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Student reports rape in Cotten Residence Hall

Police have few leads and no suspect, point of entry into dorm unknown

AMANDA AUSTIN
NEWS EDITOR

A student and resident of Cotten residence hall reported that she was allegedly raped in her first floor room.

The 21-year-old student reported that a male entered her room and allegedly raped her. No weapon was used during the incident that the victim was aware of.

ECU police responded to the student's call shortly after 7 a.m.

The student was taken to Pitt County Memorial Hospital where a rape kit was performed by nurses. There are still many unanswered

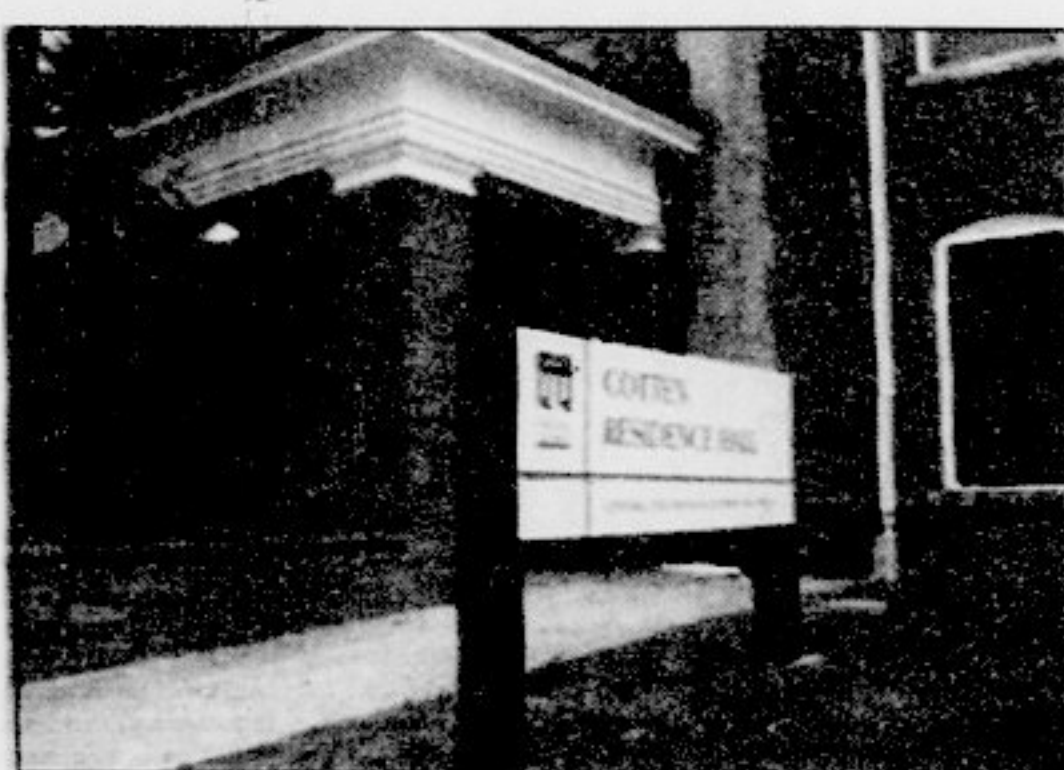
questions concerning this alleged crime, such as how the suspect gained entry to the residents' sleeping quarters.

The ECU police department immediately called in the State Bureau of Investigation Crime Scene Unit, who spent six hours combing the student's room for fibers, hair, fingerprints and bodily fluid.

"They looked for any evidence that would help in the prosecution of this person," said Umphlett.

"We are not sure how the suspect entered at this time," said Johnnie Umphlett, captain of the ECU police department.

This alleged incident has occurred just as the university begins its week to promote Sexual Assault



Cotten Residence Hall was the site of an alleged rape over the weekend. A candlelight vigil Thursday night. PHOTO BY JONATHAN GREEN

Awareness. The university will have a variety of information available to students throughout the week, along with a guest speaker and candlelight vigil.

Members of the ECU police

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Sexual Assault Awareness Week begins with on-campus incident

HOLLY HARRIS
SENIOR WRITER

Sexual Assault Awareness week arrives on an all too bitterly real note.

With two alleged sexual assaults against ECU students in two weeks, university planned activities to target prevention and healing have added weight and impact. Though those who have planned and sponsored the week's events have no way of knowing if attendance will be greater in light of the alleged attacks, they hope that everyone will walk away more knowledgeable and aware.

"We have always done educational activities related to sexual assault; last year is the first time in recent history that there has been a full week of events putting the spotlight on this issue to try and develop a safer community," said Donna Walsh, director of Health Promotion and Well-Being.

The idea of a safer community is a big problem on most college campuses. Eighty percent of all rapes are perpetrated by male acquaintances; only 20 percent are by strangers. This makes the issue of acquaintance sexual assault, which is the most commonly attempted type of rape or attempted rape on college campuses, all the more relevant. FBI statistics estimate that one out of every three women will be sexually assaulted at some time in their life, and furthermore the majority of rape victims are between the ages of 15 and 24.

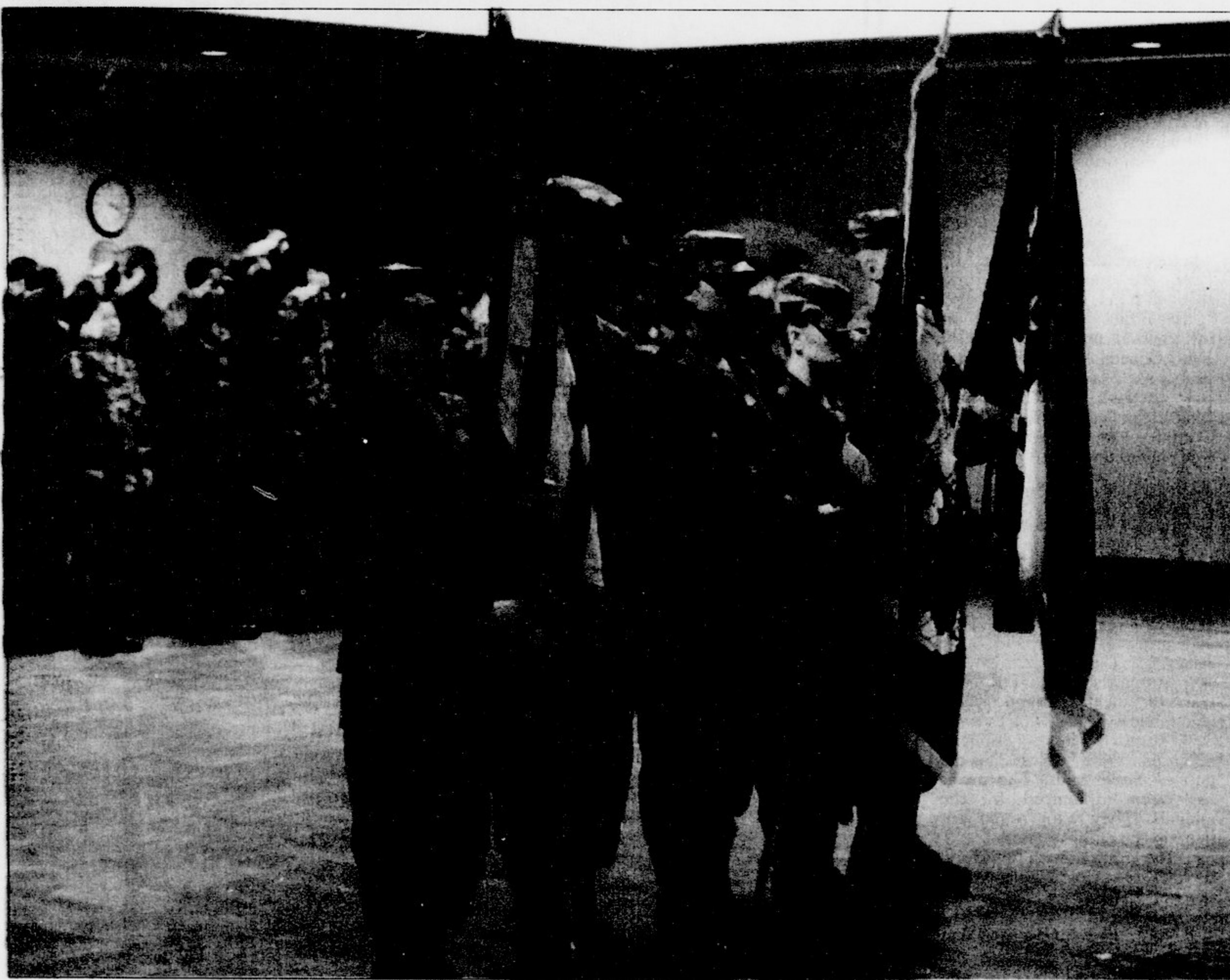
Walsh said what Sexual Assault Awareness Week hopes to do is provide enough information to help anyone lower the odds of a rape and give support to those who have lived through an assault experience or know someone who has.

"It's a person issue; some people think sexual assault is a woman issue, but it's not. It's about our personal safety, any man who knows a woman who has been assaulted knows the power and the impact on that person," Walsh said.

Members of the division of student life, faculty, staff and students have all had a hand in the two-month long planning of the awareness event. The programs planned for the week include movies, a candlelight vigil and a self-defense program, as well as a keynote presentation by Katie Koestner, who was featured in Time

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Army ROTC Battalion Awards recognize outstanding achievement among cadets



Army ROTC held its first ceremony to honor and award outstanding achievement in battalions and recognize cadets. Awards were given in the areas of physical fitness, academics and military proficiency. These awards were given in a first-time ceremony inclusive for Army ROTC. PHOTO BY JONATHAN GREEN

New award ceremony provides incentive for excellence

JENNY VICKERS
STAFF WRITER

The first Battalion Awards for the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) took place last Wednesday at Mendenhall, awarding outstanding achievement

in areas such as physical fitness, academics and military proficiency. "This is the first time that a ceremony is inclusive for Army ROTC," said MSG Leonardo L. Custis, assistant commandant of cadets, who is responsible for the entire organization structure of the program.

Custis believes the awards will incite new cadets to improve as much as they can.

"Now they have something they can receive in addition to self-satisfaction," Custis said.

The first category is the

Reconnaissance Commando Doughboy (RECONDO) Award, which required superior performance in areas such as water survival skills, map reading and marksmanship at an advance camp in Fort Lewis, Wash.

"This is a strenuous program. It is a very coveted and sought-after award, in which only a very small percentage of people can earn it," Custis said.

An academic achievement badge was awarded for the ROTC Honors Award, in which cadets had to have an overall G.P.A. of 4.0. Only one

cadet won this award: Alma Kasamovic.

"Kasamovic won every award category," Custis said. "She is a very exceptional person. Very seldom do we see someone with that caliber of quality come through our program. She is a freshman cadet who joined the program last semester and just came in like a bolt of lightning."

Athletic awards were given for achieving 270 points or higher on The Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT). Those who scored 290

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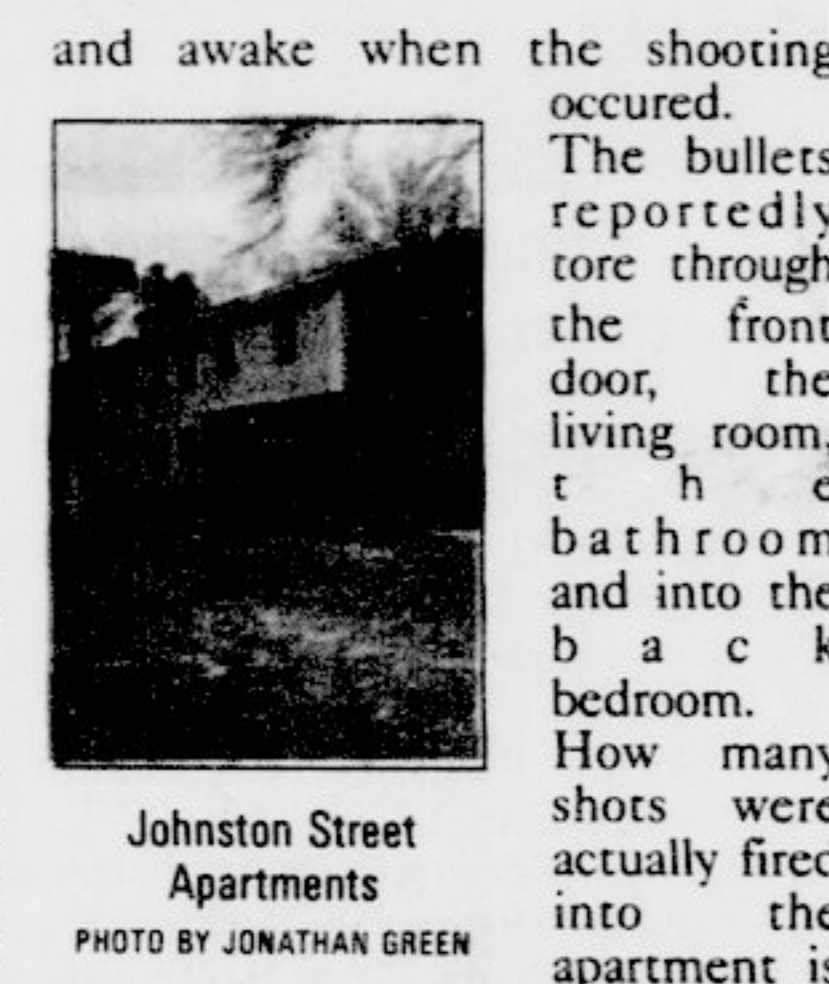
Gunshots fired into nearby apartment

Multiple shots leave \$2000 damage

AMANDA AUSTIN
NEWS EDITOR

Gunshots were fired into a Johnston Street apartment early Saturday morning.

