

NEWS BRIEFS

Open House

Jarvis Residence Hall will hold a public open house from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20. The facility, one of the original campus buildings, has undergone a complete renovation and restoration and is now the most up-to-date residence hall on campus.

Summer Theater

The East Carolina Summer Theater production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" ends Saturday, July 22. Show times are at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in McGinnis Theatre.

Davis named to position

Dr. A. Darryl Davis, Dean of the School of Industry and Technology at ECU, has been named associate Vice Chancellor for Distributed Education and Academic Information Technology. Davis will oversee the Division of Continuing Studies, the Virtual Environment for Learning and the East Campus Multimedia Center.

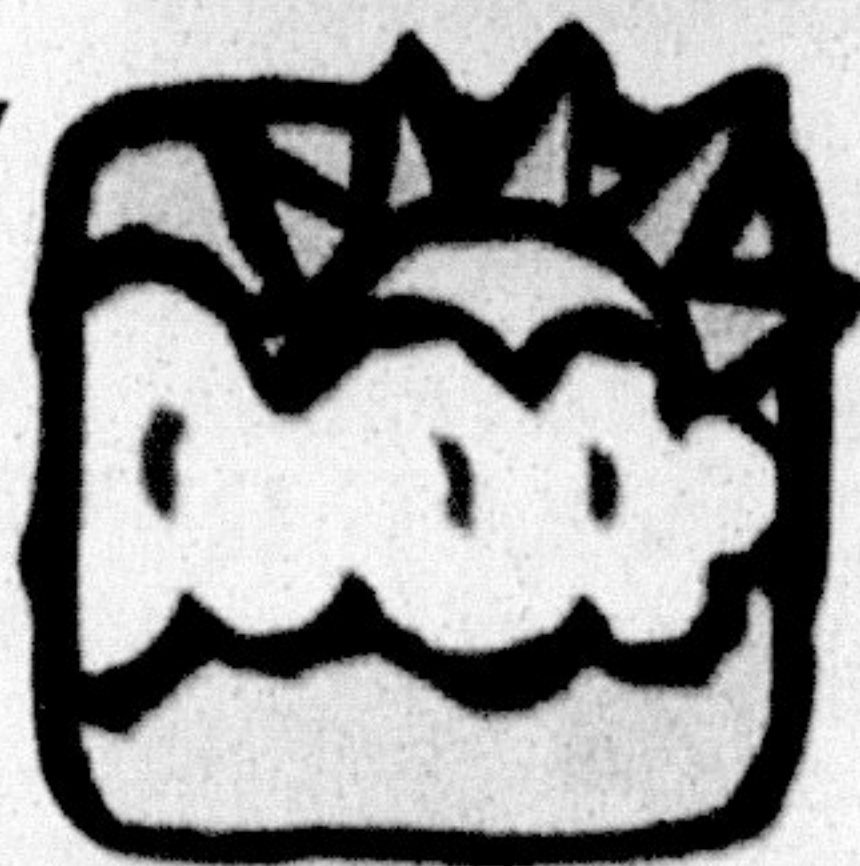
Southard receives award

Dr. Sherry Southard, an associate professor of English at ECU, has been named an Outstanding Adviser Award winner by the National Academic Advising Association. The association honors individuals who make significant contributions to the improvement of academic advising. Southard has been a member of the ECU faculty since 1989.

TODAY'S WEATHER

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Yes or No: Teacher Fellows should have special consideration over other scholars.

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Teaching Fellows to relocate this fall

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Manny Amaro
Director of University Housing

Disabled incoming female students to live in Cotten Hall

Nancy Kuck
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Freshman N.C. Teaching Fellows will relocate to a new residence hall this fall after University Housing and Dining Services decided to accommodate for students with disabilities.

The decision to relocate all female incoming N.C. Teaching Fellows from Fleming Hall to Cotten Hall came after a few women in the N.C. Teaching Fellows Program requested special accommodations due to their disabilities.

"This is the first time that there were requests from students in the N.C. Teaching Fellows program for housing in a handicapped accessible [residence hall]," said Manny Amaro, director of University Housing.

Since Fleming Hall is not handicapped accessible, Cotten Hall was chosen to house these students because of its handicapped accessibility and its close proximity to class buildings. Also, since Cotten Hall is an all-female residence hall, University Housing thought it would best house the majority of incoming N.C. Teaching Fellows who are female. All incoming and present male N.C. Teaching Fellows will remain in Fleming.

"We have close to 50 women coming into the [N.C. Teaching Fellows] program as opposed to the six or seven males that are enrolling," Amaro said.

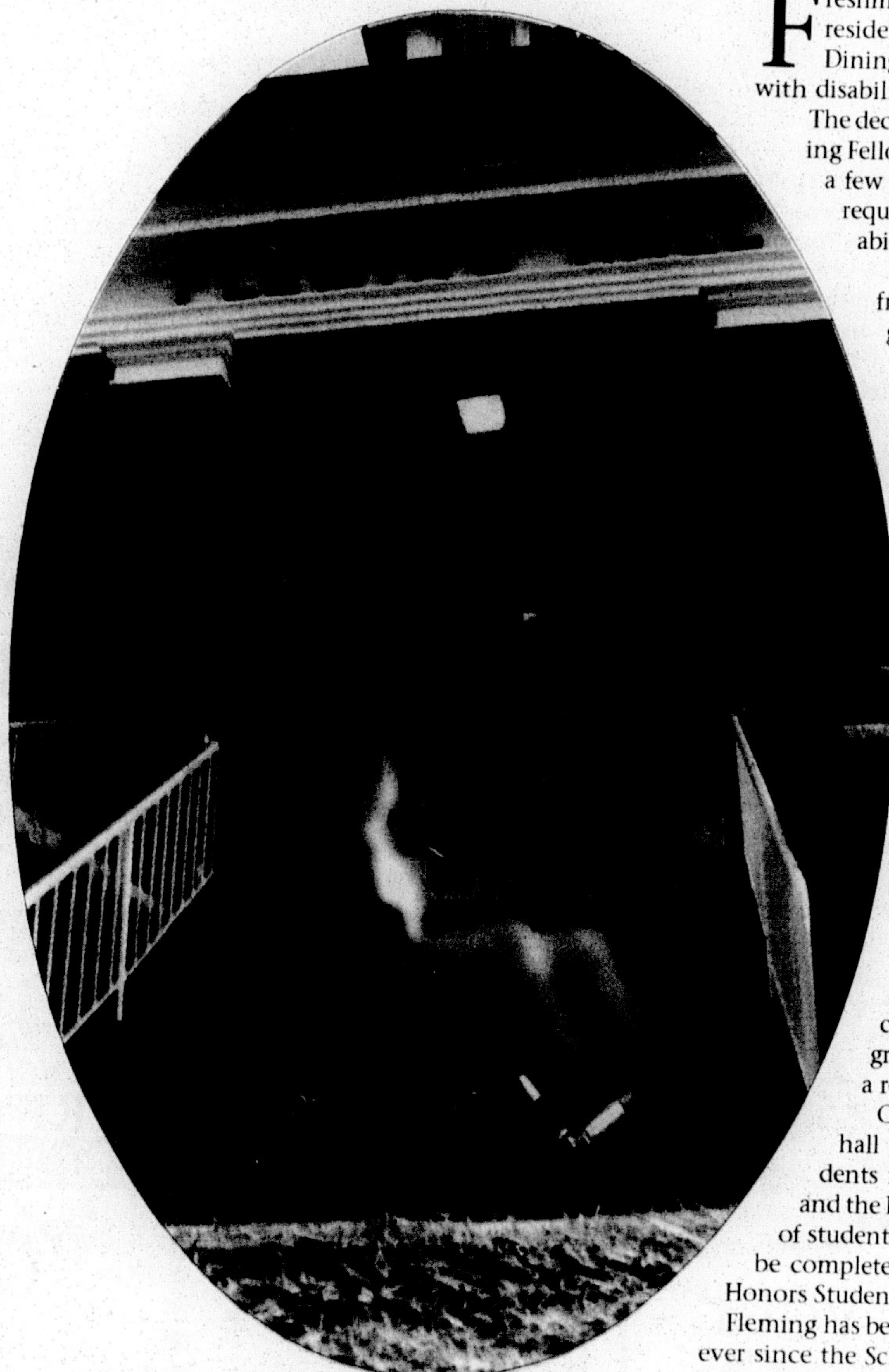
The N.C. Teaching Fellows Program is a statewide effort to attract students pursuing a teaching profession. Upon admission, students receive an education that encourages the development of excellence in teaching and educational leadership. While living on campus, students in the Teaching Fellows Program have the privilege of living in Fleming Hall, a residence hall that has extended quiet hours.

