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## Diversity. Diversity.

### Campus organizations offer diverse

BRIAN P. STORRINGS  
STAFF WRITER

Over 3,000 minority students attend ECU, therefore the university has organized minority associations to help them promote ethnic support.

These associations range from Allied Blacks for Leadership and Equality (ABLE) to Sigma Omicron Epsilon—Sisters of Earth, who promote Native American issues. These groups promote ethnic and religious diversity.

"ECU is extremely diverse, with representation from all races and ethnic cultural backgrounds," said Na'im Akbar, Vice President of the Adult Student Association and member of the Minority Student Coalition. "There are almost 2500 minority

"ECU is a good place for minority groups, however, in order to have more diversity, more effort needs to be placed in having more international students here at ECU," said Qi Yin Fang, president of the East Carolina Chinese Association.

"The population of international students is small when compared to N.C. State, but overall, ECU is a good place."

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Vice President, Adult Student Association

According to Akbar, interaction between the different minority organizations is through the Minority Student Coalition. They meet to identify issues, research them, determine a position and bring it to the attention of the administration.

"The purpose of minority organizations is to increase the sensitivity of the majority population, as well as give minority students a feeling of belonging, help them deal with issues, or just partake in social activities," Akbar said.

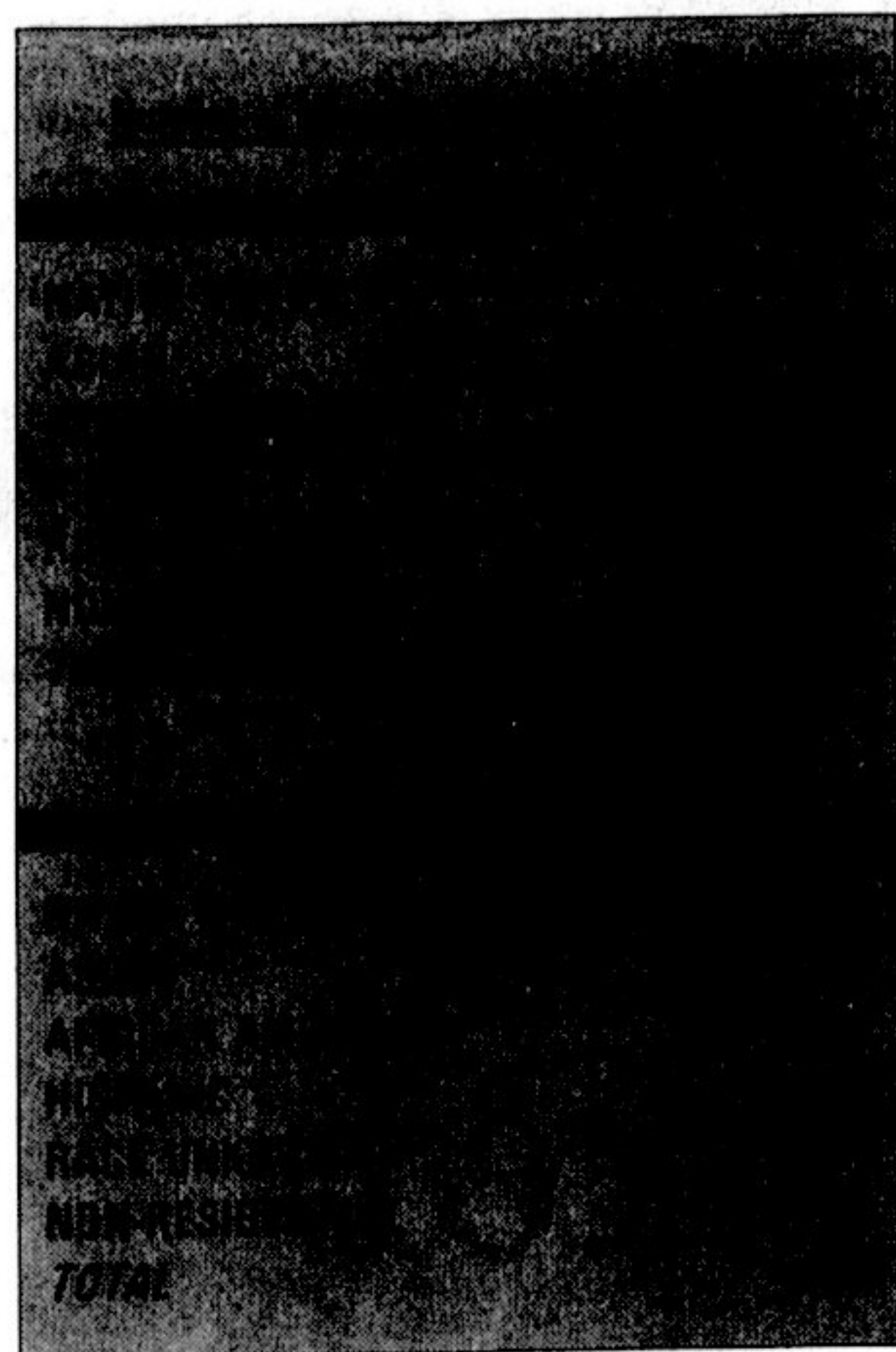
Some students say they are unaware of the different numbers of minority organizations on campus.

"I heard something about a Chinese Club and a little about other minority groups, but not much. ECU is not as diverse as UNCC," said Vaughn Roberson, a transfer student from UNCC.

"It needs more festivals and other ways to promote different ethnic groups."

"I was surprised by the diversity of ECU, not only the number of minorities, but the numerous ethnic groups here," said Trice Hill, a sophomore, and member of the ECU chapter of the NAACP.

"While I think that this is a diverse campus, there needs to be some work done to promote other ethnic groups."



students here, with the largest percentage being African-American."

Akbar feels it is up to organizations to promote themselves. Although, he said it is ECU's responsibility to make minority students feel comfortable within the ECU family.

### ECU Minority Organizations

Allied Blacks for Leadership and Equality (ABLE)

East Carolina Native American Organization

East Carolina University Black Student Union

Sigma Omicron Epsilon-Sisters of Earth

Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity

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Muslim Student Association

## Local U.S. Cellular center closes

### Eliminates some students' jobs

KRISTY DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

In order to expand services to its Southeastern customers, U.S. Cellular announced June 8, it would move its Communications Center in Greenville to a Mid-South Center in Knoxville, Tn.

The decision has effected over 100 people including recent graduates of ECU and current ECU students.

According to Linda Baker, Vice President of Customer Service, the decision was made to improve the service to the customers. U.S. Cellular officials said that by making this change, they will be able to serve customers more efficiently

for a lower cost.

The change will be effective August 15, leaving some without jobs while others have the choice to move to Knoxville or one of U.S. Cellular's other locations.

"This realignment will allow us to make vast improvements in the quality, speed and efficiency of our



George Hollen of US Cellular works at his desk  
ROBIN VUCHNICH

customer service processes while holding down operating costs which affect pricing," said Dave Rivoira, Area General Manager, in a press release.

According to a press release provided by U.S. Cellular, they are working with other local companies to assist associates choosing to pursue other career opportunities.

"All of our Communication Center associates are highly trained, professional and resourceful," said Loretta Knight, manager of customer service, in the press release.

U.S. Cellular officials told current employees they would make every effort possible to insure job opportunities.

U.S. Cellular employs a large number of ECU graduates and current students. Sandy Lambertsen, a 1998 graduate in psychology, had been working with them for four months when the announcement was made.

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## University considers adding pharmacy doctoral program

### Results of study to be available next year

BRIAN P. STORRINGS  
STAFF WRITER

A new doctoral-level program may be in the works for ECU. The feasibility study for a new School of Pharmacy will take place in July by a consultant from the University of Arizona.

"The results of the study will be available in the beginning of next year," said Dr. James Hallock, dean of the Medical School.

"We will then present the results to the board of trustees and examine what funding will be needed to establish this program and whether this

program will be here."