At approximately 3:15 a.m., bullets began tearing through the living room door of an apartment at 709 Johnston Street while two men were inside. The resident of the apartment, Tyrone Larkins, and his friend Tim O'Brien Johnson, also of Greenville, were in the apartment



Johnston Street Apartments. PHOTO BY JONATHAN GREEN

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Publishing companies sued over high prices

Companies accused of charging university bookstores more

AMBER TATUM
STAFF WRITER

Three publishing companies which sell to both the University Book Store and the University Book Exchange have been sued for charging purchasers different prices for similar goods.

Addison Wesley, Longman, Cambridge University Press and Oxford University Press have all been sued for allegedly violating the Robinson-Patman Act, a federal antitrust statute that generally prohibits a seller from charging different purchasers different prices for similar goods.

Allegedly, nonacademic bookstores have been granted discounts ranging from 30-50 percent off the list prices while college bookstores traditionally receive a 20 percent discount at best.

On Jan. 27 Addison Wesley Longman offered a new pricing program and settling all legal claims against them.

"We [Addison Wesley Longman] wanted to extend [these prices] to higher education," said George Culbert of A.W.L. "We changed our system [mostly] because the comments from college bookstores said our policies were confusing."

President Jeffrey Mack CSP describes the new program as a

"significant step forward" and one which "resolves the claims in the pending litigation to our satisfaction."

Cambridge University Press was



Student book prices affected by publishing companies' high prices. PHOTO BY JONATHAN GREEN

unavailable for comment, and Oxford University Press declined to comment on the situation.

National Association of College Stores (NACS) covers more than 3,000 stores in the U.S., Canada and 15 other countries. ECU's student store and U.B.E. located in downtown Greenville are both

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Man with DWI history pleads not guilty in death of 4-year-old girl

DURHAM (AP) — A habitual drunken driver charged with first-degree murder in the traffic death of a 4-year-old girl pleaded not guilty to the charge Friday.

Timothy Earl Blackwell was driving a pickup truck that rammed into a van on Feb. 27, 1997, killing Megan Dail. Investigators found an open beer can, syringes and hypodermic needles in Blackwell's truck.

Blackwell's criminal record already includes a conviction for habitual drunken driving and 16 others for driving without a license.

RJR ends tours of cigarette plant

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) — R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. has ended tours at its Whitaker Park cigarette manufacturing plant because of declining attendance. The popularity of the tours peaked in the 1970s, when they attracted 60,000 visitors a year, said Maura Payne Ellis, a company spokeswoman. By 1992, the number had dropped to 45,000 visitors a year; it then fell to about 20,000 last year, Ellis said. The last tour was Saturday.

Family gets award for coffee scalding daughter

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Parents of a girl scalded by hot coffee at a Wal-Mart store in 1993 will get \$160,000.

Jurors awarded Ginger and Michael Wiggins \$400,000 on Friday, but only 40 percent is collectable.

Jurors found that 4-year-old Rachel Wiggins' babysitter, Angela Decembrino, was 60 percent responsible for the incident, but the babysitter was not a defendant.

Marine drowns in swamp after one-car accident near Ravenel

BEAUFORT, S.C. (AP) — A 21-year-old Marine from Washington drowned in a swamp after a one-car accident near Ravenel, the Charleston County deputy coroner said.

Pfc. Jeff Bales, a tractor-trailer driver with Marine Wing Support Squadron-273 based at the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, was headed to work Thursday when the accident happened.

around the world

Nation of Islam leader opposes U.S. policy in Iraq

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, concluding a two-day visit to Bangladesh, said Saturday that he would oppose any U.S. military action against Iraq.

Farrakhan also said that the economic sanctions imposed on Iraq by the United Nations after it invaded Kuwait in 1990 were misguided.

Washington sends a scary message about Iraqi capabilities

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Washington's top man at the United Nations delivered a frightening message to leaders of eight Security Council nations: Saddam Hussein has stockpiled horrific chemical and biological weapons and is capable of making more and firing them farther.

While the United States has been preparing to strike Iraq — an attack sources said would target stockpiles and factories — Bill Richardson traveled to four continents trying to convince the world that the danger is real and that military might may be the only solution.

Post-tenure review evaluates profs

Serious sanctions, possible dismissal could be result for some

JONATHAN D. CATOE
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There is a radical movement encroaching upon the steps of Whitchard, East Carolina University's administration building: a system of review of tenured faculty is planned to be implemented by the start of the next school year.

Webster's dictionary defines tenure as a status granted after a trial period to a teacher that gives protection from summary dismissal. Now, this definition may have to be changed. The purpose of post-tenure review (PTR) is to provide a means of dealing with continuously non-productive professors. This system, incorporated with other policies designed to improve university quality, can ultimately lead to either merit pay or a pink slip.

"What the state policy says is that serious sanctions can result ... possible dismissal ... it's a multi-step process," said Dr. Richard D. Ringeisen, ECU's vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The design of the review system for North Carolina is near completion and "it would not be fair to say that faculty have embraced the idea of post-tenure review," said Ringeisen. Many professors at ECU chose not to be interviewed on their views of this issue.

According to a paper by J.C. Morreale, accessed from the UNC at Charlotte web page, there is a dichotomy of feelings about PTR. For some, a negative connotation has been applied who see the system as demeaning the professionalism of faculty, being punitive in nature, eroding collegial relationships among faculty and between faculty and administration, violating academic freedom and undermining protection of tenure and setting a dangerous precedent of yielding to external political pressures.

But, there are many who view PTR in a positive light, offering a mechanism for assisting faculty development and maintaining

faculty vitality, faculty members with comprehensive feedback from their colleagues, replacement in favor of younger faculty members and minority and women faculty members that might not otherwise exist and growth.

Although there are mixed feelings among the faculty, the system can offer some potential benefits for students. Post-tenure review forces us to take a closer look at what folks are doing and that's probably not a bad thing," said Ringeisen.

The review will give administration leverage over professors to ensure that students are benefiting from their instruction. The review will also give students a stronger voice on the issue. "Student evaluations will be a part of the review of a faculty member's activities," said Ringeisen.

The idea of the review of tenured faculty got its start in 1982 when the National Commission on Higher Education recommended that academic administrators should develop a system for review of professors. The goal was to design the system to maintain outstanding quality among university faculty in order to provide students with quality education.

North Carolina legislature designated the University of North Carolina's General Administration to conduct an intrastate study to determine the most beneficial system of PTR.

North Carolina universities are not alone in adopting this system of review. National studies (by Trower) showed that 69 percent out of 280 responding institutions reported they were in the process of changing their traditional tenure system. A post-tenure review system was being implemented in 29 percent of those institutions.

Responding to the question of whether or not ECU agrees with the coming policy, Dr. Ringeisen said, "(the policies) will be ours, whether we disagree or not. It's here, we must follow these principles."

In order to obtain more information on PTR, visit the UNC General Administration web page at

<http://www2.ga.unc.edu/post-tenure/> or contact Dr. Judith Stilton by e-mail at Stilton@ga.unc.edu.

Clinton popularity soars during scandal

CRAIG D. RAMEY
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An over-excited media that spins tales of sex and lies in the White House is no match for Bill Clinton's popularity, as he reaches his highest approval rating since first taking office.

"When there is a crisis, people rally around the president," said Sean Kelly, assistant professor of political science. "They see him in a tough spot, so they'll rally around him."

Kelly also predicts that as this scandal plays out, Clinton's popularity could disappear quickly or slowly erode away.

"There are a bunch of reasons for a president's popularity," said Carmine Scavo, associate professor of political science. "If most people think the country is going well, they can forget about any misgivings they may have about the individual in office."

During the 1996 Presidential Election, a National Election Study indicated that most people found Clinton to have less morality and honesty than Bob Dole; however, most people were also happy with the economy and with Clinton's policies.

"He went on television after the Super Bowl and said that he had caused pain in his marriage," Scavo said. "People saw him as a little tarnished but everything else seemed to be okay. Everyone has looked at him through those glasses since then."

President Clinton's alleged affair with Monica Lewinsky has gained a large amount of media coverage for several reasons.

"It allegedly happened in the White House while he was president," Kelly said. "Whitewater, Paula Jones and Flowers happened in Arkansas."

Although evidence reflects possible affairs in the White House involving past presidents

(Kennedy, Roosevelt, Eisenhower and Jefferson), Kelly and Scavo agree that Clinton deals with a new era of media resources that make this incident so much more of a public issue.

"There is more publicity because of the media and not the public," Scavo said. "The media has been influenced by the tabloids. They want to be out there in the ratings game."

Better relations with Russia and the lack of a Cold War could be another reason for the media attention.

"Since the end of the Cold War, the nature of the president has changed," Kelly said. "There is no Soviet Union, so something else has to be reported. We can focus more on the president as an individual."

Reporters covering legal issues without the knowledge required to understand them could also mean a lowered public interest in the issues.

"Over the last few years, reporters have learned the language of the law through O.J., the Menendez brothers and Whitewater," Scavo said. "They don't have any hard evidence, although they treat their stories like they are. They don't recognize how difficult their stories and allegations are to prove. People can put anything on the internet, true or not, and it will be all over the world in five minutes."

To impeach a president, the House of Representatives would have to hire a committee of the Majority and Minority leaders, and an outside source. These charges would then go through the judiciary House to the Senate where there would be a trial.

"The chances of impeachment are slim," Kelly said.

Kelly worked in the Senate for Democratic Leadership in the 1993-94 term as an analyst on health care.

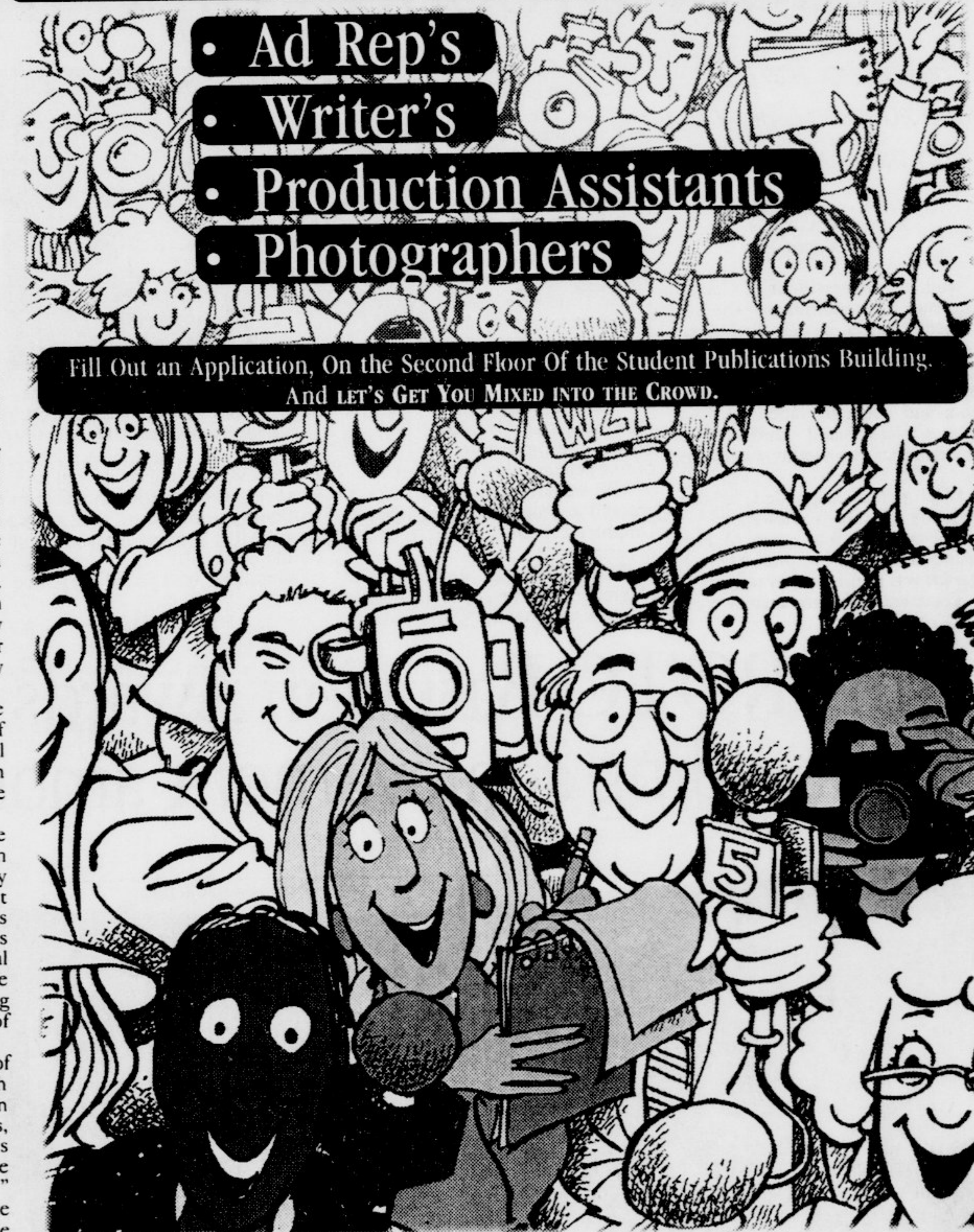
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Sexual Assault

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and went public with her story of date-rape at William and Mary College in 1990.

