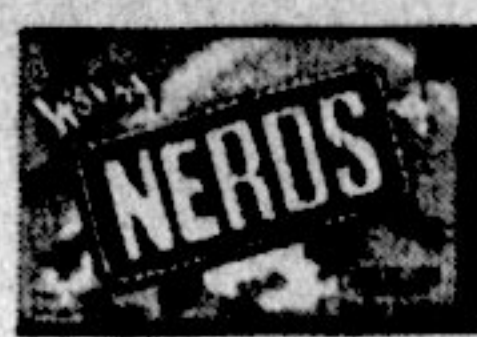


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The wild, wacky world of Wonka candy



Nerds

Bite size morsels of hard candy dipped in a flavored candy shell. Each package comes with two different flavors to choose from. Eat them separately or mix 'em up for a fruity combination.

Dweebs

If you're looking for Nerds without all of the crunch, Dweebs are for you. These sweet, plump morsels are the candy you crave.



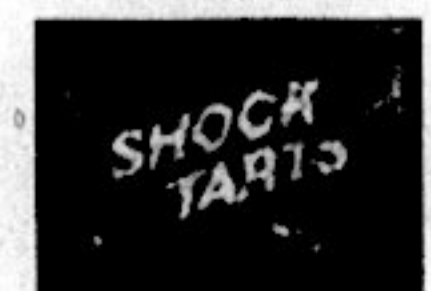
Everlasting Gobstoppers

Take a bite into the candy that never ends. These candies have multicolored layers of candy shells that offer many different flavors for you to delve into. Also available: chewy gobstoppers.



Runts

These fruit-shaped delights come in a variety of flavors ranging from banana to orange. Try them in the regular and chewy variety.



Shock Tarts

Looking for something a little sour but still oh-so-sweet? Shock Tarts are what you want. Enjoy sweet flavors like lemon, grape and cherry once you pass the tart layer ... if you can.

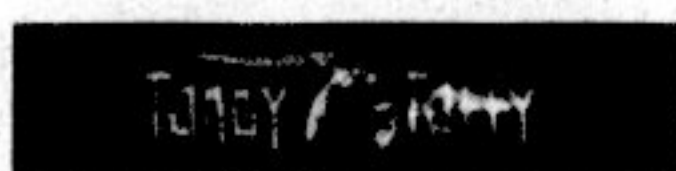


Heart-shaped runts

Why not let that special someone know how much you care with a bag of heart-shaped runts. Same delicious flavors as regular Runts, but they are only available around Valentine's Day.

Wonka Bar

The chocolate candy bar we all remember from the movie "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" is made of graham crackers covered in smooth rich chocolate. A great treat for chocolate lovers.



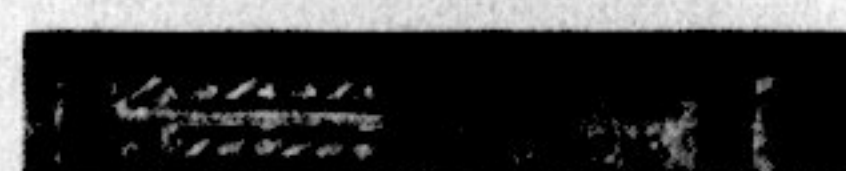
Tangy Taffy

Try this delicious chewy square with a kick. These tangy goodies come in a variety of flavors like cherry, sparkle banana, tropical trio, watermelon and many others.



Laffy Taffy

Enjoy a laugh with this chewy taffy candy. Each piece is individually wrapped with jokes inscribed on the paper and comes in a variety of flavors.



Pixy Sticks

Have a sweet tooth? Pixy Sticks will cure what you crave. These sticks are packed with sugar available in a variety of colors and flavors. Mix 'em up, share them with friends or add them to your lemon-lime carbonated beverage for a new twist.

(Photos courtesy of the World Wide Web.)

Army ROTC cadets outshine peers at camp

Training teaches valuable life skills

Susan Wright
FEATURES EDITOR

The Army ROTC at ECU taps the full potential of its cadets in a variety of activities. During their field training exercise at Ft. Bragg on Nov. 7 and 8, their skills and abilities were tested in a series of challenging activities.

