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Trustees get pouring bids

Exclusive soft drink rights still undecided

TK JONES
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The bids are in, but the battle is not yet over.

Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola, currently sold together on campus, are seeking exclusive rights to sell their products noncompetitively, offering bids to achieve the monopoly.

Pepsi offered \$7 million while Coke offered \$3.93 million to have their products alone promoted on campus for a 10-year period.

Though the figures vary greatly, they do not suggest an obvious winner. While Pepsi gave only one bid, that for the 10-year contract, Coke offered three additional bids under shorter contracts.

The evaluations committee determined the net present value of each drink, finding Pepsi's monetary net value is \$5.8 million, and Coke at \$2.7 million.

"In terms of net value only, Pepsi has the more attractive offer," said Layton Getsinger, associate vice chancellor of administration and finance.

"Entering into an exclusive

arrangement is something the board has yet to decide," Getsinger said.

But, if the board decides to have an exclusive soft drink served on campus and at university functions, then ECU will not only be the first in the UNC system, but the first school in the state to have this sort of contract.

The board of trustees will decide the stipulations of arrangements with either company after they have voted on whether to accept either of the offers in their July 17 meeting. The university has the option of rejecting both the proposals.

One challenging factor for the committee is to determine how much of the bids represents funds above and beyond what the university would receive from the combined current soft drink contracts. Currently soft drinks are available in dining halls, snack bars, athletic events and vending machines.

Though it might sound unusual for only one company to hold exclusive control over an area, it isn't unheard of. Exclusive rights are also contracted out in dining services and housekeeping.

While it is still undecided as to what to use the proceeds for, university officials have suggested earmarking it for academic and athletic scholarships.



Mason Douglas, one of many students attending both summer sessions, enjoys a warm day painting near Joyner Library.

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Summer school enrollment steady

One-day break, decided on by a Calendar Committee, has no effect on enrollment

AMANDA AUSTIN
NEWS EDITOR

Students attending both summer school sessions during the '98 school year are in for the long haul. One day is the only break students were given to recuperate from the first summer session.

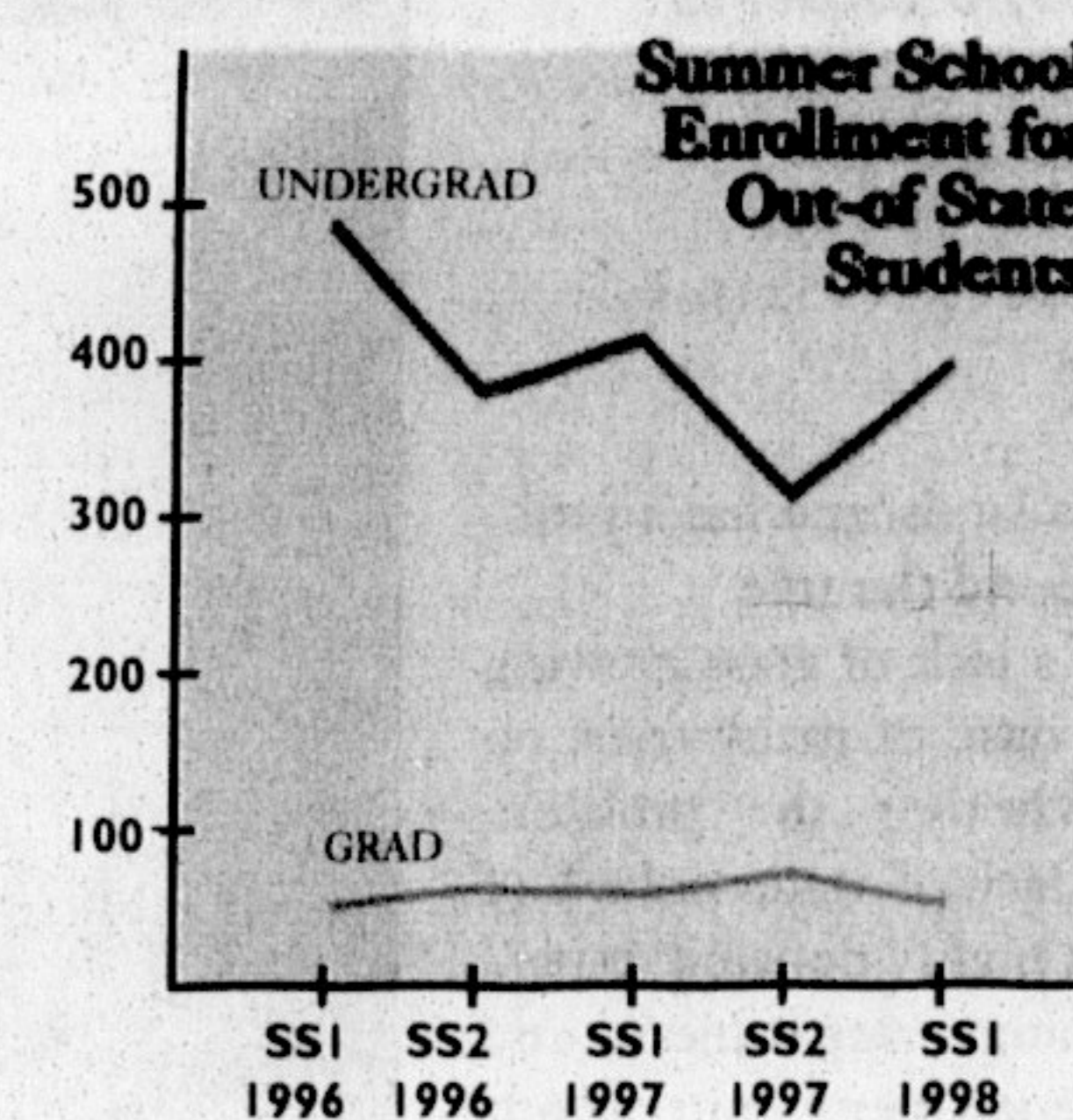
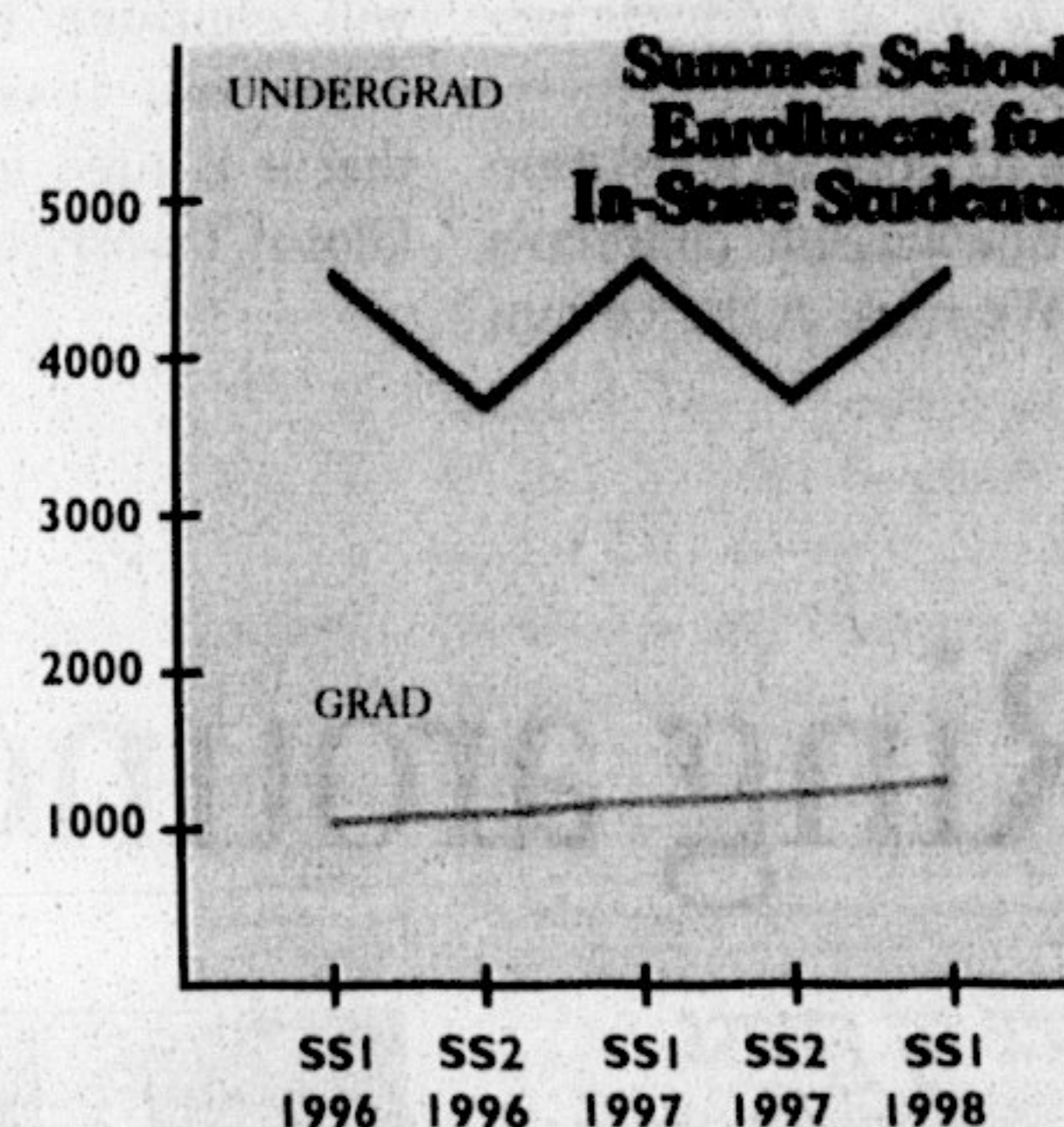
In 1997 summer session terms ran from May 20 to June 24 and July 1 to August 1. The 1998 summer session terms run from May 19 to June 23 and June 25 to July 31.

Breaks in between summer sessions and regular semesters are chosen by the members of a Calendar Committee.

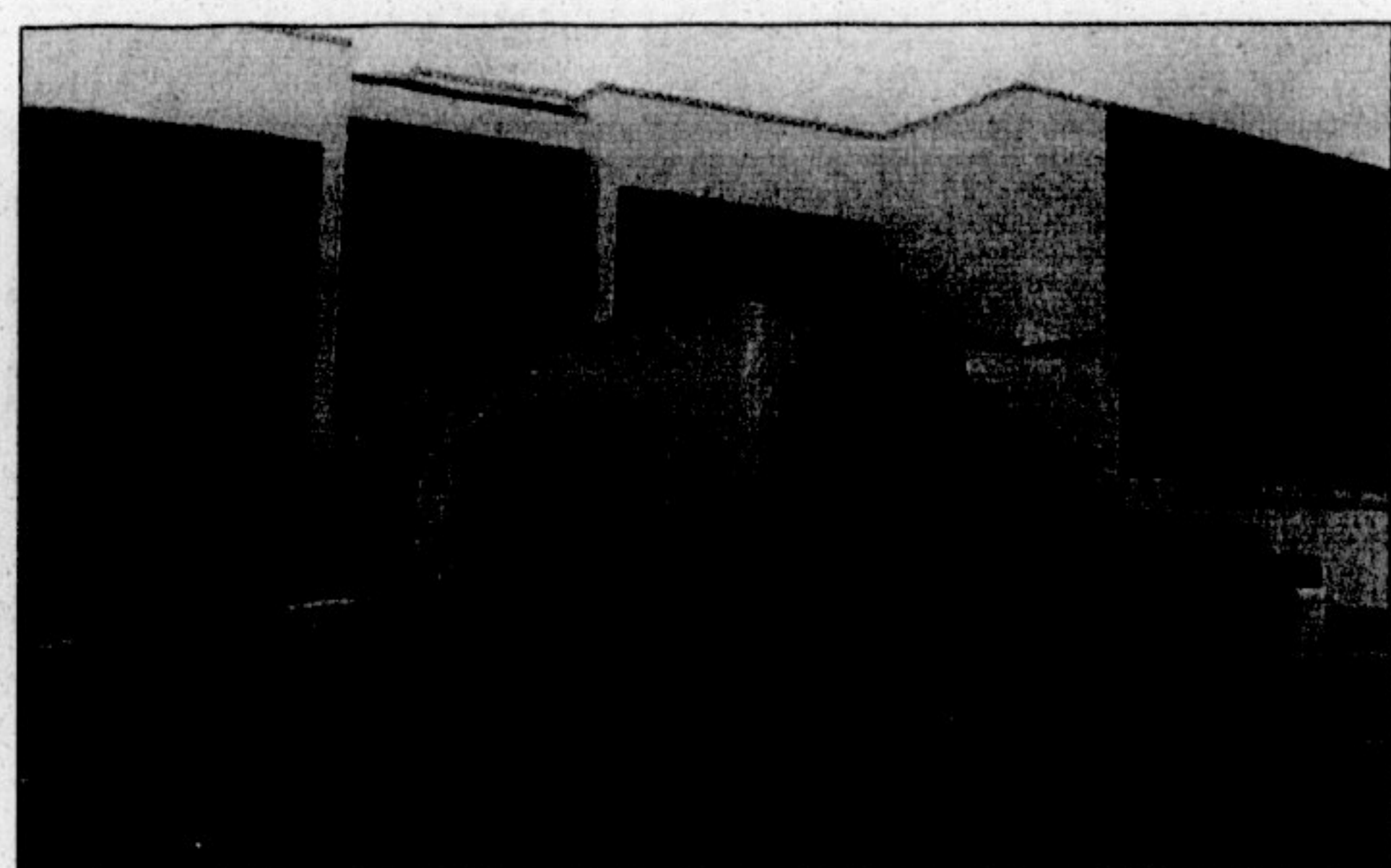
Even with the break — or lack thereof — overall enrollment for summer session one (SS1) was up by 11. In 1997, 5,047 undergraduates and 1,124 graduates attended SS1. In 1998, 4,968 undergraduates and 1,214 graduates attended SS1.

