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SGA vice president's enrollment status questioned

McManus says all
a big mix-up

AMY L. ROYSTER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Faced with a swirl of controversy and allegations concerning his eligibility to hold office, the SGA vice president offered answers Wednesday to several officials.

Sean McManus, who vehemently denied any wrongdoing on his part, faced questions involving his status as a student, personal international phone calls placed from his office and a receipt turned in for the reimbursement of books.

The Dean of Students' office verified McManus had not enrolled at East Carolina University for the spring semester as of February 3. This placed McManus in violation of Article 4, Section 2, of SGA's constitution, which states that requirements, including full-time enrollment, for holding the vice president's position are the same as requirements

for the president's position. McManus, who recently returned from an internship in Arizona, denied any knowledge that he was not enrolled.

"I had enrolled for this semester at the end of last semester," McManus said. "I had some outstanding tickets with Parking and Traffic Services. I'm guessing that was the reason my schedule was dropped."

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SGA vice president

unlikely that any student with outstanding tickets could enroll for classes. Nancy Roberson said, "When you have four or more citations or a total of \$50 or more, you're automatically tagged."



Sean McManus
SGA vice president

McManus had \$150 worth of unpaid parking citations from last semester, the last of which was issued on Dec. 14, according to Roberson.

Student Attorney General Haden Jennings said, "seeing as how he's been out of town for legitimate reasons and thought he was enrolled," he was given until 5 p.m. Wednesday to enroll.

"If he's not enrolled by 5 p.m. (Wednesday) then action will immediately be taken for his position to be vacated," Jennings said.

Jennings added that even if McManus enrolled by 5 p.m., he may still have to face a review board to answer questions surrounding his explanation for his delayed enrollment.

Jennings may also have to offer an

interpretation of the SGA constitution which states the vice president must be enrolled as a full-time student, but makes no comment on whether they can enroll late in the semester.

McManus said that at the beginning of the semester, before he left for Arizona, he attended classes, but declined to offer names of his professors.

After a meeting with McManus Wednesday afternoon, Paul Tschetter, associate dean of the Graduate School, agreed to enroll McManus after he removed tags from his record. Among the three tags on McManus' record were the outstanding parking citations.

"I will enroll him if he removes his tags," Tschetter said. "I've got his form and his adviser has approved him registering."

Tschetter said he understood that McManus' schedule was canceled for some reason. He added it was not unheard of for a graduate student whose schedule is canceled to enroll late in the semester.

Late Wednesday afternoon, McManus said he

was awaiting a fax from Australia containing information needed to remove the last of his tags. McManus said he expected the fax to arrive late Wednesday evening and be in the hands of the appropriate people by this morning, consequently, allowing him to enroll.

McManus said he turned in a cash register receipt to Student Fund Accounting to be reimbursed for up to \$200 worth of books for the semester, a practice allowed for the executive branch of SGA.

"I turned in a receipt for books because I thought I was enrolled in classes," McManus said.

Bill Clutter, director of University Unions, Mendenhall Student Center, said earlier this week that until McManus answered questions about his status as a student, he would not get the check.

McManus, who also owed approximately \$60 in personal international phone and fax charges, said he made the charges because his father had been ill. He said he paid the bill

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5 positions filled,
appropriations
postponed, at
SGA meeting

AMBER TATUM
STAFF WRITER

The vice presidency of the Student Government Association is not the only position that has been under scrutiny. At Monday's meeting, five members were found ineligible to continue holding their positions.

During the meeting it was announced that the freshman class president had accumulated enough hours to be a sophomore, thus making him ineligible to retain the position.

Three other members did not earn the required 2.0 grade point average and one member is no longer classified as a full-time student.

Several vacant positions in SGA were recently filled. Filling the freshman class president vacancy is David Bucco; the senior class secretary/treasurer post was filled by Mark Thigpen and the senior class vice president is Melissa Hajmahalis; graduate class president is Eric Rivenbark, and

day representatives are Derik Stone and Cliff Webster.

The position of SGA vice president is in question regarding concerns about enrollment (see side story).

SGA President Scott Forbes said any questions surrounding the position of the Vice President would be referred to the Student Attorney General, Haden Jennings.

"I'm not sure how it's to be maintained since the constitution is ambiguous," Forbes said. "Jennings will determine (the outcome)."

Applications for the position of elections chair are also being accepted. This position gets a salary, and a member of the SGA cannot apply unless he/she resigns from the legislature and then applies.

Applications are to be turned in by Feb. 13 in Room 255 of Mendenhall Student Center by 5 p.m. The executive branch of the SGA will decide who to appoint.

The appropriations committee did not meet Monday. No monies have been appropriated since the last biannual funds were appropriated in Nov. 1997. Sarah Burgess, chairperson of the Homecoming Committee, opened the floor for suggestions for Homecoming 1998. The committee will meet once a week starting after spring break.

Student reports sexual assault at local fraternity house

Sigma Phi Epsilon
alleged site of incident

HOLLY HARRIS
SENIOR WRITER

An ECU student reported being sexually assaulted at the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house closely after midnight Saturday.

The 21-year-old woman, a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, told Greenville Police she remembers two men waking her up at around 1:50 a.m. and telling her to put on her pantyhose and leave. At 4:02 a.m. she reported the incident to the Greenville police.

Detective John Curry of the Greenville PD, the investigating officer, said there is little



A student reported being sexually assaulted at the 5th Street house.

information about the alleged assault that can be made public at this time.

Curry added that more information will be available in the coming week as the investigation progresses. Involved parties have been contacted, and a sexual assault kit (to obtain physical evidence of an assault from the alleged victim) has been taken, but results are not yet known.

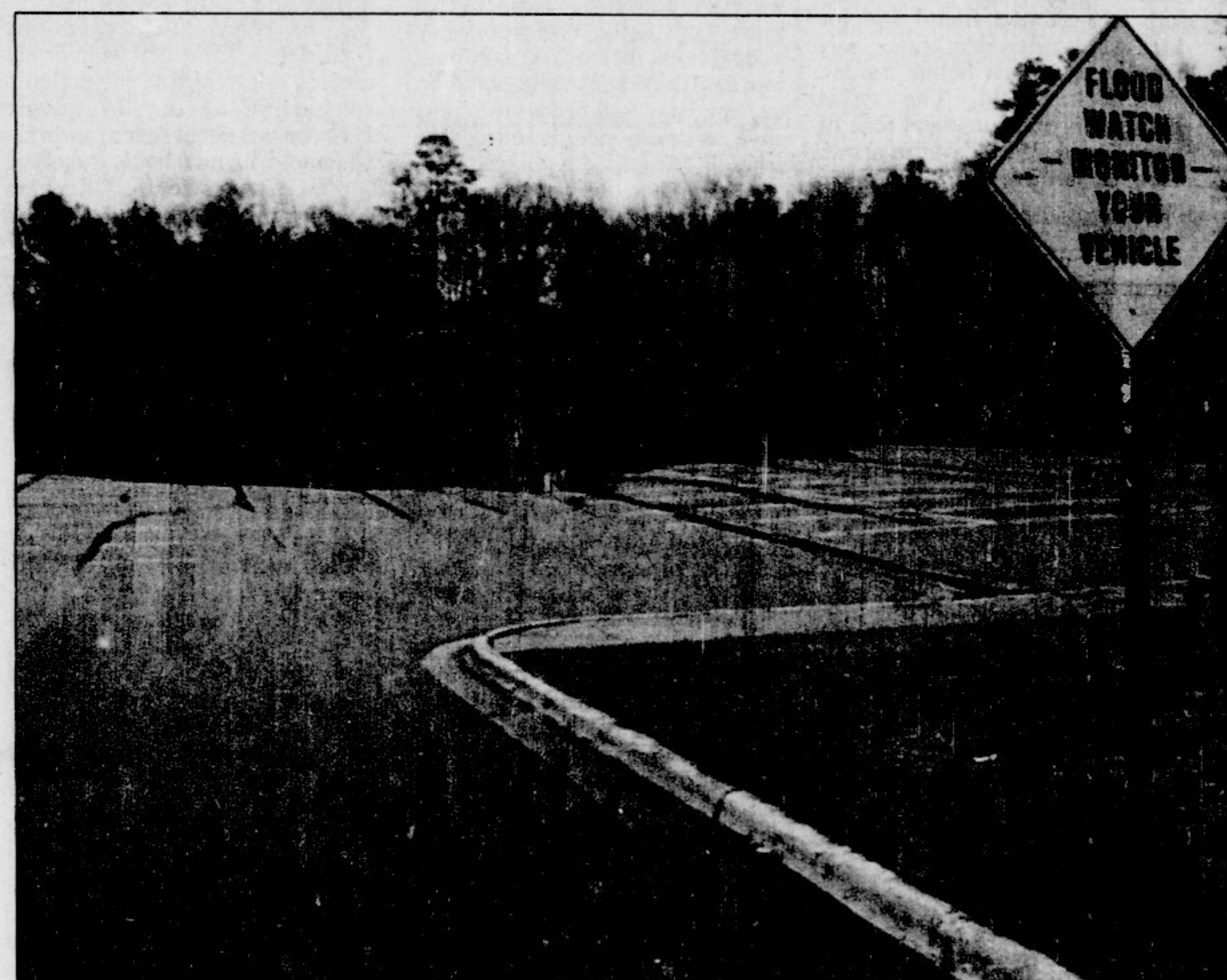
"I have talked to the people involved, first you have to find out if the incident has occurred. It was only on Saturday, so I don't know the answers to many questions yet," Curry said.

Dean of Students Ron Speier said there is little the university can do at this point in order to avoid interfering with the criminal investigation.

"The only thing that is happening right now is both organizations have been instructed to inform their national level of the incident...we are working with the young lady to help her get the help—emotional and physical—that she needs," Speier said.

"If people are held accountable for anything, that is a penalty for the organization," Speier said, stating that there may be fines and other penalties for anyone involved.

Flooded parking lots inconvenience students



The commuter lot on College Hill was evacuated and closed Wednesday after rains caused flooding. Rain is expected through today.

HOLLY HARRIS
SENIOR WRITER

Wednesday's wet weather left students wading across campus to their classes.

Cars fared no better when the College Hill lot was closed Monday night because of excessive rain and flooding, also the lower part of the Minges lot flooded.

Despite the university footing the bill for towing cars that had to be relocated and some students getting out of class to move their cars, the flood will most likely continue to inconvenience

everyone who uses the commuter lots at least through today.

On Wednesday students were allowed to park in faculty spaces behind Mendenhall to alleviate some of the overflow vehicles. This may be the case today if the rain continues as the lower three rows of the Minges lot will remain closed until the water subsides. However, Pat Gertz, administrative officer for Parking and Traffic Services, said it's a safer bet to park in some of the other available parking areas.

"We have available parking in the freshman lot by the Allied Health Building at Harrington

Flood Warning

Street Closings:
** 14th Street from Charles Blvd to Rock Springs Rd.
** Charles Blvd. at railroad overpass near Ficklen Drive.
** Ficklen Drive at Charles Blvd.
** Evans Street from Clifton St. to Howell Street (near Arlington Blvd but Arlington is open)

ECU Lots Closed:
** Commuter lot on College Hill Drive
** Lower Minges parking lot

Transit Update:
ECU Transit shuttles and other routes are operating, however, delays should be expected. Buses which normally stop in front of Christenbury will stop at E. Tenth Street.

Completion of Joyner courtyard construction expected this summer

Phase III facing later
December finish

CRAIG D. RAMEY
SENIOR WRITER

ECU officials hope to have all of Joyner Library's artwork and the new courtyard completed by the end of this summer, leaving only the interior work (Phase III) to be finished by December.

"We should have the courtyard finished by the end of March," said Facilities Director Bruce Flye. "Then the artwork will be the only outdoor work to complete, and we should have that finished by the end of the summer."

The remaining Phase III of Joyner Library's unfinished construction lies in the west wing's interior and on the four story tower. These tasks include changes in

lighting, more group study rooms and the return of journals back to the library from remote storage.

"When Phase III is completed, we will have better service for our patrons," said Margaret Foote, interim associate director of Library Services. "We will have all of our books in one building."

Phase III's completion will also mean more storage space for books. This doesn't necessarily mean more books, just more room for them. A legislative board appropriates each year whether that space will be filled with new books or not.

The Joyner Library project has been on the drawing table since 1988, taking the renovation a total of 10 years to complete.

"This is a project that people



A bricklayer outside Joyner Library works on the courtyard, expected to be completed this summer.

should take a long, sensitive look at," Flye said. "This shows what the campus wants to get done and can get done. We want to look at the columns in the courtyard as a front gate to the campus."

Joyner Library's courtyard will be decorated with curved steps that

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No injuries reported from school bus wreck

CLEVELAND, N.C. (AP) — A school bus ran off a road, struck a ditch and rolled on its side this morning, sending more than a dozen elementary school students to Rowan Regional Medical Center for treatment.

None of the 16 students from Cleveland Elementary School and taken to Rowan Regional Monday morning was injured seriously, authorities said.

Female boot camp to open in May

HOFFMAN, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina judges soon will have a new option when sentencing young female offenders.

The state's first female boot camp is scheduled to open May 11. It will be part of the IMPACT program, a military-style program for probationers between the ages of 16 and 30.

The state already has two boot camps for men. There will be few differences between the male and female boot camps, said John Taylor, IMPACT commander.

across the nation

7-year-old twins fall through ice, drown

HURON, N.Y. (AP) — Seven-year-old twins drowned Monday afternoon after falling through the ice where they were playing, state police said.

Trevor and Kyle Gasper of Alton were playing in Sodus Bay with a 6-year-old friend and his dog when the ice gave way beneath them just before 5 p.m., state police said. The twins plunged into about eight feet of water, about 75 yards from shore. An ice fisherman nearby heard the boys' screams and ran to the area where the boys had been playing, but the twins had disappeared under the ice.

15-year-old charged with robbing 6 banks

ATLANTA (AP) — A 15-year-old College Park 10th grader was arrested during his third robbery of the day Monday and charged with robbing six banks in the past two months, police said.

Authorities would not release the 10th-grader's name because of his age, but said he was living with his brother since moving from New York in November.

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Wednesday morning to Student Fund Accounting.

"It's not unusual we find calls from time to time on an emergency basis," Clutter said. "He (McManus) was told not to (make personal calls) and I think there were a couple (calls) after that."

McManus felt confident that Jennings would extend Wednesday's 5 p.m. deadline due to the extenuating circumstances surrounding the fax.

"If he is registered today, then I personally have no problem with him remaining vice president, but that's a decision for the attorney general," SGA President Scott Forbes said.



Russia backs U.S. on land mines, nuclear weapons accord

GENEVA (AP) — Russia backed U.S. demands Tuesday that the world's main disarmament conference should negotiate a truly global ban on land mines but made it clear it didn't expect quick results.

It was the first time that Russia had spoken clearly in favor of the 61-nation Conference on Disarmament in Geneva working on a prohibition treaty that would include countries that refused to sign up to the land mine ban in Ottawa last December.

Sperm whales strand selves on beach

HOBART, Australia (AP) — A barge was being brought to a western Tasmanian beach Wednesday to try to tow back to sea the survivors from a pod of 65 giant sperm whales that stranded themselves and are rapidly dying. But Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service director Max Kitchell said the move was a long shot and he feared all would be lost.

In the last 15 minutes I've just watched two of the three whales we were hoping to tow die, he said from Ocean Beach, near Strahan.

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will wrap around it. Planter walls will run along the sides of the buildings to create an area for people to relax. A water sculpture will have pulsating water jets that move constantly; however, when people walk below the columns, motion detectors will activate, causing the sculpture to come alive as more people enter the area.

Only one half of one percent of the library's \$3.1 million budget is allowed to be put toward artwork. This type of program has been criticized by North Carolina legislators in the past.