Over the course of one weekend, 42 cadets ranging from sophomores to seniors, were put through land navigation exercises, a leadership reaction course and a qualifying test at the rifle range. All of these exercises are intended to give the cadets a taste of the challenges the Army will present them after they leave college.

"Each of the things that they are exposed to before they go to camp gives them more realistic training and more realistic evaluations to see how they stack up against their peers," said Lt. Col. Michael Loftin.

ECU's ROTC cadets, in the opinion of Loftin, excelled in comparison to the other cadets who were training.

"We are head over heels above the cadets we trained with at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh," Loftin said.

The first activity, a land navigation exercise, challenges the cadet to find certain markers in the environment using a compass. They do this exercise twice, the first time during the day and the second at night.

"The land navigation course at night was interesting because it demonstrated what skills we did or didn't have negotiating the terrain," Loftin said.

Another activity, the leadership reaction course, gave the cadets the opportunity to see what they could do when put in command. The cadets are broken down

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Cadet Heather Riley (center) and teammates from St. Augustine's College move successfully through the obstacles (photo courtesy of Murphrey Knox)

Alumni House aids graduates in real world

Office offers connections, activities

Nina M. Dry
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After four (or five) years at our institution, five lovely words ring in the ears of some of our graduates. No, not "thank goodness, I finally graduated," even though many may say that, but "what do I do now?"

With a degree in hand, many students leave the university to move on to bigger and better things, never looking back. Many do not realize what a useful resource ECU has available for students who are about to cross that threshold into the real world. The Alumni Affairs Office offers many avenues for ECU students.

According to Phillip Horne, associate vice chancellor of Alumni Affairs, there are a variety of measures the Alumni Relations Office take to ensure contact with ECU graduates.

"The primary mean used to keep in contact with alumni on a regular basis would be 'The ECU Report,' a quarterly magazine that is published by Alumni Relations," Horne said.

Horne also said alumni should visit the award-winning Web site which posts a variety of events and activities taking place through the many alumni chapters located all over the country. This site is updated daily.

The Alumni House will also send direct and electronic mail to alumni, informing them of special benefits and upcoming programs such as Homecoming and reunion activities, receptions for ECU legislators and policy makers, chapter golf tournaments, alumni socials/career exchanges, even tailgate parties held at Dowdy-Ficklen.

According to Horne, there are currently well over 85,000 general members, 12,000 of which are considered active members at the alumni house.

With so many students coming in and out of ECU, what becomes of them after graduation? Out of the multitude, let's look at two successful graduates who have accomplished many things after leaving this institution.

Babs Winn graduated from ECU in 1973, receiving her bachelor's of art degree in physical education. Her true passion, however resided in dance.



1931 graduate Babs Winn went on to be the first presenter on the Home Shopping Channel. (file photo)

place ... I knew I had to be there."

So one year after graduating from ECU, Winn moved up to New York, and has remained there ever since.

Currently, Winn keeps extremely busy running many businesses. In 1988, she created a company that coordinates demonstrations in department stores. Her company presents a variety of items ranging from appliances to food. Winn is also the first person known to appear on the Home Shopping Network to present products, which she still does for specific items. Among all of this, Winn still has time for her other passion,

"I wanted to study with Mavis Ray, the first dance professor here at ECU, but they didn't have a dance major, so I minored in it," Winn said.

Beside her regular course load, Winn also performed in many of the productions put on by ECU and taught at Ramona's School of Dance, a small dance studio here in Greenville. It was through Ramona VanNorthwick that Winn received her first taste of "the Big Apple."

"Ramona would bring me to New York [for dance productions] where we would stay for a week," Winn said. "I just fell in love with the

performing.

"One of the major productions I've done was the off-Broadway show called, 'Take This Show and Shove It,'" Winn said. "I finished that in July and have done smaller projects since then."

She also has a country-western band called "Ms. Babs and the Kickin' Boogie Band." They have just completed their CD, "Good Home Cookin'," and released it this past summer. In September, they opened for Bryan White at the Westbury Music Fair in Westbury, Long Island. With all of these events going on, the Alumni Center has been giving much support along the way.