The idea for this new program was generated in a trustees meeting that was examining the future growth of ECU.

"The study will concentrate on three things," Hallock said. "First will be a study of the future need for pharmacists in North Carolina."

"There is absolutely a great need for pharmacists in North Carolina," said Kevin Phillips, a pharmacist at CVS Pharmacy. "There is a very short supply in this state."

Phillips, who went to ECU for two years before transferring to UNC to complete his pharmacy training, said that there were many students in his program who came from other schools, including junior colleges.

"The other points of the study are examining what kind of resources we have to support a pharmacy school,

which includes those of the medical school we already have, as well as additional resources we will need," Hallock said.

"We will also study whether there will be an adequate supply of students for such a new program."

The program requires two years of schooling before entering pharmacy school, followed by four years at the pharmacy school itself. The other pharmacy program in the state is at Campbell University.

According to officials at the Pitt County Hospital Pharmacy, there are students from Campbell and UNC who come for pharmacy rotations at the hospital for training purposes, as well as graduates who do residencies at PCMH.

For future students, the program would take four years and would, after certification, allow one to be a pharmacist in either a hospital or drug store.



# a cross other campuses

Louisiana State University-Controversy already surrounds the latest proposal by Barnes and Noble to privatize the Louisiana State University Union Bookstore.

The plan offered up by the national-chain book retailer, which includes either razing or altering at least one building on the National Register of Historic Places, is not finalized, according to Union Director Shirley Plakidas.

But that has not stopped the Foundation for Historical Louisiana from voicing its opposition.

Standing in the way of the Barnes and Noble proposal is the historical value of the LSU Honors Center, which was originally the Old President's Home, Plakidas said.

The building was one of the first constructed on the present campus and was the original residence of the University's president.

Despite all the controversy surrounding the proposal, no definite plans have been submitted and Barnes and Noble does not have a contract with the University.

The original proposal submitted to the University by Barnes and Noble included three distinct possibilities, Plakidas said.

The first would be to renovate the current space occupied by the Union bookstore, and building an addition to the back of the Union on top of the current parking lot was the second option.

University officials turned down the third option which placed a free-standing structure across the parade grounds from the Union in front of Pleasant Hall.

University of Florida--Two years ago, the prospect of a Student Government career made Jocelyn Moore wrinkle her nose in dismissal.

"No way," University of Florida's student body vice president told Dean of Students Julie Sina in Fall 1997.

Moore had heard war stories like that of Anita Williams, an enthusiastic young woman active in the Black Student Union and Black History Month.

A little more than a year ago, Williams - flashing the infectious smile her friends know so well - told SGP leaders she liked the entertainment industry and wanted to help.

The cold response made her reconsider.

"I didn't really know who they were, and they weren't really receptive to who I was," recalled Williams. "I basically ended my involvement right there. They didn't want me."

Today, Williams and Moore are on the other side, urging students, especially those from diverse backgrounds, to join SG. They are trying to change the long-standing tradition of minority students' exclusion - be it real or perceived - from SG.

They are tired of minorities leaving Senate meetings, wondering why most faces are white.

Stuff like Student Senate, or one of SG's 35 cabinets, or SGP or Accent - SG's speakers bureau.

Stuff like the Coalition on Minority Affairs, convening for the first time later this summer.

Its purpose: to "make SG accountable for the affairs of minorities," Moore said.

The coalition will collect data on how SG's minority population compares to that within UF's student population, about 8 percent of which is African American and 10 percent of which is Hispanic, according to the latest figures from 1997.

Iowa State University--After running molecular tests on the world-renowned cloned sheep, Dolly, researchers from the Scottish Roslin Institute found that although Dolly is only three years old, her cells are nine years old.

Dolly was cloned from a 6-year-old ewe in 1996, and since then, scientists at Iowa State have been closely following the research.

Eric Henderson, professor of zoology and genetics, said new developments in cloning are important to future research.

"It is really not trivial research," he said. "This kind of research has been done before on frogs. This is the first of its kind done on mammal cloning."

According to a Washington Post article in May, some scientists theorize Dolly will die at an early age because her telomeres, genetic material that shortens as the cells divide and the animal ages, are shortening more rapidly than a normal sheep's telomeres.

"I believe that this was a technological challenge but not a new scientific breakthrough," Henderson said. "The experiment came long after the theories, and this only confirms them."

The study suggests dividing a cell to form an embryo does not rebuild the telomere when the cell divides, therefore causing the cloned animal to age prematurely.

Chris Tuggle, associate professor in animal science, said he is unsure about Dolly's chances of living an average lifespan.



Gene Lanier working in his East Carolina University office.  
PHOTO BY BILL KEITH

## Professor says goodbye

Lanier retires after forty years of service

ANISA GHIRAIKI  
STAFF WRITER

After more than 30 years as a professor of Library Science at ECU, Gene Lanier will retire July 1.

Besides living in Conway, N.C., where he is originally from, Gene Lanier has spent most of his life at ECU. He received his undergraduate degree here in 1955, and went on to receive his masters and doctorate degrees at UNC-Chapel Hill in 1957. Shortly thereafter in 1959 he returned to ECU after serving as a Counterintelligence Specialist in Western Europe for two years.

"I've had a lot of offers to teach at other schools throughout the years, but I have found a good place here (ECU), and I decided to stick with it," Lanier said. As a strong advocate for First Amendment rights, Lanier has made over 200 speeches and presentations on intellectual freedom to civic and professional groups in North Carolina and over 40 other states.

"I feel like I have an obligation to spread the word about the importance of freedom of speech and press," Lanier said.

He first became interested in first amendment rights when he became Chair of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, a part of the North Carolina Library Association in 1980. He has served on many Intellectual Freedom Committees including American Library Association, American Association of School Librarians, and the Southeastern Library Association, just to name a few. He has also served as a director, a liaison, a secretary, a chairman and a parliamentarian to other associations and committees. He has received numerous honors and was profiled in *Bookbanning in America: Who Bans Books? —and Why*.

Lanier will give up all posts upon retirement, except he will still chair the state committee until Fall, and he has obligations with the American Library Association until the summer of 2000. He has had invitations to speak around the country after July 1, but has declined. He has also been encouraged to write a book on his experiences as a professor and a speaker, but has no plans to do so.

"Writing a book would take too much time. I'm a present and future guy that just wants to relax," said Lanier said.

After July 1, Lanier will be at the beach, spending time with friends and family, reading novels and watching HBO.

## Students counsel children at nature camp

Kids use creativity to build mock habitats

LEANNE JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Bugs, bugs and more bugs. This is what the children participating in the Nature Discovery camps at the Student Recreation Center are experiencing.

The camps are a week long, and consist of forty participants that come in half day intervals, with each session having around 20 kids.

The first session each day is from 9 a.m. until noon, and the second session is from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

These camps are sponsored by the Adventures Program, and are conducted by ECU students—Virginia Walsler, Jon Brantley and Johnny Harris Jr.

According to one of the counselors, there was one camp held last week, and the second began Monday and will end Friday.

"The camps are going great for the first week and a half," said Steve Bobbitt, Adventure Programs director.

The first nature discovery camp is "Plants, Bugs and Slugs."

During this camp the kids learned how plants, bugs and slugs worked

together in nature. The counselors took the kids on walks through ECU's campus looking for different kinds of bugs and plants.

As a farewell to the kids they took the children to River Park North to go on another nature walk and to see a museum there.

The second nature discovery camp is called "Crazy Animals." During this camp the counselors teach the kids about animal habitats and the different kinds of food that animals eat.

They are also teaching the kids about the food chain and the placement of different animals on the food chain.

The counselors said this camp will also be going on a nature walk to view the different animals that are around the ECU campus. They made binoculars with two paper cups strung together, and collected rocks, leaves and sticks to build mock habitats.

Friday they will be taking a field trip to River Park North to go on another nature walk.

"It's fun working with the kids, and they seem to be having fun too," Brantley said.

