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NEWS BRIEFS

Professor to study abroad

Dr. Mel Markowski, professor of human environmental sciences, recently received a Fulbright Scholar Award for the 2000-01 academic year to Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. He will teach social-psychological training, introduce a course on prevention and treatment of family dysfunction, serve as a mentor to doctoral students and collaborate with faculty to establish a family therapy concentration.

Chancellor search forums

Public forums are scheduled for the chancellor search committee during which they will receive comments and suggestions about the search. The forums will be held at noon and at 2 p.m. on June 21 in Room 254 of Mendenhall Student Center. A forum will also be held from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. in the Willis Building at First and Reade streets.

National HIV Testing Day

National HIV Testing Day is June 27. Testing is offered free of charge at all County Health Departments. ECU students can receive free testing through Student Health Services. Alternate testing sites will be offered on from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. on June 23 at the old Subway Restaurant at 208 E. 5th St. and on from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. on June 24 at the Brown's New Approach to Living Building at 1112 Dickinson Ave. All testing is confidential.

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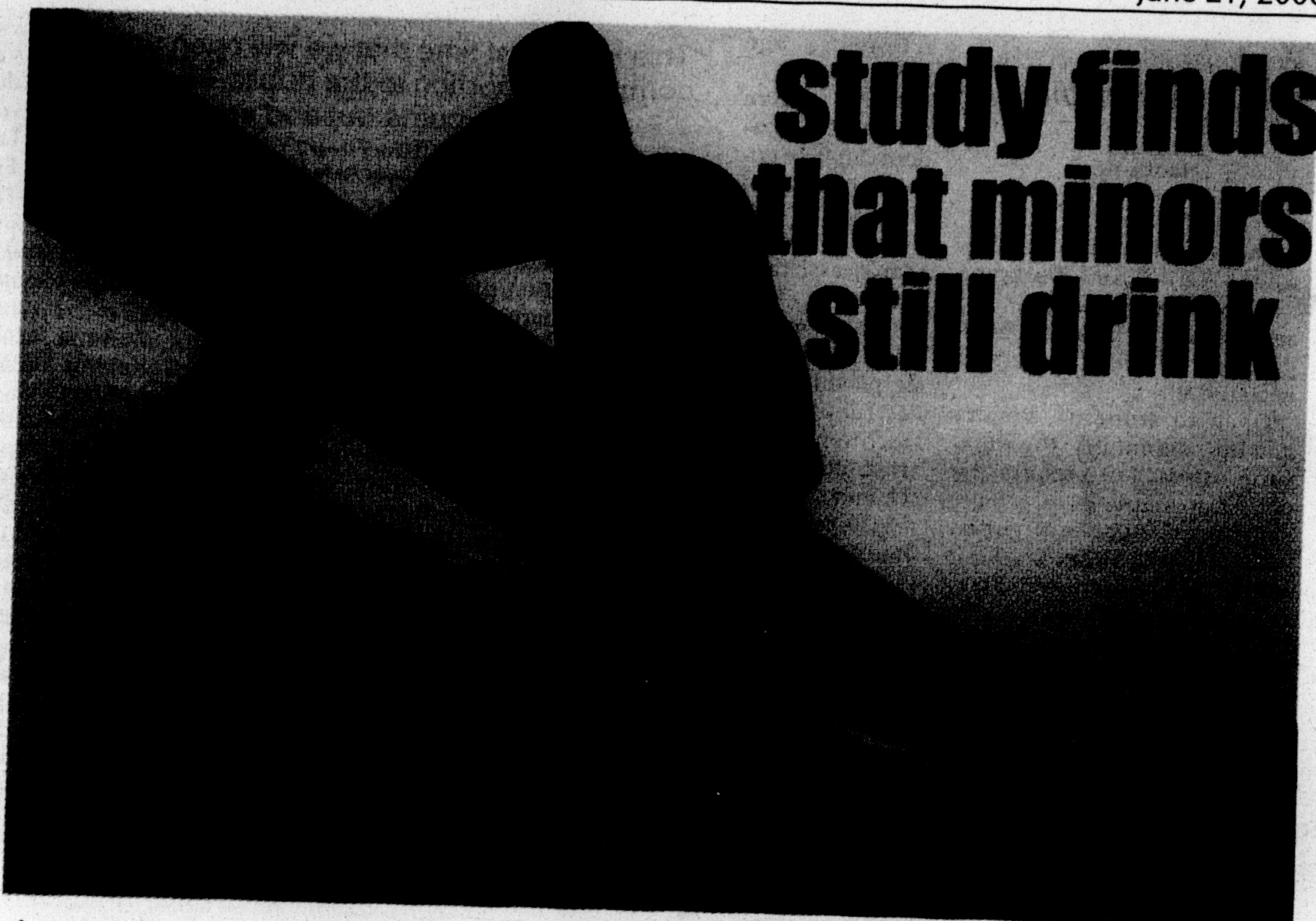
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Study finds that minors still drink

A recent study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health indicates that despite standing and amended legislation, minors are still drinking alcohol illegally. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

BOSTON (AP)—Flouting underage drinking laws, a high percentage of college binge drinkers are white males under 21 who find cheap or free alcohol at fraternity parties or local bars, according to a new study by the Harvard School of Public Health.

The study, released Monday, found students who are over 21 tend to drink more often, but when underage students are able to get alcohol, they are more likely to drink heavily.

The study said 63 percent of underage students had been drinking at least once in the past 30 days, and 42 percent of those who had been drinking downed at least five drinks each time. In contrast, 74 percent of students 21 or older said they had been drinking in the past month, but only 27 percent had five drinks or more.

The study polled more than 7,000 students who were under 21, and nearly 5,000 students who were over 21, at 116 colleges around the country.

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Henry Wechsler
Director, College Alcohol Studies, Harvard

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Researchers found that underage students either have older friends buy for them or frequent local bars and on-campus parties where they can buy beers for as little as \$1 each.

"There's always someone who will buy for you," said Craig Lareau, 18, of Westborough, who graduated from high school this year and will enter college in the fall. "And there are bars I can go to that would let me in even if I had a fake ID with a picture of a black girl on it."

In March, Harvard released a study using data from the same survey concluding the population of frequent binge drinkers rose last year to 22.7 percent of the total student population, up from 19.8 percent in 1993 and 20.9 percent in 1997.

The report provided more evidence that the national increase in

the minimum drinking age to 21 has done little to reduce drinking among 18-to-21 year olds. Drunk driving, however, has been reduced. The report cited federal research crediting the rise in the drinking age with reducing motor vehicle fatalities involving 18-to-20 year olds by 800 per year.

It's the threat of losing their license if caught driving drunk that keeps underage drinkers off the road, Wechsler said. In Massachusetts, first time-drunk driving offenders receive a mandatory 180-day suspension of their license.

Underage drinkers caught simply possessing alcohol typically receive probation—a penalty that needs toughening, Wechsler said.

