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matters of the heart

The average consumer will spend \$30 on Valentine's Day.

73 percent of American men buy flowers on Valentine's Day. Of those, 90 million roses eight-tenths of which are red are exchanged each year.

Red roses mean true love; yellow, friendship; pink, sweetheart; and white, purity and innocence.

The National Confectioners Association estimated \$709 million in valentine candy sales for 1997.

More than 1 billion printed valentines are exchanged each year.

Claudius the Cruel believed that the Roman men did not want to leave their loves or families for military. As a result, Claudius canceled all marriages and engagements in Rome.

A Christian priest named Valentine came to defend love in the Roman empire and began to secretly marry couples despite the emperor's orders. When Emperor Claudius was informed of these ceremonies, Valentine was sent to prison, where he remained until his death on February 14, 270.

Valentine's Day began to develop a few years after St. Valentine's death as we know it. At the time Christianity was beginning to take control of Europe. As part of this effort the Church sought to do away with pagan holidays.

Valentine's Day replaced a mid-February fertility festival called Lupercalia. In honor of his sacrifice for love, Valentine was made saint and Lupercalia renamed in his honor.

The oldest known valentine in letter form was written in 1477 by Margery Brews, who urged somebody named John Paston to be her "right worshipful and well beloved Valentine."

By the 1700s, British lovers were sending their significant others printed valentines decorated with hearts, flowers and cupids

SGA Vice President McManus resigns position

Plans for special election underway

AMY L. ROYSTER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

SGA Vice President Sean McManus resigned his position after controversy erupted last week over his eligibility to hold office.

graduate student from Brisbane, Australia, was enrolled for classes last semester, but according to Assistant Dean of Students Laura Sweet, he has not yet enrolled for classes for this semester.

Consequently, McManus is in violation of Article 4, Section 2 of the SGA constitution which states that the position must be held by someone enrolled as a full-time student.

McManus told The East Carolinian last week that he did

enroll for classes last semester, but his schedule was dropped. McManus cited excessive parking tickets as the reason his schedule was dropped. Naney Roberson of Parking and Traffic Services said that it would have been unlikely that McManus could have enrolled last semester because of tags on his record placed by Parking and Traffic Services for five tickets totalling \$150.

SGA President Scott Forbes announced Monday that McManus

had turned in a letter of resignation stating that he intended to enroll and focus on his course work this semester. Forbes said the constitution calls for an election to be held within three weeks and that preparations for such an election are underway.

"First we have to name an elections chair and several people have expressed interest in having that position," Forbes said. "It (SGA constitution) clearly states that there should be an election. I do not

appoint someone."

Forbes said the elections chair would be named by Monday and that the person elected during the special election would hold the position of Vice President only for the remainder of McManus' term.

Student Attorney General Haden Jennings expressed some concern over the short time that McManus' replacement would hold office.

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ASL officially recognized



Melinda Roberson, Jatana Deby, Glenda Harris and April Honeycutt sign with each other between classes.
PHOTO BY SABRINA THOMAS

Schools may consider ASL as option for language requirement

JACQUELINE D. KELLUM
SENIOR WRITER

Last summer, the North Carolina Senate passed a bill which officially recognized American Sign Language (ASL) as a modern language.

"They were struggling with it the year before that and couldn't get it passed," said Michael Lupo, coordinator of Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students. "They finally got it passed this August. It was a simple bill to recognize American Sign Language as a language, a modern language."

Until Senate Bill 352, ASL had not previously been recognized by the North Carolina State Legislature, although other states have had similar legislation in place for some time now.

"American Sign Language may be offered in the public schools, four-year state universities, colleges and community colleges as a modern language with credit for individuals attending," the bill states.

However, this bill does not require that all schools offer ASL.

"Really, it doesn't have a lot of effect," said Sandy Cottrell, coordinator of Sign Language Studies/Pre-Interpreting Minor. "Just because the state legislature says, 'yes, we recognize it as a modern language,' doesn't mean, for example, that ECU has to offer it or recognize it."

However, the passing of this bill has been taken as good news by the deaf community, according to Lupo and Cottrell. The question of whether ASL can even be considered a language has been a long-standing issue which the legislature has now settled for North Carolina.

"There was research done in the 1960's to prove that it was a language," Cottrell said. "Before



Valentine's Day is approaching and students on campus are already feeling the love in the air. Benches in the mall area are a perfect place for couples to catch a few minutes alone.
PHOTO BY JONATHAN GREEN

National Condom Week kicks off Feb. 18

JESSICA STURZ
TAR EDITOR

February is the month for Valentine's Day and for National Condom Week as well.

National Condom Week kicks off February 18.

"Valentine's Day, sexual responsibility, and National condom week provides a great opportunity to educate students on safer sex issues," said Health Educator Heather Zophy. "As a health educator, it is my job to make students aware — not just about sexual responsibility, but also drug abuse as well."

During this national condom week Zophy and others have lined up activities for all college students. These activities are for the residence halls. They include decoration of bulletin boards, wall hangings, and door coverings. Not only will each individual dorm compete, but also each floor will compete against one another.

For all those who do not live on campus, there will be sex experts brought in and they will be giving

out free Dr. Ruth Encyclopedias to the first 200 people.

The Health Center will provide a booth and will possibly give out male and female condoms.

Yes, that is right ladies, there is such a thing as female condoms. Female condoms prevent both pregnancy and STD's, can be inserted up to eight hours before intercourse, and provide good heat transfer characteristics.

For male partners, the female condom may more closely emulate the walls of the vagina than the male condom.

Polyurethane, which is what the female condoms are made of, is supposed to be less prone to tearing and breaking than the material of male condoms.

There are disadvantages to using a female condom, however. Some people have allergic reactions to the polyurethane or experience difficulty correctly inserting and using the device; the female condom can make noise during intercourse, and the cost of the female condom is generally more than the cost of the male condom.

A package containing three female condoms costs around \$8; a package of 6 costs around \$17.

If the female condom is not for

Tenured prof faces allegations of violence



Dr. Sal DeMarco sits on a curb near the campus he has been forbidden to enter.
PHOTO BY JONATHAN GREEN

University concludes 13 days of hearings

HOLLY HARRIS
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Sal DeMarco is standing up for what he believes in — something he says the university doesn't like.

The tenured speech pathology

professor is struggling to keep his position amid allegations that he demonstrated violent behavior toward other faculty members and used obscenities during staff meetings. DeMarco, who was suspended with pay in April of last year, said it is less a matter of his bad behavior than university agitation at his outspokenness.

According to DeMarco, the root of the proceedings against him is a longstanding bad relationship with

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TODAY
partly cloudy
high 63
low 49

TOMORROW
partly cloudy
high 57
low 38

6 Opinion



Student safety
#1 concern

7 Lifestyle



Movies for those
with burning love

10 Sports



Olympic lugers go
for gold

Q www.tec.ecu.edu

yes

no

"Do you have faith in the ECU SGA?"

A Do you support the President?
62% NO 37% YES

news briefs

Police drop charge against man in nightclub shooting

HIGH POINT (AP) — Authorities have dropped a murder charge against a Guilford County man arrested after a nightclub shooting last month.

Nathan Eugene Wilson was released Thursday after spending two weeks in jail.

Man apparently electrocuted while working

RICHMOND, N.C. (AP) — A 28-year-old Richmond man is dead after apparently being electrocuted while welding in a auto body shop.

Kevin Ray Futrell was found dead in the shop on N.C. 53 Thursday night.

No pay, counseling for coach in attack on student

ANSONIA, Conn. (AP) — Assault accusations against Ansonia High School's head football coach have led to an unpaid suspension and an order that he undergo counseling.

Superintendent Ruth Feinberg Connors announced Monday that Jack Hunt has been placed on unpaid suspension from his job as the district's attendance officer until March 30. Connors said this disciplinary action, which normally would remain confidential, was being announced publicly at Hunt's request.

D.C. heads closer to self- governance with surplus

WASHINGTON (AP) — The District of Columbia edged one step closer to regaining self-governance, by boasting a \$186 million surplus for fiscal 1997.

Iraqi foreign minister seeks Syrian support in standoff

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Iraq's foreign minister sought support today from Syrian President Hafez Assad in the crisis over U.N. inspections, the first time in 18 years that Assad met with an Iraqi official.

U.S. Embassy in Tokyo says no decision yet on force against Iraq

TOKYO (AP) — The United States respects the call for peace during the Nagano Winter Olympics, but reducing the Iraqi threat to security is the first priority, the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo said in a statement Tuesday.

Faculty

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of the proceedings against him is a longstanding bad relationship with Harold Jones, dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences. DeMarco said he disagreed with Jones at a Dec. 5 meeting in 1996 and the string of grievances the University holds against him began.

Jones was brought in to create a Ph.D. program. DeMarco said the tension between Jones and DeMarco became apparent when DeMarco disagreed with Jones' proposition to seek a new Ph.D. program participant who had a concentration in research rather than clinical skills.

"Why not hire somebody who has clinical skills to help out the people of Eastern Carolina?" DeMarco said. "Why not hire somebody who can do the Ph.D. program but can give something back? We're a state program."

Jones, however, said he was open to any suggestions and has no dislike of DeMarco. He asserts that his concerns are for the faculty of his department, many of whom have complained about DeMarco's behavior.

"As dean what I have to do is balance his freedoms as faculty member versus the other faculty member's ability to freely express their concerns. I have a responsibility to protect the whole faculty, not just one member," Jones said.

One of the largest allegations against DeMarco, that he shoved a colleague after that same December meeting, is hotly contested. Three witnesses say DeMarco pushed Dr. Richard Shine, who had disagreed with DeMarco and approached him after the meeting. DeMarco and one other witness say that no one got shoved, and that Shine touched DeMarco first.

"He in fact pushed me and I took verbal abuse from him about what a terrible faculty member I was, and that I was a laughingstock," Shine said.

DeMarco, who has been with the university for 15 years and received tenure in 1991, works with children who have learning disabilities. He said he had received all "good," "excellent" or "outstanding" annual evaluations before his conduct or his professionalism were ever called into question.

According to DeMarco, faculty members in the School of Allied Health Sciences have been intimidated into testifying against him.