"It's great to spend time working with the kids and teaching them about nature," Harris said.

The Student Recreation Center will be holding other camps as well throughout the summer for other age groups.

"It's a shock, but good experience," Anderson said. "This is how the business market works and it only helps to prepare me for the business world."

U.S. Cellular is offering severance pay for employees that have been working for the company for more than six months. They are also offering a pay-to-stay bonus for those that stay with the company until August 15.

For those that decide to move with the company to one of its other locations, they are promised they will receive a position, and will also be compensated for the move.

## US Cellular

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"I am not happy about the decision," Lambertsen said. "I think it was ridiculous to make a communications center and then shut it down."

The U.S. Cellular Communications Center was a place of employment while some were finishing school.

Criminal Justice and Computer Science major, Tony Anderson said he has been working with the company for eight months, but feels it was a good experience for him.

## campus briefs

Wednesday, June 16

The Real Crisis Center will be holding a talk about rape prevention at Barnes and Noble. The session will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will feature educated officials.

Thursday, June 17

The feature movie of the week is "You've Got Mail" featuring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. The movie begins at 9 p.m. outside of Mendenhall. Dinner will be served prior to the movie.

## Aqua Theatre

Thursday, June 17th  
9:00 p.m.  
Outdoor Pool - SRC



### You've Got Mail

Rated PG  
Kathleen Kelly, owner of a little and famous bookstore for children's books, has an affair. Being together with Frank Navasky, a well-known journalist, she betrays him by e-mailing secretly and anonymously with a (also betraying) man whom she met in a chat room. Suddenly, her business gets endangered by the opening of Fox Books discount store just "around the corner". She meets Joe Fox, son of the owner, and soon gets annoyed by his arrogant way of managing business matters. Although getting advice by her anonymous mail-pal, she has to close down her store. But Joe Fox's life suddenly gets out of control when he learns that his anonymous mail-pal is nobody other than Kathleen Kelly.

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## ourview

While enjoying a cigar, cigar smokers should often take into consideration the preferences of others in the room.

Cigars have become one of the trendiest fads on the market today, whether for smoking or other extracurricular activities.

Many magazines, CDs and even dinnerware, now have a detailed styled inspired by cigars. Today cigar smoking is at an all-time high, even spreading its influence to smokers who normally smoke only cigarettes. Lately it appears as if this craze has replaced good reason and stopped people from paying attention to the dangers that smoking can present.

While lighting up a cigar may not be as bad for you as cigarettes, there are still many risks which should be taken into account. Smokers and manufacturers alike clearly point out that the strength of a cigar could be dangerous if inhaled because they were not designed for that purpose. However, some smoke from the cigar will inevitably be drawn into the lungs rendering this experience a hazardous one.

While enjoying a cigar, smokers should take into consideration the preferences of others in the room. Many may love the soothing aroma of a stogie, but at the same time others around them might not be as delighted by that lingering scent which clouds up the air far worse than one cigarette. This problem causes concern for those who do not wish to be around the second-hand smoke that results from smokers of any kind.

We feel that while many may enjoy this trend, they should act responsibly and take into account the risks about when and where they choose to indulge. Cigar smoking, like any type of smoking, should be enjoyed in the company of others who also like it, the privacy of one's own home or in a bar specially designated for cigar use --not in a crowded restaurant or club where many around may gag at the scent. Remember these people are out just like you trying to have a good time, they did not ask to inhale toxic fumes which are considerably more dangerous to the second-hand smoker than to the person who originally lit up.

It may be no one's business if someone chooses to smoke in their own homes or other private places, but once these acts are brought out among crowds it becomes an issue among others who have to put up with the smoke and the health risks.



### OPINION

**SCOTT WILKINS**

## Tired of clock watching



*Try to avoid looking at that clock and just go forth bold and carefree — oblivious to the infernal hands of time.*

Tick Tock. How slowly move the

hands of the clock. We wait, we watch, we wonder — will it ever be time to go? It seems we are watching a clock always.

As we sit in stalled traffic on Greenville Boulevard, late for work and irritable, we anxiously watch the clock in our car. One minute late. Two. Three. soon it's five and ten minutes late. Thanks, Greenville traffic. As we watch the clock in our car, we play the scenario in our mind...the scowling boss wondering why we are late for work.

Once we get to work we watch the clock. Oh the agony! I could be home watching Behind the Music on VH1! I could be lounging by the pool in my apartment complex or even working on that assignment due for my summer school class. Speaking of summer school, there is another clock to be reckoned with

as the professor drones and the seconds slowly tick by.

Even when I am working out on the stair climber, which I made famous last week, I watch the timer, wondering when my twenty-five minutes will be up and I can march to Wendy's for my usual celebratory frosty. (Yes, I do plan to work in the frosty every week)

My short and sweet point is this: we spend too much time watching the clock. The other day I recognized how much clock watching I do and how useless it is. Watching the clock doesn't make the time go by any faster. It's a waste of time and energy. Yes, sometimes watching the clock is unavoidable, it is part of life. Yet whenever possible, try to avoid looking at that clock and just go forth bold and carefree — oblivious to the infernal hands of time.

### OPINION

**DEMOSTHENES**

## Laws impose silly restraints

*I agree that seat belts are a good idea and that they save lives and protect against injury. What I do not agree with is that we must wear one under penalty of law.*

The government's job, on any level, is administration and organization. As soon as this assemblage of administrators, which make up government, takes it on to itself to try to control the behaviors outside of these areas, it is overstepping its bounds.

Mostly, two kinds of laws bother me: "for your own good" laws, and laws which try to conform people to a majority norm. The former kind deals with things such as making sure people wear their seat belts and substance control, while the later type attempts to keep people living inside some sort of "moral boundary."

An example of this type of law

are the sexual practice laws in North Carolina and in many other states which decree that oral sex and anal sex are illegal. When I first heard this one, I could not believe my ears, but it gets better. I understand that a couple must have intercourse in the missionary position which would outlaw all other positions including women on top. I will not even start on laws against other sexual orientations. Ridiculous.

Another such law deals with the number of females living in a house together. If this number exceeds four, then legally, the house is considered to be a place of prostitution. It makes me sad to think that the next time I want to go visit my friends at 1107, I'll have to leave a tip.

I agree that seat belts are a good idea and that they save lives and protect against injury. What I do not agree with is that we must wear one under penalty of law.

Also, I can not understand what the idea behind substance control is. People are going to get inebriated; this is a basic biological fact. If you take away their ability to do so

under relaxed and orderly circumstances two things will happen.

First they will have to find other ways to play with their brain and I can guarantee these methods are not very sound. How many of you sniffed glue when you were younger, and what was the big deal with magic markers? I missed that one.

The second effect of strict substance control is a magnification effect on consumption. People will tend to use more of a substance because they think they are being "bad." Binging on anything is definitely the wrong way to do it.

The only solution to this dilemma is to have loose control over substances and to supplement punishment with education. An open and honest educational policy starting at birth regarding substances would create a safe and relaxed atmosphere for people, and it would allow them to make sound decisions about what they really want.

Think about what laws govern your lives and if many of them are really necessary. Take care and be free, until we meet again.

### OPINION

**SUSAN WRIGHT**

## Paying too much to live



*Sometimes I swear that a dollar bill has wings because of the way it flies from my wallet.*

You have worked hard for twenty hours this week, and you think that maybe you beat your all time record of hamburgers flipped in a day sometime last Saturday night. Now,

it's paycheck time. The boss smiles, and he hands you a check for \$100. He says, "You've earned it".

It's Saturday night, and you have \$100 to burn. What do you spend it on? New shoes at \$98.99 a pair, an outfit from American Eagle that comes to \$89 or maybe you'll take two of your best friends out to dinner at Lone Star. Any way you spend it, the money goes fast. As a college student, I am amazed at how fast the money flies.

