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THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Open house

An open house for students interested in attending ECU will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 15 in Wright Auditorium. The ECU Admissions Open House expects to draw about 2,000 people. The formal program that includes tours of the campus will continue until 2 p.m. Many of the guests will stay on campus for the annual Great Pirate Purple/Gold Pigskin Pig-Out Party. Contact the Office of Admissions at 328-6133.

### Pigskin Pigout

The Great Pirate Purple/Gold Pigskin Pigout Party opens Friday, April 14 and continues through Saturday at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium with games, carnival rides, shag dancing and a pig cooking contest. The festivities start at 6 p.m. Fireworks are scheduled for 8:45 p.m. The pigs will be delivered at 9 p.m. and the cooking contest begins at 10 p.m. on Friday. Judging for the pig cooking contest begins at 7 a.m. on Saturday. Plates of grilled pork go on sale at 11 a.m. Saturday morning.

The ECU spring scrimmage, that closes out the spring practice season for the Pirates, starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the stadium. Following the scrimmage, the replay of last year's ECU/Miami game will be shown in the stadium on video scoreboard. Activities continue with carnival rides until 9 p.m. on Saturday. Contact Lee Workman, Athletics Promotions and Special Events at 328-4530.

### Adult learners

Graduate students in ECU's adult education program will display posters and other information about their research at the annual Research and Practice Colloquium for adult education students. The program will be held today in Mendenhall Student Center. Contact Vivian Mott, School of Education at 328-6177.

### Lecture

Dr. Thomas Socha, an Associate Professor of the Department of Communication and Theater at Old Dominion University, and Editor of the "Journal of Family Communication" will present a lecture entitled "The Role of Family Communication and Race Relations in the United States" at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 17 in Room 129 of Speight.

### Beach blast

The Embers, one of the state's oldest and most popular beach music bands, will play at 7 p.m. tonight at the Student Recreation Center outdoor area.

### Horn recital

The ECU Horn Ensemble will perform at 7 p.m. tonight in Fletcher School of Music Recital Hall. This recital will be followed at 8:30 p.m. by Christine Gustafson, a member of the music faculty who will perform on the flute. Both programs are free and open to the public.

## ONLINE SURVEY

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**Would you agree to meet someone in person that you met in an online chat room?**

Results of last week's question:

**Do you think it makes a difference if you vote in the SGA elections?**

50% Yes 50% No

## Safety walk points out problem areas

### Students, officials voice concerns

Terra Steinbeiser  
News Editor

In an effort to identify and remedy the problem of dark areas on campus, several university faculty members and students participated in an ECU Campus Safety Walk last night.

The walk, which has become a spring tradition at ECU, was organized by Student Government Association (SGA) Executive Administrative Assistant Jenny Stein.

"I just noticed a few areas on campus that are especially dark," Stein said. "Some of the construction areas have posed new problems as well."

Stein's main areas of concern included the footpath between the English Annex and the Warehouse, the area in between Whichard and Ragsdale, and behind Ragsdale.

Ken Kaisida, executive director of Facilities Services, took note of all the questionable areas and said that he would look into getting lights placed or repaired where they were needed.

"There are definitely some areas here where we were not aware that lights were not working," Kaisida said.

Teresa Crocker, the ECU chief of police brought along a list of areas that the police department had special concerns about.

"The Rivers Building has been a concern for a while now, as well as the Mall area,"

Crocker said. "We also need to cut the bushes on the Mendenhall side of the Library because they make for a good hiding place."

There was some discussion about possibly using ground lights along the footpaths that run through the Mall or putting more lights on the outside of the buildings that are adjacent to the area to provide more light.

Overall, those who participated said they felt that the campus was safe but had room for improvement.

"The campus is pretty safe, but there is always room to make it safer," said Cliff Webster, student body president. "This is something the new executive council needs to tackle next year, especially since we have representatives of the administration

here, ready to take our recommendations."

Student Patrol Officer Bill Cooper said he was glad that safety concerns are being addressed on campus.

"I'm glad to see that ECU is taking the initiative to promote safety," Cooper said. "It shows a good amount of responsibility."

According to Crocker, ECU has one of the most well-lit cam-

puses of any university in the state.

"We're doing a good job, but there is always room for improvement."

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From the left: Captain Frank Knight and Lieutenant Louis Dail evaluate one of the campus safety blue lights during last night's safety walk. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

## Proposed parking changes ruffle feathers

### Commuter permits to be limited

Jon Manuel  
Staff Writer

The ECU Parking and Transportation Committee held a meeting to discuss and make recommendations concerning several issues of student and staff parking.

The recommendations made attempt to bring all university reserved and private parking space prices closer to each other.

If approved, the price of freshmen parking hang tags will be raised from \$4 to \$30, bringing them in line with the current price of limited, commuter and staff tags.

All handicap parking violation tickets will be raised from a \$50 fine to a \$250 fine, bringing the university up to compliance with the new North Carolina state law.

The committee has also proposed that only juniors and seniors be able to acquire commuter stickers. All other students living off campus will be allowed to buy limited parking permits

only, meaning they will have to park in fringe lots and take a shuttle or bus to campus.

In the wake of these recommendations, some students say they feel the actions are unfair.

"Taking parking privileges away from sophomores is the dumbest action the committee can take," said freshman Geoffrey Bradley. "I pay just as much as the juniors and seniors and follow the same rules, so they should allow sophomores to continue parking in commuter lots."

While some students are upset over the proposal that may

push sophomores to the limited lots, others say they are calm about the situation.

"I'm not really worried about the decision because it doesn't really effect me," said freshman Forrest Wrenn. "I'll be living on campus next year."

The decision to reduce the parking options for freshmen and sophomores has not yet been finalized.

"Anything that comes out of that committee is a recommendation, not a final decision," said Dave Santa Ana, head of Transportation Services. "Our recommendations go through Execu-

tive Vice Chancellor Richard Brown, and the Board of Trustees before a final decision is made."

Students can take an active role in this and other future parking decisions by attending committee meetings, talking to the student representatives or meeting with faculty members who are on the committee. The student perspective is welcomed within the committee. The committee will follow up on these issues at their meeting on April 20.

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## Colloquium offers real world experience

### Renowned orator to speak

Caroline Jordan  
Staff Writer

ECU students will have a chance to hone their presenting skills as well as hear featured speaker, Dr. Susan B. Merriam from the University of Georgia today at the Fifth Annual Adult Education Graduate Student Research and Practice Colloquium.

Students will present poster sessions from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

According to Dr. Vivan Mott, associate professor in the School of Education, Counseling and Adult Education, the

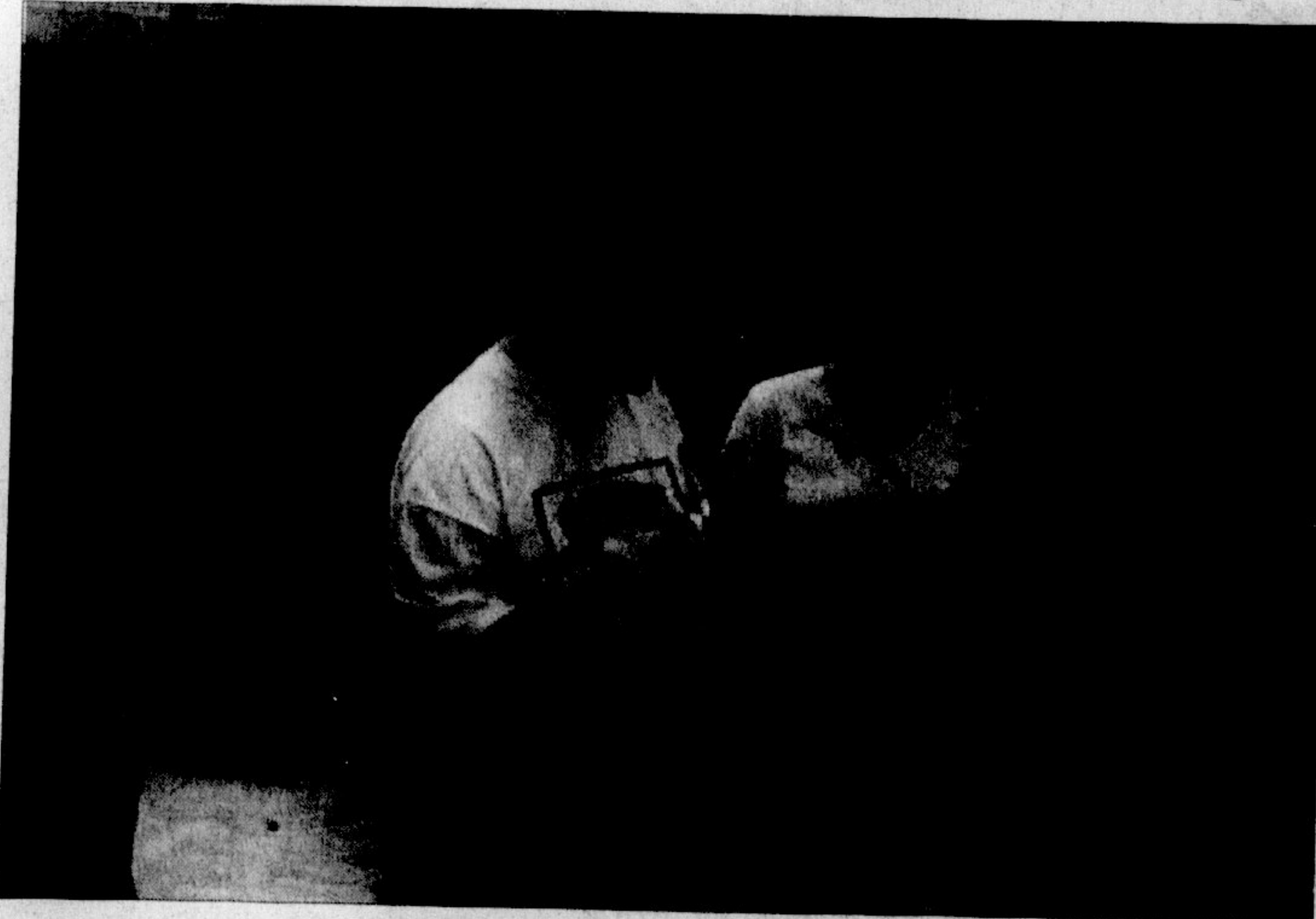
purpose of the colloquium is to spotlight the research, educational and professional interests of graduate students in the adult education program within the school of education.

The program is geared toward community college personnel, business and industry representatives who are interested in holding continuing and adult education classes in their workplaces, as well as students who are interested working in the field of adult education.

"We're expecting between 50 and 100 people to be in attendance," Mott said.

The program is a way for See SPEAKER, page 2

## No neophytes at fundraising



From left: Vilay Outhavong, Dr. Claudia Jolls and Junior Katherine McLemore examine the flora at the Biology Club's annual outdoor plant sale that took place April 11-12. (photo by Emily Richardson)



## ACROSS OTHER CAMPUSES

**NCSU**—"People have been sharing their music ever since music was put into some sort of recordable form."

So says North Carolina State University ResNet Coordinator Stan Martin. Illegal music circulation, bootlegging, has long been an issue for the recording industry, but Internet music-sharing has become a source of particularly controversy since February, when more than 100 U.S. universities banned Napster, a computer program which scans Internet sites and personal computers for mp3 music files.

Falsely included on at least two listings of schools with Napster bans was NCSU. Both "The Chronicle of Higher Education" and [www.saveNapster.com](http://www.saveNapster.com), a Students Against University Censorship (SECU) Web site, reported that NCSU had banned Napster. Both sources removed NCSU from their lists.

Seeking to contradict those reports, Vice Provost for Information Technology Sam Averitt released a March 16 memo outlining NCSU's position on Napster and similar programs like iMesh, iCast, Macster and

### SpinFrenzy:

"N.C. State network policy has long been that we do not censor Internet traffic except as may be appropriate in response to official complaints and in the case of illegal activity."

Still uncertain as to how the "NCSU-bans-Napster" rumors started—"My hunch is that someone sent in a message to [www.saveNapster.com](http://www.saveNapster.com) that said 'Uh-oh, N.C. State's banning Napster,'" Martin said—Martin recently expanded upon the university's position and outlined the details of the Napster controversy.

There are two issues surrounding Napster and similar programs, according to Martin: bandwidth and copyright infringement.

The former has been the major concern for ResNet. According to Martin, because Napster transports such big files—on average, mp3's contain four to five megabytes of information—file transfers on it strain the bandwidth and slow down connections for other students using the Internet.

**U. Mass-Amherst**—The University of Massachusetts Republican Club is hosting a visit by Colonel Oliver North Thursday at noon in the Fine Arts Center Lobby, but increased security measures have been taken to ensure that people protesting North's visit will not disrupt his speech.

Flyers were distributed across campus this week calling students to stage a "walkout" in their classes to gather and protest North's visit. The speech on the flyers accuse North of being a "terrorist" and lay claim that he "killed innocent Nicaraguans." In addition, the flyers refer to him as a "radical right-wing zealot, a perjurer, a liar and a racist oppressor." A larger picture portrays North as taking an oath with the words, "Hail Reagan" in front of his face. The individual or group of people responsible for distributing the flyers have not been identified.

Republican Club President Michael Rossettie said he would rather have been contacted by the group behind the flyers prior to the event, but because they didn't, he said they have been required to increase the security to protect North.

According to him, they have paid \$220 dollars for a full-time police officer at the event and there will be an additional four to five police officers in street clothing. Twenty Republican Club members will also be staffing the event and working crowd control.

"Between the police and the club we feel we have adequate security," Rossettie said. "Furthermore, we are not allowing any sort of signs on sticks to come into the event, whether they be pro-Ollie or anti-Ollie."

Rossettie stated that the police are concerned about the "College" article that was printed yesterday, stating that they believe the article will only help to increase the amount of protesting at the North event. However, Rossettie added that as much as he would rather have no one protest Ollie North, he said it is a person's individual right.

"If people choose to protest the Oliver North event, that's their constitutional right," Rossettie said. "I may disagree with them, but I'm not going to fight their constitutional right."

## Marine found guilty for reservist's death

**CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP)**—A Marine captain charged in the heat-stroke death of a reservist was found guilty Saturday of dereliction of duty and failure to obey an order.

Lt. Col. Ralph Kohlman, the military judge hearing the case, said Capt. Victor Arana was guilty of both charges, but removed language in one charge that contended Arana failed to stay with his unit after a grueling July 7 hike that led to Lance Cpl. Giuseppe "Joey" Leto's death.

Arana showed no emotion as the verdict was read.

He faces a maximum sentence of nine months in prison and dismissal from the Marines. Following

the verdict Saturday, the sentencing phase of the court-martial began and was scheduled to resume Sunday.

Leto's cousin, Annamaria Des Biens, testified during sentencing, describing Leto's dedication to the Marine Corps.

"When he joined the Marines, that was when he felt his life was fully satisfied," she said, crying. "He was the few, the proud. He was the epitome of the Marines."

Leto's mother, Domenica Leto, said her son's death convinced the family that Leto's younger brother Vincent would not join the Marines as he had hoped.

"The Marine Corps lost two soldiers, not one," she said.

Prosecutors had argued in closing arguments Saturday morning that Arana, 28, of Chicago, had violated standard operating procedures for conditioning hikes and that he showed a careless disregard for his men.

"He was like a horse with blinders on," Maj. Chris Hamilton told the judge. "He was head down, focused forward. There was absolutely no supervision of that conditioning hike."

Arana's defense attorneys argued that Arana was a rookie company commander in charge of the unit for only 16 days when he led the 180 Marines, all carrying weapons and packs, on the eight-mile night march in 80-degree heat.

Mark Stevens said Arana did not receive proper instructions from his superiors and delegated authority to his non-commissioned officers as allowed in standard operating procedures.

"There is no doubt that there were some judgment and leadership errors made on this hike," Stevens said. "All judgment errors and leadership errors do not equate to criminal liability. Good judgment comes from experience."

Arana testified Thursday that he

didn't realize there were so many stragglers until the hike was more than half completed and that he considered calling in trucks to take the Marines the rest of the way, but instead decided to slow down.

Hamilton said Arana could not blame his subordinates for his own failing to supervise the troops. "He chose to ignore the signs of an unsafe march at every step of the way," he said.

"The accused broke the backs and the will of the company in the first leg of that hike," Hamilton said. "The accused wasn't looking over his shoulder, the only thing the accused was looking at, your honor, was his watch."

At the end of the hike, Leto, 21, of New Milford, Conn., wandered more than half a mile from the area, and Arana failed to obtain a proper head count or weapons count, Hamilton said.

Two hours after the hike, following a head count that prompted a search for him, Leto was found dead.

"All of this negligent conduct does not meet the standard of due care that is expected of a company commander to ensure the safety and welfare of his marines," Hamilton told the judge.

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The program is a way for students to gain experience in making presentations in a professional atmosphere.

"The colloquium is a chance for us to help showcase the work of our students," Knott said. "The students will be presenting on applied research that relates to their job."

Following the poster sessions, Merriam, an internationally renowned author in adult education, will begin her lecture on the "The New Adult Learner." Following a reception, three blocks of concurrent student presentations will be held.

"The students will be presenting on applied research that relates to their job area," Knott said. "Most

students are working full time, so they are able to take what they are learning and apply it immediately."

Registration begins at 4 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center. There is no charge and the public is invited to attend.

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**Discharge of a Fire Extinguisher**—Two students in Garrett Hall advised officers that they discharged a fire extinguisher on a radiator with a glowing "ember" inside after smelling a burning odor coming from the southeast stairwell.

**Harassing Phone Calls**—A student in Umstead Hall reported receiving a harassing call from a female threatening bodily harm. A note was also left on her car while parked in the old Darryl's parking lot. A possible suspect has been named.

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**Auto Accident**—A student reported that he struck a parked vehicle when backing out of a space in the lot at 9th and Cotanche streets.

**Damage to Property**—A non-student reported that her passenger side window was broken while parked in the Leo Jenkins Cancer Center lot. Investigation showed that it could have been broken by the grounds crew mowing the lawn.

**Damage to Property**—A staff member reported that her vehicle was dented while parked in front of Jenkins Art Building.

**Auto Accident**—A student reported that he was involved in an auto accident on Haskett Way east of Belk Hall. Contact was made the owner of the parked vehicle and very minor damage occurred to the parked vehicle.