Walsh said she hopes that women will learn to take extra precautions and cut the risk that they will be attacked.

"There are many things people can do to make campus a safer environment—crime does exist," Walsh said.

She said one of the biggest things women can do to protect themselves is be aware of people and their surroundings. She suggests never walking alone at night, and reporting anyone who looks suspicious. Avoiding date rape and acquaintance rape, however, is a larger issue.

Studies reveal that 75 percent of the men and 55 percent of the women involved in sexual assaults reported drinking and/or taking drugs prior to the attack. Walsh said that women cannot be too

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Donna Walsh, Director of Health Promotion and

Careful about monitoring their drinks or allowing others to buy them drinks in order to lessen the risk of drugs being slipped into them.

Programs this week will be monitored by trained individuals

who will be willing to help anyone who needs emotional assistance during the activities.

"As a committee, in planning these events we knew we also needed to make available and more visible the support service we have for people who are dealing with past issues relating to sexual assault. Two counselors will be available at all the evening events to help as needed," Walsh said.

This week is just a part of the counseling, education and help the university can provide for students who are victims of a rape or simply want to know more information about the issue. The division of Student Life, the Student Health Center and the Counseling Center are all willing to educate or help.

"It's really important that all members of our community become more aware of and knowledgeable about sexual assault and resources that are available to make this a safer place for all of us," Walsh said.

Rape

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department have been going door to door questioning residents and trying to get a description of the intruder.

"We are in the process of interviewing all residents of Corten Hall to see if anyone heard or saw anything."

The lack of a suspect in the case—the student was only able to describe the intruder as a black male—is a great concern to the ECU police department.

"It was a stranger rape,"

Umphlet said. "She did not know the person."

The suspect description has not been given out. "I'm not sure when that will be released," Umphlet added.

As a result of this alleged incident, the ECU police department will be increasing patrols hoping to prevent an incident such as this from happening again.

The exterior doors (of the residence hall) have been rekeyed," said Umphlet. "All residents will receive new keys to the exterior doors."

In addition to rekeying the doors, the ECU police department stationed an officer in Corten Residence Hall throughout

Sunday night.

"There was an issue of if this guy would come back," said Umphlet.

The ECU police department is deeply concerned about this issue and would like all residents to make sure they take precautions to secure their personal safety.

"One thing we would like to stress to residents is to make sure all visitors are escorted, outside doors are not left propped open and when you leave your room or go to sleep, lock your door," said Umphlet.

Anyone with any information about this crime should call Mike Jordan at the ECU PD at 328-6787 or Pitt County Crime Stoppers at 758-7777.

Shooting

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not known. Officials with the Greenville Police Department said that multiple shots were fired into the apartment and that there was approximately \$2,000 of damage to the dwelling.

As of Feb. 9 two individuals have arrested and charged in the shooting.

Brad Boyd, 17, from Greensboro, has been arrested and charged with communicating threats and discharging a firearm.

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The Cadet of the Month Award was given to students demonstrating excellence in general military knowledge of drill and ceremonies, map reading, current events and rifle marksmanship. The cadet also had to be in the top ten percent of the ROTC class.

In addition to a ribbon, they were awarded a jet command coin, a monetary gift of \$10, a plaque and a certificate," Custis said.

Jason Gibbs, who was October's cadet of the month,

The ROTC Support

The victims reported they were aware of a car speeding away from the scene immediately following the incident.

The car found in the area and was not occupied.

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into an occupied dwelling. The second individual arrested is Matthew William Rockwood, 21, also from Greensboro. Rockwood has been charged with attempted armed robbery.

The attempted armed robbery is in relation to the case, but we do not know all about it yet," said Williams. "There is also possibly a third person involved."

Surrounding apartments were untouched by any gunfire.

Ribbon was given to cadets showing continuous support of Army ROTC-sponsored events throughout the semester.

They sell programs or seat backs at the football game for fund raisers, help with recruiting effort, campus orientations and work for our work-study program here," Custis said.

The Battalion Awards will take place again next semester.

"The bottom line is the awards is for the cadets, and as long as we can keep their self-esteem and their ambition level up, then we've achieved what we needed to achieve," Custis said.

Several companies have altered their pricing policies as news of this lawsuit traveled.

"They [publishing companies] switched from list prices to net prices," Duncan said.

Net pricing allows discounts to be included in the suggested retail price.

"The reason why the publishing companies practice these unfair pricings is that they do not understand the college store market," Duncan said.

