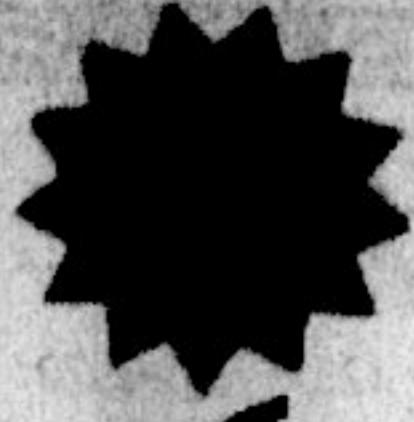




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ECU swings into the next generation of dance
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African-American students often feel invisible on campus

Blacks say campus attitude often one of indifference

Editor's Note: This article is the first of an ongoing look at race relations at ECU.

TOMMY YARBOROUGH
STAFF WRITER

ECU has made great strides toward drawing more black students to campus.

In a recent article concerning race relations in the "Daily Reflector," some blacks feel they are invisible at ECU.

"ECU has done a good job of recruiting (African-American) students," said gradu-

ate student Adrian Cox. "But, they've got to go further than just getting numbers."

Since 1963, when Laura Marie Leary became the first African-American student enrolled full time at ECU, the ranks have expanded to a 1998 enrollment of 2,160 which is about 12 percent of the student body.

Brian Haynes, assistant vice chancellor for Student Life and director of Minority Student Affairs, said there are about 17 university-recognized organizations geared toward black students.

"That number has dramatically increased over the past few years," Haynes said.

But, according to some blacks, that is not enough.

"From my perspective, I think that the climate is one of a bit of indifference," Cox said, noting that his observation applies to both black students and the university officials.

Rushane Jones, a junior studying political science, says he came to ECU from a mostly white high school, so he was accustomed to being the minority in a class of, say 30 students. Jones said that this is also the case in many classes at ECU.

But for black students who come from high schools where the racial mix is more even, ECU can be quite overwhelming.

"They don't know how to take it," Jones said. "We lose a lot of them that way."

Cox suggests that, left to their own devices, students from different ethnic and racial backgrounds "self-segregate," driven by a natural need to gravitate to those people who look like them.

English professor Reginald Watson points out what he considers one of the main problems on campus.

"Number one, minority faculty," he said, citing the disproportionate num-

ber of black students to African-American faculty members.

In the fall of 1997, when black students made up nearly 12 percent of the student

body, black faculty members accounted for 40 teachers, not quite 3.5 percent of the full and part-time faculty roster.

"So there is a lack of what you might call role models," Watson said.

"The reason for more faculty members," he said, echoing Cox's remarks, "is that students want to search out someone who looks like them."

That becomes especially true when students might be facing their first time away from home in a potentially high-pressure environment, Watson said.

"ECU needs to have more activities that integrate more segments of the population on campus," said Watson. "That way, you have more interaction."



Students congregating outside of Fletcher Hall.
PHOTO BY SARAH CHRISTIE

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Faircloth prepared for court

Former Playhouse manager goes to trial

KRISTY DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Former ECU Playhouse manager Gary Faircloth is prepared to go to trial Feb. 22 for the embezzlement charges brought against him last June.

Faircloth, an employee of the university since 1987, pleaded not guilty on four felony counts of embezzlement and one count of forgery related to the embezzlement of funds from the East Carolina Theater Fund.

Faircloth's court date was set during his arraignment in the Pitt County Superior Court.

Faircloth, 47, is accused of embezzling over \$23,000 from the fund and was fired from the university on July 31.

According to reports, ECU closed the theater foundation account and transferred the remaining balance of approximately \$70,000 to its main fund raising arm, the ECU Foundation, when suspicions arose.

According to Ben Irons, attorney for ECU, all evidence regarding the case has been handed over to the SBI.

"I am not actively involved with the case, but the district attorneys office is working with the SBI and the prosecution on the case," Irons said.

SBI agents filed the charges after an ECU probe discovered differences in the foundation's books.

Faircloth's replacement, Jeffrey Woodruff, managing director of the East Carolina Playhouse, said he came after Faircloth was gone. He is not involved in what is going on with the case and Faircloth only knows what he has heard and read in the paper.

In addition to pleading not guilty, Faircloth waived a probable cause hearing and denied accusations and charges against him.

Preacher's annual visit sparks heated debates

Birdsong's insights enrage students

ERICA SIKES
STAFF WRITER

The mall preacher Gary Birdsong came again this year to speak to a full crowd of enraged and inspired spectators.

On Feb. 11, 1999, students gathered around to carry on the spring tradition. Gary Birdsong, an annual visitor of ECU could be found on the mall with a crowd surrounding him.

Many witnesses to Birdsong's testimony and evangelism have seen a handful of outrageous accusations and judgments. When junior Michael Smith inquired about Birdsong's credentials, he replied that he was a graduate of Christ to the Nations Bible College in Dallas, Texas. Birdsong has no official ministerial certification and is non-denominational. He specializes in campus ministry.

ECU is one of the top schools on Birdsong's list to reform because of its party-school reputation. However, that was not his only pet peeve. He adamantly protested many touchy subjects including abortion, homosexuality and interracial marriages.

"I don't think it's wise," Birdsong said when asked his opinion on interracial dating.

He claims that it causes confusion within the family, thus disrupting the balanced structure of the family.

Birdsong proceeded to give his advice by declaring that women should be subservient to their husbands.

When attacked by the female crowd, Birdsong replied, "When you meet a man

like me, you'll want to submit also."

Birdsong also believes that a true Christian should be intolerant to homosexuals, non-Christians and "those who sit in hell's fire."

One of Birdsong's main doctrines is that it is man's duty to make righteous judgments. According to Internet research on the Satanic Bible, it is one of the satanic commandments to judge.

Birdsong's theories also include areas as far-fetched as the decline of males' grades as a result of masturbation. He is also quick to denounce the females standing in the crowd wearing shorts and tank tops.

"Women are emotional and will believe anything," Birdsong said. "All they do is nag, nag, nag."

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Gary Birdsong
Visiting Evangelist

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Carrie Thornton, an elementary education major quickly refuted Birdsong's preaching.

In defense of the students at ECU, Thornton said, "God is a God of wrath, but God is a God of love. God doesn't want his word screamed at his people, he wants it presented with love."

When asked if he would be returning to ECU, Birdsong's response was "I'm going back to Chapel Hill. That's where the queers are."



Female student in the middle of campus refuting Birdsong's passionate preaching.
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Coke, Pepsi battle for exclusive high school contract



Steve Midgette, junior philosophy major and Joe Hakooz, junior communications major, buy the universities only choice, Pepsi. (left to right)

PHOTO BY MIKE JACOBSEN

Pilot program set up in six schools

DEVON WHITE
STAFF WRITER

Once again Coca-Cola and Pepsi are at war, but this time it's for an exclusive high school agreement.

The Pitt County Board of Education voted to set

up a pilot program in six schools to test three soft drink vendors. Pepsi, Coca-Cola and Dennis Foods will compete to see which one earns the most money.

For the past year, the school board has been exploring whether an exclusive agreement with one vendor or a competitive market would better serve the county's 19,600 students.

"The success or failure of the pilot project will determine the next step the school board will take," said Public Information's Officer

Barry Gaskins.

In November, representatives of Coke, Pepsi and Dennis Foods went before the school board's Finance Committee to pitch the merits of an exclusive contract with their companies.

After hearing from each company, the committee discussed the idea of establishing test runs in a few schools to measure each vendor's performance. The committee recommended to a full board on

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news briefs

SURVIVORS OF SKI GONDOLA TRAGEDY COME TO U.S. SEEKING JUSTICE

ATLANTIC BEACH, N.C. (AP) — Walking barefoot in the white sand by the gently rolling Atlantic surf, Marina Renkewitz tries to forget for a moment why she is here.

When a U.S. Marine Corps jet sliced through the cable of an Italian ski gondola a year ago, Uwe was killed, along with the Renkewitzes' 23-year-old daughter, Mandy, and her fiancé. With her surviving daughter, Sindy, Mrs. Renkewitz has joined family members of other victims who came to Camp Lejeune for the court-martial of the pilot, Capt. Richard Ashby.

MAN CHARGED IN OFF-DUTY OFFICER'S SHOOTING

FAYETTEVILLE — A third suspect was arrested here Saturday in connection with the shooting of an off-duty Lillington police officer in a convenience store.

Jabon Phillip Johnson, 20, of Fayetteville was arrested by a Fayetteville police officer who noticed a man matching the suspect's description. Johnson was taken into custody for Lillington police.



HOT RACE IF MRS. CLINTON RUNS

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the impeachment trial over, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will give serious thought to running for the Senate from New York next year, senior White House officials said Sunday. Democrats and Republicans alike predicted a terrific race if she steps in.

SHARPTON CRITICAL OF MAYOR'S ROLE

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rev. Al Sharpton chastised Mayor Rudolph Giuliani on Saturday for trying to "duck his responsibility" in the death of a West African immigrant shot 19 times by police.

During a meeting at the National Action Network in Harlem, Sharpton repeated his call for the mayor to suspend four plainclothes officers from an elite police unit that gunned down Amadou Diallo with 41 shots.



IRAQ SAYS IT HAS ABILITY TO ATTACK U.S., BRITISH BASES ABROAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Iraqi government declared Sunday that it could attack American and British bases in the Gulf that are used to launch airstrikes against Iraq.

"We, by help from God and support from the sons of our glorious Arab nation including true and sincere nationals ... in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have the ability to attack the sources and means of aggression from whatever region," Iraqi television said, quoting a statement from President Saddam Hussein and senior leaders.