**Harassing Phone Calls**—A student reported to receiving harassing calls throughout the last year from an unknown caller. Her mother has also received several calls within the past two weeks. A possible suspect has been

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# Supreme Court to resolve hate crime sentencing dispute

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP)—Charles Apprendi Jr. says he was high on alcohol and drugs, not filled with racial hatred, when he fired shots into the home of a black family in his predominantly white Vineland neighborhood in 1994.

"It was just criminal mischief," he now insists. "That's all it was. I had no idea it was a black family's home."

A judge saw it differently. He determined that Apprendi's actions were motivated by prejudice and imposed a longer prison term under New Jersey's hate crime law, one of the first adopted in the country.

Apprendi, 47, is challenging his sentence in a case to be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court this week. His lawyers argue that a jury using the most stringent burden of proof should have determined whether the crime was motivated by bias and warranted the additional penalty.

"Our question is how and to whom do you prove it," said Richard Singer, a professor at Rutgers-Camden Law School assisting in the appeal. "Our argument is

that anything that dramatically affects the sentenced should be proven beyond a reasonable doubt."

The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers has called the case one of the most important to be decided this session by the court. Oral arguments are scheduled for Tuesday. A decision is expected by June.

While the appeal does not directly challenge New Jersey's Hate Crimes Act, which was upheld by the state Supreme Court in 1994, it could have far-reaching implications on judges' power to mete out punishment.

As it stands now, a judge can add years to a sentence based on a "preponderance of evidence." Apprendi's lawyers will argue that the hate-crime issue should have been treated as an element of the offense and decided by a jury using the highest legal standard whether prosecutors had proved racial bias beyond a reasonable doubt.

"It will have the potential of restricting the freedom of a judge to sentence more harshly," said criminal defense lawyer Carl Poplar of Blackwood.

New Jersey was one of the first states to adopt a hate crime law, in 1981. It bans acts of racial or ethnic intimidation, such as burning crosses or painting swastikas. The law was expanded in 1990 to provide stiffer penalties for such common crimes as assault and harassment if prejudice played a part in selecting the victim.

Nearly all states now have similar laws that provide for extra punishment when crime victims are targeted because of their race, religion or sexual orientation.

Apprendi's 12-year sentence is about three years longer because of the racial bias finding. He has served about one-third of his sentence and is now in a halfway house in Camden. His case is expected to go before a state parole board in May.

Apprendi admitted he fired four or five shots into the house at 2 a.m., telling police he wanted to give the family who lived there a message that they did not belong in his neighborhood. No one was injured.

But Apprendi later said he was unfairly pressured into giving police a false statement, and that his gun-

fire really had been randomly directed when the house's purple front door caught his eye.

"In a rational state of mind and unimpaired, I would have never thought of shooting in someone's house," Apprendi said during a recent interview.

He pleaded guilty to a firearms violation and possessing a bomb in his house, all of which carried a maximum 10-year prison sentence. At a plea hearing, he admitted his purpose for shooting at the house was to frighten the family.

After prosecutors sought a stiffened sentence under the hate crimes law, the trial judge imposed the 12-year term, saying prosecutors had offered persuasive evidence that Apprendi's act was racially motivated.

The New Jersey Supreme Court upheld his sentence by a 5-2 vote last June. The court determined that the law does not violate constitutional rights, saying it clearly requires proof of a bias crime.

## Clinton blamed for gas prices

WASHINGTON (AP)—The reason prices are so high at the gasoline pump is the Clinton administration has let OPEC monopolize U.S. oil supplies while failing to allow further exploration of possible domestic energy sources, a Senate Republican alleged Saturday.

In the Republican weekly radio address, Sen. Frank Murkowski of Alaska denounced President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore for focusing on renewable energy concepts like solar, wind and geothermal sources. Instead, he said, they should have opened U.S. lands

for oil and gas exploration and expanded the hydroelectric dams system and used more coal-fired or nuclear power plants.

"So how do Clinton and Gore propose that we generate energy to run our industry and farms, heat our homes and fuel our trucks, cars and airplanes?" asked Murkowski, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "Hot air from Washington won't do the job!"

Murkowski said Americans are "being held hostage" by the Clinton administration's reliance on im-

ported oil from the Middle East. He noted that the percentage of imported oil has increased from 43 percent in 1993 to 56 percent now.

"And the administration's energy department warned that if we do nothing, imports could rise to 65 percent in 15 years. So what did the Clinton-Gore team do to reduce our reliance on imported oil? In a word, nothing," Murkowski said.

President Clinton criticized Congress last week for failing to protect the nation's energy security by

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## Authorities investigating alleged cancer drug conspiracy

BOSTON (AP)—Doctors in Connecticut and at least six other states are being investigated for allegedly administering free samples of an ex-

pensive cancer drug and then billing their patients' insurance companies.

Only one doctor has been charged in the alleged scheme, but papers filed by federal prosecutors in U.S. District Court claim the conspiracy spread to the drug company's employees and doctors in Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, Kentucky, South Carolina, New York and elsewhere.

Samantha Martin, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in Boston, declined to say how many doctors might have been involved.

Prosecutors allege that the producer of the prostate cancer drug Lupron Depot gave free

*"The company had \$2.5 billion in sales last year, about a third of that from Lupron."*

samples to physicians as an inducement for them to use the drug as well as "to provide the physician with a source of money ... to pay (any) past-due balance" owed to the company.

The average cost of a monthly dose of Lupron was \$566 in 1998, according to an industry reference book. The drug, which must be administered by a physician, is also among Medicare's largest outpatient drug expenditures, costing the government \$467 million in 1998.

Lupron is a product of Illinois-based TAP Pharmaceuticals Inc., a joint venture of Abbott Labs and Takeda Chemical Industries.

TAP spokeswoman Kim Modory on Tuesday confirmed that Lupron marketing practices are being inves-

tigated and said the company is cooperating. She declined further comment.

The company had \$2.5 billion in sales last year, about

a third of that from Lupron. In the only charges filed so far, Dr. Rodney Mannion, a urologist in northeast Indiana, is accused of conspiracy to defraud for allegedly accepting between \$40,000 and \$70,000 from insurers billed for 60 one-month doses of the drug between 1993 and 1996.

An employee at Mannion's office said the doctor would not comment on the allegations. Mannion's attorney did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment.

The charge was outlined in a federal information paper, a document often filed before a plea agreement.

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## Baltics push on with Stalinist trials despite Russian anger

TALLINN, Estonia (AP) — On June 14, 1941, young Lennart Meri awoke to the sound of combat boots stomping down the hallway. Soviet soldiers had just entered his house to deport him and his family.

Lennart, his mother, father and younger brother were given 20 minutes to pack, then were trucked to a waiting train and herded inside. It was a wood-paneled cattle car, fitted with iron bars and a hole cut in the floor to serve as a latrine.

The train car was already packed with women and children. Meri, now 71 and president of Estonia since 1992, recalled in an interview. The human cargo was bound for Siberia, and some wouldn't return alive.

Virtually everyone in Estonia,

Latvia and Lithuania can tell of at least one close relative who was deported or of being deported themselves in the years following the 1940 Soviet occupation of the three Baltic republics.

But unlike in the other 12 former Soviet republics, such reminiscences aren't only the stuff of history here. They are witness testimony as prosecutors pursue alleged agents of Stalinist terror.

Estonia has convicted four Stalinist agents in the past year. Latvia has convicted three men, and an 85-year-old former secret police officer, Yevgeny Savenko, is facing trial for allegedly signing arrest orders that led to the deportation and execution of dozens of Latvians.

There is widespread support for

the proceedings among Estonians.

"Sometimes I think, 'Let it be,'" said Salme Kulvere, who was deported in 1949 when she was 16. "But when I think about how truly horrible it was in deportation, I don't see how these crimes can just be swept under the carpet."

The trials have infuriated Russia. Many Russians say the three Baltic states are seeking revenge against elderly, ailing men who often hold Russian passports.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Latvia's recent conviction of Vasily Kononov, a 77-year-old Russian citizen considered by some to be a Soviet war hero, was a cruel and unjust verdict against an "old and seriously sick man."

Kononov was sentenced to six

years in prison for executing nine civilians while he was a Soviet guerrilla during Germany's 1941-44 occupation of Latvia. He claimed the civilians got caught in cross fire during a battle with Nazi troops.

Baltic officials dismiss Russia's criticism, saying their huge neighbor has failed to honestly confront atrocities committed by Russians during Stalin's reign.

Eerik Kross, who oversees the Estonian unit hunting old Soviet agents, pointed to the 1946 Nuremberg Charter and the 1949 Geneva Convention. With Nazi crimes in mind, Stalin helped draft both.

"But if you read these conventions, there's no doubt they do apply to Stalin's crimes," Kross said.

"This is not about revenge. We are obliged to do what we are doing."

Estonian Prime Minister Mart Laar said the proceedings have been fair and he has no pity for the

former agents.

"None of these men have ever said, 'I understand what I did was wrong and I'm sorry,'" Laar said.

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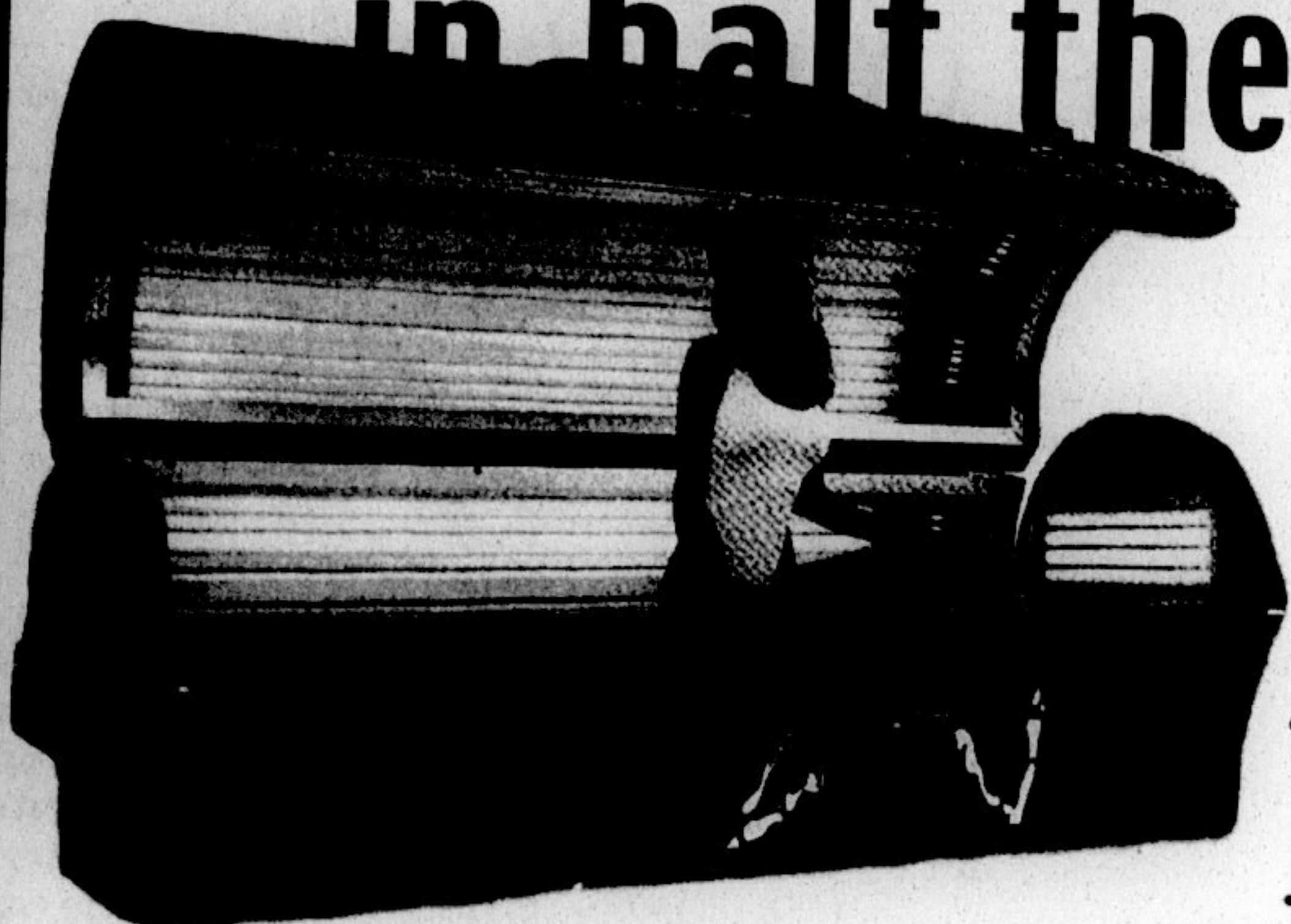
not renewing his authority to tap government oil reserves. The Senate approved a four-year extension of his authority to draw from the reserve, but the authority expired when the House failed to act.

The Clinton administration also has said that its diplomatic efforts resulted in recent agreement by the Organization of the Oil Exporting Countries to increase production by 1.7 million barrels a day,

which is expected to result in lower prices this summer.

On Thursday, a revised Energy Department forecast said gasoline prices should peak this month and decline to an average of \$1.46 a gallon for the summer. The forecast ameliorated the prospect of \$2 per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline, but it still has motorists paying about 25 percent more for gasoline this summer than last year.

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### OUR VIEW

In light of all the recent crime that has affected the ECU community, personal safety has become an even more serious issue than usual.

Last night the ECU Police Department and the Student Government Association sponsored a Campus Safety Walk to discuss safety issues and identify the darkest areas on campus. Building awareness and a sense of community are probably the two most important factors in preventing crime.

Our campus feels so familiar and isolated from much of Greenville that it is easy to feel a false sense of security when walking around at night. However, crimes like rape, assault and burglary do happen to students on campus.

There are ways that you can help prevent yourself from becoming the victim of one of these such crimes. Do not walk or jog alone. Walk in well-lit and populated areas. Use the blue light phones throughout campus to report suspicious activity or if you feel threatened in any way. Use the ECU Police Night Patrol Escort Service that is always available if you need to walk anywhere on campus. If you're going somewhere alone, tell someone where you are going or where you will be. Park in well-lit areas.

These things seem like common sense, but it's surprising how many people ignore these basic safety rules.

Our police officers and Student Patrol Officers do their best to apprehend and stop suspicious activities from happening on campus, but they cannot be in or near every place at once. So while finding someone to walk with you to your car after a late night of studying at the library may pose a slight inconvenience at the time, it is worth it. You can't put a price on your safety and well-being.

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### OPINION COLUMN

## Genetic engineering: playing God?

Chris Sachs  
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One of the most important discoveries that mankind will ever be confronted with was announced last week. Now I am not talking about that waste of oxygen Mankind the wrestler, I am talking about us--the human race.

Craig Venter's company Celera Genomics--the private corporation that boasted to the international Human Genome Project that it would sequence and map the human genome--years before them and anyone else--has completed the first part of the project and has sequenced an entire human genome. This is years ahead of the government's attempt and has caused a shockwave throughout the science and philosophical communities. And for good reason. What Venter's company has done is to rocket us forward in the age of discovery and the future well-being of all humans on this planet. This is big-time stuff here people, we are at a new abyss to look into, and the opening is huge!

Now if you don't know anything about the Human Genome Project, well then shame on you for being so uninformed and go look it up. It is only one of the biggest scientific undertakings that the world has ever tried and has been in operation for years now. The data and what it can tell us is going to revolutionize medicine and the way we all live forever.

Now I am not going to try to explain what the project really entails and how DNA works; it will take too long and you can go to the library and read about it. But I will tell you that Venter's company has figured all the pieces of the greatest puzzle and now has to only put the pieces in order, which he claims will only take a few weeks, and then begin to look for patterns that explain what genes are responsible for what trait.

Now even though you do not have to be a science major to understand the basic principles of what the genome is all about, you do need to understand the implications that come with the discovery, how it can be used, and how it affects each and every one of us. In nutshell, we will soon be able to know exactly what genes cause what disease. And if we know that, we can easily find a cure through gene therapy and end some of the most horrible and massive genetic killers that this planet has been plagued with since day one.

We can end pain and suffering on Biblical proportions. We will be able to know every single part about our unborn child's health and its physical characteristics. We will be able to know if you are prone to certain diseases and nip them in the bud. We can find the genes that control aging and turn them off and live longer or possibly forever. We will even be able to manipulate a fetus' DNA and exacerbate traits or mask

them. Do you want a blue-eyed boy or a green-eyed one? Take your pick. Medical costs (and long-term care costs) will come down. No more years of painful treatments and buying thousands of horse pills. Just think of the possibilities!

And now, think about the dangers. Insurance companies can find exactly what diseases you have, or will ever have, and charge you rates accordingly. Prices are going to skyrocket out of control and no one will be able to get insurance. The whole industry will shut down and we will have to go to a national health care system. And if you think gas, booze and cigarettes are expensive now, you ain't seen nothing yet.

What about the religious implications? You can change the outcome of chance events that God or Nature intended. If God or Nature intended for your child to have a disease for whatever reason, you can change the divine plan and get a new result. Now you can know days after conception whether your child will be retarded or deformed or born with a life-ending disease and be able to end the pregnancy if you so choose. The church will go nuts. We are stepping on God's toes and she won't like that one bit.

What about population? All the genetic killers could be ended and some 50 million people will be added to the tally sheet every year, on top of the 100 million that are born each year. Soon no one will be dying and the planet will make Bangladesh look like South Dakota.

What about life extension? Do you really want to live to be 300 years old? You will have read every book there is, received every college degree offered, and seen all your kids die. Life would be boring--you will have done everything!

What about psychopaths and extremist groups? A new Hitler can be brought into power somewhere and try to build a new master race in the laboratory. The KKK will want funding to make everyone white and the Nation of Islam will want everyone made black. And the Pope will want everyone made Catholic. And the list goes on and on and on.

Philosophy? Ethics? What about them? Should we know so much about ourselves? Should we leave nothing to chance? What will it be like if we are all made genetically perfect? If our dog dies should we be able to just whip up a new one?

People, the next decade or so is going to be revolutionary. I hope you all have been exposed to what has happened recently and where we are all headed. Times are going to be changing sooner than you think. It's time to look into this and it's time to think about where we as a species are headed. This is an important time in our lives. Keep your eyes open.