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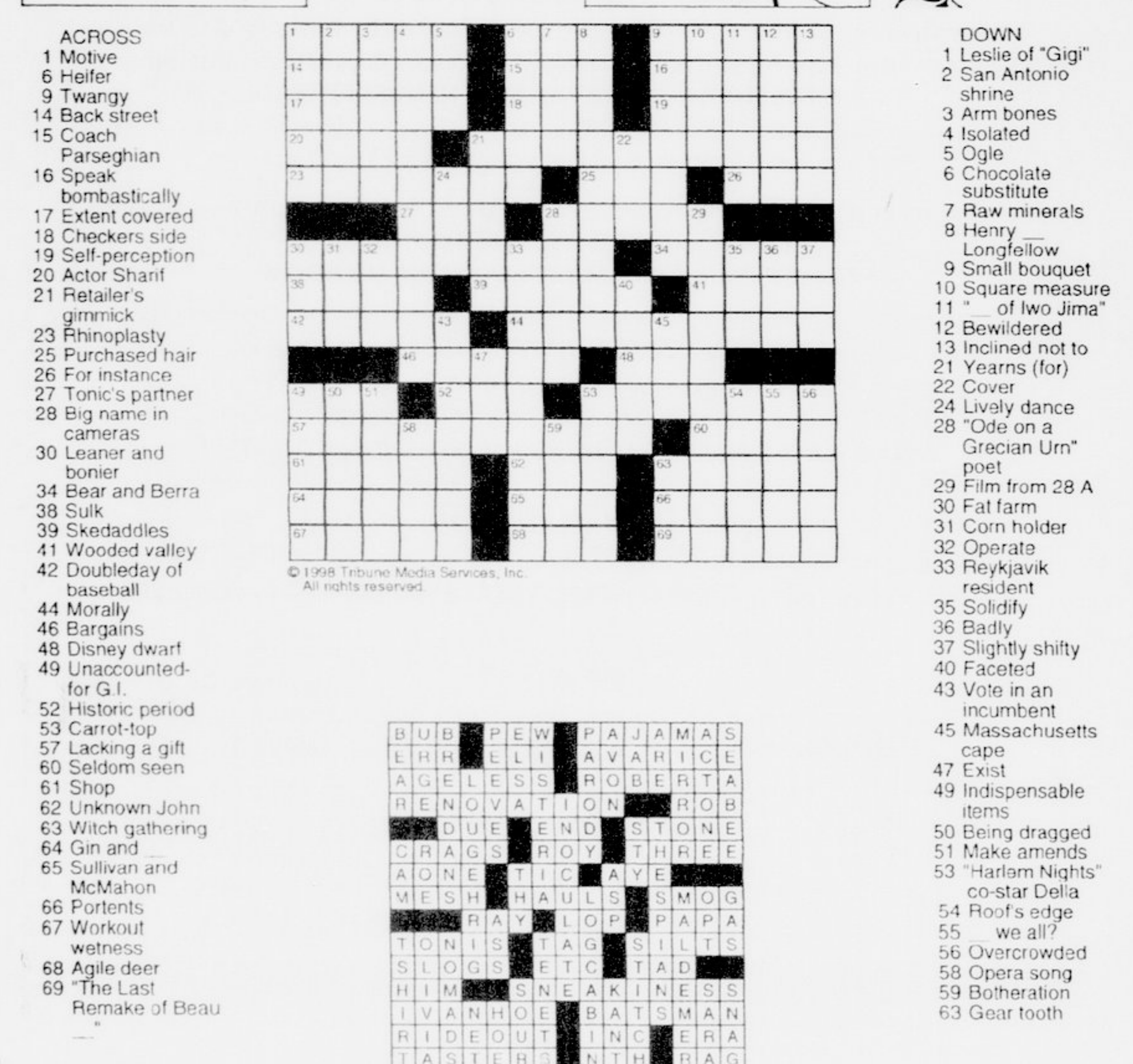
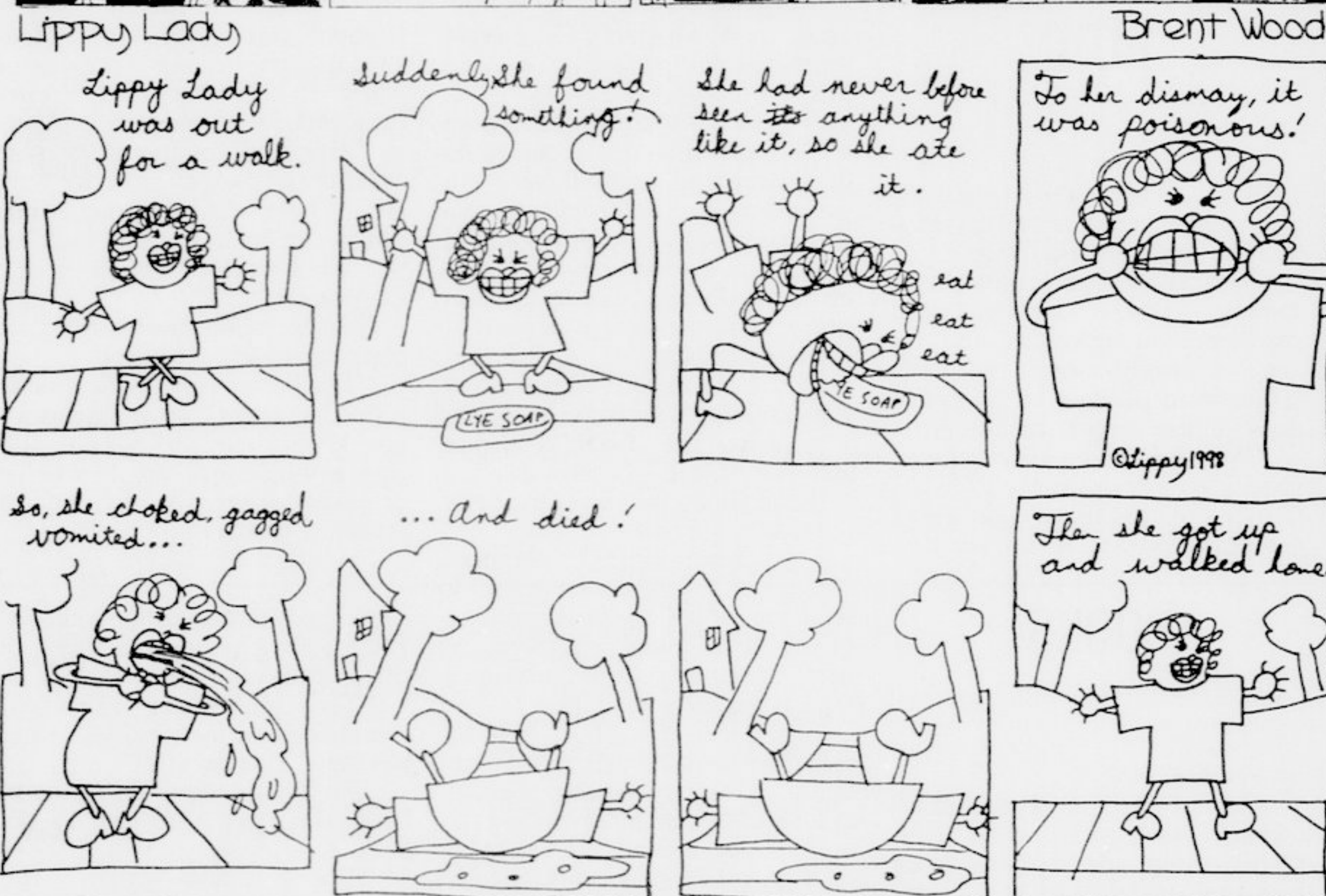
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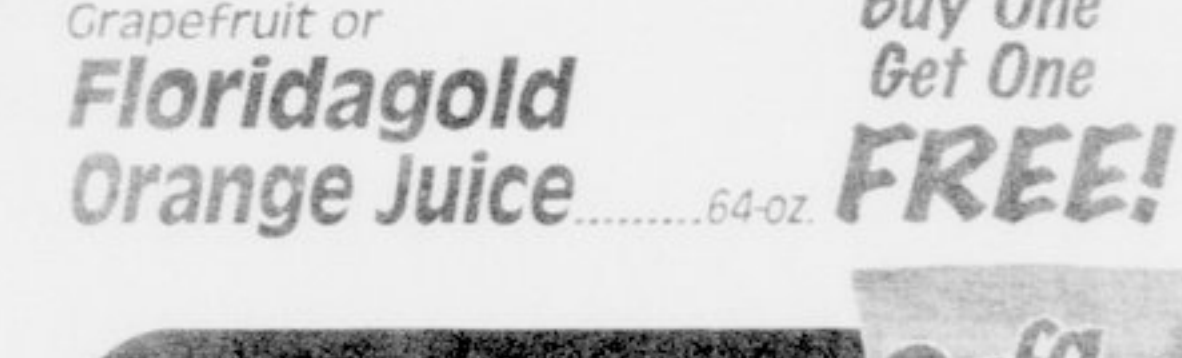
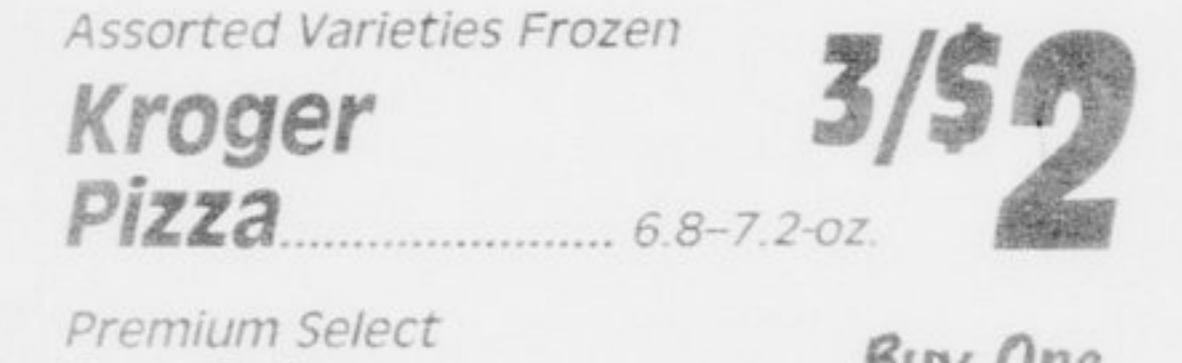
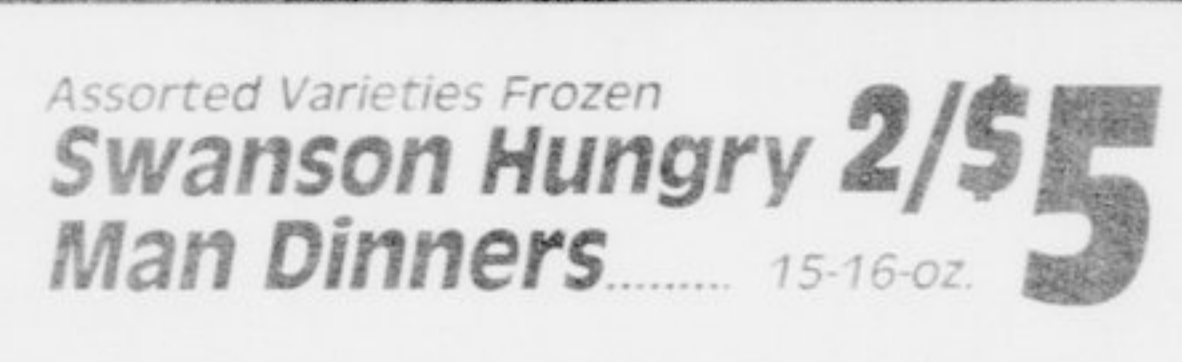
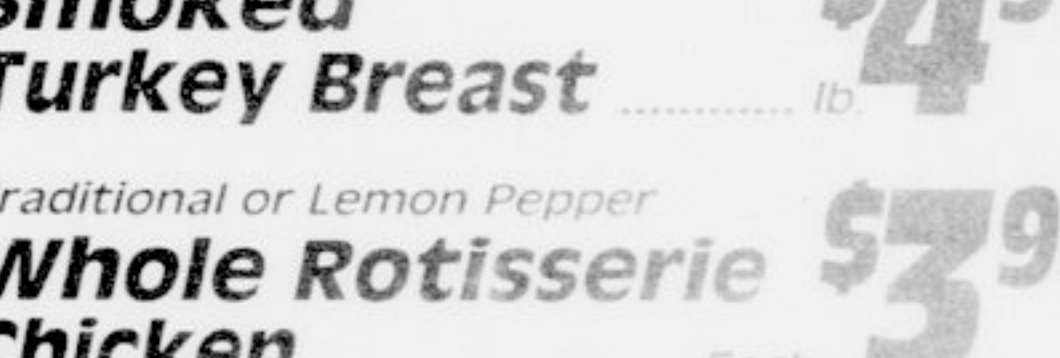
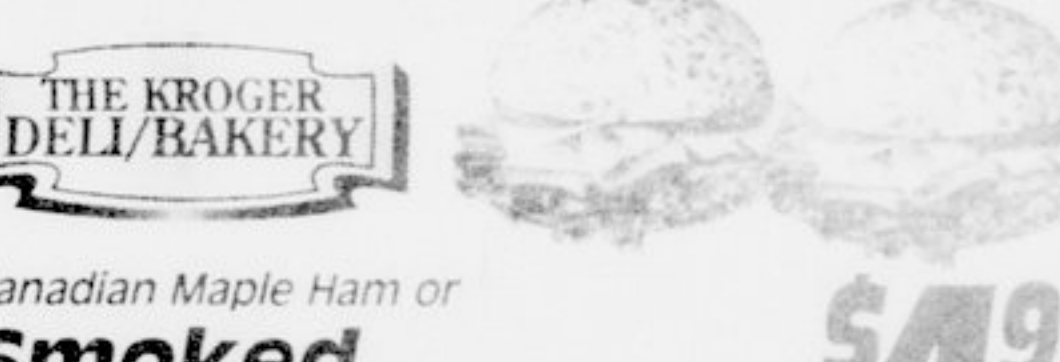
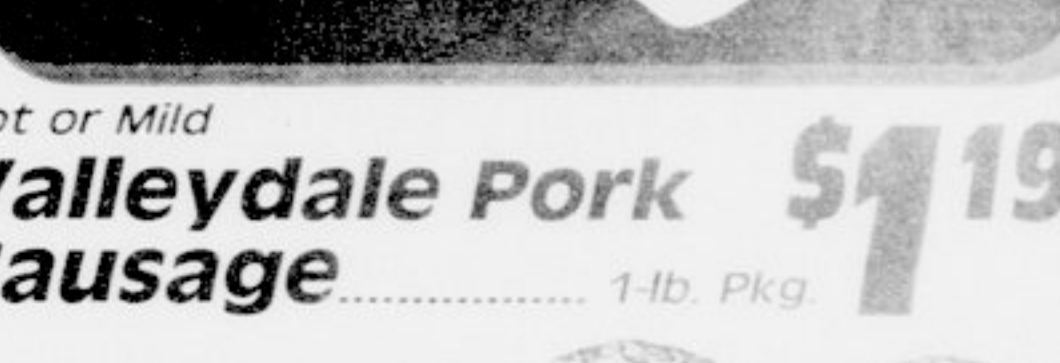
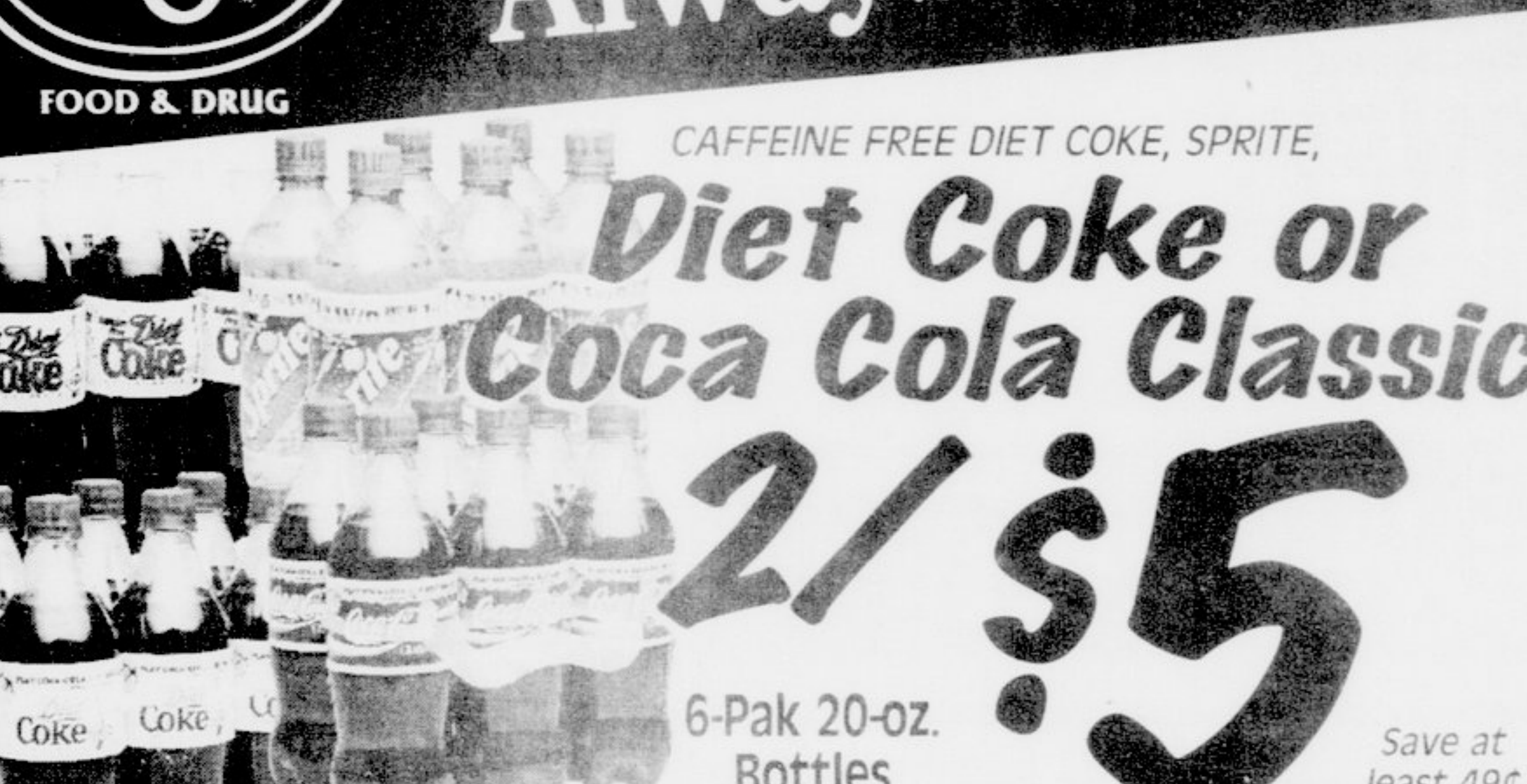


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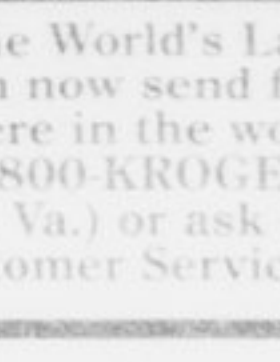
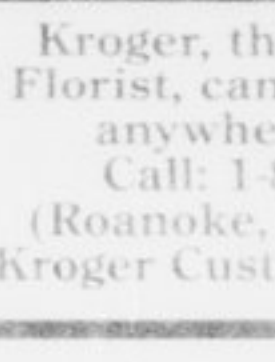


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our view

It seems as if the University of Kentucky is doing whatever it takes to get out of their game against ECU. Even though the athletic department has been more than flexible in the past with UK, they have drawn the line here.

Both schools signed a contract for three games. The first was played at Kentucky in 1993, the second was scheduled to be played here this fall, and the Pirates would return to Lexington in 1999 for the third game. The game this fall was originally scheduled to be played Nov. 12. ECU already agreed to UK's request to change the date to Sept. 12, the season opener. On January 7, UK notified ECU that they intended to break the contract.

Why would UK go to so much trouble? If they get what they want, they will have jumbled up both our schedules not once, but twice, as well as leaving us in the lurch with a missing game. Could the reason they want to break the contract be because the game would be played at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium? Home teams stand to make a lot of money for their town, especially when the season opens at home.

That seems to be the most likely explanation, but it still doesn't completely make sense. Why would UK push the date of the game up two full months, and then try to have the game cancelled?

UK has offered ECU a mere \$175,000 to break the contract. They fail to realize the importance of this game to ECU. The home opener in the fall of '98 will also serve as the opening (hopefully) of the 8000-seat upper deck expansion to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Having an opponent like the Wildcats on such an important day is worth much more than \$175,000.

The town of Greenville and its shops will be hit hardest by the game's cancellation. The hotels, restaurants, and stores do a large percentage of their business that weekend. They would not see one dime of the \$175,000 the athletic department would get, and would take a considerable blow from the cancellation.

A contract is an agreement between two parties. When both sides sign it, it is expected that each will hold up their end of the bargain. UK should honor their commitment to ECU, simply because they agreed to.

LETTER to the Editor

No cultures should be oppressed

This is a letter in response to Keith Cooper's column in The East Carolinian on February 5. I must say that he has crossed the delicate line of writing against racial oppression. Upon reading Mr. Cooper's article, "Struggling for Freedom," Cooper argues that February is too cold and too short to adequately recognize African-Americans. Apparently, Mr. Cooper believes that the African-American public deserves an apology from our President, along with the reparations made to the African-American people. After the nausea subsided, I continued to read Mr. Cooper's column.

Mr. Cooper has a fairly accurate account of slavery and the revolt of slavery in his touching column. Slavery was a horrific period of time in the United States' history; it should be recognized nationally and not forgotten. I do not know what Mr. Cooper wants from me or other students? Does he want me to cry, drowning myself in sympathy for these people? Does he believe that I, being a white male, owe the African-American race an apology? How ludicrous of an idea for an individual to apologize for something they themselves have

not done and the people to whom they are apologizing have not been through.