Helen Stubbs, spokeswoman for the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention in Newton, said harsh penalties also needed for older people who provide young people with alcohol, and the owners of bars that regularly serve young drinkers, she said.

"Enforcement of the laws is very important," she said. "We need to hold the licensed sellers responsible, and to put some teeth to those laws."

ECU to host annual summer guitar festival

Workshop registration tickets still available

Nancy Kuck
STAFF WRITER

The fourth annual Summer Guitar Festival and Workshop will begin on Saturday, June 24 and continue through Thursday, June 28 at the AJ Fletcher Recital Hall.

Open to students, faculty and the community, the workshop offers participants the chance to improve or acquire skills on the classical guitar. The festival includes four nights of public concerts, performed by award-winning guitarists Dr. Elliot Frank, Andrew Zohn and John Michael Parris.

The guitar workshop is an intensive week of teaching for students of all skill levels, including beginners. It is opened for residential and commuting students from junior high

school age through adult.

"We have about 20 students already enrolled in the program so far, and we are opened for more," said Frank, assistant professor of Guitar.

The lessons will contain fundamental note reading and basic playing techniques. These instructions can even help teach someone who has never attempted to play a musical instrument.

"The only thing that the students need is a basic acoustic guitar with nylon strings," Frank said.

Tuition for the workshop is \$175 for ECU students and \$200 for non-students.

The festival will feature a different performance each night. Works to be performed include Latin American music from the 20 Century, classical pieces

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Dr. Elliot Frank
ECU Assistant Professor

from Bach and jazz tunes from Cole Porter. Personal composition pieces by these elite guitarists will also be performed. The festival will also feature a competition among musicians who are just stepping out of college.

"Our programs are varied," Frank said. "Each night has a different style and the musical pieces will be played as a solo."

"This is the first time that we will open up the competition portion to the public, so it is an event to come out and see," Frank said.

The Summer Guitar Festival includes solo performances from each guitarist and the third annual guitar competition to include young profes-

sionals and advanced students. Parris, an instructor at Lake School of Fine Arts in Tampa, Fla., is

renowned as "a player of great sensitivity and refinement," according to *Soundboard Magazine*.

Zohn, a faculty member at Columbus State University in Columbus, Ga., has performed through the United States and has earned top prizes at four different international competitions, including a national win at the MTNA Collegiate Artists' competition.

Frank has earned top prizes in two international competitions and has appeared as a featured soloist with the North Carolina Symphony. He will soon debut a compact disc recording of Venezuelan waltzes from composer Antonio Lauro.

Each musician will perform

various musical pieces ranging from classical European and Latin-American pieces to self-written compositions.

"The competition is a two day event. It will include a semi-final on Sunday and the finals on Wednesday."

The festival is a great opportunity to acquire or enhance music skills on the guitar or listen to music performed by prestigious musicians.

Tickets are on sale and may be purchased by the general public. They can be purchased individually or as a week package. The concerts are free for workshop participants.

For more information regarding either the workshop or concert series, contact Dr. Elliot Frank at 328-6245.

This writer can be contacted at nkuck@tec.ecu.edu.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

- June 24: Elliot Frank 8 p.m.
- June 25: Competition semifinals 3 p.m.
- June 26: John Michael Parris 8 p.m.
- June 27: Andrew Zohn 8 p.m.
- June 28: Competition finals 8 p.m.

Tickets

Single tickets: \$5-students and seniors
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Senate proposes character education

Legislation program stresses manners, morality for students

Missie Thompson
STAFF WRITER

The Senate Committee of North Carolina is recently approved a new education proposal that asserts a need for programs that strengthen character education within the school system. The character education programs include three main ideas mentioned under Senate Bill 1177: respect for teachers, responsibility for school safety, and good citizenship.

"It is a much needed proposal," said Ella Harris, the current assistant principal at J.H. Rose High School. "Character education has not been focused on in quite a while due to liberation. However, we are going back to the basic teachings of good character and morals and kids need that."

The respect for teachers mandate includes treating faculty with high regard, politeness and courtesy, as well as addressing them in the correct fashion. The concept of school safety embodies orderly, effective and positive means of resolving disagreements. Its purpose is to create a safe learning environment that is free from disruption and violence. The good citizenship area of the proposal urges students to know their rights and fulfill their responsibilities.

"I support the character education proposal wholeheartedly," said Sen. Ed Warren. Warren, the vice chairman of the Education Committee.

Warren is the former principal of J.H. Rose and Ayden

High Schools. He believes that the proposal's three main ideas are exactly what the North Carolina school system needs.

"The character education proposal sounds like a great idea," said ECU junior Julia Roland. "Addressing people with respect should be taught in schools, after all you do need respect even after school."

Statewide, there has been a 40 percent increase concerning situations of assault against school faculty since 1993-94 according to Warren's press release. In addition, there has been a 7 percent increase in situations of verbal abuse on faculty since 1991. These statistics have raised Senate interest in the educational system's role in the development of the character of the student body.

In their view, such incidents have exposed the need for programs aimed at solidifying the morals and manners of students.

"The proposal would be beneficiary to the school system," said ECU junior Wendy Chapman. "With all the heartless things that have been happening in schools around the world, students need to have respect enforced and not as an option."

According to Warren, the proposal passed the committee on Wednesday, June 14. The proposal must go through several other committees, which will then collaborate on the details. The committee feels that the bill will have a positive effect on North Carolina schools and communities.

"Hopefully the proposal will be on the Senate floor within the next day or so," Warren said.

The bill would also permit and encourage students to volunteer in peer mentoring and community involvement.

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CRIMESCENE

June 14

Auto Accident—A state owned vehicle sustained damaged on the right front bumper when the driver backed out of a parking space in the lot at Farley Mizzell Building.

June 15

Miscellaneous Call—A staff member reported that an unknown black female entered the computer lab at the Brody School of Medicine. No items appeared to be missing.

Damage to Property—A non-student reported her vehicle was damaged while parked on campus. It was discovered during investigation that the damage occurred off campus.

Expired Registration—A non-student was issued a state citation for an expired license plate during a traffic stop on College Hill Drive.

Larceny and Financial Transaction Card Fraud—A student reported her wallet was stolen from a room in the Speight Building. Her credit card had been used before she could report it stolen to her credit company.

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ACROSS OTHER CAMPUSES

AUSTIN, TX—Want to rub elbows with the likes of human 'Clown n' Ball' Jon Weiss and Michu the Smallest Man on Earth or ride in the clown car? Friday through Sunday, the 130th Edition of Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus will bring big thrills and excitement to the Frank Erwin Center, showcasing some of the best circus talent ever assembled.

To become members of "The Greatest Show on Earth," most rely on family connections. Some, however, aspire to achieve membership directly through Ringling Bros.-sponsored schools.

The prospect of global travel was one of the most alluring aspects for Marni Sussman, a member of Clown Alley in the Ringling Bros. circus.