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### OPINION COLUMN

## Reading Day important to many students

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At the end of the semester there is a time period that is considered by many to be "crunch time." We have now entered into the time frame when classes are winding down, projects and papers are due and finals are starting to be talked about. It's this part of the year that is the hardest to stay focused and try to get things done. It also doesn't help that it is beautiful outside and we would rather be enjoying the weather than reading through text books. Nevertheless, we try to look forward to the weekend in hopes that it will be nice outside then, so we don't have to miss class during the week. But what bugs me about this situation is the fact that we will not be given any down time prior to our first final.

Reading Day was initially provided so that students will have an entire 24 hours to use for studying, partying or just taking time off before continuing the struggle to prepare for exams. This year, however, due to the snow, this day off has been taken away from us.

I realize that the university feels that we need to make it up, but to have to sit in class an entire day and then go home to get ready for an 8 a.m. exam the next day is ridiculous! Give me a break! All I have to say to that is, what are you thinking?

I am so thankful that one of my professors has told us that attendance will not be taken that day. I hope that others will follow her lead and realize the amount of pressure that is being put on us, not only because it is crunch time, but due to the fact that we would still have obli-

gations the day before our finals are to be taken.

Last semester we had to forgo our entire Fall Break due to the flood. Watching our houses and belongings sink into the ground was not a break. The time we had off was referred to as "our fall break" or another "vacation." I would like to meet the people that consider a natural disaster a vacation. The students that had to come back to relocate, dig through damaged apartments or just suffer the great loss have my utmost respect and apologies that you had to immediately return to college. I am surprised that not more students that had to quit than did. But fortunately the university helped in understanding the situations of all students, and helped in any way possible.

So here is my concern now. Why if the school understands what we are trying to accomplish during this crunch time have they taken away our one day of down-time prior to final exams? For me personally, I have six exams to prepare for and they begin on May 4 at 8 a.m. Not only will I start to study for them early but I will take the day off that I was originally promised in order to finalize my preparation for my tests.

I have already informed my teachers of this and they are extremely understanding. So if professors are willing to help us out why won't the university re-establish this day as our Reading Day rather than try and hold classes that many students will not attend? Just having this day to recoup from the stress of everyday class will enable all students, regardless of their intentions for that day, to get things in order before embarking on final exams.

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### OPINION COLUMN

## Does affordable service with a smile still exist?

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Recently one of the most amazing things happened to me. I got service with a smile, and it didn't cost me an arm and a leg.

I was trying to come up with the perfect birthday present for a very good friend. I wanted the present to really be great. I found a print by one of his favorite artists. I had found THE gift.

But, I didn't think it would be enough to simply give him the print. I had seen what had become of his other prints and knew that I didn't want this picture to come to the same fate--all bent up, wrinkled and torn. I knew I had to get it framed. But, being the poor college student that I am, I didn't know how I was going to pull that one off. I had inquired about framing at the shop in Raleigh where I had purchased the print, but they wanted upwards of \$65 to frame it. I started searching for alternatives.

A friend of mine happened to have a metal frame lying around that didn't fit any of her pictures. It was just a smidgen too big for my print, but I knew I could make it work. So, with the free frame in hand I set out in search of a foam core backing for the picture, a slab of glass for the front and a solution to the size discrepancy of the frame.

Knowing nothing about framing, I stepped into the only store in Goldsboro, that I knew of that does frame work. Feeling very limited, I was prepared to do pretty much whatever the person suggested.

The woman I ran into was a \*@#&, to put it mildly. She didn't want to be helpful at all and ended up making me feel like an idiot. I told her up front that I didn't know the first thing about framing, but she didn't seem to care. She kept asking me technical questions that I didn't understand. When I reminded her "I don't know

anything about framing, you're going to have to be patient with me" in a sweet tone, she snapped back with "NO, you're going to have to be patient with me." That was too much for me, so I took my print and left.

A week later I was still avoiding the task, but the time was drawing near. My friend's birthday was only a few days away and I didn't know where I was going to get this stuff done. I started to fear that I'd have to just give him the print and a meek smile for his birthday.

In a panic I checked the phonebook for frame shops in Greenville. I called around and was quoted the cheapest price at the University Frame Shop on 520 S. Cotanche Street. I didn't have the print with me that day, but I took it in the next morning at 9 a.m., right when the shop opened.

I was greeted by this warm friendly person who asked me what they could do for me. A stark contrast to the \*@#&\$ from Goldsboro. Again, I stated right off the bat that I knew nothing about framing. Instead of the pissy look I'd gotten previously, there was this person smiling at me reassuringly.

Well, to cut to the chase, the University Frame Shop was wonderful to me. I'd brought in a rather large poster with multiple things that had to be done to it, and they had everything done for me by 3 p.m. that afternoon. I was amazed. I got a 24 x 32 piece of glass, mat, foam core and brackets to put together the frame--remember, the one I didn't buy from them. All of that for under \$40! AND with a SMILE. I was shocked.

In my opinion the University Frame Shop is the place to go from now on to get anything framed. I got fast, inexpensive, quality service with a smile--something I'd feared didn't exist in America today. Many thanks to the University Frame Shop for proving me wrong.

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## CRIMINALS' RIGHT TO PRIVACY TESTED

North Carolinians' crime records now available online

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The information superhighway has grown enormously in the past five to 10 years, and these days even the simplest of tasks can be achieved over the internet. North Carolinians are now able to visit [www.123nc.com](http://www.123nc.com) and actually access a person's criminal record in all

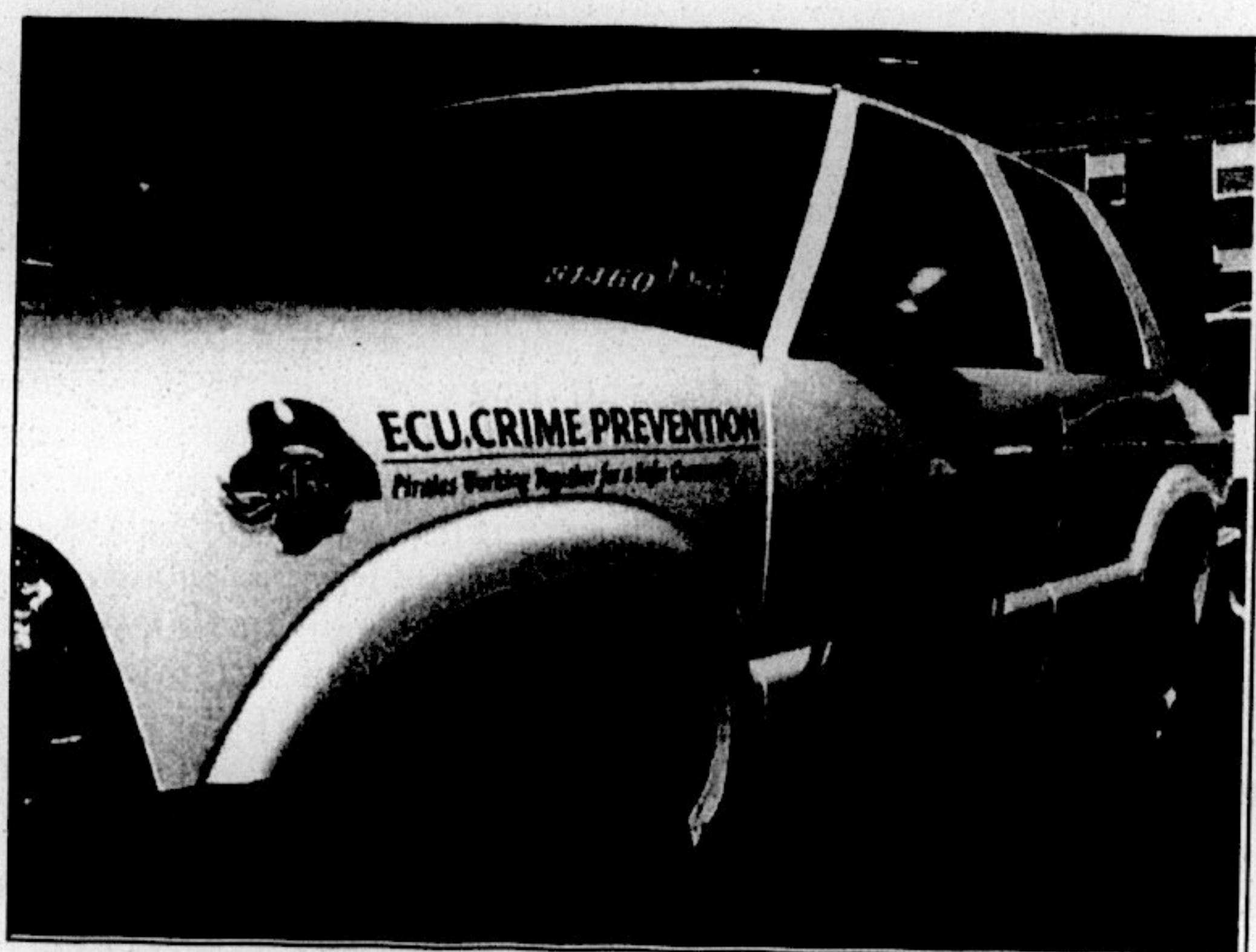
date of birth and the record is not accurate."

Not only is the accuracy of the test in question, but also the morality of having personal records involuntarily displayed on the web. Richard Kearney, chair of the political science department, acknowledges the ethical problems.

"Really, there are no answers yet," Kearney said. "If there is no difference in obtaining [criminal records] over the Internet or at the courthouse than there isn't a moral implication. However, if the records are incorrect, there is a big ethical problem."

The process is not free of charge. Records can be obtained at the courthouse for \$5, whereas the fee for the Internet service is hefty. For \$12, one can process a county or statewide search. In addition to the initial fee, the charge to view the actual record, is \$6 each time the search button is hit.

The record displays the original charge, final charge, trial date and outcome. The records range from felonies to traffic vio-



ECU police vehicles patrol the campus, helping to prevent crimes from happening. (photo by Emily Richardson)

100 of North Carolina's counties.

This touchy situation leaves many people questioning the moral aspect of what should and should not be accessible via the internet. Although many consider this new site an invasion of privacy, others regard it as a useful tool.

Tom Younce, assistant director of the ECU police department said he feels that the use of this web site can be potentially dangerous.

"There are a number of things that can go wrong during this process," Younce said. "For example, people can go in the system using false identification, not to mention people can enter things wrong; one wrong letter or

lations to misdemeanors.

"If people are worried about their records being displayed, they should have been worried about actually committing the crime," said Bill Hoffman, sophomore.

Most counties went to the electronic system seven to 10 years ago.

Greenville, for example, began entering records electronically on Feb. 25, 1985.

"I would say that using this system is a good starting point to check the backgrounds for private reasons but I would check everything," Younce said. "This method can be potentially dangerous."

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## Return of red-eyed, runny-nosed students

Allergies strike eastern North Carolina

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Sniffles, red-teary eyes, scratchy throat and a general feeling of despondency are some symptoms of allergy-inflicted health problems. During the spring, allergens are at their highest and Puffs are a common icon across eastern NC.

An allergy is a hypersensitivity to a foreign substance, which are normally harmless, but produce a violent reaction in the allergy sufferer.

"I get sinus congestion and itchy, watery eyes," said junior Brian Gallahue. "I think that my allergies are worse this year."

Allergies affect about 38 percent of all Americans. Millions of them suffer unnecessarily or rely on medications that can be avoided if they knew about other effective treatment options, according to a survey released by the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI).

"This new data shows us that allergies are almost twice as common as we thought," said Dr. Ira Finegold, past president of the ACAAI. "What's of even greater concern is that the majority of people with allergies

### TIPS TO HELP LESSEN YOUR EXPOSURE TO ALLERGENS

- Keep windows closed at night to prevent pollen and mold from drifting into your home. Instead, if needed, use an air conditioning unit to circulate indoor air.
- Always take a shower, wash your hair and change clothes after being outdoors, especially on high pollen count days (usually between 7-11 p.m.).
- Keep your car windows closed.
- Try to stay indoors when the pollen count is high. If you must go outside, wear sunglasses, a hat, and a scarf to keep pollen off your face and hair.
- Take your medication as directed, even if you feel fine.
- Take over-the-counter antihistamines, such as Benadryl, to help with allergy symptoms.
- Don't touch your face, especially your eyes, nose, and mouth, to avoid transferring pollen to these areas.
- Take a shower after spending time outdoors. Pollen can collect on your skin and hair.
- Don't hang sheets or clothing out to dry. Pollen and mold collect on them.

don't know about treatment options, such as allergy shots, that can bring relief. A lot of them are either suffering from symptoms or from medication side-effects."

This year's mild winter is giving way to an early pollen and mold season, causing misery for the 325 million people who suffer from seasonal allergies in the United States. Seasonal allergy rhinitis, often called seasonal allergies or hay fever, is commonly identified



Sharon Wooten sits outdoors on a temperate Greenville day. (photo by Emily Richardson)

by symptoms such as sneezing, a runny nose, congestion and watery eyes.

The immune system responds to harmless substances, such as pollen, mold spores and dust, as "invaders" by producing a particular antibody. When this antibody interacts with allergens in the body, the reaction releases histamines. Histamines are responsible for allergy symptoms, according to Dr. Beth Credle, interim director of Health Education.

"People who have allergies will usually experience symptoms such as a runny nose, red, swollen or itchy eyes, a cough, headaches, skin rashes, hives or scratchy throat when they are exposed to the source that acts as an irritant for them," Credle said.

"The best thing that allergy sufferers can do is detect early what the source [of the irritation] is and try to avoid it as much as possible. Getting treatment and proper medication for allergies is also recommended."

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## Late starters still have opportunities

Job field open for all graduates

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Many students close to graduation are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, but the closer it gets to May 13, the easier to see that it is the headlights on the train of employment and if they don't jump on it soon, it is going to smack them in the face.

In a survey taken by Career Services, 95 to 96 percent of seniors who graduated from ECU in 1999 were employed within six months of graduation. Not everyone starts early in their search for the perfect job, and there are several agencies on campus willing to help seniors in need at any time.

"One important thing is to get registered with career services, no matter when you start looking for employment," said Derrance Hughes, assistant director at Career Services. "Use all of your resources, such as search engines, Career Services and networking. Networking is going to be your number one way to land a job, but it all depends on how hard you are willing to work."

For many career fields, the opportunities for employment exist, but it all depends on the graduate to actively pursue their interests and the area they want to be in.

"It can take between one hour and six months to get a job, depending on where you want to go and how aggressively you pursue your job options," said Rick Niswander, assistant dean for graduate programs in the school of business. "If you want to stay in Greenville, it will take you longer to get a job than if you want to go to Charlotte or Los Angeles."

"Decide where you want to go and begin looking for businesses in that area the you want to work for. There are a thousand businesses out there, but you can only send your resume to so many. You have to decide on a target audience."

There are always opportunities out there, according to Patrick Madsen, graduate assistant at Career Services.

"It is never too late to start," Madsen said. If you have a degree in a field that is currently in high demand, it makes everything a little easier.

"The length of time that it takes to find a job varies, but there are some majors that are so high in demand they could start job searching tomorrow and have a job by graduation," Hughes said. "Computer Science is another field that is constantly recruiting."

Although some graduates begin the search in January, and some have already secured jobs, you can still save yourself from being plowed down by the bullet train of unemployment if you start now.

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## Biology professor takes lessons from field work

Advocates land  
preservation in classroom

Joe Schlatter  
STAFF WRITER

If you've ever been in a biology class and wondered who collects all the various animals preserved for display, you might be surprised to learn it was the very teacher you're listening to in class. Rusty Gaul is one of those teachers. Gaul, from the department of biology, collects specimens during his numerous field work trips.

"I started taking field notes when I was in high school and would keep track of animals I saw and what they were doing," Gaul said.

His early trips into nature drew him into studying the animals he encountered. He says he primarily works with lower vertebrates like amphibians and is working on a few projects.

"I'm currently involved in a major project with a professor from the University of Richmond," Gaul said. "We are monitoring frogs at three different military bases including Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point."

The time spent doing field work is very involved, but much of the help comes from some of Gaul's students and he feels that their help is invaluable to the project.

"The students who are helping have really gotten into it and I couldn't have asked for a better group," Gaul said. "Without them the work would be overwhelming."

The pay off for this work comes in little discoveries, but Gaul says that it is worth every minute of it.

"We found a dead frog at Lejeune and with all the publicity about deformed frogs we sent it to the National Wildlife Health Center," Gaul said. "They told us we may have found something very important. We don't know what yet, but that discovery will change how we do our field work on the project."

Though he currently is working on frogs, Gaul is planning a project studying the Eastern Rattlesnake, an endangered species. As if that isn't enough of a load, there is also his interest in land conservation.

"I'm trying to start a land trust myself," Gaul said. "We need to do something as a nation now instead of treating our landscape as a disposable resource. We also need to decide what we want the Southeastern landscape to look like in 20-50 years and act now."

His plans include assembling a questionnaire for landowners to get their opinions on the changing landscape of rural America, urban sprawl and loss of wet-

lands. He hopes to get this project started this summer.

The things Gaul has done for the environment start in his own classrooms where his own students regularly debate environmental issues such as pollution and land use. These diverse viewpoints give him useful ideas about ways to help. Gaul says he learns as much from others as he teaches them.

"The best part of field work is working with an expert in a certain field who teaches you more in five minutes than you could learn from a year of reading," Gaul said.

An expert in his own right, Rusty Gaul sees his teaching and research as a give-and-take situation where everybody benefits, especially those students fortunate enough to be a part of the experience.

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### ASK MARJORIE

Dear Marjorie,  
My best friend is a very talented musician. He got a scholarship to college based on his musical talent, but now he is not interested in earning his degree anymore. All he wants to do is play, and he doesn't want to waste his time taking classes like college algebra. I have never heard of anyone who did better without their degree, but I am also not a music major. I am worried about him, and I was wondering if he can be successful this way.

—Concerned about Career

Dear Concerned about Career,  
Everyone has to make their own choices in life, including your best friend. If he is talented enough to get a scholarship based on his mu-

sical ability, I don't understand why you have a problem believing that his talent will land him a job. Getting a degree in music is a chance for the musician to refine their skills and get a better understanding of varieties of music and its different elements. The real test for every musician, whether they are applying to play with a symphony or a jazz band in a well-known club, is how well they can play music. If they can play like Dizzy Gillespie, it won't matter if he comes from the backwoods and dropped out of high school because he felt like it.

Don't attempt to limit yourself by thinking everyone needs a degree. Encourage your friend to study what he has a passion for and pursue his dreams.