I was appalled at the racially sensitive argument Mr. Cooper was raising. If Mr. Cooper and the people in this country who share the same ancestral place of origin wish to be addressed as African-Americans, then I, coming from Jewish roots, wish to be addressed as a Jewish-American. Granted Africa is a continent and Judaism is a religion, but they are both minorities in the United States. So, I am going to further divide this country by bringing Jewish-Americans into the mix (before these people were a hyphenated minority, they were American like the rest of us).

I am sorry that your ancestors were enslaved and had to fight a long battle to win their freedom. My "people" from my "homeland" were enslaved, tortured and exterminated in mass numbers totaling in the millions. These people were taken from their homes, forced to work, if they were lucky, then executed and rolled into a mass grave in the earth. I am not here to have an immature argument over whose ancestors suffered more. I do not sit in front

of my computer and try to blame people for this tragedy, and I certainly do not demand an apology from the German political office, or "reparations."

Mr. Cooper, I am personally offended at your blatant respect for the other people on this earth. As I write this response, I question myself. Is it worth arguing with a man who claims that the month that represents the history of the African-American people is not climatically appropriate. Students, I call on you to take action; they have oppressed us once again by giving African-Americans the shortest and coldest month of the year! Mr. Cooper, I appreciate your concern for the "current state of racism," (if such a thing exists) but I believe you are doing nothing but feeding the racist feelings that exist. You are giving college students, who are naturally filled with angst, a place to displace their anger. On another race. We are college students, all of us; we are a minority in this country. For us to be heard, we cannot waste our time quibbling over whose ancestors oppressed who.

Aaron Pollack
Freshman



OPINION Columnist

Jeff
BERGMAN

Help yourselves in floods

rising and some people's property is being threatened. At last report the river was supposed to rise another five to six feet and crest on Wednesday.

Evacuation of some houses and apartments is needed. As usual a few of these people will refuse to leave their threatened homes.

One couple in particular stands out in my memory. This couple like many others interviewed by local news media are choosing to stay home and in their own words, "watch the river rise."

Watching the river rise is a big problem to me. These idiots are watching the water come closer to their house and doing nothing. This couple is not sandbagging, not trying to build a small dike or even dig a small ditch to help with the water run-off.

What kind of morons are these people? They will do nothing to protect their homes that they value.

This couple and many others cherish their home so much that risking their lives is important to them. One would think trying to

protect their homes would be a top priority.

As a taxpayer and someone who pays insurance, I am concerned. Some of these people have flood insurance and if their homes are damaged, then the insurance company will be forced to reimburse their claims.

Of interest to me is that as these people sit on their porch and "watch the river rise," I will also sit at home and watch something rise: my insurance rates. My insurance will rise because the insurance company will have to make up for the losses. Yes, the people who make claims will also see their insurance rise.

Many probably do not have flood insurance. Perhaps the federal or state government will step in and help, like they do when hurricanes hit. Granted some people need help, but anybody dumb enough to "watch the river rise" deserves nothing but utter contempt.

If you choose to do nothing to help yourselves, why should you expect the federal or state government to help you?

OPINION Columnist

Britt
HONEYCUTT

Spiceworld premieres, society crumbles

Hey, it's not like we didn't see it coming. The beginning was with such films as *Die Hard*, *Universal Soldier* (well, basically any movie starring Jean-Claude Van Damme) and the entire Rambo series. "Monday Nitro" and "Wrestlemania" contributed greatly, as did Barney and Jim Carrey. Let's add to this list: "America's Funniest Home Videos," the WB fall lineup, the Seventies Preservation Society, those girls who wear tank tops downtown in 40-degree weather, and every wet t-shirt contest participant in the past 30 years. We're going downhill fast, and nobody tells it like Chubby Spice.

The Spice Girls are the harbingers of certain destruction. These are women who have based an entire career on short skirts and platform shoes. Exactly what is their message? I've heard all the "girl power," bull doozy, and you know what? One does not empower oneself by acting like an airhead and dressing like a prostitute solely for the benefit of pubescent boys. This is the message that they're sending adolescent girls, gentle reader. "You don't need talent. Just make a spectacle of yourself in public and try to be sexy through all of the glitter, eyeshadow and hairspray. It's so easy!"

So easy, in fact, that some directorial genius decide to devote

an entire movie to them. No, I haven't seen it. Nor do I plan to. Ridiculous fluff will not be allowed to steal two hours of my life and \$6 of my money. I can see it now: hundreds of moviegoers curling up with a sopping tub of buttery popcorn, and having the intelligence sucked out of their heads like a vacuum. Nope, no one quite epitomizes the true essence of the low point in humanity that we've reached quite like the Spice Girls.

My point is this: We as a culture have become obsessed with the cheap thrill. Blood and gore provide us with this. Tits and ass provide us with this (for half of the population, anyway). And Hollywood has taken advantage of us. They made us slaves to it. That's why stirring, thought-provoking film is not welcome here in Greenville. We don't want to be made to think or feel anything during a movie. We just sit there for the allotted time and are blasted with eye-fuls of gratuitous sex, violence, and cheap potty humor. That's really relaxing, huh?

People of Greenville, students ECU, I beg you. Take back what's rightfully yours. Your thoughts, your minds, your freedom of choice, and most of all, your good taste. Turn off Jerry and Rikki. Stand up to the Spice Girls.



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CD review



16 Horsepower
Low Estate
8 OUT OF 10

CALEB ROSE
STAFF WRITER

Ye sinners beware. As if church isn't enough, 16 Horsepower return to the altar to preach thirteen more haunting sermons with their A&M records sophomore effort *Low Estate*. Their critically acclaimed 1995 debut, *Saccharine & Ashes*, won the ears of many fans with its chilling religious folklore, melancholy guitars and grave lyrics. *Low Estate* offers the same dark imagery and a heightened musical workmanship.

Explaining what one encounters when listening to 16 Horsepower is not an easy task. Singer/songwriter David Eugene Edwards was born about a century too late. Raised in Colorado, the grandson of a Nazarene preacher, into a faith much more stringent than Baptist, he would travel from town to town along the American Bible Belt with his grandparents where he witnessed many dead bodies, funerals and coffins. Apparently his grandparents wanted him to be comfortable with death and that certainly left an impression on him that would later be expressed in his songwriting. So, if you can imagine an 1800s undertaker walking from town to town with a display of caskets preaching the word of God and the wrath that shall befall upon sinners, then you should be able to conjure up a pretty good idea of what 16 Horsepower is all about.

Low Estate opens with a track entitled "Brimstone Rock," where a traditional style banjo chisels its way through till the end. Edwards approaches the pulpit and begins his sermon, "Don't you fret, here comes the Father." "Brimstone Rock" tells of a man who is repenting for his sins as he pleads, "I beseech the Lord clear my head, before once again I scar the soul of that girl in my bed." Another tale of sin lies within the track "Dead Run." This murder ballad finds a man on the run after a murder however his effort is useless as "the Devil's brand is on my bones, and from inside the Holy Ghost groans."

Phyllis Ruth allows Edwards to display a more personal side of himself because it is about one of his relatives. Again, it is a banjo-driven track laden with creepy cello used to lay down the bass notes. "Lord, Pray it be your will, that she dwell in your house tonight." The song seems to portray Phyllis Ruth as a very noble follower of God, and that was someone Edwards could look up to as a child. The end of this song is a great example of 16 Horsepower's ability to harmonize as a group vocally as they seem to call out to God. "How far is heaven, Oh Phyllis Ruth, I'll go tonight."

Edwards adds another aspect to 16 Horsepower's music by playing a bandoneon, a Hungarian instrument resembling and played like an accordion. This seems to bring about a circus-music effect. This instrument is incorporated into the tracks "Low Estate," "Pure Cieb Road" and the love song, "Hang My Teeth on Your Door."

The highlights of the album are in the songs "Ditch Digger," "For Heavens Sake" and the aforementioned "Dead Run." Driving guitars and a steady rockin' beat propel these tracks. They also have the essentials of a 16 Horsepower song: eerie music, religion-centered lyrics, and a deep religious meaning. "Ditch Digger" tells the story of a man who feels it is necessary for him to dig up his buried love, fearing that she is in the Devil's World underground. "For Heavens Sake" thrusts you into a pew at church where Edwards

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lifestyle

He said She said

TEC finds out just what men and women want for Valentine's Day.

MICCAH SMITH
SENIOR WRITER

JOHN DAVIS
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

When guys think about Valentine's Day, they cringe inwardly in expectation of feelings of worthlessness, guilt, tears and insecurity. It's not because they're single; au contraire, they're merely squirming at the thought of financial ruin at the well-manicured hands of *la belle du jour*.

You got it, ladies. Straight from the horse's mouth: guys like getting candy. Just leave all the other crap out. Buy them chocolate. You don't even have to get the expensive Godiva stuff we like.

I guarantee you, they don't know the difference between a hazelnut and a Hershey Kiss; it's all going down the old hatch.

Robbie Fleck expressed the sentiments of many a male by confiding to me, "I'd like to go to some big party with my date, have a good time, get hammered."

Of course, he probably won't get to, but that's really what he wants. If, like myself, some of you ladies find these responses just a tad unrefined, there are more conventional guys whose tastes run to the socially acceptable.

All Eric Lawson wants, honest, is a "nice candlelight dinner, red wine, maybe a live show... a completely romantic evening, maybe a walk on the beach or something. And of course it would end up at my place."

David Buss is tired of feeling disgust when he sees happy couples all over each other. He just wants "to be able to look at people and not pass judgment on them for Valentine's Day."

Evan Connolly thinks the important thing is just "having someone there that's actually worth being your Valentine."

Well, I know a challenge when I hear one. Any ladies up for it?

What do they want?

Here's what a few guys and girls want for V-Day

"I just want to be happy; there's no material thing that would make me happy. Just as long as he showed he loved me,"

Jamie Stephanko

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Eric Lawson

It's always been easier to identify with Charlie Brown's sentiments about romance than Romeo's. Waiting by the mailbox for the little red haired girl to finally send a Hallmark or, better yet, a card made of construction paper seems so much more real than meeting, wooing and exchanging vows with an angelic beauty in the space of one evening.

Getting sent out on assignment to find out what certain ladies at ECU find to be the most ideal Valentine's Date is, by far, an odd prospect for a fellow whose only "date" in the past six months was a piece of fruit.

Nevertheless, the venture was quite revealing. After all, what is it exactly that the ladies want? When they roll their eyes upon noticing an admiring gaze, what exactly is running through their heads? "I wish that goofy guy with the poofy hair would quit staring at me," most likely.

Let's face it guys, the opposite sex is a source of mystery as well as beauty. Ancient cultures personified the moon as a woman, as well as the ocean and their weapons. Today, blues musicians still give their instruments women's names. What is it about women that can evoke thoughts of lunar eclipses, ocean waves, swords and six-string sounds? It's the mystery, that's what.

In an effort to uncover just what ladies dream of when they picture the ideal V-Day romance, I wandered around campus, watching couples interact and interviewing ladies from time to time. The opinions of what an ideal date is runs the gamut from Jamie Stephanko's optimism: "I just want to be happy; there's no material thing that would make me happy. Just as long as he showed he loved me," to Tara Lewis's very detailed schedule.

"When he comes to the door, he has a dozen red roses. We have a nice quiet candlelight dinner in a secluded area. We'll see what happens after that. The rest of the night is left to our discretion."

Lashawn Brown had similar qualifications. "I believe I would have flowers sent to me during the day. We'd go someplace nice for dinner. He'd bring me a single rose when he picks me up and we go to the beach and then, well, what happens happens."

The beach figured into Ashley Adcock's ideal date as well. "I'd like

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Dance '98 offers something for all

Last show tonight at McGinnis Theatre

STEPHANIE RUSSELL
STAFF WRITER

The East Carolina Dance Theatre's *Dance '98* is a cornucopia of style, music, and dance. From classical ballet to modern interpretation pieces, *Dance '98* is an evening of music and movement that is sure to please a variety of palates. This season's show has the added honor of having been selected to appear on Johnston Community College's

Performing Artists Series.

The opening piece, "I Vespri Variations," is a classical ballet that draws inspiration from the music of Giuseppe Verdi. The choreography of Joseph Carow and Cindy Mancini accentuates each dancer's talents. This piece is beautiful and anyone who likes classical ballet (or took classes as a child) will appreciate it. Costumes for "I Vespri Variations" are exceptionally beautiful. The fabric and design of the women's dresses are breathtaking.

"Touch Tone," choreographed by Patricia Weeks, is a satirical look at phone technology and the daily frustrations that it creates. Everyone will be able to recognize

themselves and situations they have faced. The total anger of being lost in the system is replaced with laughter. We have all been there too many times. The choreography is wonderful. With a lot of dancers on stage, it is never too busy or muddled. Each dancer helps create the overall image and mood, without detracting from others dancing on stage. From "Muzak" to voice-overs, sight and sound are used to a wonderful advantage. This is a stand-out piece.

Next, tuxedoed "gents" and fabulously gowned ladies tap the night away. "At the Palm Court." Wonderful choreography by Clarine Powell spotlights the talents of

everyone dancing. The dancers really sell this piece, and the whole audience can get into it. The costumes are, again, brilliant, bringing to life 30's dancers who are decked out to see and be seen. The big band sound of jazzy classic "Happy Feet" completes this impressive and fun number.

"Last Sonata," inspired by the music of Ludwig von Beethoven, has a truly unique concept. What begins as loose, confusing motion evolves into an inspiring and flowing dance. The audience is slowly drawn into the heart of the piece. The dancers are exceptionally talented. With the innovative choreography of Kennet Oberly, the dancers of "Last Sonata"

create an unforgettable and haunting experience.