Currently, Fleming Hall is the only residence hall on campus that is designated to house students in both the N.C. Teaching Fellows program and the Honors program. However, due to the amount of students in the programs this fall, Fleming could not be completely filled. A request was then made to place Honors Students in Fleming.

Fleming has been exclusive to students in the two programs ever since the School of Education placed a request that the Teaching Fellows be grouped together over 10 years ago. After the relocation occurs, Fleming Hall will continue to house all other students participating in both programs.

University Housing recently discovered that students who live in Fleming Hall are not grouped in the residence hall by their separate programs. The university is in fact not exclusive to these two programs only.

"Any department can put a request for students of a program to be grouped together in a [residence hall]," said Amaro. According to Housing, relocating this group of N.C. Teach-



Incoming female freshmen N.C. Teaching Fellows will be housed in handicapped accessible Cotten Hall this coming fall as per the decision of University Housing and Dining Services. Next door, Fleming Hall has been exclusive to students in both Teaching Fellows and Honors programs, but because of the volume of students entering this fall, Fleming was deemed unsuitable. (photo by Emily Richardson)

Official panel to crackdown on drug abuse, assaults

Student alcohol, GHB use increased

Nancy Kuck
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A university task force will form to help combat increasing levels of student drug use and sexual assault on campus, beginning this fall.

Organized by Vice Chancellor for Student Life Garrie Moore, the group's goal will be to imple-

ment a preventive plan which includes monitoring ECU's academic and social environment for factors that may encourage alcohol and substance abuse, as well as sexual assault.

"The goal of the program is to pull everyone together and lower the risk of sexual assault and drug usage," said Robert Morphet, counselor at the Center for Counseling and Student Development.

Although no decision has been made as to which officials will be on the panel, the panel will in-

troduce a plan by fall 2001.

The decision to organize this task force came after university officials noticed the number of alcohol, substance abuse and sexual assault taken from surveys completed by students last year. The Core Institute administers a survey to ECU and other universities every two years to assist higher education in drug and alcohol prevention efforts. The last survey, in the spring of 1999, had 498 participants from ECU.

The survey concluded that of all ECU students who binge

drink, 40 percent had academic difficulty, 70-80 percent got in fights or some type of assault, and 80-85 percent were a victim of sexual assault, also known as 'date rape.'

According to Morphet, students who tend to drink less achieve a higher GPA than those who drink all the time. ECU remained in the norm when compared to other universities that took the survey.

According to the statistics that

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ing Fellows should not affect the program in any way.

Currently, Cotton Hall is at maximum occupancy for the fall semester causing a problem with students who have medical conditions and require air conditioning.

To solve this issue, a decision was made to move the students signed up to live in Cotton into Fleming in the fall. This caused an upset from students in the Honors program. The dispute is that Fleming is specific to stu-

dents in the two programs and it was not fair that students in neither programs are moving in.

"Not everyone is going to be happy but it is the best we can do at this time," Amaro said.

Until a new facility is built that is co-ed, handicapped accessible and is able to house students from the two programs, freshman N.C. Teaching Fellows will continue to reside in Cotton Hall.

Out of the 15 residence halls that the university operates, only

three are handicapped accessible and conveniently located to classroom and administrative buildings, and dining services. Cotton, Fleming and Jarvis Halls will be considered a complex with one coordinator that will oversee all students.

"I can say that Housing works very closely with us to make sure that the needs of people with disabilities are reasonably accommodated," said Dr. C.C. Rowe, Department for Disability Sup-

port Services. ECU has experienced a tremendous amount of students requesting accommodations and support from the university and in return, the institution has done all they can to adhere to them. Special applications are given out for any student that requests these accommodations.

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CRIME SCENE

July 12

Hit & Run—a staff member reported that his personal vehicle was damaged while parked in the lot south of Mendenhall Student Center. A witness provided the license of the vehicle that possibly hit the victim's car. Contact is trying to be made with the suspect.

July 13

Counterfeit Money—a staff member reported discovering a counterfeit \$20 bill in a deposit received from a clinic at Brody School of Medicine.

Expired Registration—a student was issued a state citation for having an expired registration.

(Compiled by Christy Gayle Smith and posted weekly on the Web from a list of ECU police reports. For more information, call the ECUPD)



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were calculated, alcohol is the most-used drug among ECU students, with 63.6 percent of students using alcohol in the two weeks before the survey was administered. Marijuana is the second most-used drug with 16 percent of students using the drug in the two weeks before the survey.

The most common activities and types of assaults at ECU were hitting and fighting. Upon reviewing statistics from the surveys, university officials saw the need to create a task force.

"We've been concerned about drugs and violence for some time," Antineau said. "We realized we needed a coordinated effort."

Despite the increase, Antineau said the majority of ECU students do not have a problem with binge drinking, while one-third of students do not drink alcohol at social occasions.