"The regular membership of the Calendar Committee is composed of six faculty and one student member appointed by the SGA president," said Don Sexauer, chairman of the Faculty

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PCMH receives bomb threat



Pitt County Memorial Hospital was the recent object of a disgruntled citizen's anger.

FILE PHOTO

Recent privatization possible cause

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In light of recent national bombings, officials are taking a threatening letter delivered last week to Pitt County Memorial Hospital very seriously.

The two page handwritten letter stated that "something was going to occur such as a bomb" and that this something would

occur sometime in the next three years.

"We take it very seriously," said Tom Fortner, hospital spokesman. "We take any type of threat like that very seriously. We take all precautions to investigate."

The writer of the letter mentioned the use of fertilizer, a possible reference to the Oklahoma City bombing and other bombings.

The Greenville Police and in-house hospital security are taking extra precautions to insure the

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Year 2000 brings anticipated computer problems to university systems



Information technology systems must be replaced

DEBBIE NEUWIRTH
STAFF WRITER

New Year's Eve 1999 will usher in a new millennium as well as a host of computer problems anticipated to affect everything from elevators to telephone systems on campus.

Don Dunlap of Computer Information Systems said ECU is in good shape compared to other universities in solving the computer problems. Years ago computer memory was very expensive, and when used for programming, years and dates were abbreviated. As a result, when the years 2000 and 2001 come around, mainframes will be confused and the computers will not know how to read them.

In 1993 and 1994, Computer Information Services (CIS) redid the student systems. This includes the registrative admissions and financial aid. Few problems are expected in these areas because they have been brought to attention early on. However, information technology, such as computers and telephone systems, operate by computer chips in the hardware which will need to be replaced.

"There are 50 months left of programming effort," Dunlap said.

Everything will be done in time, Dunlap said. He added that personal computers are the main problem now. This problem can be remedied by checking the software for these databases. Through much work and coordination, personal computers will be worked on from now through January, and mainframes by the end of the year.

Richard Kerns, assistant dean for computer services in the School of Business, said because the efforts to fix the problem started in 1994, that led off to a good start.

"It is unpredictable to think we have covered everything," Kerns said.

Computer equipment is very expensive, but the turnover rate is very fast. Computer Services and CIS are spreading their help to the entire university to fix the computer problems.

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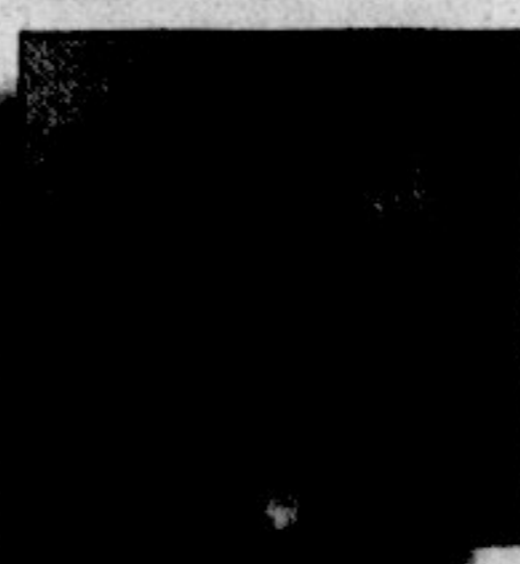
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University funding a top concern

TK JONES
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Henry Aldridge
Incumbent

1. ECU received a cutback of \$1.2 million, the second highest cutback outside of Chapel Hill. Why do you think ECU has been shortchanged in the UNC-system's cuts?

I am not certain, but I am going to find out. ECU has always been on the short end of the stick, but I will continue to fight for East Carolina and this region to make sure we receive our share.

2. Do you foresee any money allocated for road expansion in Pitt County?

Yes. Pitt County is a growing area with a vibrant economy. We have a high quality of life which is making the Greenville area an attractive place to raise a family. Road money will come.

3. What can you do to bring in new industry?

Continue to work on legislation that will enhance our children's education. We must make certain

our children will be able to compete in the global economy of the 21st century. We must also better train and educate our work force so that we will attract good, high paying, high-tech jobs. In addition, government should get out of the way and let the free market flourish.

4. How do you feel about the Legislature's decision regarding death row?

The bill did away with a death row inmate's choice between death by gas or by lethal injection. Now, lethal injection is the only option. We did away with cyanide gas because of safety reasons for prison medical staff.

5. How does the delay in candidate choice for the state House affect your campaign?

None whatsoever. My campaigning will be the same regardless of my opponent. I am the conservative, pro-family, less government candidate.

6. What can be done with the Global TransPark now that it has lost Federal Express?

The loss of Federal Express to the Triad was not good news. We will continue to fight for the TransPark. I am not convinced that it is time to give up on the Global TransPark.

New industry, fair share concerns

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Marian McLawhorn
Challenger

1. ECU received a cutback of \$1.2 million, the second highest cutback outside of Chapel Hill. Why do you think ECU has been shortchanged in the UNC-system's cuts?

My husband and I are both graduates of ECU, and we have a son who is a senior there. I will work vigorously to increase allocations for ECU in the future.

2. Do you foresee any money allocated for road expansion in Pitt County?

Yes. When I am elected to the Legislature, I will work with the leadership in the General Assembly and the governor to see that Pitt County gets its fair share of the allocation of funds.

3. What can you do to bring in new industry?

Money magazine recently ranked Greenville as one of the top 15 small southern cities to live

in. Using criteria such as economics, education and housing, Greenville ranked in the top 8 percent for its forecasted job growth to 2002. I will strongly support any efforts

to encourage industrial growth in eastern North Carolina.

4. How do you feel about the Legislature's decision regarding death row?

The House voted 99-6 on June 9 to make lethal injection the only option available for inmates on death row. It is predicted that the Senate will pass the bill also.

5. How does the delay in candidate choice for the state House affect your campaign?

The only way it affects my campaign is perhaps in name recognition, because my name was not on the ballot during the primary.

The campaign is fully operational, and I am excited about being the Democratic nominee for the 9th District state house seat.

6. What can be done with the Global TransPark now that it has lost Federal Express?

I was disappointed that FEDEX did not choose Kinston for its new operation; however, I still believe that the TransPark is a valuable idea. There will be other opportunities. We should be patient, and we should be realistic.

"Ring around tree" causes problem

Lack of grass stumps experts

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The campus landscape has a problem: ring around the tree.

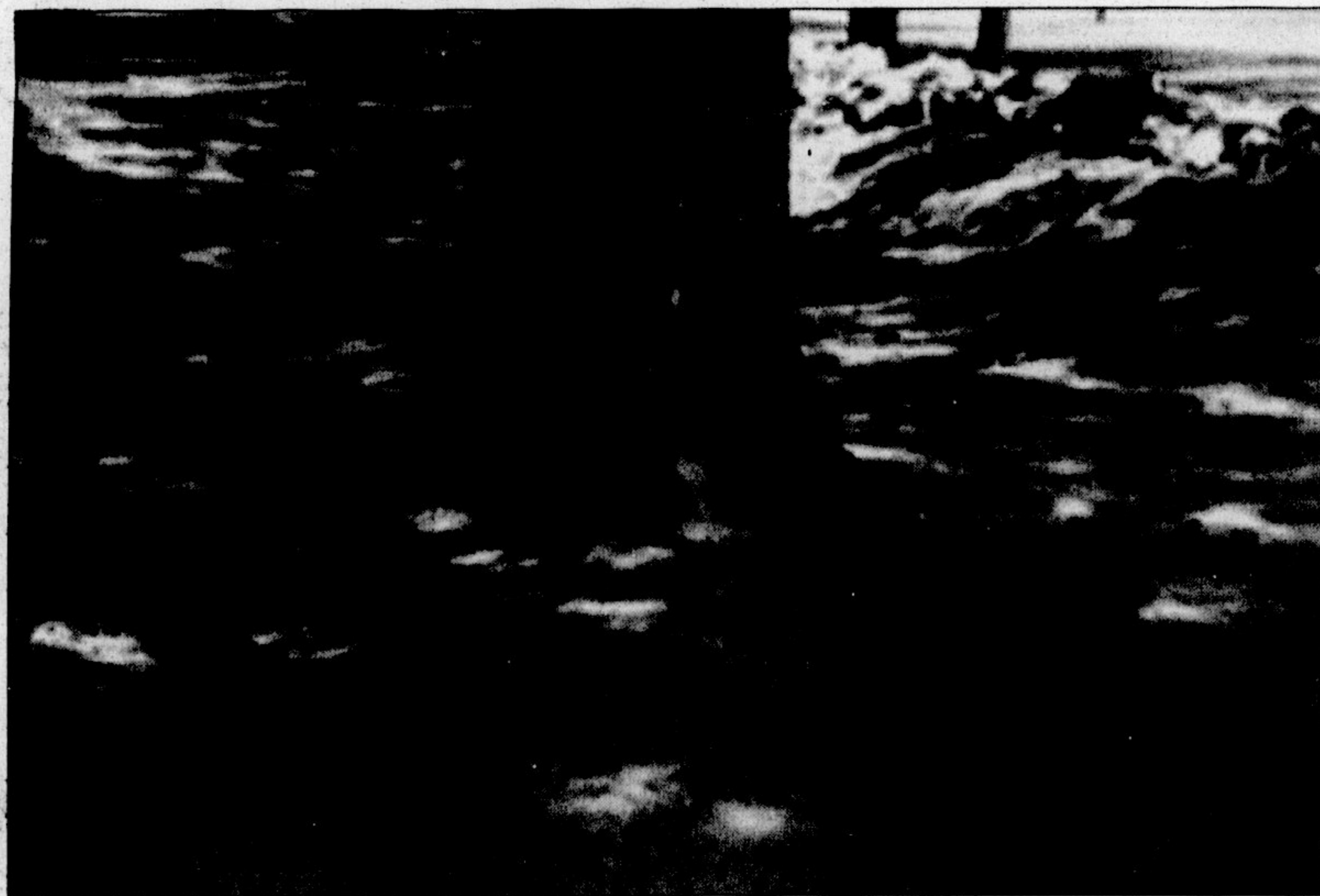
There is a lack of grass growing around the base of many trees on campus. Whether the problem stems from lack of water or lack of sunlight is a highly debated topic.

The biology department and grounds department butt heads over the issue of why grass under the trees on the mall has a shorter life span than grass removed of trees, and what to do about it.

"My guess is it's more of a light problem than water," said Vincent Bellis, biology professor. "The grass is shaded out because of the coverage mature trees can have."

