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Student Health Center offers free, confidential HIV/AIDS screening

Hurricane season under way



Brochures available from Red Cross

TK JONES

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

This year on average, 10 tropical storms are expected to develop over the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea or Gulf of Mexico. Of these, authorities say six will become hurricanes.

A tropical storm becomes a hurricane when winds and rains climb to 74 mph or higher, during the months of June through November. Years ago hurricanes would kill hundreds of people, throwing them to their deaths into the branches of trees and sides of buildings.

But today, because of radar, reconnaissance planes and communication lines, the paths of the storms can be detected early, and people are given ample time to prepare.

Though even with advanced technology, there is still reason for alarm.

"Coastline development has doubled in the last few years," said Dr. Steve Harper, assistant professor of geology. "So yes, we're able to track and forecast with more ease than before, but the population growth on the coast makes it (the benefits of foreknowledge) a two-edged sword."

Dr. Richard mauger, a professor of geology, said, "Most of the people living on the coast are from inland areas and are unaware of how to fully prepare for a hurricane. When it's time to evacuate, everybody's trying to 'get across the same bridge.'"

When a hurricane watch is announced, hurricane-like conditions are possible within 36 hours. When there's a hurricane warning, the time is reduced to 24 hours. While the surge affects the coastal areas, the after-effects causes inland flooding up to two weeks later.

The Pitt County Red Cross sends out advisories for residents to seek shelter in local schools before the storm strikes, and those who are unable should remain in their homes. Local weather channels broadcast the events of the storms and when it is safe to leave.

But access to this information requires access to electricity, often unavailable during severe storms.

Two years ago when hurricanes Fran and Bertha hit, Lowe's received 250 orders for generators. Though they increase their stock during hurricane season, not every-

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Estimated one in 500 students have virus

DEBBIE NEUWIRTH
STAFF WRITER

HIV/AIDS screenings are now offered free to students at the Student Health Center. It is estimated that 80 percent of college students are sexually active, and one in 500 has the HIV virus. The service will be available in the fall, and the process will be completely confidential.

"I hope that students will take advantage

of this, and confidentiality is assured," said Heather Zophy, health educator at Student Health.

Zophy said that if students have engaged in any kind of high risk behavior, they should be tested.

"If students have the virus and are living in an unhealthy way, it will make their immune systems weaker," Zophy said.

The process is simple. Students can call anytime to make an appointment to be



Heather Zophy
Health Educator
FILE PHOTO

screened. Then a nurse calls them to give information and to find out their knowledge on the disease. The student then goes for pretest counseling and blood is drawn. The students are given literature to look over, and come in approximately 10 days later for the results.

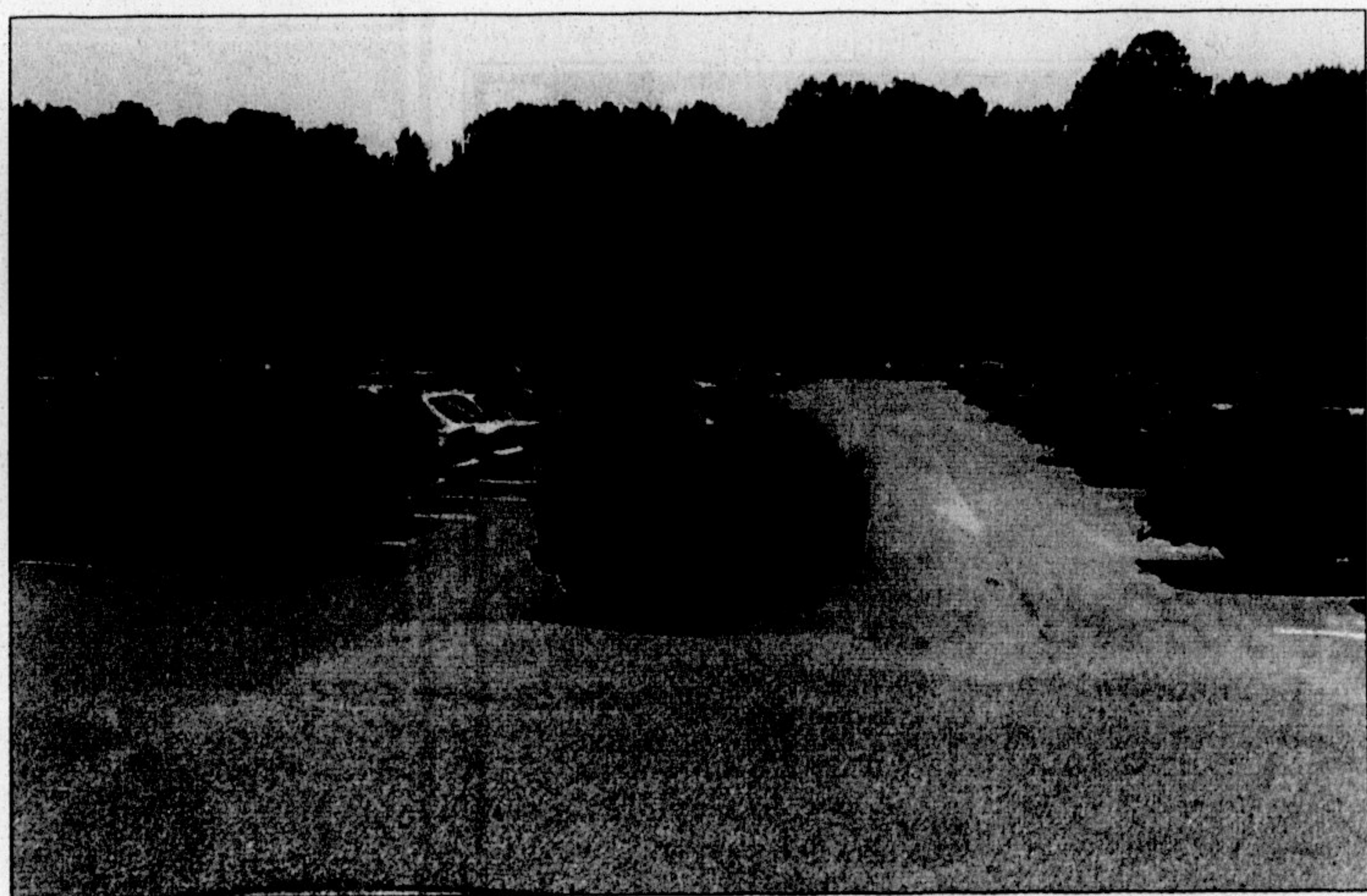
There is also post-test counseling, regardless of the results. With counseling, Health Services makes an effort to have the student counseled by the same person both times. Jolene Jernigan, director of clinical operations, has done detailed work with the Pitt County Health Department.

"We are an outreach of the Health Department, and they will be here with experienced counselors for post-positive

counseling," Jernigan said.

With all of the current medications, people with the HIV virus are living up to 20 years with medications. Since Student Health sees young and healthy people, it is suggested that students concentrate on making changes in their lifestyles if they are at risk.

Student Health will help with a student's medical needs as well as their mental health needs. If a student tests positive, the Health Department is notified and helps counsel the patient. Students' names are held confidential and are reported to the state only as a statistic. Since the virus is easily detected and is deadly, students are encouraged by Student Health to take advantage of this free service.