"ECU is supporting the marketing of the CD," Winn said. "They're always thinking about people they can hook me up with and in a couple of weeks they will have a link on their site to my Web page; they've been very supportive."

This past May, Ryan Jasen Henne graduated from ECU with a bachelor's of science in communications. Currently he attends Grand Valley State University in Michigan.

"I'm getting my master's in student affairs and counseling," Henne said.

Although it's barely been a year since Henne graduated from ECU, he has received assistance from Alumni Relations.

"They helped me out a lot with Project ECU, a program created for victims of Hurricane Floyd," Henne said.

Once Henne heard about the disaster caused by the hurricane, he immediately organized Project ECU in order to get the student body at Grand Valley State involved by donating items ECU students may need. "We ended up bringing over 1,500 pounds of items for the students of ECU," Henne said.

Both Winn and Henne agree that the Alumni House is a great asset for students to take advantage of.

According to Winn, had she not gotten involved with the Alumni House, it would have been "one huge area of support [she] would have totally missed out on."

"There are connections I would never have made had I not been involved with Alumni Relations," Winn said.

"I definitely recommend students get involved with Alumni Relations because they offer a vast net-

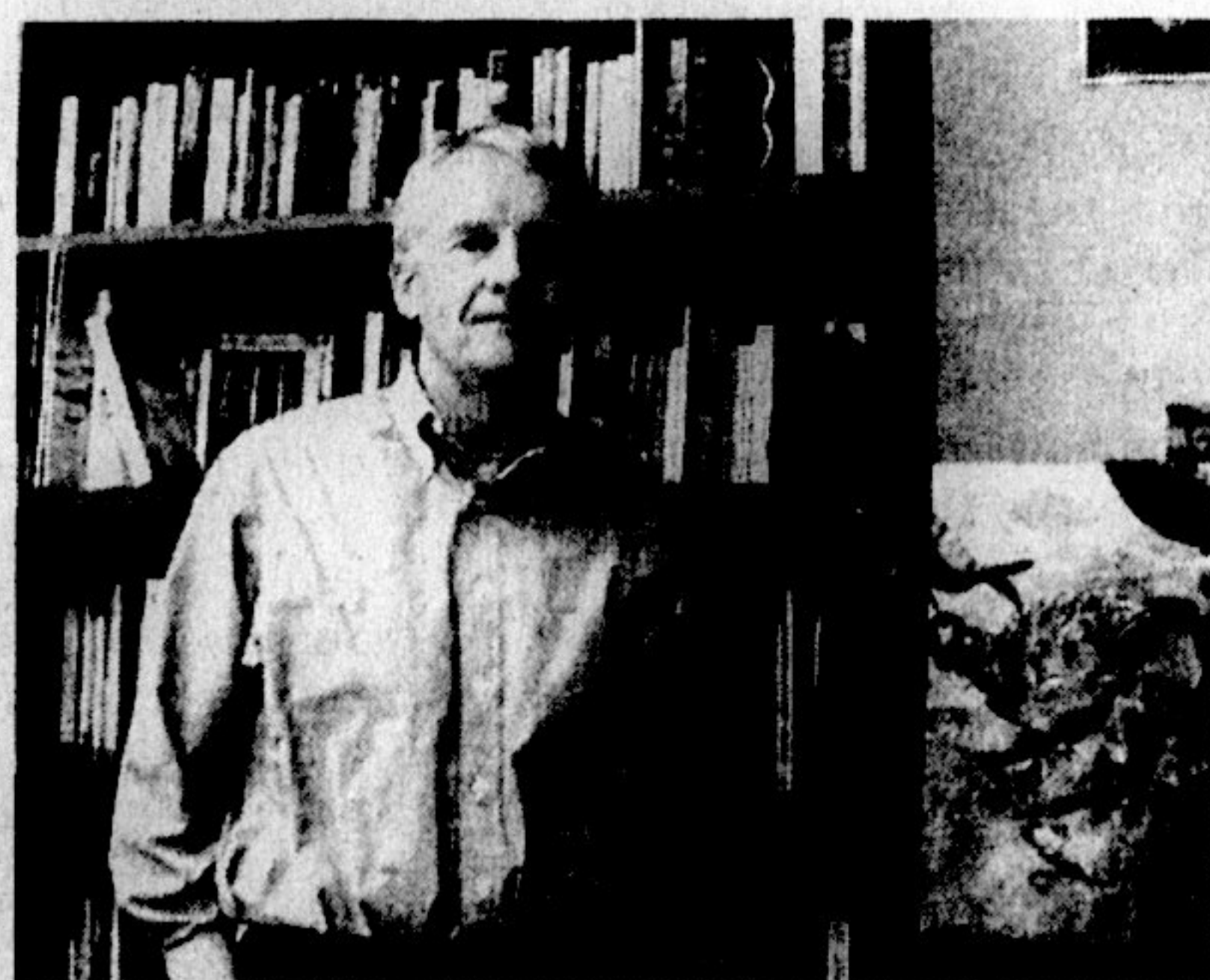
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Professors' passions spark pastimes