Bellis said there are three or four ground covers that can thicken out in shaded areas, but they cost more than the grounds department's purse can afford.

According to Doug Caldwell, manager of the grounds department, it's more a lack of water rather than sunlight because of



Whether it be lack of sunlight or lack of water, campus trees appear bare around the roots and many disagree on the solution.

PHOTO BY MARC CRIPPEN

trees' root absorption.

"The irrigation system for the mall is about seven weeks old. We need to give it a chance, at least a year, before we see the grass fill in," Caldwell said. "Grass will get enough peripheral sunlight by our

limbing trees up several feet."

So far as choosing a grass that grows well in the area, Caldwell says he leans toward the fescue grass he plants throughout the campus because of its ability to combat the heat and the low pH balance in

soil.

Though the grounds department and the biology department debate whether the answer to promote grass growth is water or light, they agree on its number one killer: people.

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Lawmakers press for sexual harassment law

RALEIGH (AP) — For decades it has been the subject of countless court battles and headlines, yet nowhere in North Carolina law can be found the words "sexual harassment."

State lawmakers have vowed to change that this year after the State Personnel Commission ruled it could not help a former state employee despite evidence sexual harassment by her supervisor had created "a hostile work environment."

Even so, lawmakers disagree over how state law currently addresses the complicated issue of sexual harassment and what changes are needed. Equally uncertain is whether the push to clarify the law will become lost in a partisan political struggle.

"I just saw this as a nonpartisan issue that we needed to correct," said Rep. Leo Daughtry, R-Johnston, who has sponsored a plan to rewrite state law to clearly prohibit sexual harassment of state employees. "Both the Democrats and the Republicans worked together to find a way to swiftly address it."

Still, the plan by Daughtry, a likely Republican gubernatorial

hopeful in 2000, has become a political football despite assurances from Senate Democrats that they will act on the issue.

The Senate voted down the bill Wednesday, less than a week after first rejecting it as "not germane." Senators have admitted their original decision to reject the plan was payback for House leaders rejecting as "not germane" a campaign finance reform plan packaged in a stripped-down House bill that was sent to the Senate last year.

Daughtry's plan was packaged in a stripped-down Senate bill sent to the House.

Sen. Leslie Winner, D-Mecklenburg, says the latest "no" vote on Daughtry's plan had nothing to do with political gamesmanship, but with giving the entire issue careful consideration.

Most important, she said, is clarifying what state law currently says regarding sexual harassment and whether the State Personnel Commission was correct in its ruling.

"First of all, it's not clear to me that the State Personnel Commission interpretation was correct," Winner said in an interview last week. "The attorney

general does have some concerns about it. I think we ought to hear some concerns about it."

The attorney general's office has not issued a formal opinion on Daughtry's plan, but officials there are studying the changes and expect to issue an opinion next week.

Although state law does not specifically mention sexual harassment, it does prohibit sex discrimination. Among the definitions of sex discrimination included in Office of State Personnel regulations is the creation of an "intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment."

State law also prohibits retaliation or threats against state employees who report "a violation of state or federal law, rule or regulation."

Still, most state employees in the past had sought relief from sexual harassment either through the courts or through the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which has specific prohibitions against both "quid pro quo harassment" and creation of "a hostile work environment."

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Computer

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Even though there are intense changes in mainframes, most of the work on them have been completed. Leon Gipson of CIS feels most labs on campus should be 2000 compliant. He believes that most of the problem is with the personal computers and the servers, but they are currently being identified by individual departments. "We are well coordinated in our efforts, so we know what we are looking for," Gipson said.

At this time, Computer Services and CIS are looking at what is not compliant. Then the decision to replace or surplus equipment is made. There are 543 days left until the year 2000, and compared to other universities, ECU is well on their way to attacking the problem.

Break

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Senate. "There are also a number of ex-officio members, without vote, representing Academic Affairs, Student Life, Business Affairs and the Registrar."

When deciding on breaks, the Calendar Committee must look at many different angles, including the space of time between the regular semesters.

"Not being privy to the discussions the committee might have had relative to the one day break between summer sessions, I can only surmise that the number of days available between the two regular semesters is a major factor in their decision," Sexauer said.

After the calendar had been decided it must be approved by the Faculty Senate and the Chancellor.

"The calendars for fall and spring and both sessions are developed by the Calendar Committee of the Faculty Senate," Sexauer said. "The committee submits its report to the Faculty Senate for discussion and possible amendment. The report is sent to the chancellor for final approval."

Though students may feel overwhelmed with only a one day break, departments on campus have not had a problem with it.

According to Michael Balko, director of housing, there has not been a problem getting students in and out of the residence halls in only one day.

Rose Mary Stelma, director of financial aid, said there have been no concerns or adjustments made and all has worked out as usual in financial aid.

Calendars have been approved by the Calendar Committee through spring semester 2001.

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hospitals safety.

"The in house police force is being extra vigilant to keep eyes open for suspicious behavior and characters," Fortner said. "The main thing we do is turn it over to the proper authorities."

Cpl. William Harris of the

Greenville Police said it appears the letter was written by someone who is upset by the hospital's transfer to privatization.

Hospital privatization took place June 1, despite extreme public opposition. The author apparently felt the hospital had been stolen from him or her.

Once the Greenville Police Department is involved, it is their responsibility to bring in other authorities, such as the State Bureau of Investigation and the

Federal Bureau of Investigation, if needed.

Harris said that at this point the Greenville Police Department is assisting the hospital and the SBI has assisted the Greenville Police, but the Greenville Police are running the investigation.

Harris was unable to comment on any leads in the investigation except that they are asking anyone with leads to please call Crime Stoppers at 758-7777.

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Overview

Are all of the departments wired with the same sources of information? According to Computing and Information Systems (CIS) they are. But if this is the case, then why is it possible for a student enrolled full-time in the spring and fall semesters, but not taking any summer classes, to have access to certain facilities and not others? Or, should we say, not without a fee.

Anyone with a One Card indicating they had attended the previous semester can use the library's facilities without any questions. But try to use that same card to get into the Student Recreation Center over the summer and you won't make it past the front door without paying an additional \$30, the same fee charged to faculty.

The cashier's office said the bottom line is that anyone not paying for a session of classes technically should not be able to use anything that would normally be funded through the university fees — even when the computer shows the student is enrolled for the next semester — but each entity can come up with their own rules.

So, question the library about their act of kindness in extending their privileges a few weeks through the summer and they will tell you so long as you're enrolled in the fall, there's not a problem.

Another service provided throughout the summer is Student Health. You can still purchase medicine and see health care providers at a fraction of what independent medical practices charge, again, so long as you're enrolled in the fall.

And the computer lab in Mendenhall? Not a problem, just show your card so they'll know you're enrolled for fall.

The rec center, on the other hand, said if you aren't currently taking classes, then you can't use the facilities unless you pay. Aren't we already paying with the increase in tuition? Whose building is it anyway? And who are they to be the ones on campus to refuse to give student discounts?

OPINION Columnist

Jeff BERGMAN Liberal is in eyes of beholder



Opinion columnists are the only part of the media I view as having a decisive liberal or conservative slant. Not all opinion columnists are liberal. Opinion columnist Walter Williams is about as much of a left-of-center Democrat as Ronald Reagan was an actor.

think the sound of a chainsaw ripping through an old growth forest is music.

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Suppose the media were one-sided; explain why we have a Republican controlled congress. The standard answer for that question is the voters saw through the many years of lies by the media and voted in a much-needed conservative voice in government. The Republican explanation is devoid of good sense.

In 1996 Bill Clinton won the presidency again. Throughout that year the media reported on Clinton's supposed sexual improprieties. The voting public still put the man back into office. The fuzzy logic that right-wing individuals claim is the explanation would assume that two years after the so-

called '94 revolution, we, the public lost a few IQ points.

If the media were as liberal as many claim then explain to me why the reporting of Clinton's sex life is front page. Meanwhile, Phil Gramm's dumping of a few thousand into a T&A flick goes unreported — except by the extreme liberal Al Franken.

Sure the news is liberal. That explains why hundreds of reporters are trying to infiltrate Nike plants around the globe to see if children are being exploited. Note to narrow-minded individuals: the reporters are in Washington right now, covering the oh-so-important, "If Air-Force One is a-rockin', don't come a knockin'".

Yeah, we are all a bunch of hippie liberals, trying to influence people. If that is the case, we have failed as miserably as the Bay of Pigs. The liberals in the media sure have done a great job: Health-Care reform failed miserably and welfare for the poor has been cut, while welfare for the rich is rarely mentioned.

According to conservatives, the media industry is run by a bunch of bleeding heart liberals. We 'tree-huggers' put our personal left-wing slant on everything from political races to the problems in the world. I believe this about as much as I



OPINION Columnist

Britt HONEYCUTT Freebies have hidden cost



Even if I know it's crap I want it — if it's free. ... [but] nothing is ever truly free — unless you steal it.

There's something about the word "free" that drives a girl insane. Even if it's not really free. As long as it says so, I'm hooked. Like "buy one, get one free." You're not getting a freaking thing for free, buddy.

I'm a sucker for something that is free. If anything comes in the mail — say, for instance, an offer for seven free CDs (which will actually cost about forty bucks in shipping charges) — I'm all over it like a

soggy diaper. Never mind that signing up for the "club" means being hounded by a neverending barrage of postcards and obligations and resigning your personal taste in music to a corporate conglomerate who will now saturate you with subliminal messages directing you to buy Nikes and Kathie Lee Gifford-wear, thus supporting their lack of adherence to the child labor laws and the endless cycle of poverty in Guatemala. All because the envelope said "Free"...

The saddest part (well, aside from the starving Guatemalan children in sweat shops) is that as we all know, I no longer own a CD player (thanks to our marvelous system of justice that lets burglars out for "good behavior"). Yet I still signed up for the BMG deal. Now that's skillful marketing. Columbia House also sucked me in like a gold chain-wearing, chest hair-looking-like-taco meat pimp downtown on a Saturday night. I still owe them my first born child.

You know what gets me every time? When they throw in the Mini Super Duper Thingie Bopper for

free with your purchase of a Super-Super Duper Thingie Bopper on the infomercials. I mean, it slices, dices, mows the lawn, milks the cow, and makes a wonderful centerpiece for any dinner party — and the Mini Thingie is lightweight for traveling! Now who could pass that up? Not me.

Even if I know it's crap I want it — if it's free. I signed up for 15 credit cards last year solely for the T-shirts. I buy books at UBE just for the packet of deodorant, mouthwash and cough syrup. In the end I spend more money trying to get the free stuff than I would have originally.

There must be some sort of psychological connection between the idea of a freebie and the euphoric feeling of triumph. I always feel like I've beaten the man ... as he walks away with my money and a grin and I stand there with a dorky smile and a handful of crap. But it was buy one poo, get the second free!

What I've learned from my misadventures is that nothing is ever truly free — unless you steal it.

OPINION Columnist

Stephen KLEINSCHMIT Remember why we moved off campus



... we hated having someone other than our parents boss us around, make us live in accommodations worse than our room at home, eat food crappier than the stuff at the grocery store and park our cars so far away ...

While I was helping my sister Lauren move into Fletcher Hall on Sunday for her technology camp, I took a short trip back down Memory Lane. It's been about a year since I loaded all my stuff into my beat-up '85 Ford Ranger and made my first trip to ECU. I remember making several trips to get all my junk into my room in Jones Hall, where it was arranged in

its usual disorderly manner. I also remember meeting a bunch of people who were pretty interesting and seemed pretty nice.

Then I met the resident assistants. My RA Brian was a pretty cool guy. He wasn't a jerk, and would generally leave you be. But I know a lot of people whose RAs are real nut cases. I really wasn't into having someone who is my age putting all sorts of rules on me that not even my Mom would force upon me. Of course, we got away with murder. Cold beer was easier to get than hot water. Everybody knew somebody with a bong in the closet. I don't know why the dorms aren't run like an apartment complex. You're an adult. If you want to drink a beer in your home, then why should ECU send its moral crusaders to give you a ticket? They could care less about the drinking; they just want any extra money that they don't have to earn.

