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Aycock student fires gun on College Hill

21-year-old resident charged, arrested

HOLLY HARRIS
NEWS EDITOR

Malcom Earl Goyens, an Aycock Hall resident, was arrested last week for firing a gun in the parking lot east of Aycock Hall.

On April 12, officers responded to a call from residents who said they had heard gunshots outside of the residence hall. Goyens, a 21-year-old originally from Goldsboro, was implicated in the incident when a witness identified the car he

was driving. The owner of the car referred officers to Goyens' room in Aycock hall.

Goyens denied shooting the gun and the weapon was never found, but a search of his room revealed a 9 mm magazine with one round and a 9 mm cleaning kit. A computerized scale and an automatic rifle magazine were located in the vehicle. Shells matching the casings found in the parking lot were discovered on Goyens' person.

Goyens was charged with discharging a firearm within the city limits and possession of a weapon on university property. He was taken to the Pitt County Detention Center where he was placed under a \$5,000 secured bond. He is scheduled to appear in court today.

Goyens could be sentenced or request a continuance.

The discovery of any type of weapon on campus might be frightening to both students and faculty but Tom Younce of the ECU police department said it is not uncommon.

"We average at least two incidents a month where we encounter weapons on campus," Younce said. "This is a major concern because everyone is in such close quarters, on the other side of the coin it's a felony."

Possession of a weapon on campus can garner offenders not only fines, but also a 12-month stay in jail. According to Younce the increase in weapons violations on campus can be directly correlated to

a growing national problem.

"I think that people need to keep in mind that campus is reflective of society as a whole," Younce said. "It's a major safety concern not only for students but also for the officers. In our training we emphasize to officers that anybody could be carrying a weapon."



Residents called police after hearing shots fired in this parking lot east of Aycock.

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Dance Department petition gets results

Facilities Services plans evaluation

TERRA STEINBEISER
STAFF WRITER



Dance students warm up for class.
PHOTO BY MIKE JACOBSEN

A group of 76 dance majors has shown that students can come

together to create change on campus.

Amber Cartwright, a dance performance major, started a petition to renovate and restore the black box studio in the Messick Theater Arts Center and had it filled with signatures within a week.

The petition claimed that the warped floors, which are covered by mats, pose a threat to the dancers.

Some students said that the humps the mats causes are nearly as dangerous as the bare floor.

"Everyone agrees that the floors are warped and are dangerous for us to dance on -- There are little hills in the floor that have the potential to really injure the dancers' knees" Cartwright said.

"The upstairs studio is large but there are big cement columns in the

middle of the floor so you can only dance up front or in the back," said dance major Karen.

The petition got the attention of the Chancellor as well as that of the Facilities Planning Department after both students and faculty complained that the facilities were inadequate and were not cleaned thoroughly or often enough.

"I received a letter from

Chancellor Eakin that said he had contacted maintenance to make sure the studio was kept cleaner and that the school was in the process of making renovations," Cartwright said. "Unfortunately, they always tell us that they are 'in the process' of doing renovations and nothing ever seems to happen. We're hoping

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Library soon to charge for printing

Students will pay fee with one-card

TERRA STEINBEISER
STAFF WRITER

In order to cut down on the amount of paper waste and keep up with the ever rising cost of production, Joyner Library is considering a plan to start next fall that would charge students for printing things from the library's computers.

"Five years ago, ECU's library only had about 40 computer work

stations and there was no such thing as the world wide web," said Gail Munde, associate director of library services. "Because we now have about 155 computer work stations and electronic access to full-text databases, the cost of printing has sky-rocketed. The library now sets aside about \$100,000 out of its yearly budget for printing paper and ink alone."

However, the new resolution, called Uniprint, is still very much in the planning process. It is not definite how the library would go

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Heritage Fest offers history, culture

Event slated for Thursday, April 22

PHILLIP GILFUS
SENIOR WRITER

The Ledonia Wright Culture Center will be holding a celebration of African-American heritage this Thursday, April 22. The 4th Annual Heritage Fest will take place at the Fletcher Amphitheater from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This year's Heritage Fest promises to be a festival of art, music and food that is free of charge.

"I started [the festival] as an opportunity for African-American

culture to be displayed," said Taffye Benson-Clayton, director of the Wright African-American Culture Center. "We invite all students to attend."

Artwork will be displayed at the outdoor festival by art students and anyone else who wishes to share their work. Students will also be present reading their poetry. This will include free-style verse, though any students can share their work if they wish to. Impromptu speeches are also being encouraged to be given.

"Heritage Fest usually draws a very big crowd," said Adrian Cox, graduation assistant for the Wright African-American Culture Center. "It is time when students, faculty

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CAMPUS POLICE SAY GUNS NECESSARY

Officers say violence on rise on campuses

ANISA GHRAIRI
STAFF WRITER

As violence and crime increases on American university campuses, many say the need for university police officers to carry guns with them also increases. ECU, along with other UNC-system universities including UNC, NC State, UNC Charlotte, and UNCW have campus officers that carry guns.

Officials say that because members of the university police force are trained at the same academies where city officers are trained, the campus officers are well versed in the usage of their firearms.

"Campus officers carry guns with them for the safety and security of staff, faculty, and students," Frank Knight, Captain of the ECU police department.

According to Knight, there have been incidents of both ECU students and non-students carrying guns on campus. Firearms have also been found in student's cars and on student drug dealers. Last fall, a man was arrested for trying to bring a concealed weapon into a football game.

Last week, a man was arrested for firing a gun on campus.

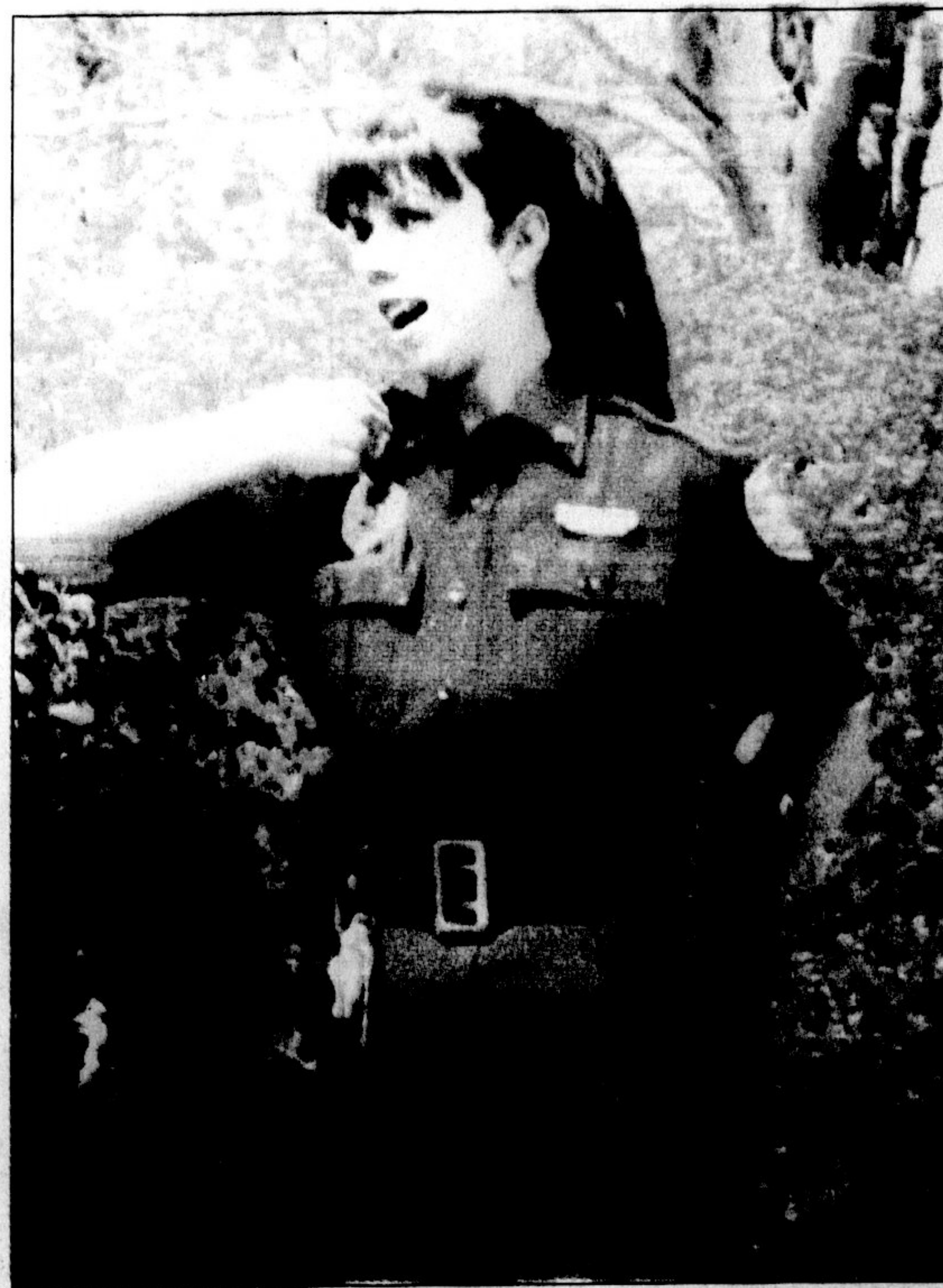
Tom Younce, assistant director of the ECU police department said most crimes on campus are not committed by students, and the most common crime committed at ECU, UNCW, and UNC Charlotte was theft; ranging from stolen books and jewelry to stolen bikes.

According to Hugh Polland, assistant chief of the UNC Charlotte police department university officers carry guns to illicit respect.

"We are an official police agency trained in what we do...protecting the law," Polland said.

"People will respect an officer more with a gun than without one."

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Sgt. Stephanie Anthony like many other police officers carries a gun.

PHOTO BY MIKE JACOBSEN



Gun Violence Statistics

270 people are injured by guns every day
98,500 people are injured by guns each year
40,000 people die from gunshots each year
18,500 murders are committed with guns each year
1,500 accidental gunshot deaths occur each year
\$4 billion per year is spent on gunshot-related injuries

Library

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about monitoring printing, although it would most likely be accomplished in much the same way that copying is done. That is, the student puts money on his or her ECU-One card and uses it to pay for the service.

Joyner Library will begin testing equipment this summer to work out the details and to make sure that the computers are compatible with a program that will not allow a student to print anything without paying for it.

"This testing will allow us to monitor usage and printing costs and give us a good idea whether or not the Uniprint program will pay off for us," said Jeff Huskamp, associate vice chancellor of CIS. "It's been installed at a lot of other universities and seems to work well there."

Students, on the other hand, are less than pleased.

Junior Ben Opar groaned when asked how he felt about the proposition and said, "I'm starting to think I should just ask my boss to start making my paychecks out to ECU since that's where all of it ends up anyway."

"I'm not surprised," said Kelsey Sharp, sophomore. "This school is always looking for ways to charge us more money."

Other students had suggestions for ways to pay for printing without charging students.

"If they got rid of those annoying purple and yellow neon lights that run along the ceiling, I'm sure they could use the money it takes keep those things running all the time to allow us to print out anything we want," said Liz Carlsen, junior.

"We're still looking at other possibilities and nothing is set in stone just yet," Munde said.

Heritage

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and staff can come together for an end-of-the-year bash. This is also a nice segue to Barefoot on the Mall."

There promises to be a multitude of "African-American inspired" food which will be provided by the Culture Center.

Several Greek organizations will be present to perform various stepp shows.

"Each fraternity and sorority will present a separate stepp show," said Chris Rey, president of Phi Beta Sigma. "We will be performing some traditional stepping and some stepping we did from the Greek stepp show a couple weeks ago."

Music will also be provided by a D.J.