"Several years ago the Department of Revenue had a sand sculpture outside their building," Flye said. "It had chirping birds and a tobacco auctioneer when people walked below it. People wondered if they had gotten what they paid for."

ECU officials tried to make sure they didn't make the same mistake.

The state of North Carolina in conjunction with the university had a competition for the design of Joyner Library's artwork. Some of the courtyard's artwork will be a musical influence from ECU's School of Music, while the actual sculptures will be created by Christopher Janney.

Janney is a sculptor from New York who recently received a lot of press for a display of his at an airport in Miami.

Joyner Library's courtyard won a designer award in the Triad section of North Carolina's American Institute of Architects before the first stone was laid down.

"We are moving to a bigger and better level," said Director of Friends of Joyner Library Steve Smiley. "We are a Doctorate II institution and our facilities should back that up."

After Joyner Library's completion in December, ECU plans to have a large celebration noting the end of the 10 year project.

Governors Highway Safety Program awards five Alco-Sensors

HOLLY HARRIS
SENIOR WRITER

Officers at the ECU Police Department have a new weapon in the battle to end drunk driving around campus.

The Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) has awarded a grant providing the university police with five new Alco-Sensors, portable preliminary breath testing devices that allow officers to measure if the blood alcohol content (BAC) is high enough to warrant arrest.

"They're a good tool for officers on the street to tell if the person they've stopped is truly impaired," said Captain Johnnie Umphlet of the ECU PD.

The GHSP awarded the devices to other police departments on both local and University levels around the state.

"We want to give law enforcement officers another tool they can use ... we hope they will use them to really get serious about drunk driving," said Frank Smith of the GHSP.

A person suspected of driving drunk blows into the hand held device, and if the reading is above .08 BAC for a person 21 or over (the official North Carolina Limit), or registers at all for an underage drinker, that person is subject to arrest. Because the machine is only a preliminary indicator, it is not admissible in court, so the suspect is then taken to the magistrate's office to obtain an official breath analysis reading. The machine works by sucking in the breath the suspect blows when the officer depresses a button. In five to 10 seconds a reading appears.

The ECU police department only has jurisdiction to stop suspected drunk drivers on the campus, properties owned by ECU or roadways adjacent to land controlled by ECU. This means an officer can pull a suspect on the portion of tenth street that runs along ECU property, but has no official powers beyond those areas; for instance the sections of road just past the Music complex. If an officer observes someone driving while impaired in those areas he or she has to call the Greenville police, but Umphlet says ECU officers will be on the lookout.

With the new addition to their own two Alco-Sensors, ECU officers will be patrolling with seven of these devices. If one of them stops you and you are proven to be driving impaired you can lose your license on the spot

as well as face court fines, increased insurance premiums and jail time. Repeat offenders might even lose their cars.

Officers as well as officials at the GHSP want anyone who drinks and gets behind the wheel of a car to know there will be consequences. Even someone who has not yet reached the limit of .08 BAC, but whom the officer deems has a rising blood alcohol content can be arrested.

"If a reading on an Alco-Sensor shows a .07 BAC or lower the officer determines through other means such as observation and the person's statement of alcohol consumed then the person may be subject to arrest based upon additional sobriety tests," Umphlet said.

What that means, is that if you register below the legal limit, but appear to be inebriated, or if you have drunk enough alcohol that your system has not fully responded yet, (but is most likely going to) an officer can arrest you.

All in all the ECU police department and the GHSP are trying to make it very difficult to drive drunk and not get caught. Umphlet says it's all a matter of safety.

"Our main objective is to make sure we provide good police coverage to the campus of ECU," Umphlet said.

State house campaign gets underway

Five candidates running for two districts

HOLLY HARRIS
SENIOR WRITER

Those running for a seat in the North Carolina State House began filing for May's primary and the final election on Nov. 3.

Five candidates are running for the two district seats in this area, hoping they will be the one chosen to change the way eastern Carolina is represented in state affairs.

Democratic candidates Jeff Savage and Edith Warren are vying for the eighth district position. Incumbent Linwood Mercer has elected not to pursue reelection to run instead for the first district U.S. congressional seat against Eva Clayton, who now holds the office.

Warren, a former teacher, principal, current small business owner and county commissioner says she thinks her years of managerial experience and county

leadership make her a good choice for the seat.

"There are going to be several things I am working toward: respectable use of tax dollars, continuing to develop the economic opportunities for good jobs for the people in our area, and the development of a better infrastructure," Warren said.

Warren also promises to be a proponent of education and the environment.

"If we don't keep our environment in good condition it will not be there for the future," Warren said.

Jeff Savage, Warren's opponent for the eighth district position, is

also a county commissioner and says he promises to address issues that others may shy away from.

"I have demonstrated that I am a voice of the people, and one that is not quick to adhere to the status quo — I'm not afraid to challenge the issues and I'm willing to adapt to a changing environment," Savage said.

Savage maintains that his platform will rest on the environment, education and financial issues that affect the voters in his district.

"I think we need to move into the 21st century, development of health issues, sewer projects and economic development ... many of

the issues that used to be dealt with at the federal level are now being passed down to the state, the most important being welfare reform — one size doesn't fit all, we will have to tailor our actions to the eastern district," Savage said.

Candidates for the ninth district have three choices for their house representative, including the Republican incumbent Henry Aldridge who could not be reached for comment. Aldridge is a controversial figure for his comments on race and rape. Democrats Emmett Floyd,

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Monday, February 9

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Education Day

Tuesday, February 10

10:00am-2:00pm

Sexual Assault Information Table - Wright Plaza
Survivor's/Friend's of Survivor's Candlelight Vigil,
Student Health Resource Room, Behind Health
Services Building, (for further info, call 328-4223)
Self-defense Program, Room 244, Mendenhall Student
Center

Alcohol, Other Drugs and Sexual Assault Day

Wednesday, February 11

10:00am-2:00pm

Sexual Assault Information Table - Wright Plaza
Alcohol and other drugs in the Dating scene, Room 244
Mendenhall Student Center
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Let's Participate Day

Thursday, February 12

10:00am-2:00pm

Sexual Assault Information Table - Wright Plaza
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associate professor of education for ECU, and Robert Wheeler Jr. who also could not be reached for comment, are campaigning for the seat.

"I want to represent the views of the people in the ninth district ... to improve job opportunities, to improve education at all levels and to make our neighborhood, streets and roads safer," Floyd said.

Floyd says that his experiences as an educator reinforces his belief that education is an essential issue.

"I spent 30 years in education, so I think I understand that education is the key," Floyd said.

For now, candidates will be out in their districts campaigning for the May 5 primary that will decide the Democratic and Republican candidates who will continue the race until the election next fall. Until then, candidates say they are hoping voters will take into account each candidate's qualifications and ideas while deciding who to mark on the ballot.

School of Music co-sponsors AIDS benefit with PICASO

Businesses offer support hoping to raise \$200,000

AMBER TATUM
STAFF WRITER

It is time to listen and hear the "Sounds of Support."

The School of Music is co-sponsoring an AIDS benefit concert with the Pitt County AIDS Service Organization (PICASO) which is called the Sounds of Support.

"We (PICASO) hope to raise \$200,000 this year," said Barry Elmore, outreach coordinator for PICASO.

A number of businesses have offered their financial support as sponsors for this cause.

"There are a number of

sponsors from local businesses," Elmore said.

Some of these businesses include Abbott Laboratories, St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Family Health Medicine, Gary Michaels, D.D.S., Racks-O-Welcome, C.A. Lewis Inc., East Carolina Foot and Ankle Specialists and Tar River Estates.

The event is scheduled to take place Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. in Hendrix Theater and will be followed by a free reception with refreshments at the "Music House" on W. Fifth Street. Directions to the reception will be available at the benefit.

Three solo vocal performers will be featured. They are Sharon Munden of the ECU music faculty and voice graduate students Jane Kline and James Hampton. Also,

the ECU Gospel Choir and the ECU Panama Steel Band will be performing.

Sounds of Support tickets are available at the ECU Central Ticket Office. The phone number is 328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS. Advance tickets are priced at \$10 for the public, \$8 for students and senior citizens and \$5 for children ages 12 and under. All tickets at the door will be sold for \$10.

The funds that will be raised at this benefit will be used to help AIDS patients keep up with household bills, pay for food that goes with their specialized diet and with emergency expenses.

Further information about the concert is available from the PICASO office at 830-1660, or from John O'Brien at the ECU School of Music at 328-4137.

Barry Elmore,
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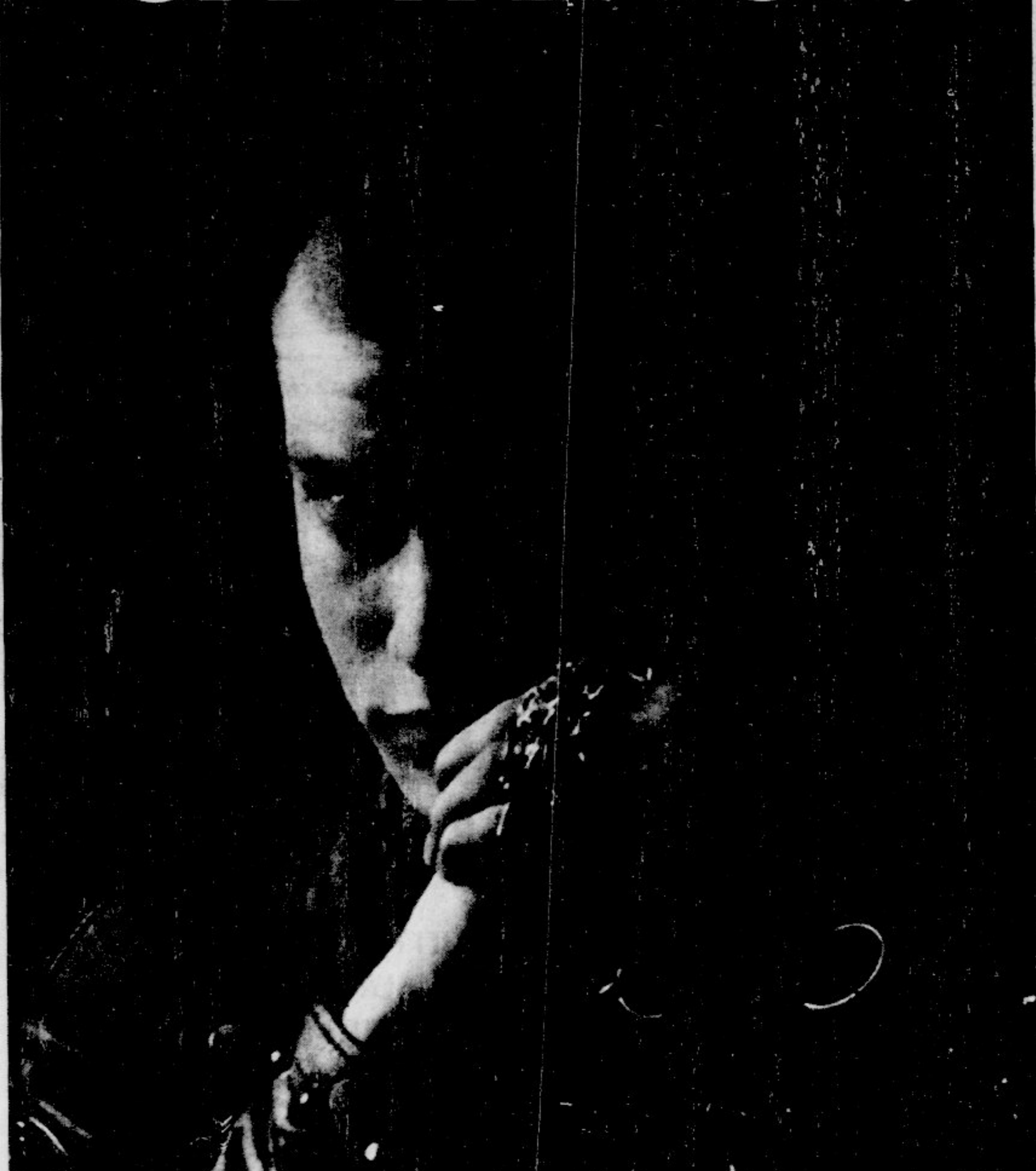
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History prof Long publishes article in leading journal

Piece is excerpt from Pulitzer Prize nominated book

NINA M. DRY
STAFF WRITER

Dr. David E. Long, ECU history professor of three years and Abraham Lincoln expert, wrote an article featured in this fall's leading journal, *The Lincoln Herald*.

Dr. Long's article entitled "I Say We Can Control That Election: Confederate Policy Toward the 1864 Presidential Elections," speaks of Lincoln's trials and tribulations during his reelection in 1864 while the Civil War was taking place.

"It focuses on the fact that even though the southern states weren't going to be in the election, they would do everything they could to influence its outcome and defeat Lincoln," Long said.

"During the Civil War, Lincoln was a towering figure, Long said.

"He was to the rest of the country what Robert E. Lee was to the south."

Long's piece is actually an excerpt from his Pulitzer prize nominated book *Jewel of Liberty: Abraham's Relection and the End of Slavery*. The article was revised for *The Lincoln Herald*, a leading journal that reports on the life and events of our 16th president and is published by Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee. *The Lincoln Herald* is quite familiar with the ECU professor's work.

"I've known *The Lincoln Herald* for years," Long said. "I've published articles with them five times before this."

In addition to the article, Long recently spoke at the second annual symposium of the Lincoln Forum that was held in Gettysburg, Pa. Long, who is one of the founding members of the Lincoln Forum, talked about the Emancipation Proclamation and what it meant in relation to the Civil War. The events were televised Jan. 2 on C-SPAN.

In the months to come, Long will be involved in new projects. His endeavors will include the following:

On Feb. 12, Long will address the annual meeting of the Lincoln's Group of New York and the New York Civil War Roundtable on the topic of Lincoln's nomination in 1860 and the inevitability of the Civil War.

"This is an important date for Lincoln people because it's Lincoln's birthday," Long said. "All over the country groups meet on February 12 and have their annual meeting to celebrate Lincoln's life."

Prior to his New York meeting, Long will give the same speech at ECU on Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. in Brewster B 202.

On March 28, Long will speak at the Library of Congress as a part of the symposium of the Lincoln Institute of the Mid-Atlantic; on Aug. 3, Long will be in attendance at the fifth Annual Symposium at Ford's Theatre National Historic Site discussing the assassination of Lincoln and whether or not the Confederate states were involved.

Finally, this summer Long will release his second book, *Lincoln and Liberty*, which discusses Lincoln's first election in 1860. The date of the book's release is pending.

Lowe temporarily fills vacant School of Education dean post during candidate search

New dean remains dean of School of Social Work

NICOLE MURCHISON
STAFF WRITER

The beginning of February marks the time when the School of Education will temporarily fill its vacant deanship with Gary Lowe, dean of social work.

"I'm just starting," Lowe said. "I'm playing it day by day."

Along with his new duties as interim education dean, Lowe will remain Dean of the School of Social Work. Lowe is not yet sure of how difficult handling both positions will be since he has just started.

Lowe will be replacing former interim dean Emmett Floyd. Floyd served as interim Dean for the School of Education until announcing his retirement from university administrative positions so he will be free to run for a seat in the House Of Representatives.

The seat has been vacant since 1996 when former School Of Education Dean Charles Coble joined the University of North Carolina General Administration. Coble was recently promoted to fill a new UNC vice presidency for university-school programs. Henry Peel also held the interim position but is now associate chancellor for academic affairs at ECU.

"The fact that Gary Lowe holds a Ph.D in



Gary Lowe, interim dean of the School of Education, is juggling two jobs.

PHOTO BY ADAM DALPORTO

education, specifically in the social foundations of education helped to make him an ideal choice," said Richard Ringeisen, vice president of academic affairs. "Further, Dr. Lowe has had many contacts with deans and faculty of the school over the years. I have every confidence that he will serve the School Education, the School of Social Work."