The commuter parking lot on College Hill Drive is one of many overcrowded lots students compete for spaces in everyday.
PHOTO BY MARC CRIPPEN

Summer parking changes may cause fall confusion

Metered parking heavily affected

CHRIS KNOTT'S
STAFF WRITER

Before you pull your car into your favorite parking space this fall you may want to double check the sign.

Over the summer, parking and Traffic Services made several changes in parking designations.

"Probably the biggest change on campus [for 1998] will be the relocation of some of the metered spaces," said Pat Gertz, director of parking and traffic.

Metered spaces north of Joyner Library have moved south, with the displaced staff going to the north. Two new metered spaces replace staff spaces east of Mail Services. The lot at Fifth and Harding becomes metered visitor, state vehicle and private parking. Parking on Beckwith Drive, Wright Circle and Founder's Drive east of Spilman converts to staff spaces resulting in a significant drop in congestion in

front of Wright auditorium. No new student spaces have been announced.

Gertz said the total number of spaces on campus as of March 23 are 7,295. There are 1,703 staff spaces, 876 resident, 1,103 commuter, 1,030 freshmen, 1,757 university registered and 99 metered spaces. The remaining spaces are allotted mostly for private, state and visitor use. Of the total spaces 1,928 are on core campus, 1,605 are on college hill, 1,264 are at Allied Health and 1,705 are athletic complex spaces. The Reade Street lots contain 793 spaces.

"Freshmen aren't supposed to park on campus during the week, but they do," said Nancy Roberson, appeals coordinator with parking and traffic services. "Then the resident whose space got taken parks in a staff space, and the resident gets a ticket."

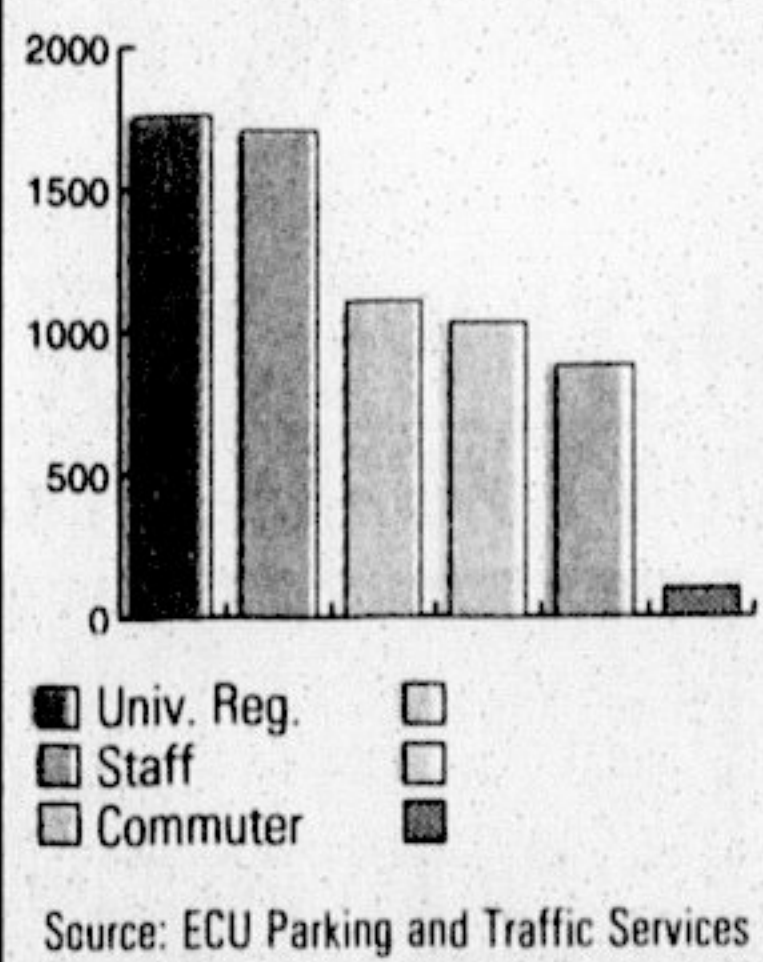
Roberson suggested that more education of freshmen and more use of the shuttles could help alleviate some tough parking situations. She also said that the staff at P&TS do everything they can to manage parking — more than just giving tickets.

"... We are hired to do a job which

Parking Changes

- Metered spaces north of Joyner Library move south and are now staff spaces
- Two new metered spaces replace staff spaces east of Mail Services
- Fifth and Harding Lot has become metered visitor, state vehicle and private parking spaces
- Parking on Beckwith Drive, Wright Circle and Founder's Drive east of Spilman will become staff spaces

Distribution of Parking Spaces as of March 23, 1998



Former professor to head Orchid Society

First to see Hoosier variety bloom

DEBBIE NEUWIRTH
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Francis Belcik, a retired biology professor, was named president of the Neuse River Orchid Society. He started growing moth orchids in 1991, and since then has been the first person to have a Hoosier Orchid bloom.

"Most orchids are tropical and live up in the branches of trees," Belcik said. "A few grow on rocks and others grow on the ground."

Moth orchids are white flowers with red stripes and red dots. Growing orchids is difficult in northeastern North Carolina due to changing climates. Some orchids live only a day, whereas some can last three to six months.

Belcik visited Indiana in 1991 and saw a Hoosier Orchid that had been crossed from two different species. They predicted the flower would be pink, but could not get it to bloom. After purchasing the orchid and returning home, the flower turned green with a

white lip. Being the first person to bloom this orchid, Belcik named it "Irish Star" (Epicat Citron Prism).

Belcik has done everything from collecting crystal bottles and disco clothing before he started growing orchids.

"I look for a new wrinkle in life. I have too many interests," Belcik said.

When a flower is named, the name is registered at the Royal Society in England. Besides being a gardener, a painter and a fisher, Belcik is involved in three orchid growing societies.

Orchid societies have many purposes. They teach knowledge of orchids, hold shows, and give rewards. Orchids can cost anywhere from five dollars up to 35 dollars. Blooming size is five inches and over. There are currently 56 species of orchids in North Carolina.

Anne Goodman is the treasurer for the Neuse River Orchid Society and enjoys many of the same hobbies as Belcik.

"I like to grow things better than anything else," Goodman said.

Goodman works for the non-profit organization where members display and sell their plants.



Former professor, Francis Belcik, displays his extensive, personal collection of orchids.
PHOTO BY MARC CRIPPEN

WEDNESDAY

TODAY
Thunderstorms
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low 67

TOMORROW
Thunderstorms
high 92
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Watch out for the meter maid. The signs have changed again.

4 Lifestyle



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Catch some waves.

When the cyber dust clears, check out TEC's new website at www.tec.edu

news briefs

across the state

University fixes health and safety violations on campus

DURHAM (AP) — North Carolina Central University has corrected all 130 health and safety violations the state Department of Labor found last fall, school officials said.

This fall students will return to a much safer campus than the one they left in the spring, said George Walls, assistant to the chancellor.

Sting Guard Christy Smith placed on injured reserve

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Charlotte Sting guard Christy Smith has been placed on the injured reserve list with a broken right finger, the team said Sunday.

The 5-foot-7 starter underwent surgery Saturday evening and is expected to miss three to four weeks.

across the nation

Saturn back at work, only operating GM assembly plant in U.S.

SPRING HILL, Tenn. (AP) — Saturn's 8,000 employees returned from their annual two-week summer vacation Monday, making their plant the only fully operating General Motors assembly plant in the United States.