"[Heritage Fest] is just another event for mainly African-American students that make their college experience more diverse," Rey said.

Dance

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the media attention will help to make things happen for us."

According to Joe Carow, associate professor in the department, the problem is not university reluctance to allocate funds, but rather the rapid growth of the dance program.

"The department just outgrew its facilities and its starting to affect the students," Carow said.

John Shearin, chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, said the issue has been dealt with by Facility Services and declined to comment.

According to Bruce Flye, Director of the Facilities Services, a study will be conducted to identify the problems and estimate how much it will cost to fix them.

"We're just going to lay down the facts for the administration and let them weigh the benefits versus the costs," Flye said.

"ECU has one of the best dance schools in the nation but some of the worst facilities," Cartwright said. "The department has grown and the facilities we have are no longer adequate—we need to drastically improve our facilities."

campus briefs

Tuesday

Clean-up — The East Carolina University Adventure Program will co-sponsor a Tar River clean-up as part of the activities in Greenville to recognize Earth Week. A squadron of small boats will leave the Town Common boat ramp at 3 p.m. to retrieve trash from the river.

Travel Film — Italy's high fashion, grand lifestyles and remarkable ancient architecture will be show in the film "Italy," a presentation of the Travel-Adventure Film and Theme Dinner Series at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center. Dr. Dwayne Merry will narrate. An optional dinner starts at 6 p.m. For tickets and information, call the Central Ticket Office at 328-4788.

Wednesday

Med-Lecture — A lecture entitled "Pediatric Seizures and Status Epilepticus" will be given by Dr. Sallie Sturdevant at 12:30 p.m. in

the Family Practice Center Classroom of the Brody Building. Her presentation is open to the public.

Softball — The women's softball team from UNC-Chapel Hill will visit ECU for a 3 p.m. double-header.

Concert — ECU Steel Orchestra performs at 8 p.m. in Fletcher Recital Hall. This free recital is open to the public.

Thursday

Medicine — "Hypertension in the Pitt County African-American Community" will be the topic for the Grand Rounds Conference at the School of Medicine, Brody Building, Room 2E-92 at 12:30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Sherman Jones of the University of Michigan.

Writers — Novelist David Bradley is the guest for the Writers Reading Series at 3 p.m. at the

Greenville Museum of Art. A reception will follow at the Willis Building at 7 p.m.

Earth Day — In recognition of Earth Day, ECU plans to induct five honorary members into Epsilon Nu Eta, an honor society for environmental health professionals. The program is at 4 p.m. in Room 105 of the Belk Allied Health Building.

Dinner Theater — Dinner guests will help solve the mystery of "Peggy Sue Got Murdered" at 7 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center. Tickets to the dinner theater program are \$5 for students, \$13 for faculty and staff and \$15 for the public. Tickets are available at Mendenhall's Central Ticket Office or by calling 328-6829.

On Stage — The East Carolina Playhouse will present "Hot L Baltimore" at 8 p.m. in McGinnis Theater. Performances run through April 27. Public tickets are \$9 and \$8. Call the Playhouse Box Office at 328-6829 for more information.

Guns

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Officers said another compelling reason to be trained with and carry firearms is the work they do outside of the campus beat. University police officers sometimes venture around town, helping out the city officers when requested. Recently ECU campus officers helped out city police on two different occasions — once when the Pantry on Tenth street was robbed and again when there was an armed robbery at Harris Teeter.

"At UNCW we handle both police and university affairs so our officers carry guns with them at all times," said Lieutenant David Donaldson. "We have several options to choose from before having to use our guns. First we use the soft hand approach technique which is putting someone's hands

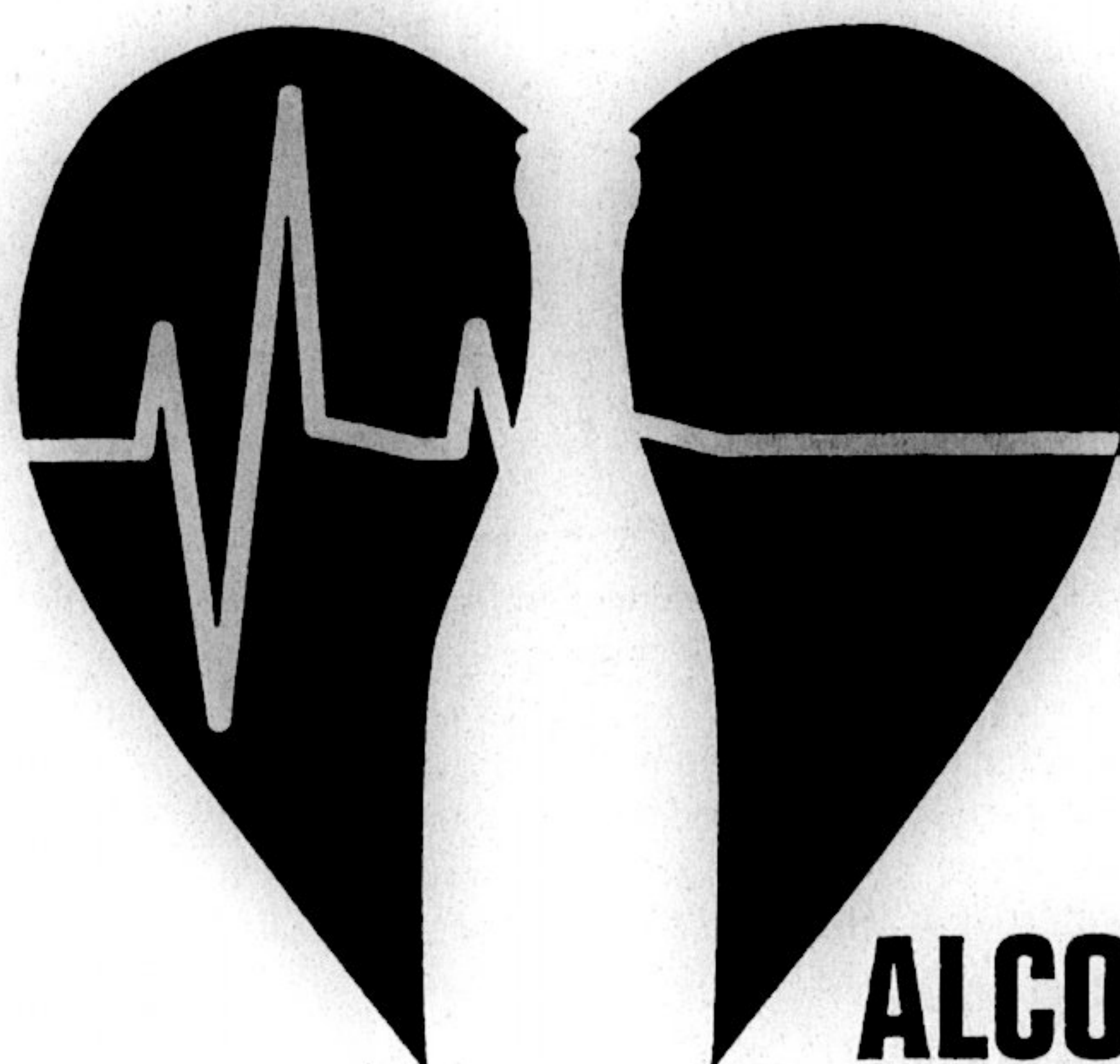
behind their back or telling them to place their hands on the car. Next we would use pepper spray. If that doesn't work we would use hard handed tactics which include striking. Our guns would only be used as a last resort."

However, police at some universities said campus is not the place for armed officers. Chuck Gantos, a member of the police force at Elon college said officers should not routinely carry guns.

"There is no reason to carry guns on campus unless you are responding to a call," Gantos said.

Some ECU students said they feel safer knowing that campus officers are equipped to handle potentially dangerous situations.

"I know there has been controversy over whether or not police should carry guns on campus, but I think most students would agree that it's for our safety that they should," said Allison Ward, junior.



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Monday, April 19: BE-AWARE
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Tuesday, April 20: Magic of Awareness
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10 am- 1 pm Wright Plaza
(Rain Site: Msc Multi-Purpose Rm.)

Wednesday, April 21 "The Illusion of Drugs & Alcohol"
Don Parker, Magician.Speaker
7 pm Wright Auditorium

Thursday, April 22: Fiesta Night Pool Party
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More than 2,000 attend Open House

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TERRA STEINBEISER
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend, ECU was buzzing with approximately 2,200 prospective students and their families who gathered in Greenville from all over the state, and east coast to learn about the campus.

Activities began early on Saturday morning with a speech by Thomas Powell, Director of Admissions, and comments from Alfred Matthews, Vice Chancellor for Student Life, as well as Keats Sparrow, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The popular Academic Fair was held to give future students an idea of the programs and departments available at ECU. In addition to this, several of the schools and departments opened their facilities

for visitation throughout the day.

The Student Life Fair exhibited the many opportunities for student involvement available at ECU.

"When I came to open house last year, the Student Life Fair is what excited me most about coming here," said Jodie Harkon, a freshman volunteer at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. "There is so much to get involved with and so many people you can meet through those activities."

Other activities that took place during this busy day included walking tours of the campus, visitation of the residence halls, visitation of the Student Recreation Center and a Pirate Pride Rally to boost school pride.

Although a definite number has not yet been determined, it is estimated that ECU will become the new alma mater of approximately 2,950 freshmen in the fall of 1999 as opposed to the 2,819 new freshmen who entered in the fall of 1998. This number indicates that North Carolina's third largest campus is still growing at an ever increasing rate.



Parents and potential students attended sessions to learn what ECU has to offer.

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Our View

In light of the recent death of an ECU student due to drinking and driving, it's especially important that students take alcohol awareness week seriously.

Alcohol may be fun to drink, but it can be a poison. While affecting every person differently, it always interferes with the reflexes, inhibitions and other safety barriers that keep us from harm when we drive and interact with others. This is why it's important to keep an intoxicated person from driving. Everyone can rattle off facts similar to these, but doing something with the knowledge requires an effort.

Alcohol awareness week would not be necessary if students would act on what they've learned from public service announcements, posters and speakers. Every student who steps onto this campus has certainly been informed of the potential dangers of alcohol.

How many public safety announcements does it take before students realize that their drunk friends are not "OK" to drive, no matter how convincing they sound?

How many students must cause the deaths of themselves and others before their friends take the car keys and refuse to give them back?

We've got to stop pretending that the problem will just go away, and start taking responsibility for our actions. We need to care about our fellow human beings enough to take the necessary steps to keep them safe.

What is the real problem? Why do people keep dying? Perhaps nobody wants to confront a drunk friend with reality. Maybe nobody stops to think that alcohol could kill someone they know until it's too late.

Or maybe it's a simple human tendency to keep a low profile. Nobody wants to make a fuss, or to look overexcited, let alone demand car keys from an intoxicated person. It's easier to blend into the scenery and hope that your drunk friend gets home safely.

So what if keeping your friends and other motorists safe requires an extra effort? Do it anyway. It's the only thing to do, and it's the only thing required of you. Don't drive drunk, and don't let your friends do it either.

OPINION

Phillip
Gilfus

Gilfus introduces himself

'hello all, top-of-the-morning to ya. Your friendly, biweekly reporter/columnist here. I know that this column is still a wee bit new, so I think it's high time everyone got to know me just a little bit better. I've decided to interview myself so that you, the wonderful TEC readers, can not only learn something about the world, but more importantly, something about yourselves.

Q: We've never seen a picture of you next to your column, are you some disfigured freak or something?

A: ...er, no. As far as you know. Just your average red-headed, left-hander. Many people don't realize this, but I am on the endangered species list. In fact, I'm only allowed to go out with red-headed females in order to propagate the species. That's not true, really, but it makes for a great pick-up line.