Sussman, 24, graduated from the State University of theater. She said she had no idea what she was getting into before attending clown school.

"It's totally a lifestyle that I wasn't expecting," Sussman said amid the commotion of the pre-show set up Thursday at the Frank Erwin Center. Joanna Wilbee, five-year regional director of public relations for Ringling Bros., said the job isn't easy but hardly anything is in circus life.

She added that applicants must be prepared for constant touring, no privacy and lots of hard work without much of a home life. Sussman said she rarely finds time alone.

"It's much more than theater,"

Sussman said. "Being a clown in the circus is a very communal way of life. The only time I am alone is when I am asleep."

Wilbee, who graduated from Western Michigan University, said she travels and works for the circus 42 weeks of the year.

"It's just a matter of timing if you want to work in this business," Wilbee said, who began working for Ringling Bros. after helping to promote the circus while working for Sears, Roebuck and Co.

"The biggest thing is that you have to be willing to travel," Wilbee said.

Sussman said she has always had an inclination to travel, making her a perfect candidate for the circus.

"When I was a kid I was always leaving home to go to summer camp or to travel around," she said. "That's what this is, it's like a professional summer camp."

Wilbee added that one of the hardest things for people to adapt to is not having a permanent home. Producer Kenneth Feld said Ringling Bros. has been touring worldwide for 130 years.

"The Greatest Show on Earth is as popular today as it was in the 19th and 20th centuries," said Feld. "The reason for its everlasting fame is simple people can relate to the circus and the magic it inspires in all of us."

Sussman said she generally enjoys her profession.

"This job is certainly not for everyone. We work a lot, but it's all totally worth it," Sussman said.

BERKELEY, Calif.—In another blow to the University of California-managed Los Alamos National Laboratory, officials this week disclosed that two computer hard drives have disappeared from the laboratory's stock of highly classified nuclear material.

In the wake of the disappearance, university officials announced the start of two independent inquiries into how—for the second time in recent history—classified nuclear information was seemingly misplaced at the laboratory, one of three facilities the university runs for the U.S. Department of Energy.

The department and the FBI have also launched a joint investigation, and the laboratory suspended six employees this week.

The first university review, which began Wednesday, will evaluate the chain of command in the laboratory's management. A more comprehensive review, at an undetermined date in the future, will take a more in-depth look at management structure and practices.

"The idea is for these experts to do an independent assessment, to submit their comments to UC President Richard Atkinson," said Rick Malaspina, UC laboratory spokesperson.

Although the university has the authority to suspend or dismiss employees, Malaspina emphasized that it does not mean the university will punish anyone for their actions.

"We don't want to indicate that this review in itself will lead to any personnel actions or changes" he said. "There is no indication of wrongdoing on their part."

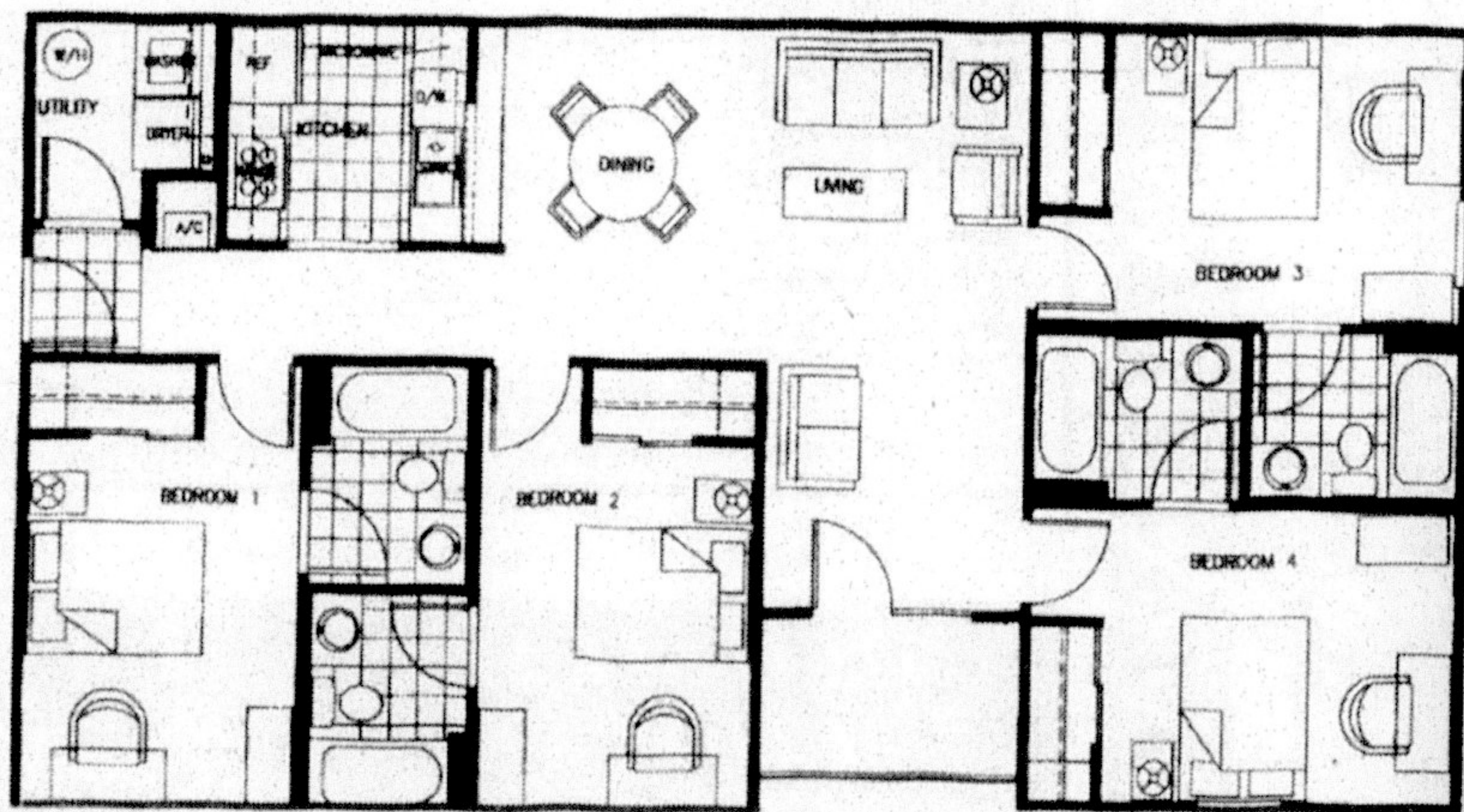
As Congress blasted Energy Department leaders Wednesday for alleged mismanagement of the laboratory, the trial of Wen Ho Lee, a scientist charged with downloading nuclear secrets onto a computer disk, was rescheduled for another date in November. Lee was dismissed from his job at Los Alamos last year after a lengthy FBI investigation. He has not been charged with espionage.