A search is now in progress to find a full-time dean. Lowe said his goal is to try to be responsive to the needs of the School of Education.

Faculty member Snow honored at reception for textbook

ELIZABETH RACK
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Charles Snow, a faculty member of the department of child development and family relations was honored at a reception on campus for the publication of a revised textbook he authored.

Snow signed copies of his textbook *Infant Development*, published by Prentice-Hall, in the

Van Landingham Room of the Rivers Building. The reception was given by the School of Human Environmental Sciences and by student chapters of the Association for the Care of Children's Health (ACCH), for which Dr. Snow is the adviser, and the Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC).

Snow, a specialist in child development and design of day care for young children, has been at ECU since 1976.

"I was a little embarrassed,"

Snow said. "I don't do well in the limelight. But it was very special because it was sponsored by students and a number of faculty and students came. It was terrific to be honored that way."

"Dr. Snow is a very sweet, kind person, and highly regarded by his peers," said Nan Lee, director of the Child Development Lab and faculty adviser for the AEYC. "The AEYC jumped at the opportunity [to honor him]. The reception was well-attended by students, faculty and people from

the community. We were very pleased."

According to Snow, mainly students got books signed at the reception, but some people bought them to get autographed as a gift to family members with babies. The original publication of *Infant Development* came out in 1989, but the field has grown and a great deal of new research has come out since then. He spent three years on the first book, and the company gave him a year on the second edition. He said it was

painful to write it the first time, but, "it's like hitting your hand with a hammer. You forget the pain [until you do it again]. I'm still in recovery."

Snow teaches one of two sections of a course on infant development. The textbook is used in a number of universities across the country. "Recognition from colleagues is one of the most satisfying things," Snow said.

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Child Development Lab director, faculty adviser for the Association for the Education of Young Children.



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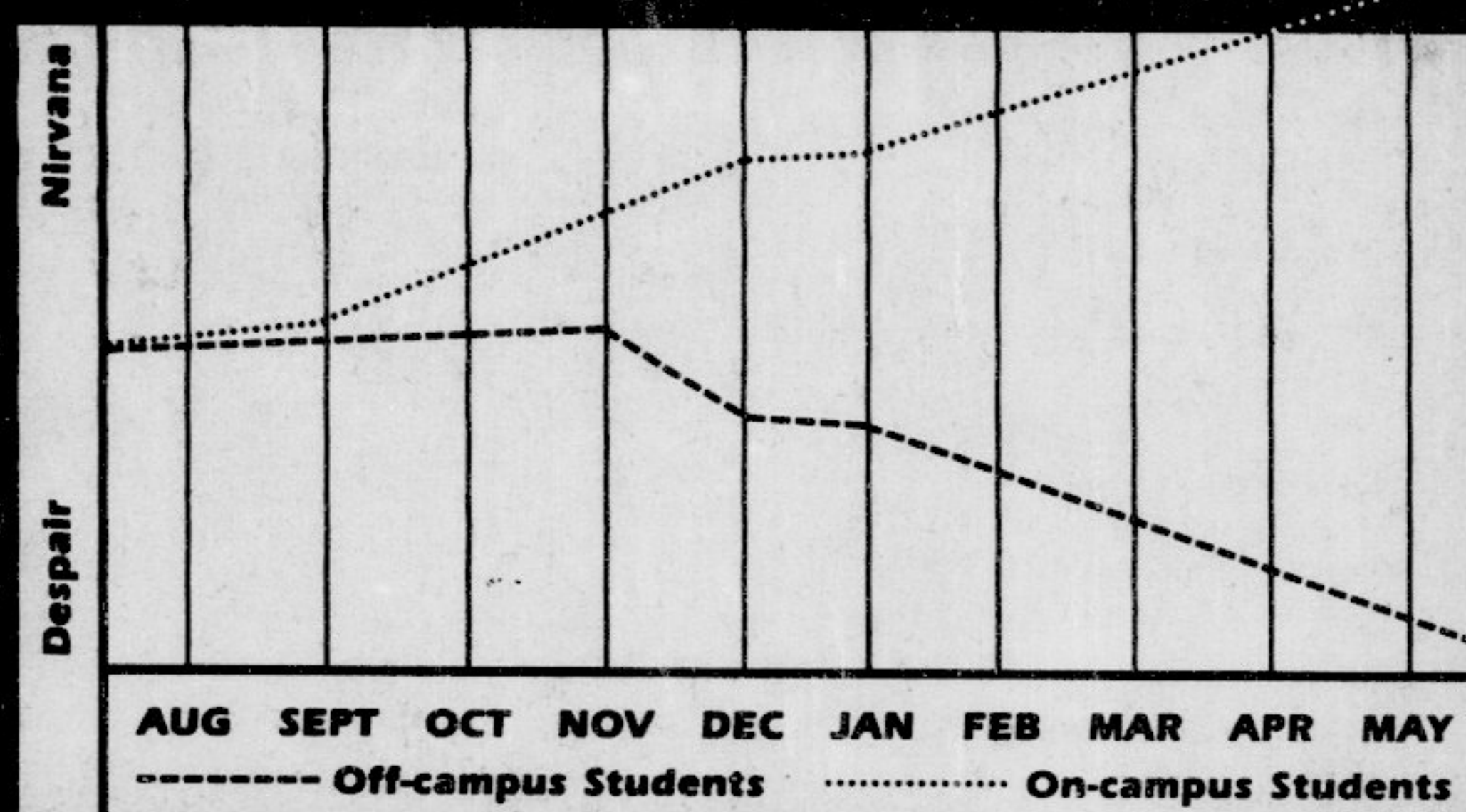
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By Mike Litwin

EVERYDAY LIFE

THINK ABOUT IT, YOU'VE GOT TO WALK RIGHT UP AND ENHANCE EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT OR ELSE THEY WON'T GET JACK RIGHT, AND YOU'RE OUTTA LUCK.

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- Gilbert of "Rosanne"
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- Catch (fish)
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Our View

Somebody else has accused the President of libidinous sexual misconduct, and as usual, her face is plastered on ever periodical in the nation. The latest issue of Entertainment Weekly included the headline "Clinton Sex Scandal" on its front cover. Entertainment Weekly? since when did the political repercussions of the president's alleged misbehavior constitute entertainment?

Well, for a while now, if you think about it. Jokes about Bill's John Thomas and what he does with it abound on television. Everybody from Jay Leno to VH1 has taken the opportunity to take another jab at what is already the dead horse of the Lewinsky accusations. The American people eat this stuff up; no one can know for sure, but most polls indicate that the president's approval ratings are the highest they've been, ever in the history of his administration.

So perhaps this sort of thing is entertainment. If it is, then are respectable newspapers and magazines acting with journalistic integrity when they focus entire issues on this thing? Regardless of how many papers it sells, does the biography of Lewinsky really constitute news? Is the national media trying to move in on Jerry Springer's market? Has the old watchdog of society gotten fat and lazy? What would happen if, the next time some Little Miss Opportunity raised her voice against our nation's chief executive, all the respectable publications just said no to smut?

Well, for one, Chelsea might be happier. Let's think about Chelsea for a minute. Here's a college freshman, hoping to succeed in life, make friends, find a date to the sorority function, spend a night on the town or just have cup of coffee at her favorite coffee spot. Imagine, if you will, the First College Student sipping on a latte, counting the number of people in the shop turning to the big feature on the sex scandal in the "news" section of USA Today. How would you feel if you woke to the morning news doing an exclusive on how your dad slept with his intern? What would it feel like to have every editorial columnist in the country musing of the imminent divorce of your parents or the closet homosexuality of your mother? Freedom of the press is supposed to be a right granted to the people to protect them from legitimate evils of society and the government. It was not meant to pander to the lowbrow lust for a "juicy bit." The groundlings may have, collectively, a lot of cash to be spent on tabloids, but is it really worth a betrayal of the public trust for those dollars? If we in the "respectable" news media abuse our freedom, then we run the risk of jeopardizing our blessed position as protectors of the truth.

OPINION Columnist

Jeff BERGMAN

Microsoft: monopolistic devil

With all this trouble with Microsoft ECU still makes a deal with the proverbial devil...trust Microsoft about as much as you would trust President Clinton with your 21-year old intern daughter.

Three people are on board a stalled train; a mechanic, a chemist and a Microsoft technician. The three get into an argument about why the train is not moving. The mechanic insists the train's problem is related to a malfunction in the engine and suggest looking at the engine to fix the train. The chemist argues for looking at the fuel mixture to get the train moving. The Microsoft technician insists upon closing all windows, exiting the train, getting back on the train and trying to start it again.

I can count on one hand the number of times a Macintosh computer has locked up on me. Only with scientific notation can I figure out how many times my IBM,

run by Windows and DOS has locked up, shut down and refused to do a damned thing. Most experts believe 90 percent of the world's home computers are run by a Microsoft program, whether it be Windows or DOS. Microsoft also controls about the same percentage of programs for word processing, spreadsheets and everything in the Microsoft package that comes with most computers.

Can we say monopoly? I knew you could. If AT&T had 90 percent of the long distance and local telephone service, they would have been broken up, again. Unless they were a cable company.

An interesting note about the Microsoft packages that come with computers: Most advertisements list these programs in such a manner as to suggest they are free. Not so, Microsoft actually charges a licensing fee to the computer manufacturers. You do pay for the programs that come with your computer.

The Department of Justice is looking into Microsoft to see if they are following monopolistic tendencies. Good call. Janet Reno could not find the haystack, much less the needle.

What constitutes monopolistic in the Department of Justice? What would happen if Walmart were to drop prices on prescription drugs in an effort to run small-time pharmacies out of business? Well, last time it happened they were sued by the small ma and pa organizations; Walmart lost. Now what if Walmart were giving away

having a prescription filled, much in the same way Microsoft is giving away the Internet Explorer/Holy Monopolies, Batman.

Few companies are left to challenge the Goliath. Apple has taken more beatings than Peter McNeely. Netscape is surviving about as well as can be expected. Sun Microsystems is the one last hope for those of us who realize that Microsoft programming is

substandard. Today programmers have to write language for both types of operating systems, IBM and Mac. Tomorrow may change all that. Sun Microsystems released a programming language for personal computers. The language, Java, works on both Mac's and IBM's systems, as Sun says, "Write Once Run Anywhere." With Java, Microsoft could face serious competition.

With possible real competition, Bill Gates does what any good computer geek does. Bill adds features to the Java programming so that it will only work on Microsoft operating systems. If programmers use these features, Mac lovers are given the shaft again.

With all this trouble with Microsoft ECU still makes a deal with the proverbial devil. Computing and Information Systems (CIS) could have asked me about the Microsoft Exchange program. I would have told them the truth; trust Microsoft about as much as you would trust President Clinton with your 21-year old intern daughter.

The speech of the people is capable of expressing whatever the people are.

Sterling Brown, historian, 1929



OPINION Columnist

Keith COOPER

Struggling for freedom



African-Americans need more than a black history month in February, the shortest and coldest month of the year. While we must never forget the dehumanizing effects of slavery, it is important that we make Dr. King's dream a reality.

Many college students are ignorant of persistent struggles by persevering blacks to overcome and circumvent racial injustices. Valiantly, blacks challenged an old, despotic, cruel system notoriously named slavery. Slavery, an abominable, harsh system of human bondage and oppression, was an institution which lasted nearly 300 years in America. Slaves toiled from sunrise to sunset for masters (mostly Southern) who depended on slave labor to promote their economic interests. By the way, most slaves were employed in cotton fields. Nevertheless, slaves were considered property and hence, less than human beings. Amid such horrors, many slaves used resistance to challenge servitude and the intertwined atrocities. Rebellion or revolt was one form of resistance. People who master-minded rebellions often met death through execution. Flight was popular among slaves. Fugitives were often caught and tortured by their masters.

Gabriel Prosser led the first slave revolt in the South in 1800. This insurrection, occurring near Richmond, Virginia, consisted of 1,000 slaves armed with bayonets, scythes, pikes, and guns. The slaves, who met about six miles outside of Richmond, had planned to capture the city and occupy it until the stated legislature guaranteed that slavery would be outlawed. To the insurrectionists' surprise, the escape plot was betrayed to authorities by another slave. Thus, James Monroe, then Virginia's governor, dispatched the militia to meet the slaves. Without battle, Prosser and his team were arrested and executed.

The least-known but largest slave revolt in American history occurred in St. John-the-Baptist Parish, Louisiana, just outside New Orleans in 1811. The revolt involved about 500 slaves who had been brought to Louisiana by their French colonial masters who were refugees themselves from the Haitian slave revolt. These slaves, after arriving in North America, escaped, armed themselves, and marched on New Orleans with drums beating and flags flying. Nevertheless, the local militia triumphed.

In 1822, in Charleston, SC, Denmark Vesey, a slave who had purchased his own freedom, organized a plot to seize the city, kidnap government officials, and ransom the city in exchange for an end to slavery. After a slave disclosed the plot to whites on the eve of the revolt, South Carolina authorities apprehended 131 slaves and hanged 37, including Vesey.

In 1831 in Southampton, Virginia, the best known slave revolt in US history occurred. Nat Turner, who revolted with other slaves and killed his master and the master's family, led the revolt. From plantation to plantation, slaves murdered their owners and

liberated each other. Turner's uprising caused the deaths of nearly 60 whites. Eventually, federal and state troops crushed the rebellion and executed Turner.

Flight was a last resort when all else failed. Each year, between 200 and 300 slaves escaped. In all, over 60,000 slaves escaped to free territory. They journeyed north via one of two routes - through eastern Maryland into Delaware and Pennsylvania or through western Maryland and across the Mason-Dixon Line - the border between Pennsylvania, a free state, and Maryland, a slaveholding state - into central Pennsylvania. Additionally, the majority of slaves ended their flight in Canada where England, Canada's mother country at the time, outlawed slavery around 1838.

Harriet Tubman was influential in helping droves of slaves escape to the North. Often referred to as "Moses", Tubman, who escaped from slavery in 1849, never lost a slave. In fact, she had led more of her brethren out of "Egypt" than any other person in American history.

Slavery has divided the country for so long. This institution, where blacks were regarded as property and whites as masters, was the fundamental issue which led to the War of Secession. Slave rebellions were conducted by a people who wanted to break the shackles of oppression and subjugation. When revolts were not effective, flight offered hope for slaves, hungry for freedom. President Clinton is considering apologizing to African-Americans for slavery and contemplating the possibilities of future reparations. African-Americans need more than a black history month in February, the shortest and coldest month of the year. While we must never forget the dehumanizing effects of slavery, it is important that we make Dr. King's dream a reality.

OPINION Columnist

Marvella SULLIVAN

Use surplus to improve education

The budget surplus should be utilized to upgrade the human capital of America — through education...An educated public will breed less crime, less welfare recipients, thus a decrease in the cost of law enforcement and social programs.

For all who haven't heard the exciting economic news: very soon, we finally have a national budget surplus! Consequently, though not surprisingly, there is also a plethora of very strong opinions on what this surplus should be used for. The main ideas are cutting taxes and salvaging the crumbling social security system. Both proposals have merit to some degree, but I believe we should do something different. The budget surplus

should be utilized to upgrade the human capital of America — through education.

Why shouldn't we cut taxes? Normally I am all for tax cuts because a tax cut for the rich most definitely equates to more prosperity for the poor in the form of jobs, products, etc., but the amount that would be cut in this case would not stimulate the economy significantly enough to justify the reduction.

Why shouldn't we allot the surplus toward the decaying social security system? Basically, our poor pitance of a surplus isn't going to rectify an atrocity like the present situation with social security. The reforms need to be structural — not a monetary paycheck. That would be like pouring oil in my car every once in awhile, but never getting an oil and filter change (which I do actually). Paying off social security, like indiscriminately pouring oil in my car are both only temporary solutions which will both inevitably blow up in our faces.