Q: Isn't this excuse for a column just your puerile attempt to take over Ryan Dagg's job?

A: I'm sure I have no idea what

you're talking about. I have nothing but respect for my talented contemporary and fellow columnist Mr. Kennemur. I would never try to replace him.

Q: What about those plans for his "retirement" you keep in your bottom drawer?

A: Um...look! Elvis!

Q: C'mon, tell us the truth. Writing a column is the easiest job in the world, right?

A: You have got to be kidding. If only everyone knew the long, grueling work it took to produce one column every week. I mean, just finding a decent CD to listen to while writing this takes a good 15 minutes. And the editing that goes into this is extensive. When I think of all the time it takes for the copy editors to read over my stuff and laugh and giggle at me behind my back over my common misspellings of "advisor" and "is." Man, they truly earn their pay.

Q: How much do they pay you at TEC?

A: Enough not to talk to the

proper authorities.

Q: Look, I know you want to talk about VH-1's Divas thing, so go ahead.

A: Thanks, you're such a wonderful, intelligent person who everyone should give money to. All right, I'm no diva expert or anything (except for that bit part I played in "Priscilla: Queen of the Desert," but that's another story), but VH-1 needs to look up the word in a dictionary. Brandy? Faith Hill? LeAnn Rimes?! These girls have as much attitude as one of my professors. Divas are people like Barbara Streisand or Bette Midler. Though I do give VH-1 credit for having one of the greatest divas of all time, Sir Elton John.

Well, that's about all the time we have for today, kids! Please send any comments or hate mail to CaptainECU@hotmail.com. I'd like to know if anyone likes my column or is just lining their birdcages with it.

OPINION

Stephen
Kleinshmitt

...Staying on the list of the most wired schools requires a lot more than just upgrading Internet Explorer from 3.0 to 4.0!

Well, well, well. It seems that we were unable to make the top 100 most wired schools list this year. Frankly, I'm not surprised. As much as administrators try to make it seem like we were given an unfair rating, I think that our rating is entirely justified.

Just having a campus-wide internet connection is just not the standard any more. Part of the reason that we got such a high rating

Drop in ratings justified

last year is because we were one of the newest schools to have a high speed internet connection. And I hear it's great for all the kids in the residence halls who like to chat and look at porn.

Our university lacks a campus computing initiative. I like using Virginia Tech as an example, because I have researched their program, since I will be a student there next semester. All students are required to own a computer, and many assignments are done online. As each student is required to use their computer on a daily basis, every student is proficient at using a computer. Students are also more apt to use the features of their network, such as personalized e-mail and gaming networks. The school's network not only includes the school's campus itself, but also includes most apartment complexes, and some fraternity and sorority houses.

Students use programs such as AOL Instant Messenger to send messages, because they are quicker and easier than picking up phones. Students have after class chat discussions with their class mates and

teachers in the evening to help them figure out their assignments. If you are sick, you simply download your assignments off your instructors web page, print them out, and turn them in the next class period. You can even buy a meal plan off their web site or request a financial aid transcript. Basically, you can do in twenty minutes what it would usually take hours to do on campus.

ECU, being a regional school, lacks the prestige and funding of larger schools like Virginia Tech. Many students here complain that they can't afford computers, but there is a solution to that as well. Students are allotted extra financial aid so they can afford the computers. And if that means an extra loan, than so be it. As students are already paying tens of thousands of dollars to attend college anyway, an extra \$1500 or so would be a small price to pay for incredibly increasing the quality of the education at ECU. And a little hint to the ECU computer labs: staying on the list of the most wired schools requires a lot more than just upgrading Internet Explorer from 3.0 to 4.0!

LETTER

to the Editor

Media Board plays foul in firing Schatz

I'm writing in response to the article that ran in The East Carolinian last Tuesday concerning the firing of Mark Schatz as the general manager of WZMB. An action that was brought by Paul Wright (advisor to the Media board, The East Carolinian & WZMB), Ronald Spear as a advisor (Dean of Students) and the ECU media board.

I feel like there is considerably more going on than that scratch-the-surface article that was presented to the public under the guise of good reporting in The East Carolinian last Tuesday. Question: If Mark Schatz is to be fired for being tardy one time and absent three times from his job, then what action should be taken against Ronald Spear for being fifteen minutes late for the media board meeting that was to fire Mark for the very same actions? Although Mark was able to explain his tardiness, I can't imagine how Ronald could possibly explain himself, other than, "Do as I say not as I do." What kind of example is Ronald setting?

If Paul Wright, as he stated, had nothing to do with the decision, then who did? Who brought the action to terminate to the committee? By the way, the committee can not meet without Mr. Wright. He controls through professed knowledge the way all meetings are conducted. They can not make a decision without first checking with him for a ruling on points of order. Does that sound like a man who is uninvolved? Where in the article does it say that Paul Wright and

Mark Schatz had a problem with one another? It is my understanding that this was the case.

Where in the article does it point out that the room in which this meeting was held was overflowing with support for Mr. Schatz to the point of spilling out into the hallway? People (his former employees) as well as myself who had made it clear that they wished to speak out on Mark's behalf. Several of us called and e-mailed board members informing them that we wished to speak on his behalf. No one said one word to us or asked us why we were there. They met in closed session and decided that Mark was fired.

My observation, not his, is that as general manager, he has one task: run the company well and and run it with integrity. Who the hell cares how or when it gets done? Unless of course, they are looking to get rid of him, then perhaps tardiness and attendance can be used as an excuse. Where in the article is it confirmed that Mark Schatz was putting in four times the hours required to run the station, going to school full-time, and working almost every night at Alfredo's in order to get through school?

Before any of you think that I am a close personal friend of Mark, let me point out that until I wrote this article, I didn't even know how to spell his last name. I don't know where he lives. I don't know where he's from. Frankly, all I know about Mark I learned by working with him and people under his direct supervision, and let me tell you that it was a rare pleasure to work with

someone as competent, concerned and as dedicated to his job as Mark was.

Where in the article does it point out that a student on the board asked the question, "if you guys are going to make all the decisions, then why even have a board? I ask, who are you guys and why are you guys running the board rather than advising and setting a good example for the students to run their own media board?

I was there. The whole thing was a travesty and the young man didn't stand a chance. Is that how a board, who is supposed to protect students from arbitrary decision, should go about investigating a situation?

To the media board: You fired or allowed a man to be fired without holding up your own responsibilities to investigate and to get all the facts. It was and still is your responsibility to protect and serve the students first and yourselves second. If you can't perform a job then you shouldn't expect the position as a board member.

Ron Spear and Paul Wright are only men. They are not gods and I'll bet if you stand up to them they will learn to take their places as advisors and not as acting owners. Despite their impressive titles they don't own a damn thing at ECU. They are state employees paid by the tuition and taxes that you pay. They work for you. They can't stop you from doing your job unless you let them. And they did.