DeMarco said one faculty member told him, "Sal, I don't have tenure and I'm under pressure from the higher ups."

Shine says DeMarco has called other faculty members names that are "shocking," and has not only used abusive language, but has shaken his finger in other's faces when he was angry. According to Shine DeMarco even invited one person outside to, as Shine alleges DeMarco said, "settle it like a man."

DeMarco said several anonymous complaint letters were placed in his file. He said that it is against rules in the faculty manual to place unsigned documentation in a performance file. He also says the contents and allegations those letters contained were not called to DeMarco's attention until much later — sometimes months — after they were filed.

One such letter was a complaint from "ten concerned students" saying that DeMarco's class instruction was not of a quality level. DeMarco says his effectiveness rating for that class (taken from student surveys) was 4.8 out of 5.

Other allegations, including misuses of state funds (which DeMarco said he had the receipts to clear up) and letters of complaint from the faculty (also

anonymous) DeMarco said were likewise kept quiet for up to five months.

"How can you be reprimanded and not have a trial?" DeMarco said.

The University maintains that DeMarco is verbally and physically intimidating to the other faculty, and has been subject to a fair process. University attorney and Chancellor's representative Gregory Hassler commented about this to *The News and Observer*.

"This is a misconduct case," Hassler said. "Whether Dr. DeMarco was targeted for being a squeaky wheel, whether there was a secret away of documents or anonymous letters, all those things the university sees as being irrelevant."

If the university is firing him for disagreeing with the management, or fighting for his right to due process and access to all information regarding his employment, then they are infringing on his rights, DeMarco said.

The university still says they do not want to have a faculty member who intimidates other members of the staff, and as they see it, prevent them from effectively doing their jobs.

"The issue here is whether Dr. DeMarco is unfit to continue to be a member of this faculty — this is not a case of the university retaliating against a faculty member," Hassler said.

"There are no anonymous letters; this is not a case of surreptitiously having letters in a file somewhere," Hassler added.

"It's more than just obscenities. He has interfered with the ability of other faculty members to do their business."

DeMarco said Jones advised him to "not worry about doing the best you can; just be satisfied with being pretty good. It's making yourself look good that matters."

DeMarco maintains that every time he tried to help the University make itself look good — like complaining to Chancellor Richard Eakin when a colleague asked a faculty candidate who had met Richard Simmons if Simmons was "as big of a faggot in real life as he is on TV" — his concerns were ignored. DeMarco said Eakin refused to take action, saying that the candidate should complain himself.

"I kept appealing to the Chancellor, saying we need to work this out, we need to find good solutions — that's what Hassler means by a squeaky wheel," DeMarco said.

However, Shine says DeMarco is a hindrance to meeting peacefully and not a help.

"The things he has done, the loud yelling, the abusive language he has used, those behaviors are volatile," Shine said. "It's a matter of being able to discuss things and come to solutions without becoming violent."

Still, the argument goes on, as faculty and University administration contend that DeMarco is violent and insulting, and DeMarco says he is being targeted by an administration led by Jones, who he says said, "There are ways of getting rid of tenured faculty."

The university has concluded 13 days of hearings. Lawyers for DeMarco and ECU have until Feb. 19 to submit any final documentation to the faculty committee of tenured individuals from several departments. The committee will then make a recommendation to Eakin, who does not have to follow their advice.

DeMarco said that if he is not fired, he would like to continue on with the university in a different department where he could continue his work with children.

"What's happened to me can happen to you," DeMarco said. "My hope is that this gets exposed and we can devote our time to giving something back to the people."

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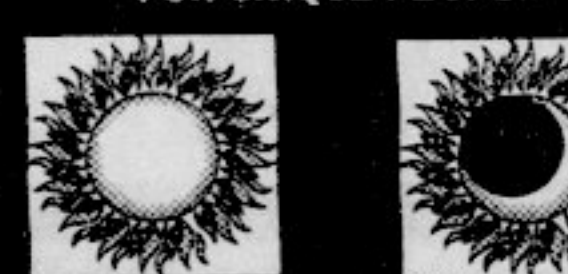
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Small fire in Fletcher Hall evacuates students

Cigarette butts, trash in radiator cause

AMANDA AUSTIN
NEWS EDITOR

Students crowded the sidewalks late Wednesday night after a fire, caused by a radiator, broke out on the second floor of Fletcher Residence Hall.

Greenville Fire and Rescue received the call at 10:16 p.m. and students were immediately evacuated.

"The majority of the people were out when we got here," said

Jeff Walker, Greenville Fire & Rescue battalion chief.

The fire started near room 224, where the radiator was being used as an ashtray and trash can.

"People stuffed debris and cigarettes butts in the radiator, also paper and trash," said Walker.

According to Walker, when officials arrived at the scene of the fire, the fire had already "fizzled" or burned itself out.

Smoke was limited to the second floor and the damage caused by the fire was minimal.

"There is light smoke in that wing of the building," said Walker.

"There is physical damage, maybe some smoke smell."

At approximately 10:50 p.m., students were able to return to their room, left only with the remaining smell of smoke.

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Jennings said that while the constitution is clear about holding a special election, it seems to him to be somewhat wasteful given that the annual spring election is tentatively slated for April 8.

ASL

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that, no one believed that it was actually a language of its own with its own separate syntax and grammar. It's taken a long time for people other than the deaf community to accept that it's a separate language from English.

"People were scared, were not comfortable with it, and it just took some time for people to begin to accept it as a language," Lupo said.

The ultimate goal, according to Lupo, is that all public schools will be required to offer ASL as an option for students, just as foreign languages are offered as an option.

"It hasn't reached there yet," Lupo said. "The bill has already passed, and now the money needs to be discussed, certification for teachers; there are a whole bunch

"It's going to cost the university a lot of money to hold an election, but that's what the constitution says and I'm 99 percent positive that's what we'll do," Jennings said.

McManus, who could not be reached for comment, said in his letter of resignation that he leaves, "with a heavy heart and is thankful for the opportunity to have served the students."

of things that need to be planned out, and that's going to [take] a long time."

However, the possibility of ASL one day being offered in all schools alongside foreign languages does not mean that it should be considered a foreign language. Another aspect of the controversy over the possibility of offering ASL as a second language option stems from the fact that many people do not recognize deaf culture as a distinct culture in itself.

"One of the controversies is that we would say that ASL is used in the culture of deaf people," Cottrell said.

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Condoms

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"Reasons condoms fail is because they are not used constantly and correctly. I want students to know what is available"

Heather Zophy
Health Educator

you, then perhaps the male condom is.

The advantages of using these condoms are that they allow most men to maintain an erection longer and they reduce the risk of accidental pregnancy and STD's.

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Using condoms reduces a woman's chance of receiving

infections like pelvic inflammatory disease, which can cause infertility. The risk for cervical cancer may also be reduced by the use of condoms during intercourse. Condoms are also cost effective and easy to use.

The disadvantages of using male condoms are that some men have reduced sensitivity, and occasionally, a man is not able to maintain an erection once he puts the condom on.

Using condom application as part of foreplay can assist with this. Some partners of condom users also report reduced pleasure during sex when a condom is used.

Some men and women may have an allergy to latex, which is what male condoms are made of. Condoms can break.

Basically the "reasons condoms fail is because they are not used constantly and correctly," said Zophy.

If you have anymore questions go to the booth outside the Health Center, because "I want students to know what is available," said Zophy.

regarding AIDS and college students

Percent of college students that have ever had sexual intercourse

Percent of college students that have had sexual intercourse in the last three months (same sexual acts)

Percent of currently sexually active students who used a condom at last intercourse

Rank of AIDS as a leading cause of death among 25-44 year olds

Percent of new HIV infections occurring in people under the age of 25

Percent of new HIV infections occurring in people under the age of 22

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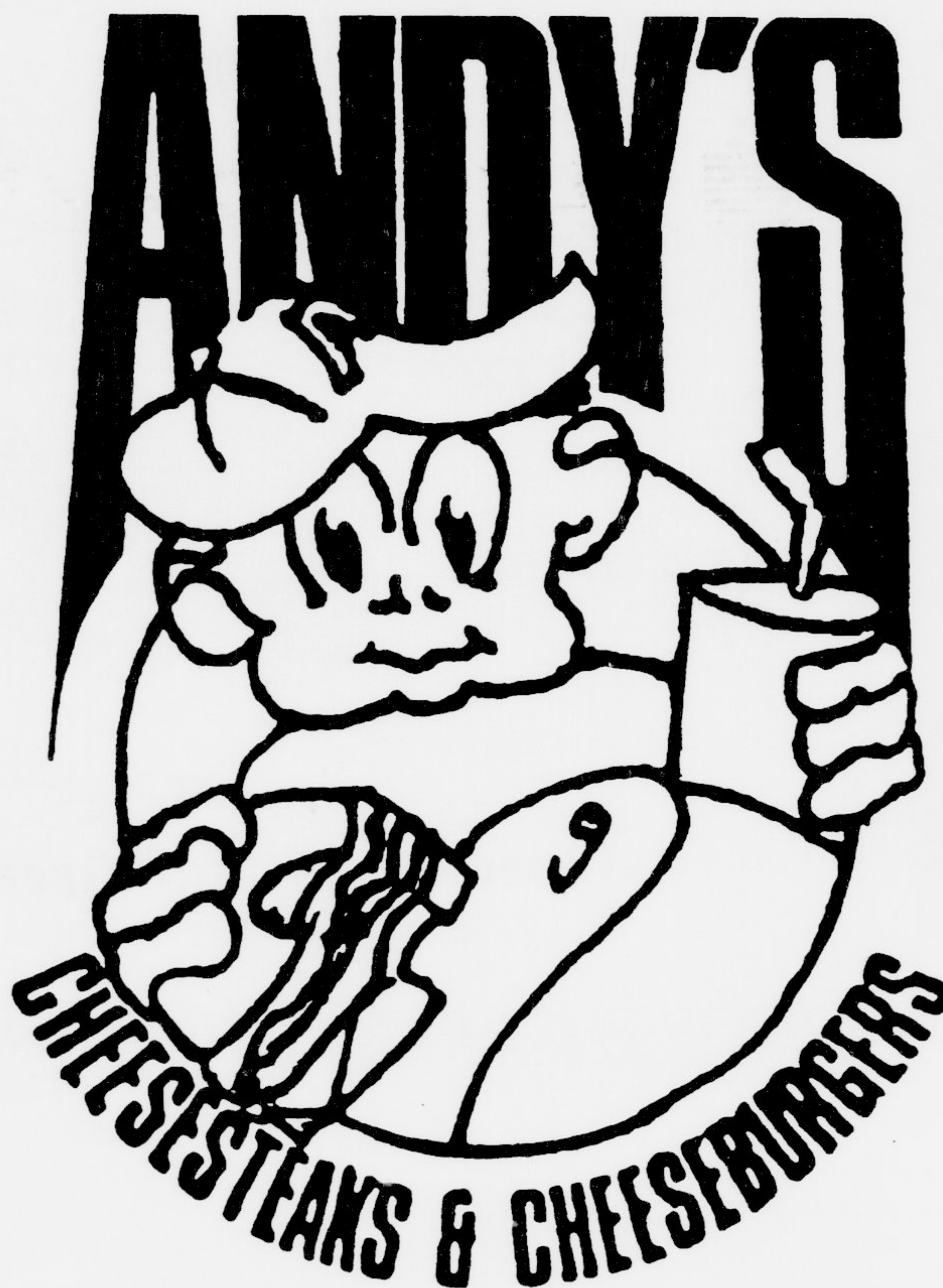
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By Mike Litwin