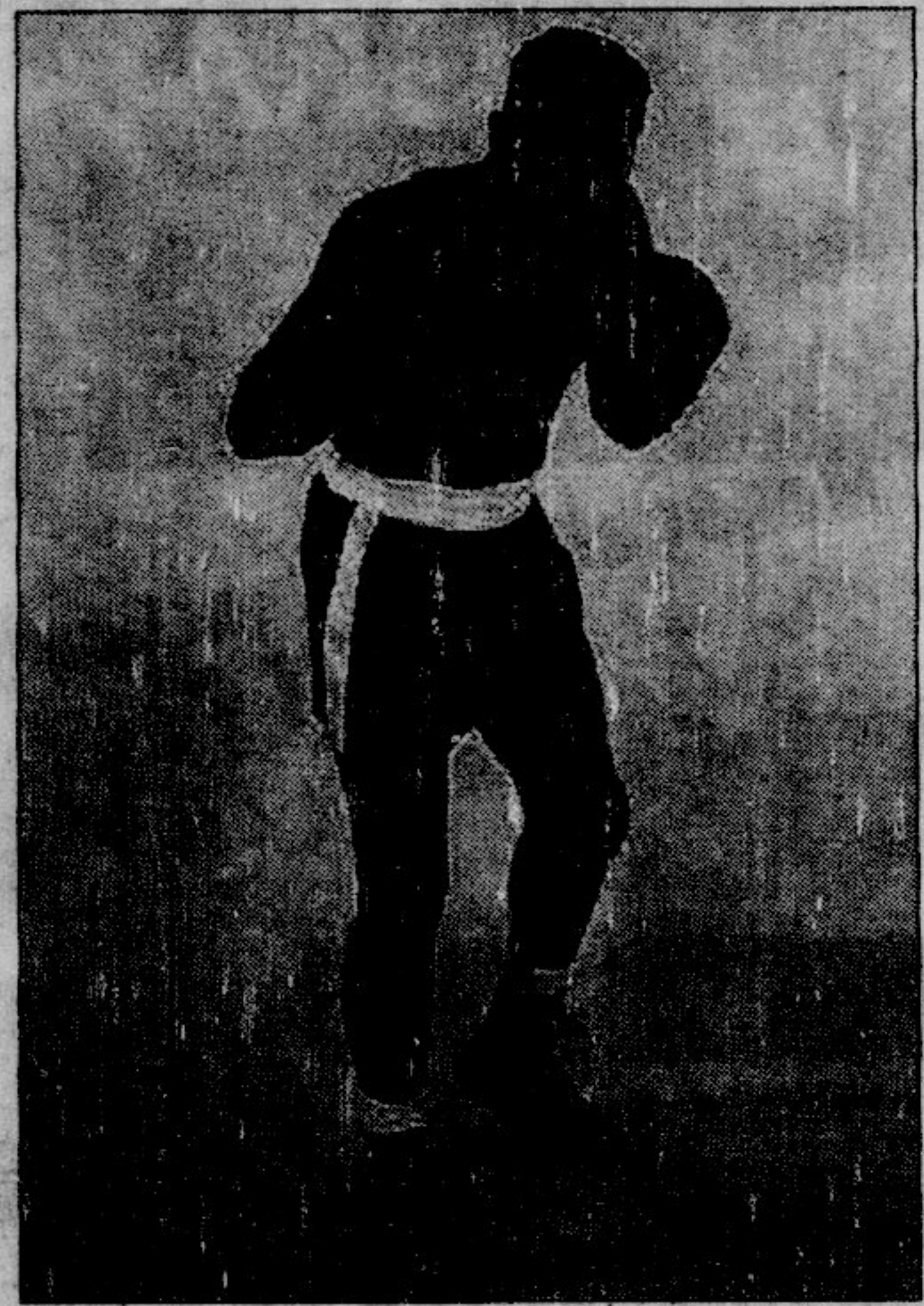
So, why should we put the surplus toward education? America's problems are tied to illiteracy and lack of job skills. In our post-industrial technological society, the lack of skilled workers is a limiting factor for economic growth. This limiting factor stifles other facets of our society like quality of

life, etc.. Once the lower and middle class people are sufficiently trained, there will be vast domino effects that will benefit our society as a whole. An educated public will breed less crime, less welfare recipients, thus a decrease in the cost of law enforcement and social programs. In the long run, once our governmental costs are reduced, we can have a tax cut that actually means something. This reform in education can't be a shotgun approach or giveaway scheme as past attempts have been. For once, it needs to be well structured and multi-faceted. The reform needs to include increases in teachers' salaries, extensive and accessible training programs and perhaps tax incentives (not welfare incentives) for individuals and corporations that participate in such programs. I don't have all the solutions. I'm definitely not an economist or politician.

A rejuvenation of education will have immeasurable benefits, but the benefits will not materialize right off the bat. It's hard for politicians to formulate a financial plan that doesn't have immediate positive results (This is why Bush wasn't reelected). America needs to learn to see past the ends of their noses and vote for politicians who can do the same. When America is educated properly, this country will be much more tolerable for all of us.

lifestyle

The East Carolinian



Black pioneers: Floyd Patterson, Martin Luther King and Aretha Franklin. ABOVE PHOTO COURTESY OF FLOYD PATTERSON PHOTO GALLERY, TOP RIGHT PHOTO COURTESY OF LIFE MAGAZINE AND BOTTOM RIGHT COURTESY OF WALL OF SOUND

Celebrate diversity by participating in one of these events during Black History Month.

Feb. 5, 10:00 a.m. The Thespians for Diversity perform "I Have Seen the Mountain Top, But It Don't Look So Good" in the 204. Admission: \$2.00.

Feb. 10, 8:00 p.m. Black Student Leadership Roundtable at Ledona S. Wright Center, Blount House, 6 p.m.

Feb. 21, 7:00 p.m. Brother-to-Brother Rap Session at Ledona S. Wright Center, 8 p.m.

Feb. 28, 8:00 p.m. ECU Jazz Ensemble's "A Tribute to Motown" in A.C. Fletcher Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

The House of Operation for the Ledona S. Wright Cultural Center, located in Blount House on Central Campus, are Monday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (328-1000).

"A human thing"

ECU celebrates Black History Month

MICCAH SMITH
SENIOR WRITER

Enthusiasm about the achievements of African-Americans and the demand for recognition has been steadily increasing during the past decade, with the result that what was once Negro History Week (first observed in the 1920s) has been expanded to Black History Month.

No matter how you choose to celebrate Black History Month, there is sure to be a university-sponsored activity that will both entertain and educate you.

The Ledona S. Wright Cultural Center will contribute a black student leadership roundtable discussion and a brother-to-brother rap session, both in Blount House on West Campus, during this month to encourage African-American students to take control of their destinies and to become more involved on campus.

According to English lecturer Reginald Watson, contributions to modern society by African-Americans run the gamut from the stop light, the light bulb filament, the fire escape ladder, the typewriter, the fountain pen, the lawn mower and the wall light switch to the barbershop chair and blood plasma storage, which saved countless lives during WWII.

"When we look at Black History Month, we should take a close look at what we're celebrating. It's not just a black thing; it's a human thing," he says. "The importance...is to educate everybody about...these achievements."

Watson is the founder of Thespians for Diversity, a group of students who write and perform their own plays about the importance of such values as equality, hard work and acceptance of others in a world where cooperation and good race relations are becoming increasingly important.

His play, "I Have Seen the Mountain Top, But It Don't Look So Good," is slated for performance on February 9. In this play, Martin Luther King, Jr. is resurrected to discover that his dream of harmony between all races is still unfulfilled.

Watson hopes that students will be encouraged to take responsibility for their education about black history.

"It should go on beyond February. We should try to learn about each other throughout the entire year."

The Thespians are working on another play entitled "Black Voices from the Past," which Watson hopes will be performed later in February.

Good information about the contributions of blacks to civilization can be found in such books as *A Turbulent Voyage*, by Floyd Patterson; *The Black Athena*, by Martin



Reginald Watson
ENGLISH LECTURER



"When we look at Black History Month... It's not just a black thing; it's a human thing."

Reginald Watson

CD review



Pearl Jam
Yield

8 OUT OF 10

JOHN DAVIS
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

"I'm through screaming," Eddie Vedder yells in one song. "Not trying to make a difference," he warbles in another. With these invocations, Pearl Jam has decided to put their Ticketmaster suing past in, well, in the past, and get on with doing what they're good at: being a rock and roll band.

Gone are the pretentious punk-rock postures, the deflated indie-rock attitudes, the "woe is me" ultra-introspective song lyrics that have dominated previous Pearl Jam albums. In the place of that are some straight up rock songs. Who'da thunk it?

Not to say that Vedder and crew have surrendered to the testosterone-driven brainlessness that other hard rock acts (Aerosmith, and Pearl Jam predecessor, Mother Love Bone) thrive on. Rather, Vedder has just learned how to write engaging lyrics without resorting to Morrissey-sized trips into his Id.

Pearl Jam's instant success way back in 1991 separated them from the counter-culture that was the grunge "revolution." Vedder, who grew up with punk-rebellion-for-the-sake-of-rebellion as his breakfast cereal, balked at all this fame and guided the band down a path designed to deconstruct the band's rock star status. After five years, it worked: the band's last album, *No Code* sold poorly and didn't even generate a minor hit.

With all that behind them, the band seems to have felt free to be

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concertreview

The Brewery hosts hoedown, Raleigh style

ANDY TURNER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

You ever been to one of those small town shindigs, way back in the woods where they have a pig on the grill, plenty of beer, a big tub of red funny juice (causing drunks to run around with red stains around their mouths like trailer-trash kids at the Winn-Dixie) and some band called Southern-something-or-other playing "Sweet Home Alabama" like they were revolutionaries? The Brewery in Raleigh had a similar get-together this past weekend by the name of S.P.I.T.T.L.E. (Southern Plunge Into Trailer Trash Leisure & Entertainment) Fest.

There were a few important changes, however. There was no pig on a grill. Instead, the festival featured coleslaw, beans and chopped BBQ, with no hot sauce, mind you (punishable by excommunication to Rhode Island in some parts of North Carolina). Also, there was no red funny juice, due to the Brewery being beer-only, but they had plenty of what they had only. Most importantly, the two-day fest, MCed by local wrestler,

Col. DeBeers (with fanny pack and big cigar) featured plenty of damn fine music, free of any Molly Hatchet cover bands.

Friday night featured the likes of "Raleigh legends" and the self-proclaimed "best looking band at S.P.I.T.T.L.E." The Accelerators, Trailer Bride, Blue Mountain, Two Dollar Pistols, R.B. Morris and The Hiccups, who served as the in-between set house band Saturday night.

The Accelerators, who've been around since the early '80s, proclaimed their current line-up to be their best ever and set out to prove it. They cranked out their version of N.R.B.Q. bar-band rock with tunes like "Ooh-Wee" and "Leave My Heart Alone." Their inspired efforts had the crowd bopping and dancing like they were at a '50s sock-hop.

R.B. Morris delivered a quieter, more introspective set. The Knoxville-based singer/welder is signed to John Prince's Oh Boy label. Sadly, his sad songs didn't go over too well with the crowd, who largely ignored the talented singer.

"I guess I'm the lead singer, but I'm just a housewife, really," Trailer Bride's Melissa Swingle offered

while introducing the band to the audience. Swingle's talents go much farther than cooking Beanie Weenies and scrubbing johns, however. She is an equally adept songwriter and guitar player.

Swingle's deep vowing may be too much for some, but it is appropriate for the bluesy country Trailer Bride performs. PJ Harvey might sound like Swingle if she was from Carolina. Trailer Bride was also the only band at the festival to use a saw as an instrument, a definite plus.

Writer Larry Brown's favorite band and Oxford, Mississippi's pride and joy Blue Mountain stole the show Friday night. The band performed a high-energy set that was the best-received of the evening.

Blue Mountain celebrated the music of the South — country, blues and, oh yeah, that Southern rock stuff trashed before. But they put those bands to shame on songs such as "Soul Sister" and "Blue Canoe." They are closer in spirit to the loud guitar thunder of Uncle Tupelo, but with more of a hippy edge to it.

Two Dollar Pistols closed the

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Art students upset over studio space

JOHN DAVIS
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

For art student Chris Knotts, it's not just about losing a little elbow room. Knotts, like many of the students in the Communication Art program here at ECU is upset due to a loss of studio space.

"I feel very cheated," Knotts said in an interview.

Once an art student is accepted into the program he/she chooses to concentrate in, that student is allotted studio space. This space includes work and storage areas. Until recently, the students in the C.A. program occupied two large rooms on the bottom floor of the Jenkins Art building. Over Christmas break however, the C.A. faculty decided to move the students into a much smaller room.

Naturally, the students didn't receive the news with much enthusiasm. "Everybody that has studio space worked hard to get accepted into the program," Knotts said.

The issue is more complicated than that however, according to Craig Malmrose, director of the C.A. program. When Malmrose came on as faculty in 1985, the studio space allotted to the C.A. students was one of the large rooms. "The adjoining room is not and has never been studio space. Recently some students have set up their studios in

that room, but it was never officially designated as studio space."

Knotts saw this as an excuse. "You can say that," he said, "but that doesn't change the fact that five students had their space in there."

Originally, 30 students occupied the space that, in Fall '97, 16 students occupied. With the advent of computers as a design tool, the number of students that used the space declined.

"With that extra space, students started to move in overstuffed furniture, ceramics projects, stuff that shouldn't be there," Malmrose said. "When I bring in prospective freshmen, I'm completely embarrassed by the state of the room."

"It's an art studio. Artists work there; of course it's going to be messy," Knotts said.

Aside from that issue, the C.A. department is hosting a large photography symposium in the fall. The former studio space is joined to the darkrooms. "The faculty who teach photography requested that those double rooms be cleaned up," Malmrose said.

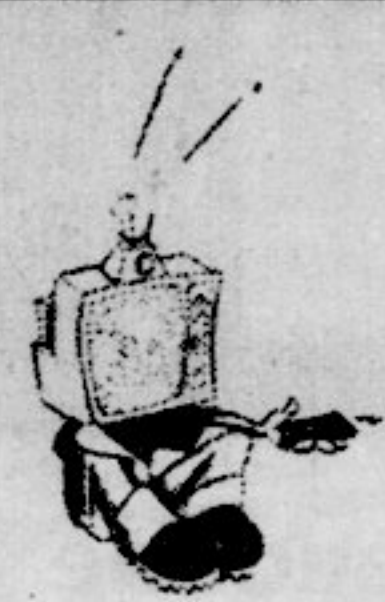
"Given all these factors, all nine C.A. faculty came to a unanimous decision."

The studio was officially moved, and since then, Malmrose said he's only seen two to three students occupying the new space.

"Of course there's no one in

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Nitro puts the hurt on Raw

MARK BRETT
SENIOR WRITER

Okay you pencil-necks, listen up! The subject is professional wrestling! The objective is pain! Never-ending, agonizing pain! Your pain, if you don't get with the program and learn to appreciate wrestling's sweaty embrace! That's right, baby, *WCW Monday Nitro* is the highest-rated show on cable television! Give in to its power! Join the hordes of wrestling's devoted fans or face the fury of the Figure-Four Leglock!

Ooo, I think I burst a vessel. How does the Macho Man do that all the time? Whew! At any rate, it's all true. Professional wrestling's popularity is at an all-time high, with the sport's two biggest organizations duking it out for

ratings on Monday nights. On one side of the grappling fence we have the aforementioned *WCW Monday Nitro*, owned by Ted Turner (known in wrestling circles as Billionaire Ted). On the other side is *WWF Raw*, put on by long-time wrestling promoter Vince McMahon.

To the untrained eye, the two shows would seem to be very similar. It's the same old male soap opera they've been putting on for years, with hate instead of love, violence replacing sex. Wrestlers still get neck-breaking mad at each other for the most simplistic of reasons, and the rules are still more of a suggestion than absolute law. But beyond those basics, the differences between *Nitro* and *Raw* run deep.