Paul Edwards
Sunshine Management Group

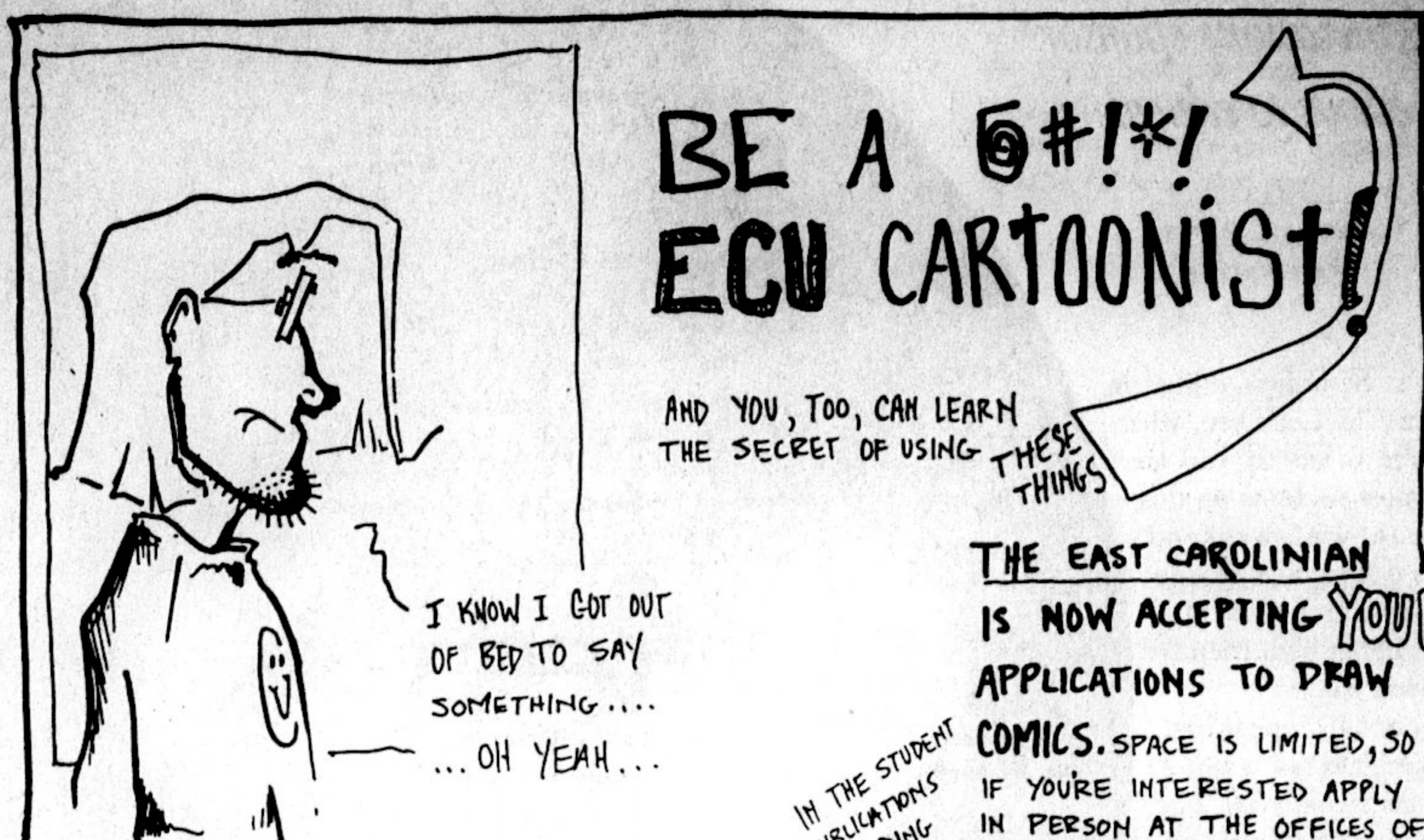
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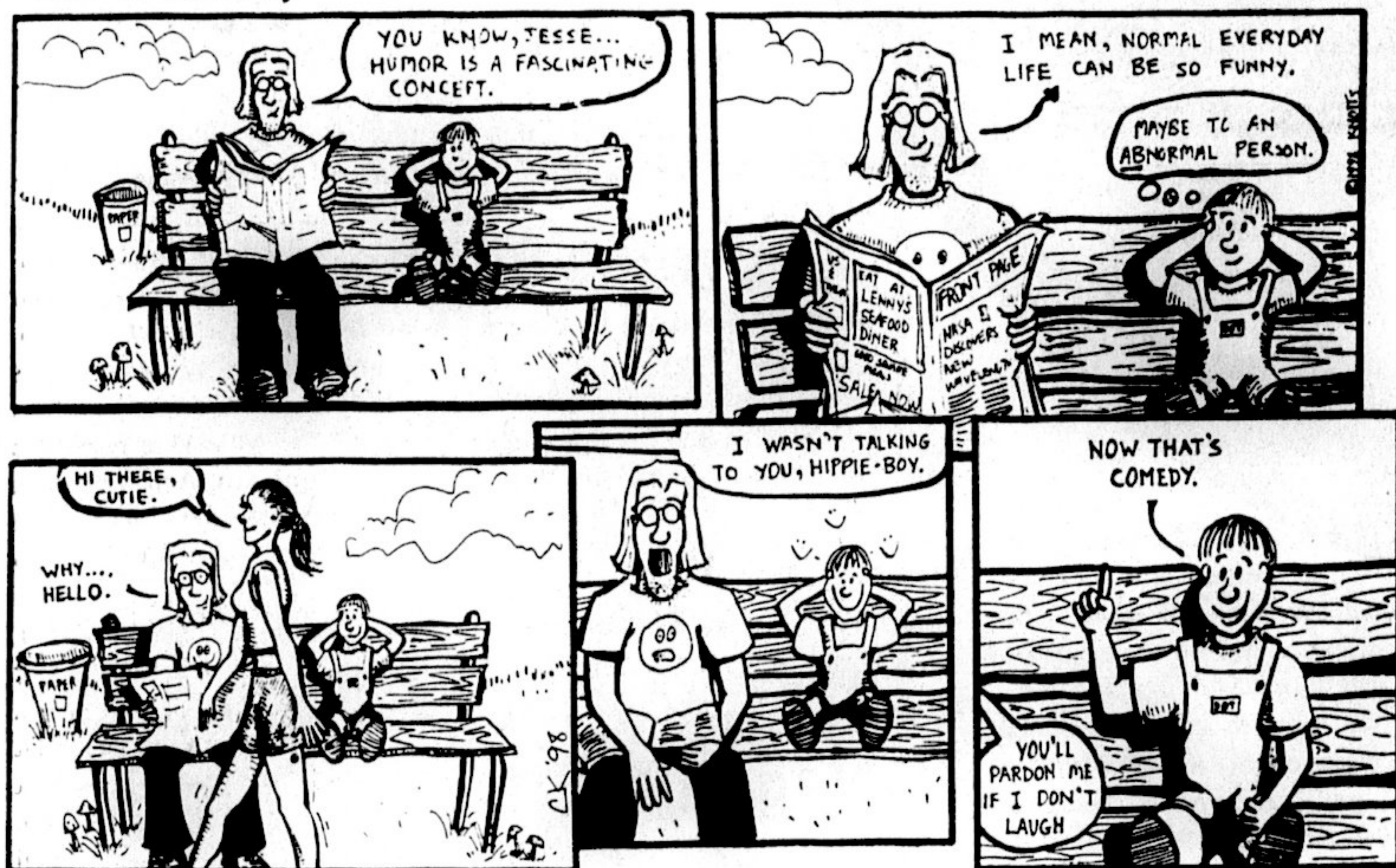
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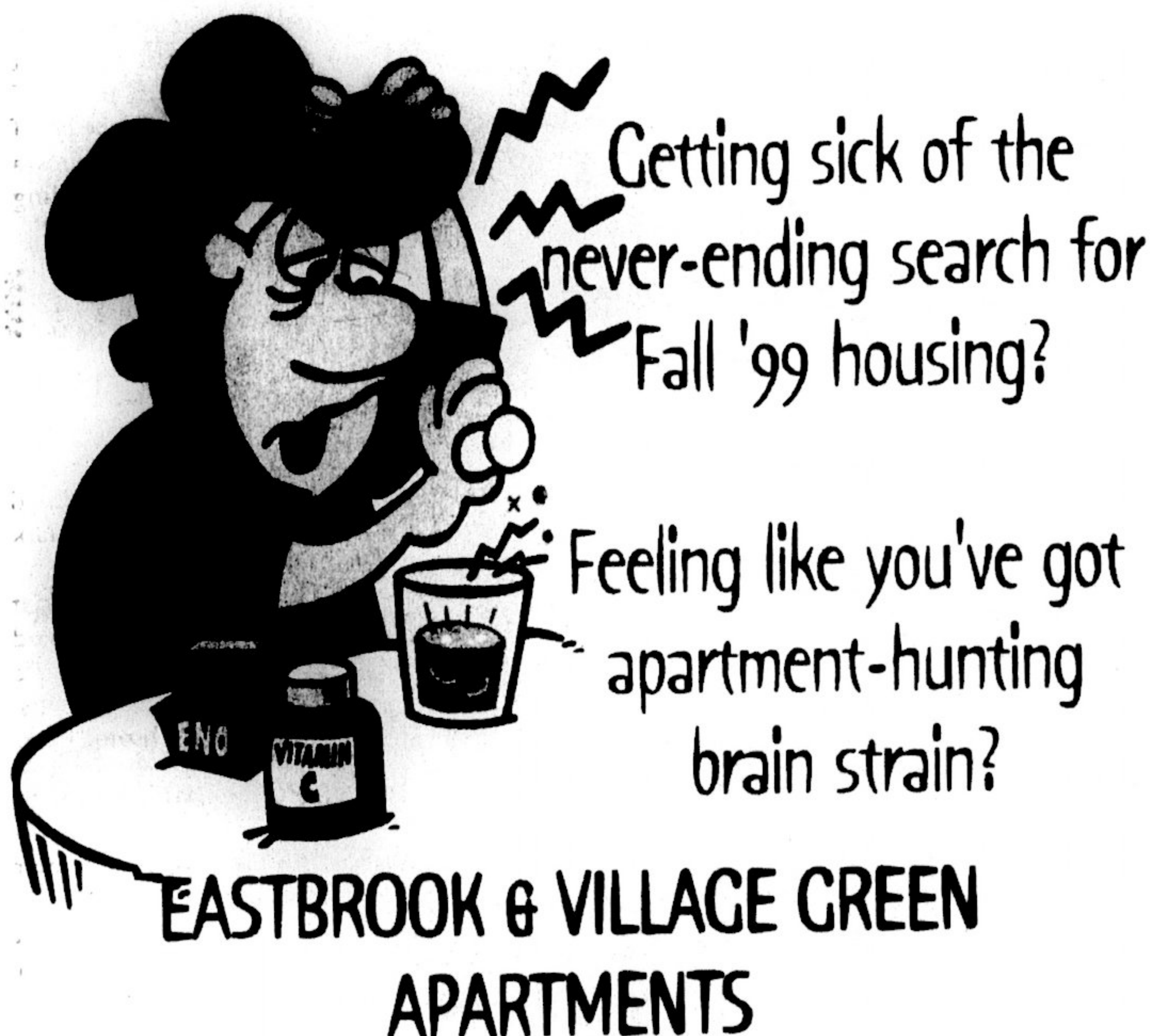
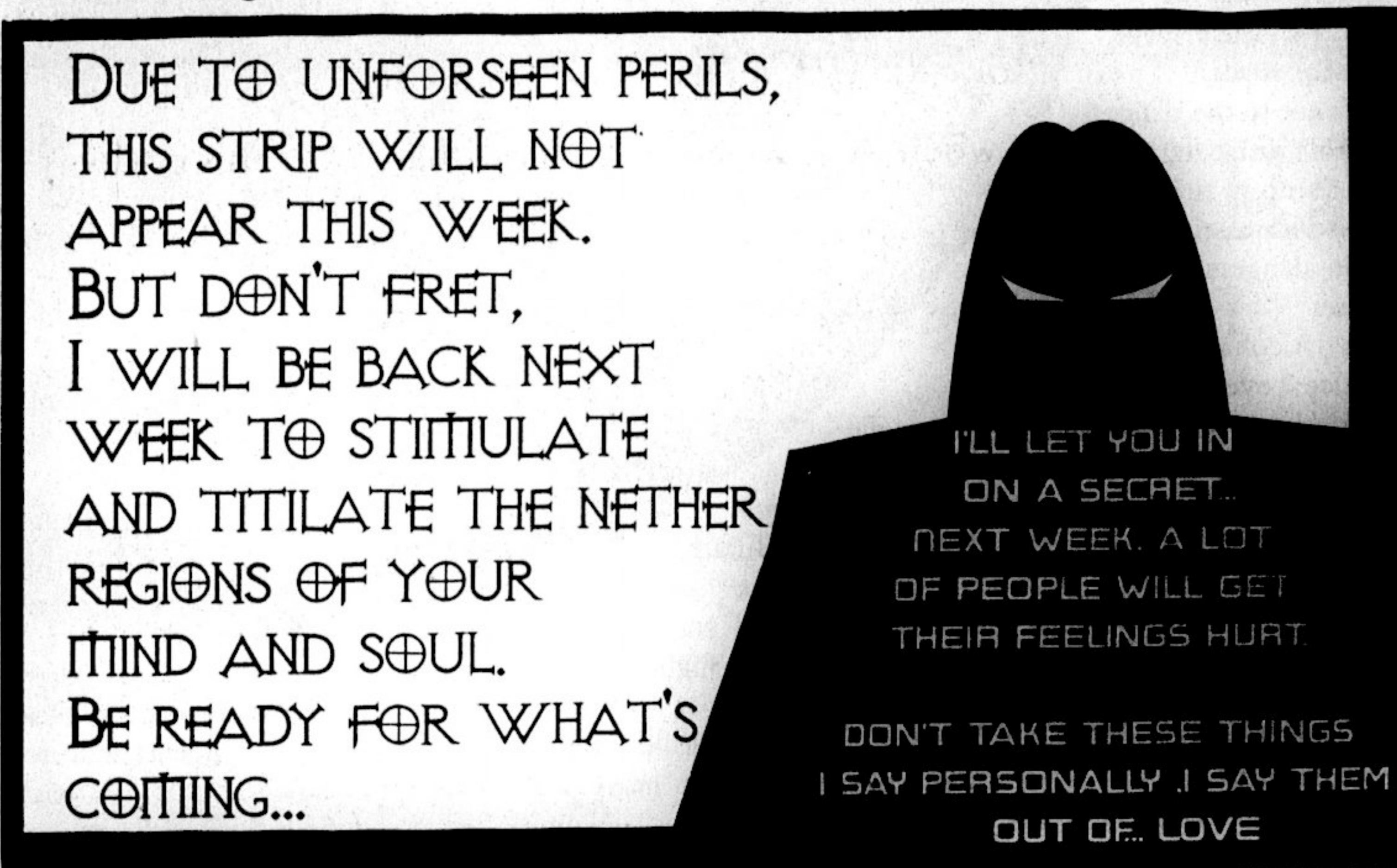
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events to educateBROOKE POTTS
STAFF WRITER

It's Saturday night in Greenville. Let's see, what is there to do? If you are like most students on this campus, your weekend plans will involve getting out of the house and hanging out with friends at a local bar.

Generally speaking, drinking alcohol is not a dangerous behavior. But on many college campuses where young people are exposed to alcohol in much greater quantities than they are used to, a night out drinking can have serious consequences.

As a response to the dangers of irresponsible drinking, several groups on campus are working together to educate students about the possible dangers involved in alcohol abuse.

This is Alcohol Awareness Week, a national event that encourages smart decision making among college students who drink.

"The purpose of this week is to make students aware of the dangers involved in binge drinking," said Bob Morphet, substance abuse counselor at the counseling center. "People should know that consuming alcohol does have a host of negative consequences."

These negative effects can be as minor as a hangover or as serious as assault.

As a whole, the binge drinking rates here at ECU mirror almost exactly the national rates, demonstrating that the perception of

Greenville being a party town may be less than accurate.

Nationwide, the average amount of alcohol consumed has traditionally been higher among college-age students.

Students misuse alcohol during their college years for many reasons. Freshmen typically consume more alcohol than seniors, indicating a tendency to experiment more often and to give in to pressure.

Social pressure also compounds the situation. As students try to fit in with a particular crowd, they may

engage in behaviors that they might not usually consider. But as time passes and students mature, they know how to better deal with peers and the influence they exert. "ECU is just like any other school," said Kamiko Sawyer, freshman and member of SADD. "There are lots of parties and alcohol is a part of many of them. You just have to be aware of your decisions and their

effects."

