the Lady Pirates in home runs.

"She was our all-everthing player last year," Kee said.

The main reason the Lady Pirates are so highly favored to return to the top of the conference may be their pitching staff. The Pirates added freshman pitcher Lisa Paganini to a bullpen, which includes sophomore Denise Reagan and seniors Jami Bendle and Christi Valevich.

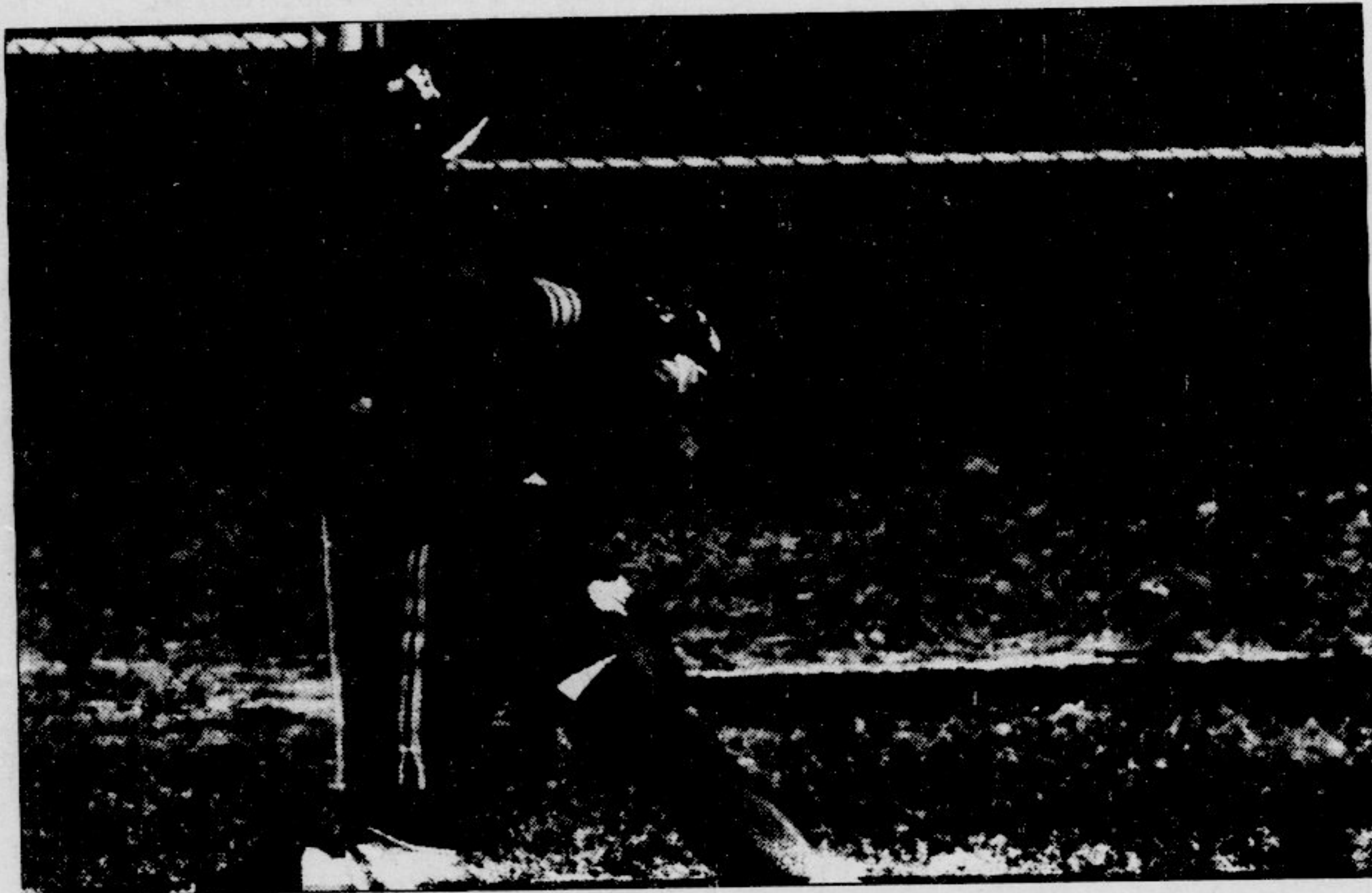
"We are loaded with pitchers. We probably have two more pitchers than anyone else in the conference," Kee said.

The Lady Pirates will find their first real test of the season with their season opener in Chapel Hill against ACC opponent North Carolina on February 14th.

"That game will be a good judge of where we are as a team," Kee said.

The Pirates home opener will be the Pirate Classic, lasting from February 27 through March 1, here in Greenville. The Pirates will host UNC-Greensboro, UNC-Chapel Hill, Winthrop, Coastal Carolina, Charleston Southern, and UNC-Wilmington, all of which will be double headers.

"I am very excited about the season. We have some highly talented kids. We are just lacking some [NCAA] Division I game experience," Kee said.



Lady Pirate Isonette Polonius is expected to drive in a lot of runs for ECU Softball this season, as she led the team in home runs last season and was selected to the All-Conference team in 1997.

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The following survey is to help the Pirate Club and East Carolina University Athletics better serve the student of our university. Please take one minute of your time to read the survey and fill it out as completely as possible and return it to the address at the bottom of the survey. To encourage you to respond the Pirates Club will have a drawing for one sweatshirt with the new Pirate logo on February 15. Please fill out at least your first name and a way to be contacted in the area provided. When on campus, you may drop it in the campus mail for free. Thank you for making our university better.

1. Do you know there is a student organization on campus called the Student Pirate Club (SPC)?
Yes ☐ No ☐
2. If you were a member of the SPC, what kind of membership benefits would you want to receive?
A. Bus trips to big away games
B. Socials before ball games
C. Ability to pick up a seasons ticket
D. Pep rallies
E. T-shirt
F. Other _____
3. If you were a member of the SPC, what kind of activities would you want to participate in?
A. Bus trips to big away games
B. Socials before ball games
C. Interaction with ECU coaches
D. Pep rallies
E. Other _____
4. Do you regularly attend the following ECU Athletic events?
A. Football
B. Men's Basketball
C. Women's Basketball
D. Baseball
E. Other sports _____
5. Would you attend more games if there were a special SPC seating area?
Yes ☐ No ☐
6. If you do not regularly attended any of these events, what are the reasons you choose not to attend? (comment) _____
7. Where do you go to get information regarding the ECU Athletic events? (comment) _____
8. What does ECU Athletics need to do encourage students to attend athletic events? (comment) _____

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Track and field teams strive for higher goals

Focus lies on program's future

STEPHEN SCHRAMM
SENIOR WRITER

The ECU Men's and Women's track teams enter this season hoping to improve on last year's successes. However, the similarities end there. The women's team has strategically shuffled personnel in an effort to make a championship caliber line-up for future seasons. For the men's team the future is now. They hope their stable of talented sprinters will carry them to new levels in 1998.

In 1997, the ECU men's track team showed that they compete on a higher level than any other team in the school.

"We qualified for the NCAA's, we set a school record for the 4x400 relay. I think we had a good season," said men's head coach Bill Carson.

With most of last year's squad intact, the outlook for 1998 is promising.

"This year we have a lot of potential," Carson said. "They're all back."

The only runners missing this year are Brian Johnson and Dwight Henry. Also gone is All-America sprinter Damon Davis, who left the team to devote his

time to football.

The football team gained Davis, but lost Ramondo North, who decided to compete exclusively for Carson and ECU track.

"[Ramondo] can be great at anything he wants to do," Carson said. "He will be a great addition."

The Pirates also welcome a transfer from St. Augustine's, Lynn Stewart. The team also has a strong recruiting class which features Tyrone Dozier, the state quarter mile champ; the state 100m record holder, Chris Justice; Georgia's Vaughn Johnson and Goldsboro's John Twitty.

The Pirates will face stiff competition from their conference opponents.

"The CAA is probably the best it's ever been. UNC-W has done well. George Mason is always strong. James Madison recruited for their weaknesses and William and Mary is always good," Carson said.

In addition to the CAA, the Pirates will compete in a series of prestigious outdoor meets against teams from around the country. In recent years the program relied on their strong tradition of excellent sprinters to carry the bulk of the scoring load. This strategy hindered the team when competing against the more well rounded CAA teams, but was an advantage at the higher profile meets.

"I made the decision years ago that it would be better if we ran this program as an elite team and not as a conference team," Carson said.

"I look for us to be in the top four in big meets," Carson said.

Competing well at the big meets is what defines a successful program.

"We compete on a higher level than any other sport in the school. We compete head to head with the big conferences and we compete equally," Carson said.

The ECU women's team will enter the 1998 season without many of last year's main contributors. Among those absent are 1997 rookie of the year Rashica Barrow; winner of the hammer throw at the Penn Relays Michelle Clayton and Shauntae Hill. All three were redshirted as part of Head Coach "Choo" Justice's plan to stock a future team for a conference title.

"Two years from now we will be really set to make a run at the conference championship."



Leana Anding of the women's track team will compete in the triple jump and the long jump this season.