The Lee case has stirred up tension among Asians who say they feel Lee is being targeted because of his Chinese background. This week, Ling-chi Wang, chair of UC Berkeley's ethnic studies department, said the suspension of the six employees paled in comparison to the treatment of Lee, who is in prison awaiting trial.

"What a deal," Wang said of the suspension of the six employees.

"What a stark contrast with Richardson's treatment of Wen Ho Lee and his alleged 'missing tapes.' This is double standard at its best."

The data, which was reported missing to the Energy Department June 1, may have disappeared in last month's fires that badly damaged the town and threatened the laboratory.



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OUR VIEW

[For some] students, religion goes beyond [being a lifeline]; it is the one thing that keeps their feet planted firmly on the ground.

ECU houses an abundance of campus religious organizations. ECU's Campus Ministries, the body that connects all of these organizations, has worked at creating an environment where anyone will feel accepted, no matter what the person's religious affiliation happens to be. We would like to commend the Campus Ministries for fathering such a warm, receptive atmosphere.

Religion becomes the lifeline many look to when their Spanish class is wearing on their nerves, when their long-term boyfriend or girlfriend breaks up with them or when a family crisis occurs back at home and they are stranded in Greenville. But to other students, religion goes beyond that; it is the one thing that keeps their feet planted firmly on the ground. Whatever the reason, the Campus Ministries is a reliable body to lean on.

Their door is always open. So whether you need to see a smiling face, a person to lend an ear or a smidgen of guidance, one of the many campus religious organizations may have just what you are searching for.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sachs misinformed on North-South issues

Dear Editor,

What exactly was the point of your article "Going from Bad to Diverse?" You claim that you want to put to rest the arguments between the North and South, but you spend the whole article blasting the South. I would have been offended if you had actually put some thought into your writing, but I am more embarrassed for you because of your lame argument.

All you use are hackneyed stereotypes and poorly researched one-sided arguments that don't make any sense. I'm not going to say the South is perfect, but it deserves more credit than you give it. At the same time, the North isn't some utopia of harmony—just look at the Boston St. Patrick's Day homosexual controversy for one example. So let's take your "points" one by one:

1. First off, the South, in general, is friendly. However, we show respect and good will to those who show us the same. Smart-ass know-it-alls like yourself lose the privilege of Southern hospitality. Respect is earned.

2. Black relations—considering the history of the South, I would say that our race relations are pretty good. The North has had just as bad a record with race relations as us, but the history isn't that long because there weren't many blacks in the North until after the Civil War. As soon as blacks migrated North, they were treated just as badly as they were here.

3. Busy cities—All the cities you named are heavily influenced by Northerners. Of course, cities are fast-paced; that is just how life is

nowadays. The difference is rudeness, and the South still falls way behind the North in that category.

4. Small towns—There are just as many small towns and hicks in the North as there are in the South. Everyone is wary of change. Many people in the South are scared of change because they see the way our society is headed; and I don't blame them. Experiencing other things is great, but let's not knock those that are happy where they are. To each his own.

As for cultural festivals, they reflect the culture of the population. How many Hindu festivals do you think there are around here? Have you been to any of our local cultural festivals? Probably not, because you are too busy putting us down for not broadening our horizons. As for Spike Lee, while I have enjoyed some of his films and respect him, his movies are just as racist as Southerners you will meet.

In closing, you end your article by saying that Southerners "keep the country separate." What exactly does your article do? It sure doesn't make me feel all cuddly toward the North. I personally have no problem with Northerners as long as they respect me and my culture. You obviously do not. At the very least, write an article that sounds intelligent. As it stands, you have embarrassed yourself, *The East Carolinian* and the university community. I am ashamed to have my school newspaper run such shoddy material. Thank you.

Chip Gurkin

A. Dijeack

IN MY OPINION

Naughty Moore caught on Net

Jacksonville, N.C.'s City Manager Michael Moore has recently been in the news. Apparently, Moore has been a very bad boy. While in his office during regular business hours, Moore viewed a pornographic Web site on his office computer. The city decided not to press charges against Moore, but fined him \$1,500.

Aren't you all tired of this? I'm sick of my tax dollars going to politicians who have nothing more to do than to abuse their power and privileges. Moore could have been spending his time doing something constructive.

What makes politicians think that they can get away with anything that a regular citizen cannot? I know that most professional business people couldn't get away with this (unless you're Bill Gates and you can afford to buy the world).

An employee of BB&T asked me not to send obscene e-mails to him. Yes, even I do it. Who doesn't send and receive dirty e-mails? The point is, that BB&T employee could have gotten fired for those types of e-mails, so in order to preserve his job

no one sends him dirty e-mails anymore.

Why couldn't Moore have taken the same approach? Moore must not have had the common sense to consider the consequences of his actions beforehand. This is called foresight.

There is a time and a place for everything. I'm not disappointed in the man for looking at a pornographic Web site. I'm sure millions of people do it every once in a while or the sites wouldn't even be in existence. (Neither would those types of magazines, novelty stores, etc.) He could have waited until he got home if he just had to look at it.

Sitting in one's office, wasting away the taxpayers' money—I mean the time away isn't cool. It's not cool for President Bill Clinton to do anything we view as wrong, so it's not cool for Moore.

An apology didn't stop the president from getting impeached, and it didn't prevent Moore getting fined. You should always think before you speak, act or even click a mouse.

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ONLY HUMAN

MERIDEN, Conn. (AP)—Nobody has received an invitation to Mary Kate Williams' July 29 wedding—and that has the bride-to-be very angry.

According to Williams, the U.S. Postal Service lost all 60 of her wedding invitations. Williams she mailed them at the beginning of the month from a post office substation in Meriden.

Her attorney, Leonard Powers of Meriden, said he wrote to the postmaster general in Washington, D.C., asking for a refund to cover the additional printing and postage costs. Williams said her local post office wouldn't give her a refund.

Panic set in around June 5, Williams said, when she realized friends and family members had not received the invitations.

Williams said she is spending about \$300 to reprint the cards and re-mail them. Her friends are pitching in to help her address them, she said.

Powers said the postmaster general has not yet responded to his letter, which was mailed Wednesday.

"Maybe it was lost in the mail," the attorney joked.