Seventeen Days in May

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By Rich Cornwell

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- 7) Kobe Bryant is just learning how to roll a nice tight joint.
- 8) You couldn't get a game of 3-on-3 after the Superbowl.
- 9) It's my turn to keep this market pot party and I've almost caught up to Chris Webber in sales.
- 10) We don't salute.

mail to NBA

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Our View

We've said it before. We say it every year, so much so that we worry we sound like a broken record.

As Sexual Awareness Week draws to a close and two sexual assaults rocked campus, we at TEC simply want to remind you, our readers to stay safe and be careful.

We encourage you to take precautions, but we simply want to remind you, to reinforce what we've said and to say it for the first time to some of you. We realize that a safe campus cuts down on front-page stories for us, but we'd much rather have good news than news of another victimization.

TEC reminds you to take precautions. But locking a door is preventing a crime; it's a case of being safe before you have a chance to be sorry. We preach safe sex and alcohol awareness; we preach safety.

In the wake of two reported sexual assaults, we remind you not to tempt fate. Use the buddy system; don't be learn self-defense. Consider spending the money for some mace. Get an escort if you're on-campus; have someone follow you where you're going.

Using the buddy system is a good idea even if you choose to drink. By having a buddy, there will always be someone you know around, even if you choose to go to a strange place. But don't go to a strange place alone. And don't accept a drink from a stranger; you never know what's in it.

Safety is important even if you are at home — on or off campus. Know your neighbors; look out for them. Lock your doors, especially if you are there alone. If your door has a chain lock, lock it. Don't open the door, especially if someone you know is not there. If someone you know is acting strange, don't let them in.

If you live on-campus, don't prop the door open. Don't open the door for a person if you don't know the person. Being nice could get you or someone else sexually assaulted. Most importantly, if you see someone who looks suspicious, tell someone: the resident assistant, a police officer, anyone.

If you are on-campus after dark, don't travel alone, park close to your destination and in a well-lit area. Walk in well-lit areas as well. Keep your keys in your hand; they can be used as weapons.

College life can get a little scary after a crime has happened. By taking precautions, crime can be avoided. We remind you to make every week Sexual Assault Awareness Week; make every week a week to stay safe.

OPINION Columnist

Marvella SULLIVAN

Tenured profs deserve to speak minds

DeMarco's claims may or may not be accurate, but his point rings true: academic freedom among professors should not be tampered with.

Dr. Sal DeMarco, a tenured speech-pathology professor and clinician here at East Carolina University, is battling to maintain his employment. DeMarco has been cited for misconduct in regard to disruptive behavior, in particular, verbal outbursts and physical intimidation. He is opposing his removal, claiming the allegations charged against him are either greatly exaggerated or are falsified altogether. DeMarco claims that he is a victim of a smear campaign waged by his department in an attempt to muffle his dislike of the direction his department has taken

recently — emphasizing the doctoral programs over the actual clinical work. He continues by stating that his opposition created tension and eventually contempt towards him by his colleagues which evoked the reports of misconduct and threat of removal. Are the allegations a conspiracy or are they entirely accurate? Who knows? This case is important, but the conceptual basis on which it is founded is even more important—especially in the long run.

The real issue here is should a tenured professor be fired for voicing an opinion, whether it be extreme or not? DeMarco's claims may or may not be accurate, but his point rings true: academic freedom among professors should not be tampered with. Tenure provides the academic license for a professor to express an opinion or way of thinking whether it be a fundamental facet of the subject matter or view of the department and that department's objectives without the risk of being fired.

This is not to say tenure gives professors the right to be God or the right to violate common law, and anyone can admit some professors do abuse their power under the shelter of tenure. These nutty professors, though, are too few and far between and not worth the risk of extinguishing or diminishing the status and honor of tenure.

If professors feel their job security is risked, it negatively

affects their instruction, which negatively affects student learning which consequently, and perhaps inevitably, affects potency in the fields which are being instructed. Furthermore, university professors did not attend school for all those years and write dissertations only to be told how to instruct the very material they went to school a gazillion years to master.

Universities need to decide if tenure is indeed valued and "sacred". If not, it is imperative that the causes and process for removal are to be consistent and universal—not the covert, "Operation Mongoose" affairs that usually occur according to many professors besides DeMarco. The recent cases regarding tenure have in fact evolved into more of a due process violation while the actual alleged reasons for removal lurk in the shadows.

One of DeMarco's misconduct incidents was calling a colleague inept and incompetent. Too bad for that poor person. I'm sure everyone has been called worse. That is definitely no reason to fire someone—especially in the medical field. In our age of over-sensitivity and political correctness, tenure for professors needs to be acknowledged, strengthened, and guarded more than ever. Tenure safeguards not only professors' rights but also students' rights to a complete education in their field of study.

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BE LONG BEFORE
THIS ENDS UP IN
THE NEWS!

OPINION Columnist

William Stacey COCHRAN

Take time to live life, but plan

...spend at least one hour this week in Joyner Library...studying for your toughest class...spend a few hours taking in the fresh air of youth...to think about why you came to college, and what you want to achieve this semester.

I love a good game of basketball, don't you? Bored amidst political scandals, threats of "World War" from Russian prime minister Boris Yeltsin, homework out the wazoo, grading papers, editing an academic journal, and getting work done on my one-year-old Tacoma that a

grave looking service manager said, "looks pretty serious," there's nothing like a good game of basketball from Tobacco Road. The University of North Carolina's Tarheels looked superb last Thursday night.

I suppose it is bit anti-Prate of me, and I know my dad would kill me if he knew I was writing about Tarheel basketball in his alma mater's official newspaper, but damn, Carolina looked indomitable against Duke.

It's amazing how quickly I have had to grow up this past year since graduating. I'm almost certain I've forgotten where downtown is and Thursday night drinking seems like an ancient memory (let alone Wednesday night or Tuesday night for that matter). I've become awash with deadlines and schedules, making sure to have my students' papers graded with remarks they might actually use. I've gotten used to waking up at 8 a.m. five days a week, to preparing dinner, to walking the dog. It's nice to take in a good basketball game every now and then to remind me there are things other than metaphysics papers, 5th century rhetoricians, and 19th century Norwegian

playwrights. Yes, I've come a long way since, nearly dropping out of college two years ago. Anything is possible when you are willing to work.

There are times when college seems useless, when a degree seems a thousand miles away, when you don't know what the hell you're gonna do with your life. It is a test, no doubt, but these are the times that you'll look back on the rest of your life. No matter what road you choose in life East Carolina University will always be a part of you.

I challenge each and every one of you to spend at least one hour this week in Joyner Library (they've made some spiffy renovations) studying for your toughest class. It will be worth it in the end.

I also challenge you to spend a few hours taking in the fresh air of youth (bong hits not included), to think about why you came to college, and what you want to achieve this semester. Where do you want to be a year from now, five years from now? It can't hurt to think.

Remember your roots. Enjoy a game or two. Live life. That is all I have to say.

LETTER to the Editor

Wrestling fans are not idiots; sport gives back

I am writing in response to a recent column done by Britt Honeycutt. She unwittingly bashed the sport of professional wrestling, and in doing so, offended the majority of ECU's student body. You see, Britt, and any other naysayers, wrestling is a sport which requires intense and painstaking conditioning. My knowledge of the sport of wrestling comes from my lineage to one of the great Luchadores, Rey Mysterio, Jr. Known for his high-flying maneuvers and acrobatic displays of

power, he is constantly winning. Not only does Rey always dominate his opponents, but he often sponsors needy children in the slums of Mexico City.

Some might counter with the statement that wrestlers are not real athletes, but their time is filled with other sports-related activities. The only reason many wrestlers only appear once a week is that the other days, their time is consumed with training. Other daily activities include working out in the gym, eating healthy and running

countless miles to increase stamina and athletic prowess.

In conclusion, the basis for the accusation that we are idiots for watching wrestling is indeed false. If you think that denying us the right to watch muscular studs bounce around a ring, you are wrong. Britt, this is an invitation to get in the ring with just one professional wrestler.

Rahmean Kamalake
Junior
Dance

LETTER to the Editor

Professors are here to spark student imagination

The post-tenure review article in Feb. 10 edition brought back some old memories about a few professors I would love to see evaluated. As a younger student, I was under the impression students were the ones who were apathetic and unmotivated. When I speak to people about a better future, I find many who want to become involved. Many just need to show them how. I have come to the realization that apathy on this campus must come from the top of the hierarchy.

Students come to college in search of a better future, with high expectations and dreams. We come to reach for the stars and want to believe walking on water is a possibility. Somewhere along our

journey, we run into these professors who believe they are the judge and jury of our success. Rather than inspiring us to color outside the lines, some confront us with discouragement and disappointment.