Dear Marjorie,

My roommate is beginning to get serious in this Internet relationship. They call each other every day, as well as spending a couple of hours on the chat. Not only are her phone bills outrageous, but I am worried that she may be falling in love with a man she has never met. What if they meet and he is bald, fat and snaggle-toothed. What if she is already so far lost in love with his character that she can't see the more apparent flaws? I want to tell her to stop, but my reasons aren't good enough for her. Do you have a better way to put it?

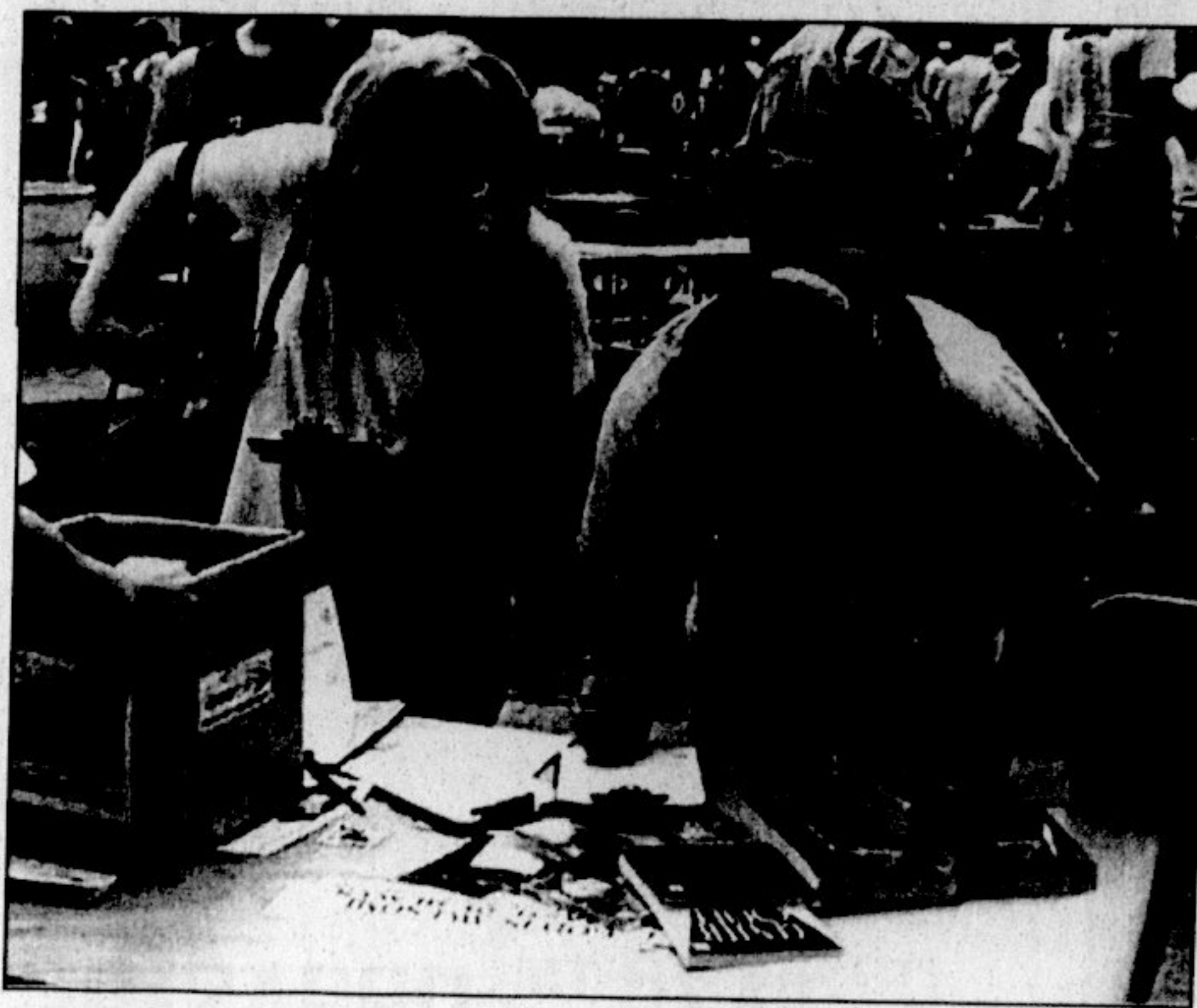
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## Some employers now offer health insurance for Fido and Fluffy

NEW YORK (AP)—Rene Castro's cat, Mitsu, developed a uterine infection last year and needed a hysterectomy that cost \$1,700.

The year before, his six-pound Maltese dog, Princess, dislocated a disc when she fell off the sofa. The bill for treatment including a CAT scan was \$750.

So Castro was thrilled when his employer, Lenox Hill Hospital, added pet health insurance to its list of optional benefits.

"Everybody went crazy," said Castro, who supervises the sterilization of instruments in the hospital's operating room. "I think it's great."

Lenox Hill is among a small but growing number of companies offering some form of pet health insurance to their workers.

Jerry Hirsch, of Pet Assure Inc. in Dover, N.J., which manages the Lenox Hill pet insurance program, said the program is one of several employee benefits being added in the current booming economy.

"Employers are looking for ways to attract and keep their favored employees," he said.

It's difficult to determine exactly how many em-

ployers offer pet health insurance. Kristin Accipiter, spokeswoman for the Society for Human Resource Management, said a 1999 survey of her organization's 130,000 members found that 1 percent of companies offered the benefit.

Last year was the first time the question was included in the annual survey, she added.

Rebecca Lewis, vice president for marketing and communications at Veterinary Pet Insurance Inc., in Anaheim, Calif., said her company has sold individual policies since 1982 but group plans for employers only started taking off in 1999.

"We've seen a real big interest from a corporate standpoint," Lewis said. "With unemployment low, benefits become a real key part of retaining and obtaining new employees."

Additionally, she said, "The role of the pet has truly evolved. Pets are seen more as a family member."

Lewis said VPI has between 75 and 100 corporate members nationwide, including Ralston Purina and Mirage Resorts.

Alan Feldman, a spokesman for Las Vegas-based Mirage Resorts, said the company started offering pet insur-

ance about six months ago, and so far just under 100 of Mirage's 32,000 employees have signed up.

"It's a wonderful convenience for employees who are looking for this kind of insurance for their furry loved ones," Feldman said.

VPI offers a typical indemnity plan, with average premiums of \$200 a year and a \$40 deductible. VPI covers only dogs and cats, and pre-existing conditions generally are not covered.

In contrast, Pet Assure is not a traditional insurance program but "kind of an HMO for pets," said Hirsch, the company's director of communications.

Members pay a small fee at Lenox Hill it's a \$4 monthly payroll deduction and get a 25 percent discount at network providers. All animals are covered regardless of age, infirmity or species.

Erin O'Connor, vice president for human resources at Lenox Hill, said the program costs the hospital nothing except administrative expenses.

Lenox Hill signed on after polling its employees about what new benefits they would like. Life insurance for spouses was the top choice, followed by car and home insurance. Pet health insurance was No. 3.

"It did surprise me," O'Connor said. "I didn't really think that many people knew it was something that was available."

But, she added, "If you've ever had a pet get very ill, it can be very expensive. And there are many people who want to see everything done to save their pet, but cost often impedes them in their ability to do that."

So far 50 employees out of about 2,800 have signed up for the pet insurance program, which went into effect Saturday.

"We expect that we'll get additional enrollments as it becomes an established program," O'Connor said.

The 25 percent discount may not sound like much, but Castro noted, "It's better than what we had before, which was nothing."

He regularly pays at least \$300 for a physical for Princess, a bright-eyed 8-year-old who was dressed in a sweater for a jaunt outdoors.

"My wife worries so much about her; anything abnormal, she runs to the vet," Castro said.

It was suggested that not everyone would spend \$1,700 on a hysterectomy for a cat.



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# Neighbors fed up with stripper say yard dancing must stop

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP)—For the past two years the neighbors of an exotic dancer have been tolerant, even though the woman occasionally practices her routine in the front yard.

But now that she's incorporated a 10-foot-tall pole into her outdoor act, and started drawing an audience of curious high school kids and beer-drinking gawkers, the fountain of tolerance has run dry.

Neighbors of Kim Mattes brought the issue before Tippecanoe County officials Monday, and commissioner John Knochel said it will be discussed during an April 17 meeting.

"I would assume they're coming up with some kind of plan of attack," Knochel said about the neighbors. "Conversations I've had with law enforcement people

indicate that she's just right on the fine line of crossing over into probably what's deemed public indecency."

Adding to the intrigue, Mattes' white duplex is located, pole and all, across from an Indiana State Police post.

"She knows the law," Knochel explained. "When law enforcement officers have been out there before she's quoted it to them, so she's very aware of what she's doing."

As are her neighbors. They allege that Mattes performs routines in her yard while scantily clad, often while school buses drive past. The activities have gone on for two years, but the last straw was when the pole was installed a few weeks ago, said Mitch Robbins.

He said he was one of approximately 30 people who

spoke to police.

Mattes has an unlisted phone number and could not be reached for comment by The Associated Press. When contacted by the Journal and Courier of Lafayette, Mattes had no comment.

Tippecanoe County Sheriff Dave Murtaugh confirmed that police have received complaints.

"We are in the middle of conducting an investigation that we're working on with the prosecutor's office," he said.

Robbins said he called the police and Knochel, but was told Mattes was within her legal rights, stepping gingerly along the line of Indiana public indecency laws. The show attracts high school kids and obnoxious men who leave beer cans strewn in the driveway,

said Mattes' next-door neighbors Jason Lowry and Tim Hopkins.

"I don't know how many guys we've had to run off the yard," Hopkins said.

Lowry said he asked her to stop when his parents came over. He said she complied with the request.

Sherri Desenfants said parents have to drive past the exhibition to take children to a nearby day care center, which has eight to 10 children.

"Preteen girls see her," Desenfants said. "What kind of example is she setting for them?"

Knochel said he's received several e-mails and calls from concerned neighbors.

"A lot of people are working on this," he said, "but you have to work within the law."



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# Lady Pirate throwers provide leadership

**Frye, Clayton in  
midst of career years**

Stephen Schramm  
SPORTS EDITOR

When Matt Munson took over the job of head women's track and field coach this summer, there was one aspect of his team that he knew wouldn't skip a beat. The Pirates boast a strong stable of throwers who have proven themselves this



Junior Crystal Frye placed first in the shot put in the Pirate Relays. (file photo)

year by placing at or near the top of the field every week.

This success in the throwing events is thanks in large part to the efforts of juniors Crystal Frye and Margaret Clayton.

"They took pretty much the same path to where they are now," Munson said. "They were both talented high school

throwers and they both came into the program and developed into two of the best throwers in the conference."

Clayton and Frye have deep roots in the ECU track program. Frye is the daughter of ECU alumnus and former Assistant Track Coach Curtis Frye, while Clayton is the younger sister of ECU track legend, Michelle Clayton. Coming into the ECU program, Frye and Clayton knew they had to continue the tradition of excellence in throwing.

"Margaret has really developed over the past two years, both as an athlete and as a team leader," Munson said. "The hammer throw is becoming her strongest event. Her work ethic is outstanding, and I believe that she could have a breakthrough season this year."

"Crystal Frye has come so far in the last two to three years here," Munson said. "She came in as a 40-, 41-foot shot-putter. She has just made a step to another level here, going from a decent CAA competitor to being one of the top kids in the ECAC. She's paid her dues here and really made some nice steps."

Frye has become contender for the conference title in the shot put, while Clayton is among the favorites for the hammer throw.

"Crystal's planning on taking first in the conference in the shot and I'm planning on taking first in the conference in the hammer," Clayton said.

"But we have a deal—she's



Margaret Clayton is among the top throwers in the CAA. (file photo)

going to take third in the shot, and I'm going to take third in the hammer," Frye said.

Their confidence in their high finish is well-founded. Frye won the shot put at the inaugural Pirate Relays.

"It was great because it was on home turf," Frye said. "It was important because it's been since my dad coached here that we had a track meet. Plus, it's a meet record."

Clayton and Frye have been in the program for three years. They believe practicing alongside each other has its advantages.

"We give each other motivation, because a lot of times when she's not out there, sometimes I just want to leave," Clayton said. "Just like when she's feeling down I want to boost her up, when I'm feeling down she bumps me up."

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Margaret Clayton earned All-ECAC honors last season. (file photo)

## 4x400 team places sixth in Texas

**Distance medley team  
breaks school record**

Stephen Schramm  
SPORTS EDITOR

While the bulk of ECU's men's and women's track teams headed to Durham for the Duke Invitational, a few select runners made the trip to Austin, for the Texas Relays.

The 4x400-meter relay squad of Lawrence Ward, Darrick Ingram, James Alexander and Damon Davis headed to Texas with high hopes. However, their sixth place finish, behind Baylor, Texas Christian, Texas A&M, Texas and Oklahoma, was not what they were looking for.

"Nothing good came out of Texas," said the Head Men's Track Coach Bill Carson. "Except that it was a great track meet; they had 21,000 people there."

The Pirate's troubles began early in the race.

"We got a fairly good lead-off leg out of Lawrence," Carson

said. "He went 46.4 Ingram took the baton, came around the breakpoint [that the second man has to do] and did a really good job. He comes down the back stretch and he's running well. He gets down near the 200 mark and he gets up on the Baylor kid."

"He settles in behind the kid from Baylor. The Baylor kid isn't near the quality that [Ingram] is, so he backs off. Since he backs off, [Ingram] has to back off, and he loses his momentum. By that time Texas A&M and Texas Christian box him in and he can't go. So he loses all his momentum and he goes 46.4 when he could have gone a good 45."

"Then James Alexander takes the baton and tries to pass people too fast and it's the same old thing. He goes too fast, too soon, and runs out of gas. He goes 48.1. Damon gets the baton and doesn't go the first 50 hard enough. So, we've got some going too hard, some backing off and some not going hard enough," Carson said.

The Durham events on Saturday were cut short due to rain and high winds. However, before the storms came through the Pirates were able to put on some

strong performances. Most notably, the distance medley team broke the school record.

The team of Stu Will, Terry Speller, Brian Beil and Justin England set a new school record in the distance medley with a time of 9:58.88.

"I'm very proud of our distance medley team," said Head Cross Country Coach, Len Klepack. "They went up against 28 teams in their heat and they finished eleventh. Some of the teams were Olympians, others were all-star teams. They were right there with them for most of the race."

Each member of the squad ran a personal best in the event. In the 400-meter hurdles, Lynn Stewart placed 11th with a time of 52.07. Stewart also placed fifth in his heat of the 11-meter hurdles at 15.27.

In the 800 meters freshman Ricky Bell placed 14th with a time of 1:53.66.

"It is one of the top freshman times ever," Klepack said.

In the sprint events, Darren Tuitt finished second in his heat in the 100 meters, followed by Britt Cox who finished fourth. Tuitt later would finish third in his heat in the 200, followed by George Chavis, who placed sixth.

For the women, it was Ayana Coleman who set the pace. Coleman placed sixth in the finals of the 400 with a time of 1:00.43. Coleman followed up her performance by taking fifth in her heat in the 100-meter hurdles.

In the field events, freshman Colleen McGinn placed fifth in the high jump with a jump of 5'6 1/2". Crystal Frye took seventh in the shot put while teammate, Megan Ellis took 29th. Toni Kilgore finished 16th in the triple jump. Margaret Clayton placed 17th in the hammer throw.

In the sprint events, Rasheca Barrow placed first in her heats in the 100 and 200 meters. Freshman Demiko Picott also took home a first place finish in her heats. In the 4x100-meter relay, the Lady Pirates placed 11th with a time of 47.72 to qualify for the ECACs. In the 800 meters Fran Lattie ran a personal best and finished 18th with a time of 2:19.76.

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## Softball sweeps Campbell, split with Georgia Tech

**Lady Pirates  
record at 43-7**

Scotty Childress  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU's softball team continued its success last week against Campbell and Georgia Tech.

Hillary Halpern, the pitcher for ECU's first game against the Camels, struck out 16 of 23 batters and allowed for one run on two hits and no walks. She improved her record for the season to 10-1. In addition to her outstanding pitching, Halpern also hit the ball very well, going a perfect 3-for-3, including a double with one RBI.

"My pitches were all working pretty good against Campbell," said Hillary Halpern. "Our offense was really on, as well, and that helped to pick up both wins."

Keisha Shepperson also had a great game offensively,

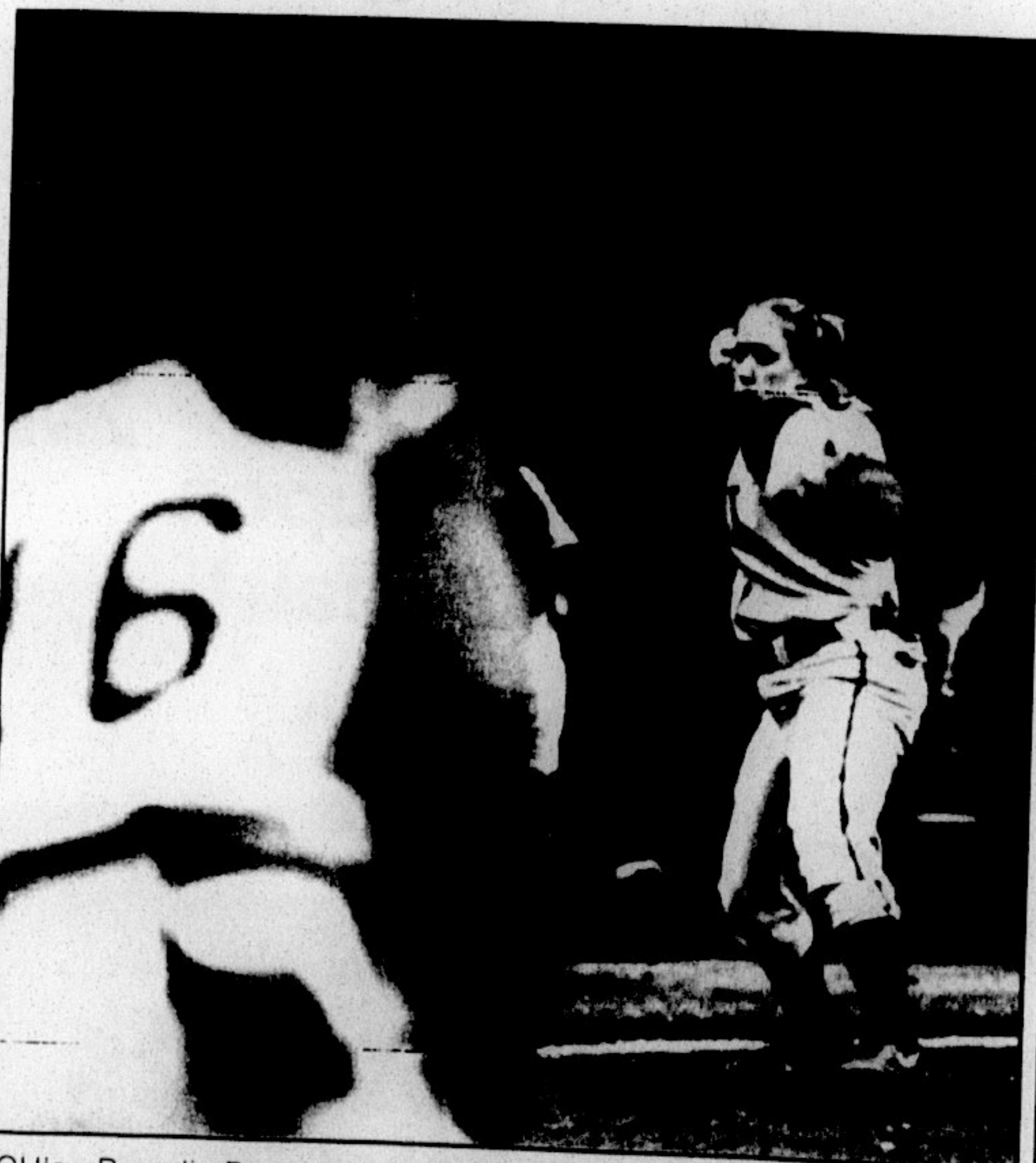
going 2-for-3 with two runs scored, one stolen base and a walk. The Pirates scored 5 runs for the game to Campbell's one run.