"Life's A Beach," choreographed by Dawn Clark, is a fun look at a day at the beach. While the stage is too crowded and busy with dancers doing their own thing and mountains of floats, lawn chairs and umbrellas, the piece was enjoyable.

Classic beach music draws the audience into the memories of past glory days spent catching some rays.

"Sax Is Beautiful" is the final dance of the evening. This number is highly energetic and lots of fun. The dancers' enthusiasm really

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Is your hair spray ready?

day back-n-the

This is the column where we focus on the stuff we miss and the stuff we missed. We will examine the books, albums and television shows that we feel deserve further exploration. The stuff we dug back in the day...

PAT REID
SENIOR WRITER

Okay boys and girls, let's face the facts. Trends repeat. The eighties were spent obsessing over the sixties, and most of the nineties have been spent obsessing over the seventies. High schoolers are wearing platform shoes and bell bottoms for crying out loud. One trend that is jumping the gun is the resurgence of glam rock.

The comeback itself is not that surprising. After all, trends repeat, but there should be at least five more years before we're bombarded with glitter make-up and hair spray. What gives?

My personal hypothesis is that no one willingly gave up the trend in the first place. Sure we were all told how uncool Warrant was and we promptly hid our tapes and CDs. But late at night when no one was around, we softly sang to ourselves, "Heaven isn't too far away."

What other explanation is there? After Nirvana helped close the door on glam in the early nineties, bands like Motley Crue, Poison and Cinderella couldn't grab a headline if they tried.



Wow, these chicks sure are pretty.
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Then, a couple of years ago, MTV ran a special called "It Came From the 80's part II: The Metal Years." The special gave updates on everyone from Vixen to Quiet Riot and contained an interview with Lita Ford in which she proclaimed that she's merely waiting for metal to rise again. Of course, the special was followed by a half-hour of metal videos hosted by Poison front man, Bret Michaels.

In the time since the special aired, Poison has released a greatest hits. Warrant has released new albums and Motley Crue has reunited. Not only did the Crue reunite, but they did it on the Grammy's! The classicist music award show on air today welcomed metal with open arms. Faster than you could say "Talk Dirty To Me," metal was climbing back into the hearts of music fans everywhere.

Now, as the nineties draw to a close, legions of fans will laughingly admit to listening to their old glam rock. Whereas a year ago, I was harassing my best friend for keeping a copy of

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The information highway is the road that connects us. But similar to circus clowns, we're hiding behind the net in search of all things weird and flat out strange. Come join us on this trip into the world of silly sites and wacky web pages.

ANDY TURNER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

I try to keep politics (and critical thinking) out of this column, but there is an issue that we all must address. The battle is fought everyday on the net and college dorm rooms across this great country. You must decide which side you are willing to lay down your hash browns for and join the revolution. Hash browns? That's right. I'm talking about the great breakfast eatery war that rages among us like egg grease.

To analyze this very sensitive situation, I visited several websites to see the status of the war on the

web. One of my first stops was at Project Denny's (www.concentric.net/~p7a77/dennys/), a site and idea started by Mr. Jason Alan Plaff, a former Denny's dishwasher. Plaff's goal is to visit every damn Denny's in the country. Do you know how many Denny's there are in the United States? I don't know, but it's a lot. Plaff thinks there's no greater breakfast eatery on earth than Denny's. His site includes summaries of all his visits to Denny's. He includes the waitress' name, what he had to chomp on, stuff he got for free and whether or not the manager is WAX. Plaff believes in the WAY theory that all Denny's managers look like "Weird" Al Yankovic, as opposed to used car salesmen, who all look Chuck

Woolery. I wonder how many love connections are made at Denny's. I mean, other than hooks.

I could find no sites dedicated to the Shoney's way of life on the web. This surprised me since Shoney's has its breakfast buffet bar (unparalleled on this universe) going for it. What I did find was the site for Shoney's Inn in Nashville (www.travelbase.com/destinations/nashville/shoneys/index.html). The Shoney's Inn promised it was

coordinated in a "refreshing decoration blend of pastel tones in muted blues, pinks, grape and teal."

Not only that, but free sex services are offered courtesy of Shoney's Big Boy. You and the Big Boy rollin' around in a pastel wonderland. Shoney's Inn

Now, there are a ton of other places: 24 Hour Diner, Aunt Sarah's Pancake House and on and on. But I can contain my bias no more. There is but one best breakfast eatery. It goes by the name (insert choir music here) Waffle House. Adoration for what I call, the House of Love can be found at the Waffle House Shrine (www.duke.edu/~kpsl/wafflehouse.html). I admit it is surprising that some Duke guys could be wise to the Waffle House way, but it is a testament to the power of scattered, smothered, covered, topped, diced, chunked and peppered hash browns. And, believe me, they have power (insert guilty bathroom humor giggle here - please!).

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Back in the Day

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Open Up and Say Ahh... in his car. I now keep a copy of Poison's *Greatest Hits 1986-1996* in mine.

Of course, the wake-up call for me came when a high school senior in a class that I'm student teaching asked my cooperating teacher for metal CDs he could buy. He asked for Skid Row, Cinderella and Dokken by name. It seems he already owned Warrant. The next day my co-op teacher and I brought in about 20 CDs each. The student's eyes lit up like a eight year old's on Christmas. My own turn-around came when, while looking through CDs to lend him, I began listening to Cinderella's *Long Cold Winter* again. As my cooperating teacher said, "It's a guilty pleasure. It seems he never fully gave up his glam rock tendencies either."

Seriously, I thought I was past this phase of my life. My metal CDs have taken up post behind my bedroom door under three years of dust. But now I find myself turning more and more to that long forgotten rack to peruse the titles that lie there.

For anyone else who has found themselves caught up in the whirl of it all, take comfort in knowing that you are not alone. WRDU 106.1, a regional radio station, recently had a big hair weekend featuring only metal bands. The weekend was such a success that they started a weekly show of metal bands every Friday night.

The bands have taken note as well. Just last week I heard of a package tour being planned for the summer with Fitchouse and Warrant as featured bands. Other bands like Tesla have never stopped touring. So metal fans unite and rejoice! The time for celebration is nearing. So dust off the leather pants and halter tops, there's a party about to begin.

Dullard

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This site provided me with totally unnecessary Waffle House trivia that I will never use, but since I enjoy filling my head with useless information, I ate it up like a keg-full of corned beef hash. For instance, did you know that all those Waffle House songs are sung by the C.E.O.'s wife, Mary Welch Rogers? Were you aware that there are more Waffle Houses in Georgia than anywhere else on earth?

The Georgia thing doesn't surprise me at all. My fondest Waffle House memory is from Georgia. My friend and I rode all night from Georgia to Virginia. To stay awake we shouted out "Waffle House" each time we passed the House that Waffles Built. We stopped at one near the Georgia/South Carolina line at about three in the morning. Tony was working. He had a way with eggs. Flip behind his back, under his leg. He was the Evil Knievel of eggs. I'd go as far to say, Tony looked like Skipper from *Family Ties*. And the waitress really was Tina Turner. It was surreal. man.

Sixteen Horsepower

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ministrators to the listener. "Taste and see that the Lord is good; let's bend our knees like we know we should."

Despite the religious undertone, 16 Horsepower is not Contemporary Christian Music. The tales told in this record are your covers at night and read the Bible with a flashlight, because Edwards' lyrics seem to test your faith. The Biblical views expressed in the album are from an Old School thought of religion found many years ago when people feared that

the second coming of Christ, and therefore the end of the world, was coming tomorrow.

"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." - Revelation 22:12

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Dance '98

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comes across both in movement and attitude. The dancing of everyone is absolutely fabulous. Jay Norman's brilliant choreography throughout this dance really brings the stage and the audience, to life. The music—featuring saxophone—goes from sassy to sexy to moving. Wild

costumes in three of the four sections characterize this dance; colorful, exciting and interesting. *Dance '98* should not be missed. Everyone will find something enjoyable in the many styles of dance, music and the costuming of Jeffrey Phipps. Tonight at 8 p.m. is the last performance. Tickets are available in the McGinnis Theatre box office from 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., or by phone with a VISA or MasterCard by calling 328-6829 or 328-1726.

Valentine's Day

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"Love is a bond between two individuals. It's having feelings for one person that you don't have for anyone else."

Lashawn described love as "something... special and unconditional."

All of these ladies seemed, despite their different answers, prepared to love either Romeo or Charlie Brown, depending on the circumstances. Which is comforting in a way. It's good news for neurotic nail-biting writers anyway. Looks and physique never really entered into any of the girls' explanations. In fact, most of the fair sex actually seem to want to get to know the little round-headed kid before they make the judgment call. Which makes things look good for Charlie Brown. Perhaps that mailbox won't loom so ominously this year.

him to take me on a trip. It wouldn't have to be a big trip, just away from here, to the beach or the mountains."

Valentine's Day is about romance and dates, but it is also about love. Each of these ladies had apprehensions about describing what they thought love was. Jamie was, again, philosophic in her response. "I know what it's not." Which, I suppose, is a distinction that escapes too many people. Ashley defined love as a "deep intimate feeling shared between two people," which isn't far from Tara's idea.

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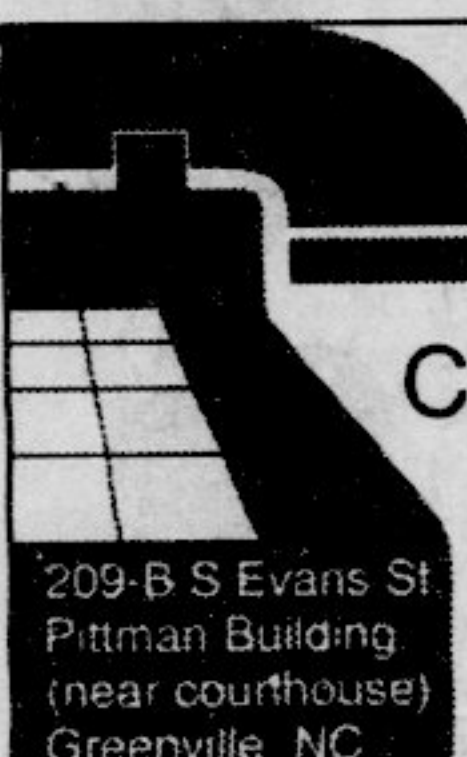
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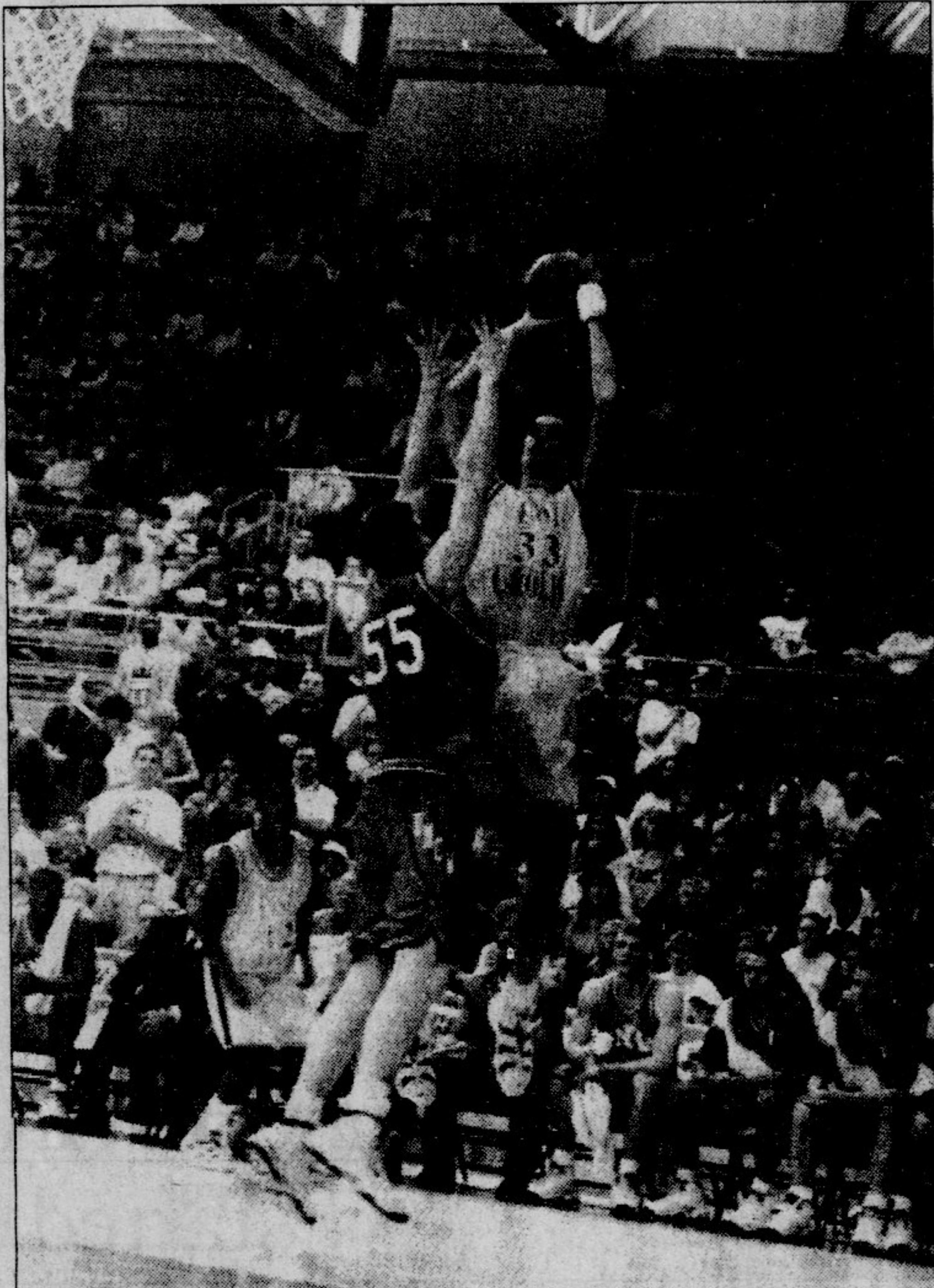
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Alphons van Lerland brings strength to Pirate hoops

STEVE LOSEY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

On first thought, Alphons vanlerland did not know he had broken his hand.