Clinton to nominate election law specialist to head FEC

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will nominate Karl J. Sandstrom, a

Washington attorney specializing in election law, to serve as a commissioner of the Federal Election Commission, the White House announced Monday.



around the world

U.S. Army serviceman dies during training exercise

KUWAIT (AP) — A U.S. soldier died during a desert training exercise in Kuwait, the U.S. Embassy said Monday.

The soldier died Sunday; a preliminary medical evaluation indicated that his death was from natural causes, the embassy said in a statement.

Muggers terrorize women with snakes in India

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Muggers are using snakes to terrorize and rob women in downtown New Delhi, a newspaper reported Monday.

In the latest incident Saturday, three men thrust snakes at a woman in a taxi and demanded her money and jewelry, the Times of India reported. The woman, Roshni, turned the valuables over.

Hurricane

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one can afford \$500 for the basic style of generator. The Red Cross makes available brochures for survival kits and home preparations if electricity is unavailable.

"I do think people take them seriously and are not going to ride out a storm because they have seen the deadly effects of other hurricanes," said Amanda Ross, producer at WITN-TV News.

Parking

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involves enforcing regulations ... we don't make the rules, but we are paid to do a job," Roberson said. "We're humans too, with families and children. When we leave that job, we leave. There are truly people here who care about helping students. If someone has been towed or gotten a ticket, we really do everything we can to help."

crime scene

July 1

Larceny, Damage to Property — A staff member reported the lamp post on the southwest side of Taylor-Slaughter had been broken and a stone ash tray missing.

Larceny of Motor Vehicle — A student reported her vehicle stolen from the parking lot west of Minges.

24-hour Lockup - A student was put under 24-hour lockup at Pitt County Detention Center due to extreme intoxication.

Possession of Marijuana/Drug Paraphernalia - A student was issued a state citation and campus appearance ticket for possessing marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The contraband was discovered during a search of the vehicle after

the student was stopped for suspicious activity in the Reade Street lot. Another student was issued a campus appearance ticket.

July 2

Failure to Appear — A student of 144 Fleming Hall was arrested for failing to appear in court.

July 8

Communicating Threats — A staff member from Whichard reported an unknown female left a threatening message on her voice mail.

Felony Larceny — A staff member reported the larceny of two hammer drills from the electrical room in the east wing of Joyner Library.

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Blockbuster Pavillion at Charlotte

July 19 - Widespread Panic w/G love & Special Sauce, Guster and Leftover Salmon
July 25 - Culture Club w/Human League and Howard Jones
Aug. 14 - Newport Folk Festival

Cellar Door Companies

July 14 - Stabbing Westward w/God Lives Underwater @ Tremont Music Hall, Charlotte

Listen to the Retro Party every Friday from 8 until 12 to win Culture Club tickets.

Listen to the Roots Rock show every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 12 to win Widespread Panic & Newport Folk Festival tickets as well as throughout the day.

Be sure to check out the Widespread Panic remote in front of the Wright Place July 15 from 11 to 1 to win prize packets containing both Charlotte and Walnut Creek Widespread Panic tickets.

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Our View

You're driving. You're looking. You're searching. But, as usual, there are no parking spaces available. So you proceed to look for a meter spot next to the Spilman Building, but they are gone; they have been converted into STAFF parking spaces. But why?

The parking situation for the 1998 school year has undergone some changes. Many metered spaces in various locations have been changed to staff and many staff spaces in various locations have been changed to metered spaces. But — surprise, surprise — no new student spaces have been announced.

The metered spaces that were in front of Spilman have been moved. Have you found them yet? They are across the street. How are students supposed to know the meters have been moved across the street unless they're told? In this case, a sign would have been nice. Students who tried to park there before they read this weeks *TEC* now have costly tickets to pay. What person can read the mind of the parking officials on campus? What person can keep up with changes they're not told about? We might be college educated but in this case spell it out for us please. "Meter spots moved across the street." After all, some of us have been used to whipping into the same spots for four or more years.

The total amount of spaces on campus are as follows: 1,703 staff spaces, 876 resident spaces, 1,103 commuter spaces, 1030 freshman, 1,757 university registered and 99 metered spaces.

It seems to us that staff money means more to Parking and Traffic Services than the students' money; after all, without students, would there be a need for staff? Why is the staff increasingly being granted more parking spaces while students are left to fight it out in the side streets down by the river.

Maybe we students can think of the walking we have to do in a positive light. Statistics show that the average college students don't get enough activity and tend to live a sedentary lifestyle, so if you have to walk from your car just think you are burning away the calories and the fat. And we'll have those stories to tell our children someday — those "I had to walk 10 miles to school in the sweltering heat just to pay my tuition" sort of stories.

LETTER to the editor

Teach all religions if any at all

This letter is in response to Mr. Bennett's letter to the editor about how we shouldn't criticize Christians for their "faith." Mr. Bennett criticizes the column "church or State — Not Both," as an attack on Christians everywhere for it was suggested that if public schools were going to teach Christian views, then the schools should also teach other religious views so the students can make an informed choice.

He then reminds us that even if Christians are wrong the "have lived good, righteous lives," without sin (which he lists as: lying

cheating, adultery, stealing, murder, etc.) I could give an example of a Christian evangelist who lied, stole, and committed adultery, but I won't mention Jim Baker. I am referring to the Inquisition.

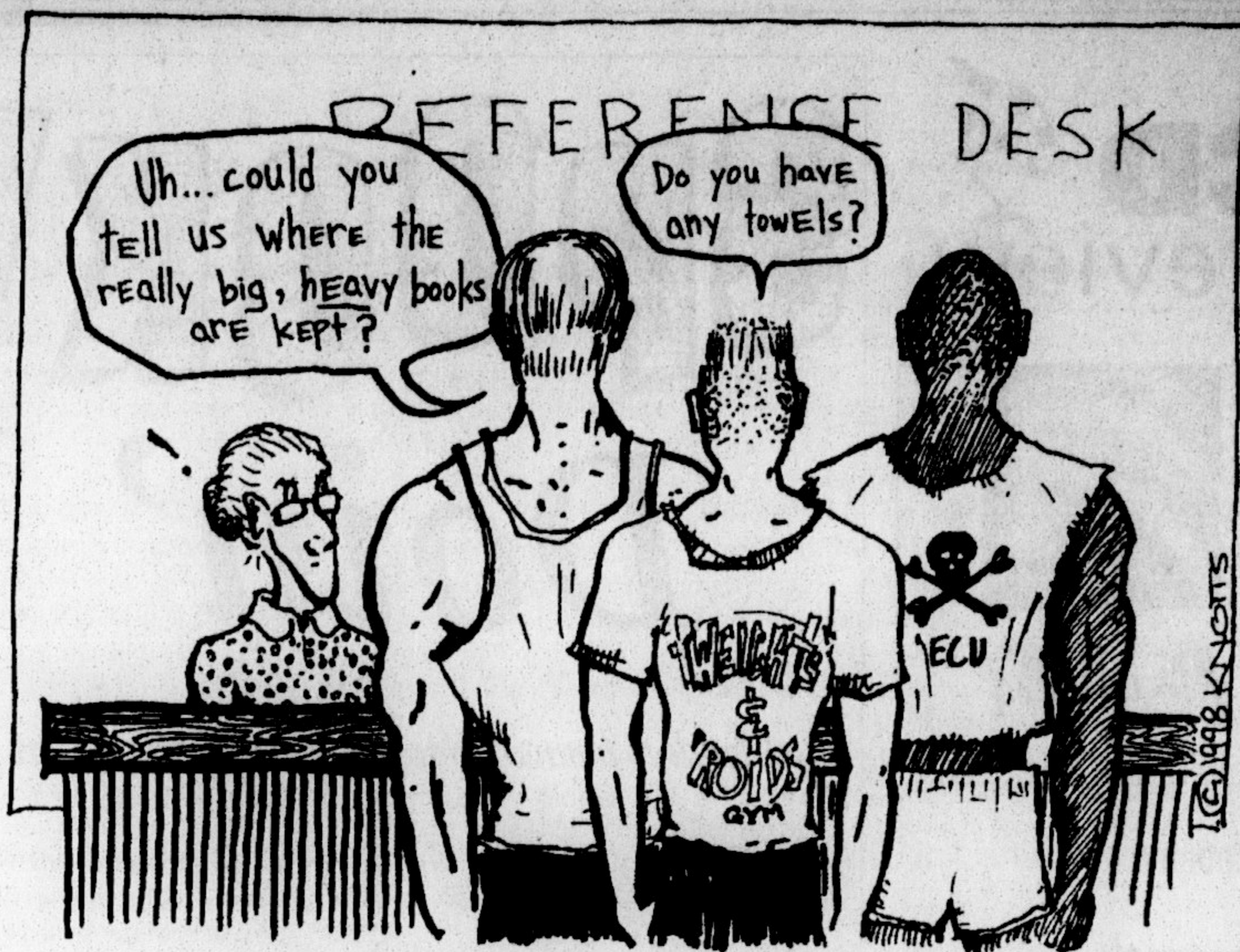
Traditionally, religions try to grab all the credit for everything good that happens for their god, and assign all the blame for everything that goes wrong to their assorted pantheons of "bad guys."