Lisa Paganini pitched the second game of the double-header, allowing just one run on four hits for the Lady Pirates. Offensively, seven players earned a hit for ECU. Halpern went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and two doubles while Beth Bridger went 2-for-3 with one RBI, one run scored, a double and a triple.

The Lady Pirates scored 6 runs for the game, defeating Campbell 6-1.

"We pitched extremely well tonight," said Head Coach Tracey Kee. "Hillary Halpern did a great job striking out 16 batters, and although Lisa Paganini only struck out one, she made it possible for us to field the balls and get the outs we needed. We also hit the ball pretty well tonight. We could've fielded better, but fortunately it didn't hurt us."

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ECU's Brandi Benedict prepares to throw to Angela Manzo. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

### THIS BRIEFS

**Knight shows Knight  
grabbing player**

ESPN Sports Illustrated broadcast a video of Bob Knight, Indiana University's head basketball coach, grabbing a player by the neck during a practice and pushing him backward.

Indiana president Myles Brand has appointed John D. Walda, the president of the Board of Trustees, and Frederick F. Eichhorn, a trustee and former president of the Indiana State Bar Association, to investigate whether Knight physically abused players. This action was taken after former player Neil Reed accused Knight of choking him during a 1997 practice.

Knight is also denying allegations by former IU player Richard Mandeville of coming out of the bathroom, pants around his ankles, and showing the players soiled toilet paper, saying, "This is how you guys are playing."

These allegations of abuse are the latest in a long line of incidents involving the coach.

During the 1997-98 season Knight was fined \$10,000 by the Big Ten for berating referee Ted Valentine, and last summer he was accused by a Bloomington man of choking him in a restaurant parking lot.

**Johnson signs  
with Buccaneers**

Keyshawn Johnson will officially join the Buccaneers Wednesday afternoon after agreeing to an eight-year deal worth nearly \$7 million a season, with a signing bonus of about \$13 million—a contract that dwarfs the \$2.4 million he was making with the Jets.

Johnson, the two-time Pro Bowl receiver, was traded to the Bucs for the 13th and 27th overall picks, making the Jets the first team ever with four first-round picks.

In his four NFL seasons, Johnson has caught 305 passes for 4,108 yards and 31 touchdowns. He has become one of the league's most versatile and dependable receivers.

"I'm excited," Johnson said. "I'm excited about the opportunity to start over again, to go in and prove myself all over again. I welcome the challenge. I think Tampa Bay is getting a fine receiver."

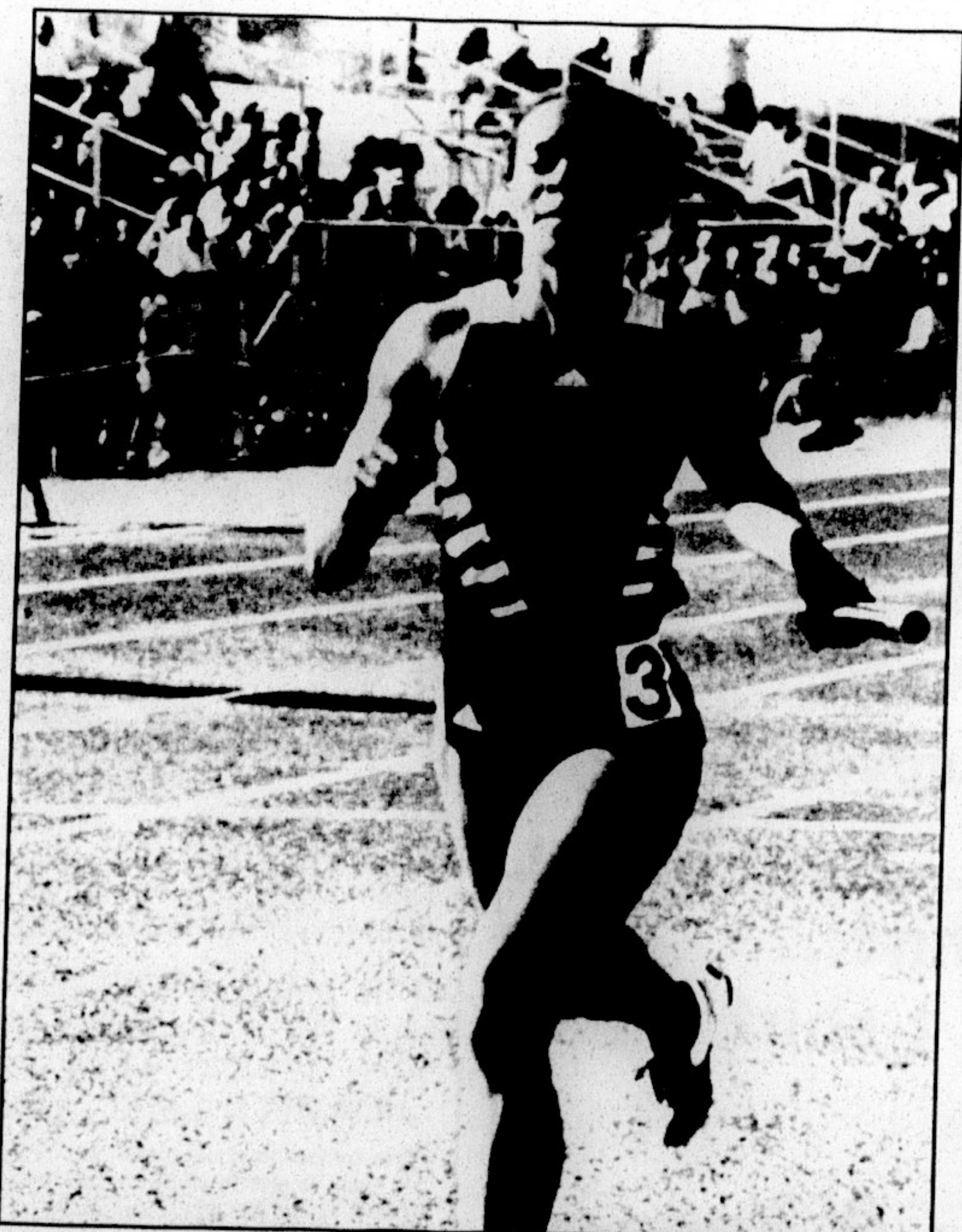
**Brown, Olson out a  
week into season**

The Los Angeles Dodgers are already feeling banged up just one week into the season. Kevin Brown is expected to miss two weeks with a broken pinkie on his pitching hand, and reliever Gregg Olson is on the disabled list with an irritated nerve in his forearm.

Brown, who has a \$105 million contract, broke the finger on his right hand while attempting to bunt Saturday. He said over the weekend that he plans to try to play through the injury, but hand specialist Dr. Norman Zemel gave him strict instructions not to pitch for at least two weeks.

Dodgers trainer Stan Johnson said Brown will be allowed to work out with the team and throw a ball on the side. The main reason to keep him out of the games is so he doesn't aggravate the fracture while hitting or fielding.

"I will talk to Brownie before I make any determination of what we will do," Johnson said. "Brownie still thinks he can pitch in a week, but that's not what our medical people think."



Kiona Kirkpatrick took part in the 4x100 squad that placed 11th. (photo by Emily Richardson)



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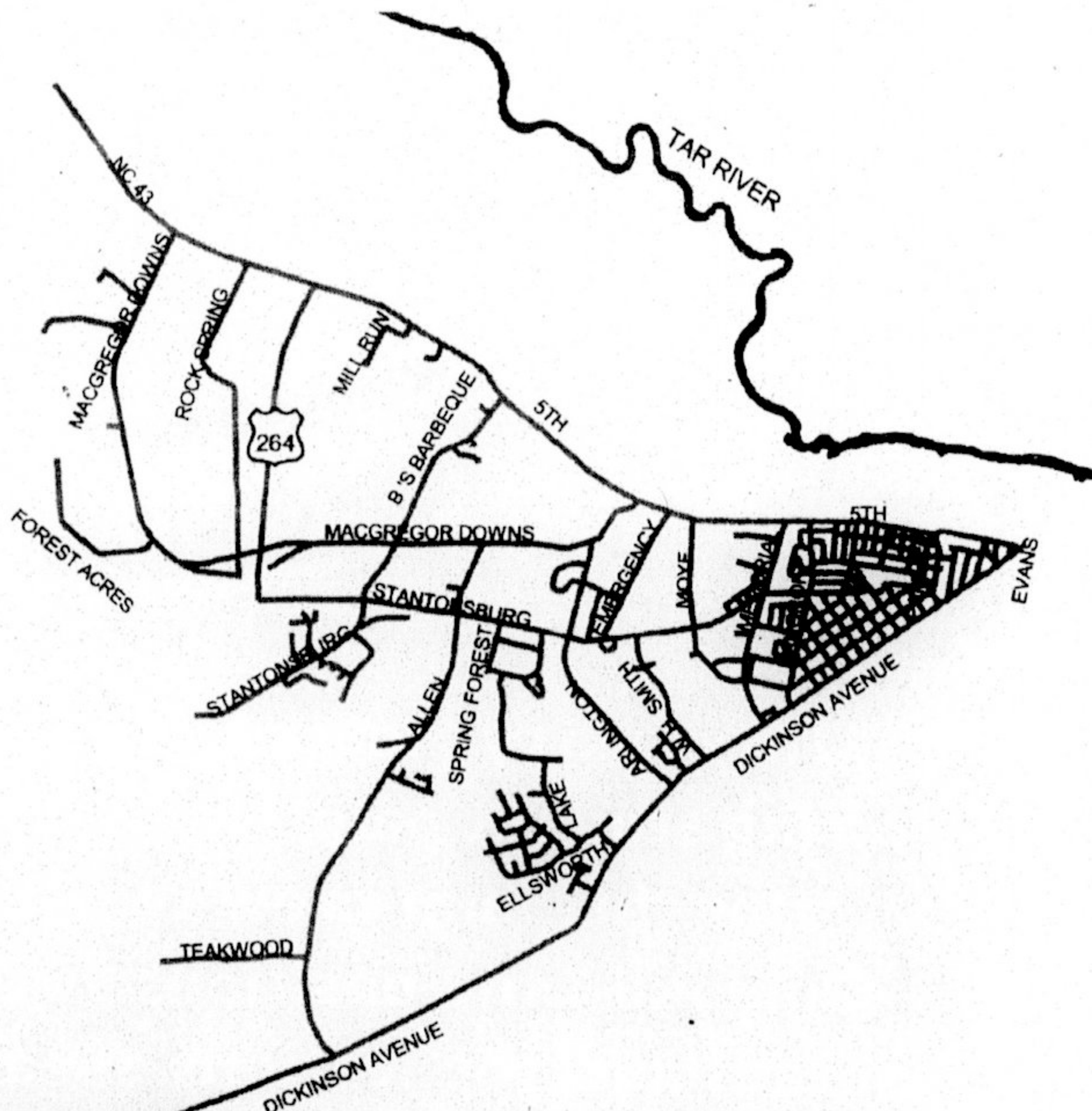


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## SPORTS

### SOFTBALL from page 10

On April 8, the Lady Pirates traveled to Georgia Tech for two games, the first one played on Saturday. Senior pitcher and SASA Player of the Week Denise Reagan allowed no runs on five hits while ECU earned 11 runs on 11 hits through the five innings of play.

"We played extremely well - both offensively and defensively - against Georgia Tech Saturday," said Angela Manzo. "However, Sunday, we were struggling. We did not hit well nor did we adjust to their

game."

The Lady Pirates routed the Yellow Jackets in a shut out, 11-0.

"We hit the ball really well today," Coach Kee said. "The team came out and played really well offensively and defensively. Reagan pitched a great game and she had the hitting to back her up and get her the shutout. Amekea McDougald hit really well today. She had four hits and basically led our offense."

The Lady Pirates faced the

Yellow Jackets again on Sunday in the first-ever South Atlantic Softball Alliance series. ECU scored first in the third inning with back-to-back doubles by Jessica Critcher and Keisha Shepperson to give the Lady Pirates a 1-0 lead. Beth Bridger hit a solo homerun in the fourth to increase ECU's lead to 2-0.

The Yellow Jackets held ECU for the rest of the game and scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to pick up the win. Laurie Davidson pitched 3.1 innings for ECU, al-

lowing one run on five hits while Denise Reagan pitched the remainder of the game, allowing two runs on four hits and picking up the loss (19-3). After the loss, the Lady Pirates' record stands at 43-7.

The Lady Pirates will travel to UNC-Wilmington Thursday, April 13th to face the Seahawks in a double-header. Game time is set for 2:00 p.m.

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## Lawyer: Chmura tainted by arrest

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Green Bay Packers tight end Mark Chmura's arrest on allegations of sexual assault has blemished his reputation, his attorney said Tuesday, even though charges may be weeks away, if they come at all.

On Tuesday, Chmura's name was at the center of radio talk shows and water-cooler conversations. Images of Chmura, a fan favorite since he joined Green Bay in 1992, in a jail jumpsuit and chains flashed on television newscasts around the state.

"It's self-evident he's hurting," attorney Gerald Boyle said.

"The publicity is overwhelming," said Boyle, who also handled serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer's defense. "Human nature is such that when something is said that is negative about a person, many people believe it. Mark recognizes that."

Hartland police were still looking into allegations that Chmura, a married father of two, sexually assaulted his 17-year-old baby sitter at a high school party at his neighbor Robert Gessert's house early Sunday. The party was held after Waukesha Catholic Memorial High School's prom.

Lt. Robert Rosch said Tuesday that police were nearly finished interviewing the 20 or so people at the party and were trying to piece together a timeline of that night.

"We're actively going after the kids that were involved," Rosch said. "We've talked to the majority of them. We need to find out what they saw, who was there."

Investigators are also looking into whether parents supplied alcohol for the bash. Police have sent samples of Chmura's hair and blood to the state crime lab for analysis.

Bryan Van Deun, president of Catholic Memorial, a school of

1,010 students, stressed the party was not sanctioned by the school. He said he would wait until the police probe was finished before launching his own investigation. Under school codes, drinking can mean suspension from extracurricular activities.

Chmura, 31, and Gessert, 42, arrived at the party about 3:30 a.m., according to court records. The 17-year-old Pewaukee girl told police she was drunk when Chmura led her into a bathroom and had sex with her on the floor. She and Chmura said nothing to each other during the alleged assault, she told police.

The girl said she had known Chmura for two years from babysitting his two sons, according to a search warrant. Boyle acknowledged Chmura was at the party, but declined to say if he had been drinking.

An 18-year-old Muskego woman said Gessert fondled her in a hot tub at the party.

Both Chmura and Gessert were arrested early Monday at their homes, which are about a half-mile apart in the upscale Bristlecone Pines subdivision.

Both posted \$5,000 bail and were released Monday afternoon. Police recommended charges of third-degree sexual assault, defined as having sex with someone without consent, against both men. Packers general manager Ron Wolf declined comment Tuesday.

Chmura and Gessert have not been formally charged. District Attorney Paul Bucher said he expects to make a decision on whether to pursue charges by May 15, when Chmura and Gessert are due back in court.

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## Tape shows Knight grabbing player

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—A video tape that shows Bob Knight grabbing a player by the neck and pushing him backward will be used by the university in its investigation of the Indiana basketball coach. "Clearly, it's an important piece of information as we continue our review," spokesman Christopher Simpson said to The Associated Press.

The tape of an Indiana practice was broadcast by CNN/Sports Illustrated on Tuesday night.

Two university trustees are investigating Knight following recent reports from two former players that he physically abused team members.

Last month, CNN/SI reported former player Neil Reed's accusation that Knight choked him during a 1997 practice. The videotape obtained by CNN/SI shows Knight grabbing a player by the neck. The player's head appears to snap backward.

It is difficult to identify the player from the grainy tape. Reed watched it for the first time Tuesday and said he is the player.

"I don't need a tape to tell me what happened," he told CNN/SI.

Reed transferred from Indiana after the 1997 season.

Although Reed told CNN/SI in its March report that two assistant coaches had to separate him and Knight, the videotape reveals no such action.

Instead, it shows Knight releasing the player and the two walking away separately. Reed told CNN/SI on Tuesday he still recalls the episode unfolding that way, even though the footage shows otherwise.

"That's how I remember the thing happening. As far as people coming in between, I remember people coming between us," Reed said.

Reed said Bowling Green coach Dan Dakich, then an Indiana assistant, was one of coaches that separated him from Knight. Dakich denies this.