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Probably in a better position than we would be in this year," Justice said.

Though the season will be run with an eye towards the future, to label this season a rebuilding year would be a mistake. The 1998 Pirate squad features veterans, Missy Johnson, a school record holder in the hurdles; sprinters Kai Eason and Nicky Gons. Also returning is former conference high jump champion, Sandra Teel.

This year's team also features a trio of talented freshmen. Kiona Kirkpatrick began her career at ECU by breaking the school record in the 400 meters at a meet in mid-December.

Joining Kirkpatrick is fellow freshman, Mashan Williams.

"I'm really excited about her," Justice said. "She's going to do some great things before she's done."

Rounding out the threesome is Michelle Clayton's little sister, Margaret.

She's picking up right where Michelle left off," Justice said.

Teel, who was sidelined last year with a knee injury, will compete in the pentathlon as well as the high jump this season. This is due to a strategy employed by coach Justice.

"We're looking for ways that we can take the girls and stretch and get more points out of them," Justice said. "We've got to take advantage of our athletic ability in having our girls do more than one or two events."

The team's changes in personnel and strategy have not affected their original goals.

"We want to try and get as many girls to the Eastern Championships as we can, and try and get girls to the NCAA," Justice said.

However the team's main goal remains the conference crown.

Though more serious bids for a conference crown lay in the future for the women's team, the 1998 Pirates should not be counted out.

"This year is going to be a lot of growing and learning. I still think that we can have our best season ever," Justice said.

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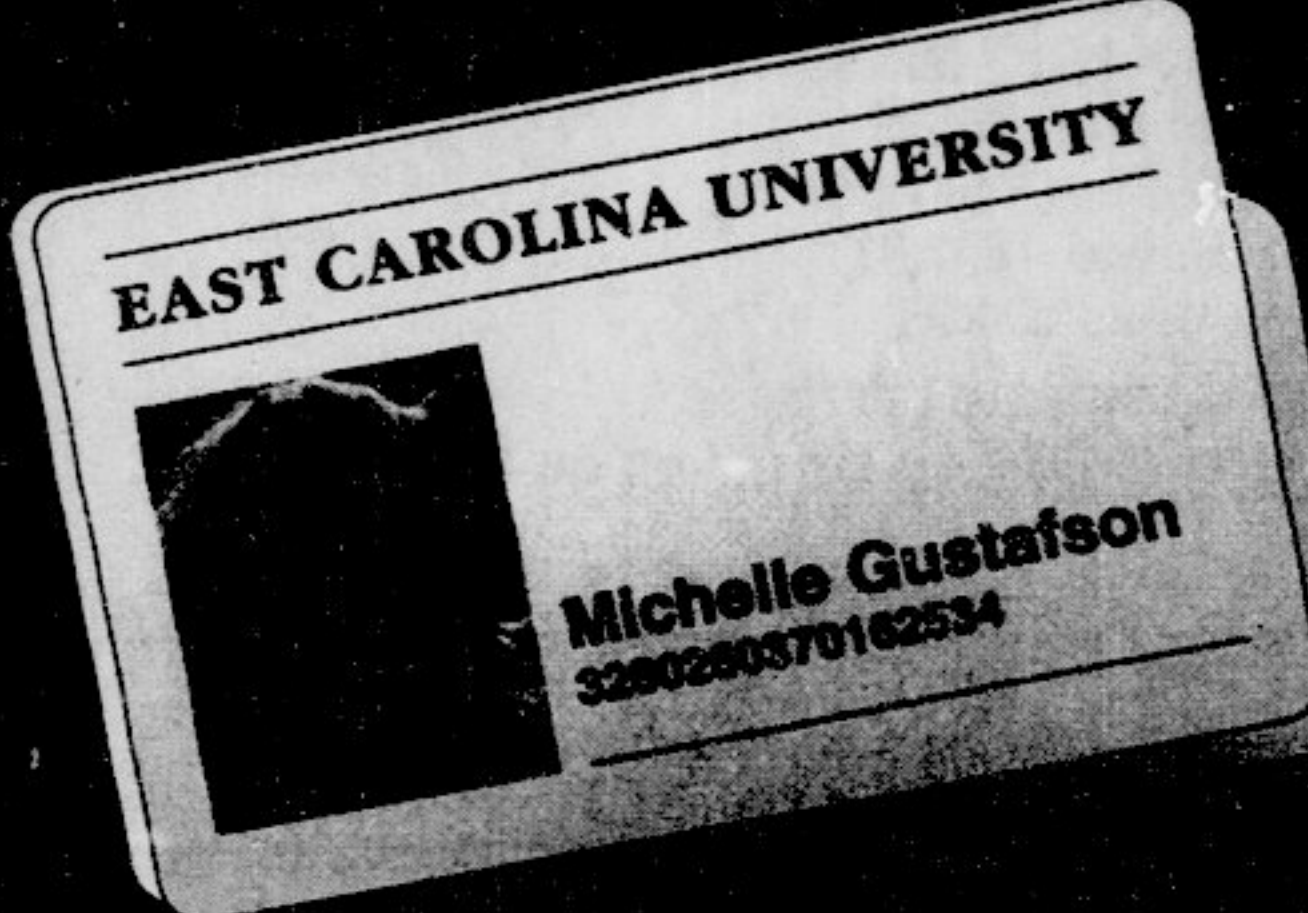
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Is the NCAA justified in its policy to deny media credentials to advertisers of sports wagering?



Tracy Laubach, a sophomore communications major who hopes to pursue a career in journalism

Athletes' rights are what matter the most

TRACY M. LAUBACH
SPORTS EDITOR

The NCAA is attempting to enforce that wagering be eliminated from the sports scene, a policy seen justifiable and reasonable to any person who really knows what athletics are all about. While many editors argue that the NCAA's policy to deny media credentials to advertisers of gambling is a violation of their rights as stated in the First Amendment, others, such as myself, are more concerned for the rights of the athletes.

For the sake of those who have forgotten, giving one team the edge over another is not what should be happening in the world of sports. It is only fair that each team heads into a game with a 50/50 chance of coming out with a win, and because of tout sheets and sports wagering, that is not always the case.

Whether an athlete is sending a ball to the hoop at the

buzzer, rushing 100 yards to the endzone for a game-ending touchdown victory, or slamming a home run in the ninth inning of a championship game, sports is about teamwork, commitment and dedication—not betting.

Because sports wagering is not only illegal (in every state except for Nevada) but also a violation of the standards set forth by NCAA officials, the participating media should be willing to forfeit tout sheet advertising in exchange for media credentials they see necessary. In situations in which such media refuses to cooperate, the NCAA has every right to refuse the release of press material.

Policies and standards are established by the NCAA based on what is in the best interest of the athletes. How fair would it be to knowingly allow circumstances to exist that could possibly effect game results? While some would argue that such bias would never occur on a field or court, others would argue that politics have affected calls and final scores in the past, and without regulation to prohibit such violations of integrity, will persist to be a problem in the future.

By taking action, the NCAA is demonstrating it's strong value for honesty. Each game can have only one winner and as an information source,

advertisers need to sit back and let the crown go to the one who earned it fair and square.

New baseball coach has high hopes for team

LeClair brings successful style to ECU Athletics

PAUL KAPLAN
SENIOR WRITER

After 29 wins and 27 losses last season the ECU men's baseball team has a new head coach. Coach Keith LeClair came to ECU from Western Carolina for many reasons, highest on his list was because of ECU's history and tradition of a strong baseball team.

"ECU's tradition of great baseball teams attracted me. ECU has had a rich tradition of baseball, which I hope will come back," LeClair said.

"East Carolina presented me with an opportunity to be a part of a top 25 team and have a chance to

possibly go to the college World Series. I really like the location and growth of the school and also the academic standards are a quality to any student athlete," LeClair added.

LeClair played at Western Carolina University for four years, starting his last two years. After college, LeClair played for the Braves organization at the "A" ball level and also played a short while with the Giants organization. After LeClair's career in professional baseball was over he went to work as an assistant coach at Western Carolina for the '89-'90 season.

Then, in the summer of 1991, he was promoted to head coach of Western Carolina. In his first season, the team was ranked in the top 25, went to the college World Series and ended with a 44-21 winning record. In LeClair's next four seasons, Western won 40 or more games twice and in the 1994 season, he led Western Carolina to a record breaking 45-17 winning



HEAD BASEBALL COACH
KEITH LECLAIR

season. Last year, he finished his career at Western Carolina by winning the tournament at Florida State University.

"At Western Carolina, we played in the Southern Conference and we went up against all the big boys, similar to the current East Carolina schedule with the sixth toughest conference in the nation the Colonial Conference," LeClair said.

LeClair has many expectations for this upcoming season.

"I expect everyone to play hard, work harder than our opponents and take pride in the little things on and off the field. I believe that

if you take care of the little things, the big things will take care of themselves," LeClair said.

LeClair is hoping to keep with the same type of coaching style he has used throughout his career and has made teams successful.