Nitro, the show in the top spot, can thank its stars for its success. The flagship of World Championship Wrestling (WCW), *Nitro* boasts the

talents of such performers as Nature Boy Ric Flair, Hulk Hogan, Macho Man Randy Savage and Rowdy Roddy Piper. With household names like these in their roster, bolstered by big names in wrestling fandom like Lex Luger, Sting and Bret Hart, WCW pulls in viewers like mad. Unfortunately, most of these guys are actually kind of boring. Veterans of the wrestle wars, the big names have settled into comfortable schticks, and they rarely deviate from them.

It was fine for Hulk Hogan to be a moderately charismatic muscle man 20 years ago, when most wrestlers were just big doughy guys who ate too much beef. But now that every bruiser who comes down the pike has a sculpted physique, Hogan is a waste. Piper isn't much better, and guys like Lex Luger

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show Friday night, hitting the stage with their honky-tonk selves close to 1 a.m., to a worn-out crowd who had largely decreased in size by that point. Nevertheless, John Howie and the Pistols performed their should-one-day-be-country-classics-but-won't-be-because-the-folks-who-run-country-radio-are-a-bunch-of-close-minded-chicken-headed-jackasses songs to a happy crowd. Howie, a cornball gaze pasted on his face like he was Hank Snow's illegitimate son, showcased his songwriting capabilities on songs like "You Did Alright (Till You Did Wrong By Me)" and "Let Me Be Your Fool."

Night number two, Saturday night, also had a tremendous line up

(but still no hot sauce, by God): The Derailers, The Steam Donkeys, Cigar Store Indians, Big Joe, Chip Robinson and The Bottle Rockets.

The Steam Donkeys, who arrived in style at the festival, driving a church van, were one of the few non-Southern bands on the bill. In fact, Col. DeBeers had to get on the New York boys for calling the fiddle a violin. "When you're down here, you call it a fiddle," DeBeers said, chomping his cigar for emphasis.

The Donkeys had the twang thang, however. The "violin" player was even a quite impressive yodeler, taking over lead vocals for a cover of "Mr. Sandman."

Saturday night Chip Robinson had no friends, at least not on stage. His set, billed as Chip Robinson and Friends, turned out to be a solo performance. However, The Backsliders frontman did well on his own, mixing Backsliders tunes with a few covers, including a convincing cover of Dylan's "Tangled Up and

Blue."

Like Blue Mountain did the night before, Crab Apple, Georgia's Cigar Store Indians took the title of crowd favorite for their night to perform at S.P.I.T.T.L.E. Charismatic frontman Ben Friedman shot the stuff with the audience with topics ranging from braless women to female minors, in between delivering dance-happy rockabilly numbers like "Hot Rod Concerto" and "Jailbait."

The crowd, in fact, took to the Indians so much, they didn't want them to leave the stage. The Georgia boys obliged with no less than five encores.

Well, after the frantic and sweaty (sweaty for January, dammit) set by the Cigar Store Indians, The Derailers and The Bottle Rockets had a tough act to follow. The Derailers, from Austin, didn't seem like the same band that Buck Owens invited to perform at his birthday bash in Bakersfield. Their

set was certainly less enthusiastic and the crowd response, likewise.

The Bottle Rockets were the last show of the festival. While they didn't seem quite as apprehensive as The Derailers, they didn't come off quite as rowdy as their reputation would have you believe and hope for. The Rockets did perform their loud guitar getdowns like "Gravity Falls" and "Radar Gun," but seemed to be saving something for another night down the road. Maybe they'll have a lot more pep next time they come around, and let's hope they sing "Queen of the World."

If you missed S.P.I.T.T.L.E., you missed a good time and a lot of great bands. But worry not, some of the best bands of the festival will be back in the area within the next month at area clubs or at Local 506 at the club's end of the month "Honky-Tonk-A-Rama." And if they have BBQ at the rama, they better have hot sauce.



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just seem to flounder. Ric Flair still talks the best game in the sport and never fails to get a laugh from the audience (and often his opponents). But he's lost a step in the ring, and his classic face-plants lack the precise comic timing of his youth.

So the real attraction of Nitro to a true wrestling fan lies in the undercarders, the guys who haven't gotten complacent, and who still put on a good show. The best of these lower-echelon people is Rey Mysterio, Jr., a masked wrestler from Mexico who seems to defy gravity in the ring. Mysterio, blessed with the best fake wrestling name since Chief Wahoo McDaniels, launches himself from the top rope and onto opponents' heads with such abandon that you can't help but be impressed. Also

impressive are Diamond Dallas Page, Chris Benoit, Dean Malenko, Eddie Guerrero and the Ultimo Dragon. Unfortunately, most of them don't work the mic very well. Often the best part of a wrestling show, good mic work is essential. But maybe these guys don't need to talk. Their ring personas give them all the entertainment value they need.

That's not quite the case with the performers on Raw. The World Wrestling Federation (WWF) relies increasingly these days on bizarre gimmicks and weird angles. Thus, the Undertaker, a walking dead man and Kane, the Undertaker's evil brother, who is apparently indestructible.

Even the "normal" wrestlers on Raw have bizarre or extreme gimmicks, however. The biggest name in WWF, Stone Cold Steve Austin, runs around beating up everybody, regardless of their good

guy or bad guy status, and says the word "ass" a lot. The Truth Commission is led by a strange figure called the Jackal, who's a cross between Euro-trash terrorist and David Koresh. Then there's WWF Champ Shawn Michaels, whose in-character jokes about how everything is fake have led to an all-but-open admission by the WWF that Raw is theatre, not sports.

With this admission out, the plot lines have recently taken even more bizarre turns. Insane freak show wrestler Mankind reveals that his real name is Mick Foley, but then develops a multiple personality disorder and wrestles as three different people (Mankind, Dude Love, and Cactus Jack). Kane locks the Undertaker in a giant casket and sets it on fire in the first case of attempted murder I've ever seen in wrestling. Oddly, security and police officials on hand do nothing as he stands there and gloats.

Yes, all this is a laugh riot. I laugh harder and longer at Raw than I ever have at Nitro. The ring action is even generally better in WWF. Though they don't have the under-card talent of WCW, their big names work harder.

So why is it that I like Nitro better? Well, WWF just doesn't know when to quit. For every hilarious angle like the burning casket, they give us hour-long chunks of nothing. That's why I tape Raw and watch most of it in fast-forward. Granted, that's the best way to watch both of these shows, but at least I can sit through Nitro. WCW tends to play it straight more, giving the fans more traditional rivalries and characters who could actually exist. While that's not as amusing, it is ultimately more entertaining.

And that, as they say in the wrestling game, is the bottom line, babydoll. Woo!

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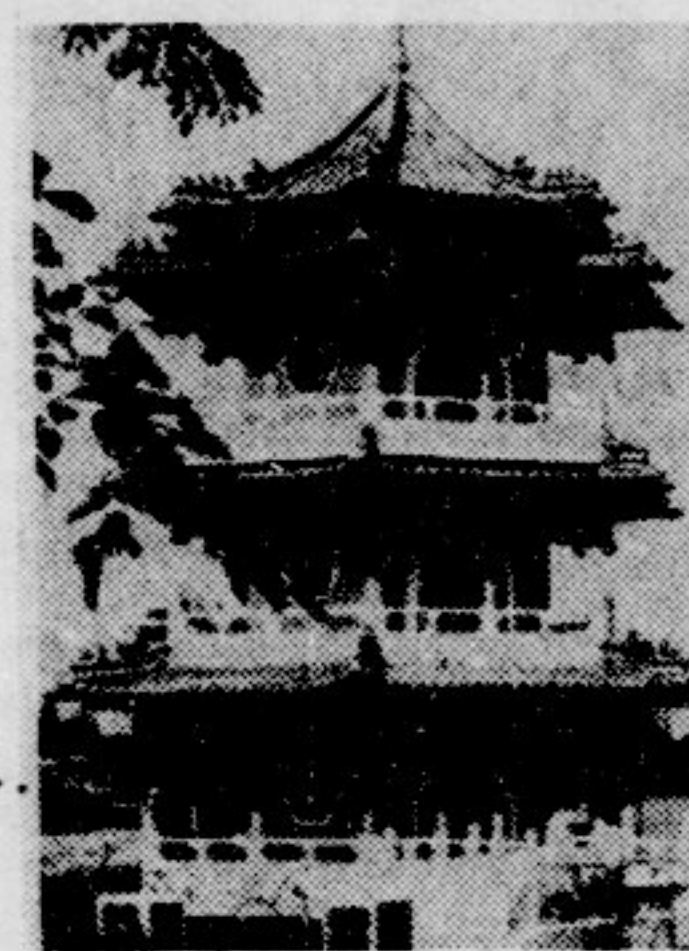


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the sons of glam rock and classic rock they always were. With artwork that resembles Anton Corbijn's design for U2's *The Joshua Tree*, and big guitar sounds that stir up memories of Zeppelin, Pearl Jam have opened the door into the big wide world of rock and roll.

The music has never been better. Gossard, Ament, McCready and Irons are a tight band, and even on the worst moments of *Vitalogy* and *No Code*, it was clear that the musicians were experimenting and storing up ideas for later use. Here, they pull together the best elements of their past four records to create memorable, jamming songs. While they never reach the arena-scorching guitar worship of *Ten*, they opt instead to balance the virtuosity of musicians with tasteful, thoughtful arrangements and infectious grooves.

Songs like "In Hiding," with its shimmering guitars, "Brain of J," with its stomping thunder and

"Faithfull," with it's 70's almost-folk rock intro reveal just how a bunch of skilled musicians can write some great tunes if they just let themselves.

Combine this musical pinnacle with Vedder's improved lyrics, and you have a recipe for a triumph. Some of Vedder's lyrics are still in the same "protest" vein as before, but more often than not, he tends to write from a more human point of view. Some of the songs are charming, ("Wishlist") even humorous and whimsical ("Do the Evolution.") In "Faithfull," Vedder moves effortlessly from Bono-style musings ("whatever the notations/laced in our prayers/who's upstairs?") to echoing "I am the Walrus" ("everything is you, me, you.")

There are a few clumsy lyrical moments, and fewer clumsy musical moments, but these are forgivable, given the overall excellence of the music. *Vital* is probably Pearl Jam's best album to date, which is a good omen for the band. They may even make it out of the 90's with their career intact.

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there. They don't want to use it. Look at it!" Knotts said. "That room does nothing as a studio. It's desks in a small room. There's no creative energy, no atmosphere in that room."

Despite being upset over the loss of space, Knotts said he felt that he and the other students bore no ill will toward Malmrose. "I still sort of maintain his

(Malmrose's) innocence in the matter. I feel he's got as much integrity as anyone I've met.

"I don't really know the workings. All I know is that our studio space is gone, reduced to one-third of what it used to be."

Malmrose has spent quite a bit of unpaid time in the new space, helping set it up. "I care very much about the space they have to work in. I worked with the students, trying to get their desks in order and cleaning it up. I feel that, given time, the students will warm up to the space."

Black History

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Bernal; the works of historian John Hope Franklin and *Floury* Magazine's volumes on black history.

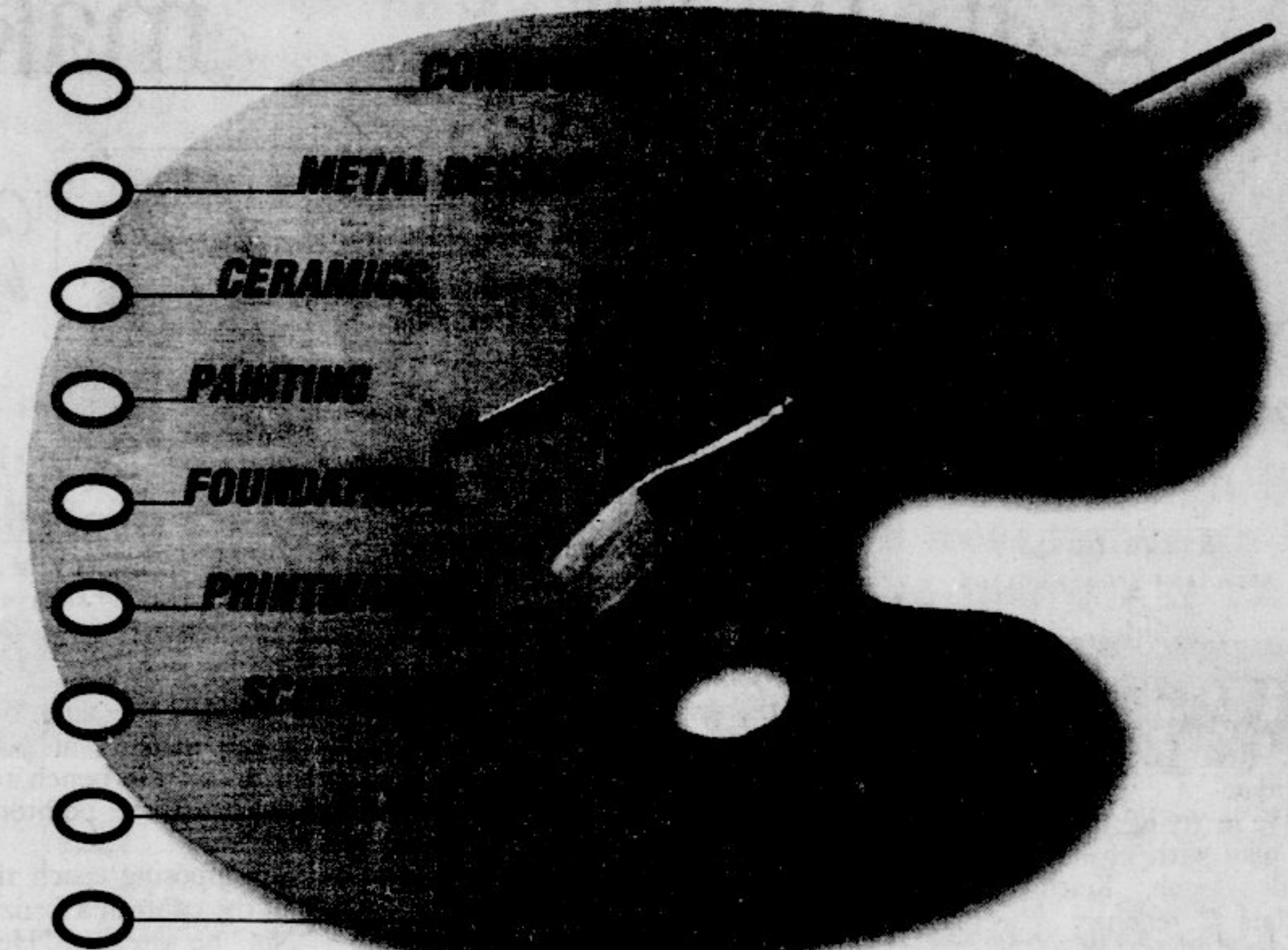
The ECU Jazz ensemble, along with guest vocalist Aishah, will celebrate Black History Month with their "Tribute to Motown" concert on Feb. 28. The

Ensemble will take on Motown Records classics like "Respect" and "My Girl."

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SENIOR SWIMMERS' CAREERS REMEMBERED

8 seniors leave their mark on ECU history as careers end

PAUL KAPLAN
SENIOR WRITER

With only the CAA championships remaining in the ECU swim team schedule, time is quickly running out. Eight men and women must move away from a sport and a university that have been an integral part of their lives for the last four years. These eight swimmers have done more than left their mark in ECU history; the eight of them combined can be found on the all-time top ten ECU best times list well over 20 times.

The five graduating men over their careers at ECU have contributed to a record of 30 wins and only 10 losses. The three graduating women have contributed to a strong four-year record of 33 wins and just seven losses.

Lee Hutchens, the team captain for his second year and also one of the top middle distance freestylers, has been ranked in the top eight at the conference championships for the last three years. He is ranked eighth all-time at ECU in the 200 freestyle, sixth all-time at ECU in the 500 freestyle and eighth all-time at ECU for the 200 backstroke.