The statement came amid a simmering war of nerves with the United States and Britain over "no-fly" zones imposed in northern and southern Iraq.

Minority

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Something as simple as a university-sponsored party that plays a wide array of music could be a crossroad where minority and white students mix and learn about one another, he said.

Watson wants the university officials to say, through some gesture or another, "we want you; we value you; we want your contributions."

Not all black students agree that the university is at fault.

"The problem is not the university," said an anonymous black senior student. "It's the black students. From what I see, blacks here alienate themselves. What else can the university do to integrate the students? We have casino nights, Mardi Gras, Barefoot on the Mall, intramural games, two huge cafeterias and a big-ass recreation center for students to meet and learn about each other."

"A lot of the white kids came here from private schools or predominantly white schools," he added. "They have little or no

blacks. Most African-Americans who are in college, with the exception of some inner-city kids, had to except being a minority throughout their scholastic careers, so why do they think that college will be any different? College is a place where educated people come to further their own careers, not to sit around and complain about the black/white ratio at a social gathering."

Pepsi

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February 8, that the three soft drink handlers each try out their products at one high school and an accompanying middle school, allowing equal competition among the companies.

According to Public Information Officer Barry Gaskins, the test will determine factors such as commission rates, profit margins, customer satisfaction, the mechanics of vending machine placement and accessibility.

After receiving the OK from the school board the internal soft drink committee will now develop a plan for the pilot program. Members of the committee include high school and middle school principals, athletic directors as well as child nutrition specialists. The parameters of the test, including the number of

be decided by the committee.

The pilot probably will not be launched until next school year in the fall due to time restraints. So far Dennis Food is the only one of three vendors that has agreed to participate in the program.

Manager of Coca-Cola of Greenville's cold drink division, Mike Langley, delivered a 50-page report to the finance committee in Nov. The report outlined his framework for a "partnership" between the company and the school system. The bottom line of the proposal held more than \$190,000 in cash profits and services for the schools.

Vice President of sales and marketing for Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of Greenville, Steve Crouch, did not bring bottom-line price quotes to the meeting.

Owner of Dennis Foods in Virginia, Dave Dennis, laid out a plan that he projected would bring more than \$225,000 to the schools through the sale of soft drinks alone. Dennis offered to provide not only his products, but also Coke and Pepsi, in his deal.

"This pilot is definitely a way to generate revenue for the schools," said Gaskins.

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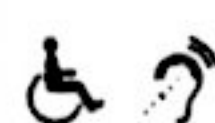
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Clinton rebuilds after impeachment

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a year of scandal and shame, President Bill Clinton now must try to rebuild his tarnished presidency. Surprisingly, he may discover some unlikely allies among the Republicans who tried to force him from office.

No matter what, Clinton will go into the history books with the humiliating distinction of being only the second president ever impeached. His challenge is to make historians write in the next paragraph that he was a successful president nevertheless.

Republicans are in trouble, too. Their zest for impeachment backfired and angered voters, who concluded they were more interested in lynching Clinton than in fixing Social Security and health care. Republicans sagged in the polls as Clinton soared.

Clinton and his Republican adversaries share a common need to convince voters that they can get things done. The president wants to repair his legacy; the Republicans want to save their political skins. Both sides are angling for advantage in the 2000

elections.

"The Republicans are as desperate for success as Bill Clinton is," said Democratic consultant Dane Strother.

"Is there going to be personal affection? No," said Ralph Reed, a Republican strategist. "Is there going to be a mutual institutional desire to get something done to save themselves in 2000? Yes. Clinton doesn't want to lose the White House, and the Republicans don't want to lose the Congress. They're more apt to lose if they get nothing done."

campus briefs

Wednesday Feb. 17

Blood drive sponsored by the ECU National PanHellenic Council at Mendenhall between noon and 6 p.m.

A public lecture entitled *Celtic Myth and English Language Fantasy Literature: Possible New Directions* will be given at 3 p.m. in room 1026 of the General Classroom Building. The speaker is Charles W. Sullivan, an ECU English pro-

fessor. Contact: Dr. Sullivan 328-3756

Thursday Feb. 18

The Cassat String Quartet will perform at 8 p.m. in the A. J. Fletcher Hall. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Jazz night at Mendenhall Student Center gets under way at 8 p.m. in the Great Room. Music will be pro-

vided by the ECU Jazz Ensemble. Public tickets are \$2.50 student tickets are free.

Sunday Feb. 21

N.C. symphony will give its Happy Birthday Jazz concert. at 4 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. Concert is billed as the 100th birthday tribute to George Gershwin and Duke Ellington. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

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OUR VIEW

We find it ironic that the Millennium Bug may come to bite the technological world in its proverbial ass.

With the advances of technology and the Internet over the past ten years it is difficult to imagine a world void of these conveniences. Yet according to many information technology specialists the Y2K problem could cause serious inconveniences to businesses, industries and our day-to-day lives. Despite the fact that information technology experts realized the Year 2000 problem was imminent over ten years ago, it is now 10 months until the year 2000 and many have just begun to prepare for problems. Whether you believe the Millennium Bug will bring an end to the world as we know it or that it will cause a mere hiccup, everyone should use this as a lesson for the new millennium.

When the Internet is old hat the new millennium will be serving up more outrageous advances like gene therapy, cloning and cryogenics (the practice of freezing a dead diseased human in hopes restoring life at some future time when a cure for the disease could possibly be found.) It is imperative that as we experiment we also think of the long term consequences and potential pitfalls of our technological inventions.

This century, the Millennium Bug and all its problems was caused by a simple oversight in setting the dates of computers. If we do not mix caution with our experimentation the next century could bring even worse problems. A simple oversight in computers is one thing, an "oversight" in someone's genes is a different ball game. If we do not learn to plan better, imagine what the dooms day fanatics of the year 2999 will be predicting.

OPINION Columnist

Stephen Kleinschmit

Preacher battles students



"I, I, I say to you boy, let's go look at some Playboys, and drink some beers, and later we'll go out and chase some women."

Well once again, ECU has allowed a loud mouth, hell fire and brimstone preacher to come and raise a ruckus on the Mall of our great university. I had a great time messing with this guy, and I am sure a few of you did too. Here are some of the highlights of this past Thursday's shenanigans.

I was walking to class when I first noticed him bad mouthing some guy. Then he stuttered to me "I, I, I say to you boy, let's go look at some Playboys, and drink some beers, and later we'll

go out and chase some women." And I gave an obligatory "Amen" just to spite him. That's when he started screaming something about fornicating and burning in hell and blah, blah, blah. I saw lips moving, but I really couldn't hear anything.

Again, later that day, I decided to go back to the mall and see everybody else mess with the guy. The funniest thing was that about 20 people would all scream at this guy, and people would sit there and raise their hands waiting to be recognized, like they were in class or something.

I had to throw in my 10 cents worth, and of course I sank to his level by engaging him with Jim Jones survivalist jokes about drinking cyanide-laced Kool Aid to escape from all the black CIA helicopters that are carrying cocaine for the Mob.

But the hardest thing to accept is that this guy did his job. Just as any writer can elicit a great response by writing on a hot subject, this guy was able to heat people up, and they went around the rest of the day pissed off at how

someone could be so hateful. This is how he operates. You may not understand it when you're sitting there screaming it out with the guy, but if you are like me, you went home that night and might have agreed with something the guy said.

Case in point. Abortion is an emotionally and physically painful procedure. Nobody wakes up one day and says "Oh goody, I'm having an abortion!" But yet, people would argue with this guy over abortion, and make it seem like it's better than winning the lottery. I don't approve of the way in which he delivers his message, but I agree with the message.

Maybe the reason that we avoid people like him is not because we are too good for him, but because we are not good enough. College students stray from our religious upbringing and our sense of decency and morality, and just roll with the crowd. We are not good enough to hold on to our beliefs, so we criticize anyone who reminds us of our shortcomings. Hey, I admit it, I hate being wrong.

OPINION

Impeachment views across the nation

From the Asbury Park (N.J.) Press:

After his acquittal yesterday, President Clinton asked people to forgive him. Perhaps eventually some, who opposed his removal from office while holding their noses, might. For those whose hatred goes back to the draft and not inhaling, Clinton's only hope would be to believe in miracles.

As for Ken Starr, Linda Tripp, Henry Hyde and company, there are three words of wisdom to which all those who hold them in low esteem should adhere: If you can't say anything nice about somebody, don't say anything at all.

From The Dallas Morning News:

The U.S. Senate's gathering at noon Friday lacked the dramatic suspense that surrounded Andrew Johnson's narrow escape from impeachment in 1868. There were clear signs all week that the Senate would not remove President William Jefferson Clinton from office on grounds of perjury and obstruction of justice. Perhaps the only surprise was that neither charge gained a majority of guilty

votes.

Still, when high noon arrived, and the chief justice of the United States asked in a solemn voice, "Senators, how say you," the hushed chamber showed the gravity of the vote ahead.

That solemnity and order Friday should help Americans feel proud of their country, despite the ugly matters that brought the vote. This nation relies upon process, not bayonets, to resolve its conflicts.

From the Detroit Free Press:

And now it's Kenneth Starr's turn. Between the philandering president and the obsessed prosecutor, it is the prosecutor who has been the greater threat to the values of the republic.

Now it's time to shut down the inquisition, write finis to the tawdry drama, and send Starr himself back into the private sector, where he can console himself with million-dollar fees from the clients and associates who have long hoped he could bring down Bill Clinton. It does not excuse

Clinton to say that Starr has been the prosecutor of thoughtful jurists' nightmares. Back in 1940, conservative Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson issued the classic warning against the rogue prosecutor "who will pick people that he thinks he should get, rather than cases that need to be prosecuted," who would search the lawbooks or set the bloodhounds sniffing to find any offense, no matter how technical or trivial, to pin on his target. Jackson could hardly have described Starr better.