Sororities, SADD, the counseling center, student recreational services and many other organizations will be taking part in the week.

"We want to create awareness and positive ways to deal with alcohol," said Nancy Mize, director of recreation services and chair of the healthy lifestyles committee.

On Tuesday, the "Magic of Awareness Program is Planned." From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be 16 booths set up at the Wright

Alcohol Awareness Week

Plaza. Wednesday's main event will be the appearance of Don Parker, magician and speaker. His magic show, entitled "The Illusion of Drugs and Alcohol," not only entertains but also carries an important message to students. Don is a recovering alcoholic, and he speaks to his audience about

the negative consequences of drinking while he performs his show.

The finale of the week will be the Fiesta Night Pool Party outdoors at the Student Recreation Center. More food and prizes will be awarded and an Aqua 500 is planned.

"Hopefully this week will encourage ECU students to make healthy choices where alcohol is concerned," Morphet said.

Events for the Week

Monday, April 19: Be Aware
Noon, Wright Plaza
Tuesday, April 20: Magic of Awareness
Fun, Games, Food, Prizes
10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wright Plaza
Wednesday, April 21: The Illusion of Drugs and Alcohol
Don Parker, Magician and Speaker
7 p.m., Wright Auditorium
Thursday, April 22: Fiesta Night Pool Party
Free Food, Aqua 500
7:30-9:30 p.m., SRC Outdoor Pool

All Week: Tie One On for Alcohol Awareness
Yellow ribbons available Tuesday at Wright Plaza

Negative Effects of Alcohol

- Alcohol poisoning
- Missing classes, poor academic performance
- Accidents and injuries
- Arrests, legal issues
- Fights and assaults
- Vandalism
- Hangovers, effects on health

Cell phones, pagers become new commodity for students

This form of technology
is essential for many

NINA M. DRY
FEATURES EDITOR

You and a date are chillin' and really getting into the newest horror flick, Halloween part 21. Michael Meyers is about to slice and dice when ... an obnoxious shrill of someone's cell phone interrupts you.

Or how about sitting in class, contemplating whether or not to use the 'abracadabra' system on your history exam when an irritating beeping sound breaks you from your reverie.

Cellular telephones and digital pagers are found far and wide throughout campus. What began as

an essential tool for business tycoons has expanded to the hands of students. Is this form of technology a commodity for communication or is it another trend that will soon fade as many tend to do?

There are many students on campus who have cell phones and pagers, believing they are quite necessary for the modern student.

"I bought a pager my freshman year since my parents lived in Topsail and I was in Greenville," said Ryan Jasen Henne, senior. "I was never in my room and I wanted my parents to be able to contact me."

"I own a cell phone, using it for emergencies," said G.W. Barker, junior.

D. Wayne, a senior, has a cell phone for business and safety reasons.

"My husband owns a logging company," Wayne said. "He has the pager and I have the cell. That way we can keep in touch with each other."

According to Wayne, cell phones are a necessity for those, especially women, who have to travel long distances in the car.

"Since I commute an hour each day, I have my phone just in case," Wayne said. "You never know what might happen on the highway."

There are also students who find themselves preferring one over the other. According to Barker,

pagers are just an "electronic ball and chain."

"Back in the day, it was cool to steal pagers, but now, especially in high school, only dorks have them because the only person calling you is your mom," Barker said.

"It would be very beneficial for me to have a pager because of all the volunteer work I do and my football oriented services," said Tomha McMillan, senior. "A cell phone is useless because all you really need is a pager and a phone card—it's cheaper that way."

And, of course there are those who don't find either beneficial.

"I don't want people to get in touch with me everywhere I go," said Maranda Johns, sophomore. "What if I don't want to talk to them?"

"I think it's just a trend," said Desmond Garner, freshman. "I have a friend who has one and he barely uses it. He just thinks it's cool."

So what is the deal with cells and pagers? According to Sand Dutcher, an employee at United States Cellular and student, it's not a trend, but a new way of keeping in touch.

"We see many students buying telephones and it's mainly because prices are coming down," Dutcher said. "This brings more students into the market."

Dutcher said there are a variety of reasons students purchase phones including security reasons, the coming of age in technology and that cell phones are cheaper when calling in the (252) area code district.

With all of the hype cell phones and pagers have received and the



The Repertory Theater Company of America will present "Peggy Sue Got Murdered" this Thursday

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Dinner theater comes to campus

Event sponsored
by Student Union

PHILLIP GILFUS
SENIOR WRITER

Are you hungry? Hungry enough for... murder?!

The Student Union certainly hopes so. They are bringing a murder mystery dinner theater to campus for the second time in recent years.

"The group we're bringing came here two years before and was a success," said Lynn Caverly, assistant director of Student Activities. "We expect for it to be a sell-out performance."

The Repertory Theater Company of America will be pre-

senting "Peggy Sue Got Murdered." They are the same group that presented "Murder By the Book" in 1997.

"There will be four actors performing who have been on the road since September," said Nathan Thomas, artistic director for the touring theater company.

The play is set at a '50s high school sockhop. Peggy Sue Simmers is the most popular girl in school and senior class president. But the night she volunteers to provide the 45s for the annual back-to-school sockhop, the night turns deadly.

The performers for the dinner theater will include Katja Sernka-Lisa as Peggy Sue, Jessica Kelly as Teen Angel, Georgian James Karwisch as Mr. Edsel and Ryan Soteres as the Big Copper.

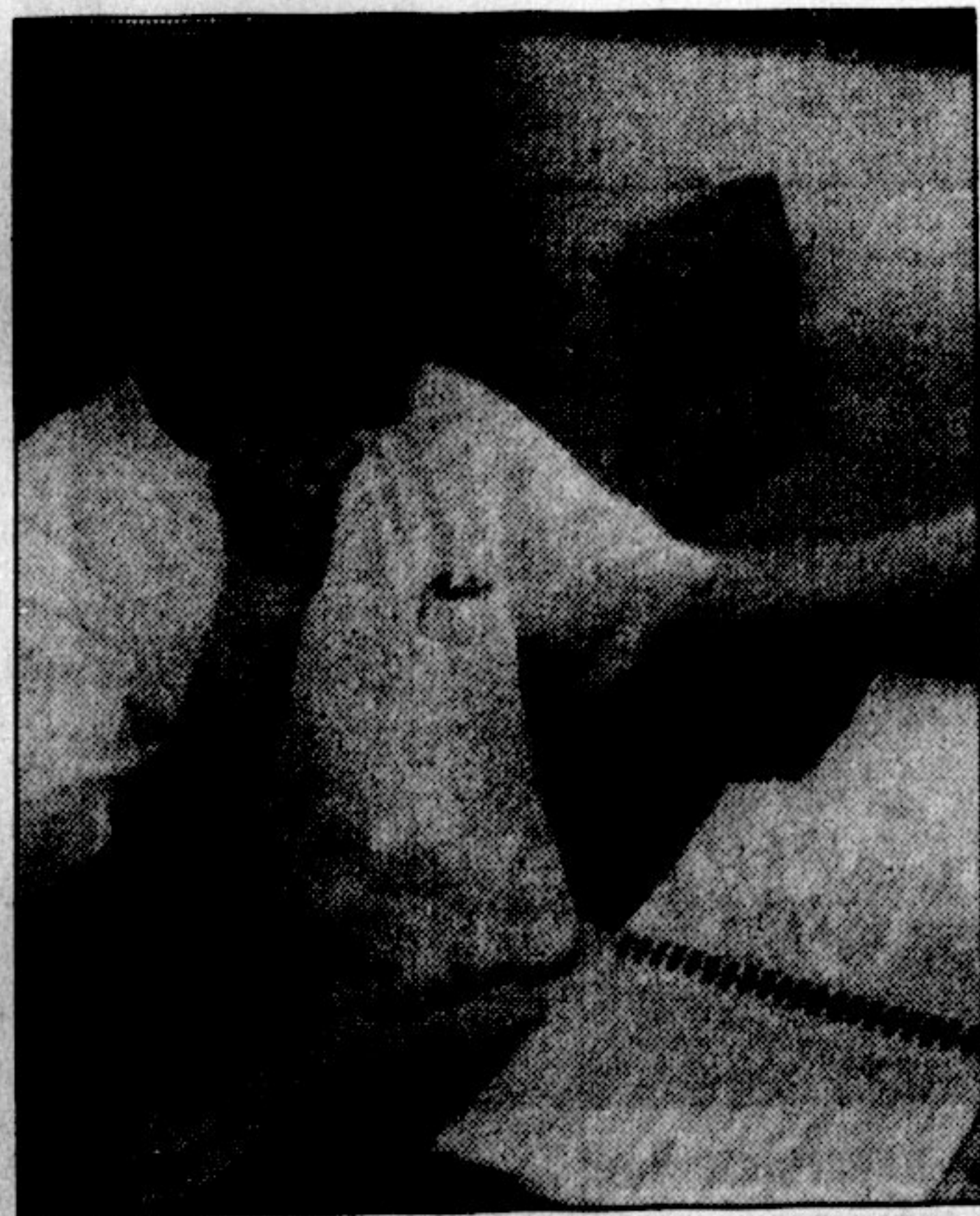
The audience members of

"Peggy Sue" will be able to participate in solving the murder mystery and, at the same time, will be served dinner catered by Aramark.

The menu for the evening will consist of garden salad, chicken rochembeau, roasted new potatoes, sugar snap peas and New York Style Cheesecake.

"Peggy Sue" will be performed at Mendenhall Student Center in the Multi-Purpose Room on April 22 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Central Ticket Office until the end of today. Tickets for the public cost \$15, while ECU faculty and staff can pay \$13. Students can pay \$5 cash or can use a \$5 debit from their declining balance or use a meal-plan dinner equivalent to pay for the dinner.



Students find it necessary to be reached at all times

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"specials" students receive in the mail encouraging them to purchase these devices, we still have to realize that we are college students trying to survive on a college budget.

"I don't have enough money for one of those things," Garner said.

"I just got my pager turned off because it's too expensive," said

Lynn Ford, sophomore. "I don't not seem like a lot of money at first, but it starts to add up."

"My pager became very expensive," Henne said. "I learned to take advantage of our voice mail system."

Whether you purchase a pager or cell to keep up with people and them with you, take into consideration the reasoning behind your purchase and always have consideration for those around you.