"I want my players to believe that no matter who we play, we're going to beat them; we're going to compete on the highest level possible," Coach LeClair said.

"I'm really excited about this upcoming season. The kids have been working extremely hard and have done everything that I have asked. Also working with me I have an outstanding coaching staff, made up of Randy Maze, Tommy Fason, and George Whitefield."

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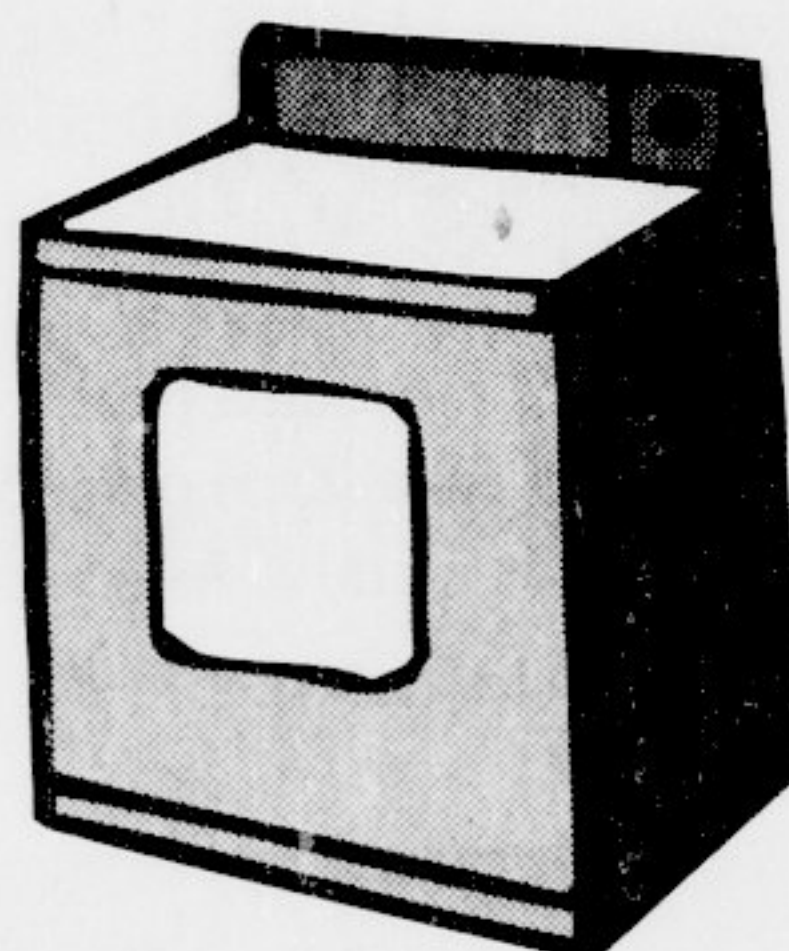
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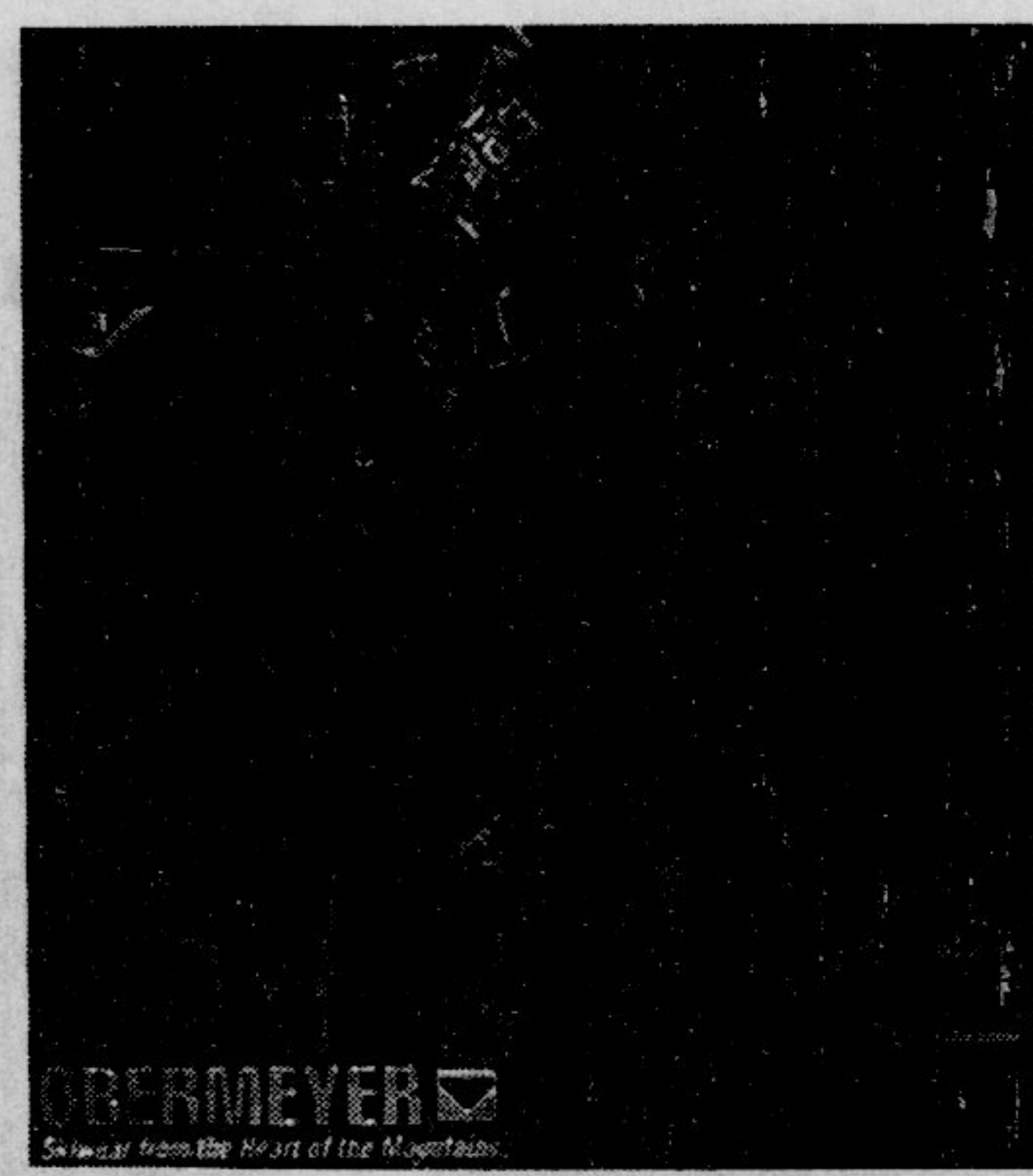


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JENNIFER ALEXANDER
STAFF WRITER

As the 1997-98 basketball season rolls into action, both Pirate teams plan for successful seasons. Eleven Pirate games will be televised this season.

"I think it's great that women's basketball is receiving more publicity," sophomore Misty Home said. "Hopefully in the future women's basketball at ECU will be shown more."

Home Team Sports, Fox Sports South, Channel 9 WNCT and Channel 7 WITN will broadcast the 11 Pirate games this season.