"He has been our best 200 and 500 yard freestyler over the last few years," said Head Coach Rick Kobe. "He is also a very good leader; he is always out there cheering or making banners and flags for a team."

The other co-captain, Brandon Tilley, transferred in from one of the top junior college swimming programs in Indian River, Fla., where he was a 1996 Junior College All-American.

Tilley is ranked number one in the conference for the 200 breaststroke and holds the ECU 200 breaststroke varsity record, and he is also second all-time for the 100 breaststroke.

"Brandon is an excellent 200 I.M.er; he ranked eighth all-time for ECU at the CAA championships last year," Kobe said.

Patrick Kessler, one of the premier breaststrokers in the conference, broke the ECU record for the 100 breaststroke last November with a win at the Nike Cup, one of the most prestigious meets in the nation. He also holds the second fastest ECU time in the 200 breaststroke.

"Patrick has been a major force in the CAA all four years," Kobe said. "He holds freshman records

in the 100 and 200 breaststroke that still haven't been broken and he is the number one ranked breaststroker in the CAA."

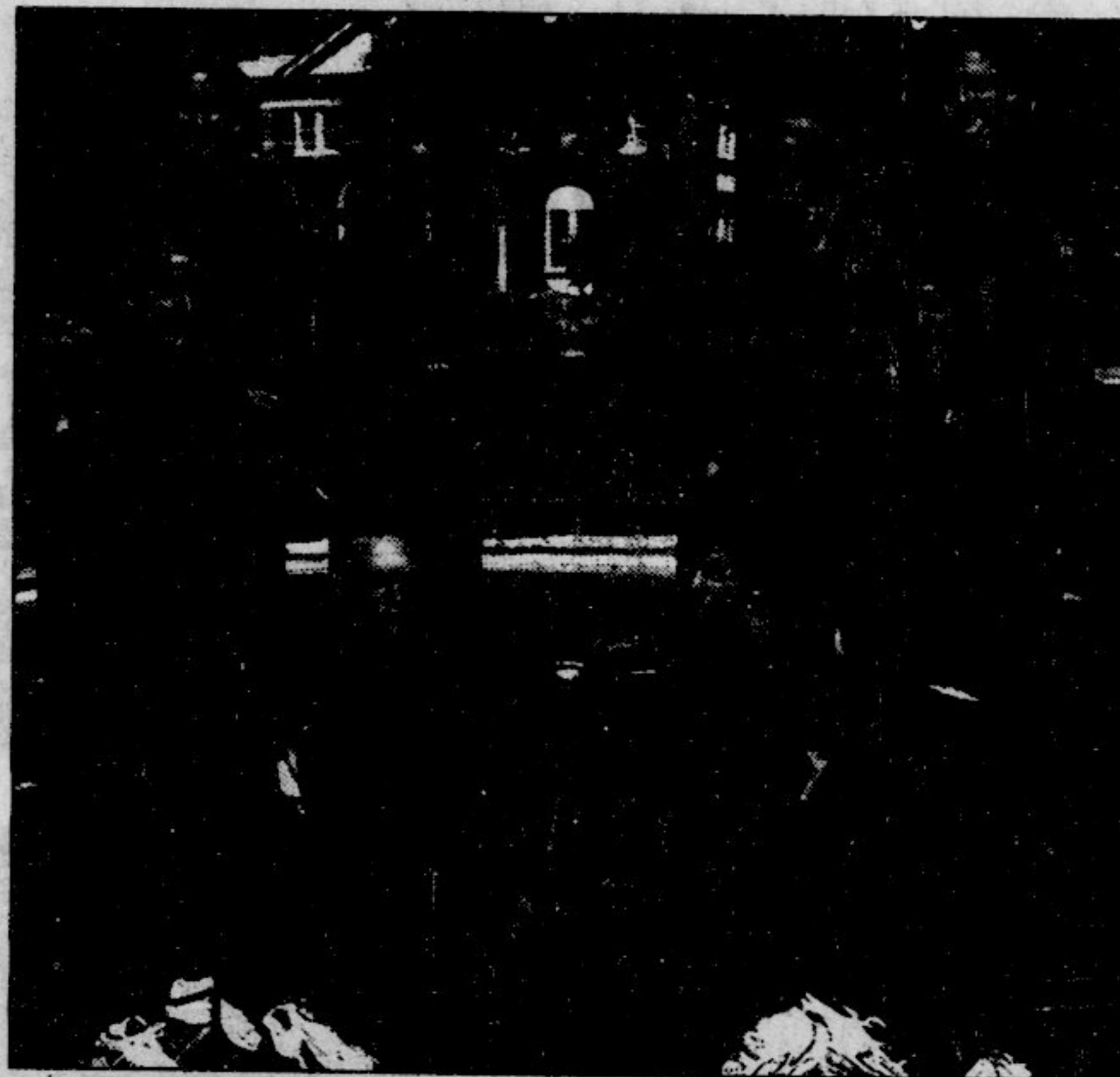
Jim Broughal is ranked in the ECU top ten in the 100 freestyle, 100 butterfly and the 200 I.M. He is also ranked number one in the CAA for the 100 butterfly.

"Jim Broughal has been our top all-around swimmer all four years," Kobe said. "He is our most versatile swimmer, our top sprinter and middle distance freestyler, along with our top sprint butterflyer and I.M.er."

Mike Donovan, our final male senior, is one of ECU's top distance swimmers and breaststrokers. "In his freshman year he was one of our top distance swimmers; he has been a real solid contributor for all four years," Kobe said.

The ladies' veteran squad is comprised of tri-captains Kim Field, Amanda Atkinson and Sandra Osman.

"Amanda has been one of the premier backstrokers at



Through their years at ECU, the senior swimmers have grown together as both students and athletes and each will be remembered for the mark they made in the history of Pirate athletics.

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ECU and in the CAA over the last four years, and she is an extremely hard worker," Kobe said.

Atkinson is ranked second all-time in the 100 backstroke and third all-time in the 200 backstroke. She is also a very good distance swimmer, holding ECU top ten spots in the 1000 freestyle and 1650 freestyle.

"Sandra Osman is our top flyer for the Lady Pirates and in the CAA in the 100 and 200 fly along with being top ranked in the distance freestyle," Kobe said. Osman holds the ECU varsity record in the 100 butterfly. She is fourth in the 200 fly and has the second fastest time in the 1000 freestyle along with being third all-time in the 1650 freestyle.

"Kim Field is one of the elite I.M.ers in the CAA and at ECU; she probably has more top 10 swims than any other female swimmer in ECU history. She has six top ten rankings and is probably one of the most talented and versatile of the Lady Pirates," Kobe said.

These eight swimmers have done an irreplaceable job for the ECU swim team over their four years, and it will be a long while before their mark on ECU history is forgotten.

Senior male swimmers achievements this year

Co-captain
Patrick Kessler

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Lee Hutchens

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#6 ECU all-time in 500 Free

#6 ECU all-time in 200 Back

Jim Broughal

#6 ECU all-time in 100 Free style

#3 ECU all-time in 100 Butterfly

#2 ECU all-time in 200 Individual Medley (IM)

#1 in CAA for the 100 Butterfly

Brandon Tilley

#1 ECU all-time in 200 Breast stroke

#2 ECU all-time in 100 Breast stroke

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Senior female swimmers achievements this year

Amanda Atkinson

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#2 ECU all-time in 100 Back stroke

#6 ECU all-time in 1000 Freestyle

#7 ECU all-time in 1650 Freestyle

Sandra Osman

#1 ECU all-time in 100 Butterfly

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#7 ECU all-time in the 100 Breaststroke

Baseball team gears up for season opener

Duke game will be first for new coach LeClair

STEVE LOSEY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ECU's baseball team is getting mentally and physically ready for their first game at Duke this Saturday.

"We're trying to be aggressive and play with enthusiasm," said Head Coach Keith LeClair. LeClair recently replaced longtime Pirate Baseball Coach Gary Overton.

Those who followed last season will be paying close attention to the first few games of this spring, hoping to see whether LeClair's influence on the team will be a positive one. After last season ended with a mediocre 29-27 record, Pirate fans were eager for a change.

Lately, the weather has been less than favorable for baseball conditions, but that has not stopped the team from taking the diamond.

"We've been able to get a lot of stuff done, even though it's been a little wet lately," LeClair said.

Injuries have held up the baseball team's progress in the past, but as things look now, they shouldn't be much of a problem. Only two members of the Pirates are on the disabled list. One is Eric Angel, a pitcher whose shoulder injury will keep him off of the mound for the time being. The other is Jason Lamberger who went in for shoulder surgery and has to fully recuperate before coming off of the disabled list.

Home Baseball Games		
FEBRUARY		
21	Radford	12 p.m.
22	Radford	1 p.m.
24	UNC Greensboro	2:30 p.m.
27	Youngstown State	3 p.m.
28	Youngstown State	1 p.m.
MARCH		
1	Youngstown State	1 p.m.
4	Elon	3 p.m.
7	Georgia Southern	12 p.m.
8	Georgia Southern	1 p.m.
12	Campbell	3 p.m.
18	Coastal Carolina	3:30 p.m.
21	VCU	12 p.m.
22	VCU	1 p.m.
APRIL		
1	N.C. State	4 p.m.
4	Old Dominion	12 p.m.
5	Old Dominion	1 p.m.
8	N.C. A&T	4 p.m.
18	UNC Wilmington	12 p.m.
19	UNC Wilmington	1 p.m.
21	Winthrop	7 p.m.
MAY		
1	James Madison	1 p.m.
2	James Madison	1 p.m.
9	Wake Forest	4 p.m.

Instant replay could make a big difference

Close calls should be left to technology to decide

TRACY M. LAUBACH
SPORTS EDITOR



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The crowd goes wild. With a score of 60-63 and less than five seconds of play left in the game, the freshman off the bench sends the entire arena into awe with a three pointer at the buzzer to tie the game.

The opposing coach rises immediately from his side of the court in a frenzy. "No!" he screams. "He was not behind the line!"

Now it is up to the officials to decide. One referee swears up and down that he saw the shot, and he is sure that it was good for three points. The other official claims that he also saw the shot, and that it was good only for two. The question is, who is right? Believe it or not, situations such as this one occur

each and every day in the world of sports. With the use of instant replay, officials would have the opportunity to review debatable calls to ensure complete accuracy and fairness for both teams.

While it has been argued that instant replay would take up too much time and would delay the game, it is clear in many situations that the extra two or three minutes could have a huge impact on the final results of the game.

We must realize that while our officials are very good at what they do, they are only human, completely capable of making mistakes. It is not fair to expect them to make completely accurate calls when so many are debatable. For this reason, instant replay would be of benefit to not only the players and coaches, but also the officials. If at any time during a game an official was unsure about a call, or if the two referees' opinions conflicted, the play could be reviewed a second time to clear up any dispute.

With the use of instant replay, the coach in a frenzy could rest assured that the shot was (or was not) good for three points. The referees would not have to compromise on a decision that would mean a win for one team and a loss for another. Everyone would know fair and square what really happened, and there would be no need to argue about the call.

Athletes deserve to play with integrity. Granted, all of the time they put into their sport, athletes, along with their coaches, deserve the extra minutes it would take to ensure accuracy. After all, in many games the difference between a win and a loss is so small that a little extra time could make a big difference.

Looking for something to do in Greenville this Saturday night? With just three home games left in the regular season for the men's basketball team, head coach Joe Dooley and the Pirates look to post a win in front of a jam-packed stadium. Come out and support your men's basketball team as they host conference opponent Virginia Commonwealth for a 7 p.m. tipoff.

Melvin makes mark in Lady Pirate history

Sophomore player improves each game

IAN ROBSON
STAFF WRITER

A soft-spoken sophomore is emerging as one of the women's basketball team's star players. Danielle Melvin has improved greatly throughout the course of the season, raising her career statistics in almost every category with each game that is played.

Melvin currently leads the team in rebounds and has been part of the starting lineup for every game this season.

"She is not only a great leader in stats, but with the other girls as well," Head Coach Anne Donovan said. "She is a great worker and she really wants to win."

The attention and publicity received this season comes as a shock to Melvin; however, she is quite modest in receiving it. With an average of 5.3 points per game and a season total of 99 rebounds, she has nothing to be modest about.

"It is a real surprise to me to get so much attention," Melvin said. "I just keep telling myself to keep pushing, hoping to better myself for the team."

Melvin has made some big plays in some big games during her college career, showing maturity beyond her age that has been



Sophomore Danielle Melvin has made tremendous improvements to her game.

FILE PHOTO

praised and admired by her teammates and coaches alike.

Melvin's best game of the season was against Delaware State, where she posted 13 rebounds and a season-high of 16 points. Even the Lady Monarchs of Old Dominion (ranked third in the country in women's college basketball) had a hard time stopping Melvin, as she scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds.

"I have been playing more consistently lately," Melvin said. "It has been my main focus because I want to set an example."

Basketball has always played a big part in Melvin's life, and she credits many people for their encouragement on her road to success. Both Melvin and her sister succeeded in becoming college athletes - her sister plays for N.C. State.

Although the two sisters are quite supportive of each other, a sibling rivalry does exist between them.

"I have always been into sports," Melvin said. "With my sister playing at State and me here at ECU, it is safe to say that basketball is in our blood."

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Former sumo wrestler Konishiki to appear in TV commercial

TOKYO (AP) — Popular former sumo wrestler Konishiki will become the first sumo wrestler to appear in 13 years to appear in a TV commercial, the Japan Sumo Association said Tuesday.

The Hawaii-born Konishiki, formerly Salevaa Arisanoe, will appear in the commercial for a Japanese communication equipment maker to be broadcast in the United States and Japan beginning from late March, said an association official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The official declined to discuss details, including how much money Konishiki would receive for the spot from the company, Tokyo-based Uniden Corp.

Konishiki, until his retirement the heaviest sumo wrestler at 612 pounds, in 1987 became the first foreign wrestler to reach the rank of ozeki, or champion, the sport's second highest rank.

Selected Saints tickets going up in price

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The New Orleans Saints are increasing ticket prices for the first time in three years, but current season ticket holders are being offered an opportunity to dodge the hike.

Letters went sent last week to customers holding about 43,000 season tickets, informing them of a twin-payment installment plan that would freeze their prices. No information was provided about proposed price increases.

The team said Monday that a final price increase has not been determined and will depend upon how many season ticket holders renew. New ticket prices could increase \$3 to \$6 each, said Greg Suit, vice president of marketing.

Individual tickets in 1997 ranged from \$18 to \$44.

"We've been trying to hold the line," Suit said. "I don't believe

there is a team in the league that hasn't had a price increase in the last three years. Like all businesses, costs keep going up."

Steelers release backup linebacker

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers have released veteran linebacker Jerry Olsavsky from the final two years of his contract.

Olsavsky lost his starting job to second-year pro Earl Holmes last summer, and he agreed to take a pay cut so the Steelers could create room under the salary cap.

As part of the pay-cut deal, Steelers officials promised to release him at his request after the season.

Director of football operations Tom Donahoe tried to talk Olsavsky out of leaving, Ralph Cindrich, Olsavsky's agent, said Monday.

He's a unique breed. He could have earned \$1 million sitting on the bench the next two years, Cindrich said.

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Football program welcomes 1998 signees

TRACY M. LAUBACH
SPORTS EDITOR

With the majority of the football team's recruits coming from good old North Carolina, head coach Steve Logan has big plans for the future of Pirate football.

"We recruited for the best athletes available and did not focus as much on the positions we needed filled," Logan said. "We drafted for ability and strength, and I expect these kids to come in with commitment and perseverance to play good football."

Logan said there is a possibility that a few more players will be signed on, but at this time, there have been two kinds of kids of signed: the big kids and the fast kids.