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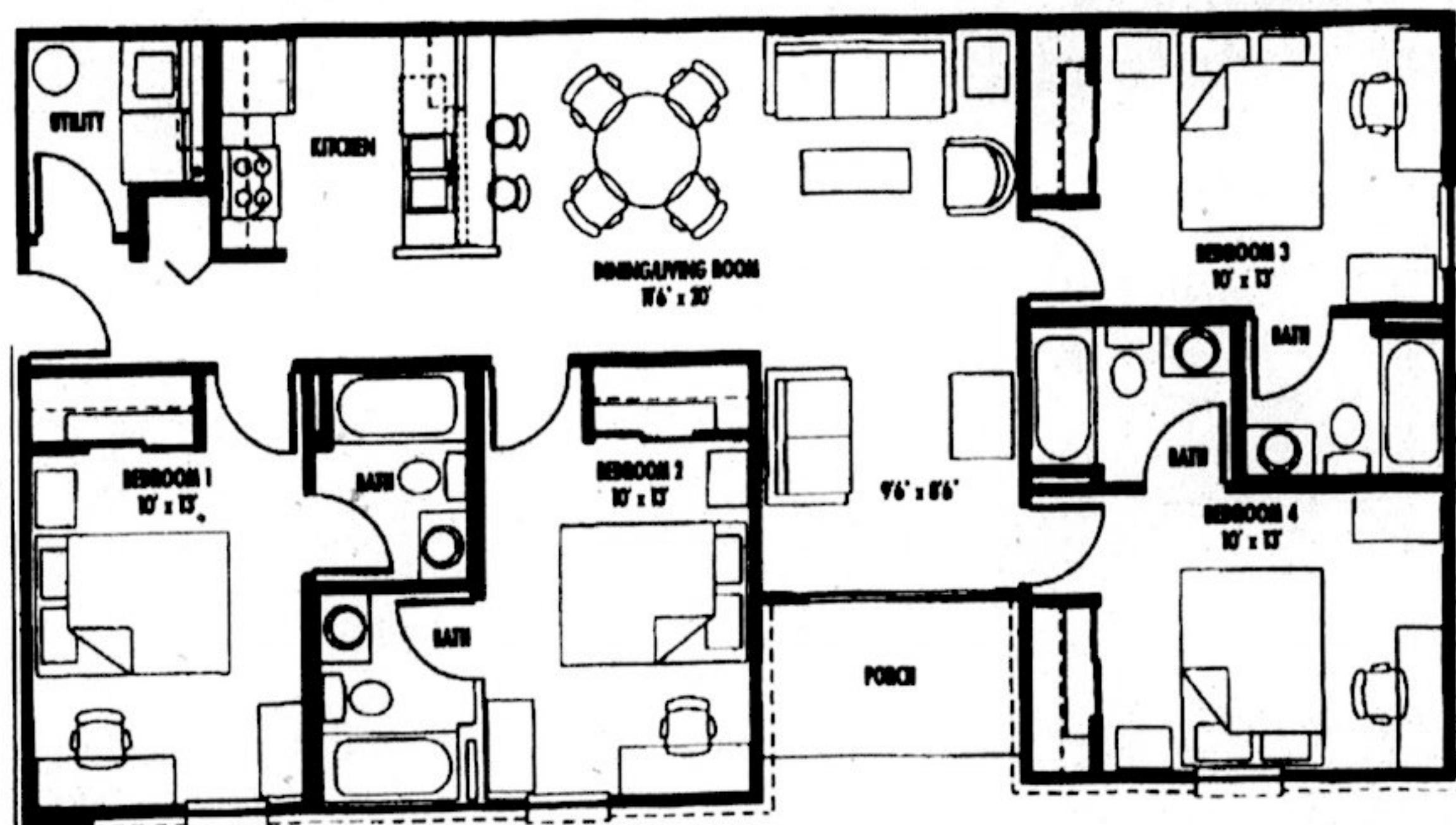
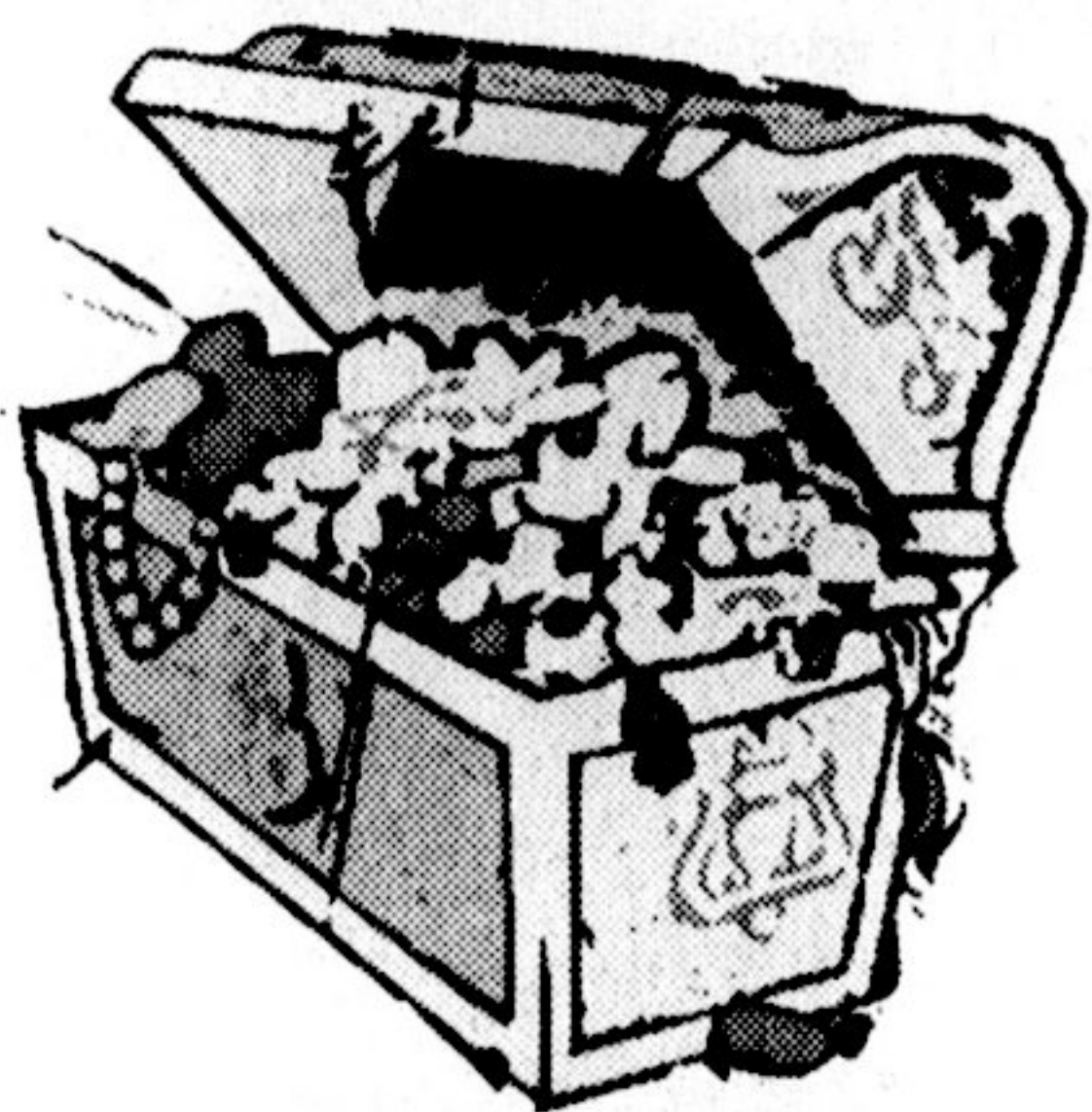
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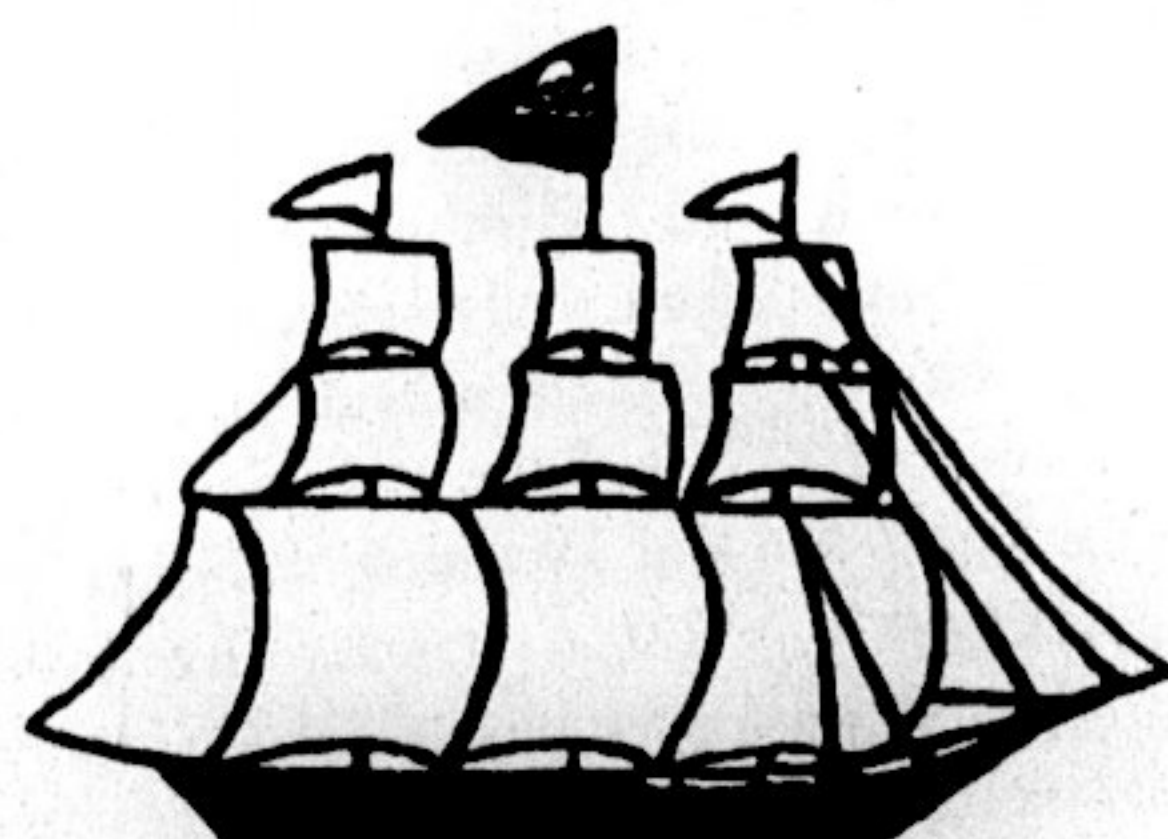
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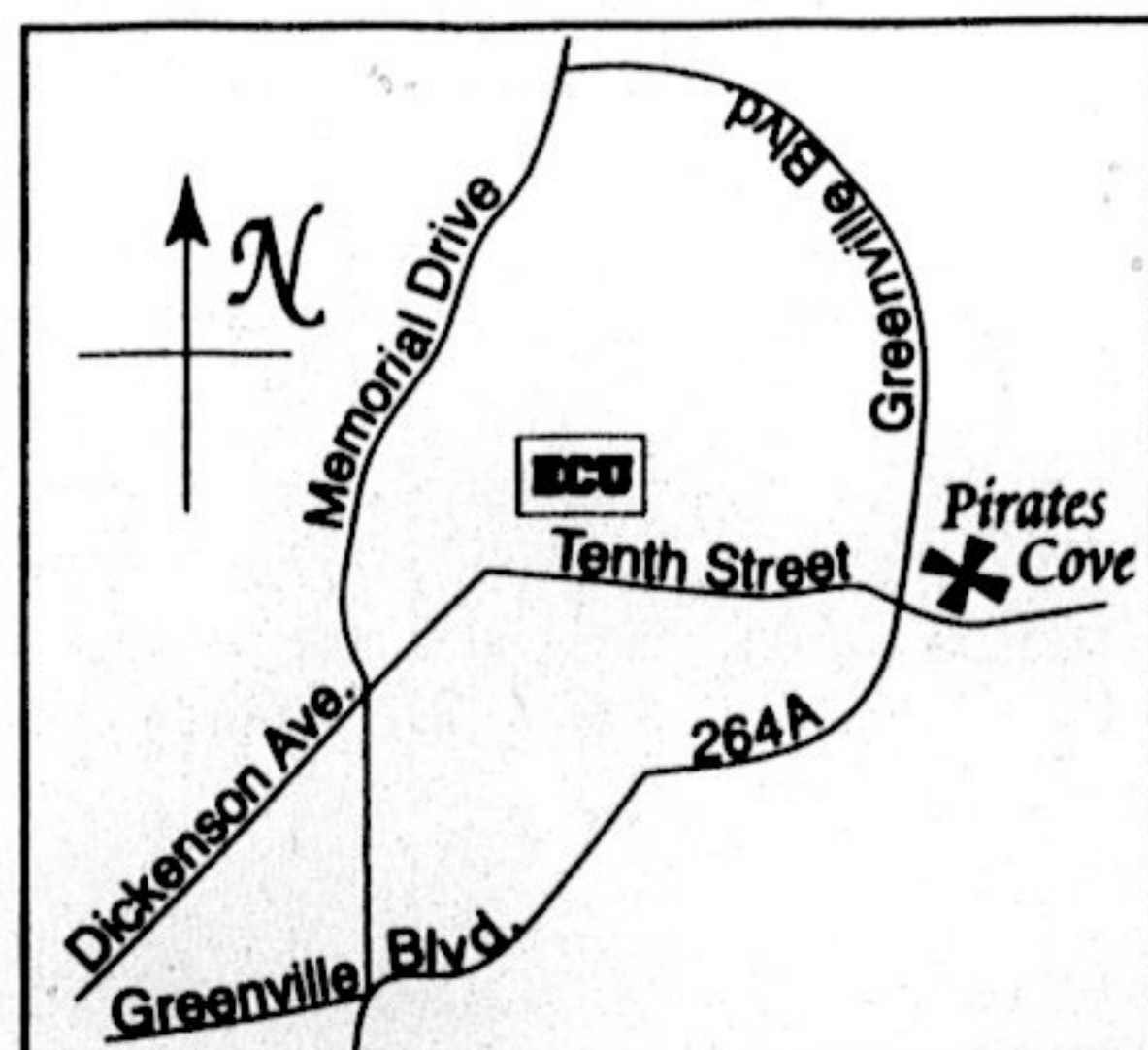
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What's Really Happening at ECU?*