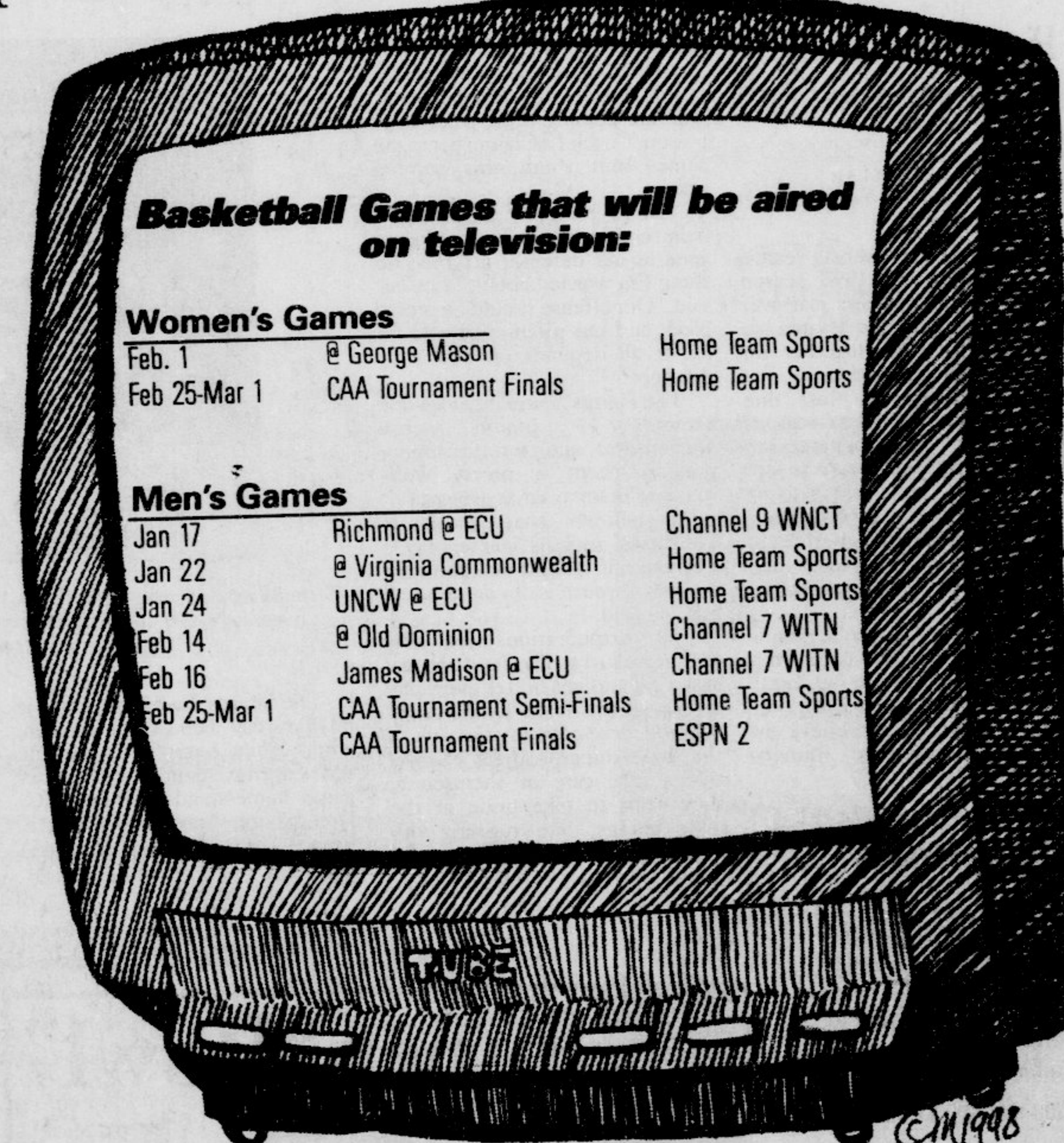
"I feel really good about the TV coverage," sophomore Melanie Gillem said. "I only wish we had more. Women need more respect in basketball and this is how it starts."

The Lady Pirates will receive television coverage on Sunday Feb. 1. They travel to George Mason. The game will be shown on Home Team Sports. Tip-off is set for 2:30 p.m.

"I think it's great we're getting on television," Head Coach Anne Donovan said. "I really think we need more women's basketball

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Basketball Games that will be aired on television:

Women's Games

Feb. 1	@ George Mason	Home Team Sports
Feb 25-Mar 1	CAA Tournament Finals	Home Team Sports

Men's Games

Jan 17	Richmond @ ECU	Channel 9 WNCT
Jan 22	@ Virginia Commonwealth	Home Team Sports
Jan 24	UNCW @ ECU	Home Team Sports
Feb 14	@ Old Dominion	Channel 7 WITN
Feb 16	James Madison @ ECU	Channel 7 WITN
Feb 25-Mar 1	CAA Tournament Semi-Finals	Home Team Sports
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shown on TV. At least this is a start."

So far this season the Lady Pirates seem to be improving. As the season progresses they are pulling together and trying to improve their record from last year.

"I think we got off to a slow start, but we pulled together and beat Wake Forest," Gillem said. "If we keep the same enthusiasm and focus throughout the other games as we did during the Wake Forest game, we'll do fine."

Donovan is hoping to pick up where the team left off last season. "I really felt this was the year that we were going to build on what we accomplished last season," Donovan said. "I have to honestly say that thus far we

haven't done that."

After losing three key seniors last year, the team doesn't seem worried about replacing them. The Lady Pirates have to replace their leading scorer and rebounder.

"Shay Hayes is a key player because of her experience," Home said. "She has a do-anything-to-win attitude. We are extremely young and she has provided strong leadership."

Along with Hayes, sophomore Danielle Melvin also provides leadership.

"I think Shay is a leader because she is a senior," Gillem said. "She is really stepping in and getting the rebounds. Danielle is only a sophomore, but she is sort of the emotional leader. She will be a

great leader by her senior year."

Donovan doesn't seem worried about how the team will fill the shoes of the lost seniors.

"I don't think we are going to replace them," Donovan said. "I think a combination of players will fill the points and rebounds. We have three sophomores, two of which are starting (Home and Melvin) and one that comes off the bench (Melanie Gillem) that really let's us expand. They have all played a number of minutes as freshman so they come back as very experienced sophomores."

Last season the Lady Pirates surprised everyone by making it to the finals of the Colonial Athletic

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Baseball prepares to swing into action

Pirates return eight starters to the field

PAUL KAPLAN
SENIOR WRITER

With the men's baseball team's first game of the 1998 season against Duke University, just over two months away, the Pirates are beginning to come together for another winning season.

The Pirates only lost one starting player from last season's 29-27 winning record. This season eight of the nine starters are returning and four of the starting pitchers are back, which means that this season, with a plethora of experienced players returning, they will again be a force in the CAA.

This season, in the captain's chair is a new head coach from Western Carolina, Keith LeClair.

"This season we have a lot of quality players that believe in themselves and are hungry

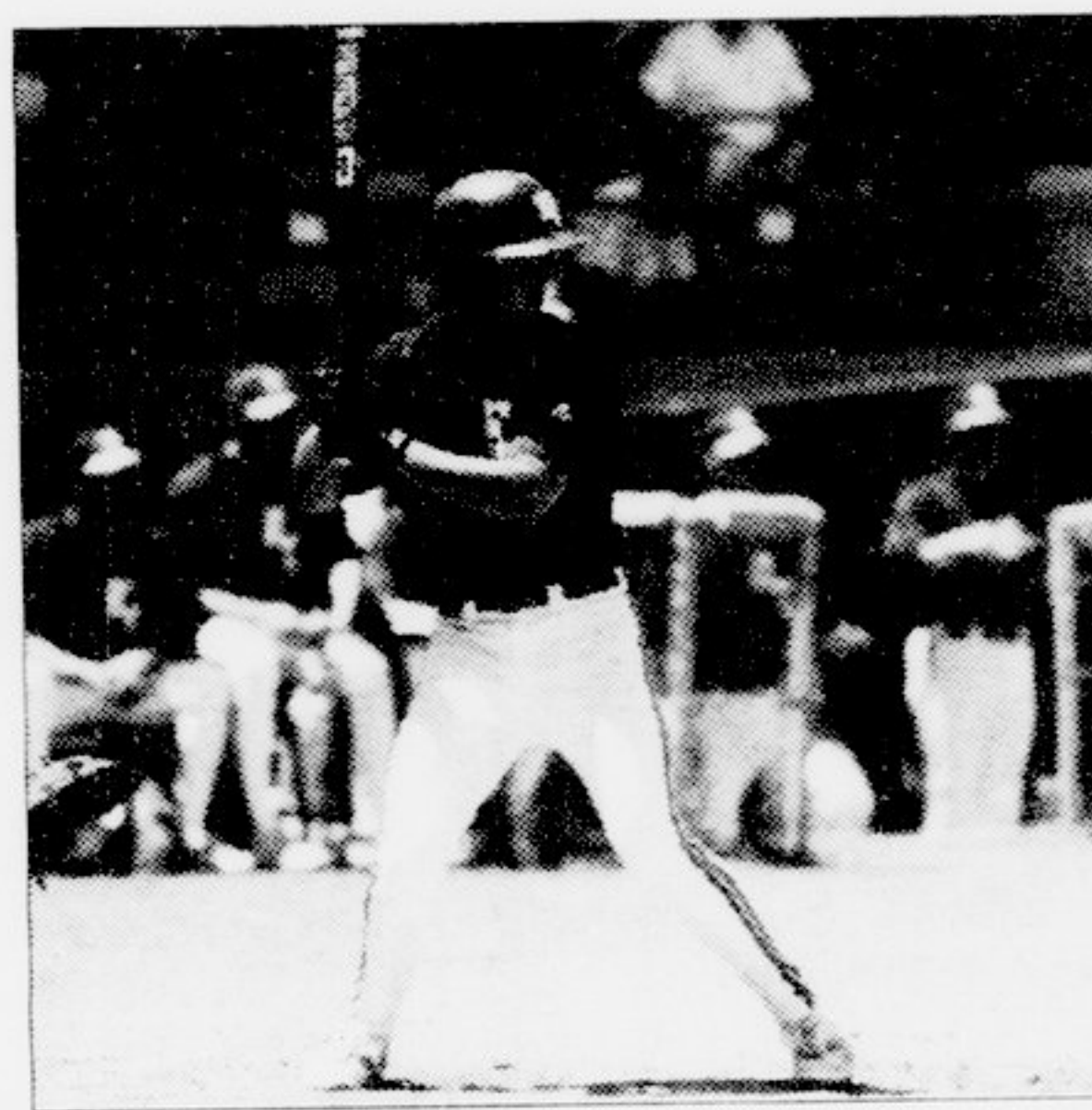
towards winning," LeClair said. Among those quality players are Randy Rigby and Steve Salargo who are coming off a great 1997 season. Coach LeClair expects the same from them this coming season.