The 7-foot freshman was deep in the middle of basketball practice on Dec. 1 when he felt someone hit his hand. The conference season hadn't started yet, and the Pirates were hard at work preparing for the upcoming game against Georgia.

During that practice, vanlerland was holding the ball and pivoting, looking around for a break in the coverage when the injury came about.

"I heard a pop and I thought it was a knuckle cracking," vanlerland said. "I had it X-rayed, and it showed it was broken."

The injury would leave vanlerland on the disabled list for five and a half weeks and seven whole games. Only recently has he been able to come back and resume his place on the court.

Though van lerland was eager to play again, he isn't taking any unnecessary risks. He still wears a bandage as a precaution against re-injuring his hand.

van lerland grew up in the Netherlands in a city called Tilburg. He was always taller than other kids his age, and due to the encouragement of his sister and friends, van lerland took up basketball just before his 15th birthday.

"After I started playing, good things started happening to

me," van lerland said.

Basketball, though immensely popular in America, takes a backseat to soccer in the Netherlands. vanlerland's high school didn't offer a basketball program, so he played on a variety of successful club teams.

van lerland's first club team wasn't at the level he was hoping for, so he transferred to another team. That year, his team took first place in the Junior Division II Conference. The next year, he moved up to Division I and his team took fourth place. van lerland left the Junior Division behind after that year and joined Division III, an all-ages league that included both high school athletes and adults, where his team took third place.

van lerland chose ECU out of five colleges he was accepted to. When he visited, he was pleased at the relaxed atmosphere the school had.

"I felt comfortable here during my visit," van lerland said. He was a bit surprised to get so much playing time his freshman year.

"I didn't really expect to play so much when I first got here," van lerland said. "I just work hard and get in as much as I can get."

van lerland says that his goal is to get as much experience as he can.

"I'm still not where I'm supposed to be," van lerland said, "but, I'm still a freshman."

His teammates recognize how much van lerland is a part of the team.

"Alphons [van lerland] has improved physically in the weight room, and he's improved his confidence level," teammate Garrett Blackwelder said. "He's an inside threat, both offensively and defensively, and he mainly helps on rebounds and shot blocking."

van lerland can already see the improvements in his game since he came to ECU.

"I have gotten a whole lot bigger," van lerland said. "I put on something like 20 to 25 pounds. I used to get pushed around a lot out there. My shot has gotten better, but I've got to work on my free throws."

Though his skills have grown, van lerland still recognizes areas that need improvement.

"I've got to concentrate on rebounding," van lerland said. "I'm still trying to put on more weight, because I still get pushed around. I'm never satisfied. There's always room for improvement."

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Alphons van lerland
Men's Basketball

Personal training available from Rec Services

New program available at reasonable cost

TRAVIS BARKLEY
STAFF WRITER

Recently, ECU's department of recreational services unveiled a new program that will allow students to work one-on-one with a personal trainer.

Up until now, the option of working with a personal trainer has not been available. But due to student demand, the plan has been implemented.

"Providing personal training was the most requested feature suggested that we should add," said Kari Brown, assistant director of recreational services. "The goal of the program is to teach students proper exercise techniques, and have them maintain a healthy lifestyle throughout life, not just college."

According to Brown, only 50 percent of all people who start an exercise program maintain it after six months.

By working with personal trainers, students will receive the encouragement and the motivation to continue the program. In addition, trainers will teach proper techniques, principles of training and progression.

The program has a variety of options and is designed to assist people looking to start an exercise program as well as those who are more advanced and just need a new challenge.

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Pirate basketball shines on home court against VCU and American

Men's team improves record with two consecutive wins

TRACY M. LAUBACH
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball team went to Minges Coliseum on Saturday night looking to turn their two-game losing streak around.

Meeting Virginia Commonwealth for the second time in the regular season, ECU headed into the game with a 3-7 conference record.

"We have been practicing real hard, and we keep getting better," senior forward Raphael Edwards said. "It is not always an improvement that the crowd can see, but we can see it, and that's what really matters."

Maybe it was those hard practices that made a difference Saturday, or perhaps it was just a team wanting more than anything to win. But something lit the fire that many thought had burned out, and the Pirates battled it out with the Rams to pick up one of the biggest come-from-behind victories in the history of the program.

ECU head coach Joe Dooley saw his team down for most of the game, but with leadership from Edwards, who scored a season-high 28 points, the Pirates were able to come back in the second half to send VCU home with a disappointing 83-79 loss.

"We played an awfully good first half," VCU head coach Sonny Smith said. "We played the kind of basketball game we have been trying to get our guys playing all year. We thought we had the game under control, then they started fouling us and we missed some big free throws. We couldn't handle the pressure they were

putting on us."

With just under six minutes remaining on the clock in the second half, ECU trailed the Rams by a ten-point margin. With two three-pointers by Garrett Blackwelder, one by Othello Meadows, and a fourth by Edwards, the Pirates closed the gap and brought the game to a tied score of 79-79 with less than a minute left of play.

"The crowd was amazing," Edwards said. "They were really the difference in the game, along with how we picked up, for each other and stuck together."

No points were posted for either team until at the 2.7 second mark, Edwards sent in a six-foot jump shot to gain a two point Pirate lead. The final points of the game were claimed by Edwards who shot two of two from the foul line to end the game with a four point lead.

"We stuck together and maintained a mindset that we could come back," Dooley said. "Everyone at some point during the game made a big shot or a big play."

Joe Dooley
Head Men's Basketball Coach

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ECU came out quick in the first half, shooting 35 percent from the floor, while the Eagles sunk only eight of 34 attempted field goals. Edwards and Parham led the team into halftime with a 32-24 lead, while the Eagles were led by freshman center Salou-Binet Telly with six points.

The second half was a Pirate

said that as hard as the team has been playing, good things are going to start happening to the ball club.

"We decided that there was no way that we were going to let them leave our arena with a victory," Parham said.

With the win, the Pirates improved their overall record to 9-12, 4-7 in the CAA. With only five games remaining to be played in the regular season, tournament time is approaching.

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Wildcats continue contract debate

City of Greenville could suffer big damages

SCOTT ROSE
SENIOR WRITER

The Kentucky Wildcats are scheduled to play football in Greenville this September, a game that would mark a first for the Pirates' 1998 season and also the much waited dedication of the new upper deck. At this time, the city of Greenville stands to lose a lot more money than the base \$175,000 Kentucky is willing to pay to get out of a three-game contract that was established between the two schools.

ECU and Kentucky each agreed to and signed a contract stating that the Pirates would travel to Lexington in 1993, the Wildcats would travel here in 1998 and the final game of the contract would be played in Lexington in 1999.

The 1998 game was scheduled originally to be held Nov. 12. In August, Kentucky petitioned to have the game rescheduled for Sept. 12, and received much cooperation. Now, just six months later, the Wildcats are doing anything in their power to forfeit the contract completely.

Kentucky has offered ECU \$175,000 for an agreement to cancellation. However, much more money would be lost than that. Additionally, football schedules are comprised many years in advance, and with a game that stands to be played in just a few short months, ECU would have a hard time finding a replacement.

The university is not the only

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Kentucky

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establishment that would suffer from Kentucky's voiding the game.

"During the football weekends, we, along with every other hotel, are booked solid," said Rhessa Tucker, sales and marketing director of the Greenville Hilton.

How much would we lose in sportsweek? According to UBE owner Don Edwards, the store does approximately eight percent of all annual sales during the weekend of the first football game of the year.

"The Friday before the home game is the busiest day of the year for us," Edwards said.

During the week leading up to the game, UBE enjoys one of the highest sale weeks of the year, not only in the sportswear department, but also in other departments.

"This would be a big blow to the store and the entire community of Greenville," Edwards said.

ECU officials are maintaining that the contract still stands as of now, but the case is currently being investigated for further information. The next course of action has not yet been plotted, and there is not enough information yet for legal action to be taken at this time.

Rec Services

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"Each program is tailored to that individual, whether they just want to lose a few pounds, or they want to add muscle," Brown said.

There are six different packages available, ranging from one to 16 sessions.

While these services aren't free, Brown said that the prices are very reasonable, especially when compared to other clubs in the area.

"We designed this program with the students in mind," Brown said. "Similar packages at other clubs cost almost three times as much."

Although it is not required, it is recommended that people interested in the program have a fitness assessment done. A fitness assessment allows you to identify your current fitness level by testing blood pressure, body composition, muscular strength and endurance, cardiovascular endurance, flexibility and a nutrition analysis.

"Having a fitness assessment done allows us to see what level a student is at, and allows them to set goals to improve," Brown said.

Fitness assessments are normally \$15 but are available for \$10 to students registering for programs one, two, or three. The

assessment is included for all other packages.

Although the recreational center is open from 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Brown said that the program can accommodate just about anyone, regardless of his or her schedule.

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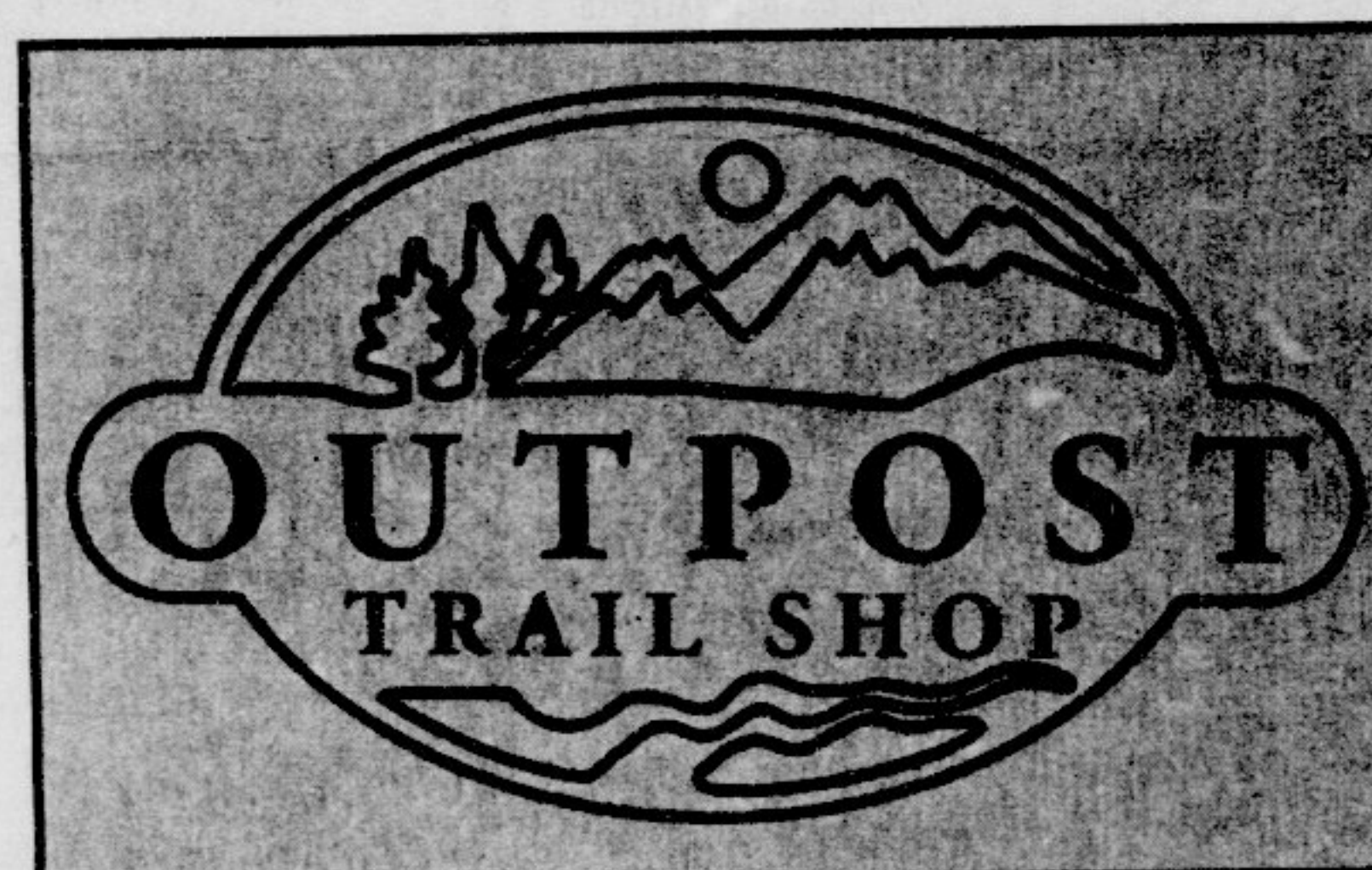
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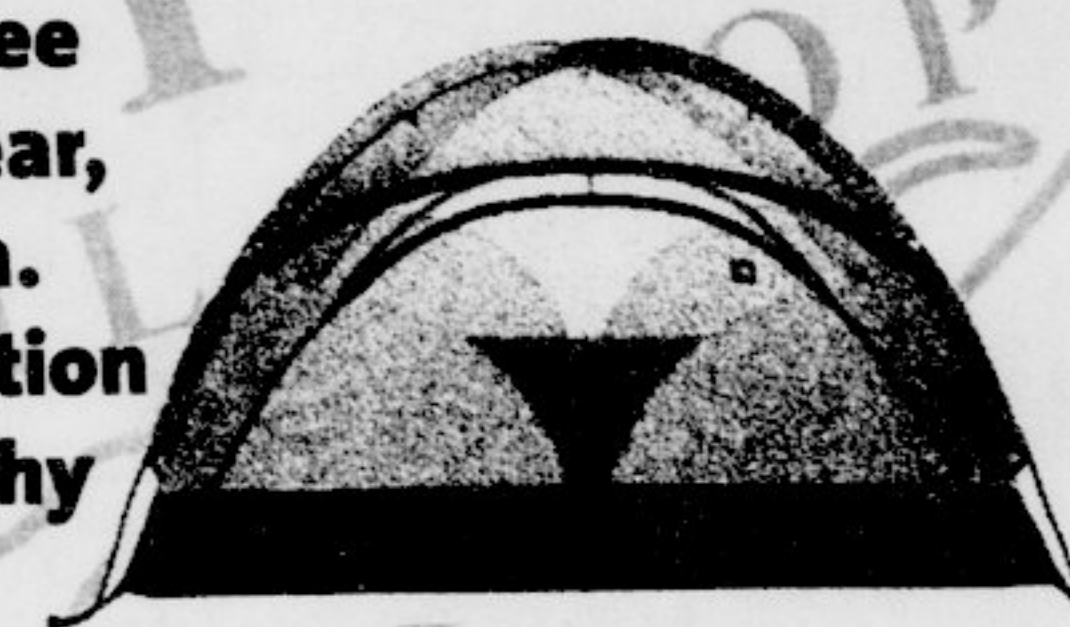
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LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX STUFF