For nothing has caused more conflicts over the most trivial things than religions. Sometimes even different factions of the same faith try to oblivate each other

(Catholics and Protestants come to mind.) With so many love/peace-based religions out there, one would think we could stop fighting over who has the best religion.

In conclusion, we all have our own views concerning whether or not religion should be taught in the public schools or not, but if you teach one to be fair you need to give each religion equal time.

William F. Fairley V.
Confessional Hotline



OPINION Columnist

Stephen KLEINSCHMIT



ECU has always done a relatively good job at keeping crime low on campus. If you speed or park improperly, you'll be nailed to the wall. Too bad there is not as much consideration for serious crime such as theft, assault and vandalism.

Yes, I can spare a dime. And no, I am not going to give it to you. I know you hate it as much as I do.

You and some of your closest friends do the downtown thing and are hit up for money by a bum. I am tired of having some wasted bum sitting on the street corner wasting time by asking every person coming by if they have any money — which the bum will probably use in one of those downtown establishments anyway.

I am not a mean person. I have given money and donated time and effort for Christian Ministries, and to the annual Crop Walk. I am for helping the truly disadvantaged and needy. But I am tired of seeing Greenville and ECU being defiled by vagrancy and panhandling. Several of us have even been hit up on campus. I was walking to White Hall to see a friend of mine, and several students and I were hit up for cash by a bum on campus. This put us in an uncomfortable position. I talked to one of the student patrol guys and had the bum kicked off campus. I am not very tolerant of people who put me in an unsafe or uncomfortable position — especially on campus — and I am sure many of you aren't either.

So, what do we do? G-Ville's police are doing a better job downtown. The biggest problem is the associated crime with the area. Let's face it; there is almost a clearly drawn line between poverty and prosperity in Greenville, and we all know where it is. And it sucks going out to your car and having the back window broken and your stereo gone. It really bites when you come back from the weekend and find all your stuff gone from the house. The city needs to do more to protect the students. If it wasn't for the thousands of ECU students who come here each year, Greenville could be just another gas station on US 264.

ECU has always done a relatively good job at keeping crime low on campus. If you speed or park improperly, you'll be nailed to the wall. Too bad there is not as much consideration for serious crime such as theft, assault and vandalism. I think that we could improve the quality of life by spending our money on more student patrol officers, and less on idiotic million dollar musical clocks.

OPINION Columnist

Jeff BERGMAN



Sometimes big government is a vast, ineffective bureaucracy, but most often it is not.

My fellow college students, we need to dismantle the liberal programs that plague our great nation. The days of big government are over. The citizens of this country need a break from the Democrats' tax-and-spend policies.

The liberal virus that has attacked our nation has not lived up to its lofty goals. The first program that needs to be done away with is the public library system. This initiative is designed to encourage Americans to read. Remember, fel-

low citizens, a literate America is a bad America. With literacy comes knowledge. As the people of this great land gain some semblance of intelligence, they might see through our B.S. and actually vote with a brain, instead of listening to our snazzy attack commercials.

The next dead program walking should be the public school system. Get rid these federal, state and locally funded institutions. If you cannot afford to send children to school, do not have them.

State-run institutions of higher learning are the next social program on the guillotine. The public universities are nothing but breeding grounds for the liberal-minded fascists. (Amazing coincidence, isn't it? Someone goes to college to receive an education and they are branded a liberal. What does that make conservatives?)

Next the welfare programs in this country should be shot like an illegal immigrant crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. The only exceptions to the deforming of welfare should be the handouts that the truly poor receive: tax-breaks, grants and anything else billion dollar corporations want.

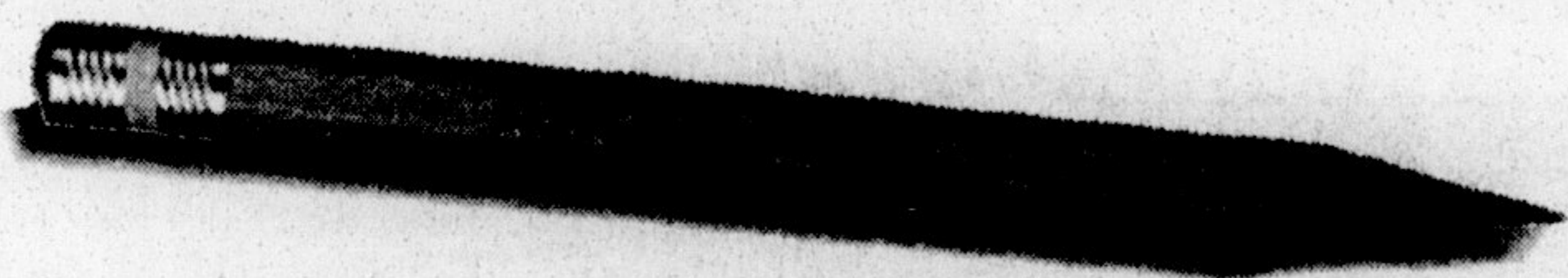
Included into the welfare extinction program are college loans and grants. If the population can not afford their children, they should be sent to Ethiopia. In this region of the world, according to Sally Struthers, only 17 cents is needed a day to feed and educate these children.

Sounds ludicrous; right? The above is a cynical look at how the "conservatives" in this country talk about the big, bad, evil, federal government. Sometimes big government is a vast, ineffective bureaucracy, but most often it is not.

Highway construction, rural electricity, law enforcement, military, public schools, the FDA, FAA, FEMA — these are a few examples of your government working for you.

Perhaps you despise the people who can't pull themselves up by their bootstraps and stop living off the government. The answer to that belief is simple: drop out of school. Remember, if you attend ECU, you are receiving a type of welfare program. North Carolina picks up the tab for your tuition from where your grants, loans or individual payments leave off.