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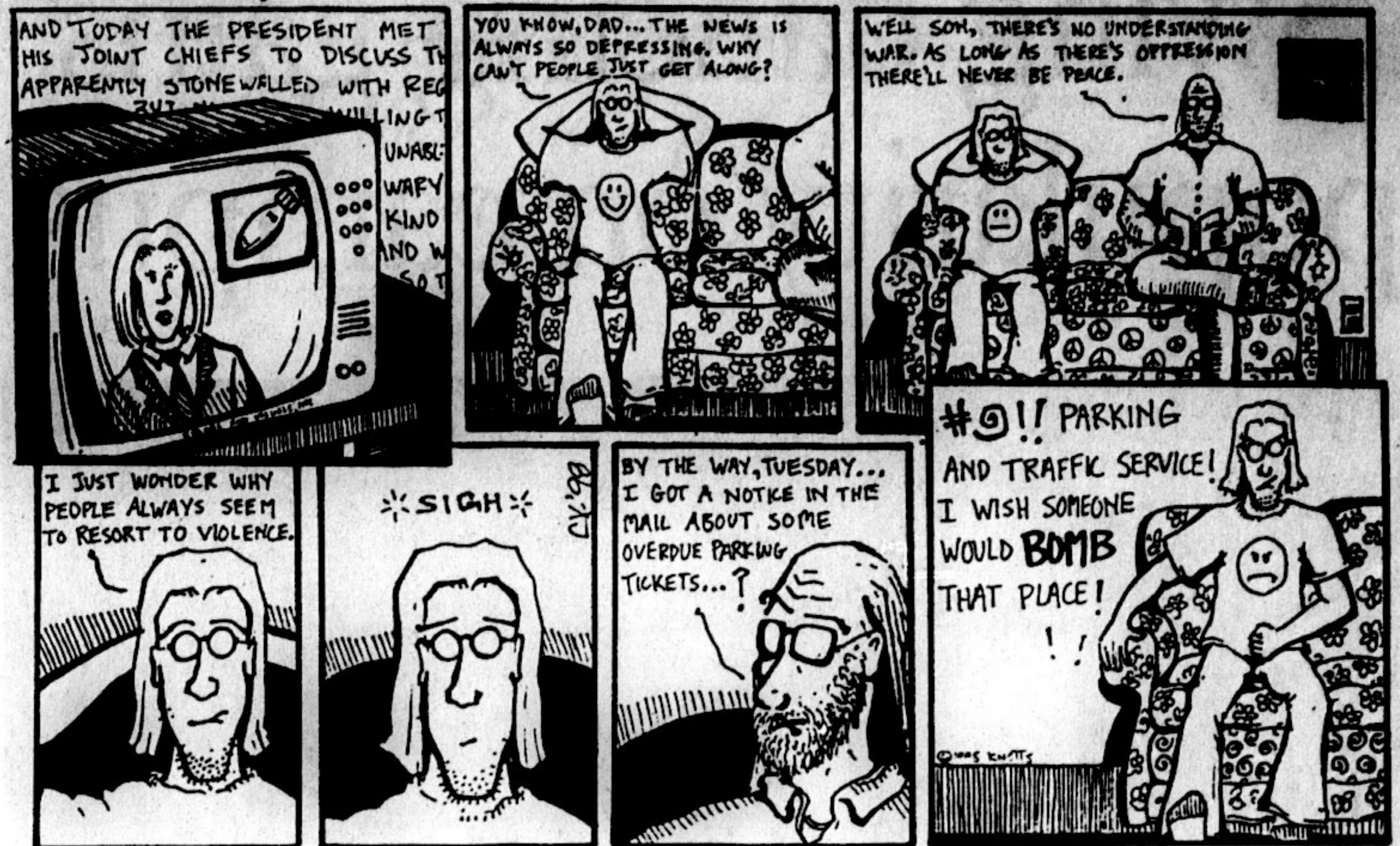
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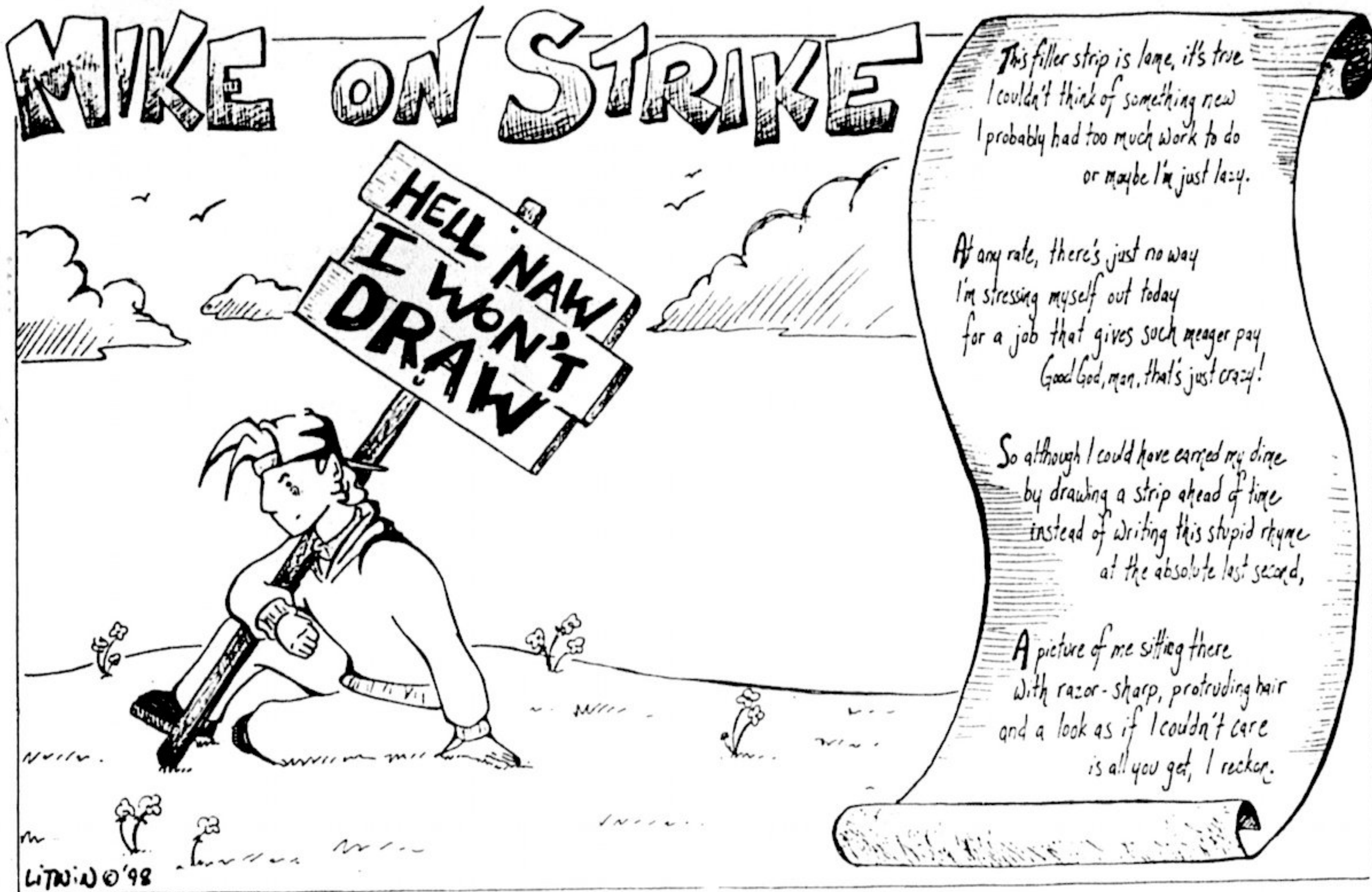
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- One-third of ECU students prefer to attend parties where alcohol is NOT served.

What's happening with **you?**



*Results of the spring 1997 Alcohol and Other Drug Use survey of ECU undergraduate students administered by the Division of Student Life.

features

Swing dancing gains popularity on campus



Freshmen Mary Beth Webster and Blake Braswell dance the night away at the Methodist Center every Tuesday night.

PHOTO BY SCOTT WILKINSON

Lessons given at Wesley Foundation

NINA M. DRY
FEATURES EDITOR

The new rave that has been sweeping the nation in commercials and music videos has finally reached ECU. Swing dancing is here. Fear not if you do not know how to swing because lessons are given at the Wesley Foundation by Rev. Scott Wilkinson.

Wilkinson considers himself to be very much into swing, and when he came to ECU last summer, he began inquiring about it.

"I was used to going to swing dances nearly every weekend in either Durham or Greensboro," Wilkinson said. "I couldn't find anything here in Greenville, yet everybody seemed really interested."

It just so happened that the one of the rooms at the Wesley Foundation had a large dance floor area, and Wilkinson decided to give lessons himself.

"Since I am a slow learner [in dance], I am a good teacher," Wilkinson said. "I teach [the dance steps] slowly and make sure students are comfortable. When people leave my class, they know how to swing."

According to Wilkinson, 50 students showed up the first night last semester and the Wesley Foundation has been swinging ever since.

During the late 1920s, swing dancing began in the ballrooms as a spin off of the popular dance, the Charleston, in Harlem, New York. As this new, yet not named dance continued to grow in popularity, a New York Times reporter went to the Savoy Ballroom to see what all of the fuss was about. Mind you, this was the same time that Charles Lindbergh took his historic flight over the Atlantic. When the reporter asked the kids the name of this new dance, one of them, remembering the headline of the paper that morning entitled, 'Lindy Hops Atlantic', called out, "Why, it's the Lindy Hop!"