"We've got good depth, and I believe that we're going to be as good as our defense; it's the one thing I'm worried about," LeClair said. "Our offense should be pretty good, and our pitching should be ok. It all depends on how they develop."

The Pirates' roster includes five seniors, 11 juniors, nine sophomores and ten freshmen, making them a pretty well-rounded team as far as age goes.

"I believe that youth is overblown anyway; you're only a freshman if you think you're a freshman; youth is not an excuse," LeClair said.

"My expectations for this season are just to play hard one day at a time and get better every day on and off the field," LeClair said. "I want these guys to take care of the little things and let the big things take care of themselves; they need to take pride in the little things, like running the bases, or putting down a good bunt."



Steve Salargo will return to the field in 1998 as a team leader for the Pirates. The season opener, to be held at Duke University, is scheduled for Feb. 7.

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Tennis looks to improve records from the past

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SCOTT ROSE
STAFF WRITER

The tennis team is looking to improve yet again on last year's performance. Both the mens and womens teams are young. The mens team is comprised of juniors and sophomores and only one senior: Nils Alomar. On the womens side

there are five new players who will contribute greatly to the team this season.

Head Coach Bill Moore said, "This year's womens team is the most talented that we've had here in a long while."

It will be interesting to see how these young Lady Pirates play as a team. With a 15-10 mark overall and a 5-3 mark in the CAA the Lady Pirates are looking to improve. Last season, these hard hitting Pirates were led by Anne-Burgitte Svae and she will most likely lead the Lady Pirates into another successful season.

Coach Moore said, "Despite this being the most talented team we've had here, it is also important to keep in mind that experience goes a long way."

The mens team is coming into this season with a little bit of confidence. Last year they finished 14-11 overall and 5-5 in the CAA. Led this season by Alomar who has done well this fall season, finishing in fifth place in Flight One singles at the Clemson Tiger Invitational this fall.

"Our main goal is to improve and finish in the top 3 in the conference," Moore said.

Winning the conference title will be a struggle this year with perennial powerhouse Virginia Commonwealth University ranked #9 in the country and looking to win the CAA title this year. Another strong team in the conference will be Old Dominion, who looks to finish behind VCU.

TENNIS COACHES

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Junior Mona Esk returns a ball to her opponent during a match in the fall season.
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5	Campbell University	2 p.m.	WOMEN
17	Campbell University	2:30 p.m.	MEN
28	James Madison	2 p.m.	MEN
31	Old Dominion	2:30 p.m.	MEN
APRIL			
2	Barton College	2:30 p.m.	MEN
4	William and Mary	9 a.m.	MEN
4	Elon College	2:30 p.m.	WOMEN

Basketball

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Association (CAA) tournament. Although they were defeated by Old Dominion, the Lady Pirates are working even harder to make it back to the finals again, hopefully this year to win the tournament.

"Making it to the finals last season definitely gave us something to work for," Home said. "Everyday we are working for something new." All teams have to overcome weaknesses and continue their strengths in order to have a productive season.

"I think our strength is that this is a team, that is the first year that I have been here, that the team really executes both offensively and defensively," Donovan said. "I think they really understand the game. I think our weakness is that we are young and we need to get some experience in our point guard position."

The men's basketball program has a total of ten television debuts this season.

"We figure it is great exposure," Head Coach Joe Dooley said. "I think it enables recruiters to see what ECU basketball is all about."

Dooley feels there are no particular key players on the team. He believes everyone plays their own important role on the team.

"Everybody has a role that is very important," Dooley said. "The seniors are very important to our team because they are leaders with experience."

Dooley believes the team's weakness is inexperience. Dooley continues to work on the team's strengths, but strives to overcome the weakness.

"Our strength is probably the chemistry our guys have," Dooley said. "The guys appreciate each other and they all get along. The only weakness I feel our team has is the inexperience we have."

Dooley feels Pirate basketball is on the rise.

"We feel good about the future of our program," Dooley said. "It takes time to get where you want to get."

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Past

People who
won't get to see
SpiceWorld.

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Jimmy Stewart
(actor)
Mother Theresa
(humanitarian)
John Denver
(musician)
Chris Farley
(comedian)
Denver Pyle
(actor)
Notorious B.I.G.
(musician)
Townes Van Zandt
(musician)
Allen Ginsberg
(poet)
Jeff Buckley
(musician)
Rich Mullins
(musician)
Beavis
(cartoon character)
Butthead
(cartoon character)
William S.
Burroughs
(poet)
Charles Kuralt
(newscaster)
Kenny
(cartoon character)
Princess Diana
(royalty)
Joe Camel
(marketing icon)
Michael Hutchence
(singer, INXS)
Michael Hedges
(musician)
Jimmy Witherspoon
(musician)
Michael Dorris
(author)

1997 was the year of Spice in entertainment. What will 1998 bring? How about the year of Dick Seed?

PAT REED
SENIOR WRITER

Finally 1997 has drawn to a close. The year of Spice is over, and it will be a while before nostalgia makes us look back fondly. Instead most people are looking ahead to the promise of better things in 1998. New albums, bands on the verge of breaking big, a new attack of blockbuster movies, and a new season of theatre looms large on the horizon, giving the entertainment industry hope for a better year.

Of course, looking back, it is human nature to say that 1997 was not all that bad of a year. Of course, then memories start to come back and the ugly nature of the year rears its head.

On top of the much-hyped Spice Girls and Hanson, musical disappointments would have to



(Left) 1997 brought bad news for Johnny Cash. The singer was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. Hopefully, 1998 will be a year of recovery for the Man in Black. Check out John Waters' Pecker in 1998.

include an alternative/mental flop by Metallica, an album of rehashed songs by Shania Twain, and a mediocre album (at best) by the Rolling Stones. Tours by groups like U2, and a new lineup of earnest fell on their much publicized ears as well. Even elder statesman Johnny Cash had some bad news as he announced to the world he has Parkinson's Disease.

Of course there were a fair share of splats that shocked the music world as well. After 12 years Scattered, R.E.M. became the first band to go without a Soundgarden link-up without much fanfare. It seems the band had simply had enough and mutually decided to go their own ways. In much the same manner, drummer Bill Berry left R.E.M. because his heart was no longer beat.

Even more confusing was the split behind Stone Temple Pilots. Five the band waited patiently for singer Scott Weiland to come out of rehab because, they just could not bear to go without him. Then, in the blink of an eye, Weiland was suddenly a solo artist.

and other members of the band had formed a new band, Talk Show. Of course the most confusing story of the year belongs to Fleetwood Mac. The band reunited, toured, broke up, toured some more, then abruptly canceled the rest of their tour, but somewhat remained together. Fans can probably expect more of the same in 1998.

Then there were the many deaths that rocked 1997. Princess Diana, Mother Teresa, Michael Hutchence of INXS, Robert Munsch, Jimmy Stewart, and I the list goes on. Of course some were to be expected, but others shocked the world. Princess Diana was killed by her driver's stupidity. Hutchence hung himself in his home for reasons that are still unknown, and the year wrapped up with the sudden death of comedian Clint Fuchs, one of the funniest people to have graced the Saturday Night Live line-up.

So, what makes 1998 the year of Dick Seed? There are no definite promises of it being better than its predecessor, but it does see high hopes that year. With a year of new year's resolutions, the year of '98 is another Kennedy and entertainment and political dream seems close. In all, we expect to be in for a year. But, there are still eleven months to go and lots of ground to cover.

The music industry is not only hoping for a burst in 1998. With records on sale in the world of sophisticated pop and electronic, mainstream artists are looking to stand out, ground with new releases. With the rise of Van Halen in 1998, a lot of their early their

planned February release of *Tan* *Huan III*. Hopes are also high that there will be new albums by Deana Carter, Tim Perry and possibly Pink Floyd, who has reunited with former bassist Roger Waters.

On the movie front 1997 contained disappointments with *Speed 2: Hellman and Robo*, and *G.I. Joe*. However 1998 contains hopes of huge turnouts for films like the new version of *Les Misérables*, the new Jackie Chan release *No More Mr. Nice Guy*, and the thriller *Jet* *Li*.

Based on a work by Stephen King and will be directed by Brian Singer, the director of *The Usual Suspects*. John Waters brings his taste back to the screen with *Pecker* and Kiefer Sutherland makes his directorial debut with *Twelve*.

Of course with the good comes the bad. Look for the invasion of the Spice Girls in *SpiceWorld*, and another *U2* movie. Also, keep your eyes out for the mega-hit of the summer *Godzilla*.

The coming year also looks hopeful for local talent and shows. Raleigh's New Folds Five started the season with a spot on *Saturday Night Live*, while Fiona Apple will grace Greenville with a performance at Williams Arena on March 1st. Also, look for a continued rise of bands like Sis String, Drag, and Whiskeytown.

In all 1998 looks to have potential for a good year. While the potential for the breakup of the Spice Girls, the death of creative career couples, and the Hanson boys having polio is here, there is hope that some good will shine through.

Future

Eleven TEC
Predictions to Look
Forward to in 1998

Spice Girls win a collective best actress Academy Award for *SpiceWorld*.