The university currently has several types of preventative programs set up through the Center of Counseling and Student Development. These include Health Fairs, Alcohol Awareness Week and Fresh Start, an educational overview for students on the effects of cigarette smoking and how to quit. Information pamphlets are provided throughout campus and can be found in classrooms, fraternities, sororities, residence halls and in the Student Health Center.

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Center for Counseling and Student Development

"We also provide training to RAs and Orientation Assistants on what to do if something looks suspicious," Morphet said. Counseling for students involved in alcohol and drug abuse is also provided.

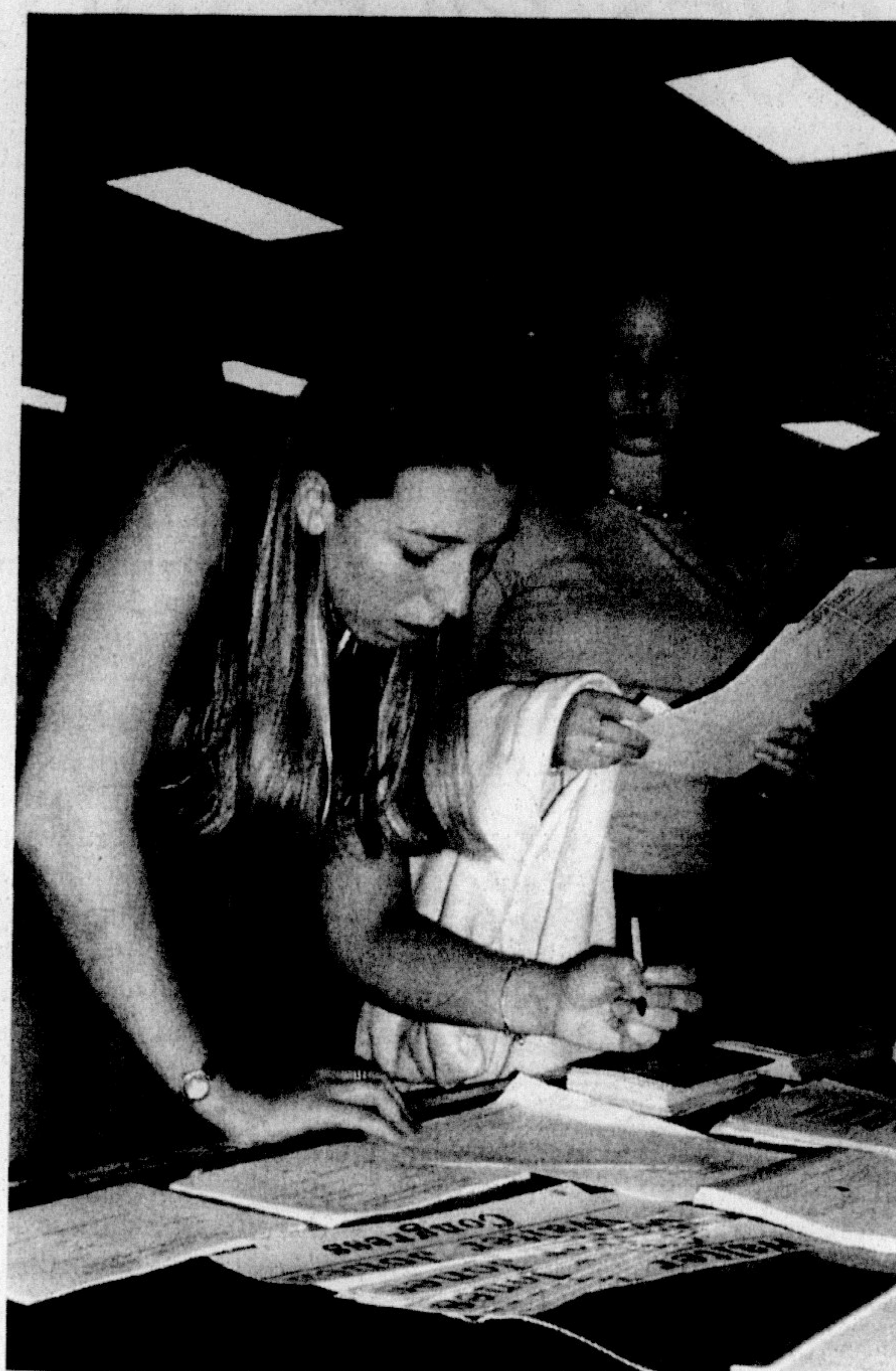
To initiate the problem of drug and alcohol abuse, the task force will seek to get students involved in focus groups. These groups will allow students to voice their opinions and beliefs on the issues. The panel will then decide what to do from there based on the information and research.

"We want to implement the prevention program campus-wide," Morphet said. Students, especially those in the Athletic Department and Greek Council, are encouraged to get involved with the preventive measures beginning this fall.

"We want to change the environment of ECU and fight the problem that is among us now," Morphet said.

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Orienting themselves



Incoming freshmen, Kerry Gallagher (left) & Lindsay Raitano (right) sign up at the ECU College Republicans' table at the Freshman Orientation Organization Fair on campus last Thursday. (photo by Emily Richardson)

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Colleges face shortage of professors

Education experts are predicting that overall college enrollment will rise by 2 million to 16 million students over the next decade.

LOS ANGELES (Chicago Tribune)— Faced with a large enrollment surge from the children of Baby Boomers and a flurry of expected retirements, colleges and universities across the nation are bracing for a shortage of tens of thousands of professors.

Education experts are predicting that overall college enrollment will rise by 2 million to 16 million students over the next decade.

No one has an exact figure on the number of faculty positions that will open over the next decade, but with an average 20-1 faculty-student ratio, the figure could reach an estimated 100,000 positions.

The college faculty crunch comes at a time when elementary and secondary schools are encountering their own teacher shortages and when all schools are facing intense public pressure to raise the quality of education.

Experts say the competition for faculty could create a sellers market, which in turn could drive up

salaries, exacerbating universities' current practice of hiring more part-time and non-tenured professors and forcing institutions to introduce more independent study courses to reach more students with fewer instructors.

In the 1960s and 1970s, enrollment also surged when millions of Baby Boomers flooded the nation's colleges and universities. Back then, schools responded by building new campuses, expanding curricula and hiring new professors.

Now tens of thousands of those professors have reached their 50s, 60s and 70s and are nearing retirement, according to the Project on Faculty Appointments at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education. Though colleges and universities banned mandatory retirement in 1994, one-third of the nation's faculty is 55 and older compared to one-fourth a decade ago.

If the hot job market and lure of Internet start-ups continue, finding enough qualified faculty

to replace retirees and to meet future demand could be much tougher this time around, some experts said.