The name stuck and throughout

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Bryan Jarvis
Sophomore

the years it began to branch off into other dances such as the East Coast Swing (better known as the Jitterbug) and Shag.

In the 1950s, bebop and rock became the new fad and swing music and the dancing faded out.

In the 1980s, swing dancing resurfaced in Europe when dancers saw the movie, *Animal Crackers*, where the actors were doing the Lindy Hop. The Europeans contacted the United States in hopes of finding people who remembered the dance and came up with

Frankie Manning, one of the original dancers in the movie. From there, Manning began traveling all over the world holding swing dance workshops and participating in the rebirth of swing.

"I took a workshop with [Manning] last year in Durham," Wilkinson said. "He sees his mission as almost spiritual."

Wilkinson recently conducted his own swing workshop at a national student conference for college students from all around the US.

"The students talked about different swing clubs around their universities," Wilkinson said.

According to Wilkinson, college students are becoming very interested in swing dancing.

"It seems as if students are tired of modern dancing and jumping around," Wilkinson said. "[Swing] has technical moves you do with a partner, and you actually dance."

"It's hard to dance when you are at the club," said junior Loraine Helms. "There's no actual technique like in swing dancing."

"There's other places that teach swing for \$20 an hour, but here it's free for anyone," said junior Jaime Wilkins.

"It's a nice environment where you don't have to worry about impressing other people like at a club," said sophomore Bryan Jarvis. "Everyone is clean and sober—it's an enjoyable thing to do."

Beginning lessons are offered every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. followed by intermediate lessons for those looking for more of a challenge at 8:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. For more information call 758-2030.

Students participate in campus exchange program

Study abroad opportunities abound

ERICA SIKES
STAFF WRITER

Imagine yourself in a whole new world with new faces, beautiful places and exotic sceneries. ECU has made this possible for students to study in other countries through the International Studies Program.

"ECU has provided various opportunities [to students] for the last 25 years," said Linda McGowan, overseas opportunities coordinator.

According to McGowan, approximately 30-35 students participate in the ECU exchanges each year. Some go for one semester while others go for the full year.

A lot of preparation goes into studying abroad. McGowan encourages students to begin the thought process at least eight to nine months in advanced.

Once it has been decided that the student is ready to go abroad, McGowan holds information and advising sessions.

"I explain the options students have when they study, work and travel abroad," McGowan said. "I [also] spend time with students in the application process."

Through the exchange program, students do not have to worry about extravagant tuition fees. Studying in another country is the same amount as studying here at ECU.

"[Participating in the exchange program] gives students a different view of the world," McGowan said. "It also allows students to look at their own country in a different per-

spective."

Samantha Dunn, an English major, received the opportunity to study abroad at the Manchester University in England. She was initially introduced to International Studies when her older sister participated in the program. According to Dunn, her experiences there were very interesting.

The major language differences that she encountered were found primarily in the British slang.

"Their slang words were quite different than ours," Dunn said.

For instance, when the British say that a man was 'pissed', they mean he was intoxicated.

A few other cultural diversities from the American way of life that Dunn recognized were in the educational system.

"The classes were very different," Dunn said. "I only went to class on Mondays and Tuesdays and had the rest of the week to myself."

Although Dunn only attended one semester, she was able to interact with students of other cultures as well as the British. Her three roommates were German, Polish and African.

When asked if they would opt to study abroad, the opinions of students varied.

"It would be weird being in a strange place where I wouldn't know anyone and all the unfamiliar surroundings," said Cindy Horrell, freshman.

Other students seemed enthused at the idea of studying in another country.

"I would try it out for a semester just to get the experience," said Vinny Cardillo, graduate student.

"I think it would be an awesome experience," said Robin Skipper, Junior.

Country	Program	Dates
Anguilla	Art and Culture	May 15 - June 14
Belize	Cultural Studies	June 15 - July 14
Germany	Business	July 21 - 29
England	Literary London	May 31 - June 22
Italy	Early Childhood Education	May 16 - 29
Italy	Religion and Culture	May 27 - June 5
Japan	Education	July 2 - 22
Russia	Russian Media	June 25 - July 12

*dates are subject to change

Any students interested in studying abroad or participating in the ECU exchange program should contact Linda McGowan at the Office of International Affairs at 328-1937.

Todd, Mendenhall to host NASCAR Night this week

Event sponsored by Housing and Dining

PHILLIP GILFUS
STAFF WRITER

Race fans, start your engines. ECU Housing and Dining Services are presenting a NASCAR night on Feb. 17. Students will be able to experience all the fun and excitement of the racetrack through NASCAR simulators, giveaways, and remote control car racing.

Students will be able to go to either Mendenhall and Todd Dining Hall for chances to view Mark Martin's Valvoline Ford Taurus and Chad Little's John Deere Ford Taurus race car simulators, which were made available to ECU by Pepsi. The semi-trucks that will deliver the simulators to the two dining halls will be decorated in full NASCAR style and staff members will be available to talk about NASCAR and to show how the simulators work. They will be available for students to ride, free of charge, from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"The purpose of this event is to celebrate living on campus," said Frank Salomon, director of Dining Services.

Inside the simulators, practically all the safety equipment required by NASCAR is in place, including padded roll bars, removable steering wheels, steel encased rubber gas tanks and braced Lexan windows.

Students who wish to skip wait-

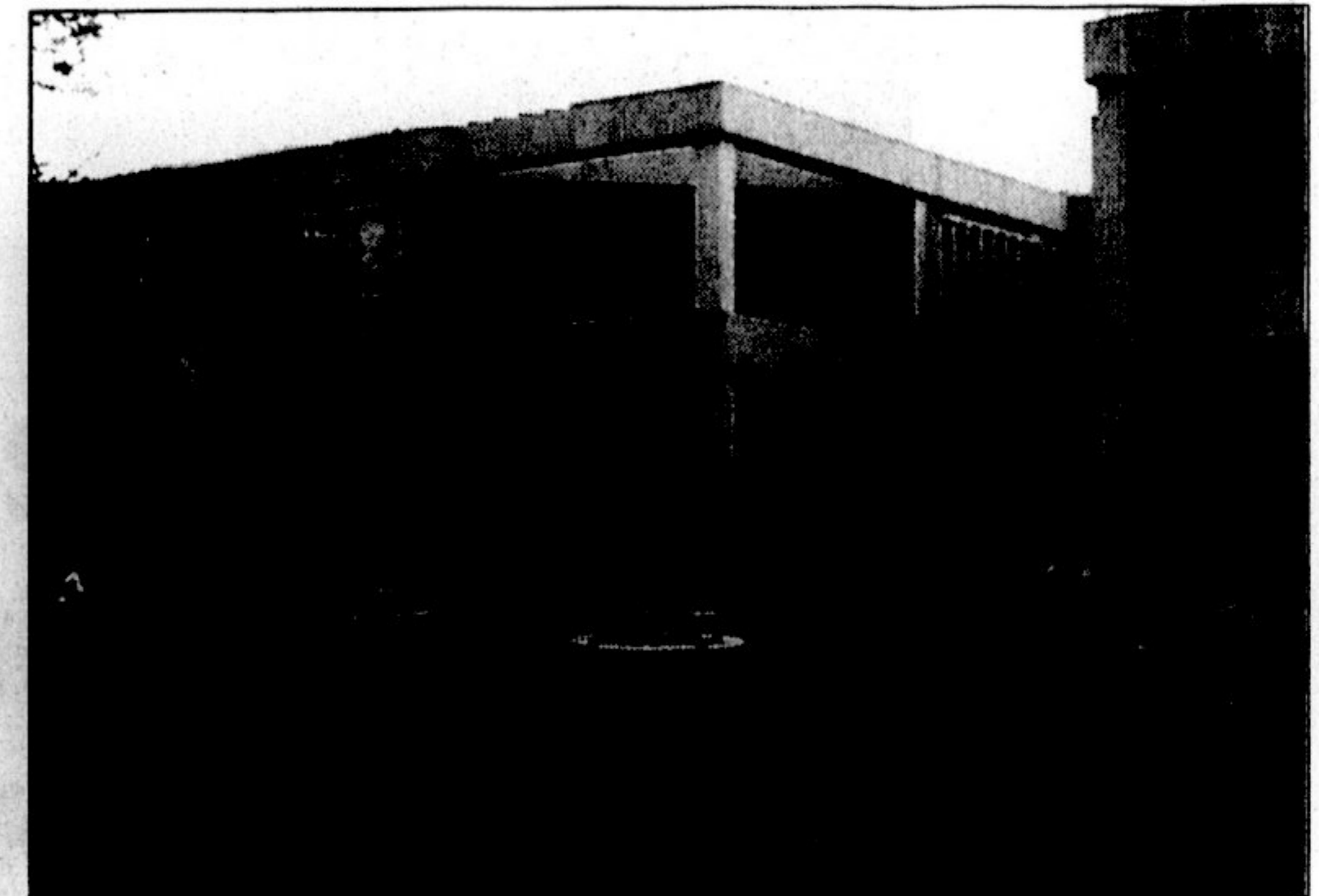
ing in line for the simulators will be able to win passes in their residence halls. Each hall is sponsoring a Sony Playstation Tournament. There will be one male and female and winner who will compete in a championship tournament during the NASCAR dinner at the dining halls.

"There will be four controllers during the tournaments in the residence halls," said Jones Hall RA Jason Evans. "Prizes for the championship winners will be Jeff

Raffles are currently being held at the Wright Place. Todd, and Mendenhall for prizes. Students who correctly guess the winner of the Daytona 500 race will all be put in a separate bucket, and a grand prize winner will be drawn.