Seinfeld doesn't go off the air, but changes show to what some call *Hee Haw* meets *60 Minutes* meets Nell Carter.

Hanson joins Marilyn Manson for a "Children of Satan" world tour.

Willie Nelson and Garth Brooks get into an on-camera brawl at the Grammys, inciting a near riot as old and new country artists duke it out.

At the urging of friends and family, Jesse Helms takes up skiing.

Mike Tyson and Marv Albert team up to open fast-food chain with the slogan, "It's ear-biting good."

Bill Clinton joins the Fat Boys, replacing the very dead Human Beat Box.

Puff Daddy samples Beethoven's 5th Symphony, "Eye of the Tiger," "Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini," "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," *Star Wars*, and "I'll Be Missing You." He will also be hired as Van Halen's new lead singer.

John Travolta becomes the new retro-disco James Bond in the film *Mirrorball*.

Vatican City sweeps the Winter Olympics, winning 25 gold medals.

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ANDY TURNER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

So, you find yourself sashaying down the aisles of your local video store, thinking you'd like to see a movie that contained elements of love and lust, but with a more subtle approach than, say, *Showgirls* or *Edward Penishands*. Fear not befuddled one, there is hope. There is *Inventing the Abbotts*, a love and lust story set in 1950s small town Illinois, directed by Pat O'Connor.

Inventing the Abbotts never made it to Purpleville theaters, but our trusty video stores have, thankfully,

ones
away

Phoenix and Tyler shine in charming *Inventing the Abbotts*



Liv Tyler and Joaquin Phoenix get goofy in *Inventing the Abbotts*.
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brought it to town. The film revolves around the high class Abbotts and the "wrong side of the tracks" Hols. Gee, someone should have thought of this idea before. However, regardless of the stale formula, the movie manages to avoid stinkville through some great performances and an interesting, slow-burning plot.

Joaquin Phoenix is Doug Holt. Dougie is low down on the stud scale compared to his brother Jacey (Billy Crudup), who swings it around like it's going out of style. Jacey sets his sights on the saucy Abbott girls. His first conquest, Eleanor Abbott (Jennifer Connelly), is more than willing to do the hokey pokey with Jacey. But mainly she

just likes pissing daddy, Lloyd Abbott, (Will Patton), off.

Lloyd is not going to have his daughters mixing with the no count Holt boys, so he ships Eleanor out of town. But Jacey won't be denied. He's out for revenge as he blames Lloyd Abbott for the Holt family's problems. Helen Holt (Kathy Baker) was left alone to raise the boys after her husband's death. The word is she had an affair with Lloyd Abbott in the months after the death.

Built around this conflict is the romance between Doug and Pamela Abbott (Liv Tyler). It is really the strongest aspect of the movie. Without too much sentimentality, the awkwardness of young romance

is engagingly captured through the evolution of their relationship. It is one of the few aspects of the plot that seems fully developed and realized. Other relationships at times seem sketchy and lead you to having to assume too much. There are a lot of apparent small town secrets that are never revealed, but that is, perhaps, part of the charm of the movie.

Phoenix and Tyler both do an excellent job in their roles. Phoenix does well at acting like he's not acting. Tyler is charming as the sweet Abbott, Pamela. Kathy Baker is also quite good.

Inventing the Abbotts doesn't have lesbians, showgirls or penishands. But, baby, it's got love.

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Shabazz comes to campus next week

Chapel Hill writer begins spring semester for Writers Reading Series

ANDY TURNER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Phillip Shabazz is a writer. The license plate on his Volvo says so.

But if you don't put your faith in metal, check him out next Wednesday when he kicks off the spring semester for the Writers Reading Series of Eastern North Carolina.

The Greenville Museum of Art will host a meet the writer forum and book signing for Shabazz at 3 p.m. Shabazz will also read at the Willis Building Auditorium, located at 301 East 1st Street, at 7 p.m.

Shabazz, currently a writer-in-residence with the North Carolina Arts Council, is the author of *Frapple and Visitation: Poems* and a forthcoming book of essays, *The Soul Generation: Poets, Radicals, and Reactionaries*.

"He's very involved in poetry as it speaks to ordinary people," said Julie Fay,

coordinator of the series. The Chapel Hill poet is the first of three writers who will visit the Emerald City this spring. Jewell Parker Rhodes, author of *Voodoo Dreams* and *Magic City*, comes to town Feb. 5. She is currently director of the M.F.A. program in creative writing at Arizona State University. Philip



PHILIP LEVINE

Levine, who won the 1995 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for *The Simple Truth*, follows on March 3.

In addition to the Pulitzer Prize, Levine has also won

the National Book Award and the merit award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He is the author of 14 poetry collections. The Writers Reading Series brought a diverse group of writers to town with Francisco Goldman, Ellen Bryant Voigt, Alice Fulton and Kathleen Haime. Likewise, the audiences were diverse, Fay said.

"I think one of the real highlights was the wide range of people who came to the readings—ECU students, high school students, Greenville residents," Fay explained. "They (the high school students) were really

wowed by them. They hung out until the end."

Initially, Fay said, some people may be reluctant to come to the readings.

"They may think there's not anything for them, but people discover they really enjoy it," she said.

The readings allow audience members the opportunity to talk to the writers.

"People really can come and talk to the artists," Fay said. "That really is one of the main reasons we have the series."

"There is not always time in other situations. We tell the writers to be ready for any and all questions."

Straight out of Memphis: Downtown Greenville's street singer no bum

MICCAH SMITH
SENIOR WRITER

If you're a regular beer-swilling, karaoke-singing, hot wing-eating downtown par-tay animal, you should already know this guy is. Firmly ensconced in his little alcove in front of New York Fashions, that creepy little purveyor of fine wigs and human hair on the corner of Fifth and Evans Streets, a solitary figure stands unabashedly playing his guitar and singing for money most every night on the weekends.

He has a strangely sly charm and looks about as likely to steal your

girlfriend as he is your wallet, but, as it turns out, he's mostly harmless after all.

Jai Kamke is his name and music (musical therapy, to be more specific) is his game. "It's pretty damn cold sometimes," he admits, "but it's all about music."

Actually, it's all about rent. The 20-year-old sophomore who's been playing for fifteen years says he makes in up to \$20 a night.

Attending ECU, one of only two schools in the state to offer degrees in musical therapy, has been an uphill battle from the start for Kamke, who dropped out of high school because of personal problems. After attending summer

classes to catch up and working hard at academics, he graduated as an North Carolina Honors student in '96.

Last August he injured his left arm, no laughing matter for a guy who plans to make a career out of his classical guitar skills, and after three months of rehab he is persevering with two "dead" fingers.

He spent his childhood in Memphis, sneaking his mom's guitar out of her closet and practicing when she wasn't around until the age of nine, when he began formal lessons.

"I used to play in Memphis in coffeehouses and bars," he recalls.

Kamke also participated in the Jerry Garcia Tribute concert at Overton Park Shell in Memphis, an accomplishment of which he is particularly proud, since Elvis himself graced that same stage many years ago.

But that's not the only thing he and Kamke have in common: Kamke also shares The King's penchant for the pompadour hairstyle, a stiff, shiny crown of smooth lacquered blonde hair that is always sure to get attention in this town, especially when paired with Kamke's mutton-chop sideburns.

However, Kamke has the

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winter movie reviews

Hollywood saves its best for last

DALE WILLIAMSON
SENIOR WRITER

The winter movie season witnessed a wide range of films that generated everything from glorious praise (James Cameron's *Titanic*, for instance) to spiteful hisses (Kevin Costner's self-indulgent *The Postman*). While I did not even come close to seeing everything that's been released in theaters within the last month or so, the few movies I did manage to catch proved to be more than enough to satisfy any movie buff with eclectic tastes.

Tomorrow Never Dies, the latest James Bond adventure featuring Mr.

Cool himself, Pierce Brosnan, has received some very harsh criticism from movie critics all around. However, audiences are having the opposite reaction to this action-packed, adrenaline rush, *Tomorrow* is well on its way to become a blockbuster hit, which proves that despite what critics may argue, James Bond's mass appeal has not dwindled with time.

The plot for this Bond adventure is hokey, but aren't they all? This time, Mr. Bond takes on a multi-billionaire media mogul (played by the very nasty Jonathan Pryce) who wants use his technological resources to inadvertently start World War III with China in order to secure exclusive media coverage of the entire situation. Huh?

I fully acknowledge the sheer ludicrousness of the entire concept, but three things make this Bond flick non-stop fun — Mr. Brosnan's sharp performance as Britain's greatest super spy, Michelle Yeoh's uncanny screen presence as Bond's kick-ass partner, and the furiously paced action sequences.

Not since Sean Connery carried a pistol and wore a tuxedo in the '60s, has any actor added as many dimensions to the Bond character as Brosnan. His Bond is a tortured soul who has a death wish and a slight drinking problem. Not only that, but Brosnan also allows Bond fans to understand why Bond is afraid to become emotionally involved with

anyone. As Bond states in a key confrontation with a deadly assassin, whether he is making love to a woman or killing another human being, he is simply doing his job.