- Two-thirds of ECU students consume four or fewer drinks when they drink.
- More than half of ECU students drink alcohol twice a month or less.
- 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.

Pirates take two of three from Richmond Spiders

**Wins increase
conference record to 9-2**

PAUL KAPLAN
SENIOR WRITER

It was a wild weekend of Pirate Baseball as No. 21 ranked ECU won a three game series 2-1 to up their overall record to 32-9 and more importantly increase their conference record to 9-2.

On Friday the Pirates took down the Richmond Spiders 13-11 in an almost four hour game highlighted by a miraculous comeback from a 10-0 second inning deficit.

It was in the seventh inning when the magic really happened after Steve Salargo got on base with

an RBI single putting them back only 11-9.

Then Big John Williamson stepped up to the plate and knocked out a game clinching grand slam home run to give the Pirates the lead 13-11 and inevitably the win. The Pirates went on to pick up their second win of the weekend in a decisive win on Saturday 12-5. John Williamson and Jason Howard each went 3-5 in the win and Travis Thompson pitched 7.0 strong innings increasing his pitching record to 7-1.

It was on Sunday when the Pirates took their only loss of the weekend as they fell to Richmond in a lackluster 6-1 loss.

"We got two wins this weekend, the first was a big one. Overall, it's been a positive weekend," said Chad Tracy. Richmond's play was highlighted by Mike Smith's impressive pitching; he pitched a

complete game while giving up only seven hits that night.

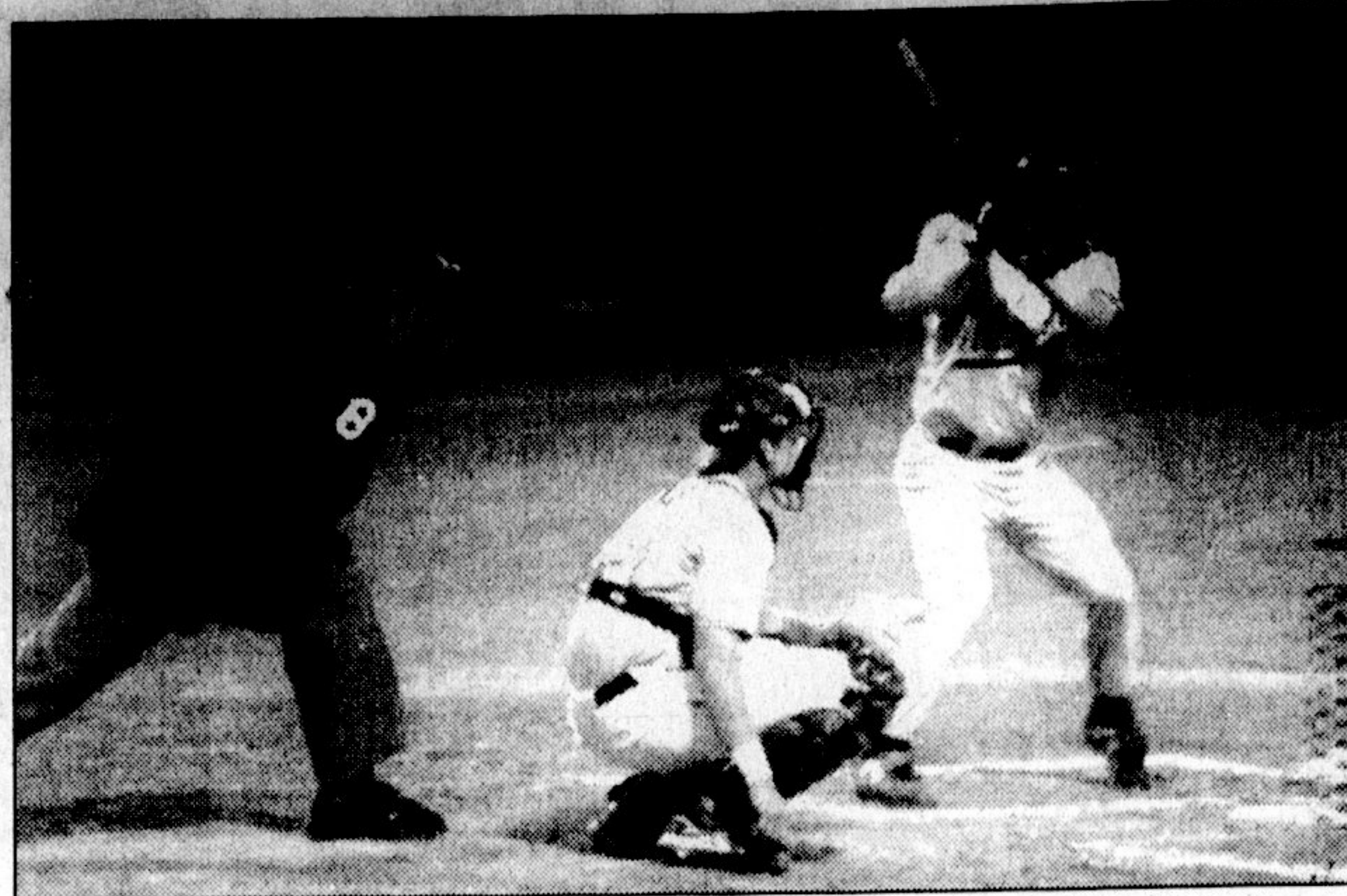
"He was a good pitcher with a good diving fast ball. We just couldn't make the adjustments that we needed to," said Steve Salargo.

Richmond started off Sunday's game with a run to take a quick first inning lead. Richmond put two more on the board in the third, only one earned. They scored one run coming off of a wild pitch and a passed ball, which brought around the third run for a 3-0 lead. ECU remained scoreless until the fourth inning when they scored their only run of the game. John Williamson hit an RBI single scoring Salargo who had reached on a hit which continued his career high tying 15 game hitting streak. After the fourth inning not only did the Pirates never make it around the bases again but they also did not have more than four hits in the rest

of the game.

"I didn't think we were ready to play. We didn't have that same hop in our step as on Friday and Saturday," said Keith LeClair, head coach. "When you give up only five hits and lose 6-1 you're just not playing defense."

The Pirates travel next to UNC Greensboro for a non-conference game, and then later this weekend they travel to Old Dominion for a three game conference series. The Rams are 30-9 overall and 9-2 in the CAA.



The ECU Pirates took the Richmond Spiders in a three game match over the weekend.

FILE PHOTO

"We have just got to keep our heads up and be ready for Wednesday's game and be ready to battle," Salargo said.

Track places high at CAA's

**Clayton helps in
third place finish**

MANDY REUTTER
STAFF WRITER

ECU track arrived at the CAA tournament in Fairfax, VA this past weekend and they left with a handful, that is, a handful of first place victories.

Michelle Clayton alone won three events and set yet another school record in the hammer throw behind George Mason and William and Mary. This throw of 57.20 meters earned Clayton a CAA meet record and set a qualifying mark for the NCAA tournament.

"We had a very good meet," said Charles Justice, women's track coach. "We led all the way to the end, then William and Mary and George Mason picked up some points that we weren't expecting."

Following behind Clayton in the hammer was her sister Margaret Clayton with a second place throw of 46.38 meters, and Jennifer Prevatt finished in third with a distance of 45.14 meters.

Clayton also gained a first place finish in the shot put with a mark of

13.95 meters, as her ECU teammates Crystal Frye and Margaret Clayton came in second and fifth with marks of 12.64 and 11.72 meters, respectively. Clayton's third and final first-place finish of the tournament occurred in the discus throw with a mark of 43.00 meters.

In the 400-meter dash, Kiona Kirkpatrick finished in a time of 56.03 seconds. Although Kirkpatrick placed fourth in the event, this time qualified her for the ECAC Outdoor Championships.

Third out of 14 competitors, not bad for Rasheca Barrow, who finished with a time of 12.15 in the 100-meter dash. Teammates Nicky Goins and Carmen Weldon in the same event, tallied a fourth and sixth place finish with times of 12.17 and 12.46, respectively. Barrow also finished sixth in the 200-meter dash in the time of 25.26 seconds behind fifth place sprinter, Goins with a time of 25.20.

Moving on to the finals of the 100-meter high hurdles, Sandra Teel, with a time of 14.33, finished in second place while Marshari Williams took home fifth with the time of 14.75. Teel also jumped into a fourth place position in the finals of the high jump with a leap of 1.54 meters, and Williams took fifth in the long jump with a mark of 5.57 meters. In the finals of the triple jump, Kilgore captured third-place

with a mark of 12.04 and Toshima Dabbs took fourth-place with a mark of 11.72. Last but not least, the 4x100 meter relay team came home with a second-place win in the time of 46.00 seconds.

Men's track which had been plagued with nagging injuries, enter the tournament and was as equally successful as the women, finishing in an overall fifth-place position.

"We weren't sure how we were going to do going into the tournament," said Bill Carson, head coach. "It was a bad day for sprinters, as far as the weather ... but what we put on the track, we did good."

The 4x400-meter relay team, consisting of Lawrence Ward, Terry Speller, Michael Miller and Damon Davis beat out a field of seven teams to take a first place finish in the time of 3:08.72.

Darriek Ingram, one of the runners hounded with an injury, placed first in the finals of the 400-meter dash with a time of 46.22. Bringing in third and sixth was Damon Davis (46.67) and Miller (47.70). Ingram also finished second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.61 followed by Lawrence Ward in fifth and Darren Tuitt in sixth.

"Where we won, we clearly won," said Carson. "Where we got beat, we got beat, no excuses."