Sometimes I swear that a dollar bill has wings because of the way it flies from my wallet. Once you break a twenty, you might as well consider that \$20 gone. Oh, I have fifteen dollars, I can afford some new shampoo and a toothbrush. Well, I have ten dollars, I can afford a Big Mac meal. Well, I only have four dollars left, but I really need to eat. Goodness, I am hungry, and

there the money goes.

Not only are there everyday expenses, but there are also those darn bills. I swear that I didn't talk to my best friend in the mountains for an hour and half last night. Nobody has ever talked on the telephone for that long! How can two people have thirteen dollars worth of stuff to say to each other? Electricity is a whole other matter. Why must I use so much power? Some day, I think that I will go without using electric lights. Sun by day, candle by night; that's the life for me!

Well, after extensive thought and study, I decided that the cost of good living is just too expensive. For now, I would advise buying stock in candle wax. Until the glorious day of graduation, I get the feeling that I will be using more than my fair share!

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# Shag me baby, yeah!

Radio Station 99X hosted Austin Powers party at Pantana Bob's

CORY SHEELER  
STAFF WRITER

Yeah baby, yeah! Austin Powers mania is sweeping the country, and the public is eating it up in droves.

Mike Myers' brainchild, Austin Powers, stars in his second film *The Spy Who Shagged Me*. The movie couldn't come soon enough for many Greenville residents, and people are getting ratty, baby!

The radio station 99X WXNR threw a party in the movie's honor at Pantana Bob's on Friday, and even gave away free tickets to some of their lucky listeners so they would not be disappointed by sold-out screenings of the movie.

"We gave away 99 tickets for the 7:30 show on the opening night," said Jeff "The Sandblaster" Sanders, 99X disc jockey.

"We're also having an after-movie party at P.B.'s, and giving away cash prizes for people with the best costumes representing their favorite Austin Powers character."

A \$200 prize was given to a man who was known only as "Dr. Evil", for his portrayal of Mike Myers's evil character in the movie. 99X also broadcasted live from P.B.'s throughout the night, and had many other giveaways and games.

"I was sick of hearing about Star Wars all summer," Sanders said.

"It was time to do something a little bit different."

Different was exactly how the movie did at the theater all weekend. In the first Austin Powers installment, *International Man of Mystery*, most of its followers saw the movie via video in the more than 3 million copies that it sold world-wide. This time, however, *The Spy Who Shagged Me* knocked *The Phantom Menace* from atop the box office, by pulling in \$54 million this weekend alone.

So what is it about this slapstick, pop-culture-laden comedy that has people so excited? Many students think that it is Myers

himself.

"Mike Myers is one of the funniest comedians in the business today," said Kevin Johnson, senior. "The more times you see his movies, the funnier they get because you're always picking upon something you missed the first time."

Johnson also noted the Phantom Menace syndrome that many people have been feeling this summer.

"This movie actually managed to take attention away from *The Phantom Menace*. I'm tired of hearing about that movie."

Some moviegoers thought that the most recent installment of Powers was good, but it couldn't compare to the original movie.

"The first film was better," said Mike Alberghini, senior.

"It's hard to build on a sequel; they had to revert to a lot of jokes from the first movie."

However, popular opinion seems to be that Austin Powers is here to stay in the '90's and maybe even into the next millennium.

"I hope they make a third movie," Alberghini said.

"They're all worth seeing over and over again."

"Mini-me & Fat Bastard stole the show."  
—Matt Gullo, senior

"It's the best movie of the summer so far."  
—Jimmy Garver, freshman

The second time I saw it, I laughed even harder."  
—Taylor Jones, sophomore

Brad Bratsch a.k.a Dr. Evil was the \$200 winner of the Austin Powers look-alike contest at PB's.  
PHOTO BY CORY SHEELER

Austin Powers look-alike Jason Cone gets shagadelic with groovy babies.  
PHOTO BY BILL KEITH

## Cigar smokers encouraged by new bars in Greenville



Gary Parsons, assistant manager at Onix, fires up a cigar in his downtown Greenville store.  
PHOTO BY BILL KEITH

New fad supported by specialized areas

KEVIN BRITTON  
STAFF WRITER

Cigars have long been a sign of status and wealth, but within the last few years this habit has moved into the mainstream.

Due, in part, to megastars such as Arnold Schwarzenegger and Demi Moore who smoke the big

stogies in public, cigar smoking has now become more of a fashion statement.

Ham's Brew House and Mesh Cafe are two of Greenville's newest eating establishments that feature "cigar bars".

"We just turned our cigar bar private," said Mel Perez, Mesh owner.

"We don't currently have any college students who are members," Perez estimates that around 40 percent of his total clientele are college students.

"Maybe 20 percent of the peo-

ple who use our cigar bar are students," said Brandon Clark, a floor manager at Ham's.

"Almost everyone who comes up to play darts has a cigar."

However, Clark feels that most of the students who purchase cigars at Ham's are one-timers or people who rarely smoke.

Now, cigar smokers are starting younger and becoming more numerous. One study of high school students reported that 26.7 percent of U.S. students had

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## Downtown tries to recover after losing its usual crowd

Establishment adjust to slower business

CORY SHEELER  
STAFF WRITER

It's 10 at night on a Friday, and you're ready to go downtown. Hold on just a minute. Where are all of

the people? Where are all of the lines? Like most people, you've noticed that the Greenville night life changes in the summer.

The downtown establishments are noticeably less crowded in the summer. Greenville is home only to those who are taking summers classes and those who choose to stay and work.

"The weekends are when we usually notice the biggest drop-

off," said Derek Helmik, co-owner of Boli's restaurant.

"It's probably due to people going out of town or going to the beach for the weekend."

While Boli's may have a lull in business over the weekend, that is not the case Tuesday nights at the Fifth Street pizzeria. They have live music and bar specials every

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## Austin Powers offers shagadelic fun

Yeah baby, just forget about Star Wars

FRANK HENDRICKS  
SENIOR WRITER

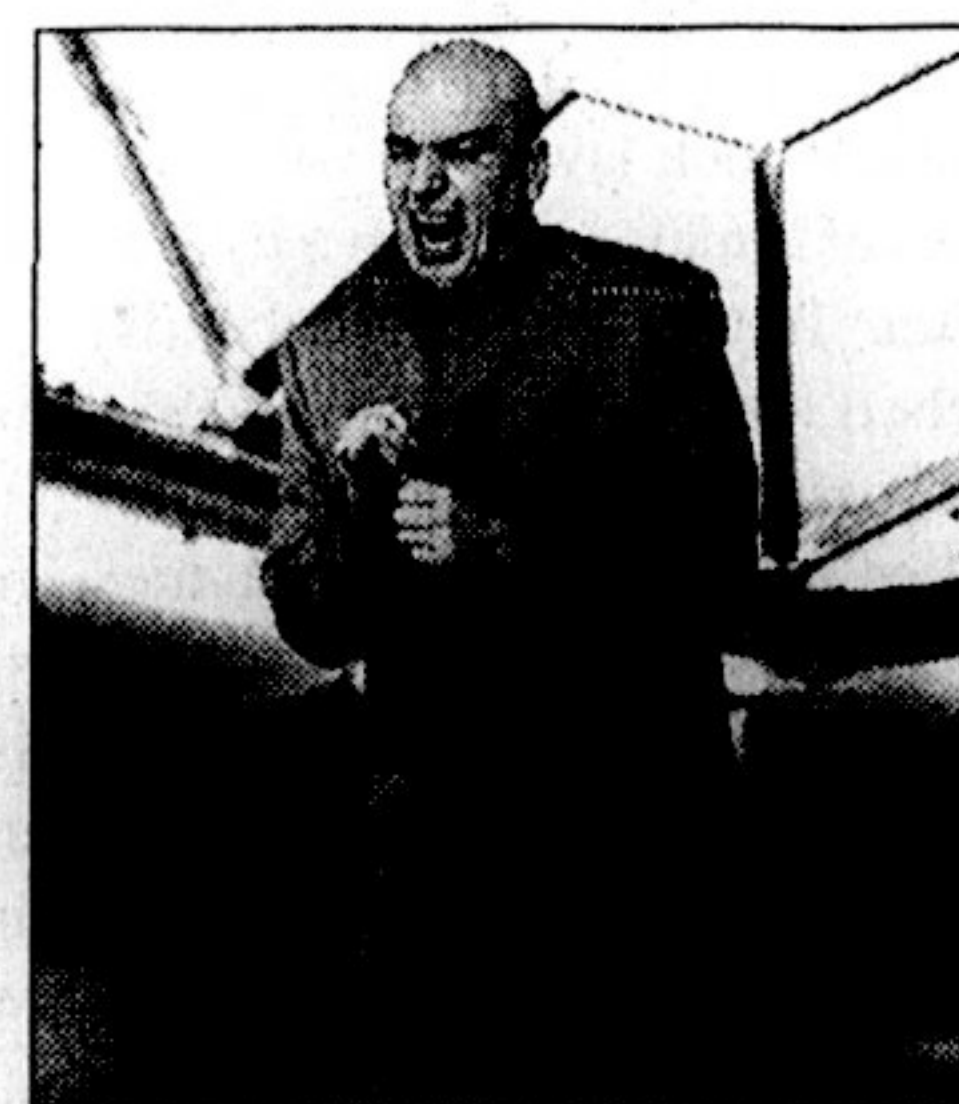
Are you ready to laugh, baby? If you make the wise decision to see *Austin Powers The Spy Who Shagged Me*, you had better come prepared for side splitting laughter and non-stop antics.