But that does not mean Brosnan is not fun. The great thing about Brosnan is that he perfectly blends the seriousness of his character with the comic book nature of the entire series. His Bond can crack the corny jokes, karate chop any bad guy, romance any woman, and still find time to shed a painful tear in his martini.

Making the film ever so complete is Yeoh, the extraordinary super actress from China best known for her martial arts skills in Jackie Chan's *Supercop*. As Bond's partner and possible love interest, Yeoh avoids being the damsel in distress and takes

So, did you bring your bikini?
PHOTO COURTESY OF FOXI could kill you with my hair.
PHOTO COURTESY OF MGMPam Grier gets sassy in Jackie Chan.
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matters into her own hands. While this film does not truly let her strut her stuff, it gives mainstream America a nice sampling of how tough Yeoh can be.

With Brosnan and Yeoh in the driver's seat, *Tomorrow Never Dies* pumps sheer energy into the James Bond franchise and leaves any fan of

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bookreview

New *Simpsons* guide comprehensive view of showJOHN DAVIS
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Although *The Simpsons* is still going strong as the world's longest running prime-time cartoon, has reruns in syndication every day on most Fox affiliates, has spawned two soundtrack CDs and has generally saturated popular culture for anyone born after 1965, there is still not enough *Simpsons* stuff out there. It is always nice when the marketing people at Fox cook up more *Simpsons* goodies for those of us who can't get enough of the family that put the "fun" in dysfunctional.

Matt Groening, creator of the *Simpsons*, has often remarked that the show was designed for people who pay attention, and this new book, which is pretty much a

comprehensive guide and index to the entire series, is testament to just how much thought is put into the show.

Unlike most books about TV shows, which feature crummy black and white photos and are the size of those annoying comic books that roving preachers hand out in public places, (ever seen the "Friends" book?) this book is 249 pages long and chock full of useful, fun information.

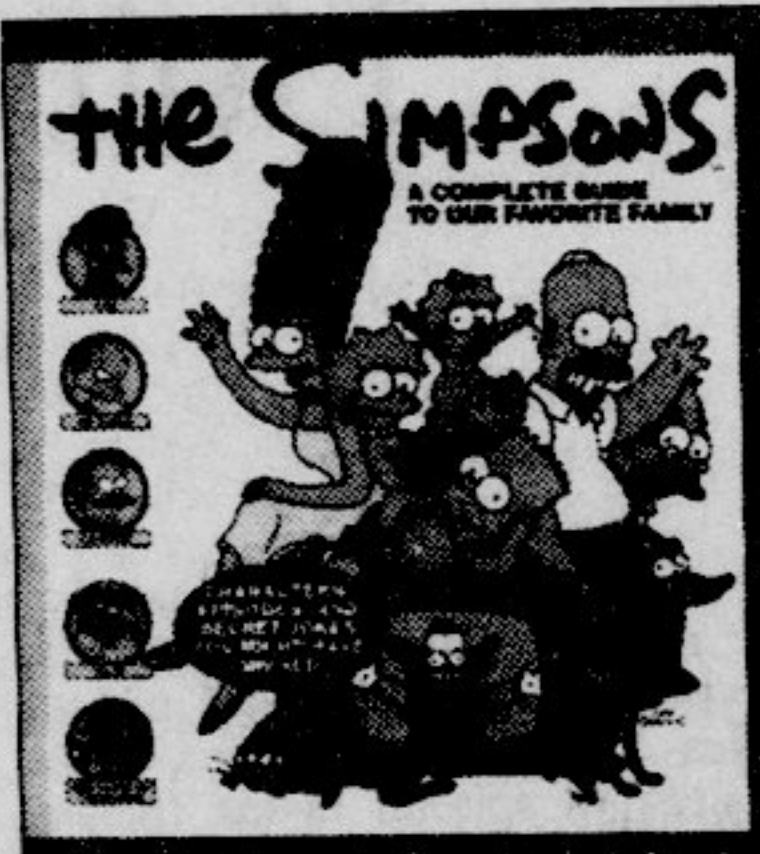
For example, there is an index of every instance in the series when Homer said "doh" and why most of the times he said "mum...," a list of every piece of official Krusty the Clown merchandise and a filmography of every "Itchy and Scratchy" episode.

The meat of the book is an episode-by-episode synopsis of the series, complete with character

profiles and plot summaries. Ever wonder what Bart wrote on the chalkboard at the beginning of a certain episode? Ever wondered which famous stars made cameo appearances in which episodes?

The guide is perfect as a reference, for those coffee table arguments about who played the coyote in Homer's acid trip (Johnny Cash) or what the name of Flanders' grill is (Propane Elaine), as a trip down memory lane, or as a fun self-test to see just how much useless knowledge one human being can acquire in eight short years.

The only drawback to this wonderful guide is the obvious, no one is thinking about, anytime soon, canceling *The Simpsons*. Which means that even though this book is up to date as of the '96-'97 season, there are *Simpsons* episodes which are not covered in the guide.



It might have been wiser to wait until the show was canceled to produce this little wonder, but aside from that, *The Simpsons, a Complete Guide to Our Favorite Family* is nothing short of excellent.

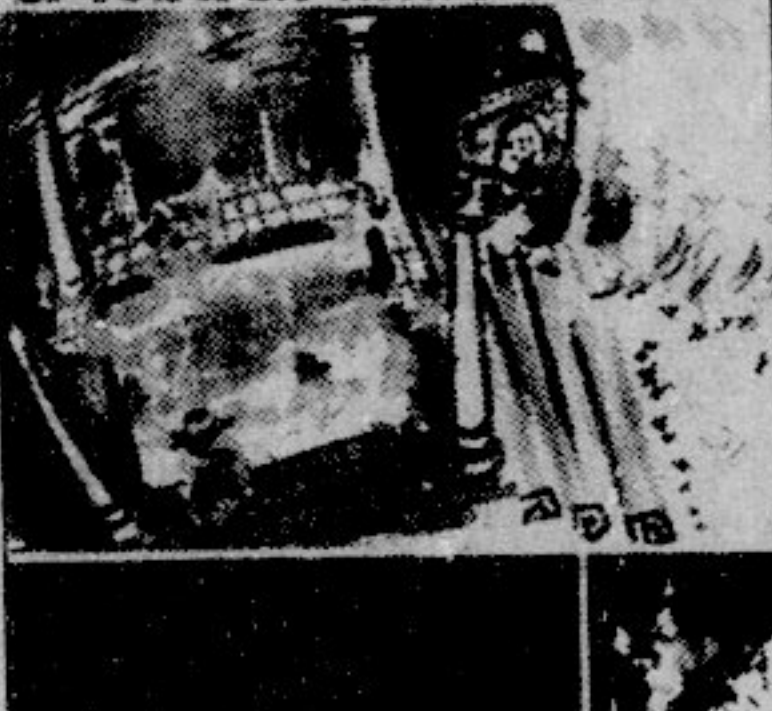
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UP FOR A BIT WITH THE PASTELS



The Pastels

Up For A Bit With

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CLIFF ROSE
STAFF WRITER

From the beginning of *The Pastels'* re-issued album, *Up For A Bit With*, you are instantly placed in a cathedral setting where your ears are plummeted with an arena-rock style drum beat and symphonic keyboards. The pop music of *The Pastels* has been defined as Glasgow's answer to Pavement. There are definite underones that would make one realize a Pavement influence, though it's not too heavy.

Up For A Bit With was recently re-released on Verve records, a label that houses acts such as Pulp, Chuck Prophet and Blue Aeroplanes. *The Pastels* hail from Scotland and consist of four members. The vocals are mainly handled by the group's singer/guitarist Stephen McRobbie. The original album was released in Feb. 1987 on Glass Records and since then the band has had several lineup changes. As of now the band has just released a CD single for a current song, "Yoga," which has been released by Matador Records.

After the first track, "Ride," takes you on the tour of the local Cathedral, the album progresses into some Orville Redenbacher pop music. Track 2, the title track,

sounds like a Morrissey imposter reunited with a Smiths cover band and to top it all off, is backed by a glockenspiel! Rock. The fact that the original release date was 1987, clearly explains the Smiths-esque Euro-pop influence.