During the first boom, "we didn't have the acute competition from the private sector," said Patrick Callan, president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, a think tank in San Jose, Calif.

"The competitive impact is strong," Callan added. "But in California, [the problem of hiring new faculty] is more pronounced, with a combination of high student demand, high cost of living and Silicon Valley."

Experts said the shortage of college professors will be particularly dramatic in Texas, Florida, Arizona and California. In a decade, for example, California alone is expecting 793,000 additional public and private school students.

The population of college-bound students has been growing steadily for 15 years. The number of high school graduates

in the U.S. has risen to 2.8 million this year from 2.3 million in 1985, according to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education in Boulder, Colo. The population is expected to reach 3.2 million by 2008.

Moreover, the number of so-called non-traditional students—adults 25 and older—has been climbing rapidly.

Illinois' college enrollment is expected to grow a modest 87,000 by 2020, according to the state's Board of Higher Education. Unlike the first boom in the 1960s, which was spread throughout the country, this second wave will be concentrated in 20 states mainly in the West, Pacific Northwest, Southwest and South.

A survey conducted by the State Higher Education Executive Officers showed that college officials considered attracting and retaining professors and maintaining competitive salaries for faculty their No. 2 and No. 3 most important issues.

"At least 17 states said they are considering new initiatives on [faculty] supply and demand," said Alene Russell, senior research associate for the Denver organization, which represents higher education boards in all 50 states.

In Arizona, where college enrollment is expected to grow to 120,000 in 10 years from 105,000, Gov. Jane Hull recently signed legislation placing a proposition on the November ballot that would increase higher-education spending by \$40 million a year. A large portion of that money, according to Arizona education officials, would be used to address future faculty shortages.

The huge demand for top-notch research faculty by Arizona, California, Texas and Florida could intensify competition among institutions and draw away talent from other states. Thus, even states with low shortages are studying how they can prevent a brain drain.

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The information you provide us is the story that we give to others, whether through our electronic or printed newspaper. Our staff works very hard at their jobs to give you, the public, a newspaper that is enjoyable.

We would like to encourage the university to speak up more and help us out. We are only here to write about the issues, whether newsworthy or entertaining. For all those that cooperate with our staff, we appreciate all that you are doing and have done. On behalf of TEC, we would like to say thank you for your help, time and interest in our newspaper.

Chris Sachs

IN MY OPINION

TV's reality shows unreal

If you are like the millions of other people out there who love to watch so-called 'reality shows,' such as "Big Brother," "Survivor" and MTV's "The Real World" and "Road Rules," then I feel sorry for you. Have you ever really thought about these shows and how real they are? And did you ever think of the simple idea these shows are based on and how we have the desire to watch them? Well, I will tell you why we love these shows. We love them because it is the closest people will ever come to being God.

I don't believe in God, but the idea about Him and what He does is about the same as what TV producers do for the mindless masses. God supposedly created a world, an environment, where He put people to see how they would interact with each other. He set up rules and watched from above as these oddly looking creatures lived amongst each other in a closed system. Sounds just like what Hollywood is doing. Hmmm ... Can we spell 'hubris'?

These shows take your average citizens and interview them to find out if they have a personality that is worth watching. So thousands of people show up to the interview and there are casting calls and all that. Not every real person on this planet is exciting and fun to watch. Most are boring. Casting people in this way is not random, and it doesn't sound too real to me. Neither is putting cast members in a million-dollar house filled with expensive toys and cameramen in every nook and cranny of

the house. Every move they make and everything they say is recorded.

The fact is that these shows are edited so viewers are missing much of the "real" in reality. And we Americans gobble this garbage up because it is the biggest soap opera of all time. You get the sex, arguments and mystery, but it is "real" people, not actors acting this way. Personally, I would rather see actors. And you have to remember a part of Heisenberg Principle: you cannot experiment on anything without altering that which you are experimenting on.

We all have a childlike curiosity to "see what would happen if ..." It is like some mean kids putting three cats in a laundry sack, just to "see what they would do." But now we do it as adults: "Hey let's get six Generation Xers, put them in a house, and see what they will do ..."

What we don't realize is that we are all in a reality show. Every one of us that lives with one or more people deals with what these people on TV deal with. It's called Everyday Life. But we are so gaga over these shows because it allows us to watch the everyday lives of OTHERS. What that says is that our lives are so boring we have to watch other's live.

I say jazz up your own life and you will be too busy too watch what other people are doing. Now that would be real.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lodhi, Dijeack misinformed columnists

I have read the South-bashing in *The East Carolinian* and held my tongue. I have read opinions about the Confederate battle flag in South Carolina and gun control while sadly shaking my head. The opinion columnists 'Tweedle Dumb' (Lodhi) and 'Tweedle Dumber' (Dijeack) have insulted what I hope is the intelligence of all the students and faculty who read *The East Carolinian*.

Lodhi, in the article "Gun Control Necessary," stated the NRA doesn't want to limit guns "even to a mentally ill person" and how poor Mr. Clinton "has put forth a tremendous effort to reduce gun violence."

Even Harlequin Romance novels don't contain so much senseless drivel. There are thousands of gun laws on the books. The NRA (of which I am not a member) pushes for stricter enforcement of existing gun laws to remove guns from the criminal element. Meanwhile, convictions for gun-related crimes have gone down consistently under the Clinton Administration. I don't consider too little, too late much of an effort—especially since our esteemed president knows that he is not facing re-election.

As for Dijeack and the article "Confederate Flag Madness Must Stop," I hardly know where to begin. Perhaps this is because I'm just a dumb backwoods hick from a small town in North Carolina. According to Dijeack, I should just forget my heritage. Forget that I am descended from soldiers who fought and bled for the rights of their home state 140 years ago, as well as soldiers who fought for their freedom from England 225 years ago.

The Confederate battle flag is no more a symbol of slavery than *The East Carolinian* banner is a symbol of half wits like Dijeack. Eighty percent of Confederate soldiers never owned slaves. By labeling the good people of S.C. and myself "backwoods hicks" he em-

braces the very racist traits that he claims to revile.

This heap of tripe further claims that the U.S. government "didn't even hold a grudge and graciously let the Confederacy come back" into the Union. Some prior research might have helped here. After the war the Southern states were reclaimed as spoils of war, given Northern governors, and squashed under the heel of the Johnson Administration.

This article points to low educational scores and the poor standard of living in S.C. Can anyone believe that it is a coincidence that the bottom 11 states in education are the 11 that seceded from the Union? That is, after 135 years of 'reconstruction.' The U.S. was more generous in rebuilding war torn Japan and Germany after World War II than it was with its own brother states following the rebellion. Dijeack claims to be embarrassed for the people of S.C. He should be embarrassed, not for them, but himself.

The fight for freedom has many battles. Not all of them are won. Believe what you will, but look at all the evidence before passing judgment on others.