At a nearly sold out opening day crowd, almost all in attendance were chuckling non stop.

"I just couldn't stop laughing," said Timmy Baize, senior.

"It was simply hilarious." Mike Myers shows off his acting abilities playing several roles including the villains Dr. Evil and Fat Bastard as well as the title role.

"That's what makes him (Myers) so awesome," said Mike Thorsby, junior. "He can make you laugh so many different ways."



Michael Myers plays Dr. Evil in *Austin Powers The Spy Who Shagged Me*.  
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The humor in the movie is not purely slapstick comedy. Some of the laughs came from sophisticated, well thought out humor. The

blend of the two styles keeps you laughing for hours.

"I was laughing after it ended, even on the way home," said Cory Phoenix, senior.

Austin Powers, like the rest of the world, has been prepared for the Star Wars hype for the entire summer. The ads for the movie quote, "If you see one movie this summer, see *Star Wars*. But if you see two, see *Austin Powers The Spy Who Shagged Me*. Many actually think that this movie will take over the *Phantom Menace*'s reign at the number one box office position.

If you enjoyed the first movie, this one is an absolute must see. Hey guys, Heather Graham looks absolutely unbelievable in this flick, and for you ladies, uh...there is a cute little midget. No really, it is a hysterical movie that shouldn't be missed. Don't forget to be prepared to laugh, baby.

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## Cigars

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smoked at least one cigar. Although any high school tobacco use is worrisome, there are no studies suggesting that these students continue to smoke cigars on a regular basis. Although nicotine is highly addictive, there are no studies suggesting cigars are addictive.

On the other end of the scale, there are restaurants around Greenville that have banned cigar smoking. O'Cool's is one of these. The owners of such establishments feel that cigar smoke is disturbing to customers who may still be eating.

"There were more college students buying cigars a few years back," said Rocky Deem, the assis-

tant manager of Onyx Fine Tobacco. Onyx has been in Greenville for three years, and Deem has been assisting managers for two.

"Our customers are mostly males 20-40, young professionals. If a woman comes in, she's usually buying for a man." According to Deem there are a few female cigar smokers, but they tend to smoke smaller, cigarette type cigars.

Cigar smoking has been fashionable for a few years now, and most of the trend jumpers have moved on. However, the diehards who really enjoy their smoke may be here for a while.

Visit [www.cigargroup.com/](http://www.cigargroup.com/) for the most comprehensive internet site about cigars and their health risks.

## Downtown

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Tuesday, and they have an enormous crowd there to enjoy the atmosphere and the deals.

According to sophomore Matt Noe, the bars that he frequents downtown are not as crowded as they usually are during the fall and spring semesters.

"O'Malley's and Corrigan's have an average crowd on the weekend," Noe said, "but they're definitely not as crowded during the week as they usually are."

While O'Malley's and Wrong Way Corrigan's have only an average crowd on the weekend, Manager Mark Ferrell does not seem to notice a decline in business.

"It's a drop in the summer," Ferrell said, "but it's not a noticeable one money wise."

Wrong Way Corrigan's is experiencing some renovations currently, and Noe thinks that any change will attract a crowd.

"I think people will want to check anything out that's different," Noe said.

If something different is what you crave, Ham's restaurant is still relatively new to the Greenville night life scene. They are also running several bar specials this summer, along with live entertainment.

"We have live bands every Wednesday night on the patio," said Sara Fogel, a Ham's employee.

"We also have Super Sundays, Mexican Mondays and Tropical Tuesdays, which are bar specials that we will be running throughout the summer."

Super Sundays offer discounts on domestic beers and pitchers, Mexican Mondays offer discounts on Mexican beers and margaritas and Tropical Tuesdays offer discounts on smoothies and tropical drinks. Other bars such as Hooray Harry's, the Elbo, Pantana Bob's and The Sports Pad Complex also run weekend specials, all with the intent of bringing the life back into the Greenville night life.