Write a Letter to the Editor

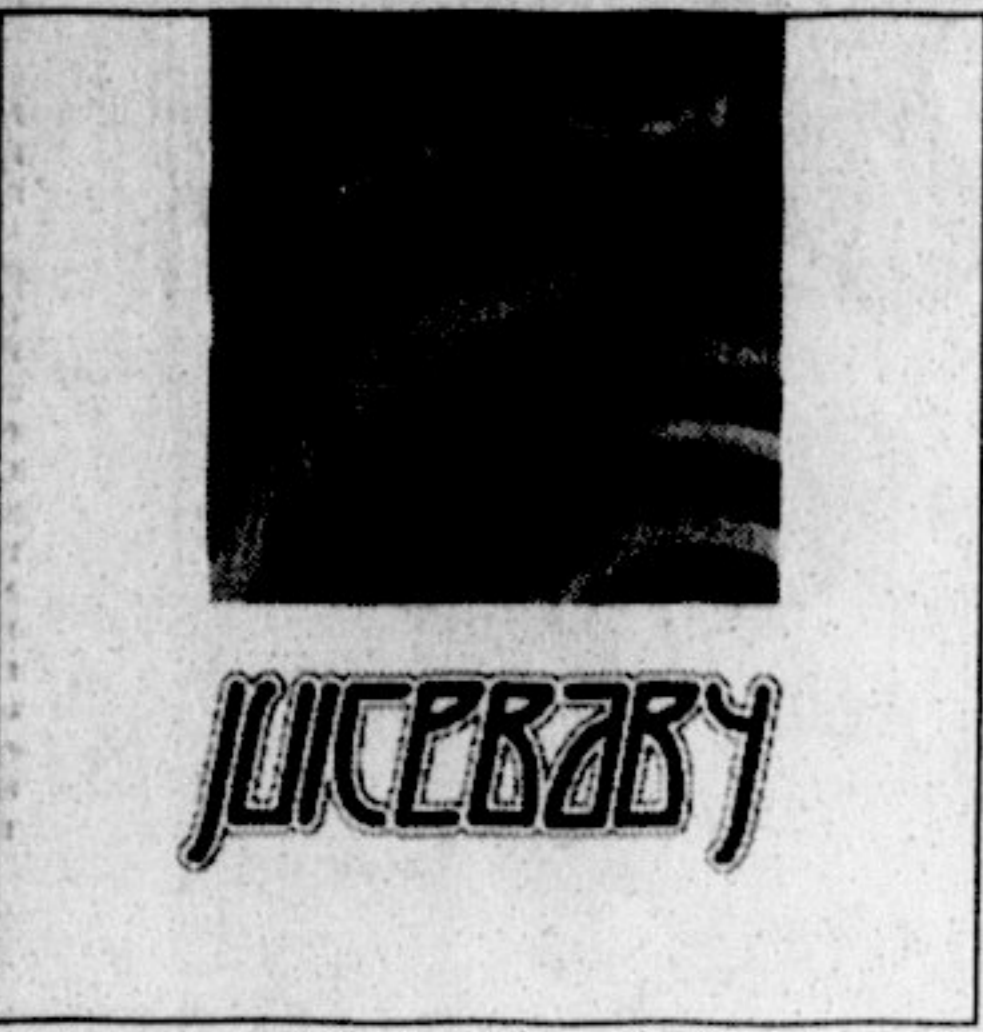


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George W. Starcher, university president, 1968

CD review



Juicebaby

Babyteeth

6 OUT OF 10

JENNIFER LEGGETT
SENIOR WRITER

It's exciting when a fresh, young local band releases their first CD. Still new to the ins and outs of the business, the first CD allows a band to practice, experiment and learn. You could say it's like watching a baby take its first steps.

Appropriately, local act Juicebaby is one such band. The lineup includes Jon Gott on lead vocals, Jon Lauterer on guitar and accompanying vocals, Randy Miller on bass and Dallas Owenby on drums. All four originally hail from Asheville and met in high school. But because half of the band was at ECU and the other half at Western Carolina, Juicebaby was not officially together until last May when Gott and Owenby relocated to Greenville.

After only three weeks of rehearsing together, they made a demo and started playing shows around Greenville, Nags Head, Raleigh and Chapel Hill. Passing out demo tapes over the past year must have worked pretty well because these four guys were able to play enough gigs to horde up enough money to cut their debut CD *Babyteeth*.

For a first effort, this eight-song CD puts the band out there as a serious contender against a big pile of bands who flood clubs with tapes in a desperate attempt to get bookings. Careful consideration was given to the title of their debut disc as was the jacket art. For the cover of their disc, Juicebaby decided to use excerpts from a painting of recent ECU Art School grad Brian Buchanan. This painting of a tooth with wings adds a humorous punch to the funny theme of baby teeth and first experiences.

Although the freshness of Juicebaby's talent can't go unnoticed, it does seem that they can't make up their mind in which direction to take their music. The intro to the first song on the disc is reminiscent of Joan Jett's "I Love Rock and Roll" yet ends with an unenthusiastic chant of their band name.

The second song, "Jest Joshin," is catchier but conflicts with the first in that it has a Zeppelin feeling about it due in parts to guitar work and the lead singer's Plantesque voice.

On first listen, "Toss Da Bottle" mimics the reggaeish "Pass the Dutchie" by the 80's group Musical Youth. However, the guitar and bass are interestingly paired for a more funky sound. The best parts of the song are when Lauterer and Gott are both

Ghosts

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SPOOKY Doin'

A guide to haunted places in Eastern North Carolina

MICCAH SMITH
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Summer is the time when most students have the least to do, and we all tend to take the occasional road-trip during this time in search of relief from boredom.

But when the beach gets old, camping in the woods seems less than appealing and screaming down the highway trailing beer cans and Little Debbie wrappers at 70 miles per hour with no particular goal in sight seems like just a waste, maybe it's time to rethink your travel plans.

If you agree, and if you have the nerve, now's the time to take a brave friend, a blanket and a map, and turn your headlights into the swirling mists of legend that surround the nearby North Carolina Piedmont and coast.