I embrace the Constitution of the U.S. as a living document and for the rights it bestows. I salute the stars and stripes as the banner of freedom. I revere this nation and the blessings it bestows on my fellow man, even Lodhi and Dijeack.

I will not, however, forget its past, its history, its trials or troubles. This country was paid for in blood. If we forget this price that our ancestors paid, black and white, Northern and Southern, the rest is worth nothing.

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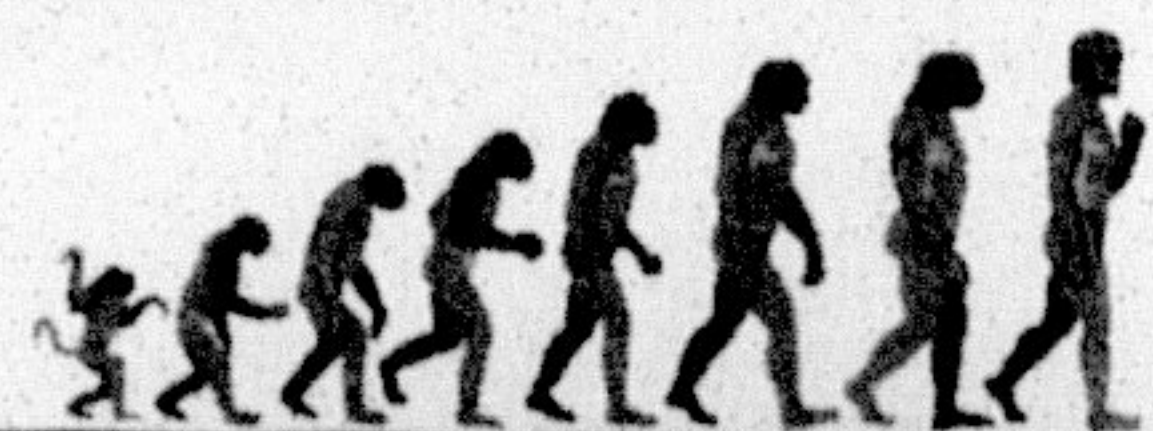
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ONLY HUMAN

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP)—A 19-year-old man accused of shooting a Schenectady police officer has plead guilty.

The surprise plea, which will net Bronx native Kami Hodge a 20-year-to-life prison sentence, came on Tuesday—the day before jury selection for his Schenectady County Court trial was set to begin. Hodge faces sentencing on Aug. 14.

Hodge, also known as James Smith, pedaled a bike past two police officers on Dec. 6, 1999 and taunted them. When police gave chase, Hodge abandoned his bike and ran into a convenience store parking lot.

Officer Edward Ritz attempted to intercept him, but Hodge pulled out a pistol and opened fire. Ritz was struck, but his life was saved by the bulletproof vest he was wearing.

Hodge appeared in court Tuesday morning wearing handcuffs, ankle manacles and an orange jail jumpsuit. He offered mostly single-word responses when Judge Michael C. Eidens questioned him about the shooting.

"Was your intent when you fired a bullet to hit and kill Ritz?" Eidens asked.

Hodge paused for nearly five seconds before responding: "Yes, sir."

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP)—San Joaquin County Deputy District Attorney Stephen Taylor wants to clear the air—he's filed a motion requesting the court compel convicted rapist Jose Azua to shower within 15 hours of his court dates. Azua, 41, is scheduled for a July 31 hearing in which a judge will rule on whether a jury should decide if Azua is a sexually violent predator. But Azua has been refusing showers lately, and Taylor wants the court to order him to clean up his act.

Taylor, one of several deputy district attorneys who handles the sexually violent-predator trials, said Azua and other potential sexually violent predators are showing less interest in coming to court clean.

COMING TO BLOWS



Kristen Holtvedt and Amy Allen having the daily dispute over whose turn it is to clean the dirty dishes and do other housework in their shared living area. Problems like these often occur between new roommates, says the department of housing. (photo by Shane Cranford)

Roommates find ways to avoid slugging it out

Brian Frizzelle
FEATURES WRITER

Suddenly having to share a tiny space with a stranger can be a daunting task for a student new

to university life. While some find the idea of living with someone new attractive, the altered circumstances can cause some serious conflict.

Roommate problems generally fall into three categories: lack of effective communication, respect and privacy issues, and living space conflicts. Living space problems include security, food, and cleanliness. Some roommates don't lock the door when they leave, some eat their roommate's food or use their toothpaste, and others disagree on each other's personal hygiene regimen.

"Most students are not used to sharing a room," said Phil McDaniel, coordinator for Belk. "They come from different walks

of life. We hope that they can learn about different backgrounds from their roommate and experience other types of life."

"It has a lot to do with give and take," said Carlos Brown, assistant director of Housing. "You'd be surprised at what people get in arguments about."

The ability for roommates to talk to each other about what's bothering them is a definite plus. If they do not discuss their problems with each other, those difficulties tend to increase until an easy solution is almost impossible.

"The biggest problem is communication and understanding," said Lisa Lenke, resident advisor for Clement. "You have to be laid back and flexible."

Roommates also need to be able to respect the wishes and privacy of the other per-

son. They should be careful of having constant visitors, especially during those times that their roommate has reserved for sleep or study. They should make sure that they don't forget to give their roommate their phone messages. They also should under-

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Carlos Brown
Assistant Director, Housing



Holtvedt talks to Teresa Ray about problems with Allen. Students should communicate with their roommate about problems they may be having. (photo by Shane Cranford)

PICK OF THE **WEEK:** *Sonic Jihad* by Snake River ConspiracyEmily Little
FEATURES EDITOR

You may have heard this band on 99X already. They've just started playing Snake River Conspiracy's version of "How Soon is Now"—you know, The Smiths song that Love Spit Love remade for the introduction to the movie *The Craft* and the TV show "Charmed." You'll hear it sooner or later because it's a really good rendition.

Snake River Conspiracy includes a really angry girl named Tobey Torres and her good friend Jason Slater, who used to be a member of Third Eye Blind. But, fear not, this album is not even remotely like the driveling whines of Slater's former band. This is more like what Portishead and Garbage would sound like if they joined forces and listened to a lot of Tool.

The tunes on this album are so fluid that you'll forget it's electronic. Slater fills each song with hints of a melodic scale, giving the whole album a mysterious, dark feel. Add to that Torres' voice, a girlie one that



would really irritate on a pop genre backdrop but puts nice contrast on Slater's beats, and you have a likable combination.

But not everything is wonderful in Snake River. You begin to wonder, as you listen to each song closely, just what the parental advisory is doing on the cover of the album. The first nine songs seem harmless enough. You pick up the word "love" here and there, and nobody yells too much. There's the one song where Torres whines about people she hates at a party, or "Somebody Hates You," whose sarcastic tone muffles the anger.