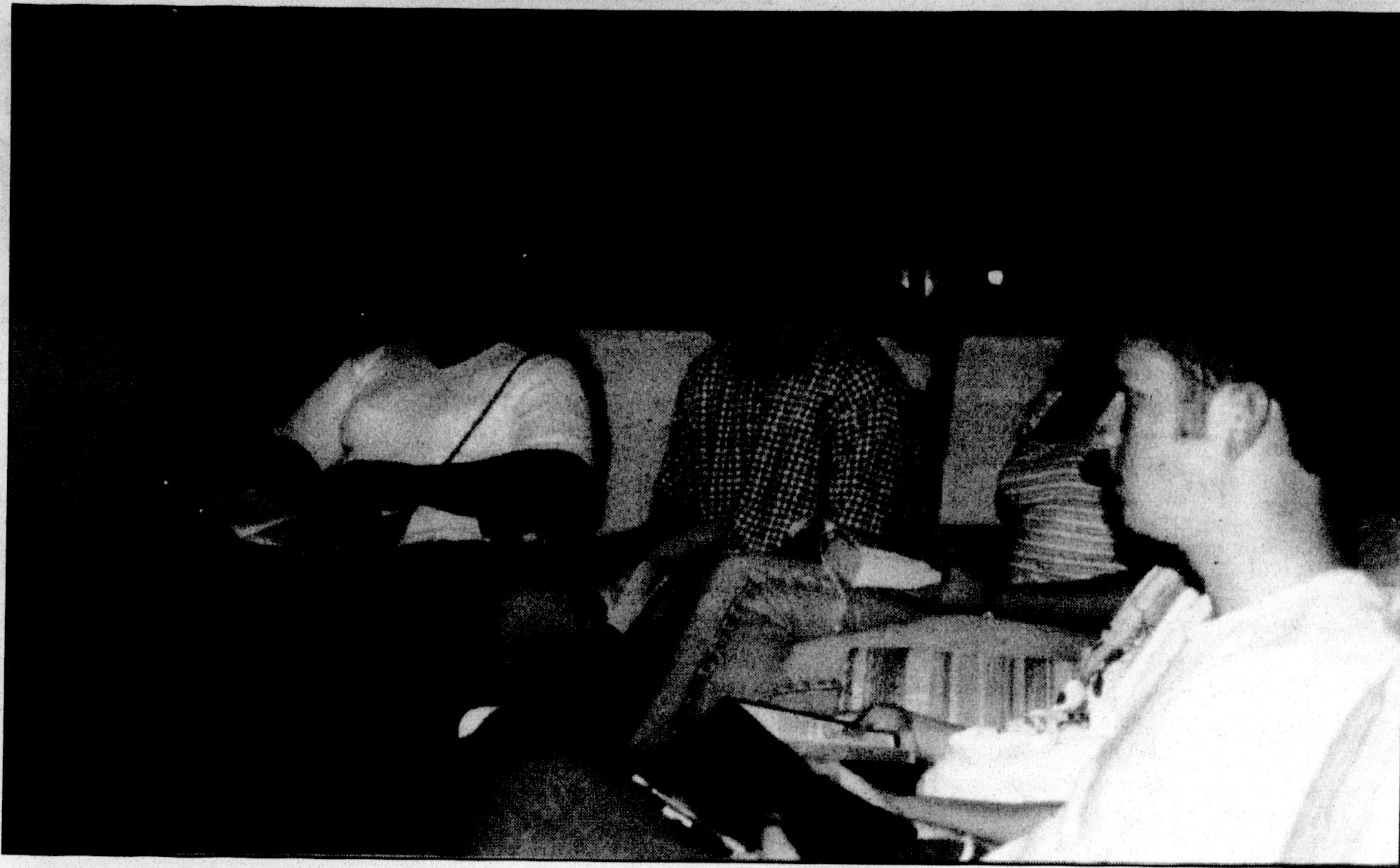
GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP)—A 19-year-old Doniphan man was sentenced to about eight months in jail Friday and ordered to pay more than \$2,000 for a vandalism spree.

Courtney Jenkins pleaded no contest last month in Hall County Court to four counts of misdemeanor criminal mischief. As part of a plea agreement, five additional counts of criminal mischief were dropped.

Jenkins was sentenced to 240 days in jail and agreed to pay \$2,366 to help cover damages.

During the April 23 vandalism spree, chunks of concrete or rocks were thrown through vehicle windows, against cars and through a school window in eight separate incidents.

Cars belonging to the Bank of Doniphan, the United Methodist Church of Doniphan and a local school were damaged, as well as several other privately owned vehicles. The total damage was \$7,100.



(Left to right) Angel Androulidakis, Brad Dobson, Ashley Harris and Lee participate in a Bible study at the Wesley Foundation (Methodist Student Center). (photos by Garrett McMillian)

What it's like to be a religious STUDENT

Emily Little
Features Editor

For some students new to the college experience, "fitting in" to their new environment means rejecting authority, learning to drink, heading downtown with mischievous motivations or wearing clothes they never would have dared to expose to the public eye previously. But for junior biology major Valerie Hicks, maintaining her religious dedication was the only way she felt comfortable adapting to college life.

Raised in a congregational household, Hicks was encouraged to join the Wesley Foundation, the local university Methodist center. Now she is the Wesley Foundation's student board president and lives in the Foundation's house.

"It's been so awesome," she said. "It's just like having a family away from home."

Every week, the members of the Foundation get together for activities like group meals and Bible study. According to United Methodist minister Scott Wilkinson, director of the Wesley

Foundation and the university liaison to Campus Ministries, students who don't feel comfortable with the downtown experience often find their niche within the religious community.

"I think the key is ... if they can find a small group that becomes their special group," Wilkinson said. "It's like being a number versus being in a family."