Another sketchy area: visitation. For some ungodly reason, ECU won't let you stay in your friend's or girlfriend or boyfriend's room after 2 a.m. I remember going to N.C. State to see a friend of mine in his dorm and we stayed all weekend, because obviously State isn't on a big power trip over their dorms. And their dorms are better than

ours. Half of our dorms are so old and dilapidated; I had a nicer place to live when I was in Army basic training! Heck, some floors on White Hall look like they filmed Armageddon there!

Then there is food and parking. No kitchens mean you have to eat at the dining halls, which are crowded and serve fattening pseudo-laxatives. Then parking is a joke everywhere. The extra \$96 for a little moronic sticker was the deciding factor on me not returning to the dorms. Heck, I always have parking at the apartment and it's free!

And Traffic and Parking is always out to make a dishonest buck. If you are a cashier or a ticket writer, when we come in to pay the fine, it takes everything we have not to smack you in the face.

So basically, we hated having someone other than our parents boss us around, make us live in accommodations worse than our room at home, eat food crappier than the stuff at the grocery store and park our cars so far away that we have to ride a bus to get there. No wonder we like apartments so much. Our freshman year of college was worse than living at home during our senior year of high school!



Write a letter to the Editor!

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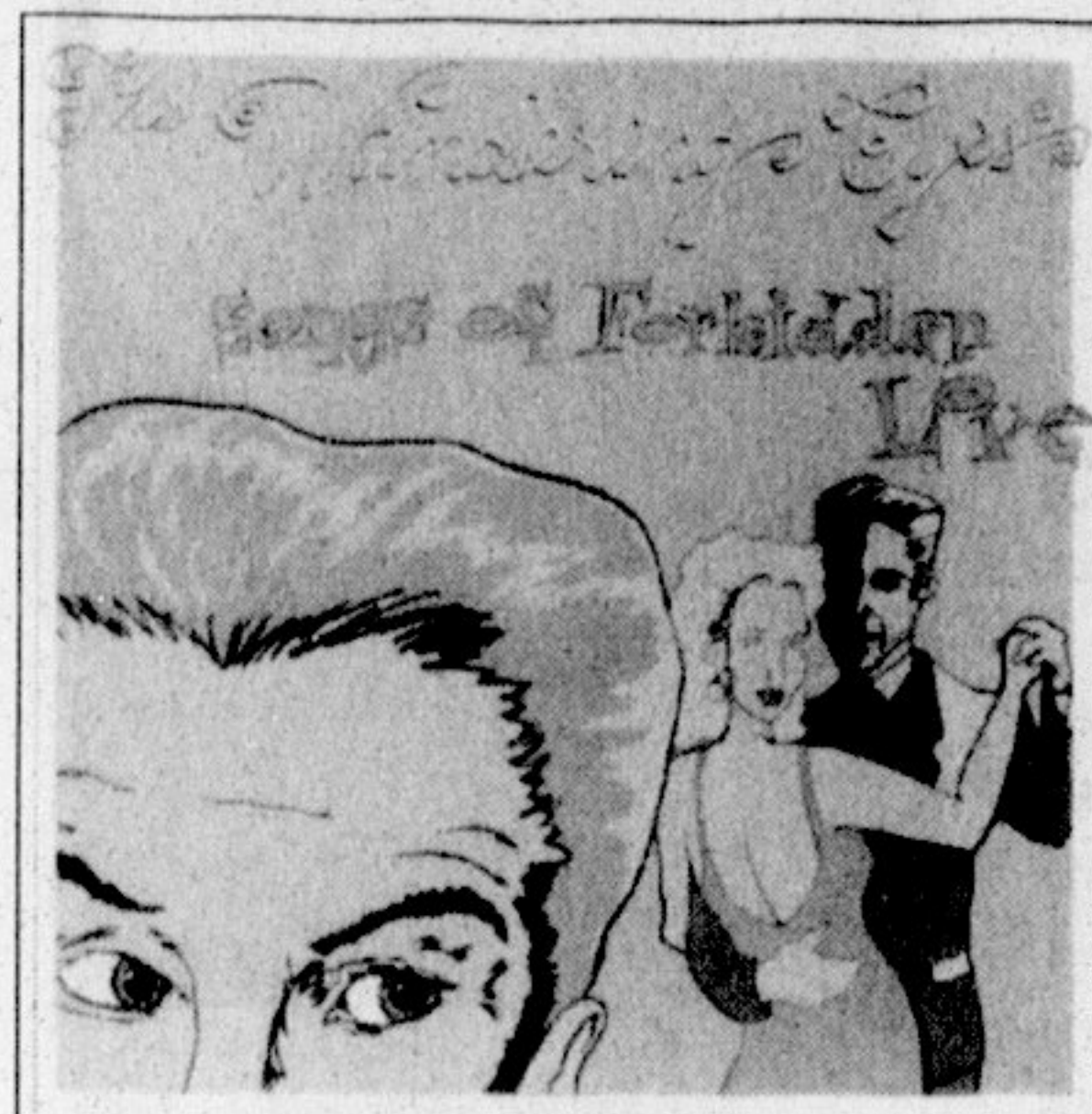
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CD reviews



The Wandering Eyes

Songs of Forbidden Love

8 OUT OF 10

ANDY TURNER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

A waitress at the 24 Hour Diner back home once told me that cheatin' sex was the best kind. How she got from "how do you want your eggs?" to advocating the fleshly pleasures of infidelity, I'm not sure, but at three in the morning in a greasy diner filled with truck drivers and waitresses missing one or more front teeth, all kinds of interesting conversations are possible.

And speaking of interesting possibilities, you should check out The Wandering Eyes' *Songs of Forbidden Love* (Lazy S.O.B. Recordings), a collection of cheating songs that explore the world of seedy, sleazy motels and heartbreaking lies.

The Wandering Eyes are an Austin, Texas country supergroup, featuring the likes of Rosie Flores, Ted Roddy, Dale Watson, and Kelly Willis. Anyone familiar with the other work of these folks knows that bringing them all together means a whole lot of vocal talent in one place.

You've probably heard the original version of "Me and Mr. Jones," modeled after R&B singer Billy Paul's "Me and Mrs. Jones." "Me and Mr. Jones" is one of two tracks Willis sings lead on — the other being the Moe Bandy ditty "It's a Cheatin' Situation" — and it's the better of the two.

Willis wraps her gorgeous voice all around this version from the cheating woman's point of view. Willis fans will have to make do with this project until early next year, when an already completed album is expected to be released; she was recently signed by Rykodisc after being without a label since she was dumped by A&M.

Flores is another gal with an amazing voice; her cheatin' heart aches and you can't help but be affected by her interpretations of "In Some Room Above the Street" and "Even If I Have To Steal."

Her voice is as tender as properly prepared fried chicken, and she sucks the bone marrow out of both of the songs for all they're worth. "Even If I Have To Steal" is one of three songs inspired by Mel Street, "The King of Cheatin' Songs," to whom the album is dedicated.

The honky tonk angels aren't the only ones who can sing convincingly about stolen love. Watson contributes "Lovin' on Backstreets" and an original, "Unspoken Kind." He has one of those Ernest Tubb-so-damn-deep-you-know-he-means-it voices. There aren't too many like Dale Watson around anymore except, of course, Ted Roddy, who gets just as low down as Watson on "Devil in Mrs. Jones" and "Hell Yes, I Cheated."

Songs of Forbidden Love is done with equal amounts of emotion and tongue-in-cheek snickering. It's a hoot and it's sad as hell, but if you know what's good for you, you'll stick to listening to this album and not try to live out any of the songs. But if you're interested, there's a waitress waiting for you in Virginia...

Weekend Relaxer

Sunday in the Park celebrates 25th season

MICCAH SMITH
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Patriotic music was on the bill of fare Sunday night when the Greenville Choral Society performed in the Town Commons amphitheater for a picnicking crowd of Greenville residents as part of the annual Sunday in the Park concert series.

Six ECU School of Music students, along with faculty member George Broussard, accompanied the Society during "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Older citizens clapped along to old-fashioned gospel favorites and veterans were asked to stand for a special musical salute.

The concert was part of an anniversary celebration for Sunday in the Park, a Greenville tradition for 25 years.

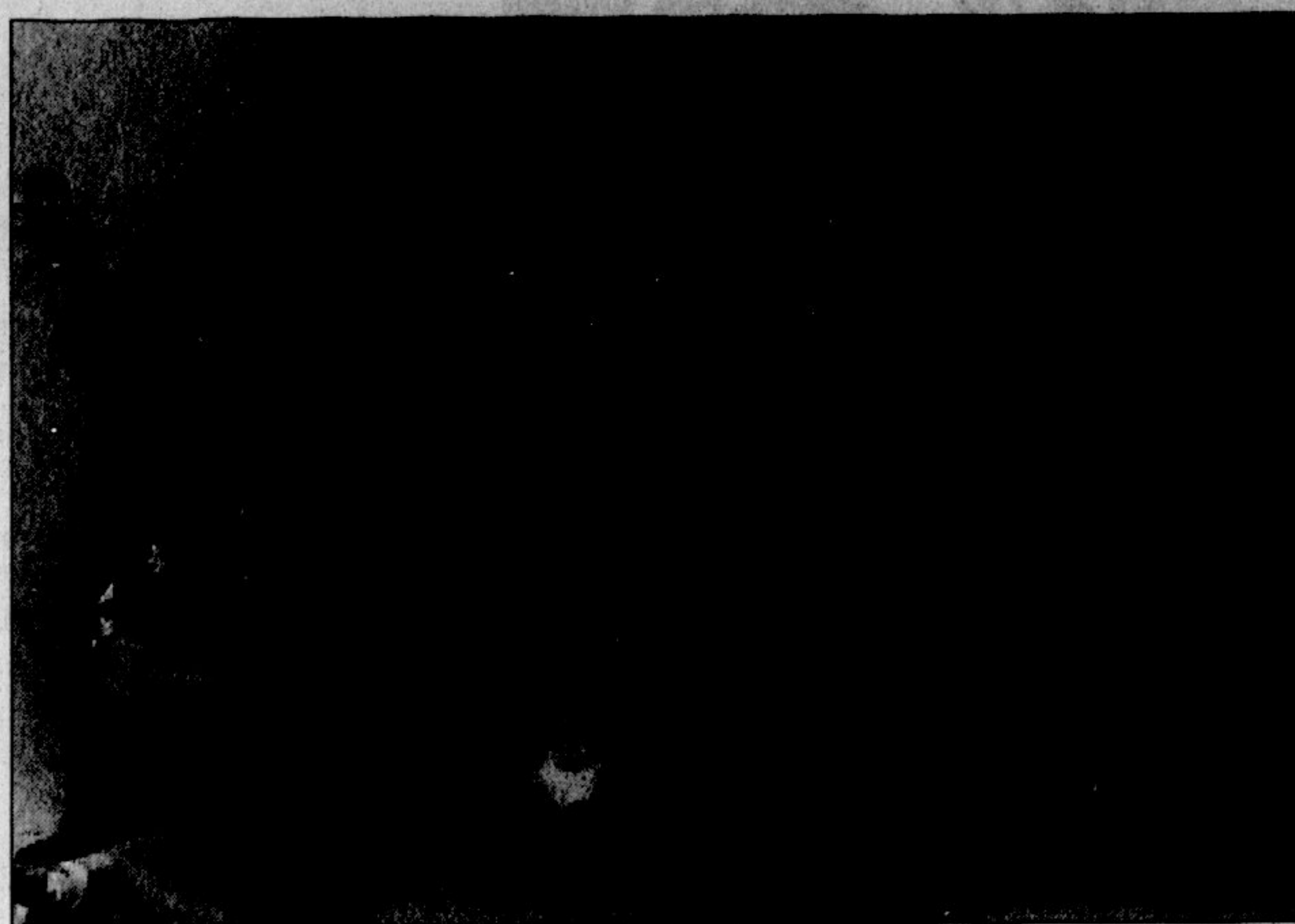
Young adults fondly remember growing up with Sunday in the Park as part of their summers, and even non-residents enjoy the cultural benefits of the series.

Mary Robinette, from east Tennessee, attended her third concert of the season on Sunday. Asked which has been her favorite, she replied, "I liked this one better ... my daughter and grandson were in it."