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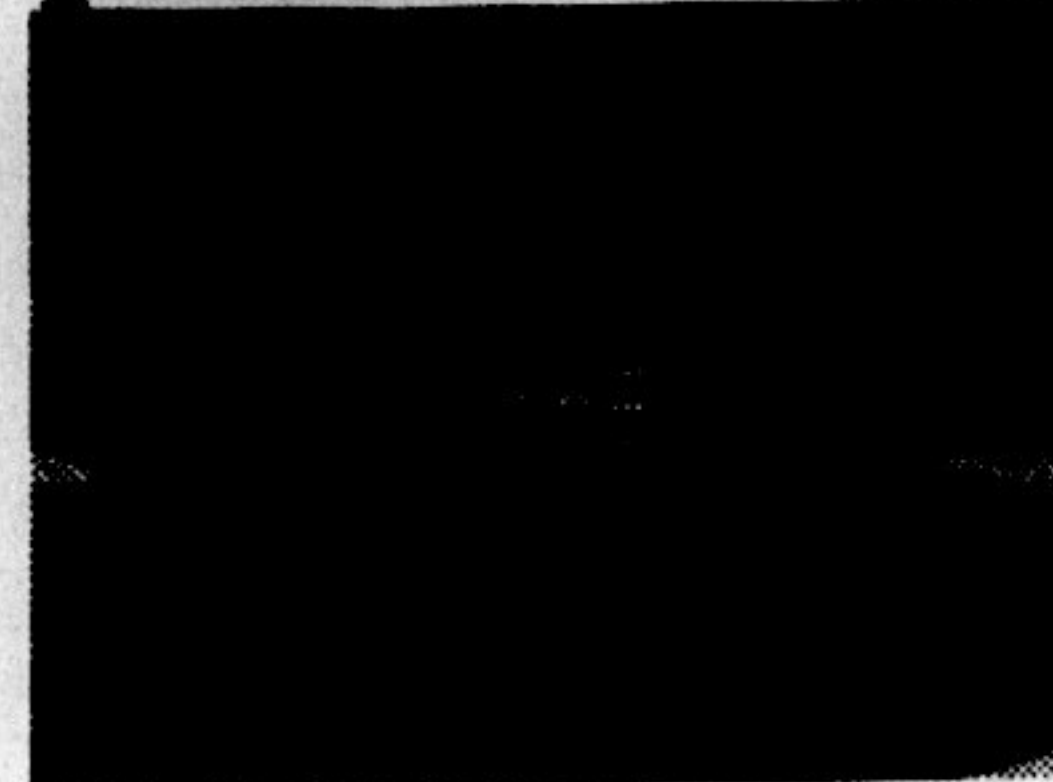
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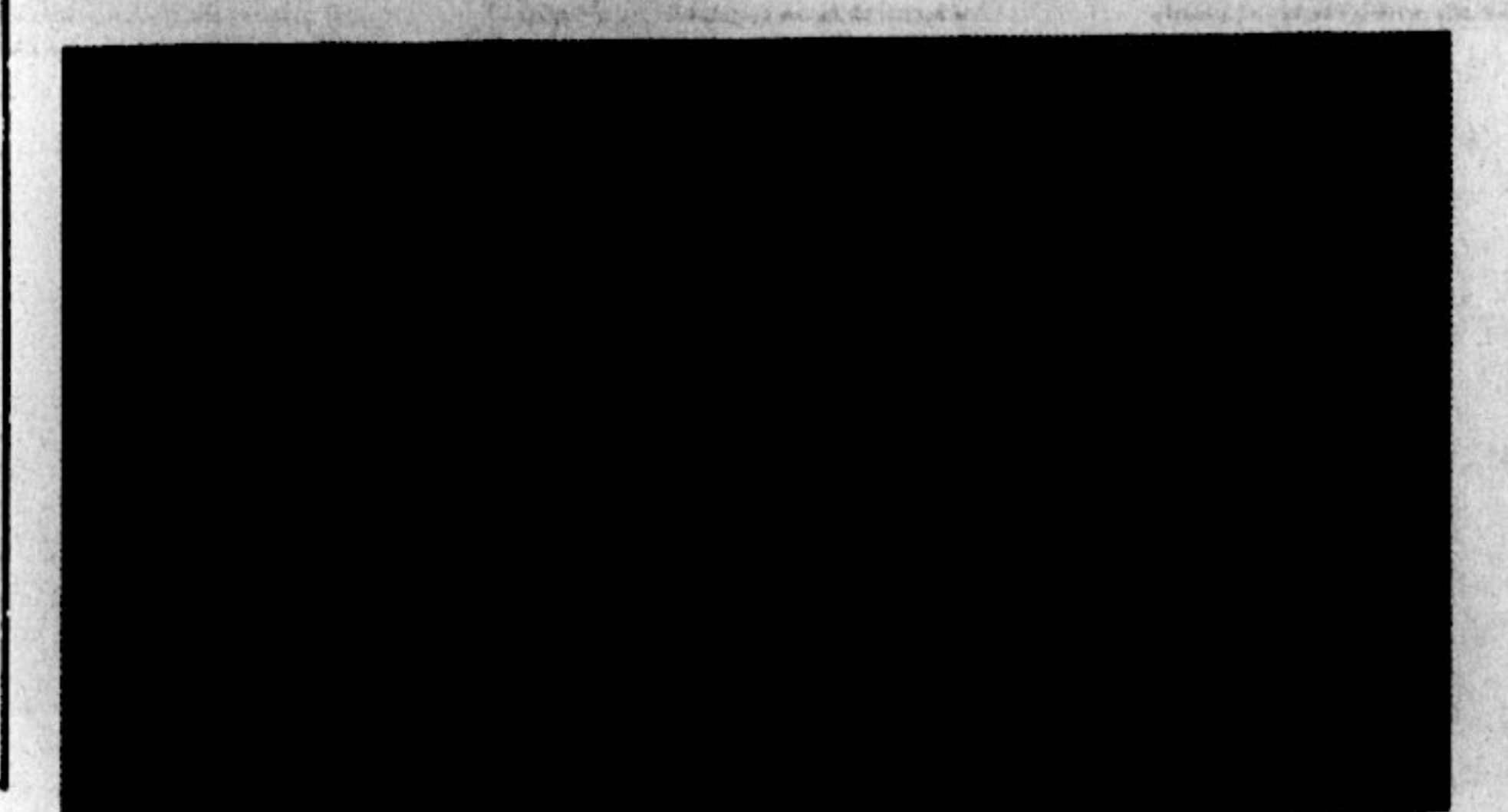
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# If you build it fans will come

## Pirate Baseball may build new field of dreams

CORY SHEELER  
STAFF WRITER

After a much heralded season, there is a possibility that the Pirate baseball team may be getting a new or upgraded facility in the near future.

According to Jerry Trickey, assistant sports information director, any project to improve or replace Harrington Field will not be started until ECU's new strength and conditioning center is complete.

"It will be about two to three years before the strength and conditioning center is finished," Trickey said.

While a panel of ECU officials will make the decision, Athletic Director, Mike Hamrick, has a considerable amount of input in the decision. While Hamrick was unavailable for comment, Trickey confirmed that a project to improve the team's facilities is something the Athletic Department would like to participate in.

"It's hoped that down the road something will be done to improve it (Harrington Field), and maybe build something new, but there's nothing concrete right now," Trickey said.

Any project to build or improve upon any of ECU's sports facilities is usually financed in some part by the Pirate Club. According to the Executive Director of The Pirate Club, Dennis Young, a lot of the responsibility of raising money for such a project would be placed on the Pirate Club.

"Most, if not all, of the funding would have to come from the private sector," Young said. "I'm assuming that the next fund raising campaign would involve raising money for such a project."

The Pirates' season was capped off with a trip to the finals of the Southern Regional, as well as a national ranking throughout much of the year ending at 19th in the nation.

Young also said that there are some plans being made to at least upgrade Harrington Field.

"The baseball team this year has called attention to the program," Young said. "In the master plan,

there are some plans to upgrade the facility."

Harrington Field, which was dedicated to the school on May 9, 1971, has been renovated several times throughout its long history. Most notably, a new light system was installed so the Pirates could play night games, which in turn increased attendance at home games. However, the maximum seating capacity is still only 2,500 people. Harrington Field's highest attendance record was set when 3,000 fans came out to see the ECU vs. N.C. State game in 1993, which is sparse in comparison to other stadium's attendance records. For instance, University of Miami's Mark Light Stadium, has a seating capacity of over 4,200 people, which allows Miami fans to pack

into their stadium every night, and cheer their school on to victory. While the Pirates did walk out of Mark Light Stadium with a win this year, they were not able to obtain the same results in Alex Box Stadium against Louisiana State University in this year's regional final. LSU played in front of a sell-out crowd of over 7,000 people, which is something the Pirates simply cannot do at Harrington Field.