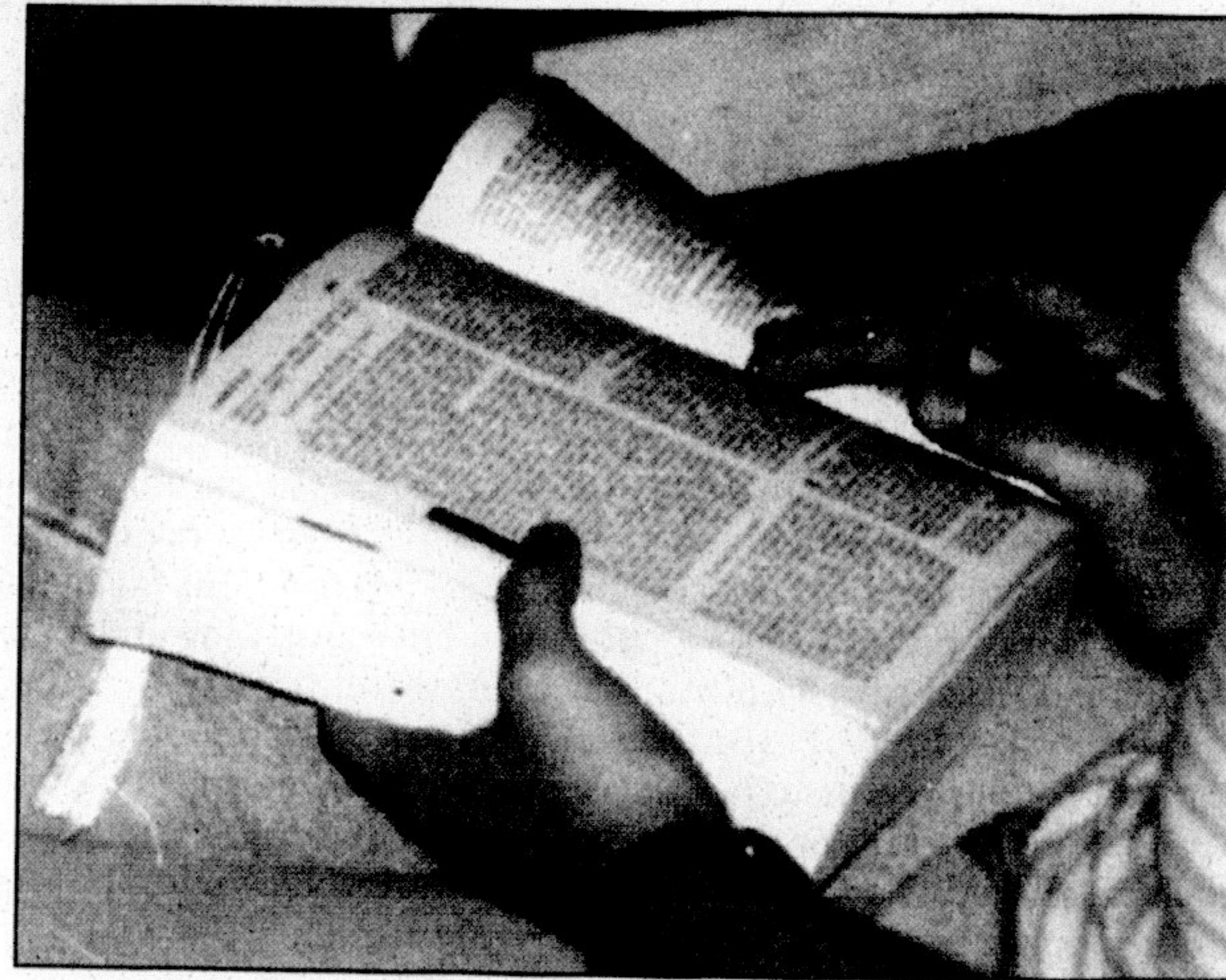
For junior French education major Joshua Culp, that kind of community was a little harder to come by. He transferred to ECU from Illinois, where he had belonged to a large Jewish community. Here in the "Bible Belt," his religious safety net virtually disappeared.

"No one ever thinks that you're not a Christian," he said.

But, according to Culp, being a religious minority has given him the opportunity to see his religion from a new perspective.

"It makes me appreciate my own practice more," he said. "It's given me an identity. A lot of students don't [have one]."

Like Hicks, Culp also has a haven with members of his com-



munity. Hillel, the national Jewish student organization, helps its members cope with the complexities of practicing Judaism in an otherwise non-Jewish world. Through the efforts of the organization students have visited the Holocaust Museum, participated in religious traditions together and volunteered at homeless shelters during their spare time. According to Culp, this is because Judaism is much more about practice than Christianity.

"Judaism is a way of life," he said. "If you don't practice, then you're not a Jew."

The Muslim, Jewish and Christian groups on campus all belong to Campus Ministries, the official campus connection to religious practice. They have been working with ECU since 1941 and have never really had much con-

flict on religious grounds.

"Separation of church and state is much less an issue because we are interfaith," Wilkinson said. "We have a very good relationship with the University."

The group sponsors projects like the prayer box in the Wright Place, which Wilkinson says has been a very successful endeavor. If you would like more information on Campus Ministries or a particular campus religious group, call Scott Wilkinson at 758-2030.

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PICK OF THE WEEK: Bear Rock Café

Emily Little
FEATURES EDITOR

Technically, a cafe is a coffee shop where you can buy tiny sandwiches or a bowl of soup and soda. But you'd never know that in the United States, because every restaurant that does something creative with its seating arrangement likes to add the word "cafe" to its title so that its patrons will feel cosmopolitan.

Greenville's Bear Rock Cafe, located off of Greenville Boulevard, near Staples, has done a little better than most in keeping with its name. They specialize in sandwiches, albeit big ones and soup in sourdough bread bowls. The atmosphere is hunting lodge-style, with several different types of chairs set neatly by a fireplace. High wooden beams hold up the ceiling and red plaid trim clings to the furniture. You can choose to sit outside if the rustic decor is not to your liking.

Sandwich selections at the Bear Rock Cafe can come either from the menu or from your own design. Some of their sandwiches are traditional, like reubens and roast beef concoctions, but they have other interesting innovations in the bread and meat field. Sandwich combos generally come with your choice of chips and a drink. You can also sample the soup of the day, which comes highly recommended.

The cost is average for any lunchy-type place. Depending on what you choose, you're normally looking at something in the \$4-\$6 range. But, keep in mind, these sandwiches are pretty big, so you definitely get the most for your money.

In this American world where we have been

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conditioned to require prodding before we make any decisions, Bear Rock Cafe puts us at a bit of a disadvantage. Their employees do not ask you if you want a pickle, or if you'd like the sourdough bowl for your soup. You simply must remember to ask. For most of us, that is something we are not prepared to do, no matter how many times the menu reminds us to do so. There is also a lack of guidelines on how to order. You grab a menu and figure it out as you go, hoping you don't sound like an idiot. Fortunately, however, the selection is not complicated.

So, if you're looking for a genuine cafe, or as close to one as you can find in Greenville, the Bear Rock Cafe may be a good place to start. There are no waiters to clear your table and bring you Coke in a glass bottle, but they do have a figure-it-out-for-yourself attitude and a comfortable, sandwich-heavy atmosphere where you could easily sit and talk for hours without being encouraged to leave. It's all very European-American.

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The new Bear Rock Café, located next door to Michael's by the Plaza Mall in Greenville, is as close as most people come to a real café in the U.S. (menu courtesy of the Bear Rock Café)

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Police step up patrols as car-theft movie plays

WHITE MARSH, Md. (AP)—Fearing that real-life moviegoers may imitate art after seeing a film about car thieves, Baltimore County police are stepping up patrols outside the theater playing the new action film *Gone in 60 Seconds*.

After watching Nicholas Cage take less than one minute to steal a car in the movie, police said, they are worried that people might walk out of a theater and think they can do the same thing.

Police have increased patrols near the county's largest movie

theater, The Avenue in White Marsh, and at Mass Transit Administration parking lots during evening hours, said Capt. Lee W. Russo, commander of the White Marsh precinct.

"It could be another example of life imitating Hollywood. For me, it is about being proactive," said Russo. He said he has not seen an increase in thefts since the movie opened, but warned, "If there are any lingering interests, they will be deterred."

In the movie, Cage plays a thief whose goal is to steal 50 vintage cars in 72 hours. In each in-

"It could be another example of life imitating Hollywood..."

Lee W. Russo
Police Captain, Baltimore Co. Md.

stance, he is able to steal the car in less than 60 seconds.