Stewart Aronson has been praised highly for creating, developing and nursing Sunday in the Park through its first 25 years. "He is the true spirit of Sunday in the Park," said a resident who did not wish to be named.

Aronson came to Greenville to work with the ECU Summer Theater program, one of the few cultural resources available to residents during the summer. In the summer of 1974 the Summer Theater went on hiatus, creating a potential for cultural stagnation for residents who had come to depend on the theater for quality entertainment.

As a direct result of a conversation between Aronson and Boyd Lee, then director of Greenville Parks and Recreation, the first concert was held that June in a sunken kudzu-encrusted field at the junction of Third and Fourth streets with Reade, near what is now the fresh-



Panama Steel performs Aug. 2.
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men parking lot downtown.

The field, surrounded by high earth walls, was a natural amphitheater and provided space for families to spread their blankets and listen to bands outside, which became a popular way to spend a summer Sunday night.

The first season of Sunday in the Park was a success. "We've been doing it ever since," said Aronson, who participated in Sunday's program, acting as Master of Ceremonies and lending his trained voice to the Choral Society.

On July 26, 1987, a new amphitheater was dedicated on the Town Commons,

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Sunday in the Park concerts

July 12
New Vintage Bluegrass Band

July 19
Supergrit Cowboy Band

July 26
Folk Concert and Old Fashioned Hoot-N'-Anny

August 2
Panama Steel
(ECU School of Music steel drum band)

Oklahoma! delights summer theatre audience

THEATRE review

First of three '40s classics for summer season

STEPHANIE RUSSELL
THEATER REVIEWER

The East Carolina Summer Theatre has once again created magic in McGinnis. This season, a celebration of the theater of the fabulous forties, opened with the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, *Oklahoma!*

Set in the mid-western frontier before Oklahoma was a state, the play is a story about people and the land they love. As a

sort of romantic comedy musical of the times, there are love triangles, affairs of the heart, and plain, good old-fashioned cowboy games.

Steven Edward Moore shines as Curly, a cowboy with a heart of gold. Moore belts out such classics as "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" and "People Will Say We're in Love" with tremendous zeal and enormous talent. His voice is perfectly suited to the romantic cowboy he portrays. Moore brings Curly to life in all of his rugged — and gentle — splendor.

Laurey, the love interest of Curly and Jud Frye, is played by Alayna Hamilton. Hamilton, an alumnae of East Carolina, makes a triumphant return to the McGinnis stage in this outstanding production. She can sing, dance, and act — what more could you possibly need to star in a musical? Maybe stage presence and chem-

istry with your fellow actors, both of which Hamilton has in abundance.

These two are supported by an equally talented cast, all of whom make *Oklahoma!* the huge success that it is. James Darrah (Will Parker) and Nicole Fenstad (Ado Annie) almost steal the show. Both are incredible singers and actors. Fenstad's rendition of "I Cain't Say No!" is hilarious, thanks in part to her amazing comic timing that shows itself throughout the show.

John Darrow, Walter Shoen, and Patch Clark (Jud Frye, Ali Hakem and Aunt Eller, respectively) provide further fabulous support. These three are as important to the overall success of the show as any of the lead characters. From serious drama to sarcastic humor, Darrow, Shoen and Clark know how to do it all!

Unbelievable choreography from David Wanstreet showed off the talents of a

remarkable ensemble. All cast members were integral parts of the show, singing and dancing their way into the heart of the action — and the audience. The vocal direction of Mort Stine and the orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Douglas Morrison, were a further delight. Costuming by Jeffery Phipps and scenery by Robert C. Alpers, were, as always, absolutely wonderful.

You may have missed your chance to see a Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic of Broadway. The East Carolina Summer Theatre '98 has done a remarkable production of *Oklahoma!*. Don't miss the opportunity to catch another classic of the fabulous forties. *Blithe Spirit*, a farcical comedy by Noel Coward, started yesterday and runs through Saturday.

Tickets are on sale now and are available by phone at 328-6829 or 328-1726, or

Out of Sight tops usual summer fare

MOVIE review

Movie allows your date's coolness to be measured

8 OUT OF 10

RANDALL MARTOCCIA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Do the novels of any pop writer make better movies than those of Elmore Leonard? I suppose the high brows in the crowd could point to Jane Austen and get little argument (since so few of the rest of us have seen the flicks based on her books), but one look at the trailers is enough to show that these cinematic tea parties are not exploiting the medium to its full potential.

Movies, whatever their inherent faults (see *Armageddon* if you need reminding), are most effective when showing lives, not manners, in peril.



Hubba Hubba and George get cozy.
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And Leonard's strength is making us care about these lives. How does he do it? Why do we like *Get Shorty's* Chili Palmer, *Jackie Brown's* Jackie Brown, and the gang

of robbers and accomplices in *Out of Sight*?

While I could give you all sorts of crap about Leonard's ability to endow his characters with humanity and about his special talent for realistic dialogue, that would not be entirely true. You want these characters to live mainly because they are so entertaining.

Avoiding the bullets will permit them to continue pulling off their schemes and saying funny things. The dialogue in these movies (especially *Out of Sight*) is too witty to be realistic. One priceless bit has a car thief arguing that he couldn't possibly be stealing the car he is seen trying to hotwire because he had already stolen it a week ago.

As to the actual story, *Out of Sight*, directed by Stephen Soderbergh, has all of the by-now familiar Leonard elements: hidden loot, double-crosses, and games of criminal one-upmanship.

George Clooney plays Jack, a chronic

bank robber, and plays him well. Gone are many of the annoying tendencies he commits each week on *ER*. For once, he does not look like one of those bobbin-head dolls from the ESPN baseball commercials.

Jack breaks out of jail with help from Buddy (Ving Rhames, being his usual badass self). FBI agent Karen Sisco, played by hubba-hubba Jennifer Lopez, spots them and attempts to intercede, only to be disarmed and thrown in the trunk with Jack.

They talk about movies as if they're on their first date, while he drums his fingers on her outer thigh as if it was their second or third. Nothing explicitly erotic goes on back there, but the sexiness of the situation makes what follows not only believable, but also inevitable.

Yep, you guessed it; they fall in love. Sort of. Despite those sparks she felt in the trunk, she still tries to gun him down the first chance she gets.

The movie then convincingly traces how their attraction for each other becomes irresistible. In a wise move, Soderbergh gives us none of those tedious scenes where friends and family attempt to talk the lovers out of it.

Sure, Buddy frowns about Jack's need to see her, and Dennis Farina, as Karen's father, shakes his head disapprovingly, but they both seem somewhat amused by the

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It's SHOW TIME

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8 Wednesday
Mayfly and special guests at The Cave in Chapel Hill
Sweetfeed, This Bike Is A Pipe Bomb, Syrup at Local 506 in Chapel Hill

Sarge, Flu-13 at The Lizard & Snake in Chapel Hill
Clutch w/ Phunk Junkeez at Cat's Cradle in Carrboro
Page/Plant at the Virginia Beach Amphitheater

9 Thursday
Good Will Hunting at the Student Rec Center pool
Shark Quest, Dynamic Truths at Local 506 in Chapel Hill

Vecordia at The Lizard & Snake in Chapel Hill
Athanaeum at Cat's Cradle in Carrboro
John Fogerty, Whiskeytown at the Virginia Beach Amphitheater

10 Friday
The Tim Stambaugh Band at The Cave in Chapel Hill
The Fountains, Three Piece Suit, Alphanan at Local 506 in Chapel Hill

David Olney w/ Claire Holley at The Lizard & Snake in Chapel Hill
Wake w/ Chip Robinson at Cat's Cradle in Carrboro

11 Saturday

TBA at The Cave in Chapel Hill
The Billygoats, Mercury Dime at Local 506 in Chapel Hill
16 Deluxe w/ Sunset Valley at The Lizard & Snake
Hipbone at Cat's Cradle in Carrboro

12 Sunday
Vintage at Sunday in the Park in Greenville
Pete Best at The Cave in Chapel Hill

Cherry Valence, Bucks Deluxe at Local 506 in Chapel Hill

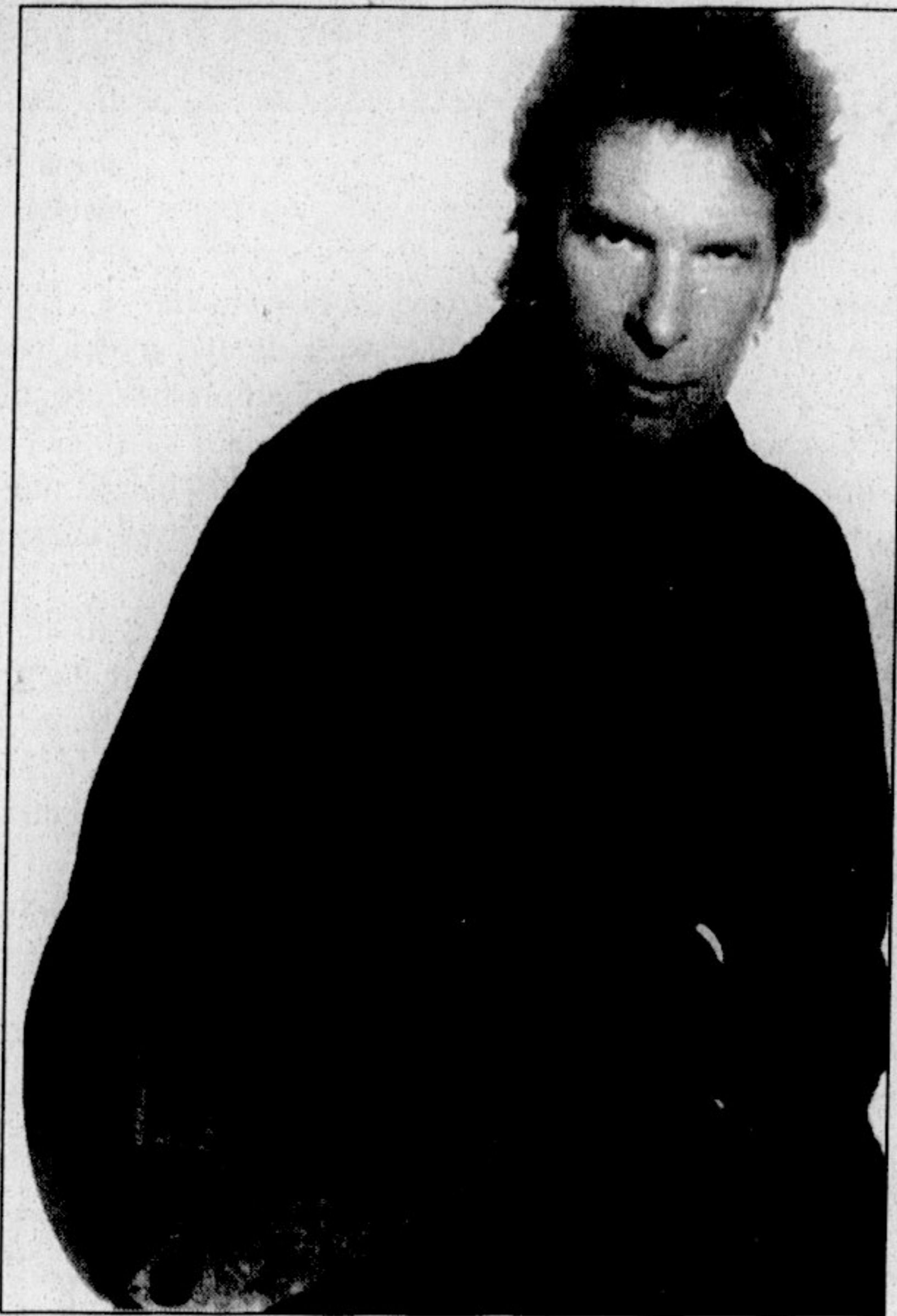
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John Svava at The Cave in Chapel Hill

DKV Trio featuring Ken Vandermark w/ Gold Sparkle Duo at The Lizard & Snake in Chapel Hill

The Queers, Nobodys, Chixdiggitt at Cat's Cradle in Carrboro

14 Tuesday
T. Strickland at The Cave in Chapel Hill
The Rock-A-Teens, Gam at Local 506 in Chapel Hill
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John Fogerty performs with Whiskeytown Thursday at the Va. Beach Amphitheatre.
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situation and confident that the forbidden lovers will ultimately come to their senses.