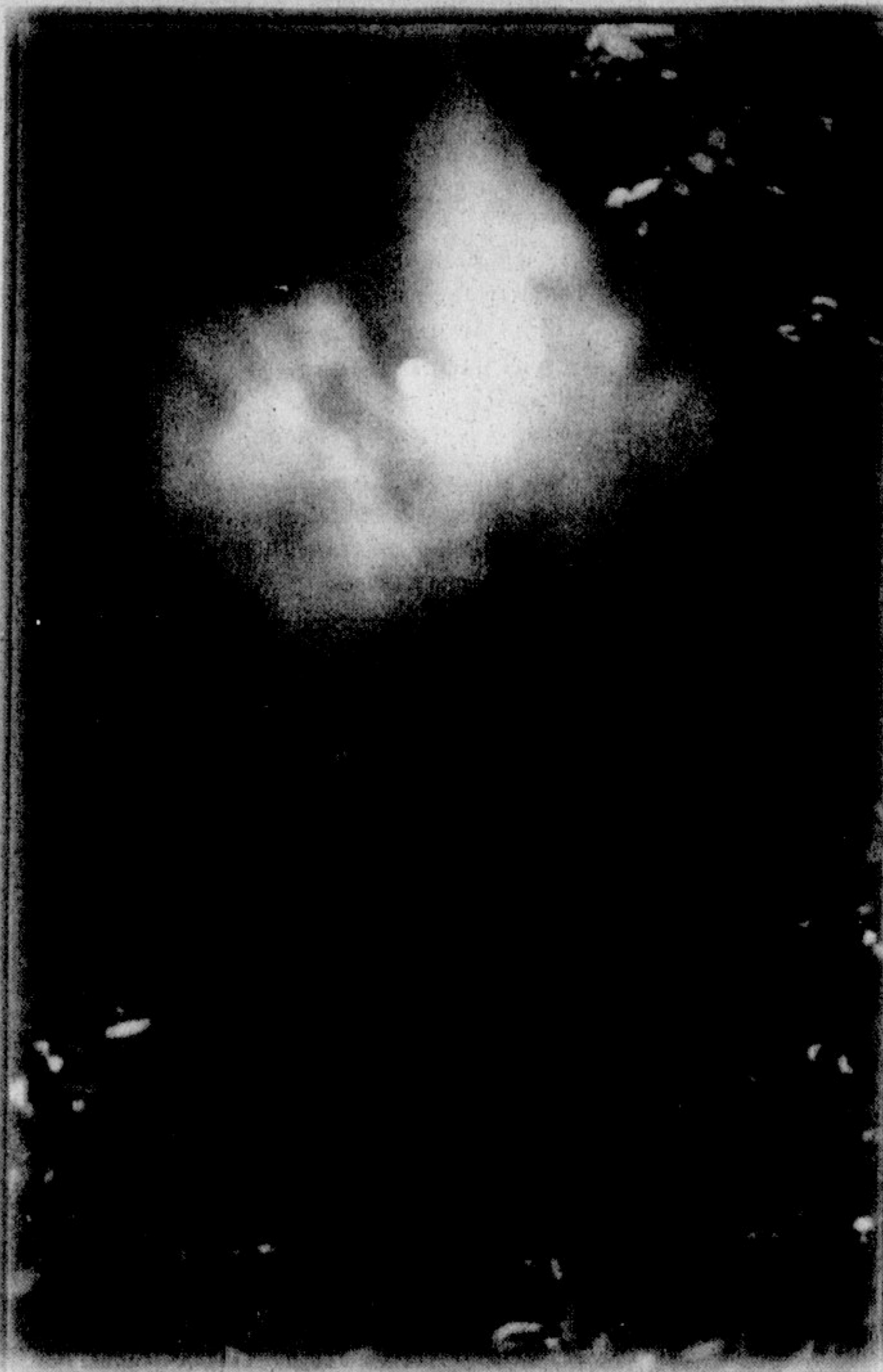
Scores of haunted or mysterious

places exist in Eastern North Carolina for the gutsy tourist who's willing to stay up past bedtime for a gander at the unknown. Maybe a chill up your spine is just what you need.

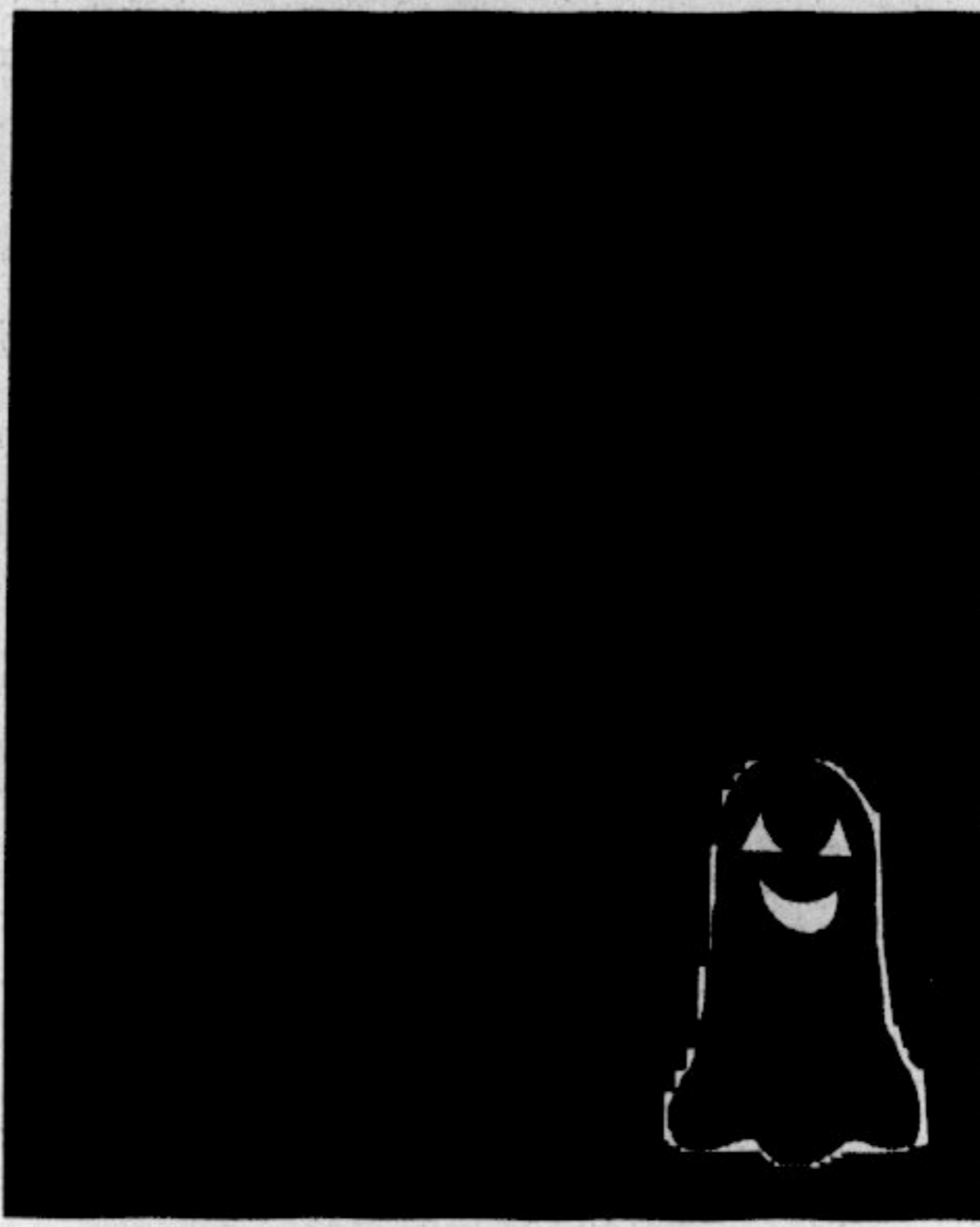
The Lights at Maco Station — Perhaps the best place in Eastern North Carolina to actually see paranormal phenomena, Maco station is famous

for its legend of Joe Baldwin's ghost, who can be seen swinging its lantern up and down a stretch of train tracks as he searches for his head. Baldwin, a caboose flagman, was decapitated while trying to prevent two trains for crashing into each other one night in 1867. President Grover Cleveland is one of the countless people who have witnessed the apparition, which used to manifest on a fairly consistent basis. The tracks have been removed, but there is still a good chance to see Baldwin's lantern. Maco Station is located 14 miles west

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Who knows what evil lurks in Eastern North Carolina?
PHOTO BY JASON FEATHER



Genre revisited during recent years

MARK BRETT
SENIOR WRITER

I was on my fifth glass of scotch when the idea hit me. Since I hadn't written a story in a while, it wasn't very good scotch, but it got the job done. The idea, though, the idea was a good one. I'd write an article on film noir, and put this first-person narration I was spewing out to good use...

