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Students arrested for identity theft, fraud

Suspects could spend time in prison

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Two ECU students were arrested March 28 for stealing and using another student's credit cards at Victoria's Secret and Trade Mart in January.

Major Frank Knight of the ECU Police Department said a 21-year-old female student went to the Student Recreation Center Jan. 17 and left her wallet unattended. Two other female students, both 18, picked up the wallet and asked if it belonged to anyone in the room. When no one answered, they left with it.

The wallet contained credit cards from Victoria's Secret, Shell, Chase and a Credit Union debit card. The two women went to Victoria's Secret and Trade Mart before throwing the credit cards away.

The 21-year-old victim reported her wallet missing to the check-in area at the SRC and personnel called the police.

Knight said police backtracked by looking at a surveillance video from the SRC and interviewing witnesses. Police were able to identify two suspects the next day but had additional work to complete before calling them in.

"By the time we got through all the interviews it was March 28," said Knight.

Police called the two suspects to the station and they were arrested for financial card theft, financial identity fraud, larceny of a wallet and larceny of financial cards.

"Student number one admitted to most [of the crime] ... the second suspect admitted to everything," Knight said.

They were taken to the magistrate's office and each were released under $25,000 unsecured bonds, meaning they do not have to pay any money unless they miss their court date.

Knight said such a crime can lead to time in prison, but the punishment could be less severe if this is their first offense.

"The first time around they'll probably make restitution, have some form of probation and some sort of counseling," Knight said.

These arrests are just one of many financial card thefts in the last couple of weeks at ECU. At least four financial card theft instances were reported to ECU police between March 28 and April 1. An ARAMARK cashier was also arrested one month ago for identity theft and identity fraud when she kept and used cards from her customers.

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Uptown Greenville revitalization underway

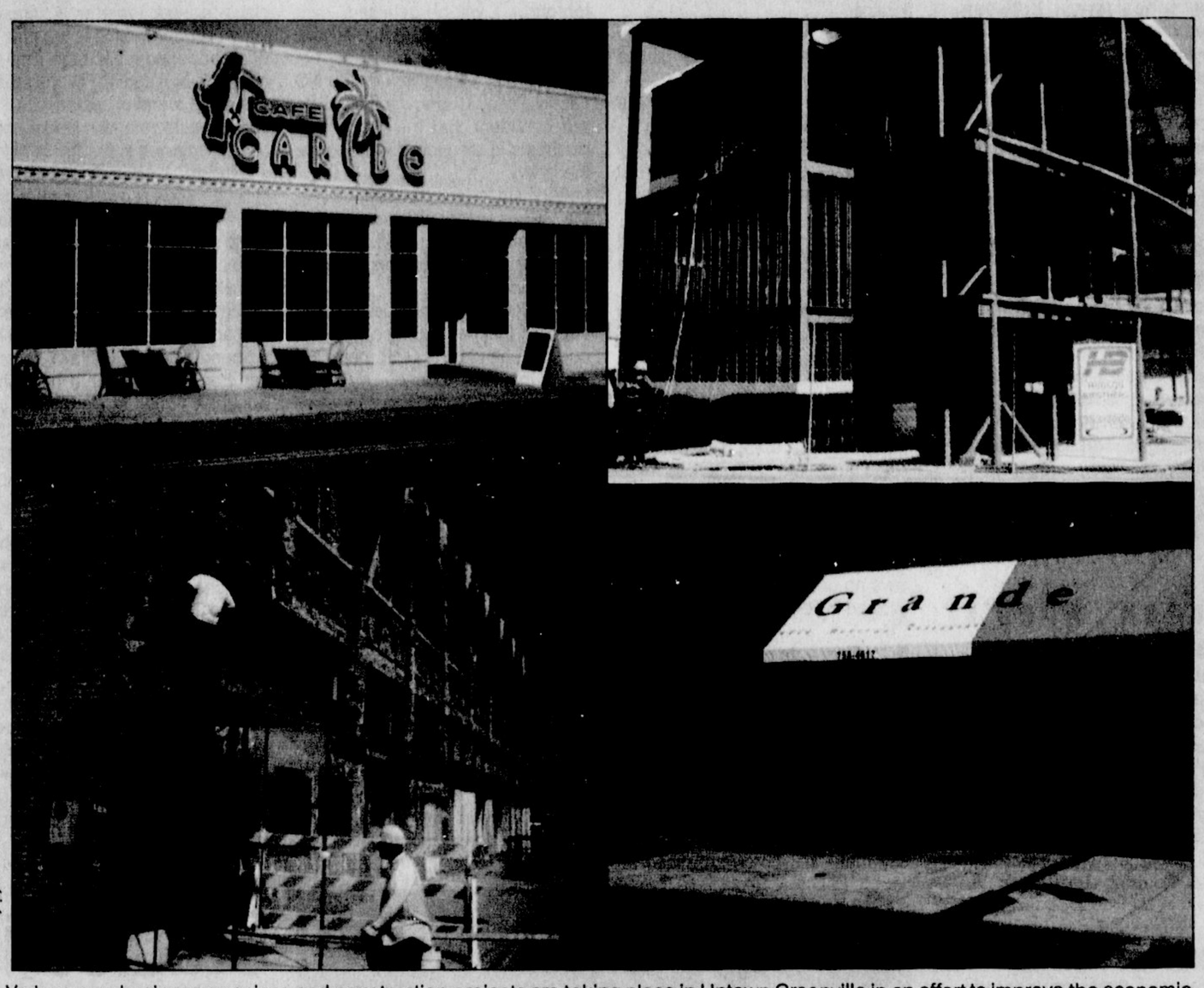

Photo by Kyle Fisher

Various new business openings and construction projects are taking place in Uptown Greenville in an effort to improve the economic development of the area along with the standard of living. These efforts would ultimately benefit both Greenville and ECU.