To keep with the NASCAR theme, Todd and Mendenhall will be serving fried chicken, corn dogs, nachos grande, root beer and the dessert display will have cakes shaped like race cars.

"The dinner for NASCAR night



Nascar simulators will be at Mendenhall and Todd Dining Hall tomorrow.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL SMITH

Gordon leather jackets, while the grand prize is a playstation."

Also, for the Return to Campus Living Sign-Up, 60 simulator passes have been randomly mailed to students. More passes will be given away during the Feb. 15-16 Campus Living Sign-Up in Fletcher lobby and Sweetheart's at Todd.

will coordinate with food at the racetrack," said Aramark location manager, Brandi Heatherly.

Also during dinner, you can enjoy the movie "Days of Thunder", race remote control cars and play NASCAR arcade games.

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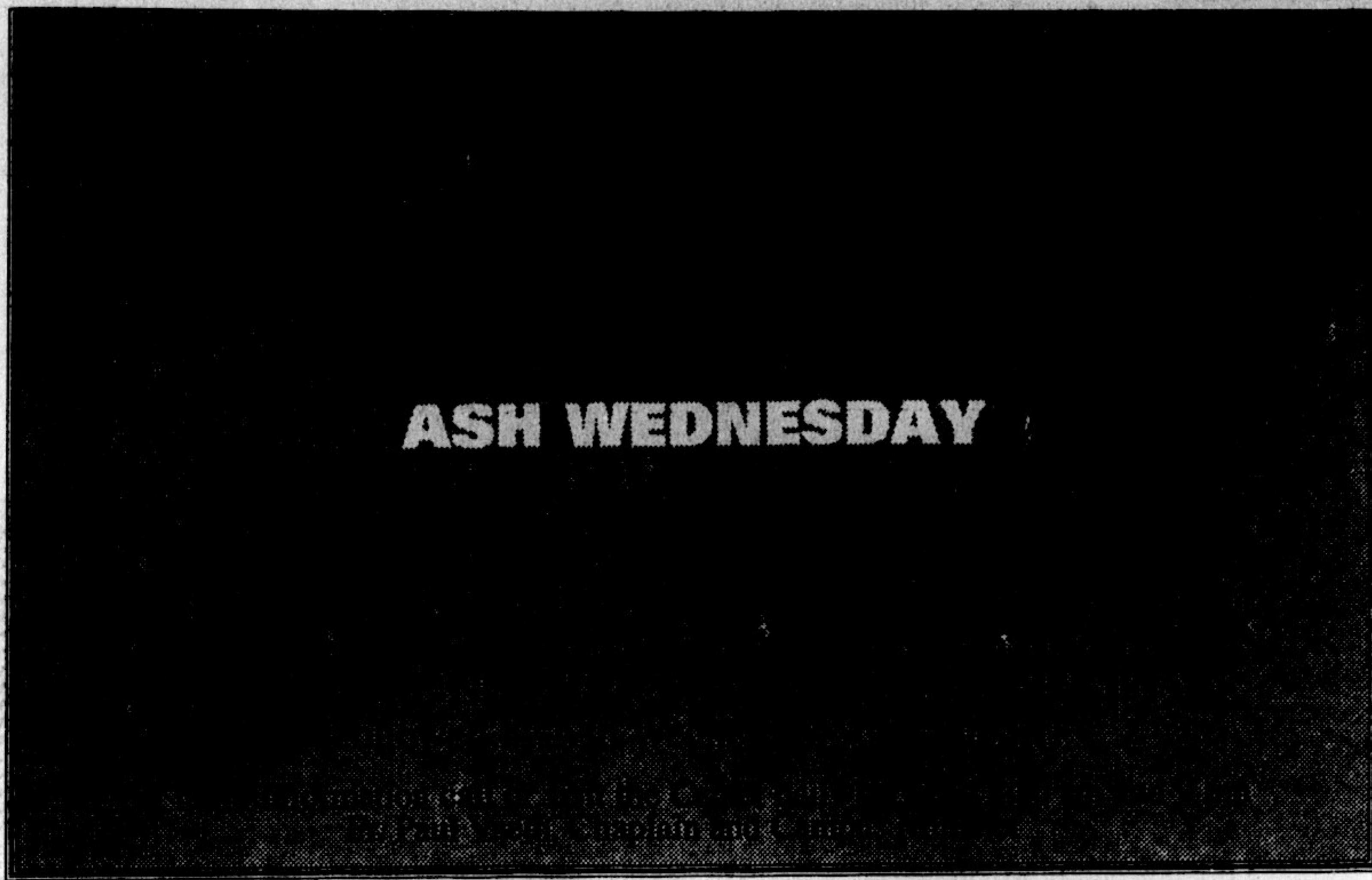
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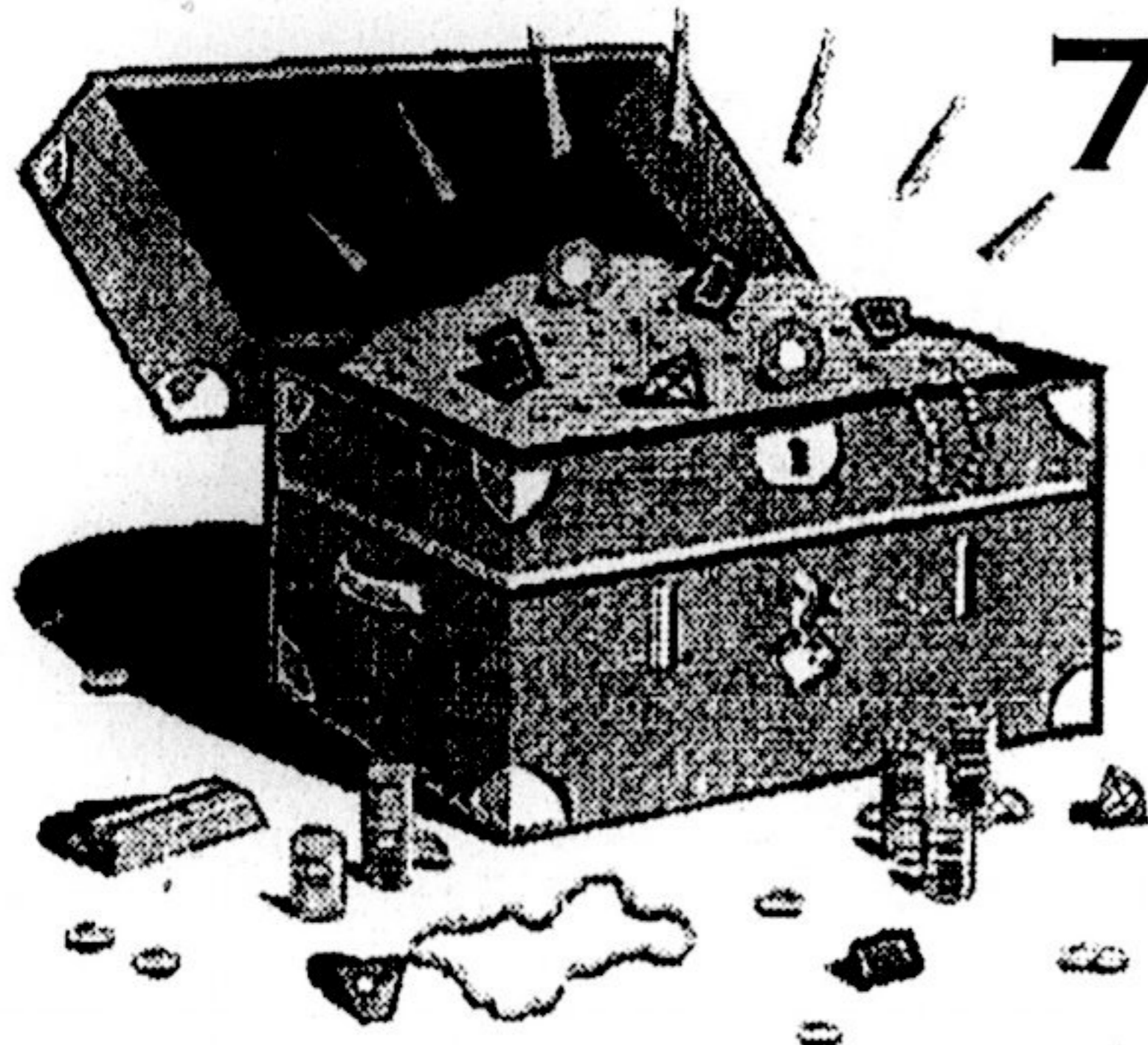
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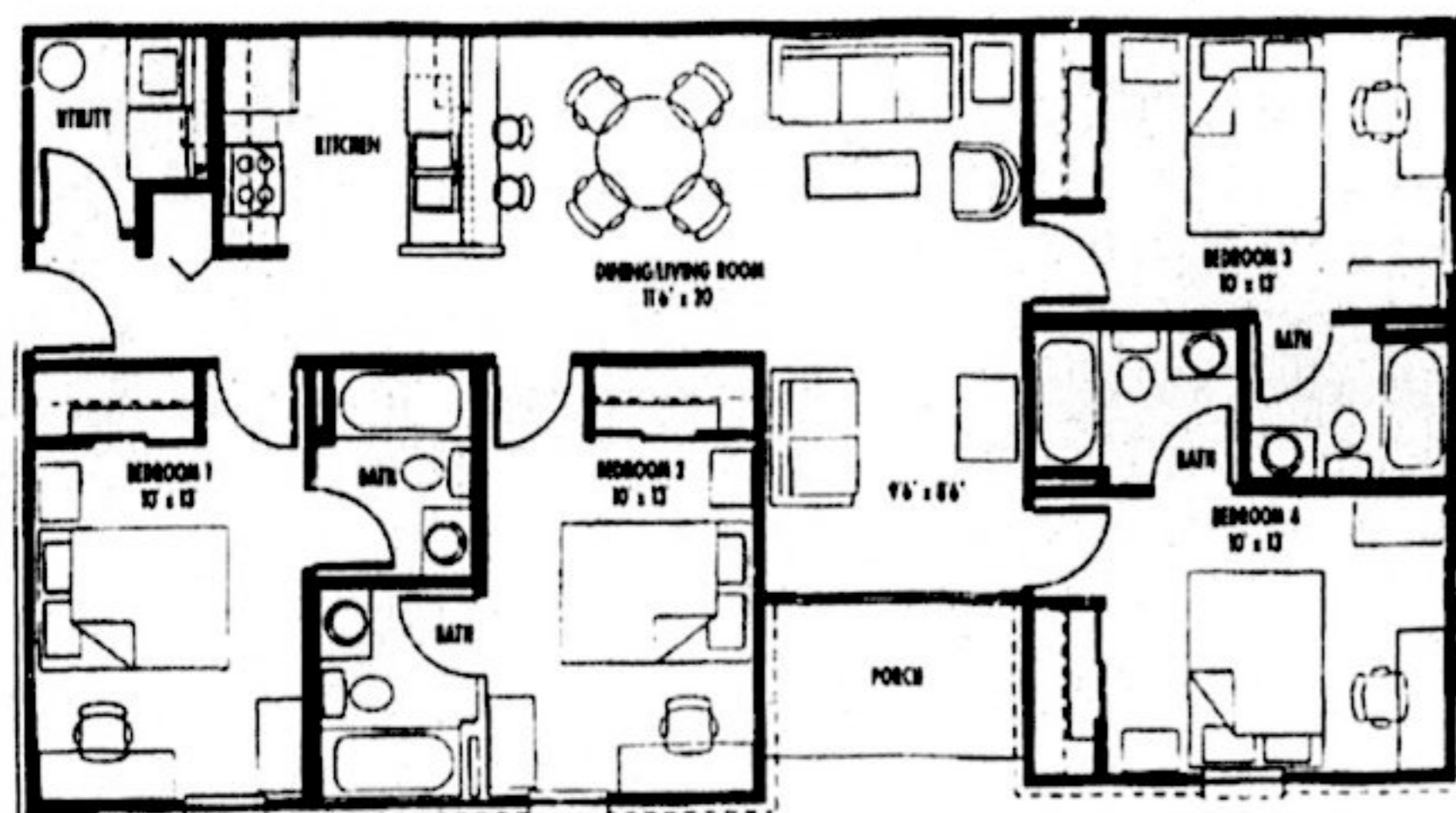
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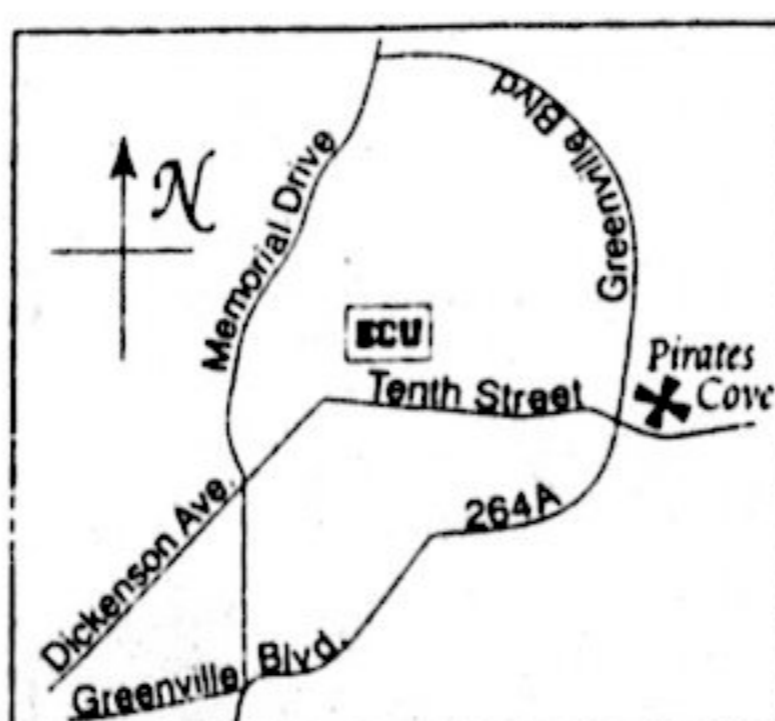