I am under the impression professors think tenure equals success. Success, in my opinion, is the ability of the professor to connect with the masses, the ability to revolutionize the thought process. A successful professor encourages all students to think positive. Unfortunately, professors tend to pass judgment on people as early as the freshman level, writing them off forever. I know; I have been there. So maybe it is the

tenured professors' success under question, right? Would it not be nice if students had a say in reevaluating department heads and tenured professors? Have you ever had a disagreement with a tenured professor and witnessed the arrogance some can portray? It can be an intimidating process arguing over our own education and our respect as human beings.

I truly believe our professors are the catalysts who determine whether our campus is active or apathetic. Our professors either spark our imagination or lead us in the wrong direction.

Jonathan Huggins
Senior

"The liberty of thinking and publishing whatever one likes ... is the fountainhead of many evils."

Pope Leo XIII, 1885

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reviewDJ Premier
New York Reality
Check 1016 OUT OF 10
MAURICE BLUE
STAFF WRITER

"This is what hip-hop is. Not to take anything from anyone else, but don't define hip-hop by what you hear twenty times a day on the radio or what MTV constantly puts in your face. This is real hip-hop." Mr. Dave, Director of A & R for Payday Records.

Rap/hip-hop music is broken down into two main segments. There is the mainstream, which is music constantly getting played on television and radio, sometimes ruining the song by simply overplaying it. Regardless of why the artist made the song, they get paid a great deal. Then there is the underground, which many music purists label as "real hip-hop." Regardless of why the artist made the song, they do it because they love it and love rockin' the party, and money is an insignificant factor.

Continuing the tradition of underground hip-hop is DJ Premier with his compilation album, *New York Reality Check 101*. Premier is apparently one of the most well known DJs in the New York underground circuit. Featured on the album are underground names such as J-Live, Company Flow, Godfather Don and many others just doing what they love, creating hip-hop purism.

Reality Check is definitely geared towards a pure hip-hop loving audience. The songs on the album all have smooth flows, and the artists all have a good voice for their craft. One of the best songs is Choclaire's "21 Years," telling of the tough times and all that he's seen throughout his life. He's determined to keep his head up so that one day he can reach his dreams. J-Live's "Braggin' Writes" is another good one, as he tells of just being the best there is, shutting down every other performer in the business because "everybody's rappin', but only few can flow."

The down side of the album (yes, there is one) is that, although all the artists have a good voice for the album, they all basically sound the same. The vocal range is very limited for all the artists, as if there is one set margin and the range goes only a notch or two above and a notch or two below. In addition, all the beats have a kind of hard overtone. The beats were not made with a party in mind, but with a hard-edged street mentality. Though the beats are sweet and work for the songs, a little variety would have been nice.

The press release received with the CD mentions Premier's "impeccable arsenal of scratching, blending and backspinning." This "arsenal" isn't that impressive; in fact, it's downright basic. Premier's blending is constant, but his scratching drops off some after the first half of the album. Although it remains in brief interludes, there is that and that annoying "Premier, DJ Premier, P-P-P-Premier."

Overall, Premier's CD is pretty good. Maybe because this is North Carolina and Premier is a New York DJ, not as much appreciation for his work is shown as there perhaps should be. Premier put together a good CD and it's definitely worth buying. Mainstream stores won't carry it; you can probably find it at a mix tape/CD shop somewhere. If you can get a copy of it, happy listening.

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Roses

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Box of Chocolates

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Minnie Driver

V-Day

MOVIES

TEC recommends
great movies for all
kinds of lovin'John Cusack gets "In Your Eyes."
PHOTO COURTESY OF COLUMBIA PICTURESEdith Massey knows how to wear a dress in the very tasteful *Female Trouble*.
PHOTO COURTESY OF FEMALE TROUBLE HOME PAGEJennifer Tilley and Gina Gershon get tangled up in *Bound*.
PHOTO COURTESY OF GRAMERCYANDY TURNER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Movies undoubtedly influence our lives in ways we would probably rather not admit. Certainly, Hollywood has had its way with us when it comes to that four-letter word named love. Our perceptions of how love should or shouldn't be are often influenced by the tales of the silver screen. Valentine's Day, a day that celebrates the big "L," is a perfect day, then, to pop in a video that gives you its take on love.

Like Neil Carter in a thong bathing suit, however, some things just don't fit. So, you need a movie that is appropriate for your particular personality or situation. What follows is an attempt at providing different categories of movies dealing with love. Within the categories are film summaries along with what lesson the movie offers us in the ways of love. Hopefully, you'll find something you like.

Young love comes in spurts
(teenage love)

Say Anything — Lloyd Dobbler (John Cusack), a spirited kickboxer/evangelist, woos class valedictorian, Diane Court (Lone Skye). What we learn: Smart girls will have sex with you in their cars if you blast music by ex-members of Genesis loudly on your boom box outside their house late at night. Warning: This will not work using music from ex-members of Journey.

Can't Buy Me Love — Lawnmower nerd Patrick Dempsey spends all his summer earnings to buy Amanda Peterson's

This could be you on V-day: Swingin' with the Segas.
PHOTO COURTESY OF MINAMAX

affections for a month in order to become popular. What we learn: If you ever pay a girl to date you, make sure she's mute, and then if you're at a party and she gets drunk and tries to tell everyone in sign language that you paid her, get in front of her so no one can see her hands, because that's kind of embarrassing.

Who needs love when you've got a gun? (criminals in love)

Female Trouble — Divine plays Dawn Davenport, a woman dedicated to a life of crime and decadence. At the beginning of the movie, Dawn is raped by a redneck played by Divine; Dawn calls the redneck to tell him she is pregnant and he tells her to, "Fuck herself." What we learn: "Crime is beauty," and John Waters is one sick bastard.

The Driver — Abel Ferrara (*King of New York*, *Bad Lieutenant*) stars in his first feature as an angst-ridden artist who takes to the streets with a drill, seeking revenge against his girlfriend and the loud punk-rock band upstairs. What we learn: A cool Bud quenches your thirst well after drilling a bum in the cranium to relieve your love worries.

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moviereview

Killers lacks Hong Kong heart

7 OUT OF 10
MARK BRETT
SENIOR WRITER

The Replacement Killers is not a Hong Kong action flick. Let's get that straight right off the bat. Though it was produced by John Woo, Hong Kong's leading action director, and though it stars Chow Yun-Fat, one of Hong Kong's leading actors, *The Replacement Killers* is a Hollywood action film. And that's the problem with it.

Hollywood action is stuck in endless repetition of *Die Hard*, becoming more and more like a bad video game with each passing year. Hong Kong action, on the other hand, is marked by highly stylized gunplay, death-defying stunt work and heavily conflicted characters. It's been said that Hong Kong's action films take tired concepts and make them fresh again. It's no wonder Hollywood's turning to Hong Kong to reinvigorate the genre.

So why doesn't Hollywood let Hong Kong people make their kind of movie in America? *The Replacement Killers*, on the surface, seems to be an attempt to do just that. Chow Yun-Fat stars as John Lee, an assassin who balks at killing a cop's child and thus sets himself against the mob. Matters are further

complicated by the fact that Lee knows his family will die if he doesn't do as he's told. So by saving one child, he dooms his mother and sister to death.

Sounds like the set-up for a great Hong Kong actioner, especially with Chow Yun-Fat in the lead role. Chow is an excellent actor, with screen presence to burn. In his hands, John Lee becomes a multi-layered character, remorseless but ultimately moral.

Likewise, Mira Sorvino does a good job as Meg Coburn, the document forger whom Lee goes to for a fake passport back to China. Coburn is a hardened criminal, but still soft enough that she becomes the moral center of the film. Sorvino pulls the character off with ease, and manages to come off as more than just a sex object.

Director Antoine Fuqua captures the flavor of Hong Kong's balletic gunplay well. Chow Yun-Fat dances through gun battles in exquisite slo-mo, and any number of really interesting sets get blown all to hell. Visually, the film is stunning.

But that's where the effectiveness of *The Replacement Killers* ends. More than just being choreographed, the violence here is sanitized for American consumption. Head wounds barely bleed, and gunshot victims die way too peacefully. In an effort to lessen

the violence, Fuqua has instead,

Chow Yun-Fat is a bad man.
PHOTO COURTESY OF COLUMBIA

glamorized it. The fascination with Hong Kong violence is that it's ugly. In the real world guns blow bodies apart, and the Chinese don't flinch from showing that. When somebody gets shot in a Hong Kong film, you feel it. And the horrible juxtaposition of that pain with the beauty of the gunplay itself makes a statement.

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ramblin'
on

This is not a rant. The goal is to write complete sentences and make some sort of point. Just another ass with an opinion...

Hamburger Helper love

MARK BRETT
SENIOR WRITER

It has recently been brought to my attention that I'm some kind of generational freak. Perfectly innocent of my own perversity, I engage in, what I am told is, behavior of a shocking and, frankly, bizarre nature. Yes, I prepare and devour fully functional meals, usually with at least three of the major food groups represented. Sometimes, I even manage to swing all four.

But my perversity does not end there. Oh, no. Even my manner of eating these meals is an anomaly. I do not hastily devour them while standing over the sink. Nor do I sit on the floor in front of the television, plate balanced precariously in my lap. No, I eat at a table, with a napkin and full complement of utensils arrayed before me. And not a measly coffee table, either. I own an honest-to-

God dining table, and seat myself proudly behind it for three square meals a day.

I know I am sick, but I do seek reform. I like sitting, thank you very much, and fear that I may my drain if I drop meal leaving the sink during mastication. Likewise, trying to balance a plate between my legs and eat hunched over so as not to get food on the carpet ruins my enjoyment of the meal. And enjoy it I do. I eat food almost as much as I like sitting (more, even). If this marks me as a pariah, so be it!

Still, I need not be at odds with all my fellow man. My time is not as constricted as anyone else's, and I'm as much on the lookout for quick and easy food as any of my eating friends. So in the interests of brotherhood, let us all, for a moment, consider Hamburger Helper Food Product.

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Valentine's Day

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Looking for yuppie love in all the right places

When *Harry Met Sally* — Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan think men and women can't be friends, because in the back of their minds they're always thinking about playing "hide the salami." What we learn: Meg Ryan howls like Lassie in heat.