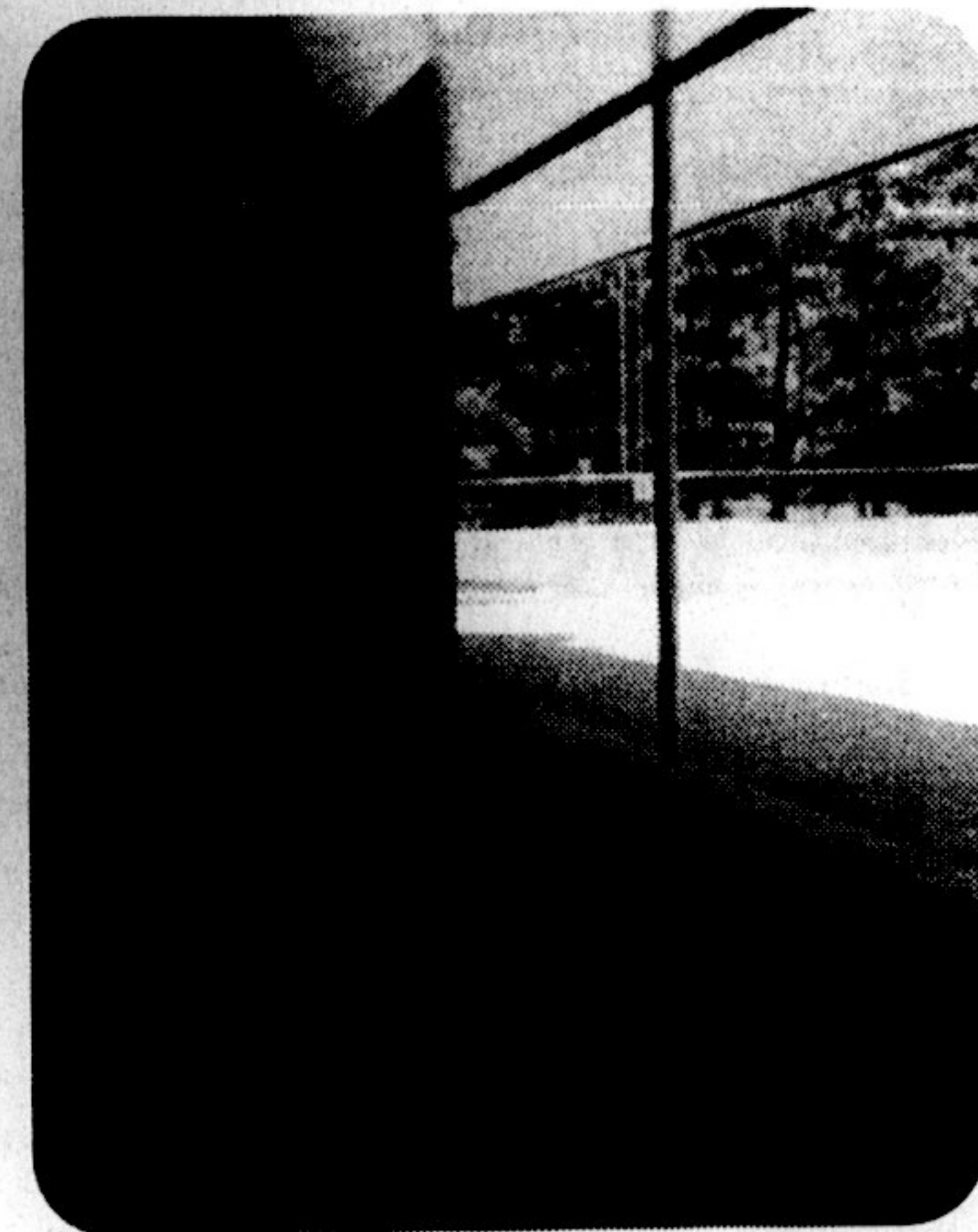
"If the Pirates want the national recognition they deserve, they have to play in a facility that is comparable to



Baseball brings the hope of improved facilities  
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New lighting increased game attendance  
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Updated facilities coming soon to ECU  
PHOTO BY ROBIN VUCHNICH

## Orioles select Salargo in 20th round

### Salargo named second team All-American

FRANK HENDRICKS  
SENIOR WRITER

The Baltimore Orioles selected Pirate outfielder, Steve Salargo, with the 607th overall pick of this month's draft.

The Wilson, N.C. native set ECU's career records in hits (301) and led the Pirates to a Colonial Championship as well as an NCAA birth, where the Pirates were eventually beaten by Louisiana State University.

Salargo set numerous single season records this season including games played (62), at bats (244), doubles (20), RBI (77), and runs scored (70). He also finished one hit (97) and one total base (167) away from those records, held by Pirate great Pat Watkins.

Along with his hits record, Salargo set career records for games played (223), at bats (862), doubles (54) and runs scored (198).

This year, Salargo finished with base hits in 49 of 62 games. He had a 13 game hitting streak which was the highest among all the Pirates. Salargo also had 27 multiple hit games including six four hit games. Salargo had multiple RBI's in 23 games including one in which he drove in five.

Throughout Salargo's career, he started and played every game, set-



Senior Steve Salargo started every game for the Pirates in his last season.  
FILE PHOTO

ting a school record for consecutive games played at 223.

After one of ECU's best individual single season performances in history and arguably the most outstanding career of any Pirate ever,

Salargo was rewarded by being named a second-team All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

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## Clayton earns All-American honors

### Ninth place finish ensures another title

FRANK HENDRICKS  
SENIOR WRITER

On Wednesday, June 2, Michele Clayton became the third East Carolina women's track performer in history to earn All-American honors when she finished 9th in the hammer throw at the NCAA Championships in Boise, Idaho.

Clayton's second throw of 189 feet, 11 inches was her best of six throws on the day and enabled her to finish 6th among American women. Clayton had been waiting for this day as long as she can



Michele Clayton  
FILE PHOTO

remember.

"At the beginning of the season, the one thing I hadn't accomplished was being named All-American," Clayton said.

"I am excited to have reached

that goal, but I feel I could have thrown better."

Clayton's career best throw is 194 feet, 3 inches, but the Idaho weather kept that from being duplicated.

The hammer throw was split into two flights of eleven participants. Each athlete got three attempts for the first round, and the top nine advanced to round two for three more throws. The top eight Americans were given All-American honors.

"After her second throw, she was in second place," said Choo Justice, head coach for women's track and field.

By the end of the first flight, Clayton was in fifth. In the second

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## Coaches nominate favorite athletes

### Students encouraged to participate in selection

PETER DAWYOT  
SPORTS EDITOR

After a strong season for many of ECU's athletic programs, coaches are given the chance to nominate a standout athlete of the year. The athlete that the coach nominates cannot be on their team.

Nominees are selected for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the team on and off the field.

Steve Logan, head football coach, was among the many who were impressed with the athletic talents of Michelle Clayton, a hammer thrower for women's track and field. Logan saw Clayton as a strong competitor on and off the field, calling her a 4.0 student athlete.

"She is the real deal all around, student, athlete, everything. She is what I wish every student athlete

were, football, baseball, all of them," Logan said.

Associate Athletic Director Henry VanSant also saw strong promise in Clayton. "She (Clayton) was an All American in track and field. No one else has achieved that status at ECU," VanSant said.

"She is one of the top finishers in the country."

Due to its extraordinarily successful season, the Pirates baseball

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# Ross legacy found at Pinehurst No.2

*Course designer feared by many pro golfers*

PINEHURST, N.C. (AP)--The 99th U.S. Open is as much a tribute to Donald Ross as it is a testament to what has become the toughest test of golf.

Of the roughly 400 golf courses Ross designed, No. 2 at Pinehurst was always his pet. He shaped the first nine holes from the sand hills of North

Carolina in 1901, completed the course in 1907 and then spent the last 41 years of his life trying to perfect it.

Clearly, Pinehurst No. 2 has stood the test of time.

Sand greens were replaced by grass in 1935, and Denny Shute won the PGA Championship the next year. Ben Hogan earned his first professional victory at No. 2, the 1940 North and South Open. The United States won the Ryder Cup there in 1951. The last time the best golfers set foot on No. 2,

Paul Azinger won the Tour Championship in 1992.

What Pinehurst is likely to bring when the U.S. Open starts Thursday is an agonizing balance of happiness and trouble.

The hollows around the greens that serve as a collection area for any ball that strays even the slightest bit off line came from what Ross called a joyful memory of the Scottish courses where he lived and learned the game.

According to Ross, such hollows give the green "a charming irregularity, posing to the player something to think about, and making

him use care in handling recovery strokes." Oh, they have something to think about, all right.

Payne Stewart thought so much about it that he pulled nine clubs from his bag during a practice round on Sunday, from a mid-iron all the way through the bag to his wedges and putter. Tiger Woods, Lee Westwood and others went the opposite direction, preferring to use a 3-wood or 5-wood to roll the ball up toward the pin.

Ross didn't have that many options when he was playing - he tied for fifth in the 1903 U.S. Open - since he never carried more than six clubs in his bag.

The bunkers, such as the deep pit down the right side of the 18th fairway, were designed to give the best players in the world one last thing to consider before they pull the trigger on a drive that could ultimately determine the championship.

"I have evidence in my work at Pinehurst that a course bunkered fairly and scientifically is the most attractive," Ross once wrote. "There is no such thing as a misplaced bunker. Regardless of where a bunker may be, it is the business of a player to avoid it."