But just when you think the censors have really overreacted, you come to track 10, "Vulcan," where Torres sounds like the 12 year old who just learned the "F" word. So much rage reminds you of the Seattle days, when everyone was ticked-off and just wanted to say so. But here it just sounds like a whiny girl who didn't get what she wanted for Christmas. And you can't even really tell who she's so mad at.

But other than that one song, this album is full of good stuff.

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stand that sometimes people have bad days and are irritable and have to be given space.

Some students like to room with friends from high school, but sharing a room with a friend from home is not always a great idea. Differences of opinion caused by shared living space can sometimes ruin close friendships.

"One of the most difficult things we run into is people sharing rooms with people from their past," Brown said.

Sometimes problems between roommates are greater than simple communication and respect.

"We do have students that steal from each other and other more serious incidents, but it is a very small percentage of what we see," said Myrna Hernandez, coordinator for Greene.

Upon moving into a residence hall, students will receive a copy

of "Roommate Relations," a pamphlet designed to help them work out problems that they may have with a roommate. They are also required to fill out and sign a roommate contract. In the first three weeks of each Fall semester resident advisors, or RA's, meet with each student to get to know them and address any problems they may have.

"Once roommates get past the first couple of weeks a lot of their problems, take care of themselves," McDaniel said.

When there is a dispute between roommates they first get together with their RA to talk it out and make revisions to their roommate contract. If that doesn't work, they go to the hall coordinator. If all other attempts at solving the problem fail, one roommate is removed.

"Students want to get out of the situation instead of working

it out," Hernandez said. "As long as they can live together peacefully that's the goal."

Problems between roommates is not uncommon. In fact, only a small percentage of students have no problems at all with their roommates.

"On a whole floor maybe two roommates get along perfectly," Lenke said.

The key to solving these problems is to get help as soon as the problem presents itself. Leaving the issue unattended only makes it worse and can lead to the break-up of a treasured friendship, or can hamper the development of a new one.

"Make sure you use your RA and coordinator when you have a problem," Brown said. "That's what they are there for."

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So long, Dean Speir



Ronald Speir said his goodbyes to faculty and students at his farewell party at the Student Recreation Center Wednesday. Speir has accepted a position at Barton College in Wilson, N.C.

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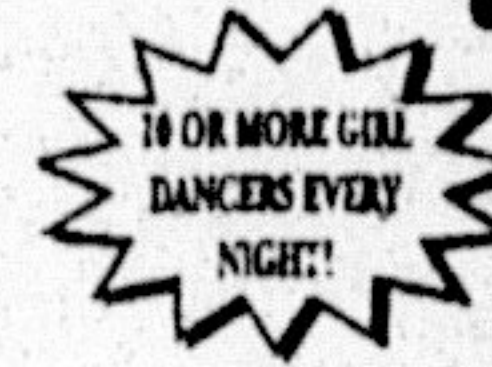
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**Lewis KOs
Botha**

Heavyweight Champion Lennox Lewis knocked out challenger Francois Botha at 2:39 in the second round. The London fight was little more than a \$6 million dollar payday for the defending champ. Next up for Lewis is a mandatory IBF title defense against top-ranked contender David Tua. After the fight Lewis responded to Mike Tyson's challenge. He stated that "the glamor is gone" off the prospect of a fight with Mike Tyson.

**Everett
loses cool**

The offices of Major League baseball will soon dish out a suspension for Red Sox Outfielder Carl Everett. Everett disputed home plate umpire Ronald Kulpa's ruling that he was setting up outside the batter's box during an at-bat in Saturday's game with the New York Mets. An argument then ensued, during which it appeared that Everett head butted Kulpa. Everett played Sunday in the Boston's game with the Montreal Expos. The outfielder kept his cool and hit a home run.

**Henderson
passes Ruth**

Mariners outfielder Ricky Henderson passed Babe Ruth on the all-time hit list Sunday. Henderson's eighth inning triple moved the veteran speedster into 35th place on the all-time list. Henderson's 3-5 afternoon gave him 2,875 career base hits and helped the Mariners to a 6-3 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks.



Hoops powers to come to Greenville

Pirates to join Cincinnati, Louisville, DePaul,
UNC-Charlotte in American Division

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

When ECU announced they would join Conference-USA, visions of the ECU basketball team playing Louisville, Cincinnati and DePaul year in and year out danced in Pirate fans' heads.

"For men's basketball we are going to be going into a conference that has tremendous history and it's going to be a great challenge," said Head Men's Basketball Coach Bill Herrion, upon joining the conference. "When you talk about Louisville, UNC Charlotte, DePaul, Houston, they have been to the Final Four and won national championships. There are some great teams on the men's side."

With C-USA's announcement of how they would divvy up the now 14 men's basketball teams in the conference, ECU will now get a little more cozy with the conference's basketball powerhouses.

C-USA will be split up into two seven-team divisions for the 2001-2002 season. ECU will belong to the American Division. Also in the American Division, are UNC-Charlotte, Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville, Marquette and Saint Louis.

The marquis name in the group is Cincinnati. The Bearcats have been one of college basketball's most consistent programs. The team has been the class of the conference for much of the last decade.

With the Bearcats in ECU's division, it means Cincinnati will play the Pirates twice a year, guaranteeing a visit to Greenville.

Also coming to Williams Arena each year will be the Louisville Cardinals. Under long-time head coach Denny Crum, the Cardinals have built a winning tradition and won two national championships.

The decision also ensures an in-state rivalry with UNC-Charlotte. Long overshadowed by their ACC cousins, the 49ers have built a strong program that



Beginning in 2001 Mingos Coliseum will play host to college basketball powerhouses such as Cincinnati, Louisville and DePaul. (file photo)

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made NCAA tournament twice in the '90s.

DePaul, a college basketball power in the '50s and '60s, fell on hard times during the last decade. Now under head coach Pat Kennedy, the Blue Demons are well on their way to recapturing past glory.

Marquette and Saint Louis round out the division.

The remaining seven teams will make up the National Divi-

sion. The division includes TCU, Houston, Memphis, South Florida, Southern Miss, Tulane and UAB.

"Scheduling is challenging with 14 teams. After reviewing different scenarios, the conference decided that this format meets the future needs of the league in terms of television exposure, continuing old rivalries, building new ones, and strengthening the league overall," said

Commissioner Mike Slive.

There will be four crossover games between teams in the two divisions on each team's schedule. In two of these games, opponents will be determined by a rotation. The other two will be chosen by the league.

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South Africa considering legally challenging 2006 World Cup

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)—The chairman of South Africa's 2006 World Cup bid committee plans to fly to Belgium to discuss with an attorney whether to legally challenge the FIFA vote that gave Germany the cup, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The South African Football Association decided that Irvin Khoza would discuss the issue with a Belgian attorney after a meeting in Johannesburg earlier this week, The Sunday Telegraph reported in London.