Life continues for everyone beyond classrooms

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In front of every professor, there is a desk covered with assignments, lesson plans and appointment calendars. Behind this same professor however, are typically photos of trips they have taken and of their life beyond ECU.



Dr. Makuck stands in front of large stacks of books in his office. (photo by Susan Wright)

As a business professor, Dr. Dan Schisler's desk is stacked high with various papers and such. After he has conquered the stack and earned himself some free time, he enjoys many of the same activities that other North Carolinians do.

"I like ... hunting, fishing, scuba diving off the

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A NOTCH ABOVE THE NORM

Dr. Margaret Bauer
English



Dr. Margaret Bauer's office is decorated with traditional Southern sayings and quotes about women, femininity and multiple copies of the North Carolina Literary Review (NCLR). Bauer currently teaches literature classes at ECU, in addition to editing the NCLR.

After growing up in Franklin, La., she followed her ambitions. Contrary to the normal expectations for a woman from her hometown, Bauer went on to pursue a successful academic career.

She attended Louisiana State University, University of Southwest Louisiana and University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and earned a Ph.D. in English with a specialization in Southern literature. Her thesis was on Ellen Gilchrist, which has since been published as a book.

Her passion, as well as her job, focuses on Southern literature. She also teaches women's literature and black literature. One of the places she has taught is Wabash University in Indiana, an all-male liberal arts college. Bauer said it was definitely an experience teaching women's literature to a small group of men.

During her career as a professor and an editor, she has had the opportunity to meet several prestigious writers.

Fred Chappell, the poet laureate of NC, was one she has had the pleasure of knowing, as well as Lee Smith. According to Bauer, some of the most incredible Southern writers are living and writing in NC today. It is an amazing time for N.C. literature, and many students don't realize what is happening in literary circles now.

In her classes she is animated, upbeat and involved, and encourages student discussion. Whether conducting class or conversation, it is apparent Bauer loves her job and the Southern literature that she teaches.

Ian Haus Film Series shows student projects

Amateurs display their cinematic expertise

Jennifer Brown
STAFF WRITER

Your film could be on the big screen with hundreds of students waiting eagerly to see your character's next move. Thanks to the Ian Haus Film Series, students will have the opportunity to show their film in front of an audience.

"The idea was brought to me at a meeting by Dr. Dale Jacobs, who teaches a film class," said Cathy Black, the Films Committee Chair for the Student Union. "The idea was brought up to him by a student."

One day during an Intro to Film class a senior named Jesse McGill made the suggestion to Jacobs, a professor in the English department who is also on the Films Committee.

"I think it's a great idea," Jacobs said. "There are a lot of students interested in producing films."

McGill said he had been thinking about the idea of showing student films for awhile now.

"I watch a lot of independent films and I would like to work in a production house someday," McGill said. Even though McGill has done a few small films himself, he would possibly be interested in editing.

Black said that the Ian Haus Film Series was named after Jesse McGill, because his middle name is Ian. She said he wanted to get the ECU student's films shown, and the Student Union was willing to put it on.

McGill also said he would like to see the Film Festival turn into an annual event here at ECU.

"Eventually we want to end up doing an Ian Haus Film Festival next semester ... but it depends on what kind of response we get from the public this semester," Black said.

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