The other assistant coach Reed mentioned, Ron Felling, has not spoken on the matter. But one school official thinks Felling is the likely source for the videotape CNN/SI obtained. Felling left Indiana's staff in December.

Indiana associate athletic director Steve Downing told "The Herald Times" of Bloomington today that Felling told him last month he preserved a tape of the practice in question and was holding it as his "trump card."

Felling was out of town and could not

be reached for comment Tuesday, "The Herald-Times" reported.

Downing told the newspaper he spoke with Knight after CNN/SI contacted university officials Tuesday about the videotape. He said Knight had heard rumors about such a tape and told university officials about it.

Downing said Knight told him he wanted the tape to be shown to a two-man committee investigating what happened.

"He [Knight] just wants to clear the whole thing up," Downing said.

Last month Indiana president Myles Brand appointed John Walda, the president of the Board of Trustees, and Frederick Eichhorn, a trustee and former president of the Indiana State Bar Association, to investigate whether Knight physically abused team members.

The two flew to Atlanta on Tuesday to view the tape.

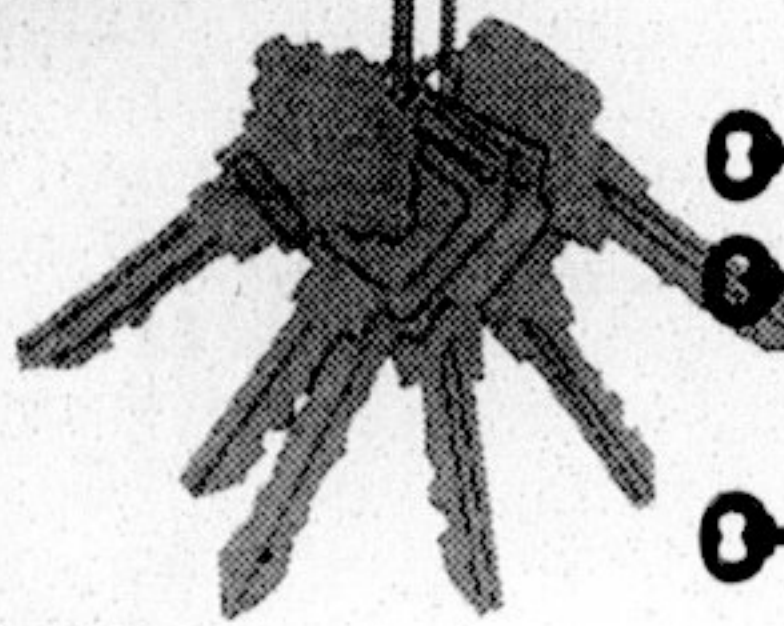
"The tape does seem to shed some light on the reported incident between coach Knight and Neil Reed," Walda told CNN/SI. "Now it will be up to us to continue and complete the investigation."

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## Prosecutors outline IBF bribery

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—The careers of young boxers were stifled because International Boxing Federation (IBF) founder Robert W. Lee corrupted one of the sport's major sanctioning organizations, a prosecutor told a federal jury Tuesday.

No fewer than 32 bribes to Lee would be shown during the trial, each corroborated by more than one witness or piece of evidence, Jose P. Sierra, assistant U.S. attorney, said in his opening statement.

Lee and others in the IBF are accused of taking \$338,000 in bribes to rig its rankings, which play a big role in determining who a boxer fights and how much he earns.

Jurors are to hear 83 of the hundreds of undercover tapes, including videotapes showing payoffs, recorded by the IBF's longtime rankings committee chairman, C. Douglas Beavers, after he became a government informant, Sierra said.

"Time and again, you will see defendant Lee Sr. discuss the ratings ... and you will see how little the ratings have to do with a fighter's wins and losses, the caliber of his opponents, and the method of winning and losing," Sierra said, citing the IBF's own criteria.

"What you will hear is that Don King practically owned defendant Lee Sr.," Sierra said, asserting that Lee routinely favored fighters promoted by King, one of boxing's most powerful figures.

King and 13 other promoters and managers are considered un-indicted coconspirators in the case by the government.

The racketeering trial of Lee and his son, Robert W. Lee Jr., who served as his assistant in the IBF, is expected to last three months. The most serious charge, racketeering, carries up to 20 years in prison, and they also face conspiracy, bribery and tax evasion charges.

Lee Sr.'s defense lawyer, Gerald Krovatin, questioned why the government was meddling in a private business, and suggested that Beavers became the FBI's key informant because his own schemes were collapsing.

Regarding the taped conversations, "You'll see that Beavers lives in the realm of the vague and

the ambiguous," Krovatin said.

Beavers, a Virginia boxing commissioner, is among six witnesses whom the government has agreed not to prosecute in return for their cooperation, Sierra said. The others include boxing promoters and managers, including German arms dealer Wilfried Sauerland.

Krovatin sought to minimize the role of sanctioning groups, contending that promoters wish they could deal only with television, especially the cable outlets, which the lawyer contended hold the real power in the sport.

"You will hear that boxing is, let's face it, show business," Krovatin said.

Krovatin also touched on race, noting that "the IBF is the only major sanctioning body in professional sports run by an African-American."

Race also surfaced when Krovatin affixed a gaudy IBF championship belt around his waist and said, "If the belt fits, you must acquit. Just kidding," paraphrasing lawyer Johnnie Cochran's refrain during the O.J. Simpson criminal trial.

Last month, Krovatin succeeded in adding questions to the jury questionnaire on whether race played a role in the Simpson trials. U.S. District Judge John W. Bissell has barred Lee, 66, of Fanwood, from any participation in the East Orange-based IBF, pending outcome of the trial. At the request of prosecutors, Bissell appointed a monitor to oversee the group in January.

Sierra told jurors the IBF operated on a "pay-for-play" basis since its inception in 1983, with two episodes involving heavyweight George Foreman.

Details of the Foreman matter surfaced through court filings in the months since Lee and three other IBF officials were indicted in November. None of the 23 boxers, all mentioned by number in the indictment, have been charged.

Sierra said Foreman promoter Bob Arum will testify how he funneled \$100,000 to the IBF for a special exception-sanctioning a title fight between Foreman and the unranked Axel Schulz in 1995—with an additional \$100,000 to be paid after the fight, which Foreman won in a controversial decision.



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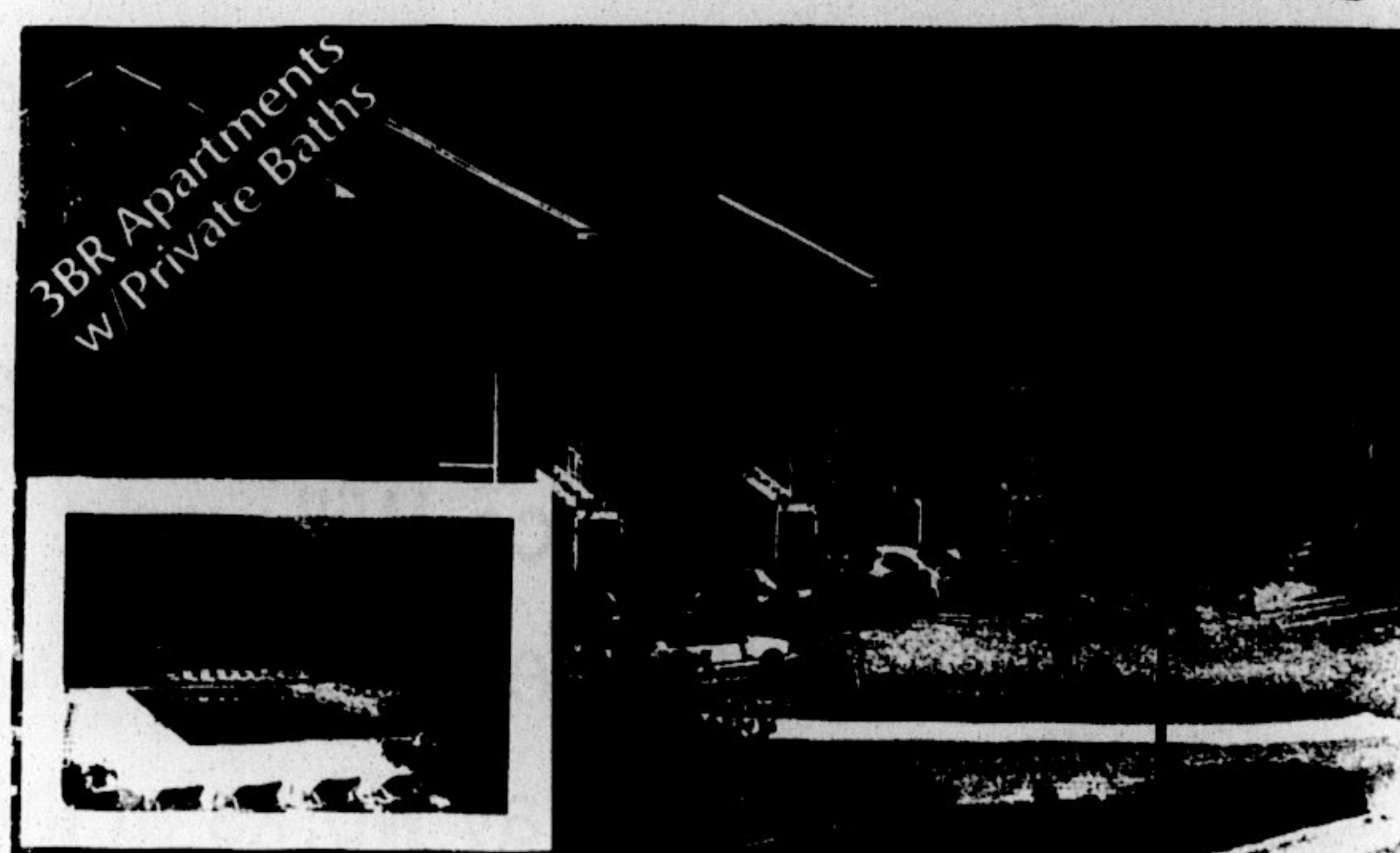
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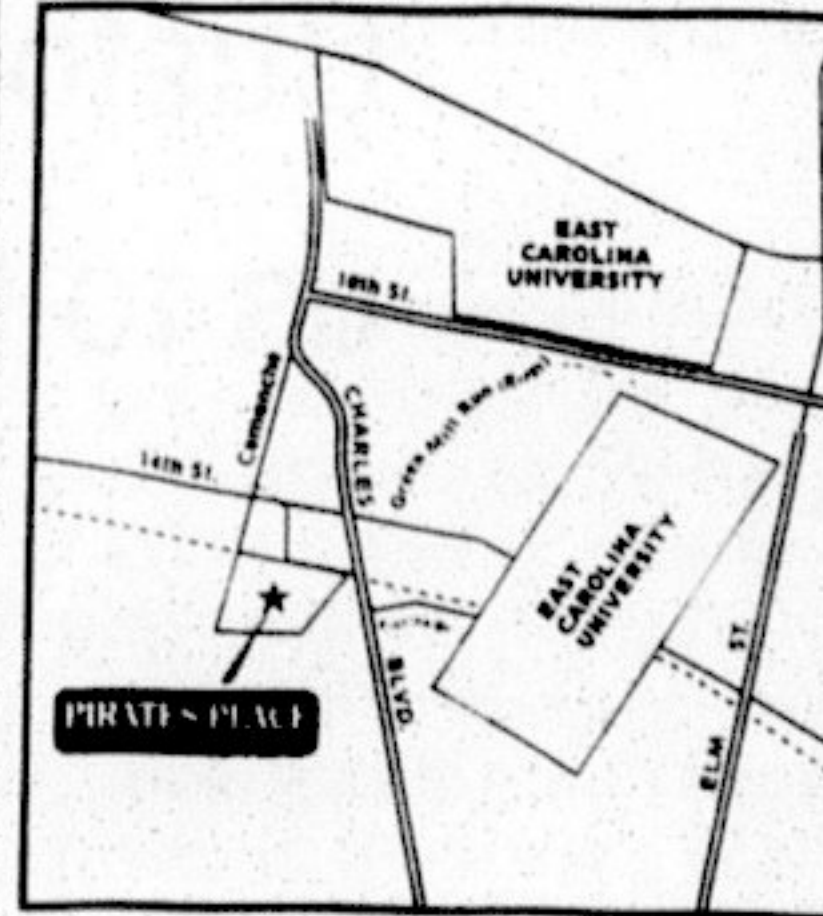
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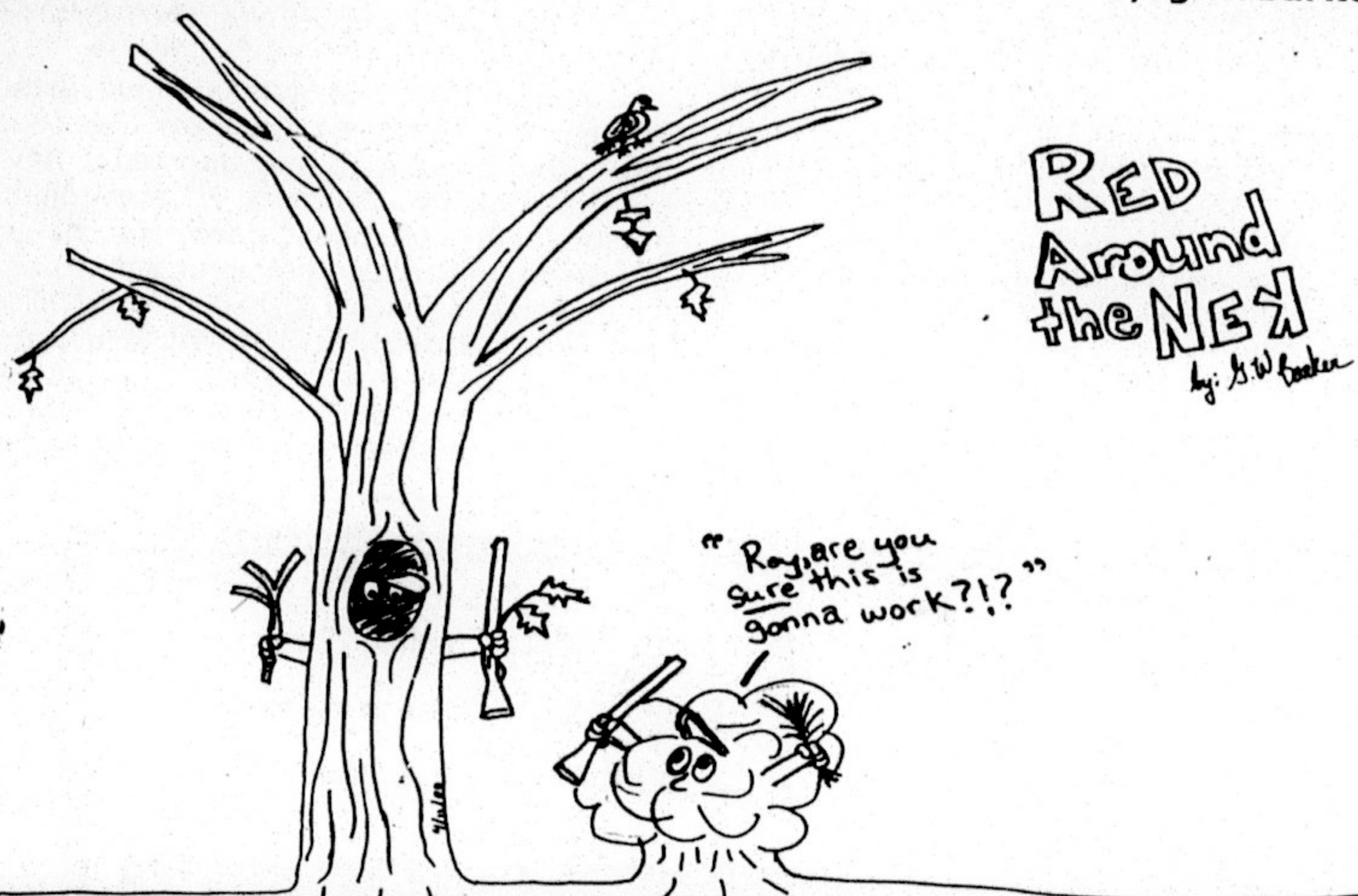
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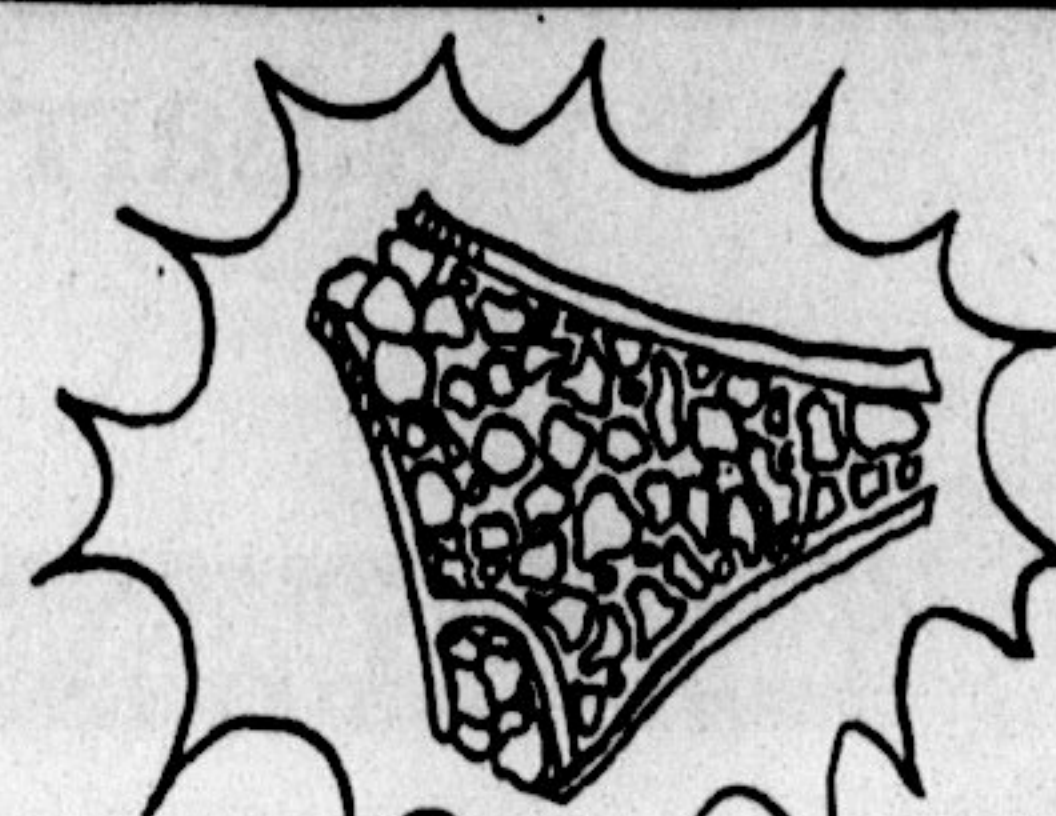
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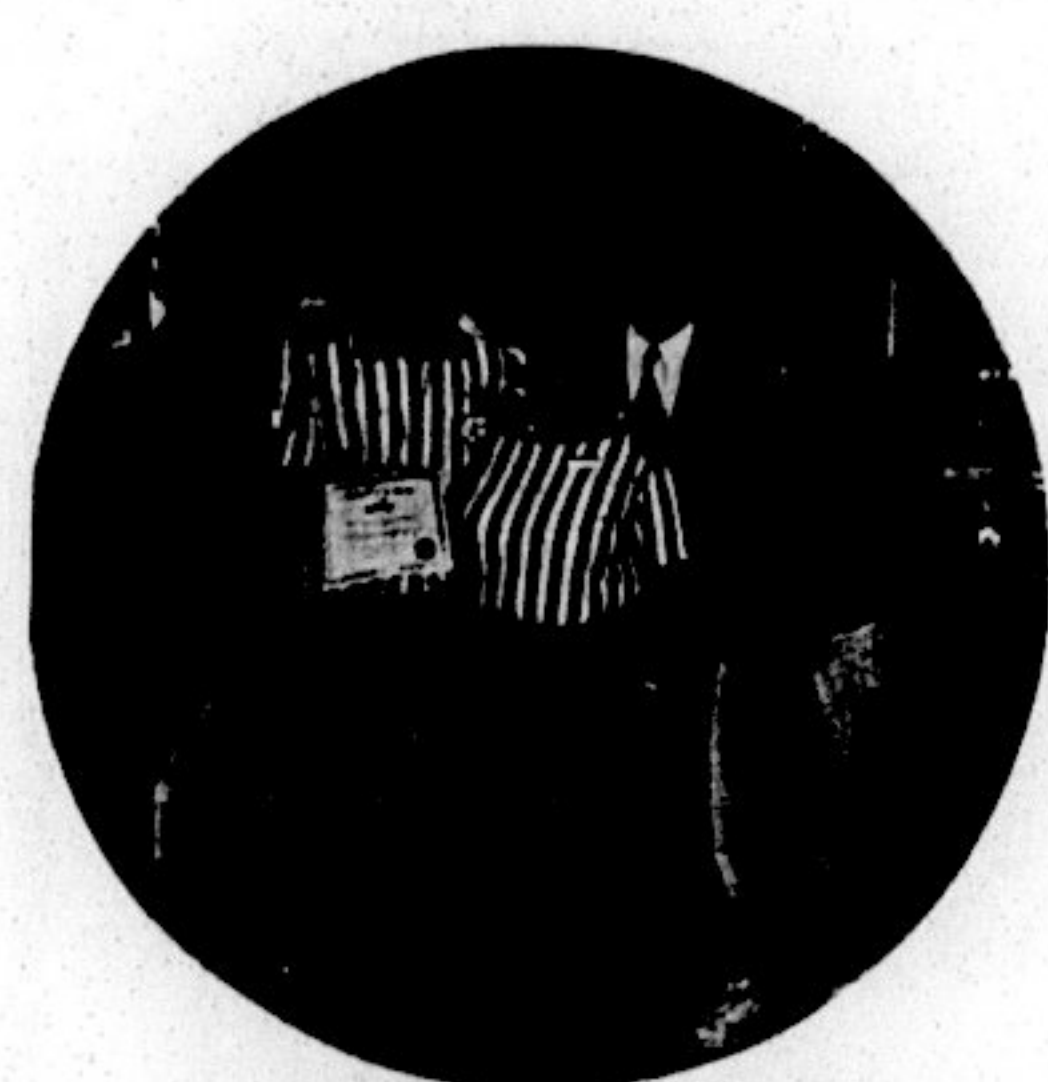