"We were contacted by a lawyer who is extremely knowledgeable about Swiss and administrative law and I want to meet with him," Khoza was quoted as saying.

Khoza declined to name the lawyer. Without providing details, Khoza said the bid commit-

tee was working on "one particular piece of evidence."

"We need to be convinced and I don't want to say anything that could pre-empt the situation," he was quoted as saying.

South Africa lost the bid in the third round of voting after Oceania Football Confederation president Charles Dempsey of New Zealand abstained, giving Germany a 12-11 lead.

Had Dempsey voted for South Africa, the vote would have been tied, and FIFA President Sepp Blatter would have been granted a second, tie-breaking vote. Blatter has openly advocated awarding the 2006 World Cup to Africa. Dempsey has since resigned from FIFA's executive committee.

Khoza said South Africa could not keep quiet about Dempsey's position.

"We have always said that we'd be perfectly comfortable if he had abstained from the start or voted for Germany in the crucial third ballot. The FIFA statutes may not say you can't abstain, but nor do they say you can't appeal," Khoza was quoted as saying.

Danny Jordaan, chief executive of the bid committee, did not immediately return a phone call placed by The Associated Press.

Meanwhile, South African media is campaigning to bring the 2010 World Cup to Africa. Several papers are publishing petitions urging FIFA to only consider African bids for the 2010 cup. Readers are instructed to sign the petitions and send them to the newspapers for delivery to FIFA ahead of its Aug. 3 meeting in Zurich, Switzerland.

Wagner card sold for \$1.1 million

NEW YORK (AP)—Honus Wagner is still a big hit after 91 years.

A near-mint condition card depicting the Hall of Fame Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop, issued in 1909 by the American Tobacco Company, fetched a winning bid of \$1.1 million on Saturday on the eBay online auction house.

The winning bidder, whose identity wasn't released, will pay nearly \$1.27 million, which includes a 15 percent buyer's premium.

Robert Lifson, President of Robert Edward Auctions, in Watchung, N.J., confirmed the sale price and said the buyer hadn't decided whether to make his name public.

Bidding on the card began at \$500,000 on July 5, and 13 total

bids were made.

The card, widely regarded as one of the rarest among collectors, is the finest known specimen of about 50 Wagner cards known to exist from the 1909 set. That set, known to collectors as the T206 set, is the most collected set of baseball cards ever.

"We've had several very high-priced items but, unfortunately, because of the sheer volume of items we don't have a list of highest auctions," eBay spokesman Kevin Pursglove said. "But it's safe to say that this Wagner card is in the top two or three."

The card, won in an auction for \$640,500 by renowned Chicago-based collector Michael Gidwitz in 1996, broke its own record for a sports card.

"I had a great time with this

card and I'll miss it," Gidwitz said. "I had a good time buying it and I wish the person who won it has as good a time with it as I had."

Gidwitz, 50, said he has been collecting baseball cards and other memorabilia for 42 years. His extensive collection includes uncut sheets of baseball cards and rare original paintings of comic books and MAD magazine covers.

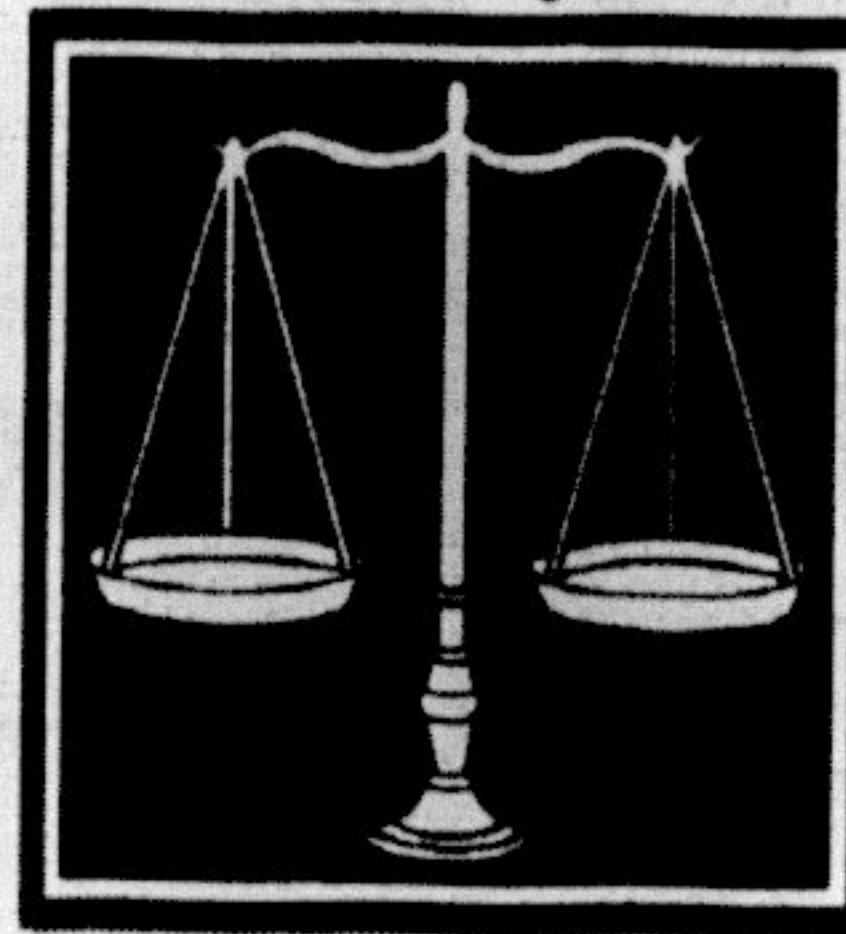
"The money's nice, but I sold this card to draw attention to the other things I have in my collection," Gidwitz said. "I owned it for 3 years and 10 months, and decided I wanted to sell it if I could have fun doing it. I certainly had fun and I feel like I'm in the card-collecting hall of fame."