The chorus-driven electric guitar sounds like a direct link to a Lush album except that *The Pastels* have a male singer. The album is relatively simple in a very melodic way. The track "Hitchin' A' begins with the somewhat cheesy line, "Hey Hey Hey are you going my way?" The song is obviously about a hitchhiker person who is about to be picked up by the singer/storyteller. *The Pastels* seem to like to use an odd choice of background instruments. For

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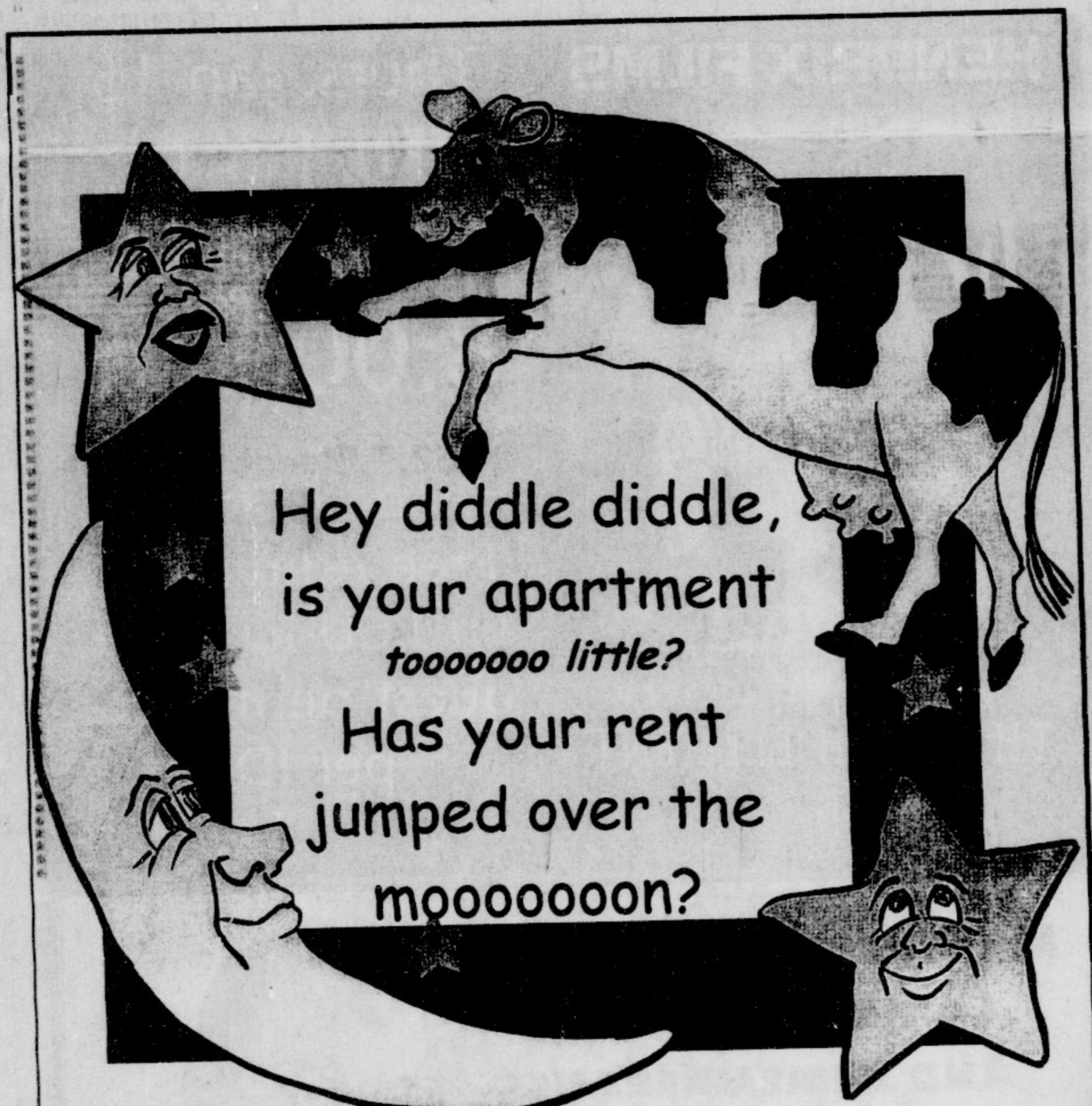
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instance, there's the glockenspiel, and in the song "Automatically Yours" there are some Yuletide chimes that coincide with the chorus. "When you smile, you make the world feel alone."

Bands go through rough times and have record label skirmishes, lineup changes and sometimes quarrels between the bandmates themselves. Overall, Up For A Bit With is a solid pop album. They should be deemed successful by any mind. Check 'em out.

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Movies

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well-done action films craving for more.

Those who want more action than talk in their movies more than likely will be disappointed by Quentin Tarantino's follow-up to *Pulp Fiction*, *Jackie Brown*. Based on Elmore Leonard's pulp crime novel, *Rum Punch*, *Jackie Brown* follows the backstabbing adventures of an aging black woman named, amazingly enough, Jackie Brown (played nicely by '70s blaxploitation queen, Pam Grier).

Jackie is a struggling airline stewardess who ends up in a jam when she gets busted by the cops for smuggling a significant sum of money into the country for a deadly gun runner, played by the always amazing Samuel L. Jackson. When she gets busted, the cops offer her two options: either help them bust her crime boss or serve her time behind bars. Fearing for the safety of her life and not wanting to have her life further screwed up by serving time, Jackie takes things into her own hands and decides to play both sides of the party for fools. The cops believe she is working for them, the gun runner believes she wants to fool the cops and help him, but in reality she is manipulating everyone in an effort to only help herself.

Jackie Brown is a character- and plot-driven story that demands attention to details. It has Tarantino's signature all over it, but it seems to be almost a reaction against the hype that surrounded *Pulp Fiction*. The violence has been toned down significantly (almost all violence occurs off screen here); the dialogue, while still snappy and filled with humor, is more realistic and functional; and the pacing is much more deliberate, slowly leading to a climax that is almost anti-climatic.

All-in-all, *Jackie Brown* is not as showy and hip as either *Pulp Fiction* or *Reservoir Dogs*.

But therein lies the sheer beauty of this film. Tarantino seems to exhibit more maturity as a filmmaker with this outing. If anything, this film solidifies his talents as a filmmaker and storyteller. Tarantino has a keen visual eye that is simple yet atmospheric, his abilities to blend music within his narrative recalls a young Martin Scorsese and his influence on actors is apparent. Not only does he get solid performances from Grier and Jackson, but Robert DeNiro, Michael Keaton and Bridget Fonda all perfectly fit into their roles. Most impressive of all the bunch, though, is Robert Forester, who gives a powerfully subdued performance as Jackie's partner and possible love interest.

Tarantino has a rare ability to see the beauty in things long forgotten or totally ignored, and *Jackie Brown* is a prime example of this. Not only does he prove that such actors of yesteryear as Grier and Forester have much more life in them, but he also adds respectability to the pulp crime story in general, a genre that is always popular but seldom praised.

Possibly the most popular and praised film of the moment comes in the form of a huge ship history remembers as the *Titanic*. James Cameron's epic film, *Titanic*, has been famous for some time as being the most expensive movie ever made. Now it has become famous as the most shining example of winning despite unspeakable obstacles. Not only has *Titanic* wowed just about every movie critic in the country, it has already earned more than \$150 million at the domestic box office. Also, it stands to be a major Oscar contender, with a big possibility of winning best picture of the year. No matter how you look at it, *Titanic* is a hit.

But does Cameron's project of love live up to the hype? In all honesty,

yes. While *Titanic* is not, in my humble opinion, the best picture of the year it is a spectacular epic that is fueled by an engaging love story and top-notch performances from its two leads, Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet.

The plot, involving the romance between a poor artist and a young, rich girl who is engaged to a heartless tycoon (played perfectly by Billy Zane), is simple but very effective. Admittedly, it is a melodramatic story that focuses on the class division onboard *Titanic*, but it works wonderfully. Cameron, who also wrote the screenplay, almost seems to be paying homage to the classic love films of the '40s and '50s here. But, more importantly, Cameron's decision to spend time developing his characters before the inevitable tragedy strikes makes the film more potent for his viewers. The audience, in some form or another, identifies with and cares for these struggling lovers. We want them to be together, to grow old together. But everyone sitting in the theater knows that such will not be the case.

Once the tragedy ensues and *Titanic* does hit that fated iceberg, Cameron does what he does best and fills the screen with one spectacle after another. As a director, he perfectly captures the sense of madness and desperation that must have flooded the ship as it slowly sank to the ocean depths. As a movie magician, he once again tops himself with awe-inspiring visuals that will excite you and fill you with grief all at once.

Despite the incredible visual effects and breath-taking set pieces that clearly illustrate an artist's eye for detail, the most amazing quality of *Titanic* resides in the fact that you become so involved with the story and characters onboard the ship that never once is there a need to check your watch in eager anticipation for the action to start.

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uncanny ability to look like John Lennon if he leaves his hair down.

He's likely to be found in the Underwater Pirates' Cove on Lucas' nights doing the wacky-musical thing. When he takes the stage in his unassuming yet confident

manner, the audience can relax, knowing that they're not going to be blasted by some Gen-Xer's idea of angst-rock.

Instead, they'll be treated to acoustic renderings of songs by the likes of Neil Young and The Grateful Dead, with a healthy dose of the blues to keep it interesting.


His original tunes blend easily with the other songs about heartache and this crazy world we all live in, and his voice, possessed of

Jagger's vocal energy and Dylan's unconcern, is soothing to the soul.

Kamke hopes to use music in pain management programs for terminally ill patients; learning to play the guitar will help take mental stress over illness off of the patients and give them a sense of accomplishment.

Kamke really isn't surprised to find himself on the right track after a few false starts. "If you care and you work hard you will achieve your

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