The scenes with Clooney and Lopez together are very sexy. Soderbergh skillfully turns the thermostat up in tiny clicks of the dial — an illicit phone call, a goofy wave from a closing elevator.

When they do get together (sorry), the doomed nature of their relationship and the gradual buildup give this scene more passion than can be found in a hundred so-called erotic thrillers.

Instead of heading off with your buddies to the next summer blockbuster, call up that girl or guy you've been wanting to know better, and drag them to the Buccaneer theater (I know; I hate that one too).

Now, don't sweat that your date is ogling Clooney or Lopez, because you'll be doing some tongue-wagging yourself, and make sure you hang around for the denouement.

A good judge of your date's coolness is whether he or she laughs during the final scene. Here's some advice — no laughter, no second date.

Movie

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Singing Cowboy dead at 86

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Happy trails, Roy Rogers. The cowboy and one of the last of the white hats from the golden era of Hollywood westerns died Monday. He was 86.

Rogers died in his sleep of congestive heart failure at his Apple Valley home, in the high desert 90 miles from Los Angeles.

"What a blessing to have shared my life together with him for almost 51 years," said Dale Evans, Rogers' wife and singing partner.

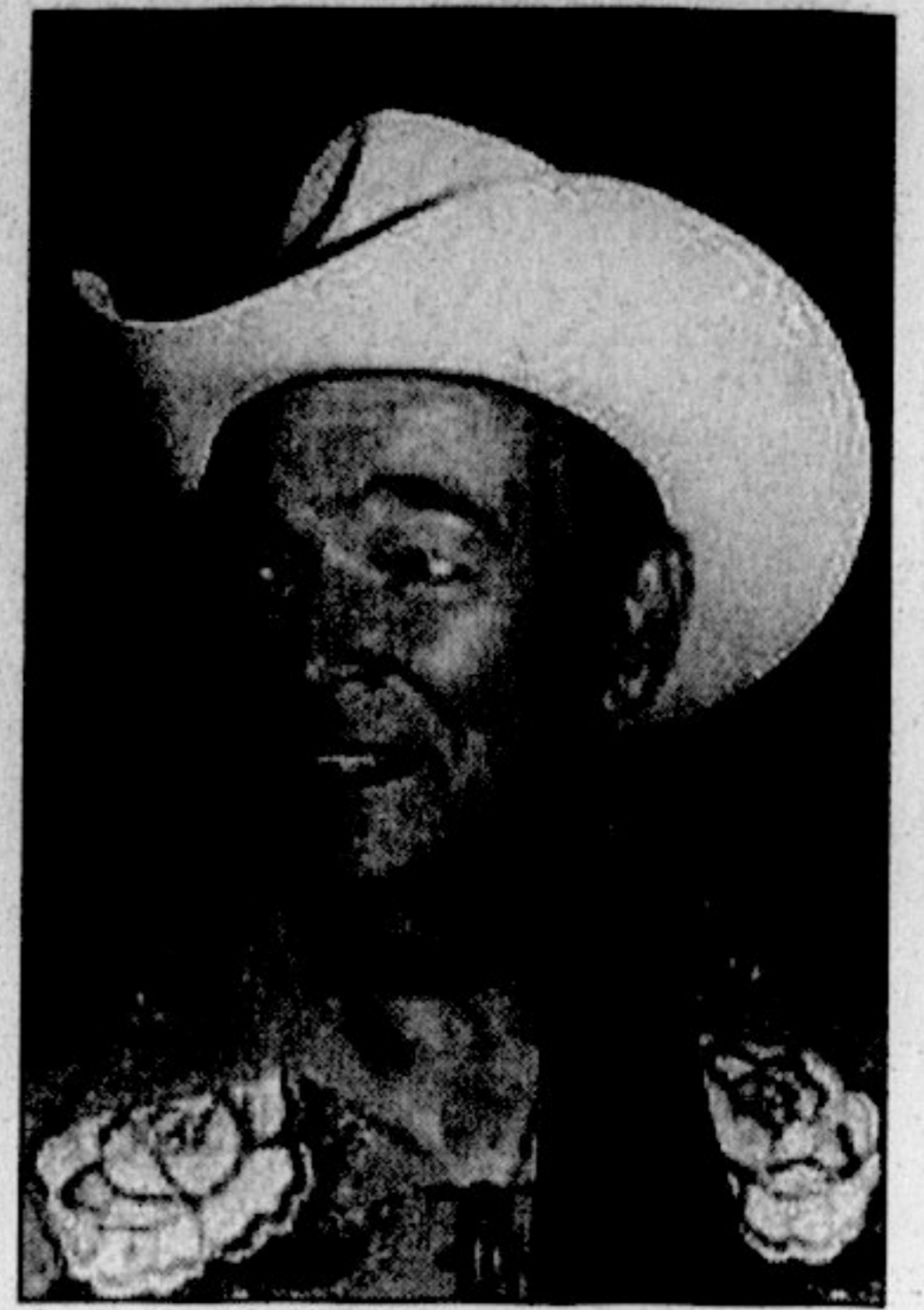
Rogers was a star of television, radio and movies, turning out country music songs, 87 Westerns — 26 of them with Miss Evans — and a 1950s TV series that continues in reruns. For 12 years, from 1943 to 1954, he was the No. 1 Western star at the box office in a magazine poll of theater operators.

With his trusty horse Trigger, Rogers played the straight-shooting good guy who always fought fair — instead of killing the bad guys, he would shoot the gun out of their hands — and always lived to sing about it.

"I really appreciate what he stood for, the movies he made and the kind of values they embodied," President Clinton said. "Today there will be a lot of sad and grateful Americans, especially of my generation, because of his career."

Rogers' theme song was "Happy Trails to You," sung over a clippity-clop beat and bum-bah-dee-dah bass line. It was co-written by his wife.

His movies included *King of the Cowboys*, *Song of Texas*, *The Cowboy and the Senorita*, *Don't Fence Me In* and *My Pal Trigger*. In the movies,



Roy Rogers

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his sidekick was whiskered Gabby Hayes; on television, it was Pat Brady.

Rogers and Gene Autry were the most popular cowboy crooners in Hollywood history.

"This is a terrible loss for me," Autry, 90, said in a statement. "I had tremendous respect for Roy and considered him a great humanitarian and an outstanding American. He was, and will always be, a true Western hero."

In addition to Miss Evans, he is survived by a son, three daughters, 15 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was planned for Saturday at the Church of the Valley in Apple Valley, followed by a procession around the Roy Rogers-Dale Evans Museum in Victorville.

Sunday

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and temporary stages in the field were replaced by a sheltered stage on which the Sunday in the Park concerts are now performed.

Earlier in the season Greenville was treated to performances by a swing band and The Monitors. Upcoming events include a bluegrass band and folk concert.

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Drivers show skill, are real athletes



TRACY HAIRR
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In our modern world of controversy, disputed ideas often revolve around what exactly defines an athlete, distinguishes him or her from a spectator and how any particular event even qualifies in being termed a "sport." NASCAR, with all its apparent simplicity, is one of the more highly viewed activities in the Southeastern U.S., but perhaps the least likely to have prestige accompany it as a topic among sports critics.

This is due mostly to conceptions of non-athletic drivers, who require no skill on the track, who supposedly are not versed in true competition, when realistically the necessary endurance involved may be slightly greater than what's essential for most other sports. Basketball and football, for examples, allow athletes to be exchanged, either when they've become injured or fatigued, but in sweltering heat that's intensified by their fire-proof suits, full-face helmets and gloves, NASCAR drivers must attempt to retain their sanity while losing 10-12 pounds of sweat.

Yes, racing requires patience. So what? Well, it's much more complex since this mental discipline is just a preparatory exercise.

The cars that are raced weigh around 3,500 pounds, are capable of speeds up to 200 mph, and even though it appears the aim is merely to get ahead of the others while turning left, maintaining such a powerful vehicle, with an equivalent one just inches away, certainly demands precision.

Not just anyone could do it. Given that the pit crew must be in good health, jumping over a wall, pumping gas and changing tires in sometimes less than 18 seconds, the drivers must likewise be physically able to sustain uncomfortable conditions as they do what most athletes try to do, win.

And just like a baseball bat or tennis racket is a tool for the hitter, so is a car a potential means for the driver to gain advantage over his competitors.

If this machine, or driving tool, malfunctions, or if there's not a carefully planned out meal that will rest for four hours and not pursue an exit, or if a pit crew isn't quite as vigorous as they should be, then an entire team is affected and loses the race.

Being one of the key terms in any athletic association, this idea of a "team" is undoubtedly a deciding factor when considering whether or not NASCAR is a sport, simply because it suggests working together toward a common goal.

Not predetermined, racing involves avoiding risks, a respectable level of concentration, and, at best, adrenalin-pumping entertainment. These characteristics definitely apply to other sports, so why do so many refrain from placing NASCAR in an athletic classification? Probably the absence of a visible and changing scoreboard and the fact that when televised, a race does unjustly appear repetitious.

But it's the observer who's easily deceived by appearance that will forever remain ignorant to NASCAR drivers, far from being destitute of strength, and the peril of their activity, quite comparable to mountain climbing, football and even ice-skating.

On the track, it's man against man, machine against machine, and during a race there's a sense of speeding stimulation for both the drivers and fans that, beyond the monotony, should entitle NASCAR as a sport.

Ward guilty, Mazyck cleared of assaulting student in Mendenhall

Football players' futures still unknown

TRAVIS BARKLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

One ECU football player has been convicted and one has been acquitted on charges of assault.

Kevin Ward, a defensive back from Kinston, and Travis Mazyck, a wide receiver from Virginia Beach, Va., were accused of

assaulting fellow student Kevin Hyman at a fraternity party at Mendenhall Student Center on April 26.

On July 1, Mazyck was found not guilty, while Ward was ordered by a judge to perform 20 hours of community service, write a letter of apology to Hyman and stay out of trouble. He received an additional 35 hours of community service in a student hearing after the trial. His final sentencing has been postponed until Sept. 2. It is expected that



TRAVIS MAZYCK
FILE PHOTO

Ward was found guilty after admitting in court that he pushed and swung at Hyman. Ward said he was trying to protect a woman Hyman was arguing with.

Hyman contends that Ward saw him arguing with the woman and pushed him in the face. When



KEVIN WARD
FILE PHOTO

Hyman pushed Ward back, Mazyck stepped in to separate the two. Hyman says that Ward punched him, causing him to fall against a pillar. Hyman says that both Ward and Mazyck kicked him while he was on the ground.