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Catchphrase contest makes profit for Nebraska students

GENEVA, Neb. (AP) - Ever catch yourself saying, "like, you know" a lot?

Geneva High School senior Jessica Reinsch won \$1,000 for taping a 15-minute radio interview during which that annoying phrase - "you know" - was uttered 61 times.

Before the Nebraskaland Foundation's "You Know" contest, Reinsch was aware of how often she heard the phrase, "but it didn't ever connect that it was that annoying," she said.

"Now I hear it all the time," she said. "I catch myself now. It seems

weird." The contest, open to Nebraska students from kindergarten through 12th grades, was set up to raise awareness among young people about the meaningless phrase. It stems from the morning Nebraska native Barney Oldfield heard 117 "you knows" during a 60-minute radio show.

"It was an oral abomination," said the 1933 University of Nebraska School of Journalism graduate, who now lives in Beverly Hills, Calif. Oldfield and his wife, Vada, contribute the cash awards.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - A Kansas truck driver is in the Oklahoma County Jail after complaining to police that he didn't get his money's worth from a prostitute.

Authorities said Jarrod Lee West, 24, of Newton, Kan., called police about 8 p.m. Tuesday to complain that the woman left before he was finished and he wanted half of his \$80 returned.

"He told me that she was his date and that she did not perform the services that he asked for, so he wanted his money back," a police officer wrote in a report.

West was arrested on a public lewdness complaint and remained in the Oklahoma County jail Wednesday.

The officer arrested Mezd "Misty" Jayne87 Miller, 24, of Oklahoma City, on a complaint of engaging in a public act of lewdness, police said.

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Pirates earn back-to-back wins for season victory

Jaynes adds 34 points in her last home games

JEAN V. WHARTON
STAFF WRITER

By showing a lot of love for the game on Valentines Day, the Lady Pirates came out of the weekend with two back-to-back wins on home turf.

Friday the Women's hoops broke their losing streak in the CAA by narrowly beating George Mason 52-51, then jumping back into action on Sunday to defeat American University 90-85.

The Pirates were looking to notch a big win over GMU after two road losses last weekend. The Patriots proved to be a tough competitor for ECU as the two teams went neck in neck during the first half.

Senior center Beth Jaynes led the Pirates in scoring with 12 points during the first half.

Neither team broke away for a big

lead. In the first half they tied 14 times with no lead larger than five points. At the half GMU had captured the lead at 31-29.

The second half was another 30 minutes of tough play for both teams. ECU managed to hold on to a lead thanks to strong defensive play.

"We had a great defensive effort in the second half," said Dee Gibson, ECU head coach. "We did a good job shutting them down."

"We had a great defensive effort in the second half."

Dee Gibson

The game came down to the wire with ECU up by one and the Patriots in possession of the ball. A last minute GMU time out with 24 seconds remaining was not enough for the Patriots to score.

ECU won 52-51, led by Jaynes with 15 points.

Feeling confident off of Friday's win, the Lady Pirates took to the floor at Minges again on Sunday.

"We've been really pumped up off of the George Mason game," said Danielle Melvin, junior forward.

ECU was able to gain a significant lead over the Eagles but could not hold on due to turnovers. At the half the women hung on to a narrow 37-36 lead.

Jaynes led the Pirates with 11 points in the first half. This game marked the end of Jaynes' ECU career as she played in her final home game.

The second half was played at the foul line. ECU took an early lead but was slowed down by foul trouble. But, setting a season high 40 of 46 at the line, the Pirates were able to hang on to the lead during the second half.

As the clock counted down ECU had the lead and went to the foul line again with forward Waynetta Veney, securing the win.

Melvin led the team in scoring with a career-high 21 points. Jaynes added 19 for the Pirates.