His comments can be found in a book titled, "Golf Has Never Failed Me," containing the lost commentaries of one of golf's greatest architects.

Ross never fancied himself a writer.

Then again, he never had designs on becoming an architect.

A carpenter by trade, his golf club in Dornoch wanted a professional, which in those days meant someone to build clubs and give lessons. Ross trained under Old

Tom Morris at St. Andrews, spent another year at Carnoustie and took the job at Dornoch in 1893.

He also became the greenskeeper, a task he deplored at the time.

"What I really did was to go out in overalls and get down on my hands and knees, and care for the turf and the bunkers and the greens," he wrote.

"And how I used to hate it. But, as it turned out, that was the best training I could have had for what turned out to be my future."

The future unfolded when a Harvard professor, Robert Willson, played Dornoch and encouraged Ross to come to America, where he felt the game was ready to take hold. Ross arrived in Boston in 1899, and was hired away by James Tufts, who had dreams of a golfing mecca in the pine barrens of North Carolina.

Ninety-two years later, after it first was completed, Pinehurst No. 2 will finally stage what is traditionally the toughest major championship of them all.

Rain may have an impact on scoring, but it won't significantly alter the character of Ross's favorite design, the first course he built from scratch.

"I am firmly of the opinion that the leading professionals and golfers of every caliber, for many years to come, will find in the No. 2 course the fairest yet most exacting test of their game," he once wrote.

Great trouble will present itself across the bumps and mounds, in the pits and bunkers and through the contoured, humpback greens.

Happiness usually comes only to one man in a U.S. Open, but somewhere, Ross will surely be smiling.

## Athletes

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team has three nominees voted for by different coaches.

Devin O'Neil, head coach of the men's soccer team, liked the chemistry between pitcher Foye Minton and the ECU baseball team. Minton tossed a rare no-hitter early in the season against a formidable N.C. State team.

"Foye was instrumental in early wins, after he was hurt it really affected the team during the tournament," O'Neil said.

Other athletes, such as "Iso" Polonius, the third baseman for ECU's softball team, were also among the outstanding athletes of the year nominations. Leonard Klepack, men's track coach, liked the skills which have been shown by Iso in her senior year at ECU. Klepack felt that Polonius was well balanced both in the field and at the plate.

"She was a central figure with the team and had a good year; she is well balanced on both sides and strong in her position," Klepack said.

Polonius currently holds almost

**W** All-American Nominees

Name	Grade	Sport
Michelle Clayton	Senior	Women's Track & Field
Foye Minton	Sophomore	Baseball
"Iso" Polonius	Senior	Softball
Chad Tracy	Freshman	Baseball
Steve Salargo	Senior	Baseball

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every hitting record in the ECU softball program. She is currently first in career home runs, beating her own record from last year, as well as having a top batting average for the season.

Chad Tracy is the only freshman nominated. The first year standout for ECU's baseball program is among the selected for athlete of the year because of his ability to help the team through the season. Dee Gibson, softball head coach, found him to be a strong pace setter for the team.

"(Tracy) helped the team have a good year and will be back with most of the other players for a good year next year," Gibson said.

Along with others from the baseball team, standout Steve Salargo was also nominated for his exceptional year. Salargo, a senior, set numerous records in the CAA and ECU's record books. VanSant believes athletes such as Salargo come around only once in a while.

"He was a great outfielder who practically rewrote ECU's baseball book," VanSant said.

## Salargo

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Salargo became the ninth Pirate in history to be earn All-America

honors, and he is the second this season after Chad Tracy was named a Freshman All-America. Salargo is the first upperclassman at ECU to be named an All-American since Watkins in 1993.

## Clayton

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flight, four passed her but she remained in the top nine to advance to the finals.

"I knew I was fifth out of the first flight, so I had to wait it out during the second flight. I was nervous until the next to last throw," Clayton said. "The wait was hard because it was so cold. It seemed like forever but it was only 45 minutes."

For Clayton, the end result was definitely worth the wait.

## Salargo's career statistics:

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'98	.322	59	239	51	77	14	3	7	44	11-18
'99	.398	62	244	70	97	20	1	16	77	14-15
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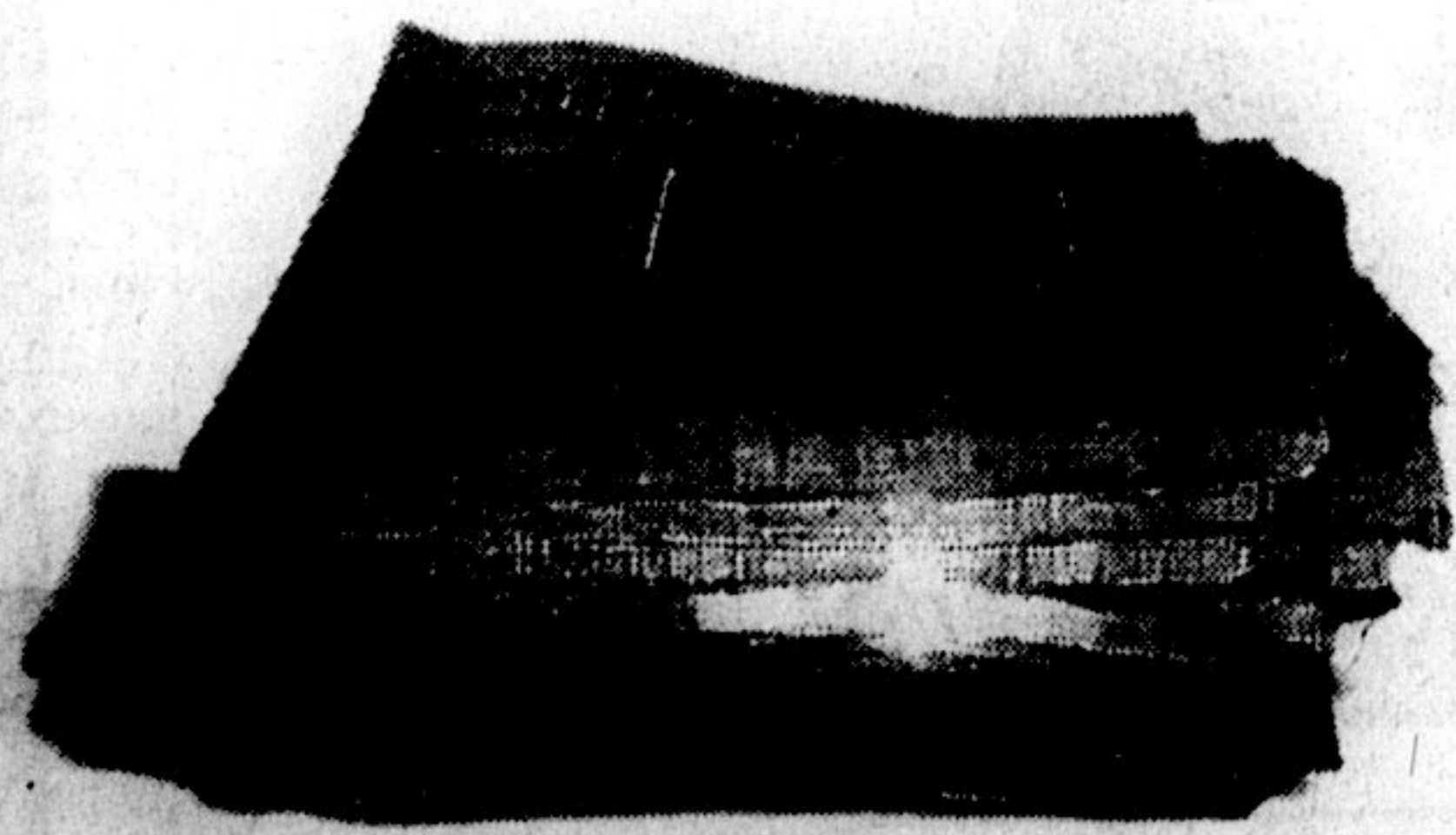
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