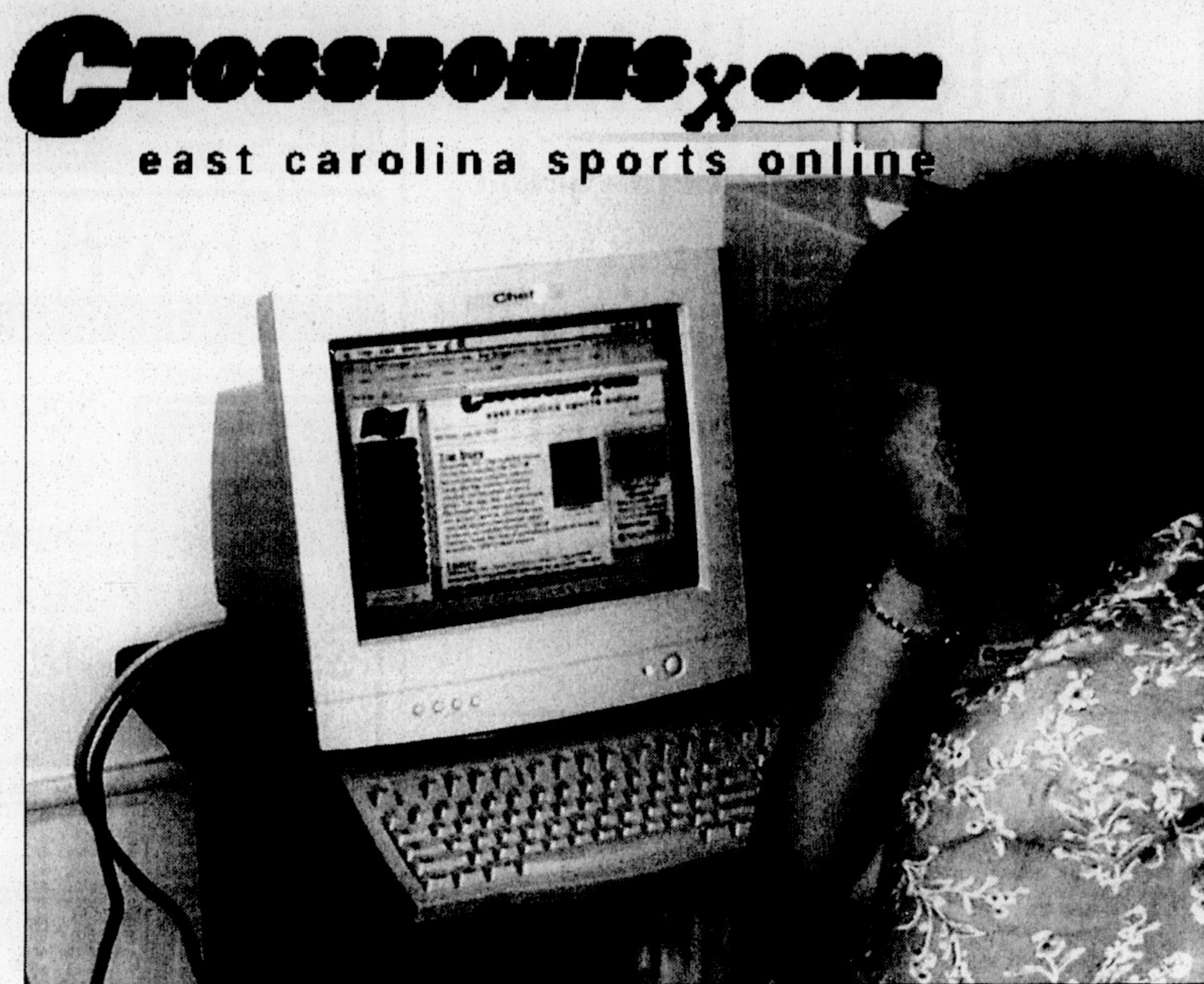
However, several witnesses testified that Mazyck was too far away to kick Hyman.

While the player's legal questions have been answered, it is unknown what kind of impact this incident will make on the Pirate football program. Ward was expected to see action in the secondary this season, while

Mazyck was thought to bolster a receiving corps that lost three players to graduation last year.

Assistant Athletics Director Norm Reilly said there hasn't been any official decision about the status of the players.

"It's a team matter," Reilly said. "It's being dealt with internally."



Crossbones lets Pirate fans speak

Popular website enters its third year of operation

CHRISTOPHER FARNSWORTH
STAFF WRITER

An almost endless cache of information, the internet has millions of sites for everything imaginable. So, it's not really much of a surprise to find ECU sports well-represented and still growing.

One of those sources, one not run by or through the university, is Crossbones.com, a website devoted exclusively to ECU athletics. Created about two and one half years ago, the site gives information on whatever is presently relevant to Pirate sports and updates on former Pirates who

have careers in professional sports. The prime and most popular feature though, is Piratetalk, an open forum for all to talk about their loves and hates involving the Bucs. Students, alumni, fans, rival fans and (its rumored) even athletic department officials use the chat room, discussing any sport, though football is a favored topic.

Crossbones.com actually evolved from an underground newsletter called *The Skull and Crossbones*, run by alum Coby Heath. A few years ago, Heath was approached by Alan McDavid, and the newspaper joined the rat race of the information superhighway. Then, a year ago, another former ECU student, Mark Barber, purchased half of the young website.

"We do it as a hobby, really," Barber

said, "We don't get much money, though we do sell ads-usually just enough to break even."

Though many current students and Greenville residents use the website, one of its primary functions is to service alumni and fans who are spread all over the country. Since local newspapers would not be much help to the distant Pirates, and national publications such as *USA Today* only offer game scores, the ECU supporters can log on and get all the information and updates they desire.

Most of what one can find on Crossbones.com are football reports and related news, though during their respective seasons, information on all ECU sports are present. Piratetalk is the best

Crossbones has provided the latest information about ECU sports for over two and a half years. Banner courtesy of Crossbones.com

Gibson fills two spots on coaching staff

Basketball coach adds assistants

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Jennifer Mitchell and Todd Buchanan have been hired as assistant women's basketball coaches at ECU, Pirate Head Coach Dee Gibson announced on June 25. The additions come just three days after Gibson was named the eighth head coach in Lady Pirates' basketball history, replacing Anne Donovan who departed for a head coaching job with the Philadelphia Rage of the ABL.

"Jennifer and Todd are hard working people, and will be well

liked throughout the program," Gibson said. "Jennifer brings

"Dee has moved up the coaching ladder quickly because she is a great recruiter and now I will have the chance to learn from her."

Jennifer Mitchell

experience coaching in the CAA, as she knows the teams and their styles and has knowledge of recruiting the East coast. Todd brings head coaching

experience to the program and has recruiting ties all over the United States. Both of them are welcomed additions and should help us build a winning program."

A former teammate of Gibson's while at Wake Forest, Mitchell comes from Virginia Commonwealth University where she spent the past two seasons as an assistant coach. Included in her duties with the Rams were scouting, recruiting and working with the post players. Prior to VCU, Mitchell had her first coaching job as an assistant at the University of Missouri-Kansas city from 1994-96.

The Roanoke, Va. native was a three-time prep All-America

honorably mention in high school before going on to play at Wake Forest. A 1991 WFU graduate, she was a three-time All-ACC pick and left as the Decans all-time leading scorer and rebounder.

"Dee has moved up the coaching ladder quickly because she is a great recruiter and now I will have the chance to learn from her," Mitchell said. "ECU presents a great opportunity because it has a lot to offer for a coach as well as for recruits and players. I look at this as a challenge for me to do well and think we can do well as a team."

Also joining Gibson's staff, Buchanan most recently was a



JENNIFER MITCHELL
FILE PHOTO



Senior linebacker Rod Coleman will be chasing opposing quarterbacks on WITN this fall.

FILE PHOTO

TRAVIS BARKLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Pirate fans who want to watch ECU football games on television this season will be able to do so, just as in years past. However, the station carrying these games has changed.

WITN Channel 7 replaces WNCN-TV Channel 9 as the official station of Pirate athletics.

"We're really pleased to be the official station of the Pirates," said Mike Weeks, president and general manager of WITN. "We're taking on the Pirate logo and branding it with our own," Weeks said.

Pirates play-by-play announcer Jeff Charles said the change of stations was made for several reasons.

"The top priority is increased exposure for our entire athletic program," Charles said. "Channel 7 has made a total commitment to our program."

Charles said the decision was a consensus between many in the athletics department.

"Several people in the athletics department were consulted, along with

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my input," Charles said. "Ultimately Mike Hamrick (athletics director) made the final decision."

Weeks said that WITN has had its eye on Pirate football for many years.

"The day I came in (to WITN) seven years ago, it was a priority," Weeks said. "They (ECU) value

partners that have been with them for awhile, so there was no reason for them to change. We started working hard and tried to demonstrate that we could provide things that other stations can't."

Despite the games airing on a different network, there won't be too many changes.

"Our football coverage will be the same," Charles said. "It will be the same announcing team. Cliff Stoudt will be back in the booth. Creative Sports Marketing will still handle production. The games will still look the same."

In addition to televising Pirate

football, WITN will also show Pirate basketball games as well as the Steve Logan and Joe Dooley coaches shows.

It's in these shows where the most changes will be visible.

"The coaches' shows will have a little different look," Charles said. "They will be produced by channel 7 and for the first time we will have a set."

Charles said that WITN will air between four and five football games and six basketball games. Because ESPN and Fox Sports South have first pick as to the games they want to televise,

WITN's exact schedule is still unknown.

"We're going to do a minimum of four," Charles said. "We're going to do the Virginia Tech game and the Ohio game for sure, but we won't know about the others until later."

"Our fans will be excited about Virginia Tech," Charles said. "It's our season opener and we should bring a lot of fans."

For Pirate fans not able to make the trip to Blacksburg, don't worry; you can catch all the action on WITN.

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head coach at the University of Montavello from 1996-98. Under his guidance, UM had a combined record of 19-36 in two seasons. Before taking over the head coaching duties

at UM, Buchanan was an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Oral Roberts University.

Buchanan began his collegiate coaching career at Murray State, where he was an assistant coach from 1992-95, including one year on the Lady Racers' staff with Gibson (1994-95). At MSU, Buchanan worked with the guards and post players, while having on-court coach-

ing responsibilities and recruiting duties. Before coaching at the collegiate level, the 1995 MSU graduate coached for five seasons at the high school level in Kentucky, where he compiled an impressive 112-37 record between Calloway, Murray and Lyon County high schools.

"I am honored and excited to be here at ECU and to be working with Dee again," Buchanan said.

"Coming to ECU is a great opportunity for me personally. Coaching with Dee again will be a thrill because we have talked about it before and I'm glad we finally have the chance. She will bring a personality and excitement to the game that probably has not been seen around here before."

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place to garner details about a favored sport. The open conference is also a place to find recruiting pews of an exclusive nature.

"There's a great deal of recruiting information, and most sports fans are into that," Barber explains. "I'd say 80 percent of our recruiting information is accurate. But, just as with all of the things posted on Piratetalk, you take it with a grain of salt. Sometimes it's accurate; sometimes it's speculation."

Barber also adds that while universities cannot print or say anything in the media about a possible recruit until they sign an intent to play form, Crossbones.com has no such limitations. For instance, if a

recruit whom ECU is considering lives in Hickory, an alumni or Pirate fan who lives in the town or nearby would get on the net and post what the potential recruit is doing or toward what school he or she might favor.

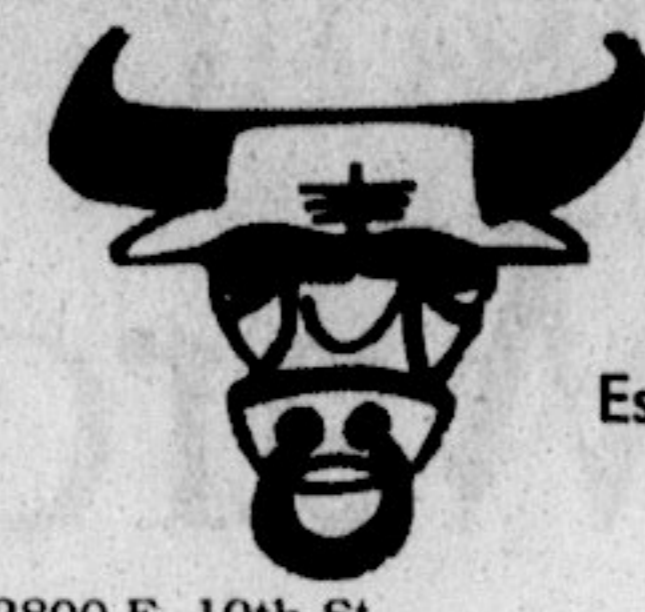
In the end, Crossbones.com serves the same purposes as all the other forms of media which chronicle the happenings of Pirate sports, including this very publication. Unlike all the others, however, the privately owned and sponsored website has no constraints or limitations set upon it, and above all else, it is 100 percent interactive. The hearts, minds and opinions of those who love ECU sports, and some who hate them, are posted on the site. To join in the fray, just log on at www.Crossbones.com.