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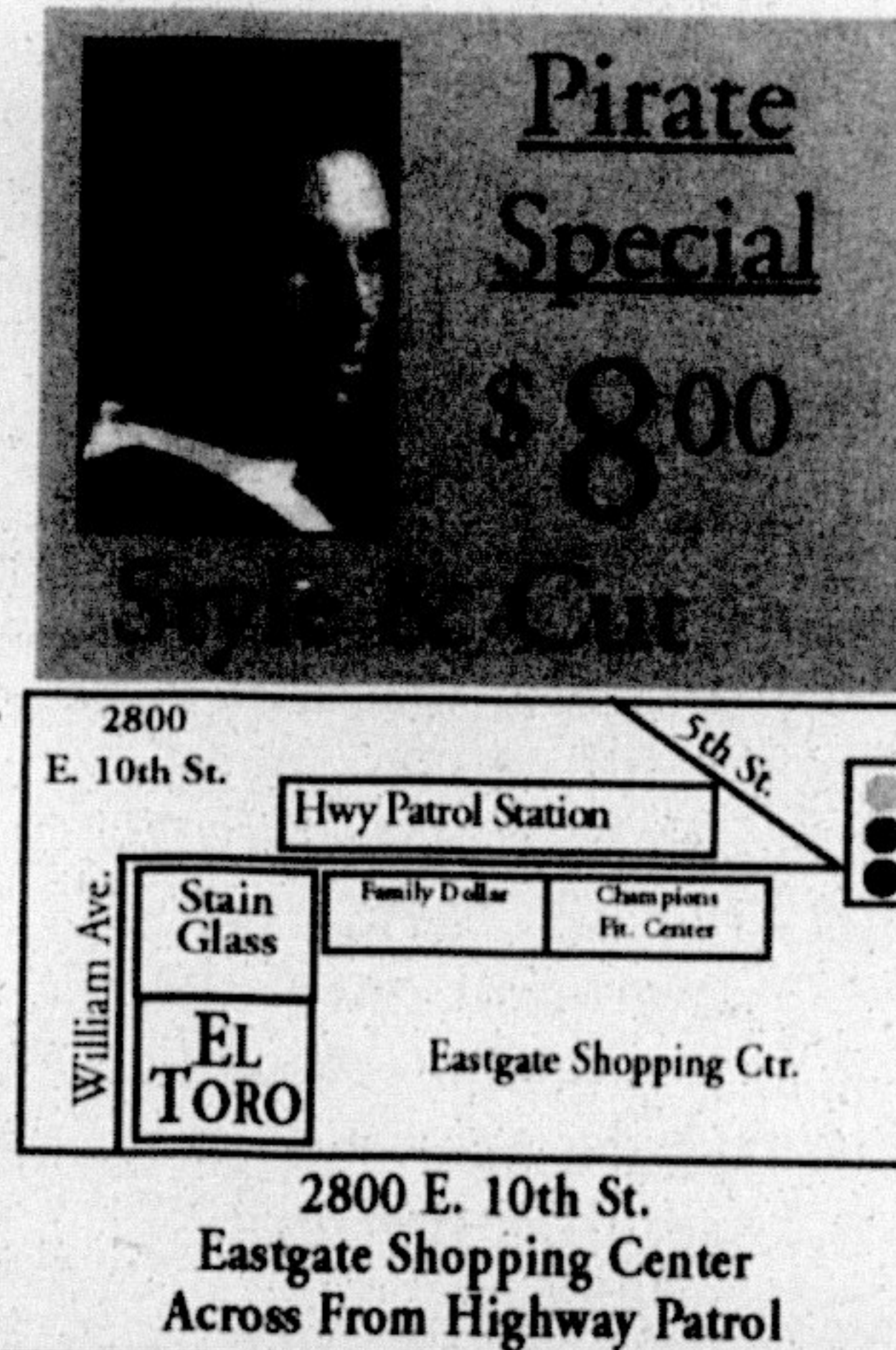
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Scandal documents show failure to act decisively

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Documents released by the University of Minnesota reveal a long pattern of failing to act decisively as officials were confronted with allegations of misconduct within the men's basketball program, the Star Tribune reported Saturday.

The documents, which are part of the university's response to the NCAA's charges of rules violations, also show that key officials involved in the academic fraud scandal continue to deny any individual responsibility, the newspaper said.

Although the university repeatedly acknowledged in the documents that it lacked institutional control over the basketball program, the individuals responsible still haven't accepted blame for their roles, University General Counsel Mark Rotenberg said.

"I don't think the appropriate individuals have yet come forward and accepted responsibility for what happened here," Rotenberg told the Star Tribune on Friday. "If you put

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Mark Rotenberg
University of Minnesota General Counsel

everyone's denials side by side, you'd be led to believe that this scandal happened all by itself, with no human actors at all. That is not a plausible scenario."

University officials will appear at a closed hearing by the NCAA infractions committee in Beaver Creek, Colo., Aug. 11-13 to argue that the basketball program shouldn't be penalized further.

Rotenberg said the university's strategy before the infractions committee will be to acknowledge its failures fully and note the sanctions it has self-imposed.

The self-sanctions include reducing the number of basketball scholarships, banning postseason play this past season, giving up past TV and NCAA tournament revenue totaling an estimated \$350,000 and restricting recruiting.

Virtually all of the infractions acknowledged in the more than 1,000 pages sent to the NCAA already had been reported after a

nine-month investigation last year.

In its report to the NCAA, the University noted many times when officials were informed of problems but didn't adequately investigate. Those allegations included suspicions that Jan Gangelhoff, who worked in the academic counseling unit, was doing players' coursework. Her admission to the Saint Paul Pioneer Press in March 1999 that she did more than 400 pieces of coursework for up to 20 players sparked the probe.

The Star Tribune said the documents point to failures by many former high-level officials, including McKinley Boston, Vice President for Student Development and Athletics; men's Athletic Director Mark Dienhart; Chris Schoemann, director of NCAA compliance, and others.

The papers show that officials had concerns about the academic

integrity of former coach Clem Haskins' basketball program dating to 1986, just months after he was hired to resurrect the program after a sexual assault scandal.

But, key figures in the scandal defended their roles in their own responses to the NCAA, many pointing fingers at Haskins, Gangelhoff and Alonzo Newby, a former basketball academic counselor who allegedly helped orchestrate the fraud with Haskins' knowledge. Some also suggested Boston should accept much of the blame.

Dienhart told the NCAA it's "simply not true" that he failed "to exert appropriate institutional control" over the basketball program while he ran the athletic department. "It appears that I was continuously deceived by coach Haskins and others," he said.

Schoemann described how, be-

fore the scandal, Boston decided not to follow his recommendation that Newby and Gangelhoff be fired. He said he reported all his findings as well as all of his suspicions to his superior.

In her response to the NCAA, Elayne Donahue, former director of the university's academic counseling unit, said officials dragged their heels or disregarded her concerns about academic integrity. She also said Haskins and Boston often accused those who disagreed with them of being racist.

Boston told the Star Tribune on Friday that he acted properly and suggested Gangelhoff was at the root of the academic scandal. He didn't write a letter to the NCAA defending himself, he said, "because I didn't have anything else to say."

He said he didn't recall having any conversation or correspondence with Schoemann about whether Gangelhoff or Newby should have been fired. And he adamantly denied discussing race issues with Donahue other than concerning programs to support underprepared students.



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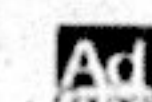
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