The movie was released Friday, and at \$25.5 million, it topped movie sales during its first weekend. It is playing in 29 theaters in the Washington-Baltimore

area, and some law-enforcement officials are concerned that it might encourage first-time car thieves, particularly juveniles.

"Some of the things they say are far-fetched. But then there are some realistic instances, like popping the ignition, that we in law enforcement have to deal with," Russo said.

Last year, 3,199 cars were stolen in Baltimore County, and 7,258 in the city.

Nationally, auto theft costs about \$9 billion a year. About 10 percent of those arrested for auto theft in Baltimore City and Bal-

timore County were juveniles, county police said.

Andrea Marozas, a Walt Disney Studios spokeswoman, declined to comment on the movie.

Some theater managers said they do not fear that the film will influence moviegoers to steal cars.

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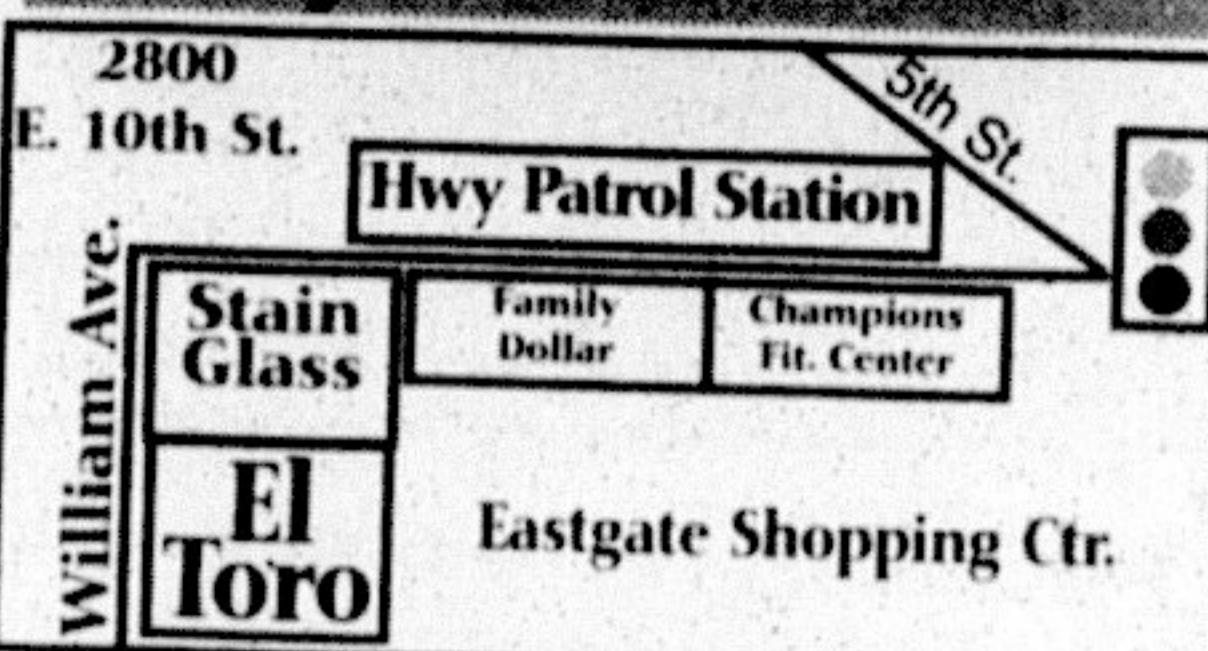
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Woods wins Open

Tiger Woods proved why he is the world's top golfer Sunday, by winning the 2000 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach by 15 strokes, shooting 12-under par for the tournament.

His margin of victory is the largest in the history of the Open and is also the largest ever for a major championship.

Woods' nearest opponents were Miguel Angel Jimenez and Ernie Els. Both shot a three-over par 287. Woods took a lead after Thursday's round.

After Friday, Woods had amassed a six-stroke lead, the largest 36-hole lead in the history of the Open. After Saturday, Woods was ahead of the pack by 10 strokes, another Open record.

Woods is the first player to win the U.S. Junior Amateur, the U.S. Amateur and the U.S. Open.

Mosley defeats De La Hoya

"Sugar" Shane Mosley moved up in weight to take on the welterweight division's, most popular fighter, Oscar De La Hoya. Mosley made the best of a "golden" opportunity.

Mosley defeated the 1992 Olympic gold medalist in a split decision Saturday night in Los Angeles.

The loss is the second in three fights for De La Hoya. He lost to Felix Trinidad in earlier this year.

Mosley now takes the IBF welterweight title and improves his record to 35-0 with 32 knockouts.

LSU Tigers take title

The official home of LSU baseball is in Baton Rouge, but it might as well be Omaha.

The Tigers have appeared in 11 of the last 15 College World Series and have left as champions five times.

The most recent came Saturday when the Tigers came from behind to defeat Stanford in the bottom of the ninth.

Brad Cresse got a clutch single that scored the winning run and gave LSU their 52nd win of the season.

Staying close to home

Three Pitt County prospects look forward to Pirate futures

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

Greenville and Pitt County is known as a baseball hotbed. Greenville has sent numerous players to Division 1 colleges over the years and fortunately for ECU, many of them choose to stay home.

That is the case with select group of high school players this year. Three of Pitt County's most promising players will look to make an impact in ECU's program next season.

ECU redshirt freshman Jamie Paige and rising ECU freshman Ashley Capps and Kelly Hodges played together on the 1999 J.H. Rose squad that went 28-0, won North Carolina's State Championship and was ranked in top 10 by Baseball America.

Now the trio suits up for Pitt County's American Legion Post 39 team.

"All three kids are great kids who work hard all the time," said Post 39 Head Coach Jason Mills. "They are the very best that the game has to offer."

Last season Paige, an outfielder, entered ECU as a freshman and was redshirted by Head Coach Keith LeClair.

"Having Jamie come back with the year of experience from college is a big plus for us," Mills said. "He brings us a lot of leadership."

Paige watched first-hand as the Pirates won their second straight CAA Tournament Championship and compete in the NCAA Tournament.

"Having a guy like Jamie Paige around is just tremendous for us," Mills said. "He has that year of experience playing with guys like Lee Delfino, (James) Molinari and (Nick) Schnabel, and brings that attitude to this club."

"I learned a lot of mental stuff," Paige said. "You learn a lot of little things that help you win games."

Paige will be joined on the Pirate roster next season by his former Rampant teammates Hodges and Capps. Hodges, who plays outfield for Post 39, looks to make an impact anywhere he can in the Pirate program.

"Wherever they want to put me is fine with me," Hodges said. "I'm just ready to play."

Hodges' willingness to do what it takes to win is not unique among the Pirate signees.

"The good thing about all three of them is that they will do anything and everything that is asked of them," Mills said. "I've had all three of them in different situations, all three of them have come through and never hesitated to do it for the team. Coach LeClair is going to be very satisfied with the three boys he's getting right here."