"Everyone that we expected to initially sign, we did," Logan said. "A lot of these kids could have played with anyone, but I am real reserved when it comes to making predictions ... the truth is yet to be told."

Logan emphasized the importance of the

signees learning how to be not only college athletes, but also students, and is pleased that many of the newest additions to his team are coming to Greenville from not so far away.

"I want to continue recruiting from North Carolina," Logan said. "It is a big deal to keep doing that because it puts so much fabric in

your program. If I can get ten or 12 kids from within an hour from Greenville, I would like to do that and I think that someday, every name on our recruiting class will come from North Carolina."

Next year's recruiting class should be much bigger, as about 25 players will be finishing off their college careers after this year.

For now, the coach is glad the signing is

over so he can concentrate on spending more time with his players.

"It's not that I don't like recruiting new players, but I would rather be here," Logan said. "When I am on the road, I know that the kids are back here in the weight room, and as a head coach, I want to be there."

ECU head football coach Steve Logan announced the roster of signees for the 1998 season on Wednesday. Pirate football welcomes the following athletes to the team:

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Senter Currin (OL) Angier, N.C.
Phoenix Evans (DT) Kinston, N.C.
Christshaw Gilliam (RB) Lewiston, N.C.
Erik Hines (RB/DB) Norfolk, Va.
Adam Lambert (OT) Greenville, N.C.
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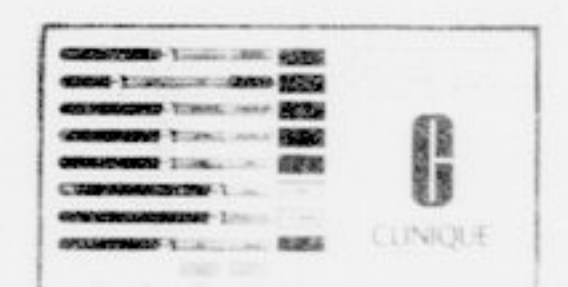
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TO THE BROTHERS OF Theta Chi: In spite of the cold weather we still managed to stay warm and have a great time as always. Looking forward to next time. Love, the sister of Delta Zeta

TO THE BROTHERS OF Delta Chi: Thank you for inviting us to share your big night. We had a great time and the band rocked. Hope to do it again soon. Love, the sisters of Delta Zeta

TO THE BROTHERS AND new pledges of Tau Kappa Epsilon: Thanks for a great time at the social Friday night. We had a blast! We are looking forward to more fun times with you guys. Love, the sisters and new pledges of Pi Delta

THE SISTERS OF DELTA Zeta would like to thank everyone who came to our Spring Informal Rush. We had a great time meeting everyone and look forward to tonight!

THE SISTERS OF DELTA Zeta would like to congratulate all fraternities for a successful rush. We are looking forward to this year. Love, the Delta Zeta sisters

THE SISTERS OF DELTA Zeta would like to welcome Shana Sexton to our chapter. We are thrilled to have you affiliated with us. Love, your Delta Zeta sisters

THANKS FOR LETTING US use your house during rush, Alpha Phi. It was a success. Love, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon

THANK YOU SO MUCH Lambda Chi Alpha for an awesome big night. We had fun and it was a great way to start off Spring Semester. Hope to do it again soon. Love, the sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma

SISTERS OF THE WEEK: Alpha Delta Pi, Ashley Triplett, Emily Greene; Alpha Omicron Pi, Ashley Settle, Jessica Orsin; Alpha Xi Delta, Betsy Bicklers, Kerri Augustine; Chi Omega, Kelly Dugar, Jen O'Connor; Delta Zeta, Julie Webb, Quita Valentine; Sigma, Kristina Lacy, Lauren Verser; Zeta Tau Alpha, Tricia Shepardson

SIGMA PHI EPSILON, WE had the best time at the bid night social last week. hope we can get together again soon! Love, Alpha Delta Pi

PI KAPPA PHI - Once again you out-did yourselves! Last Friday's fiesta was great, and our new girls had a blast! Thanks so much! Love, Alpha Xi Delta

PI KAPPA ALPHA, THANK you so much, we had such a great time bid night. It was a night we will never forget. Let's do it again soon. Love, Sigma Sigma Sigma

PI DELTA BOWLERS: GOOD luck tonight! Have fun and remember we are pulling for you. We love you! Your sisters

PHI KAPPA PSI, THANKS for rocking the 80's with us last Friday night. As always we had too much fun! Love, the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha

KAPPA ALPHA, THANK YOU so much for the pre-down town last week. We all had a great time! Love, Alpha Delta Pi

DELTA SIGMA PHI, WE'LL do more for money next time! Don't forget "I'm a Little Teapot", and start saving now! Love, Zeta Tau Alpha

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY initiated members of Chi Omega. Love, Alpha Delta Pi

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY inducted executive officers of Delta Zeta: President Heather Brown, VP of Rush, Quita Valentine, VP of New Member Education Audra Kennedy, Secretary Christina Yarbrough, Treasurer Amanda Smith, House Manager Amber Foushee, CCD Faith Noyes. We know you will do a great job. Love, your sisters

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICKEY, KEITH, Art, Chris and Hill, the newest pledge members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Good luck this semester. We're glad to have you as part of us.

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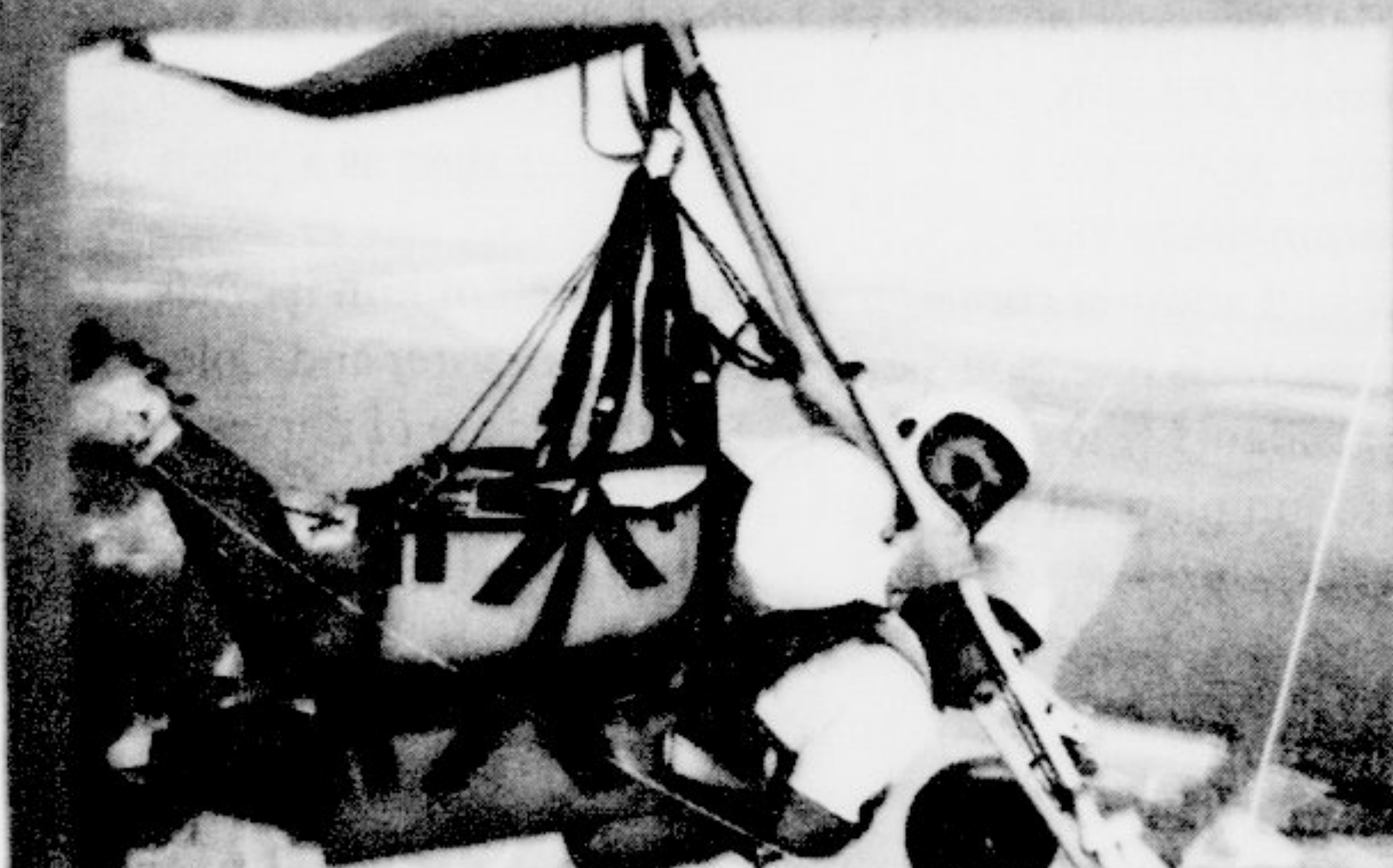
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When

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Where

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Deeson Swain
skydiving enthusiast and tandem instructor
junior, business major

AMY L. ROYSTER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Skydivers who throw themselves out of airplanes at 14,000 feet, free falling towards the earth at 120 miles per hour, know about permi-grin — a condition marked by a permanent smile. Caused by torrential floods of adrenaline, permi-grin has been known to cause otherwise sane people to repeatedly jump out of perfectly good airplanes. It has even been known to cause major positive changes in attitude and perspective.

Enamored with the idea of flight, Leonardo DaVinci was the first to design a parachute. This fascination with flight is what skydiving enthusiast and tandem instructor Deeson Swain, a junior business major, says continues to draw people to the sport.

"There is no other way to truly experience flying than skydiving," Swain said. "The exit is the best part of the jump. As soon as your feet leave the plane, the point of no return, that's the best part."

Whether people are drawn to skydiving because they want to fly or because they want the sudden rush of the jump, one thing is certain — people are flocking to drop zones and signing up for the ride of their lives.

Nancy and Paul Fayad, owners of the Carolina Sky Sports drop zone near Louisburg, say technological advances in parachutes and equipment have made the sport safer and more appealing to a wider audience.

"Everybody's jumping," Nancy Fayad said. "Professional people, truck drivers, housewives — everybody. It's a great stress release. If nothing else, for a brief moment in time you aren't thinking about anything else."

Skydiving as a sport requires extensive training, but for those interested in going along for a ride and experiencing the thrill of the jump without full responsibility, tandem diving is a popular option. In a tandem jump, a first timer receives basic training before

attaching themselves by harness to a tandem instructor. The instructor, riding on the back of the student, worries with necessary details such as pulling the rip cord, opening the chute and maintaining body position.

"When you meet a complete stranger and they trust you enough to harness up and jump with you, that's exciting," Swain said. "I've never had anyone so scared they wouldn't jump, and I've never had anyone land who didn't say they had fun."

Paul Fayad, who was instrumental in the organization of the tandem progression program, believes it to be the best way to learn.

"With tandems, you make nine jumps," Swain said. "Each time you jump, you assume more responsibility and learn new skills, eventually flying solo."

There are other options for learning, such as static line jumps and an accelerated free fall jumps (AFF). AFF jumps are made by students who receive extensive training and then jump with two instructors holding their hands as they fall. Static line jumps, developed by the military, attach the student to a line which pulls their chute open as soon as they leave the airplane offering no chance for free fall.

"Jumping tandem allows about 60 seconds of free fall time and several minutes under canopy," Swain said.

Skydiving, first used in the United States for military applications, evolved into a recreational sport with the advent of personal airplanes and recreational flying. Today, the U.S. Parachute Association (USPA) has been regulating recreational skydiving for over fifty years. Trained skydivers work towards A through D ratings, issued by the USPA denoting the number and type of jumps made.

An increasing number of women are in the sport. Nancy Fayad, who says that today about 25 percent of skydivers are women, remembers a time when less women participated.

"My first jump was on July 19, 1969, the day man first walked on the moon," Nancy Fayad said. "I was trained in a class of all guys and when we got up in the airplane they put me out first, I guess to make sure the guys would follow."

David Southerland, a recent ECU graduate, Celeste Wilson, a senior industrial technology major, Barnes Cole, a sophomore geography major and freshman Jeff Royster, who jumped together on the same day, reflect the increasing number of college students interested in skydiving.

"It's something I've wanted to do for a long time," Southerland said. Nearly half of the Fayads' business comes from college students, some of which have ranked 2nd in style, 3rd in accuracy and 3rd overall at this year's national college skydiving competition.

Currently, N.C. State and Duke have skydiving clubs. Questions about safety are commonly asked of skydiving professionals. There are approximately 30 skydiving fatalities per year out of hundreds of thousands of jumps performed annually, most of which occur to experienced skydivers who make judgment errors rather than as a result of equipment failure.

Swain said another common question asked of him is what skydiving feels like. Southerland, Wilson, Royster and Cole, ECU students who admitted to a healthy dose of nerves prior to jumping, all answered upon landing, "It feels like flying."

Belay on ... on belay!

SHANNON MEEK
SENIOR WRITER

Country singer Alan Jackson drones out the words, "Tonight I climbed the wall." His wall is a metaphor for the trials and tribulations that many singers in his genre experience. Many ECU students at the Recreational Center also climb a wall. Their wall, however, is a literal one.

Just about every child has a fantasy about walking on the ceiling. Rock climbing is like being a cartoon character, with suction cups for shoes, scaling the wall.

Cathy Black, an ECU student, explained her rock climbing experience. "Usually when I'm climbing ... It is a rush when I climb to the top. I have personal satisfaction because I am the one who is climbing, and I am the one who did it and I am the one who made it to the top."

ECU's Recreational Center has a climbing wall. It is long and gray with various broken pieces of clay or odd shaped animals which stick out from it. The outer portions of the wall are more heavily equipped with these clay like fragments. It is, as a climber moves toward the inward part of the wall, that the level of difficulty increases. The pieces that climbers use to grip onto become smaller and more sparse. The overhang is also more steep.

When I climb there is just a thrill that embodies my being. Equipped in the garb of snug shoes and harnesses wrapped various ways around our thighs and waists, John Murphy, a fellow ECU student, and I begin our journey up the wall. First, we secure ourselves in the ropes by tying various knots for safety. Then we make sure that the person who is securing us in case we fall is ready for us to climb. I reach my tiny hands around the cold clay fragments and boost myself up. The climb begins.

In my imagination, I feel magically transformed. Thoughts of Spider Man crawling up buildings invades my brain as my foot slips and I fall, expecting to go spiraling down to the floor with a hard crash. Instead, I hang suspended like a puppet on a string, secured by ropes held by the person on the ground below.

"After the initial fall everything seems okay. You feel braver and realize that when you fall someone will be there to catch you," Murphy explains. He is right.

From the view on the ground, various people can be seen scrambling up the wall. They are trying to decide where they will position their



Matt Smith shows it takes strength to make it to the top.
PHOTO BY JONATHAN GREEN

body next in order to reach the top. Once they are there, a bell rings signifying that they have made it. They position their body in a sitting motion and scoot down the wall. Murphy, like some others, climbs down.

The ECU Recreational Center does not limit climbing to indoor access. They offer day and weekend trips to Stone Mountain State park and Pilot Mountain. These trips are offered to the beginning and more advanced rock climbers alike. The Outpost also offers these kinds of trips, as well as equipment and clinics which they keep posted on the board. Nick Dakas, an Outpost employee, said, "Rock climbing is an upcoming sport. I can go out to the most beautiful areas with my buddies and have a great time."

A.J. Palmer said he began climbing to overcome his fear of heights. "I have been climbing over a year. It gives me personal satisfaction."

Climbing does involve personal satisfaction in that it is challenging. Once a person reaches the top of the wall, there is a feeling of having accomplished something important, a material counterpart to Alan Jackson's emotional wall.