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**ALPHA DELTA** Pi would like to congratulate our first Spring Pledge class, Jennifer Hillyard, Emily Lanier, Monica Palumbo and Caroline Shelton. We love you!

**THANKS TO** Panhellenic, IFC and the entire Greek community for all your support! Love, the PD sisters!

**KAPPA ALPHA**, we had so much fun at the Roll in the Hay social on Saturday night! Can't wait till next year. Love, Alpha Delta Pi.

**ALPHA PHI** would like to thank all of our my-tie dates. We had a great time and hope you did too! Love, Alpha Phi.

**LAMBDA CHI** Alpha, Thank you for showing our Spring pledge class a good time at Pref! Love, Alpha Delta Pi.

**CONGRATULATIONS ALICIA** Barnes on being a Golden Key Scholar! We're very proud of you! Love your KD sisters!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Sarah Evans and all of the new SGA officers! Love the sisters of Alpha Xi Delta.

**THANKS TO** everyone who shared a great time with us at Cocktail Friday night. Love, Chi Omega.

**PI KAPPA** Alpha, thank you for the pre-downtown Thursday night. We had a great time. Love Chi Omega.

### GREEK PERSONALS

**CHI OMEGA** would like to congratulate the new Kappa Delta's on campus.

**PI KAPPA** Phi, thanks for the awesome social Friday! We had a blast! Love, Kappa Delta

**LAMBDA CHI** Alpha, thank you for the social last Thursday night at O'Malley's. We had a great time. Love Chi Omega.

**ALPHA DELTA** Pi would like to thank all of our dates from Friday night! Hope you all had a great time too!

**CONGRATULATIONS AMANDA** McCrae on your scholarship! We are very proud of you! Love, your KD sisters!

**GAMMA SIGMA** Sigma would like to congratulate this year's award winners: Delta Chi of the year- Karen Flores, White Rose- Jenny Love, Most Dedicated- Michelle Snyder, Best Big/ Little- Erin Mitchell and Amanda Austin and Heather Ingle and Bobbi Norris. Most Spring Service hours- Kate Shaw.

**CONGRATULATIONS CARYN** Hines on your acceptance to UNC Chapel Hill grad school! We are so proud of you and we'll miss you! Best of luck! Love, your sisters.

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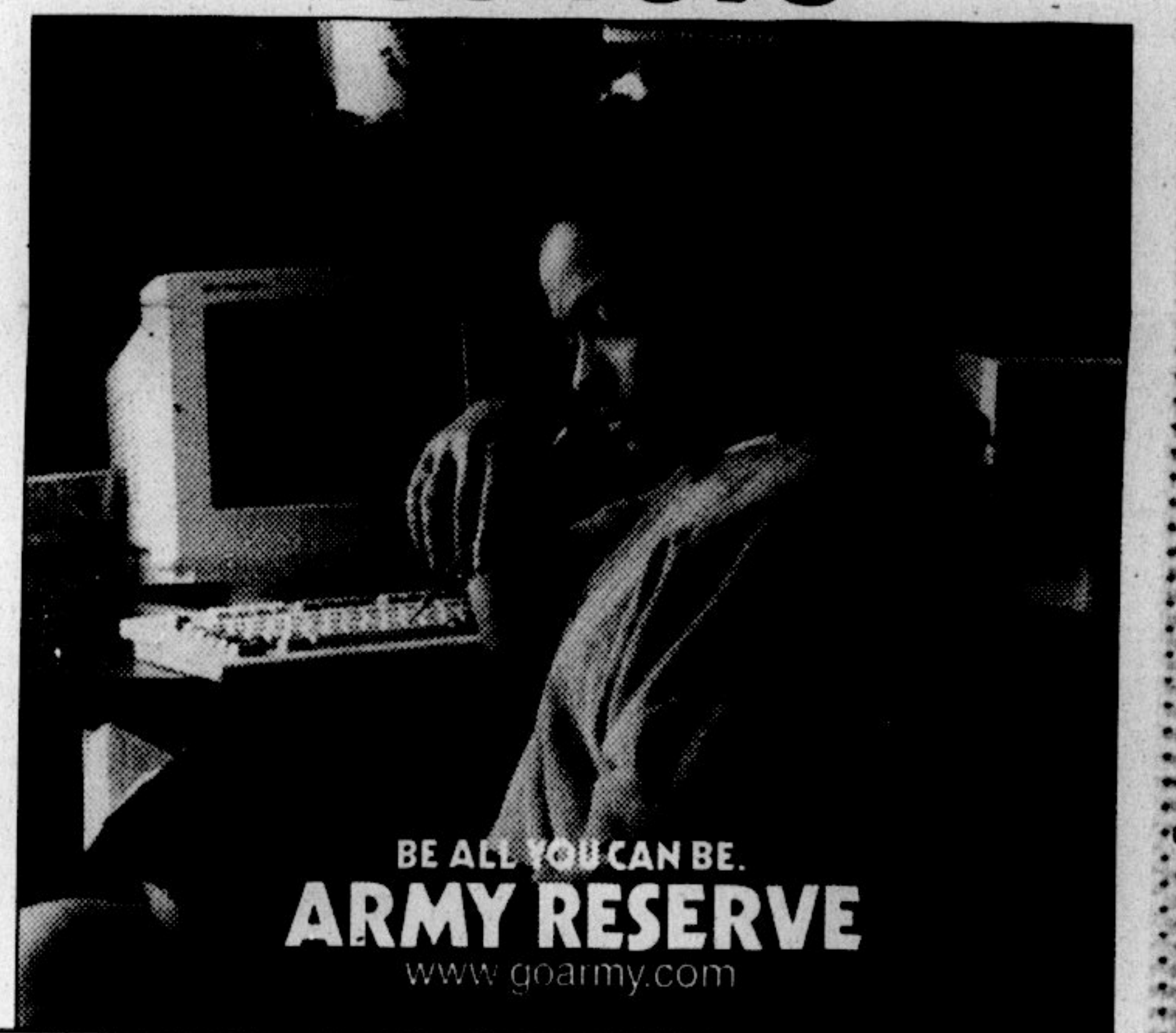
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## *barefoot on the mall* a preview for 2000

**Kenny Smith**  
Staff Writer

Barefoot on the Mall is coming back for its 21st year from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 27 on the mall in front of Joyner Library.

Stephen Gray, director of student activities, said they're hoping for better weather this year.

"Last year it got windy and cold overnight," he said. "We usually make the decision on where the night before, we just got surprised."

The giveaways this year are many - if minor, no cars or anything - 700 T-shirts, water guns, Kazoos, and 22 ounce cups.

Whereas last year's Barefoot introduced five novelty events, this year will present seven: the human flytrap (where you put on the velcro suit and jump on the wall), the giant slide and the obstacle course the bungee run (which are both pretty self-explanatory), the bouncy boxing with the big gloves, pole joust (the way American Gladiators used to do it: get up on the pylon and try to knock the each other off), and the gyroscope (for those with strong stomachs).

They're also bringing in a three-story climbing tower from New Bern which will be operated by climbing experts from the Student Recreation Center. All of the novelties are closing at 5 p.m.

The booked bands are Collapsis, Jah Works and the headliner Cravin'



Cravin' Melon - Doug Jones, JJ Bowers, Jimbo Chapman and Rick Reames - is scheduled to headline this year's Barefoot.

Melon. The winner of The Annual Barefoot Battle of the Bands, the Banditos, will be invited to open the festivities.

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Volunteer positions are still available to help run the events. For more information, contact Kay Boyd at the Student Union Office at 328-4715. More information will follow in future TECs as plans develop.

*This writer can be contacted at [ksmith@tec.ecu.edu](mailto:ksmith@tec.ecu.edu).*

### Barefoot Band Schedule

Noon	The Banditos
1:45 p.m.	Collapsis
3:30 p.m.	Jah Works
5 p.m.	Cravin' Melon

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Holly is  
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Our current editor-in-chief, **Holly Harris** (right), has been accepted to the graduate program at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida!

Head copy editor **Melyssa Ojeda** (left) has been chosen as our new editor-in-chief!

## Congratulations from all of us to both of you!



# SOMETHING FUNKY IN THE STATE OF THE UNION

**D. Miccah Smith**  
*Fountainhead Ace Reporter*

Student attendance of last week's George Clinton concert at Minges Coliseum is a source of disappointed puzzlement to Student Union officials. They can only guess why that out 18,000 students, less than 2,000 came out to see the world-class recording artist.

"We felt that enough students would know the name that we'd at least get 2,500 tickets [sold]," said Stephen Gray, associate director of Student Union.

But, despite a local marketing blitz, which included the help of WZMB, distribution of eye-catching posters and sale of tickets at businesses and area colleges, the funk came and went Sunday night before a crowd of about 1,600 people.

The Student Union was left holding a huge tab for expenses and talent fees, and tickets sales were nowhere near enough to cover it. Now, event organizers are wondering why the concert, while a musical success, was doomed to financial disaster.

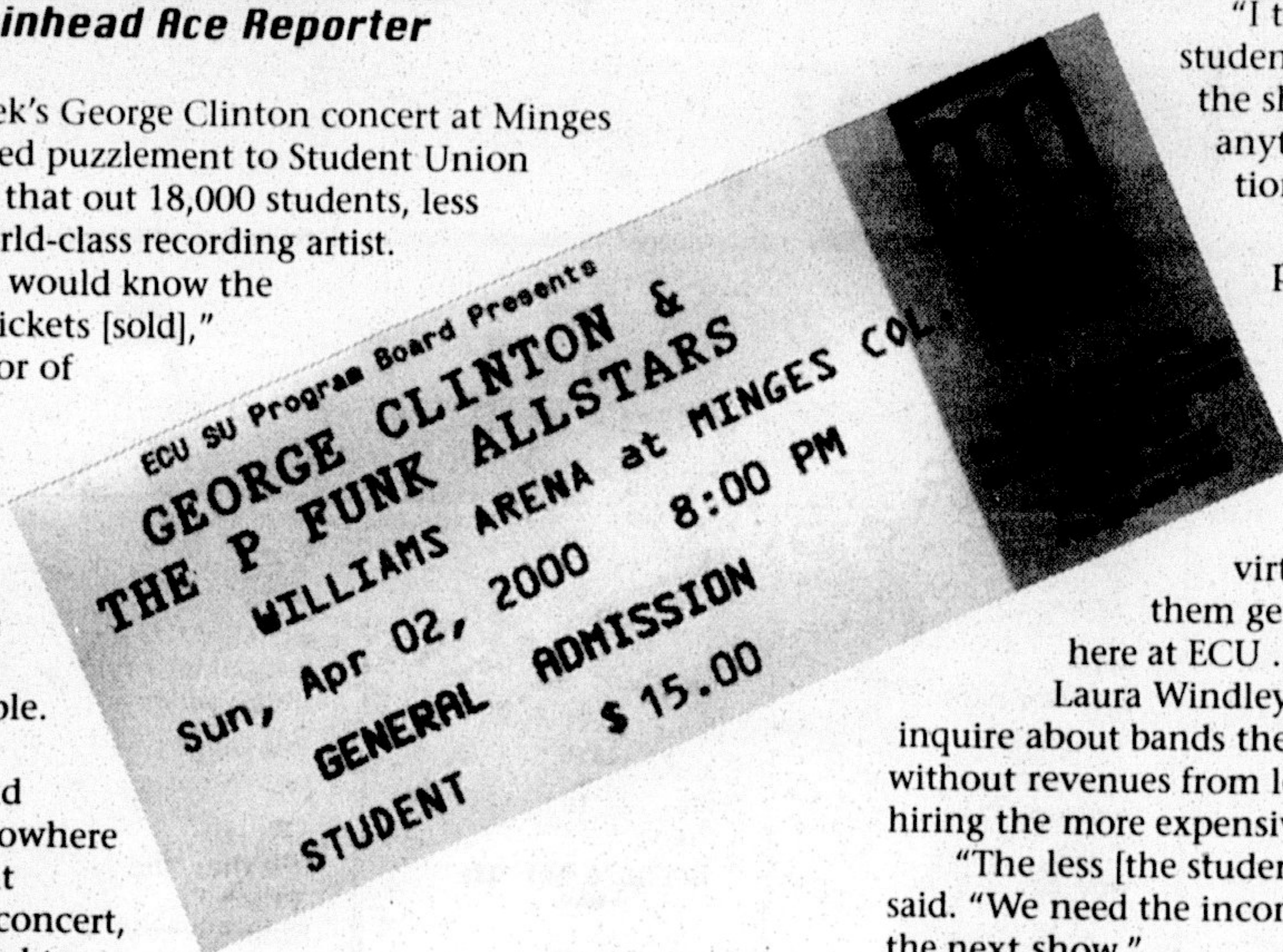
"Something like George Clinton you shouldn't have to market," said Mike Silverman, who assists Student Union President Dennis Norton. "It's a disappointment when we bring such a big act and people aren't interested in going."

Poor attendance has plagued Student Union events for years, as students have shown decreasing interest in what the organization offers.

Patrick Edwards, chair of the Student Union's Popular Entertainment Committee, called the concert attendance "pathetic."

"We just don't get the turnouts," he said. "And that's pretty much how it is for every Student Union event."

Gray cited the sold-out Allman Brothers show in 1995 as the last well-attended event in recent history.



"I think the Student Union is frustrated, finding out what the students want to see ... [The Union] worked so hard to promote the show ... That's why they're disappointed more than anything else," he said, listing student apathy and procrastination as major factors in the low ticket sale count.

"Everybody wanted to win free tickets, and a lot of people had never even heard of George Clinton," said WZMB employee Ross Rauschkolb. "I'm wondering how people are so lazy, not to walk down to Mendenhall and get their tickets."

"What is it students are looking for?" Edwards said. "The possibility of big events is always an option, but if students can't spend \$15 to see what is virtually a legacy in a genre of music, there's no chance of them getting these large-name bands that they're aspiring to see here at ECU ... The students do not back the Student Union."

Laura Windley, chair of the Spectrum Committee, said students often inquire about bands they'd like to see the Student Union bring to campus. But, without revenues from less expensive shows like George Clinton, Windley said, hiring the more expensive acts won't be possible.

"The less [the students] support us, the less we can do for everybody," she said. "We need the income from the shows to build up and have more money for the next show."