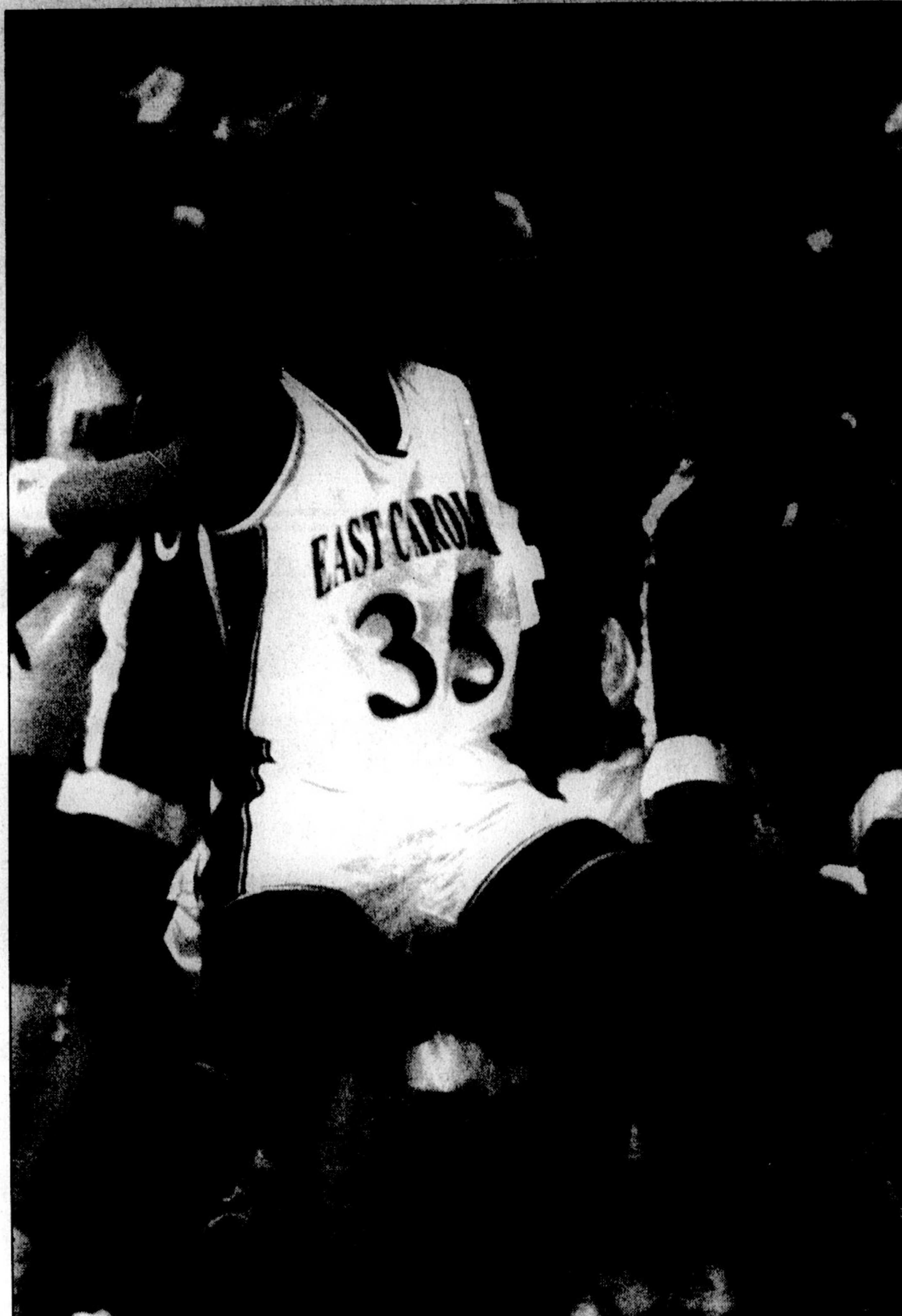
This game marked the 14th win for the Lady Pirates, which stands for the first winning season in six years.

"This has been a big goal, it feels good," Gibson said.

This set of victories provides the Lady Pirates with confidence going into the CAA tournament, held in Richmond from March 3-6.

"We needed to be in good standing come tournament time," said Melvin.

Gibson and her team move to 14-10 overall and 7-7 in the CAA. The Lady Pirates travel to Richmond on Feb. 19 and then finish out the regular season on Feb. 24 at Virginia Commonwealth.



With a career high 21 points, Danielle Melvin led the Pirates in their win over American University Sunday afternoon.

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ECU vs. American				
NAME	TOT-FG FG FGA	3-PT FG FGA	REBOUNDS TOT	TOTAL POINTS
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Danielle Melvin	5 11	0 0	14	21
Beth Jaynes	6 9	0 0	5	19
Misty Horne	3 6	3 5	3	11
Joana Fogaca	1 5	0 1	5	2
Allison Trapp	3 8	0 0	1	7
Cecilia Shinn	1 1	0 0	7	13
Teana McKiver	3 4	0 0	7	13
Jennifer Moretz	1 2	1 1	3	3
Nikki Brown	0 0	0 0	0	0

Source: ECU Sports Information Department

Swimmers gear up for championship

Mental training, shaving cream helps times

BLAINE DENNIS
SENIOR WRITER

Just when they thought it was safe to get back into the water, other CAA teams must face the attack of the ECU Pirates.

Charlotte, North Carolina's Mecklenburg Aquatic Center will hold this year's Conference Swimming Championship from Feb. 18-20. Pirate swimmers are gradually resting their bodies and preparing mentally for the battle that lies ahead.

"We visualize our individual races," said Richard Chen, senior swimmer. "Everybody does their mental thing on their own. I try not to think about it until I'm on that deck."

According to Chen, team members have lots of energy and for the most part the atmosphere around the pool is relaxed. Chen believes that the real energy does not come until you reach the Championship and nervousness can begin to affect a swimmer.

"I'm nervous as hell," Chen said. "I sit in the corner and read a book to get my mind off of the race."

In spite of the pressure to perform well at the Conference Championship, head coach Rick Kobe is confident and believes his team is always ready.

"We want to have a great team meet," Kobe said. "We want everyone to swim fast and that's it."

Even though the women's team has been plagued with injuries throughout the season, freshman swimmer Courtney Foster is focused on her goals and optimistic.

"My goals are taped on the ceiling above my bed," Foster said. "Every night as I go to bed I tell myself that I can win. I hope everyone does their personal best, and if we win conference on top of that then that is great too."

The Seahawks of UNCW defeated the Pirates to end this year's regular season on Jan. 23. Hoping to avenge that loss, the Pirates aim to crush their toughest competitor and win the Conference Championship.

"We look to beat up UNCW," Foster said. "As a team, we look to them to take the conference lead if we don't."

Over the past two weeks, male swimmers have shaved their bodies to achieve more speed in the water. All team members are beginning to decrease their distances in prac-



Pirate swimmers prepare for their championship meet Feb. 18-20.

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ice, eat well and rest mentally and physically. This method is known as tapering and helps swimmers conserve their energy. If the system works, these athletes feel their best physically and are able to swim faster at this decisive event.

Swimming has always been a winning tradition at ECU and the '99 Pirates look to continue this trend while improving on impressive conference finishes last season. The women

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Track team grabs spotlight at Va. Tech

Pirates wins 4x400 at Kroger Invitational

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ECU went head to head with teams from around the country and came out on top at this weekend's Kroger Collegiate Invitational.

Both the men's and women's track teams traveled to the meet at Virginia Tech with hopes of qualifying for the important meets to come and possibly breaking some personal and school records along the way. One athlete who broke records and qualified for the NCAAs was ECU freshman Toni Kilgore.

Kilgore set a new school and personal record in the triple jump with a jump of 41' 6 1/2".

"I knew she would eventually jump that far, but I did not expect her to do it this soon," said Charles "Choo" Justice, ECU's head women's track coach. "She will continue as she gets stronger and more experienced."

Another sparkling performance came from Michelle Clayton. In the weight throw, Clayton set a new school record and a new NCAA provisional qualifying mark with a throw of 60' 8". Clayton, ranked 10th in the country, wound up first among college competitors losing only to a professional. In the shot put, Clayton placed third.

Kiona Kirkpatrick set a school record in the 400 meter dash. Kirkpatrick finished 12th.

"She ran a perfect race. She ran really well," Justice said.

Rasheca Barrow had an exceptional meet, running well in two events. In the 200 meter dash, Barrow placed 11th. Her time of 25.11 seconds broke her personal record and qualified her for the ECAC Championships later this month. Barrow followed up her

performance in the 200 by finishing seventh in the 60 meter dash.

In the long jump Kilgore and teammate Toshima Dabbs took ninth and 10th place respectively.

In the women's 4x400 meter relay ECU qualified for the ECAC Championships and placed eighth.

The men's 4x400 meter relay final was touted as "the Battle of the Carolinas" because it pitted squads from the ECU, the University of North Carolina and the University of South Carolina. The battle turned out not to be much of a race. ECU took the lead on the second leg and won by 15 meters.

"Before the race they played this fight song on the loud speakers and said it was the battle of the Carolinas. People were up and screaming. That's what it's all about," said Bill Carson, ECU's head men's track coach.

The 4x400 meter relay team of James Alexander, Darrick Ingram, Lawrence Ward and Damon Davis finished first out of 52 teams. The team is currently ranked ninth in the nation.

Many of the runners on the 4x400 squad had already competed in the open 400 meters earlier in the meet. Davis finished sixth despite drawing lane two.

Ward won his heat in the 400 as he had in the past few meets, but like those meets Ward did not make it into the finals.

"We're winning heats but we're not getting into the fastest heats," Carson said.

In the 500 meter dash, Lynn Stewart placed second while teammate Von Johnson placed fourth. Johnson's time of 1:04.83 qualified him for the IC4A Indoor Championships.

In the 60 meter dash, Vaughn Monroe placed 11th out of 56.

In the 60 meter high hurdles freshman Aaron Harris continued his sur-

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Tiger Woods gets first win since May

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Tiger Woods will remember his Buick Invitational win for a lot of different reasons.

There was the 15-foot eagle putt on No. 18 that finally put away Billy Ray Brown and gave Woods a two-stroke victory, his first since May. There was the 17-under-par weekend. Perhaps most importantly, though, were the family members and friends in the gallery.

Woods' nine-month victory drought ended, fittingly, back home in sunny Southern California.

"It means a lot to me to do this in front of, in a sense, a hometown

crowd," Woods said Sunday after his round of 7-under 65, which came in perfect

"You can't really say enough how much that really affects you, to see people that you do know, and are out there supporting you."

Tiger Woods
Professional Golfer

weather on the heels of his Torrey Pines South Course record

62—his best round as a pro—on Saturday.

"You can't really say enough how much that really affects you, to see people that you do know, and are out there supporting you," Woods said. "You don't get to see it every week as you travel all over the world. Most of the time you're alone, you and your caddy."

Woods thrust both arms in the air after finishing at 22-under-par 266, tying George Burns' 1987 tournament record for Torrey Pines.