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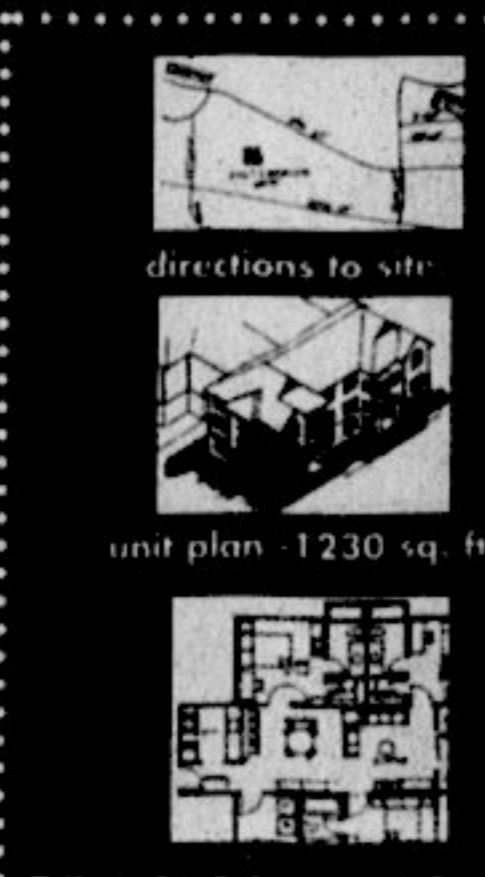
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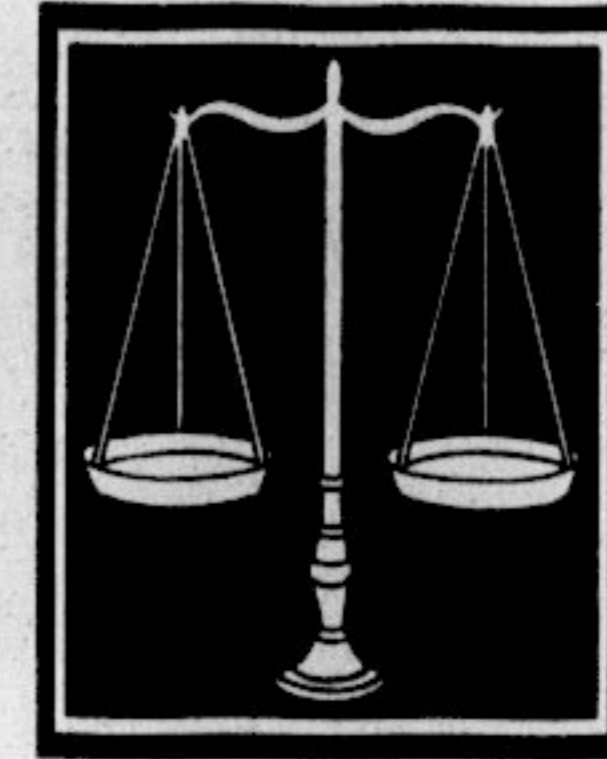
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ORANGEBURG, S.C. (AP) — For 25 days each summer, the gym at South Carolina State University echoes with the din of hundreds of young math and science scholars.

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And, oh yeah, they play sports. Basketball, golf, swimming. Volleyball, softball, tennis.

"We use (sports) as a carrot, to elicit that behavior that we want," says Ken Mosely, a teacher at South Carolina State who originated the National Youth Sports-sanctioned program there in 1993. The program rotates short classes in math and science with court or field time.

"(Children) excel in sports because ... they want to play it all the time, without anybody motivating them," Mosely says.

In Mosely's, and in two other such programs at the University of South Carolina and Francis Marion University, hundreds of mostly low-income children attack math and science with fervor — though maybe not quite the fervor they reserve for play because they know that studying earns them coaching in sports, too.

Ten-year-old Pasha Franklin is among the 350-plus children who will attend South Carolina State each weekday through Friday. She sat one day at a folding table, scratching at a math worksheet as a

tiny, hat-mounted fan cooled her face.

"It's OK," she said of the program. "I like science, because that's my best subject, and I like sports (especially basketball)."

Pasha said she wasn't the only one learning something this summer: "Now my mom's helping me, too. She ... learned how to do some more math" because Pasha takes

"That's one thing the program

tries to do, teach parents who may

have limited skills themselves.

Every parent wants to be able to

help his or her children succeed."

Ken Mosely

South Carolina State teacher

drug-resistance and personal hygiene. Some of the older students come from group homes reserved for those in minor trouble with the law.

But even those children seem happy to knead plastic baggies of goo to make a Silly Putty-like blob of polymer.

Though much of the program centers on classroom instruction, Mosely and his staff manage to teach math and science through sports, too.

"If you want to teach somebody about vectors and angles, what better way than basketball?" he asks.

"We can really get them interested in percentages when they're making free-throw shots. (And they learn) what angle of release will help them to get the best shot."

Last year, about 40 National Youth Sports Programs nationwide emphasized math and science. This year, the NCAA-sponsored program has boosted that total to 100.

Like UNC-Chapel Hill, SCSU has offered programs for several years. This year, with about 450 children, SCSU is the first to emphasize math and science.

"Sports has the ingredients of teaching many other life skills," says Albert Neal, a clinical professor in the School of Public Health who administers USC's program.

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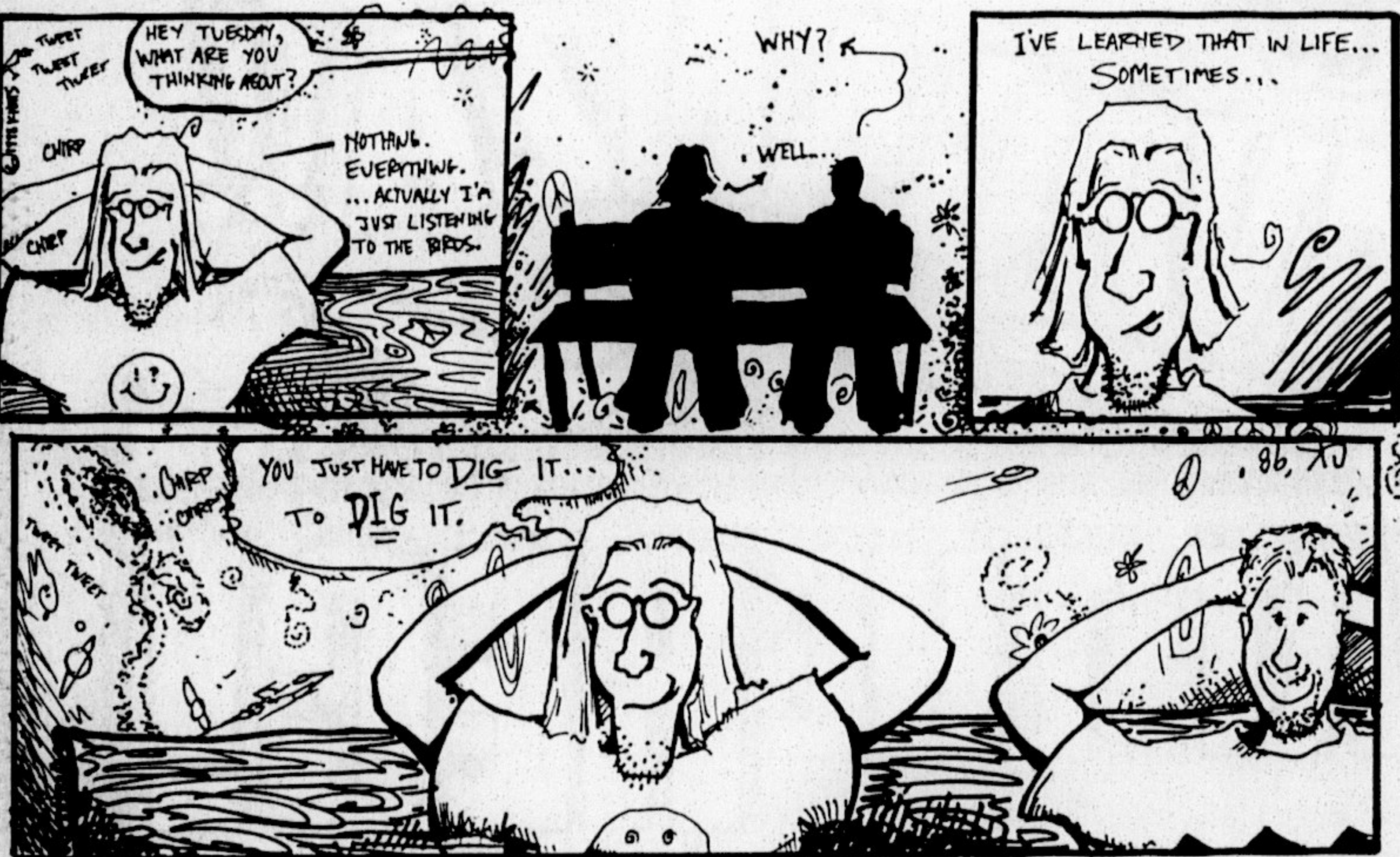
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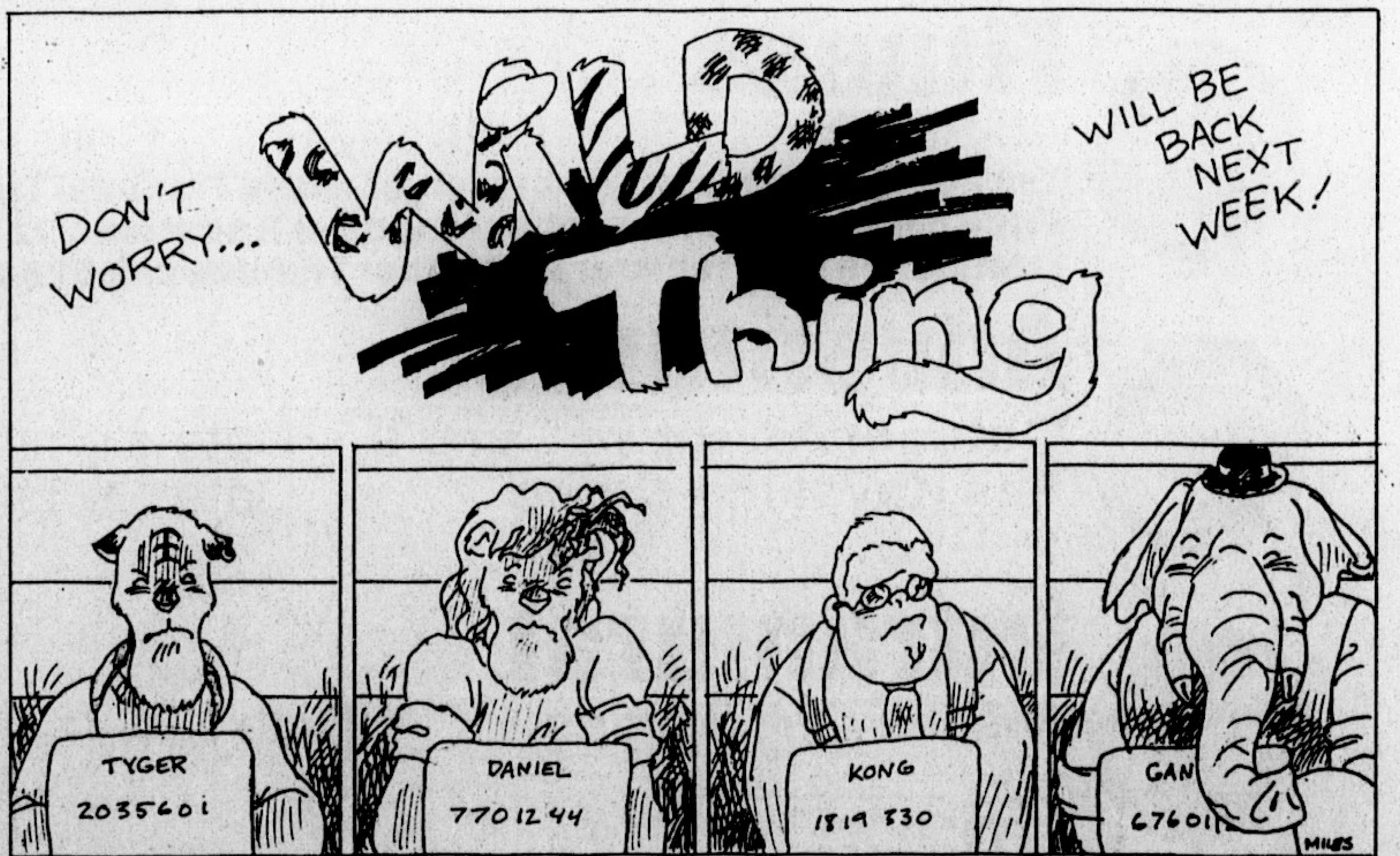
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