About *Last Night* — During the heyday of the Beat Poet, Rob Lowe and Demi Moore starred in this relationship study, designed to make

you feel guilty for liking it. What we learn: Demi Moore was nicer before she got bigger boobies.

Hollywood's version of what a lesbian should be (see *Showgirls*, or don't, actually).

Los Angeles in the '90s and act like it's the '60s and ponder women and life. What we learn: If you whine long enough, eventually Heather Graham will fall in love with you.

Love and happiness and handcuffs (Wild love)

Something Wild — Crazy lady and red-hot mama Melanie Griffin tears up the life of an anal executive played by Jeff Daniels. What we learn: Ray Liotta hasn't bathed since the '80s.

Bound — Jennifer Tilley and handywoman Gina Gershon get it on and take it from Joe Pantoliano. What we learn: Pantoliano's voice is more annoying than Tilley's, and Gina Gershon sure is good at playing

I'm a man and I need love, too, dammit

Diner — Guys hang around Baltimore one the edge of the '60s and ponder women and life. What we learn: A good way to get a woman to touch your penis is to get Mickey Rourke to show how to stick your penis in the bottom of a popcorn box.

Swingers — Guys hang around

Chicks in love (not with each other, perv)

Mystic Pizza — Girls in Connecticut make pizza, love and plenty of mistakes. What we learn: Julia Roberts is better at being a hooker than a pizza-maker.

Shag — Girls in Myrtle Beach shag, and then they shag and then they shag. What we learn: We learn about shagging.

Replacement Killers

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Far from glorifying violence, Hong Kong films are aware of the wages of sin.

And that leads us to *The Replacement Killers*' other big flaw — the story. John Lee is a character seeking redemption, and considering the severity of his

crimes, he should pay a high price for that salvation. If Lee tries to save the cop's son from the replacement killers of the title, his family dies. It's a trade-off, and one so painful that we can accept his redemption.

Ruqqa could have gotten a lot of mileage out of showing us Lee's family, and showing us his anguish over their demise as he goes about doing the right thing. It would have broken up the endless action sequences, and made us care more

about the people in the path of the bullets.

But we don't get that. And in the end, Lee even finds a way out of his situation. He makes no real sacrifice, so his redemption rings hollow. It does give us the happier ending Hollywood loves, however, which brings us back to the central problem.

If you want to see this kind of thing done right, check out some of Chow Yun-Fat's earlier, Hong-Kong-

made efforts. I would recommend *The Killer* most highly, but *Hard Boiled* and *A Better Tomorrow* are good, too.

But if all you care about is well-choreographed gunfights (and there's nothing wrong with that), *The Replacement Killers* is a feast. Ultimately, though, it only captures the surface gloss of Hong Kong action. The heart of the style gets left behind.

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which I now know most people of my peer group do not engage), I have determined that the Hamburger Helper Food Product recipe is the ultimate pinnacle of culinary excellence. Yes, in Hamburger Helper, the fine folks at the Betty Crocker Test Kitchens have managed to create the perfect Food Product.

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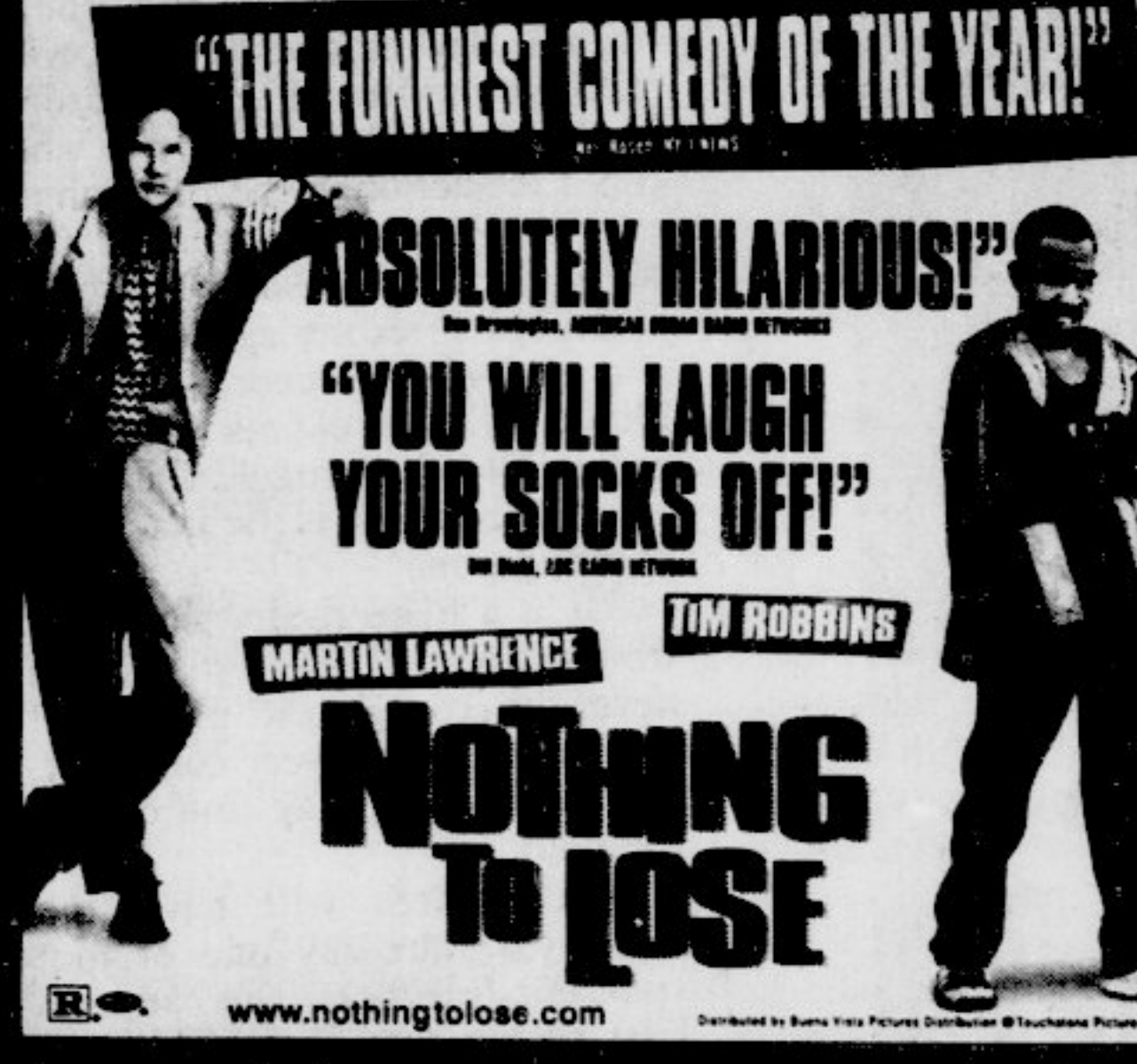
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Olympic lugers search for gold

Luge sparks interest in the USA

CHRIS CABRAL
GUEST WRITER

The 1998 Winter Olympic games in Nagano, Japan, started Feb. 6. An array of interesting sports not found in eastern North Carolina will be among the events athletes will compete in, including ski jumping, the Nordic combined, cross country skiing, bobsled and luge.

"Luge," a word derived from the French word for sled, is a sport where the luger (also called a slider) lies flat on his or her back and goes feet first down an icy track at speeds exceeding 85 mph.

The sport of luge was introduced to the international scene in 1883 in Davos, Switzerland. However, it did not appear on the Olympic schedule until 1964 in Innsbruck, Austria. The U.S. lugers have represented their country in every Olympics since.

The sport has three categories: men's singles, women's singles and men's doubles.

The sled pod (where the luger lays down) and runners (the arc portion that rides above the steel) are made of fiberglass while the blades (steels) are made of steel. The athletes perform wearing a rubberized racing suit, a helmet, a clear visor, gloves with spikes and shoes (called booties).

The object of the sport is to have the fastest combined time to the bottom of the luge run. Luge is one of the only sports to be measured to the thousandth of a second. Skiers, for instance, only measure their speed in hundredths of a second.

Crashing is a common event in the world of luge, but Olympic-caliber sliders only crash one to two times in a six month season, a frequency that is actually not too severe considering luge athletes have about six training runs a day. Beginners, on the other hand, crash frequently.

A typical trip down the luge track consists of a powerful start and precision steering. At the start gate at the top of the track, the slider begins by sitting on the sled and grasping handles on the side of the gate. After the slider rocks back and forth, he or she explodes out of the gate, paddling with the spiked gloves. After the paddling, the slider lies down and begins a roughly 50-second journey. On TV, it looks like the slider is just lying there, but he or she is actually steering with subtle movements. Like driving a car, less steering is required the faster you go.

"The slider coordinates the strong steering by putting pressure with his or her legs on the runners while at the same time negotiating the smaller, light steering curves with his or her shoulders," said Jeff Scheuer, former

Olympic luge conditioning and start coach.

The handles are also used for some steering. The key to victory is trying to relax while going 80-plus miles per hour. Relaxing on the sled separates the winners from the losers, as the sled does not respond well when the slider is tense. When the slider is relaxed, the sled is very responsive, meaning a chance for a faster time.

In the early days of luge, the U.S. was the laughingstock in the luge

world. The Americans continued to struggle until a corporate sponsor, NYNEX, was brought in to lend financial support. Lake Placid, N.Y., home of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics, was the only luge track in North America until the 1988 Olympics came to Calgary, Canada. The newest luge track in the United States is at Park City, Utah, and will make its Olympic debut in 2002. Today, the U.S. has won just about everything (world championships, world cups, junior events) except an

Olympic medal. The countries that have dominated the luge in the Olympics and won medals are Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia.

According to Scheuer, the track in Nagano (Spirel) is very curvy and has two uphill sections, a rarity for any speed sport. The course was designed with nature in mind. Old and ailing trees were selected to be cut down, leaving the young trees in place. The track was built in the path of the knocked down trees. This track also favors heavier sliders, which means the start is very important.

The United States has never won a medal in luge at the Olympics, but that could change this year.