At the concert, Student Union members watched as students became dissatisfied with the Parliament Funkadelic, which took the stage 45 minutes after the scheduled time. Some students forfeited their tickets by leaving before, or shortly after, the beginning of the concert.

"The band did show up, the band did play," Edwards said. "They might have started late, but I apologize for it; I had no control."

Chances for another big concert in the near future are slim.

"I think we're going to limit the scope of the shows for awhile," said Gray, who nevertheless remains optimistic that one day the Student Union will hit the perfect combination: a widely appealing show at a good price. "We're not giving up ... We're going to keep giving the students entertainment."

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## Suggestions for a better kegger

**Emily Little**  
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My next door neighbor and I threw a keg party a few weeks ago. We hosted about 40 people on one keg between our two apartments, with no throw-ups and no fights. But, we did learn valuable lessons that night, lessons we wished someone had told us before. I am now going to impart my new-found keg party wisdom onto you.



### Invitation only.

We personally invited our friends and made certain that they approved it with us before they brought guests, mostly so we wouldn't have anybody puking on the carpet or smashing glass out in the street. Everyone that came was a responsible drinker. They were all vouched for. Having no uninvited guests was a wise decision. Some of them even helped clean up the next morning.



### Charge.

We thought it would be tacky to charge for keg cups. Instead, we put out a bowl and asked every-



With the exception of Edward Oliver on the left, who apparently prefers canned beer, these guys are enjoying the keg a little too much. (photo by Garrett McMillan, who was also there)

one who came in the door for donations. The problem was, a lot of people, even though they were our friends, decided that this was an excellent opportunity for free beer. Some of them thought they were such good friends that we surely didn't mean to charge them. Some of them thought they didn't have enough beer to warrant payment. And some of them just forgot. Even when I ran around offering up my chest so people could shove money down my lacy tank top, I still had no takers. For an \$80 keg, we got back \$32. Not charging was a bad idea. People will pay \$2-\$3 a cup; they apparently will not pay unless they have to.



### Keep people outside.

This is the best thing about a ground-floor apartment. If people are outside, they aren't spilling beer on your rug. They can stretch out and not take up all your furniture. Chances are, if the keg is outside and it's not too cold, the people will stay there too. We had a lot less mess because most of the guests congregated around the keg. It was also helpful to have lawn furniture. I suggest those \$4 stackable chairs they have at Food Lion.

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 **Watch for drivers.** Someone should be established early as the key-keeper, the person who makes certain no one drives unless they are sober. We neglected to give this enough thought, and never really noticed when people were leaving. I know at least one person did, in fact, drive home drunk from our party without our knowledge. Fortunately, nothing came of it, but the fact is still unsettling. Also prepare enough space for people to crash so they don't feel obligated to go home. I had five people passed out in chairs and on the floor when I went to bed.

 **Create a make-out room.** Nothing is more irritating at a party than seeing people make out on your furniture. We established a make-out room in each apartment, created from the pantry area in the kitchen. I had to clean mine out so nobody would notice that it was the previous kitty-poopey area, and then I put down a blanket and some pillows. My neighbor had a blacklight in hers; my light was red. That way, couples could slip into the room and have a little hanky-panky without turning everyone else's stomach. But, you'll want to put a sign on the door for when it's occupied, especially if there is no lock.

 **Take pictures.** People do funny things when they're drunk. It always pays to have evidence that you can pull out in the future to remind people of how dumb they are.

 **Be around.** If I had a dollar for every time someone hollered out my name during the party, it would have paid for the thing. People apparently need the host all the time, even when she's in the make-out room with her boyfriend. I don't know why.

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# "Foreigner" a huge success

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Performers went through 1,254 apples, 914 eggs, 832 chicken breasts and gallons of Tang during the first year it was on Broadway.

The department of theatre and dance brought "The Foreigner," the acclaimed play by Larry Shue that is said to combine Howdy Doody with Machiavelli, to ECU last week.

"This is a wonderfully funny show where the jokes and gags come fast and furious," said Director Robert Caprio. "It doesn't have a life changing plot, the characters are not deep and mysterious, and it doesn't have a social agenda. It's just knee-slapping funny."

The plot revolves around the character of Charlie, who is from England and has come to visit his friend Froggy Le Seur, a British demolitions expert training on an Army base in rural Georgia. Charlie's wife is seriously ill and lies in a hospital in London, but she has had 23 affairs and wishes to have nothing to do with him. So Charlie retreats to Georgia to think about the future of his marriage.

The key issue is that Charlie has a morbid fear of idle conversations with strangers. To remedy this, Le Seur tells the locals that his guest is from another country and he doesn't understand or speak English.

The play accelerates when Charlie stumbles across some of the dirty laundry of the town. The townspeople, thinking that he is, in effect, deaf to their conversations, carry on personal and confidential conversations as if he wasn't there.

During the play, Charlie manages to expose a fake minister who has a pregnant fiancée and who preaches pacifism but is mixed up with the local Ku Klux Klan. He also exposes a plan by the local branch of the KKK to take over the lodge owned by Le Seur's friend, Betty Meeks, and turn it into their headquarters.

Ironically, it is the town idiot, Ellard, who tries to teach Charlie English, and the town is astounded by the quickness with which he learns.

In the end, Charlie manages to save the lodge, expose the minister, save someone's inheritance and conquer his fear all in the same play.

The play, hit hard by critics who said the play lacked sophistication, was kept alive on Broadway for over two years by word-of-mouth of the audiences. It was performed a record-breaking 700 times at the Astor Theatre in New York.

"I had to attend this performance for class so I was expecting the worst," said student Daniel Vitale. "But not only was it



Cast members of "Foreigner" pull off sophisticated laughs. (photo courtesy of theater arts)

funny, I enjoyed it and it kept my attention the whole time."

"I had a real good time," said Wendy Merritt, another member of the audience. "In between all the gags and funny lines was something that really was enjoyable."

Where the success for this play lies is up for debate. Past directors have put the production's success on the shoulders of the actor who plays the role of Charlie. This role, taken on by Jeremy Woodard, was definitely a key to the ECU version. Woodard fit the character's persona perfectly, offering a shy, timid look with facial expressions that added that little bit extra.

Others have emphasized the comedy that lies within the characters and their situations. Again, this did not go unnoticed. Andrew McNeal added so much to the performance of Ellard Simms that at times it was as though he upstaged any action on the stage. The cast and the stage design complemented each other well to provide a great overall performance and an enjoyable evening.

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## Real Bread, Sans Orangina

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There's a little place downtown most people don't know about; it's called the Swiss Chalet and they have real bread.

Not the preservative-filled, plastic-bagged, mass-produced stuff you find on the shelf at Harris Teeter. No, this is the real thing, the kind of bread that hardens into an inedible rock of diamond-breaking dough if you don't eat it the day you buy it. It's the kind of bread they serve in Switzerland or France or Belgium. It's the kind you carry home under your arm with no bag because you can't resist nibbling.

The Swiss Chalet is colder than any eatery has the right to be, but the smell of baking bread and pastries warms up your taste buds to an overwhelming desire to purchase the immensely fattening éclair that dances at you from behind the glass case. Those pastries consume your mind for as long as you're in the shop. They dare you to resist.

If you've never been to Europe, this is a microcosm of the French-speaking portion where baguettes flow as fast as wine in the vineyards. For those who have spent time in the old country, the Swiss Chalet has the bread you've been lusting after since the day you got back.

The place feels a little like a coffee shop. You can get coffee there, of course, or an expensive bottled drink from the case. The only thing they're missing is Orangina, the most hard to find French wonder-drink ever made.

The prices are a little steep, but it feels so worth it when the cream-filled thing of beauty squishes down on your tongue. Don't go to the Swiss Chalet expecting cheap American preserved



The Swiss Chalet. (photo by Kenny Smith)

bread and pastry prices; you get what you pay for.

The Swiss Chalet is located in the shopping center next to Krispie Kreme on Charles Street. Their hours are 7 a.m.-10 p.m. every day of the week. For more information, call 830-8804.

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# THINGS TO DO IN GREENVILLE

(WHEN YOU'RE SOBER)

## DINNER PARTY

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Ever had camembert and walnut pizza? No? That's because it's gourmet. It's weird, so it must be better. That, at least, was my motivation in choosing to serve it at a dinner party last week.

I invited three friends over to eat a home-made meal and drink Dr. Pepper while discussing adult topics as we watched – you guessed it – professional wrestling. Welcome to the world of adulthood.

Going to a friend's place for dinner is a nice, mellow activity for people who want someone else to cook for and clean up after them. For those of us who throw these little get togethers, it's an excuse to spend way more money and time on dinner than your usual Lean Cuisine microwave linguine demands.

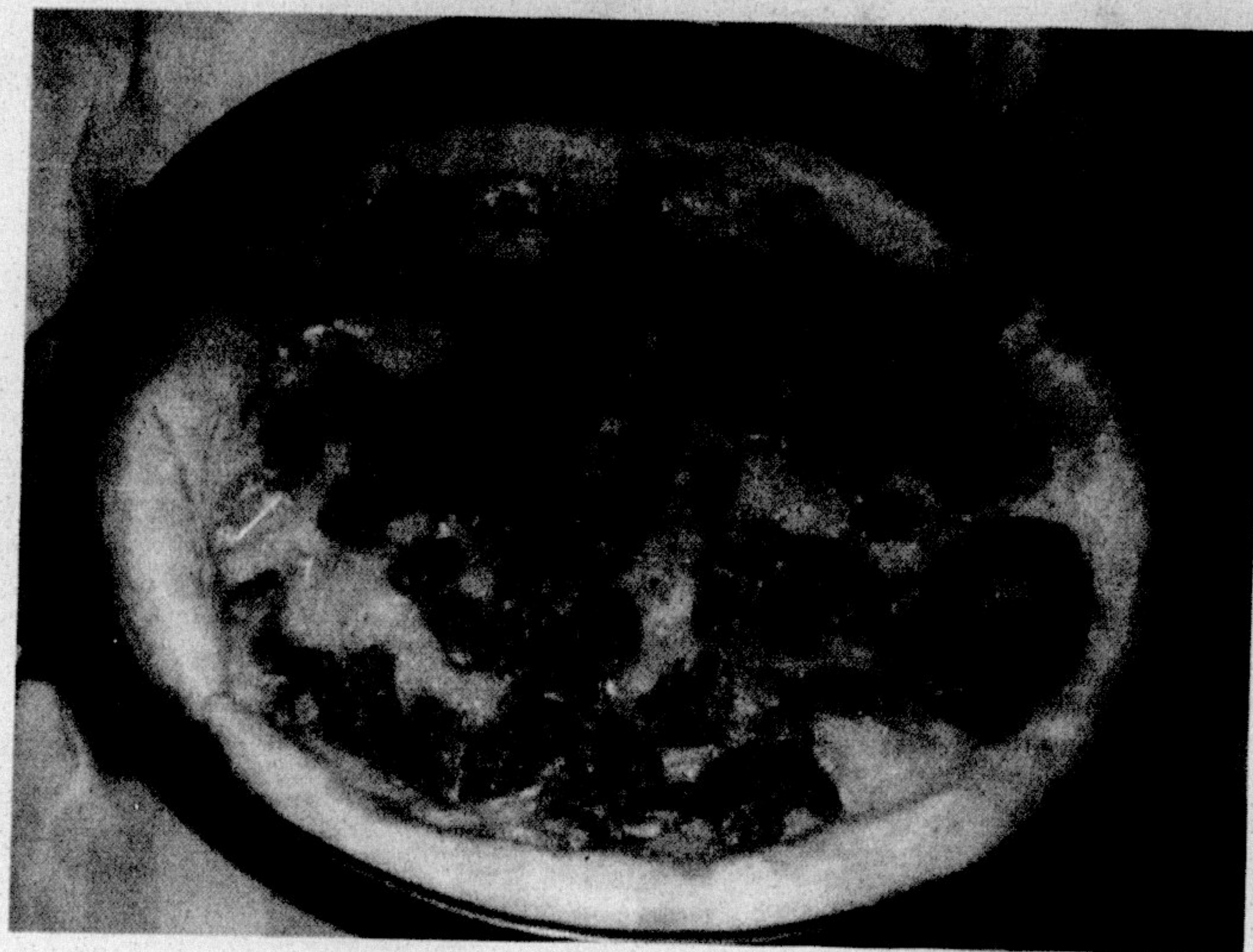
I figured out pretty much right away that this was not going to be the *In Style Magazine* kind of expensive theme party. Actually it was kind of expensive because camembert is a very expensive cheese and I had to use a lot of it to make two pizzas. You might want to go with something a little less exotic, like, I don't know, American (The original recipe called for gorgonzola). Personally, I didn't care much for the walnuts either and ended up scraping mine off, although everyone else seemed to enjoy them. That is, unless they were lying to me to be polite since they knew I'd spent way too much money on French cheese and nuts that were really hard to find in the grocery store. So maybe substitute walnuts with, I don't know, pepperoni.

Originally I was going to make a salad, but since we were drinking Dr. Pepper instead of wine I decided it wasn't formal enough to bother with vegetables, so now I have a cucumber and some extra carrots in my crisper. Want some? I'll end up meaning to eat them for about two months until I finally decide they've had it and throw them away, but not until after they've grown a few extra appendages into their mushy little sides and reached out to grab me like that moldy old ham sandwich in those orange juice commercials. I mean, come on, man! If your sandwich starts talking to you about orange juice, it's been in there too long. At any rate, we skipped the salad and went straight to the pizza. We later had ice cream sundaes for dessert.

The dinner party provides a good opportunity to talk. It gives you something rewarding to do while you all have a conversation. After you spend the money and the time and the effort, just hanging out with friends is a nice way to spend an evening in your home, small as it may be.

The overwhelming success came at the end of the night when one of my guests who never really saw anything special in pro-wrestling slid right up in front of the screen and started shouting at one of the wrestlers to kick the other one in a very naughty place. I felt like we had accomplished something then. Isn't that what being an adult is all about?

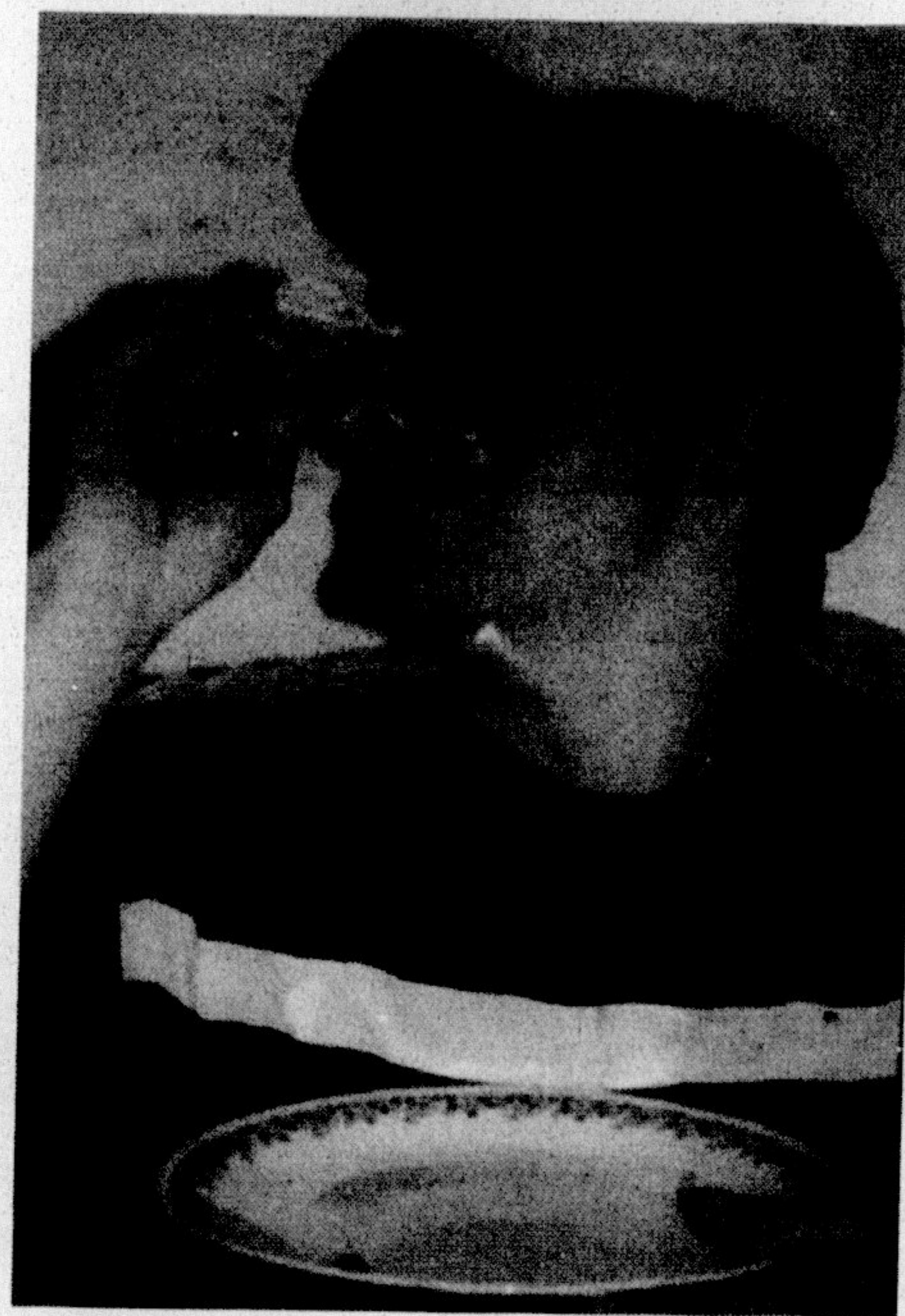
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(top) Camembert and walnut pizza, all done and ready to eat.  
(bottom right) Garrett the guest stuffs his face. He doesn't seem to mind the walnuts.



(left) I've heard some nasty rumors that some of you don't believe my friends and I stay sober at these functions. Do you see the soda? No alcohol, just caffeine.  
(bottom) Apparently, Emily the guest thinks she can cram the whole thing in her mouth, pan and all. She's really hungry.  
(all photos by Garrett McMillan and Emily Richardson)





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Photos by Kenny Smith

(right) Let's see ... while he's preoccupied I may be able to grab that quarter at the bottom of the pool ...



(left) Is that catnip I smell?



Take on me ... Take me on ... I'll be gone ... In a whooo!



Maybe if I hold them here, no one will notice that my bra straps are slipping.