Capps went 9-3 last season for the Rampants who fell in the state playoffs.

"Ashley's going to need to get a little bit stronger and get a little bit more on his fastball, but he's got the potential," Mills said. "He changes speeds and locates very well and isn't afraid to pitch inside, and he's getting better and better each game."

Hodges and Capps will bring more youth to a Pirate team that will be without a talented lot of seniors. Fortunately they have Paige who has gone through the rigors of a season of Pirate baseball to lead them.


"Get ready, it's going to be fun ride," Paige said.

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IN MY OPINION

High schoolers face obstacles in NBA

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

In the closing minutes of the Indiana Pacers Game 5 victory in the NBA Finals, Indiana Head Coach Larry Bird inserted rookie Jonathan Bender into the lineup.

Bender a lanky 6-foot-10-inch forward looked all of his 19 years as his billowing shorts gave way to toothpick legs and his teenage frame were dwarfed by the muscular bodies of the Laker reserves.

"You'll be hearing a lot more from this youngster," crowed one of the NBC announcers.

What separates Bender from the other rookies seeing action in garbage time of a playoff game is that Bender is one of the growing number of high school phenoms going straight from high school to the NBA.

Bender is lucky; he was the fifth overall pick by Toronto and was acquired by Indiana in a draft-day trade. He was brought into a team surrounded by veterans and is looked upon as key element to the team's future. He signed a lucrative contract and probably will sign another in four

years. As of now, Bender has his millions.

While Bender comes off the bench and attracts attention from the NBA's illuminati, further down the bench second year pro Al Harrington waits. Harrington took the same path as Bender, only with a different outcome.

Harrington was also a high school specimen with seemingly limitless potential who skipped college for the NBA. Harrington was selected in the second half of the first round and thus missed out on the rich contracts that entice young prospects to come out early. As a guard/small forward, Harrington is lost among the glut of veterans the Pacers have at that position.

With every game he moves further and further down the Pacer bench and further and further from the NBA stardom that drew him out of college.

The plights of Bender and Harrington prove that the real worry about getting an NBA career started early is the type of career you can look forward to.

A high school player jumping

straight to the NBA is not nearly as shocking as it was five years ago when Chicago high school hoops star, Kevin Garnett opted to enter the draft. Garnett was taken in the first round by the Timberwolves and recently inked a long-term deal that is set to pay him over \$120 million.

The next year, Kobe Bryant went to the pros and ended up with the LA Lakers. Bryant, who is a key component to the Lakers and their run to the finals, is already one of the league most marketable and talented players.

In the years that followed, each draft crop featured a number of high school stars. Some like Bryant and Garnett were taken early and have grown to become some of the NBA's most popular players.

Others such as Portland's Jermaine O'Neal and Seattle's Rashard Griffin have been relegated to obscurity as bit players on veteran-laden teams. This summer high school star Deshaun Stevenson will eschew a scholarship offer from Kansas to enter the NBA draft.

Many critics of this trend ar-

gue that shunning a free education in favor of instant riches in the NBA is morally wrong. They claim that the education will last the players a lifetime, while an NBA career can be fleeting.

While that is a valid point, it is naive. The thought that a hypothetical player will suffer a career-ending injury one night and then turn around and begin work as an architect, lawyer or stock broker is ludicrous.

With the right people around you, an NBA career can give you money to keep you and your family living nicely for life and give you career options in the sport and its related industries to keep you from getting bored.

People seem to forget the NBA is a business. The emphasis is not on learning; it is on winning because if you don't win, you don't stick around.

Occasionally, a young player will enter a program where a team will take the time and effort to let him learn the game. However, that is rare. Most of the time the teenagers assume the role of bench players.

The limited playing time and

low exposure they receive often lead to short careers and low pay.

College give young players a chance to learn the game and develop. It also gives them a chance to be the focal point of a team and perform under real pressure. It gives them a chance to play in games where the stakes are high and makes them battle-tested by the time they enter the pros.

Draft position is also key. If they are not among the first few picks, their initial contracts will be at or near the league minimum and will not give them the money that will set them and their families up the way many envision.

It will leave them with five years (the length of a rookie contract) to make enough of an impression to get them the multi-million dollar contract offers.

While nobody questions the decisions of Bryant and Garnett anymore, players like Bender make the best of their opportunities while players like Harrington just hope to get one.

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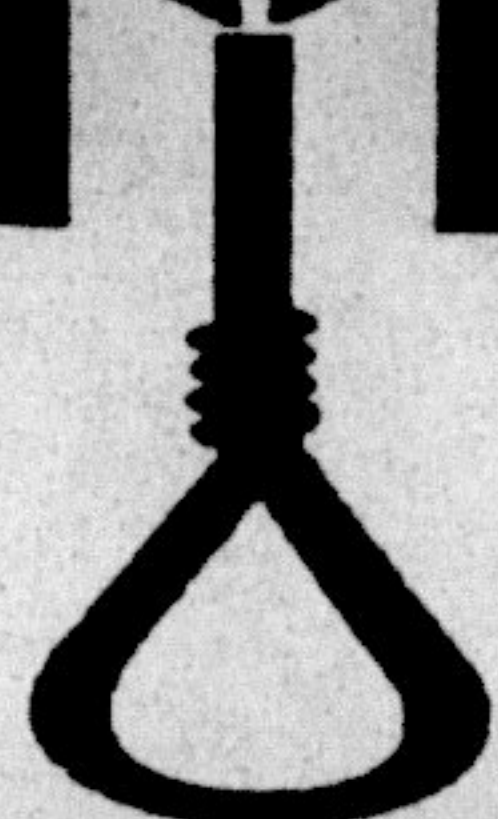
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The threat from the European soccer federation (UEFA) came after a weekend of hooliganism by British fans, who smashed stores and bars, bashed up cars, hurled racial taunts and picked fights with German supporters and Belgian police.

Police said 56 people were injured and some 850 detained for deportation, nearly all Britons.

"They are a disgrace to their country and a blight on the national team," said UEFA chief executive Gerhard Aigner.

After an emergency meeting, UEFA's executive committee said England—seeking a berth in the quarterfinals of the European championships—would be thrown out of the championship if such behavior was repeated before or at Tuesday's match against Romania.

"UEFA will have to consider the future presence of the English team if there is any more violence," Aigner said.

If England does reach the quarterfinals, it could face Italy in Brussels, a city with a large Turkish immigrant community. English hoodlums have sworn revenge for the stabbing deaths of two Leeds fans in Istanbul in April.

In a statement, UEFA called on the British government and the British Football Association "to take the necessary steps to stop England hooligans from traveling abroad."

Euro 2000 director Alain Courtois said other countries had effectively stopped troublemakers from entering Belgium or the Netherlands, the two Euro 2000 co-hosts. He wondered why an island nation like England could not do the same.

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