It's everywhere. On the TV, the radio, in the dorm, and in the classroom—everywhere you go, SOMEBODY's talking about SEX. The question is, what's all the talk about? Is it who's been caught somewhere they weren't supposed to be? Did a roommate get busted cheating on her partner? With Valentine's Day so quickly approaching, recent chatter has centered around who's getting chocolates this year, who's been buying sexy lingerie, and who's smiling that secret smile and not saying why!

On Wednesday, Feb. 18th, several nationally recognized sex therapists will be on hand for a special "Ask the SEXperts" session at MSC. Beginning at 7:00 pm in Hendrix Theatre, ask all the questions you ever wanted to hear the answer to but were afraid to ask. From sexy to safety, they've got the information you need to have a good time without getting hurt. Learn how to express yourself while protecting yourself, and be a responsible member of our generation.

Protection is another hot topic this month. National Condom Week is Feb. 16-20. Don't expect to see discounted products anywhere, but anticipate more reminders than usual to practice responsible sexual habits. At risk of sounding like your mother, remember that you can never be too careful!

Mom will also be proud to know, though, that while we're talking SEX, we'd also like to remind you that Feb. 9-13 is Sexual Responsibility Week/Sexual Assault Awareness Week. In coordination with that, the Wright Place will be home to an information table throughout the week. Look for tidbits on everything from preventive measures and communication to abstinence.

As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week, Katie Koestner is talking about what happened to her, and it wasn't the stuff most of us like to hear. As a college freshman, Ms. Koestner became a statistic. Her story is not unique—undoubtedly people you know have had similar experiences. But they aren't talking about it, and Katie is. Come hear her story, and learn more about what isn't being said. Join her in room 1220 Jenkins (Speight Auditorium) at 8:00 pm on Thursday, Feb. 12th following the annual "Take Back the Night" march slated to begin at 6:00 that evening.

With all the talk about SEX this month, don't get left alone in the dark. A little enlightenment goes a long way toward enhancing your understanding of sex, the opposite sex, and all the areas in between!

GAMBLER FINDS RIGHT STUFF TO BATTLE ADDICTION

EDITOR'S NOTE-The subject of the following exclusive interview requested that neither his name nor picture be published in order to protect himself from ridicule and discrimination.

By Ervin C. Ustes Student Life Staff Writer

Gambling on college campuses is nothing new. Many a college student has been hooked on the lure of easy money and has become addicted to the rush of laying it all on the line. Unfortunately, for many, the addiction leads to a pulverizing meeting with the likes of Vinny and Guido.

Joe, a 24-year old fifth-year senior here at ECU, knows a thing or two about gambling and its effects on life. In the following Q & A interview, Joe speaks candidly about gambling and what he's done to recover.

SL: Tell us a little about yourself.

Joe: I guess I'm like just about everyone else. You know, I grew up in a dysfunctional family, hung with the wrong crowd, partied way too much, and pretty much had everything handed to me on a silver platter.

SL: When did you first start gambling?

Joe: It started in grade school, really. My friends Samantha, Ezekiel, and Xzavier and I used to always dog dare each other on things like eating bugs and swiping candy from the store. Pretty soon, we started paying off if the person we dared successfully did the deed. Then came high school. I had a friend who would make books on the basketball and football games for lunch money.

SL: Did you know then that you had a problem?

Joe: My only problem was trying to figure out how to spend all that dough. See, my high school sucked in sports, so it was a pretty easy bet. I never lost. But, then, during the summer after graduation, I lost a bundle at a surfing contest. I lost all my summer work money on that one. I get pissed thinking about all the hours I put in slinging hash on third shift at the IHOP.

SL: Did you learn any lessons?

Joe: Well, when I was looking into colleges, I thought maybe I should go to one that would be safer.. you know, incognito in regards to gambling.

SL: So where did you go?

Joe: The University of Las Vegas-Nevada. Geez, what a mistake. Did you know that they have all-night casinos out there? So, I started rollin' again, betting on college sports and playing cards. Fortunately, my parents bought a lot of my stories about needing cash. I lost my tuition right away but told them that there were some special fees for this class. That my boss at Julio's Ice Cream and Tattoo Parlor was holding back my first check...you know how parents are...they just want you to get that degree.

SL: So, you kept gambling, huh? What was the outcome.

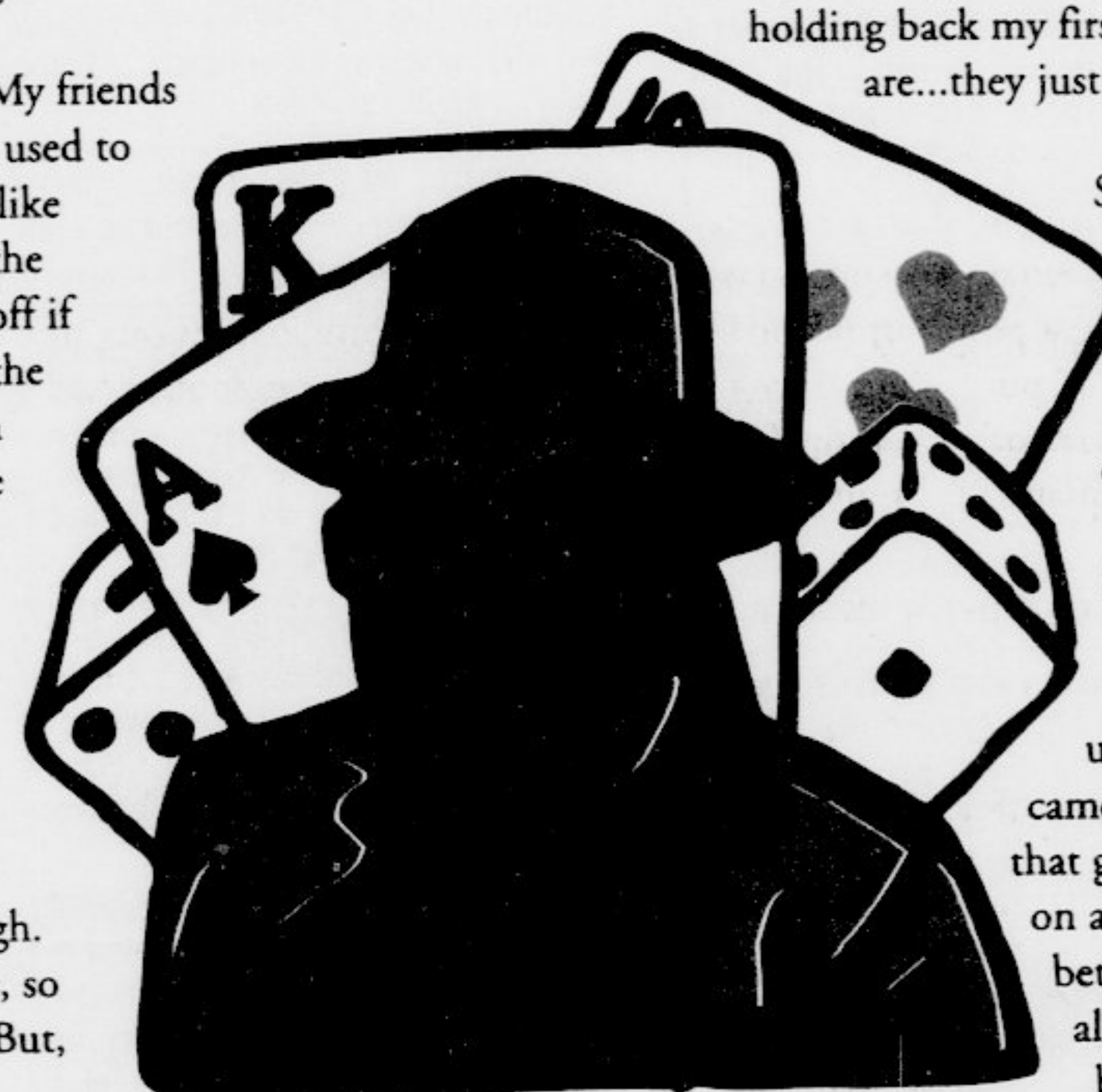
Joe: By midterm, I had lost my car, my stereo, my Sega game, well, just about everything.

SL: Is that how you ended up here?

Joe: My father made me promise to give up gambling and finish my degree. So, I came here when I heard about the gambling that goes on here. You have regular bingo going on at Mendenhall Student Center. But, even better than that is Mardi Gras. I can gamble all I want that night, and know that I won't be beat up the next day when I lose. I get my fix at Mardi Gras.

SL: You mean, Mardi Gras down in New Orleans?

Joe: No, man, in Mendenhall Student Center. It's coming up on February 20. I've been getting ready, practicing all my scams. Black Jack, Poker, Bingo, and you get 50 free chips just for walking in. Plus, you get free food whether you win or lose. I just wish I had discovered this gig before I lost everything I own to gambling. I was stupid not coming here first. Mardi Gras is the deal for me.



SHOW OFF YOUR STYLE: MARDI GRAS HITS MENDENHALL

For all those who can't make it down to the bayou for Mardi Gras this year, Mendenhall is bringing Mardi Gras to you! In the mood for some cool Jazz and hot cajun cookin'? Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 17, you can do just that as both Todd and Mendenhall Dining Halls transform into ECU's own "House of Blues." Games and prizes will be on hand to help lift your spirits, and rumor has it that even Jake and Elwood (the ORIGINAL Blues Brothers) may drop in and get down.

Once your blood gets jumpin' to that New Orleans beat, get the creative juices flowing as well. In the middle of the annual Mardi Gras Party Friday night, Feb. 20, a Mask contest winner will be announced. If you are a registered ECU student, you are eligible to participate. The mask must be wearable, and can not be store-bought. All the other details are up to you! Prizes for first, second, and third will be awarded in Advantage Dollars (usable at any of the campus restaurants) in amounts of \$100, \$50, and \$25 respectively. If this sounds like your niche, give David Bailey a call at 328-2337 to get the details.

If the creative edge isn't your style, then you still haven't been left out in the cold. Hot cajun creations grace a late-night buffet the night of the big celebration. The party begins at 9:00 pm, and the Creole flavor flows from 11:00 until 1:00 am. Come check out the site, the sound, and the taste of one of the world's most renowned parties as Mardi Gras comes to town!

What's Up

The Entertainment Tip:
Feb. 21, The Berlin Symphony does Beethoven
Feb. 23, Grease is the word
March 1, Take a bite out of Fiona Apple
"Ask the SEXperts"
Have your questions about sexuality answered by nationally recognized sex therapists.
Feb. 18th 7:00 PM, Hendrix Theatre, MSC

84% of ECU students drink once a week or less (1997 Core Survey)

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HOT TOPIC!
Katie Koestner will share her personal date-rape experience
8:00 PM, Speight Auditorium, Jenkins Bldg.
Koestner has appeared on Oprah, Geraldo, NBC Nightly News and TIME magazine.
Hot Eats!
Todd & Mendenhall Dining Halls
Feb. 12, Valentine's Day Candlelight Dinner
Feb. 17, House of Blues Night
Feb. 20, African-American History Month Celebration Dinner
The Mystery Water Wilderness Weekend was a blast! To learn about other opportunities for your First Year Experience, call 328-4173.