As for the 100-meter dash,

TRACK

Results from the CAA Track and Field Championships

4x400 Meter relay

1. 3:08.72
1. Darriek Ingram, 46.22
3. Damon Davis, 46.67
6. Mike Miller, 47.70
- 200 meters
2. Darriek Ingram, 21.61
5. Lawrence Ward, 21.72
6. Darren Tuitt, 21.76
- 100 meter dash
1. Vaughn Monroe, 10.71
2. Darren Tuitt, 11.00
3. Britt Cox, 11.04
- 4x100 meter relay
2. 40.64
- 400 meter intermediate hurdles
2. Lynn Stewart, 52.63
3. Terry Speller, 54.62

Men

Women

- Hammer Throw
1. Michelle Clayton, 57.20 meters
2. Margaret Clayton, 46.38
3. Jennifer Prevatt, 45.14
- Shot Put
1. Michelle Clayton, 57.20
2. Crystal Frye, 12.64
5. Margaret Clayton, 11.72
- Discus Throw
1. Michelle Clayton, 43.00
- 400 meter dash
4. Kiona Kirkpatrick, 56.03
- 100 meter dash
3. Rasheca Barrow, 12.15
4. Nicky Goins, 12.17
- 200 meter dash
5. Nicky Goins, 25.20
6. Rasheca Barrow, 25.26
- 100 meter hurdles
2. Sandra Teel, 14.33
5. Marshari Williams, 14.75
- High Jump
4. Sandra Teel, 1.54 meters
- Long Jump
5. Marshari Williams, 5.57
- Triple Jump
3. Toni Kilgore, 12.04
4. Toshima Dabbs, 11.72
- 4x100 meter relay
2. 46.00

Monroe took first in the time of 10.71, followed by Tuitt in third and Britt Cox in fifth. Lynn Stewart, out of 13 hurdlers, took second with a

time of 52.63 in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles. Gathering points for the team were the 4x100-meter relay sprint-

ers. Members, Britt Cox, Darren Tuitt, Rashawn Deans and Darius Chishom dashed into second place.

Golf team grabs top ten position

**Weather conditions
challenge Pirates**

BLAINE DENNIS
SENIOR WRITER

This weekend's CAA golf championship had more mudslinging than the '96 presidential campaign as rough weather conditions provided an extra challenge for the Pirates.

The ECU golf team managed a sixth place finish despite the weather and concluded with a three-day total score of 942 at the CAA Championship. The tournament was held at Richmond, Va.'s Hermitage Country Club from April 16-18. Heavy rains had the course in poor shape and strong winds added to the Pirates' trouble.

"The first day was cool, windy and wet," said Shane Robinson, junior golfer for the Pirates. "We were hitting off mud and it killed me. I lost all my confidence the first two days."

The Pirates posted a 302 in Sunday's round, the third best score of the day, but that was not enough to catch the eventual champions of Virginia Commonwealth. VCU captured the team title with a 39-over

par 903. The University of Richmond carded a 913 to finish second while Old Dominion placed third carding a 918.

Wet fairways and greens plus gusty winds made an already difficult Hermitage course even tougher over the weekend. The Pirates were not the only team struggling as only one club broke 300 until Sunday's final round. Junior Marc Miller posted a hard-fought 76 during Sunday's round to finish tied for eighth place in the individual competition with a 14-over 230 for the Pirates. Stephen Satterly, a junior on the ECU golf team, helped end the weekend on a positive note. Satterly carded a team low score of 73 to finish 15th individually with a 233.

"The conditions were not good; everything was really wet and the fairways were muddy," Miller said. "We hit it down the fairway and it hurt us. That gets in your head, confuses and frustrates you."

The Pirates were in eighth place after the first round of play Friday, posting a 35-over par 233 and finishing 23 shots back of the leader Richmond. Miller lead ECU in round one with a seven-over 79. The Pirates carded a 317 on Saturday to move into sixth place where they stayed to finish out the

tournament. Donny Lee of VCU won the individual title, carding a four-over par 220. Tied for second were Michael Hospodar of Old Dominion and Richmond's Ken MacDonald, each with a 223.

"I feel that we did not have enough depth in our team line-up to withstand this field," said Kevin Williams, head coach. "The field at the CAA is very strong with five teams ranked in the top 80 in the nation. We will hopefully regain some ground at our next tournament (Furman) by bringing in some strong freshman talent."

Despite their top 10 finish, many ECU golfers are disappointed with the team's performance overall. According to Miller, the team has struggled the past couple of tournaments and he is not pleased with this weekend's results.

"When we play bad, we play really bad," Miller said. "We take one step forward and two steps back."

Robinson shares his teammate's disappointment. He said high scores hurt him all weekend and he was not able to take advantage of the big shots. Robinson, who has played this course on seven other occasions, realizes there is no room for error on such a difficult track with weathered conditions.

"This course is so hard," Robinson said. "You have to take advantage of it when you hit good shots. Our biggest problem was no birdies as a team. We came in looking to win and played very poorly."

The Pirate golf team wraps up their season with the Furman Spring Invitational on April 30-

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ECU Golf scores at the CAA Championships

8. Marc Miller	79-75-76-230
15. Stephen Satterly	80-80-73-233
28. Shane Robinson	82-83-74-239
30. Scott Campbell	82-79-79-240
40. Brian Crawford	85-83-82-250

NFL draft places Couch at Cleveland

(AP)— So much for the Year of the Quarterback.

Yes, Tim Couch, Donovan McNabb and Akili Smith went 1-2-3 to Cleveland, Philadelphia and Cincinnati in Saturday's NFL draft the first quarterback trifecta since 1971.

And five QBs overall were taken in the top dozen with Daunte Culpepper going to Minnesota with the 11th pick and Cade McNown to Chicago with the next choice.

But the quarterbacks had to share top billing with the New Orleans Saints, who did just what coach Mike Ditka has been trying to do all along: get running back Ricky Williams, the Heisman Trophy winner.

Ditka's largesse also helped out the Washington Redskins. He made his move when Indianapolis used the fourth overall pick to take Miami running back Edgerrin James instead of Williams. Ditka traded all his picks this year and his first and third next year to Washington, a total of eight in all. It set up the rest of the draft and it certainly set up the Redskins.

But Ditka didn't blink.

After the deal for Williams was struck, he emerged from the Saints' war room, pumped both fists in the air, fired up a big cigar and shouted: "The power of prayer did it."

"He's supposed to come here," Ditka said. "I love the kid, everything about him. It's what we need. I think he's going to show people he's the best college football player coming out. He gives us what Walter Payton gave Chicago."

None of that would have happened had not the Colts taken James over Williams, who was disappointed not to be the first running back taken.

That opened the way for the Redskins to deal with the Saints and allowed the Skins to turn around and trade some of those picks to the Bears to for the seventh choice and the player they wanted all along — cornerback Champ Bailey of Georgia.

Colts president Bill Polian said it "basically was a tie" between James and Williams, although James was better at catching the football.

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That's important in the Colts' offense, particularly without Marshall Faulk, who had 86 catches last season but was traded to the Rams on Thursday.

Three Mississippi State players were selected in the second round Saturday. James Johnson became the first Bulldog player to be selected.

The Miami Dolphins used their second-round pick, the 39th selection, to take the Mississippi State running back. The Mobile, Ala. native, rushed for 1,383 yards and 12 touchdowns for the Bulldogs this past season.

Johnson played two seasons with Mississippi State, running for 2,452 yards and leading the Southeastern Conference in rushing during the 1998-99 season.

Mississippi State tight end Reggie Kelly was selected three spots behind his teammate. The Atlanta Falcons used the 42nd pick in the second round to select the Aberdeen native.

Kelly, considered one of the best blocking tight ends in the draft, had 12 catches for 140 yards and one touchdown this past season.

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May 2 in Furman, S.C. The frustrating finish at Richmond has not discouraged the ECU team as they still look forward to doing battle in Furman.

"We need some good things to happen," Robinson said. "It would look good for us to do well at Furman. It would be good to end the spring with a top five finish or even a win."

The New York Jets selected Mississippi State offensive guard Randy Thomas with the 57th pick in the second round. The East Point, Ga., native played 24 games for the Bulldogs and earned All-Southeastern Conference team honors his senior season.

This was also a socially significant draft.

Of the first five quarterbacks taken, three are black — McNabb, Smith and Culpepper. That equals the entire number of black quarterbacks ever taken in the first round — Doug Williams in 1978, Andre Ware in 1990 and Steve McNair in 1995.

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Although Mosley found it difficult to land punches, hard right-hand combinations found their way to Brown's head and body and Brown found it difficult to remain steady. When the bell ending the eighth round rang, referee Pat Russell called ringside physician Dr. Paul Wallace to examine Brown.

Wallace determined that Brown was too disoriented to continue.

Mosley, who weighed the 135-pound class limit, led on all cards with Brown, 134 1/4, winning only the seventh round.

Mosley, 27, of Pomona, Calif., is 32-0 with 30 knockouts. At 5-foot-9 he towered over the 5-3 Brown. Brown, 30, of Mays Landing, N.J., fell to 19-6 with 10 knockouts.

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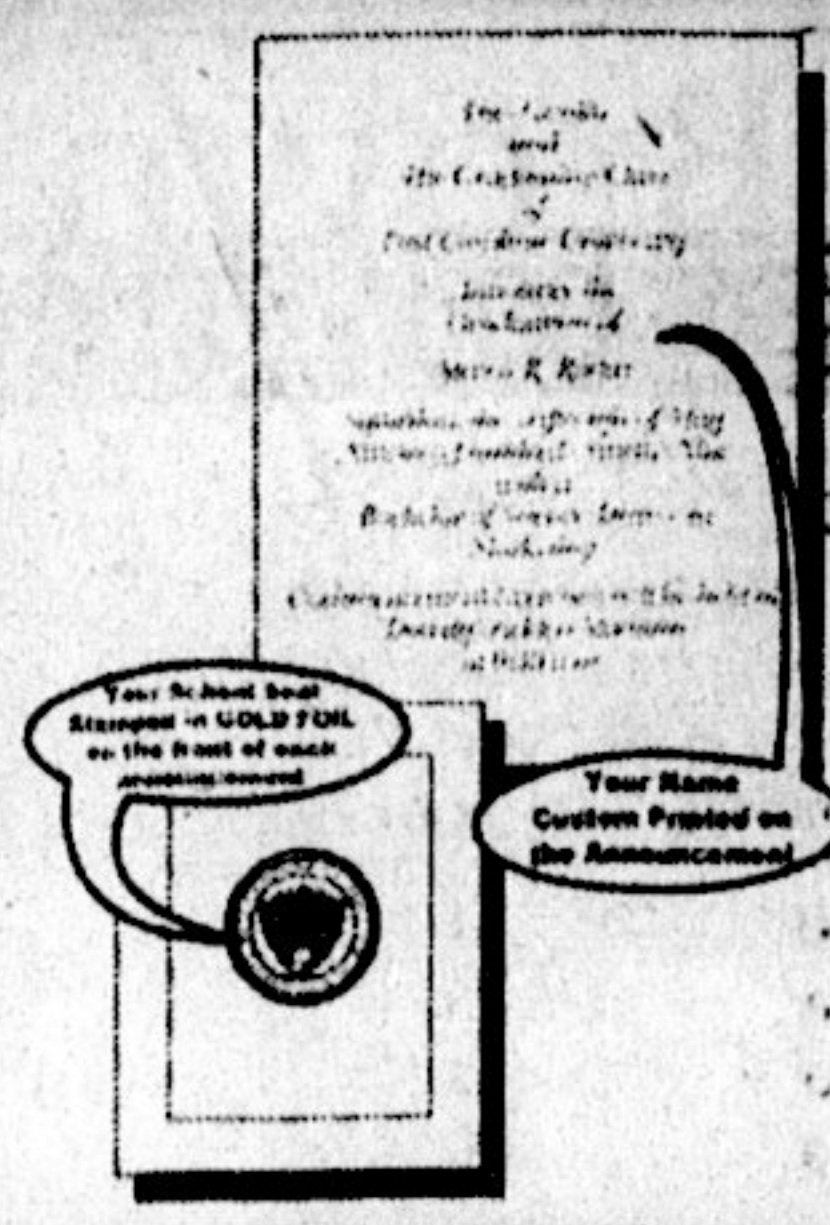
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