The United States actually has two legitimate medal threats in the men's doubles competition. Mark Grimmette, a veteran slider from Muskegon, Mich., and Brian Martin, from Palo Alto, Calif., are the current world cup champions while last year's overall world cup champions, Chris Thorpe, from Marquette, Mich. and Gordy Sheer, from Croton-on-the-Hudson, N.Y., could very well win medals.

"The men's and women's singles only true hopeful is veteran slider Wendell Suckow," Scheuer said. "Suckow is the 1993 World Champion and placed fifth in the 1994 games at Lillehammer, Norway."

These Americans have faced a lot of adversity on the bumpy road to the Olympics. They have raced in frigid places that make Green Bay look tropical and trained in less than luxurious countries like the former Yugoslavia, Latvia and former East Germany.

It is about time that the U.S. brings home the gold. Nagano could end the 34-year-old losing streak started in 1964 in Innsbruck to give the U.S. its first-ever medal. So when you tune in to the games, make sure to root for the ski jumpers, Nordic combined racers, biathletes and bobsledders. They will all be trying their hardest. And for all of you diehard luge fans, get ready, because this could finally be your year.



Former U.S. National Team member and current ECU senior Chris Cabral prepares for his first run in the 1992 Olympic Luge Trials.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS CABRAL

Men bid farewell to Pirate basketball

Four athletes close college careers

TRACY M. LAUBACH
SPORTS EDITOR

The ECU men's basketball team will host James Madison this Monday in the final home game of the season. As the Pirates will run

their home court for the last time of the 1997-98 year, many will say goodbye until next season rolls around, but four others will bid farewell to Minges Coliseum forever.

Raphael Edwards, Tony Parham, Othello Meadows and Dink Peters have brought so much to the basketball program at ECU. They have stood as team leaders, bringing the others up when they were down and lighting up the arena with their amazing talents

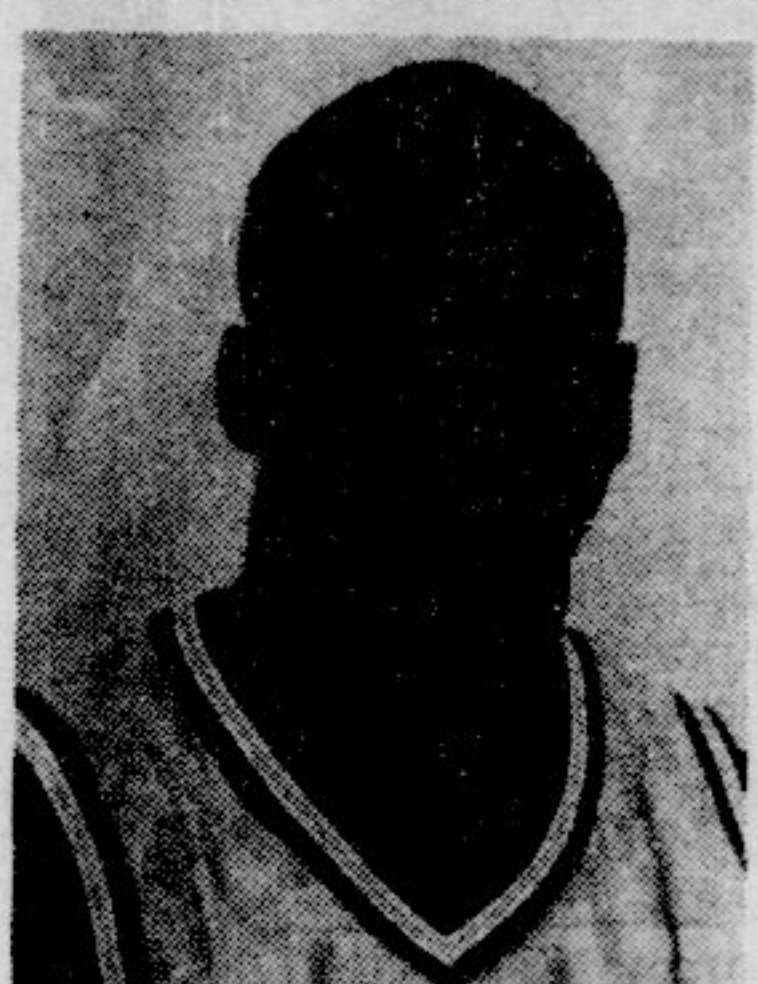
when their teammates and coaches needed them most.

As these four athletes close their college careers, it is up to you, as students, to let them know that you are proud of all they have accomplished.

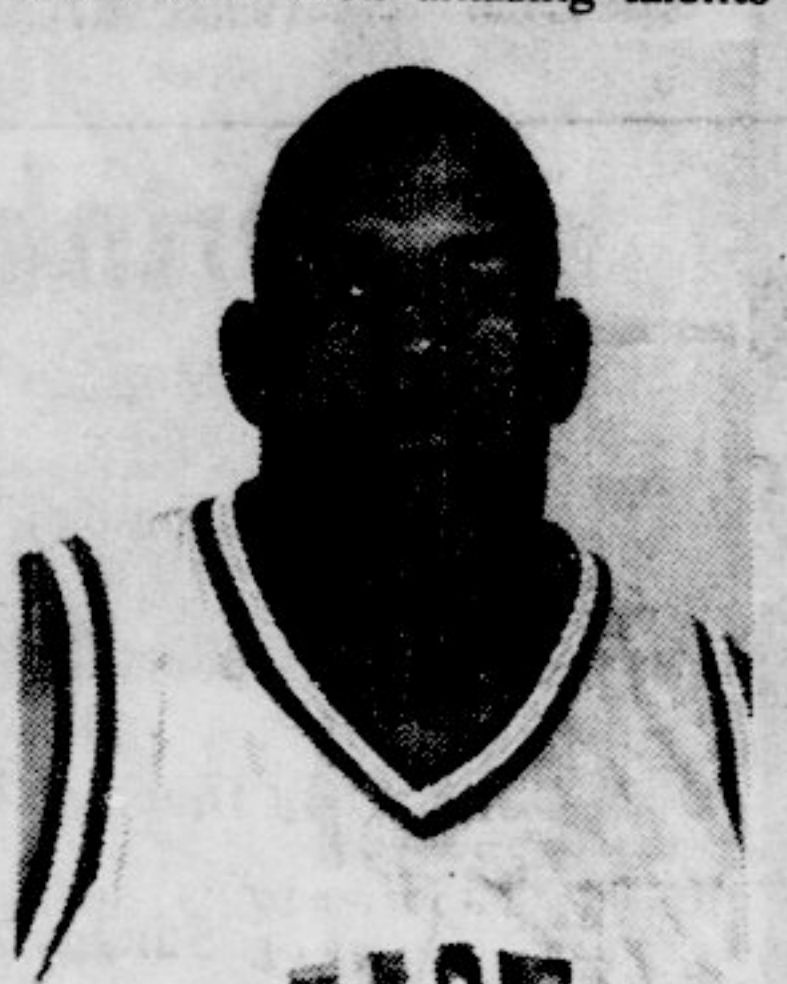
Come on out to the game and show your support. Let these guys know that you are behind them, and that you have noticed the wonderful things they have brought to your school's basketball program.

As Peters said following the come-from-behind victory over Virginia Commonwealth last week, "As a player, it is a lot of fun to play for a crowd. Having them behind us really made a difference in the game."

Tipoff for the game is set for 7 p.m., so come on out and show your support, and this time, it could be you who makes the difference.



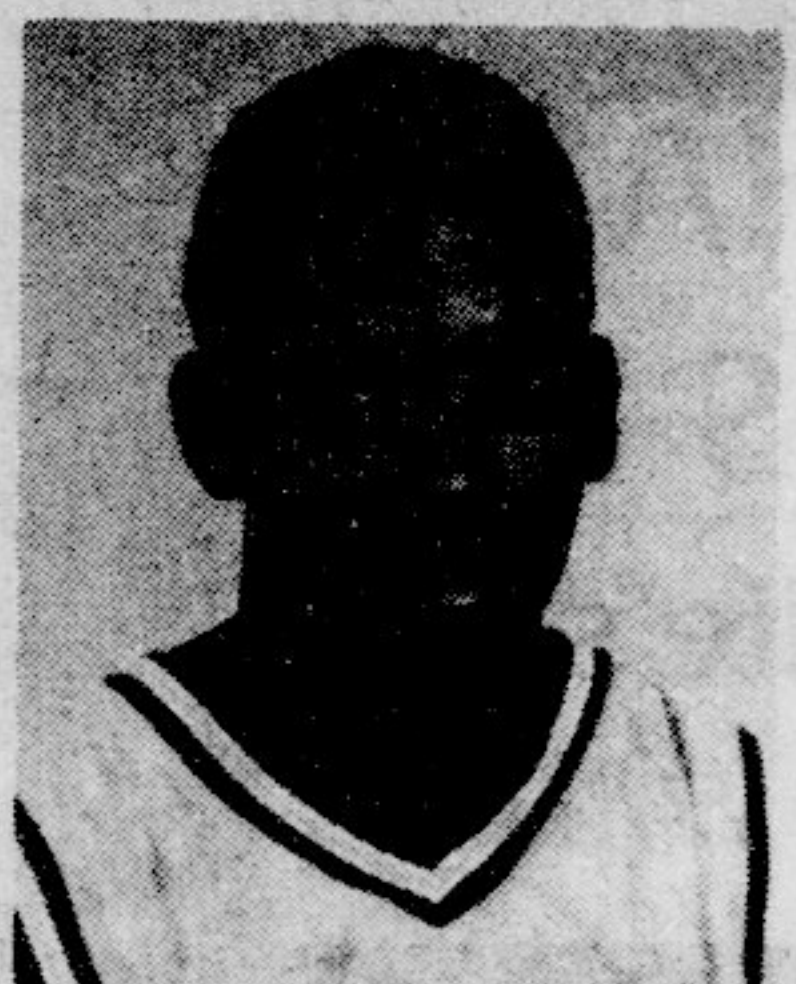
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Lady Pirates prepare for UNC game

Softball team opens season on Saturday

IAN ROBSON
STAFF WRITER

A new season for the Pirate softball team is right around the corner. The quest for the Big South title will be up for grabs again, and the competition will be tougher than ever. Although the team has had to fight inclement weather in practice and preparation, they feel they are finally prepared to get on the field and play.