Who

people who climbed trees as kids, enjoy the mountains and are not afraid of heights

When

year round in all types of weather conditions

Where

rock faces around the world

Equipment

rope, harness, caribeaners (may be rented for indoor climbing)

Price

free for outdoor climbing, indoor climbing prices vary according to location

It is a rush when I climb to the top. I have personal satisfaction...

Cathy Smith, ECU student



Paul Hoyle tests his stamina on the wall in the Recreational Center.
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StalagMIGHTY good time

AMY L. ROYSTER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Caves connote mystery. Dark caverns weave underneath the earth forming intricate pathways enticing adventurous spirits to explore where often few men have been before. Just as caves offer a mysterious allure, many cavers are equally secretive about where they cave.

According to Nick Dakas of Greenville's Outpost Trail Shop, cavers frequent the store preparing for trips, but are tight-lipped about where they're headed.

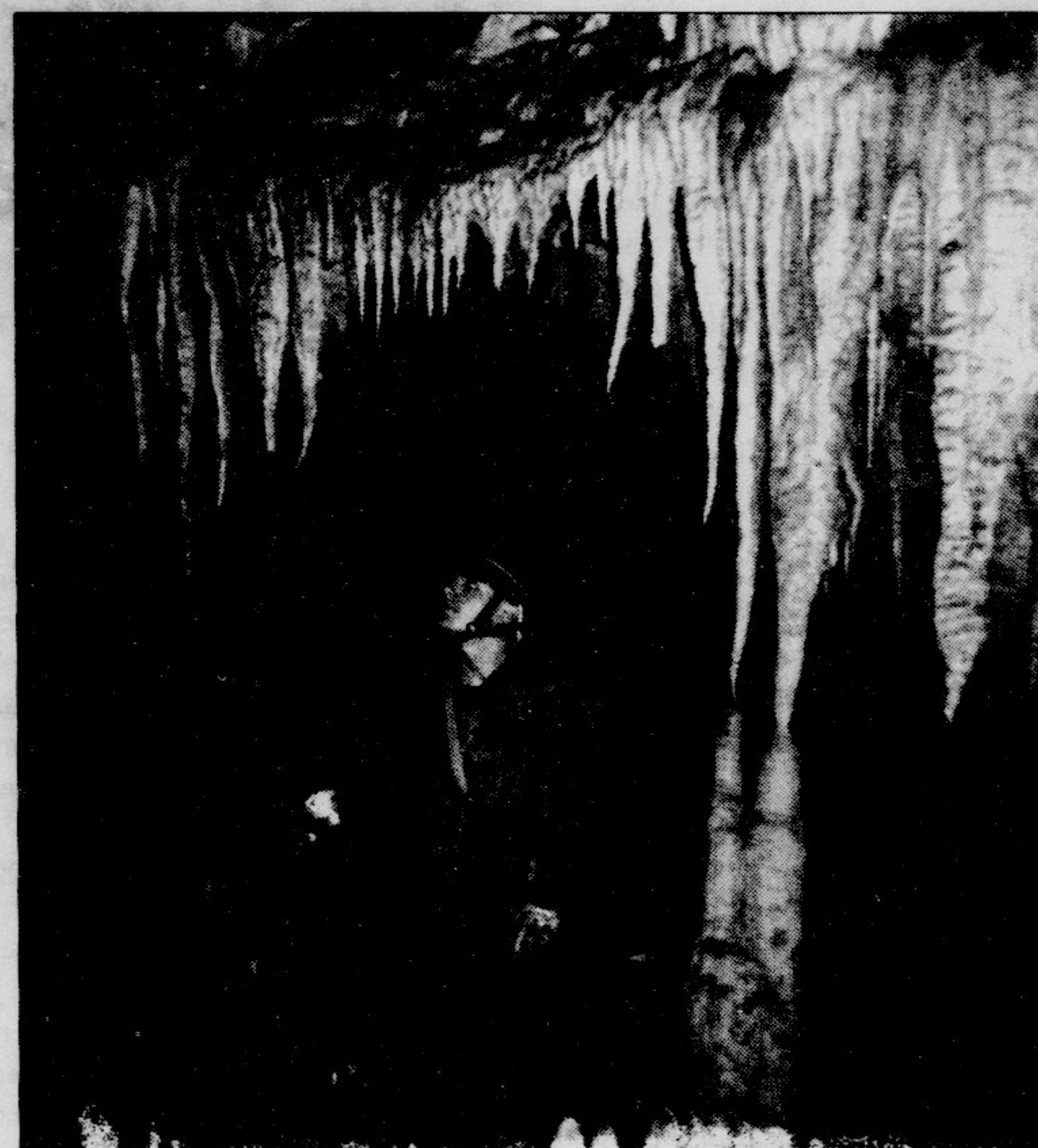
"We get a decent amount of people who come in here from all around," Dakas said. "A lot of people are real secretive."

Longtime caver Bill Royster, of Greenville, said most cavers protect the location of their caves because they fear inexperienced cavers could potentially harm themselves or the delicate environment inside the cave.

"Putting one's hands on a formation leaves body oils that can have a deleterious effect on some formations," Royster said.

Dakas said cavers use much of the same equipment used for outdoor climbing, in order to climb and repel within the cave. He also said the shop can order equipment.

The outdoor center, a part of Recreation Services offers a trip each year which allows novice cavers to experience the sport of caving safely. For more information contact 328-6387.



Freshman Jeff Royster admires stalactites in a cave located in West Virginia.
PHOTO BY BILL ROYSTER

Who

people who enjoy going where few have been before and are not claustrophobic or afraid of the dark

When

year-round as air temp. is constant in a cave

Where

underneath the earth, particularly in limestone

Equipment

helmets, lanterns, much of the same equipment used in climbing

SWIMMING with the FISHES

AMY L. ROYSTER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Sunlight shinning through a window is beautiful, but floating underneath the water and seeing sunbeams shinning through the surface of the ocean, is a vision only scuba divers can enjoy for long.

Scuba diving, short for self contained underwater breathing apparatus, is a sport which enables people to carry oxygen on their backs in sufficient amounts for allowing exploration of the underwater world.

Scuba diving, first used by the military and then by spear fishermen, has evolved into a popular recreational sport. Marilee Cox who, along with husband Larry, own Blue Region Scuba says there are several reasons scuba diving has become so popular.

"One of the greatest things about scuba is that it is a lifelong sport," Cox said. "It's such a stress relief, and its popular among the so called generation x."

Ray Scharf, of ECU's exercise sports science department would agree with Cox. Scharf says scuba classes are especially popular among students.

"We have, I would say, one of the best sport diving programs in the country," Scharf said. "The courses are in demand."

Cox said technological advances in equipment are another reason scuba diving has taken off as a recreational sport. Women, Cox said, are partly to thank for the evolution of equipment.

"It used to be a very macho daredevil sport, but with advances in training and equipment its become a very safe sport," Cox said. "When women started diving they

demand that equipment be more comfortable and safe."

Most divers say that once you learn how to use the equipment and are trained, scuba diving opens doors into fascinating fields of interest.

"Scuba opens up a whole new world of knowledge," Scharf said. "We work very closely with the scientific programs."

Scharf pointed out that there are ECU students diving on Blackbeard's ship, the Queen Anne's Revenge, which was recently discovered off the coast near Morehead City.

To become involved in the sport, one must complete a training course offered by a certifying agency, the largest agencies being NAUI, PADI and SSI. The sport is regulated by the Recreational Scuba Training Council (RSTC) which sets standards for training. Dive shops around the world require proof of training before they will rent air tanks. The majority of certifying agencies belong to the RSTC with the exception of PADI.

A variety of course options are available in the Greenville area from local dive shops such as Blue Region Scuba and Ocean Wonders Dive Center.

The university also offers a three credit hour course called EXSS 2278. The course costs \$160, in addition to tuition, and includes all major equipment and charters. The university offers an advanced course for no credit and a master diver and dive instructor course for three credit hours each. All university courses offer NAUI certifications.

Scuba enthusiasts share a fascination for the underwater world.

"When I was little I was always fascinated



Seniors Micheal Putnam and Ivey Mackenzie hang around on the bottom at about 45ft during a dive in Freeport Bahamas.
PHOTO BY BARNES COLE

by being underwater and by the ability to stay underwater," said Barnes Cole, a sophomore geography major.

According to Scharf, astronauts must first learn to dive before receiving further weightlessness training.

"Where else can you be gravity free?" Scharf asks. "It's a whole new world."

While Cox stresses the importance of keeping scuba skills up to date, she cites a study done four

Who

Water babies, marine animal lovers, and those who want to experience weightlessness

When

year round depending on equipment/training

Where

anywhere there's water

Equipment

Mask, fins and snorkel should be purchased. Other equipment may be rented at local dive shops.

Price

University course: \$160
~~plus tuition~~

Local shops: about \$260

"When I was little I was always fascinated by being underwater and by the ability to stay underwater."

Barnes Cole
Sophomore, geography major



A grouper and a lobster were part of the abundant life on a reef in Grand Cayman.
PHOTO BY BARNES COLE

years ago which ranked scuba diving right behind bowling in a list of dangerous sports.

Hangin' around

PAT REID
SENIOR WRITER

Life in Greenville got you down? You don't feel like shelling out the bucks for a big time movie on a little time screen, no good bands are playing and your usual hang-outs are looking way past routine. Does this all sound frighteningly familiar? Then break away and experience the adventures that wait only a few hours away.

In a mere two-and-a-half to three hours (depending on how you go) you could be driving along the beach on North Carolina's beautiful Outer Banks. Of course, it's a little cold this time of year for swimming or sunbathing, so what else is there to do? Thanks to Outer Banks Outdoors and Kitty Hawk Kites there's plenty.

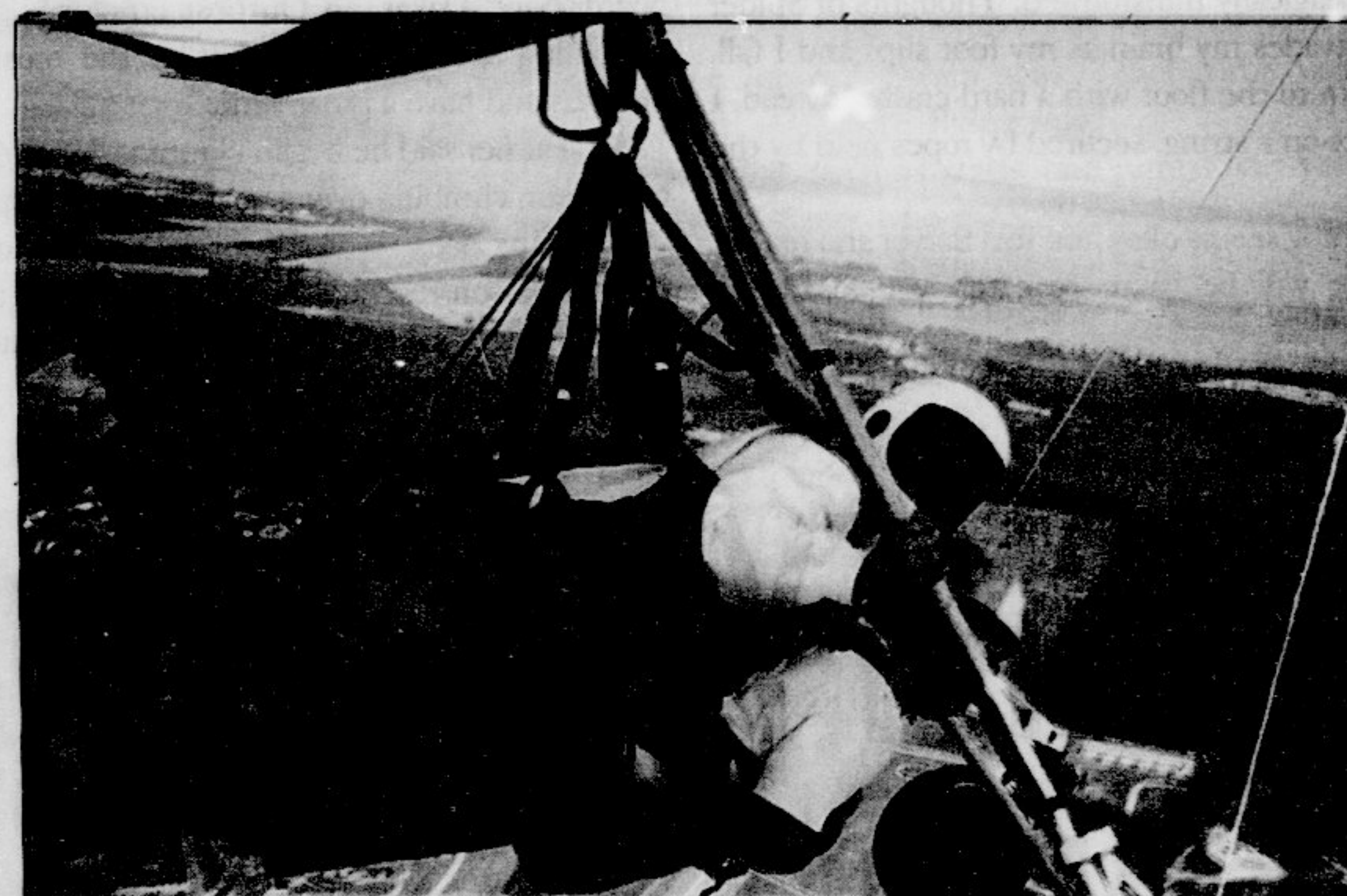
Of course the thing that KHK is probably best known for is hang gliding. In fact, the inventor of hang gliding lives on the Outer Banks himself and, despite his getting along in years, he still manages to get in frequent flying time. Now, most people turn pale at the thought of soaring above the ground with a sheet and some aluminum strapped to their body. But beginner hang gliding isn't like that at all. In fact, for the beginner course you only get a few feet off the ground and

even if you crash, the soft sand of Jockey's Ridge keeps you from pain or injury.

Of course perhaps the idea of flying through the clouds is for you. If so, tandem hang gliding may be for you. In tandem hang gliding you and an instructor are lifted in the air by boat in the summer and by ultralight in the winter. Depending on which package you desire you can go up to 1,500 or 2,000 ft. Once you reach your destination altitude, you are cut free from the tow craft and it is now your job to land the glider. If you panic or start to mess up, the instructor is right there to guide you along.

Still, there are many who have no desire to feel their feet leave the ground. So why not try a kayak ecotour? Outer Banks Outdoors offers 12 different kayak tours ranging from leisurely floating down canals to going out searching for dolphins. Most cost \$30-\$40 which includes all your equipment and expert guides. Or, for the real adventure in you, package deals are available for multiple kayak excursions.

Does kayaking sound too challenging for you? Don't knock it until you've tried it. With your guide to help you along and provide instruction, you'll be paddling like a pro in no time. Plus, in a



Sophomore geography major Barnes Cole hangs with a tandem instructor at about 1500 ft near the outerbanks of North Carolina.
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kayak you can go where few other craft can fit or maneuver. This allows you to get intimately close with many species of plants and ducks. Muskrats can often be seen as well. For the real nature fanatic, summer tours often see many varieties of snakes along the shore as well.

Still, if paddling doesn't quite appeal to you either, you could always rent gear ranging from in-line skates and bikes to wind riders and catamarans. Or just stop by their shop and try the rock climbing wall. Perhaps you just want a quiet weekend at the beach to take in some sights. Besides being a great historical location, thanks in part to the Wright Brothers, the Outer Banks offers many public events throughout the year. The next event like this, "Kites With Lights," was December 6. Kite enthusiasts from all over were there to provide a unique show on Jockey's Ridge in Kitty Hawk.

Who

people who want to fly like an eagle

When

year round except in poor weather conditions

Where

rock faces and sand dunes around the world

Equipment

Equipment rental suggested for novices

Price

For the 2,000 foot tandem tow: about \$100
For dune instruction: \$25 and up.

There's a whole world of excitement and adventure out there just waiting for you.

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