My first experience with the noir genre was as a kid, catching *The Maltese Falcon* on some late-night movie show. I didn't know to call it noir then, of course, but I responded to the tough, cynical edge of the film nonetheless.

The *Falcon*, with its morally-neutral hero Sam Spade, is a good place to start. Film noir (or, roughly translated, "dark film") is a genre preoccupied with the dark side of human nature. Noir heroes are typically touched by that darkness in some way, and often wrestle with their own baser instincts while trying to fight the good fight. Tough, cynical and generally pessimistic, film noir dramas have little to do with sweetness and light.

Cinematically, noir films tend to be dark and moody, as well. Style is everything in a successful noir production; shadows are dominant and the image itself becomes just as compelling as the story. The interplay of shadow and light on-screen reflects the struggle going on within the characters' hearts.

Even if all of this sounds for-

cign, odds are that the average movie-goer has seen at least one noir film. If you've ever seen a movie with Humphrey Bogart, Edward G. Robinson or Robert Mitchum playing a tough guy, it could probably be classified as noir. Films like *Casablanca*, *Gaslight*, *Black Angel*, *Cape Fear* and *The Big Sleep* are all classics of noir; if you've seen them, you know noir.

Even if you're one of those philistines who refuses to watch anything in black and white,



Bogie smokes it 'cause he's got it in the *Maltese Falcon*.
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you've probably seen a noir film at some time. The genre, which all but disappeared in the technicolor '60s, has made a big comeback in recent years.

The most obvious and successful examples of modern noir are the films of Quentin Tarantino. *Reservoir Dogs*, *Pulp Fiction* and *Jackie Brown* are all noir films, in subject matter if not in style. Aside from his trademark snappy dialogue and time-twisting story structure, Tarantino's films are all about the darker side of human nature. Though he doesn't play around with shadow that much, preferring Hitchcock-like camera tricks for style, Tarantino's films have done more to popularize film noir than anything since the

Maltese Falcon back in 1931.

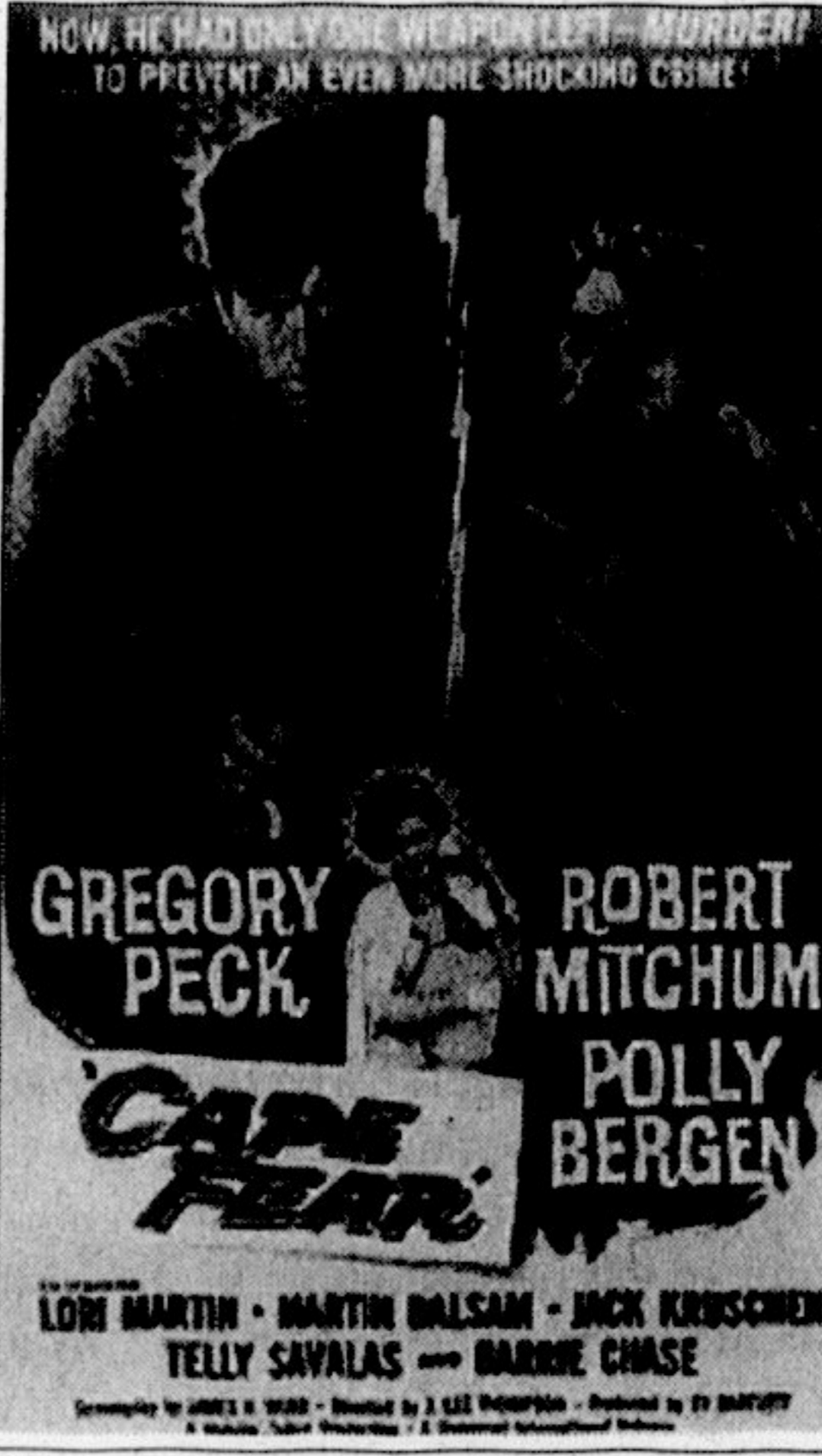
The popularity of Tarantino has launched a boatload of modern noir, including such films as *Killing Zoe*, *Devil in a Blue Dress* and the recent *U-Turn* and *Palmetto*. Though none of these films copy Tarantino's style, they all evoke the noir mood, and may not have been made without the success of Tarantino's work.

Also following in Tarantino's wake was Brian Singer's excellent *The Usual Suspects*. This film is already considered a modern noir classic, boasting a wonderful performance by Kevin Spacey and a plot so complicated it may take a couple of viewings to unravel completely. If you haven't seen it, do so immediately.

Similarly, every movie fan should also see *Miller's Crossing*. A gangster film put together by the Coen brothers (of *Fargo* and *Raising Arizona* fame), *Miller's Crossing* spins the gangster/tough guy movie off in new directions. Without giving too much away, the film concerns itself with a complex web of lies, infidelity, and murder;



Gabriel Byrne gets bitch-slapped in *Miller's Crossing*.



all the ingredients for great noir. And if you didn't catch the homosexual subtext, go back and watch it again; you missed the whole point.

And, of course, there's the noirest of noir films, *Seven*, a film so cloaked in shadow that whole scenes are in peril of being swallowed whole by the darkness. I have seldom seen a movie so utterly pessimistic and depressing. The statements *Seven* makes about the ugly side of human nature and the numbness of life in modern America are enough to make even the happiest person contemplate putting a gun to his head. I love it.