Woods had gone winless in 14 tournaments since his last victory, at the BellSouth Classic. Brown,

whose only top 10 finish in the last six years was a win at the Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic in 1997, shot a 66 Sunday to finish at 268. Bill Glasson was alone at third at 270, while Chris Perry, Omar Uresti and Kevin Sutherland tied for fourth at 273.

Brown said he had a fun round until a bad second shot on 18.

"It was Tiger's tournament to lose," Brown said. "All I could do was go free-wheel, and he's the guy who had pressure on him. And you see how he responded to the pressure. An eagle on the last hole is just indicative of the kind of

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swam strong last year finishing second, while the men finished third.

Team members are focused and staying positive as they prepare for the most anticipated meet of the season. These athletes also realize that showing up and giving it your best shot is what really matters.

"Don't take anything for granted," Chen said. "Just show

up and do your thing. You can't take anything away effort wise from these guys. Every time we go out, we give it our best."

Both the men's and women's teams will begin their journey to Charlotte on Feb. 17 and compete through the weekend to Feb. 20. After this year's successful regular season, the Pirates do not plan to return to Greenville empty handed. Some ECU swimmers are expected to do especially well, including possible NCAA qualifiers Adam Gaffey (500, 1650 free-style), Matt Jabs (sprint free) and Josh Lepree (butterfly) for the men. The women look to Courtney Foster (sprint free), Dana Fuller (distance free) and Niki Kreel (breast, IM) for extraordinary performances.

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player he is."

Woods came into the final round one stroke ahead of Brown, and quickly took a four-stroke lead after birdies on three of the first four holes at the 7,055-yard South Course.

But he also found himself in a dogfight. A bogey on the par-4 No. 4 and a 35-foot eagle pitch on No. 9 left him two strokes up on Brown, who birdied Nos. 8 and 9.

Woods said he felt he and Brown were basically in a match-play situation after Glasson, playing in the group ahead, didn't birdie No. 13. Woods and Brown both birdied 13, putting Woods at 20-under and Brown one behind him. Woods and Brown both had scrambling pars on No. 15 after errant drives, and Woods was visibly upset after a fan took a picture on his downswing. He drove deep into the trees on the

left, but had an opening and recovered nicely with a cut 5-iron shot.

Brown tied Woods at 20-under with a 6-foot birdie putt on the par-3 16th, where Woods' 15-footer lipped-out.

After both again saved par with great up-and-downs on 17, they went into No. 18 tied. Woods mastered the par-5s all weekend. His drive landed on the first cut of the rough, which he followed with "a perfect 7-iron" onto the green. Brown, meanwhile, was indecisive with his 3-iron second shot, hitting it fat but nonetheless lucking out when it landed just to the right of the big pond that fronts the green. His approach shot landed outside of Woods' ball, leaving him a two-putt for par. All Woods had to do was putt for his second eagle of the round and third of the weekend.

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prising season finishing 16th but not qualifying for the IC4As.

"That's the guy who's not qualified yet that we know can," Carson said. Brian Beil set a personal

record in the 800 meter run as did Steve Arnold in the 1000 meters and David Balon in the mile.

"David Balon has typified our team this year," said Leonard Klepack,

ECU's cross country and track coach. "He has improved."

ECU's distance medley squad set a new school record, finishing eighth out of 18 teams.

Results from Kroger College Invitational

MEN			
Damon Davis,	4x400 meter relay,	1st	3:09.56
Lawrence Ward,	400 meter dash,	6th	47.73
Lynn Stewart,	400 meter dash,	7th	47.93
Von Johnson,	500 meter dash,	2nd	1:04.00
Brian Beil,	500 meter dash,	4th	1:04.83
Steve Arnold,	800 meters,	19th	1:55.22, personal record
David Balon,	1000 meters,	14th	2:32.06, personal record
Distance Medley,	Mile Run,	17th	4:17.05, personal record
Vaughn Monroe,	60 meter dash,	8th	10:10.10, school record
Aaron Harris,	60 meter high hurdles,	11th	6.91
		16th	8.27
WOMEN			
Michelle Clayton,	Weight throw,	2nd	60'8", school record
Margaret Clayton,	Weight throw,	11th	47' 3 1/2"
Toni Kilgore,	Triple jump,	8th	41' 6 1/2"
Saundra Teel,	60 meter high hurdles,		8:89, personal record
Marshari Williams,	60 meter high hurdles,	17th	9.08,
Kiona Kirkpatrick,	400 meter dash,	12th	56.26, school record
Michelle Clayton,	Shot Put,	3rd	47' 2 1/2"
Rasheca Barrow,	200 meter dash,	11th	25.11
Rasheca Barrow,	60 meter dash,	7th	7.71
Toni Kilgore,	long jump,	9th	19' 0 1/2"
Toshima Dabbs,	long jump,	10th	18' 9 1/2"
	4x400 meter relay,	8th	3:53.83

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EVENTS

University's Speech Language Symposium will be held on February 17. The symposium is a joint effort of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Guest speaker, Ph.D. and both professors will be speaking on "Managing on 'Man' and Children." Blosser will be giving a Service Delivery Treatment Workshop from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the department.

at the Newman Center Feb. 17 - 18. Distribution of ashtrays at Newman Center, 12 Mendenhall, Newman Center. The event is at 953 E. 5th St. from the 10th.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Week at a Glance

Monday, February 22

7:00p.m. Keynote Address, Hendrix Theatre

"Is What I Want What You Want? Promoting Consent and Preventing Coercion in Intimate Relationships," presented by Dr. Alan Berkowitz.

What can men and women do to insure that all sexual intimacy is mutual, uncoerced and consenting? What are guidelines for ensuring that consent is present? This lecture provides guidelines for what men can do to prevent rape and what women can do to reduce their risk of victimization, and what we can all do to create healthy campuses where sexual assault is uncommon. Dr. Berkowitz has served as an advisor to The Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. Department of Education, and professional organizations concerned with problems of drug abuse, AIDS prevention, and sexual assault.

Tuesday, February 23

7:00 p.m. Self Defense Training, Student Recreation Center Room 240
LaFrance Davis, ECU Police

8:00 p.m. Men's Perspectives: A Discussion for Men Only, MSC Social Room
Led by Dr. Thomas Maple, Licensed Psychologist.

Wednesday, February 24

7:00 p.m. Candelight Vigil for survivors of sexual assault and those who are supportive of survivors, Resource Room (located behind Student Health Center, entrance between Student Health and Joyner Library)

8:00 p.m. One Night of Partying: The Role of Alcohol and Drug Use in Sexual Assaults, Mendenhall Great Room 1 Mr. Bob Morphet, Substance Abuse Counselor

Thursday, February 25

6:00p.m. Take Back the Night March begins at the Cupola. Last year, over two hundred students participated. This year's goal is to have over 250 marchers!

Be Safe! Know How to Protect Yourself and Your Partner

In the Residence Halls

- Lock doors - don't prop open entrances and lock your room door
- Know who should be there - don't allow strangers in
- Report people who are out of place
- Do not leave your full name on your answering machine

On Campus

- Stay in lighted areas
- Walk in groups
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Have keys ready
- Have a safety plan
- Let friends know your destination and arrival times
- Vary your routine - drive or walk different routes every day
- Stay out of unoccupied parts of buildings
- Be very careful in unfamiliar surroundings or when using outside ATMs at night

On Dates

- Stay in control of self
- Be aware of changes in environment
- Be clear about what you want and don't want
- Don't stay with someone who intimidates, frightens, doesn't listen, or loses self control
- Always carry enough change for a telephone call
- Don't leave your drink unattended

In Relationships

- Continuously assess what you want
- Be clear when communicating
- Be respectful of partner's boundaries
- View each other as equals
- Never be passive, coy, or submissive

Always

- Clarify desires and intents of both parties
- Be assertive
- Be aware - pay attention to nonverbals

As campus life runs along each day,

photographers will be out and about to capture the students, at our best. If you can identify yourself in any of our pictures, present yourself to MSC 100 (Student Leadership) and point "you" out to the staff there. Rewards will be on hand for your efforts, so keep a close eye on those pictures!



ABOUT LAST NIGHT...

Last night I was downtown with several of my friends. It was a night like any other night downtown. We were partying, laughing and having a great time. Before I knew what was happening, I began to feel very ill. I was sleepy, having trouble staying alert. I couldn't understand what was happening because I had not had very much to drink. I had drunk as much as I usually drink, but I felt as if I had drunk a lot more.

...Today I am thankful for my friends. I told one of my friends that I was feeling really bad. After some general teasing, "lightweight," one of my friends helped me get home safely. One of them even stayed with me until the next morning.

...Today I feel like I will never be the same again. I don't really have a lot of memories about what happened to me, but I know it was awful. I remember feeling numb, as though I couldn't move, couldn't defend myself. I remember someone was with me, doing things I didn't want them to do. I remember asking them to stop, saying, "No". Today, I, feel afraid, my world is a very different place now. Where were my friends? Where were the people I thought I could trust?

What will be the end of your story? You decide. Learn how to protect yourself and your friends through participating in Sexual Assault Awareness Week February 22-February 26.

Rape - What are the Facts?

- * Approximately two-thirds of all rapes are not reported to the police.
- * Women are 10 times more likely than men to be victims of rape or sexual assault.
- * One-third of all rape victims consider committing suicide.
- * The majority of rape and sexual assault victims are young women between the ages of 16 and 24.
- * One out of every five young women in 2 and 4 year colleges report that they have been forced to have sexual intercourse.
- * Less than 2% of reported rapes are false reports.
- * 70% of black victims are raped by black men; 78% of white victims are raped by white men.
- * 12% of all sexual assault victims are men.
- * 80% of all rapes are perpetrated by male acquaintances; only 20% of rapes are by strangers.
- * 40% of rapists are married or have a regular sex partner.

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