The team has been practicing since September, but lately has had trouble due to the constant rain and flooding.

"The weather has definitely put us back, but all in all we have accomplished a lot," Head



Catcher Jen Halpern and her teammates will open their season this Saturday with a game against the Lady Tarheels.

PHOTO BY CLAY BUCK

Coach Tracy Kee said.

Both the Pirates and their opening day foe, the Tarheels, will field young teams this season. Each has seven new players who could see action in the first game.

The Pirates manhandled the Tarheels last season, finishing with a 4-1 record against them and a 49-24 record overall. However, Kee claims that the game will be a struggle this time around because it is the first game of the season.

"It is a huge rivalry whenever we play them [UNC], so you can never be completely prepared," Kee said. "I feel very confident, but I guess we'll just find out on the field."

The Pirates will have the option to start any one of four standout pitchers this season. Last season they had only three, which was still considered to be a potent rotation.

This season the pitching staff

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Season finale approaches for ECU shooters

Teams prepare for upcoming games

PAUL KAPLAN
SENIOR WRITER

Basketball's regular season is approaching quickly, and if you listen closely enough, you can almost hear the cheers and excitement of a quickly approaching 1998 March Madness. So you're thinking, what are the chances that ECU is going to the Sweet 16 this year, or maybe even the coveted Final Four? Well, who knows? But one thing that we do know is that the ECU men's basketball has been showing signs of vigor and improvement toward the end of this season.

"We have had a lot of injuries that threw us off a little bit, and we have not been playing to our abilities," Assistant Coach Lew Hill said.

With a come-from-behind 83-79 home victory over Virginia Commonwealth last Saturday and another home win last Tuesday night over American University to complement it, ECU is slowly making their way to their fifth consecutive winning season.

"We want to finish out the regular season strong and then go into the post season with a new attitude," Hill said. "We have been improving as the season has gone on."

Since mid-December, the Pirate front court has faced three major injuries: Alphons van Ireland was out until Jan. 17 with a broken left hand, Neil Punt broke his right foot in the UNC-Asheville game and has still not returned and Dink Peters was out for two games due to a strained calf muscle.

As far as the women's team goes, the Lady Pirates have

struggled this season. They are currently 7-15 overall, with a 3-9 record in their conference, the Colonial Athletic Association. Their conference wins came against American University and JMU last month and the third came last weekend against Richmond University.

"We played Virginia Commonwealth to a one-point game and we beat Richmond last weekend, which should give us momentum into our next two home games against William and Mary and JMU," Head Coach Anne Donovan said.

The Lady Pirate point leaders are Shay Hayes and Misty Horne with 9.3 and 9.1 points per game respectively. They are led on the boards by Hayes and Danielle Melvin, who have been pulling down 6.6 and 6.1 rebounds per game respectively.

"We are a very balanced team,"

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Feb 14-at Old Dominion
Feb 16-James Madison
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World records set at The Winter Olympics:

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — World records set at the Winter Olympics:

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OLYMPIC RECORDS= Speedskating= Men's 500—Hiroyasu Shimizu, Japan, 35.76 (old record: Alexander Golubev, Russia, 36.33, Feb. 14, 1994), Feb. 9, 1998. Men's 500—Hiroyasu Shimizu, Japan, 35.59 (old record: Shimizu, 35.76, Feb. 9, 1998), Feb. 10, 1998.
Women's 3,000—Gunda Niemann-Stirnemann, Germany, 4:07.29 (old record: Yvonne Van Gennip, Netherlands, Feb. 23, 1988), Feb. 11, 1998.

Dutch speedskater injured in 500-meter crash

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Dutch speedskating medal hope Erben Wennemars, who suffered a separated left shoulder in the 500-meter race, will not be able to compete in two other Olympic

events. The 23-year-old Wennemars suffered the injury Tuesday when Norway's Grunde Njos crashed into him coming off the final turn. The Dutchman also was entered in the 1,000 and 1,500, but the injury will prevent him from further racing.

"This is it for him in Nagano," said team doctor Valentijn Rutgers. The skater also has a tear in his shoulder socket.

Njos, racing on the inside lane, lost his balance and slid under the feet of Wennemars, who flipped into the padding, his upper left arm smashing into the ice beneath the wall.

Olympic visitors warned to be on alert for gangsters

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — In staging the Olympics, Nagano is exposing the world to some of Japan's virtues, such as grace and patience, and also to one of the country's warts: organized crime. In "The Guide to Nagano," published by one of Japan's largest newspapers, guests are urged to show their solidarity with Japanese police by patronizing only those bars, restaurants, hotels and stores that have posted anti-organized-crime stickers in their windows.

While Japan's low crime rate and success at public safety have long been touted globally, Olympic visitors undoubtedly are less aware of the degree to which gangsters have penetrated Japanese commercial life.

George Hackel of Germany won his third straight Olympic gold medal

NAGANO, Japan (AP)—Georg Hackel of Germany won his third straight Olympic gold medal in men's luge, with a total time of 3 minutes, 18.436 seconds.

Armin Zoeggler of Italy won the silver in 3:18.939, and Jens Mueller of Germany earned bronze in 3:19.093.

HAKUBA, Japan (AP) — Snow falling at the rate of an inch (2.5 centimeters) an hour forced postponement of the slalom portion of the men's combined event at the Olympics on Monday.

the second straight day Alpine racing was upended by the weather.

The combined slalom, already moved once because of the snow, was rescheduled for Tuesday, although more snow was expected throughout the day. There were icy conditions underneath, which is why they were trying to scrape the snow off. It was down to the ice, but the ice was breaking through in a few spots, said Ed Podivinsky of Canada, a bronze medalist in the 1994 Olympic downhill at Lillehammer. They could have gotten a few skiers away, but the later skiers would have had a rough time.

Snowboarders mellow out as race postponed

YAMANOUCHI, Japan (AP)—Officials postponed the Olympics women's snowboarding giant slalom Monday after a storm dumped 30 centimeters (about 1 foot) of snow on Mount Yakebita overnight.

The 24-hour postponement — fog and snow obscured visibility on the course — left the boarders with time on their hands. Most kept busy in mellow ways: playing video games, getting together with family, and, for a special treat, going to see the Japanese snow monkeys at a nearby hot springs.

American Bobsledder's drug suspension goes to arbitration panel

NAGANO, Japan (AP)—An American bobsledder who failed a test for a banned stimulant asked a sports arbitration panel Monday to allow him to stay at the Olympics, even though he can't compete.

Michael Dionne, a pusher on the No. 3 U.S. four-man sled, went before the International Court for Arbitration in Sports to appeal his

three-month ban for using ephedrine. With the support of the U.S. Olympic Committee, Dionne told the panel that he had inadvertently taken the drug as part of a cold medicine, and asked that his three-month suspension from competition be wiped out.

There was no word when the panel would announce its decision. Although the urine sample was collected at a World Cup meet in Calgary last November, Dionne's suspension was not announced until last week. It was made retroactive to the date of the test, so he will be eligible to compete again Feb. 22, the last day of the games.

Dionne was allowed to march in the opening ceremony Saturday when the USOC brokered a 96-hour stay of his suspension. He won't be able to compete, however, even if the suspension is overturned, because the USOC has substituted for him in the sled and the deadline for further roster changes has passed.

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Students left out of logo selections

University logo cost too much considering ample supply of art students



JENNIFER ALEXANDER
STAFF WRITER

Most students were not even on their way back to Greenville from Christmas break when the newest Pirate arrived to town. On Jan. 2, 1998, ECU's athletic department held a press conference to unveil a

two year project.

If the athletic department was "trying to do what was best for the students," why did they release the new logo on Jan. 2, when the majority of students did not come back the weekend before classes began on Jan. 13?

The new logo was unveiled at the first home conference basketball game, long before many students had returned to school from winter break. Why unveil something as important as the school mascot, while no students were here? Is the mascot supposed to be kept a secret from the student population?

Why did the athletic department spend \$30,000 on a new logo? ECU has a nationally known art school, as well as a highly reputable marketing department. Why didn't the students have an opportunity to design the logo?

Think of the money that would have been saved by having the students design the logo. Just because other colleges and

professional teams use design companies, does that mean we have to be like everyone else? The students could have designed something just as good or maybe even better, but we'll never know.

More students would jump at a shot to be involved if the school let them have more opportunities to be involved. After all, it is the students who make the university a university, not the athletic department.

Even if the \$30,000 did not come from state funding or academic funding, the money could have been spent on something more concrete. How can a new logo guarantee success in our athletic teams? I guess the athletic department is saying that we can all blame Pee Dee for our defeats but don't worry, they spent \$30,000 to get a new mascot, so success is definitely in our future.

If students are shut out on something as important as our school mascot, it makes you wonder what else we are left out of?

REC SERVICES

Recreational Services will be sponsoring an indoor Intramural 4-on-4 volleyball program which will take place in Feb. and March.

The registration deadline in Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. in 128 Student Recreation Center. All ECU students, faculty and staff are eligible to participate. In order to enter, team captains should complete a roster and turn it in by the deadline date. Rosters must include a team name, the team representative's address and phone number, names and social security numbers for all players (a minimum of four are required), and the signature on the back side of the form, the "Participation Contract."

Individuals who have not yet joined a team but would like to be "recruited" should provide player information to the Recreational Services offices in order to be placed on the "Need a Team" list.

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Donovan said. "No one averages more than 10 points per game, and we also don't receive leadership from just one person. We get leadership from everybody."

So as the season finale approaches and the ECU men's and women's basketball season slowly come to a close, Pirate fans should get set for an exciting ECU post-season.

The CAA tournament will be held at the Richmond Coliseum in Richmond, Va. Feb. 25-March 1. Make plans to attend, and support your teams, especially the seniors, as the tournament will mark the end of their college basketball careers, hopefully with a conference title.

Home Softball Schedule

FEBRUARY		
27-31	Pirate Classic Tournament TBA	
MARCH		
11	UNC Greensboro	2 p.m.
APRIL		
1	UNC Chapel Hill	2 p.m.
11	Wake Forest University	2 p.m.
12	Coastal Carolina	2 p.m.
14	Charleston Southern	2 p.m.
16	UNC Wilmington	2 p.m.