And the modern noir list goes on. *The Crow* is supernatural noir. *Blade Runner* is sci-fi noir. *Highlander* is fantasy noir. *The Professional* and *La Femme Nikita* are French noir. *Hard Boiled* is Chinese noir. Hell, even *The X-Files* is noir of some sort.

They're all fine films, and quite compelling in their long stare into the abyss. Check them out, and remember to keep to the shadows.

concert review

Fogerty's money in Va. Beach

Performance truly beautiful — truly

ANDY TURNER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

The summer concert season consistently brings out old farts who decide to reunite for that "one last tour" (until next summer), so — similar to *Weekend at Bernie's*, except they're only half dead and Andrew McCarthy's not around — they drag themselves across the outdoor venues of America. It's a fair trade, you see: you give them all your money and they give you back your memories.

Memory-maker John Fogerty, touring in support of his latest effort, *Premonition*, rolled into the GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater last Thursday night and was met with a highly enthusiastic crowd of money makers willing to give their dough to him. Fogerty, however, was more than willing to earn his money, playing for more than two hours and nearly going through the entirety of his repertoire.

Is Fogerty any different from the rest of the money-hungry whores? Well, yes and no. Of course he wants to make money, but Fogerty actually still possesses plenty of talent worth forking out money to witness. He certainly ranks with the best of American songwriters, rock and roll or otherwise.

It doesn't seem go too far to put Fogerty next to Chuck Berry and Hank Williams in the select group of songwriters so effectively capable of conveying, through words and music, very American notions of rebellion and romanticism, from the street hustlers of his "Down on the Corner" to the narrator of "Fortunate Son" standing firm against hypocrisy.

After years of battling with his former record company, Fantasy Records, Fogerty is finally able to play all his songs, including those he did with Creedence Clearwater Revival. The crowd nearly boiled over as he performed classic CCR songs like "Looking Out My Back Door," "Green River," "Who'll Stop the Rain" and "Bad Moon Rising," as well as songs from his early solo career like "The Old Man Down the Road" and "Centerfield."

In addition to being a wonderful songwriter, Fogerty is also a tremendous guitarist, which he proved over and over again throughout the night; he also showed his prowess with the slide guitar, which he used to perform a brief, toned down set of songs from his last album, *Blue Moon Swamp*.


Fogerty played tribute to late rockabilly performer Gene Vincent, a native of Norfolk, with a cover of "Be-Bop-A-Lula." He inducted Vincent into the Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame earlier this year. Fogerty and his quite-capable backing band also tore through a cover of Hank Williams' "Jambalaya" much to the crowd's approval.

After two hours of working hard for his money, Fogerty concluded the evening with three of his most well known and hardest-driving CCR songs, "Proud Mary," "Fortunate Son" and "Travelin' Band." By that time, very few members of the audience were still sitting

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of Wilmington.

The Cutlar Farm Hoofprints — Although not technically ghostly, these hoofprints have remained unchanged for over 150 years and were supposedly left by Jesse Cutlar's horse at the moment of his death. Cutlar hit his head on a tree limb and was killed during a race. No plant life will grow in the prints and hogs will not eat out of them. Ed Cutlar owns the property, which is located one mile west of Bath.

The Devil's Tramping Ground — Like the hoofprints, this 40-foot circle of sterile dirt in Chatham County, west of Siler City, will not sustain plant growth of any kind. Hunting dogs will give up a chase rather than cross it. Objects left inside the circle are mysteriously removed before morning. The ultimate dare: spend the night in the circle.

Dromgoole's Castle — Gimgoul Castle, which is its real name, may not be truly haunted, but the legend is worth knowing, and the castle itself, located on the UNC campus, worth seeing. Near the castle is a large rounded rock on which there are bloodstains from a duel in 1832. Peter Dromgoole was killed here by a rival for the love of a Chapel Hill girl named Fannie, and his body buried beneath the rock for 60 years.

Hammock House — In the 1700s this Beaufort house was a famous hangout of sea captains and other socially important people from the coastal area. Now blobs of ghostly light and the sounds of men sword fighting float from room to room. Old bloodstains which darken on humid nights, will not come out of the floors, even after repeated scrubbing. The house is on Cape Lookout off of U.S. Highway 70, and faces the Beaufort Inlet.

singing, leaving the hopes that Lauterer will vocalize more often.

"Dishboy" was cool and the most pulled-together song on the disc so far. It had cool grooves and a pretty good break down in the middle. Their instrumentation on this was more than competent.

The most musical of the selections was "Black Eyed Pete." This song has the potential to be awesome and actually is when they play it live. However, on disc the tentative nature in which Gott sings needs to be pushed to where he can get really loud.

A ska, funk, metal, new wave blend is the best way to describe Babyteeth. Though they are still reaching and experimenting, Juicebaby's first CD is a solid and impressive first effort. The music was tight and together and it was evident in every song that these guys practice and take their music seriously. As Juicebaby says themselves in "All About Me," "it's all good." And it is.

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"Hatteras sticks out off shore probably 30 miles," Newkirk said. "So its waves are usually the best on the eastern side of the country."

Also influential are storms' consistency in journeying from west to east. The Pacific is thus more vulnerable to prospective swells that don't easily decrease in size. The continental shelf, which in Wrightsville Beach juts out as far as 100 miles, constitutes as well to the eastern inhibition to receive powerful surfing conditions.

Regardless of these facts, the Pacific should not be viewed as patronizing since, to surfers like Newkirk, there is still potential in the east to capture some waves.

"After I surfed bigger waves like the hurricane swells that hit Hatteras, I began to form this interpersonal relationship with the ocean and was in love with just riding waves," Newkirk said.

"But at the same time, feeling the mist in my face, the hot sun drying

my back, the purity of the water—the whole scene was like delving into a larger sense of self."

Characteristic of this sport is the idea that diversity is the key feature, whether a surfer randomly rides the ocean or considers it a habitual, spiritual practice. It can be both conservative and radical, vehement and graceful, but it undoubtedly reflects a surfer's style and their way of maneuvering in a world that was supposedly not designed for man.

Surfing Myths

Number 3

Surfing helps a cold.
False: Nasal conditions caused by allergies improve once a surfer is in the ocean and away from pollens and toxins. And some specialists treat ear, nose and throat sinus problems by flushing them with simple salt water, so while this happens continuously during surfing, it seems to cure a cold.

Source: Surfer

Lockout
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ing the failing, much maligned three-year rookie salary cap. Under the 25/30 cap, players under the age of 25 could only make a 20 percent increase every year on 1998's average of highest paid rookies (\$3.36 million), no matter where they played. That way, smaller teams don't have to worry about losing a young player to another team due to money, as the player won't be able to get any more from another team than his own could give him. Also, teams don't have to pay untried, unproven-rookies exorbitant sums of money just to keep them around.

When the player turns 25 years old, he becomes an unrestricted free agent and can try to get top dollar on the market. By now, teams know what to expect of the player and are either willing to dole out the big-time bucks or not give him an over-inflated contract (hello, Yinka Dare).

For the players, things get sweeter when they turn 30. Along with being an unrestricted free agent, teams other than the player's current one can disregard the salary cap and spend all they want. The proven veterans would be the ones making all the money, not untried, inexperienced rookies who only offer promise, and the owners would love that. So would the players and the 25 and over age group that makes up 75 percent of the league. An additional good point of the 25/30 cap is that high school and college kids would tend to stay in school more, as they won't be able to make the big money until they're 25 years old.

So, players and owners, hurry up and get this unpleasantness over with quickly and maybe we'd be willing to forget this incident ever happened.

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