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will be lead by the two great seniors, Jami Bendle and Christi Valevich. The outstanding younger two, sophomore Denise Reagan and freshman Lisa Paganini, will put on the finishing touch for the pitching squad. All posted very impressive stats last season and was the best overall pitching staff in the Big South conference.

"I think we will do very well this season," Bendle said. "We are a young team, but we have some very talented veterans."

Although the starting pitcher for the game has not yet been decided, many feel that senior ace Bendle will get the call.

"I like being looked at as a leader," Bendle said. "I like to know I can be counted on."

Last season, Bendle shattered many solid ECU softball records. She returns with the second all-time best record for the most wins, strikeouts and shutouts, posting a 1.85 earned run average and a 27-11 record.

"I am very serious on the field," Bendle said. "Every game to me counts."

As the Pirates await their showdown in Chapel Hill this Saturday at 1 p.m., they encourage fans in purple and gold to cheer them on as they show the rival Tarheels what it is that they are really made of.

Pirates announce 1998 football schedule

UT-Chattanooga To replace Kentucky

(SID)—Traditional power Alabama and new Conference USA member Army are among the opponents listed on the 1998 East Carolina University football schedule, announced Tuesday by Pirates' Director of Athletics Mike Hamrick.

Hamrick also announced that ECU has added the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga as a home opponent Sept. 12, replacing the University of Kentucky which last month informed East Carolina officials of its intent not to fulfill its contractual agreement to play the Pirates in Greenville.

"With Kentucky's decision not to honor its commitment to play East Carolina this September, we were left with very few scheduling options, while at the same time having to resolve this situation in a short amount of time. The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga has filled the void left on our schedule and we are pleased to have the Mocs coming to Greenville."

While Chattanooga has been added to the Pirates' 1998 schedule, ECU officials have indicated that the issue with Kentucky has yet to be resolved.

"The University and the State Attorney General's office have made it clear that each intends to do all it can to hold the University of Kentucky responsible for its unilateral actions," said Ben Irons, University Attorney.

Hamrick added "the University and Attorney General's office are continuing to evaluate our legal options in regards to this matter, and one should not consider this issue closed. We will explore all

available options."

The State Attorney General's office has also continued to evaluate ECU's next course of action. "It is unfortunate that Kentucky's unwillingness to keep its word has forced ECU to find another opponent," said Attorney General Mike Basley. "While Kentucky should have shown up as promised, ECU officials were smart to look for and secure a replacement team and I am pleased that UT-Chattanooga agreed to play."

"Our office will continue to pursue information from UK and the University of Louisville so that we can assist ECU in determining whether further legal action is advisable."

East Carolina will face a challenging schedule during the fall of 1998. A week before Chattanooga plays in Greenville as the first opponent in expanded Doney-Ricken Stadium (43,000), the Pirates will open their season at Virginia Tech (Sept. 5). ECU visits Mid-American Conference foe Ohio University (Sept. 19) before an open date on Sept. 26.

Army comes to Greenville for the first time on Oct. 3, making its first road appearance as a member of Conference USA. The Black Knights become the league's eighth football-playing member with the start of the 1998 season.

The Pirates will play back-to-back games against schools from the state of Alabama the following two weeks. The University of Alabama at Birmingham (the Blazers will become a C-USA football member in 1999) comes to Greenville Oct. 10, one week prior to East Carolina's contest with the Alabama Crimson Tide. The Pirates will meet the Crimson Tide Oct. 17 in Birmingham.

The Pirates resume Conference USA play Oct. 24 when they travel

1998 East Carolina University Football Schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 5	at Virginia Tech
Sept. 12	UT-Chattanooga
Sept. 19	at Ohio
Oct. 3	Army
Oct. 10	GREENVILLE
Oct. 17	at Alabama
Oct. 24	at Southern Mississippi
Oct. 31	Houston
Nov. 7	at Cincinnati
Nov. 14	Louisville
Nov. 21	at Memphis
Nov. 28	Memphis, Tenn.

to 1997 league champion Southern Mississippi. ECU closes its October slate Oct. 31 when it hosts Houston in the Cougars' first-ever trip to Greenville.

East Carolina will travel to Cincinnati Nov. 7 with games against Louisville (Nov. 14 at home) and Memphis (Nov. 21 at Memphis) rounding out the 1998 schedule.

"Our schedule provides our football players and coaches with

some great challenges," said ECU head coach Steve Logan. "We are excited to have Army coming into the league and look forward to them playing in Greenville this fall. Our non-conference schedule is extremely difficult as well. We've got a lot of work to do before we go to Virginia Tech to open the season. Facing Alabama on the road will be a tough assignment, but an opportunity we will look forward to."

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Bobsledder's drug suspension goes to arbitration panel

NAGANO, Japan (AP)—An American bobsledder who failed a test for a banned stimulant asked a sports arbitration panel Monday to allow him to stay at the Olympics, even though he can't compete.

Michael Dionne, a pusher on the No. 3 U.S. four-man sled, went before the International Court for Arbitration in Sports to appeal his three-month ban for using ephedrine.

With the support of the U.S. Olympic Committee, Dionne told the panel that he had inadvertently taken the drug as part of a cold medicine, and asked that his three-month suspension from competition be wiped out.

There was no word when the panel would announce its decision. Although the urine sample was collected at a World Cup meet in Calgary last November, Dionne's suspension was not announced until last week. It was made retroactive to the date of the test, so he will be eligible to compete again Feb. 22, the last day of the games.

Dionne was allowed to march in the opening ceremony Saturday when the USOC brokered a 90-hour stay of his suspension. He won't be able to compete, however, even if the suspension is overturned, because the USOC has substituted for him in the sled and the deadline for further roster changes has passed.

Nagano struggles to give games that Asian look

NAGANO, Japan (AP)—With the Winter Olympics making their return to Asia after nearly three decades, Nagano is determined to present the world with a heavy dose of Asian exotica.

In today's Japan, that can be easier said than done. Distractions like McDonald's and 7-Eleven are everywhere. There are vending machines on almost every street corner, and used car dealerships line the highways out of town.

Such urban cliches are normally dismissed with little thought, a fact of modern life.

In the next two weeks, the

games and Nagano will be watched by viewers in 160 countries — an increase of 40 countries over the Lillehammer Olympics of 1994.

To give its U.S. audience the necessary local color, CBS has built a studio on the grounds of the city's ancient Zenko-ji, one of the oldest and most picturesque Buddhist temples in Japan.

The opening ceremony featured sumo wrestlers, a traditional pole-raising ceremony and children clad in the straw clothing of centuries past.

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FITNESS: HELP! HELP! I CAN'T BREATHE! What do you do to heed this problem and rescue a life? Swim your way to Session 1 of the Lifeguard Training Class starting Feb. 2nd-27th, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the SRC Pool.

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CHOOSING A MAJOR AND A Career workshop: Tuesday 3:30-5:00. The Center for Counseling and Student Development will be offering this program February 17th. If you are interested in this workshop, contact the Center at 328-6661.

CAREER SERVICES REGISTRATION. SENIORS and graduate students graduating in Spring/Summer 1998 are invited to register with Career Services for help in your job search! Come to our Orientation on one of the following dates: Mon. Feb. 16 or 23 or Thurs. Feb. 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the Career Services Bldg. Learn about how to participate in the interviews on campus, our resume referral service to employers, setting up your reference (credentials) file, internet job searching, job listings and much more!

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ADVENTURE WORKSHOPS: NEED HELP in climbing those endless stairs in Austin or General Classroom? Guaranteed to assist you. Attend the Advanced Climbing Session on Wednesdays through Feb. 25th. Rec. Services, 328-6387.

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ACADEMIC STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP: Tuesday 3:30-5:00. The Center for Counseling and Student Development will be offering this program February 17th. If you are interested in this workshop, contact the Center at 328-6661.

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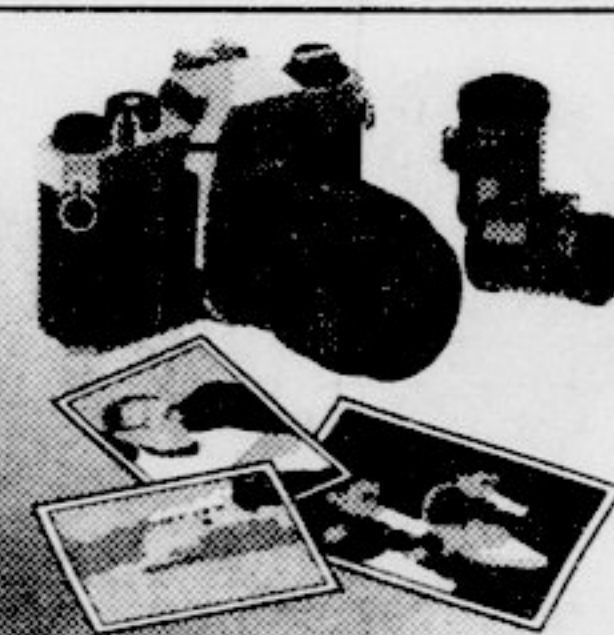
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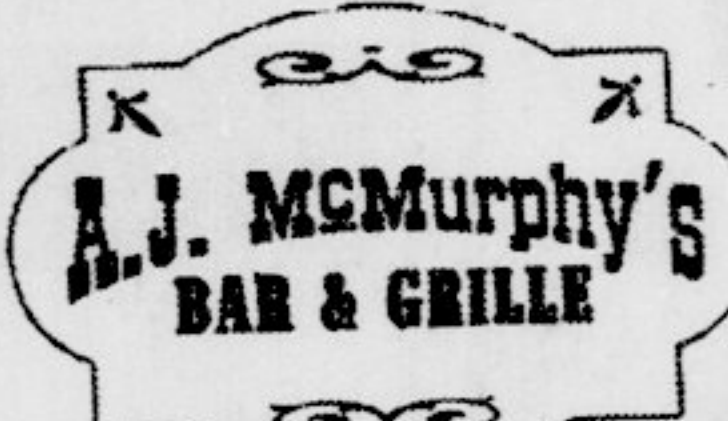
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