New businesses help revitalize area

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A revitalization of Uptown Greenville is underway with a number of new businesses and attractions making the area a more appealing destination.

Crucial to the revitalization effort is the recent securing of downtown development bonds that will provide funding to improve the uptown area.

Don Edwards, owner of U.B.E., has taken an active role in the revitalization effort and hopes to improve the standard of living in town. Edwards noted college towns like Boulder, Colo. and Austin, Texas are among the best places in the country to live and said Greenville has the potential to join that category on a smaller scale.

"We want to achieve that in Greenville ... on a smaller stage," said Edwards.

In recent months, a number of new businesses that provide uptown with variety and a fresh feel have opened their doors.

On Evans Street, a new coffee house called Via Cappuccino is neighbored by the Tipsy Teapot, a new tearoom. Just up the street from the two businesses, the antiquated Blount-Harvey building is under renovation.

Another factor contributing to the revitalization of the area, Edwards said, is a change in the bar district, such as the addition of a dueling-piano bar called Café Caribe and the addition of outdoor seating at Chico's.

"What we're seeing is an evolution of more and better businesses," Edwards said.

Still in the planning stage is a hotel that would service the area.

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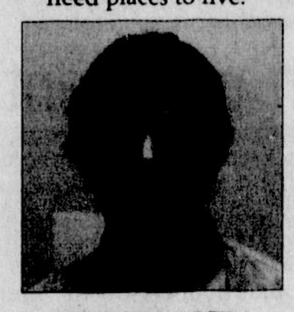
What do you think about the city ordinance?

JIHAN HOWARD
FRESHMAN CHILD DEV. AND FAM. RELATIONS

"Stupid because people need places to live."



PHILIP HERENDEEN
SOPHOMORE REC. AND LEISURE STUDIES

"The more people living in a place would cut down on expenses."

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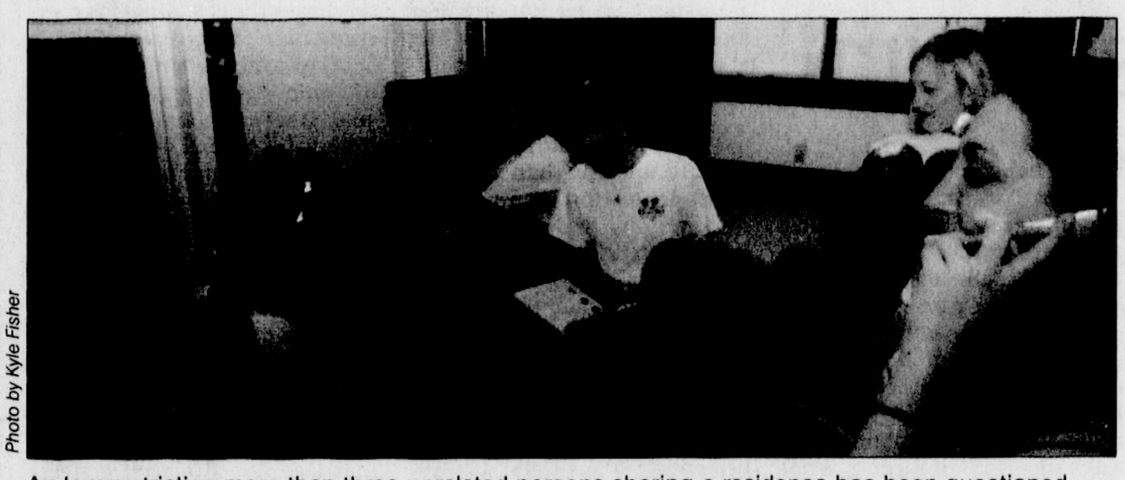
AMOS SHAW
SOPHOMORE BUSINESS MARKETING

"It's terrible. If the apartment can hold that many, why can't they?"



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An law restricting more than three unrelated persons sharing a residence has been questioned.

City task force formed, strives to improve student living conditions

Residence ordinances under question

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Efforts to preserve neighborhoods in Greenville have been made by the city council, who formed the task force on preservation of neighborhoods and housing and asked them to address several issues impacting students and Greenville residents.

At a Feb. 21 city council meeting, some of the findings of the task force were presented, leading to a negative response from some area landlords.

Some of the suggestions were rezoning multi-family areas into single-family areas, creating a rental property database that tracks violations and enforcement activity and allowing ticketing for non-amplified human voices.

Each suggestion carries with it a cost to enforce.

Tim Ferruzzi, owner of Pirate Stuff and Handy Helpers, owns 16 properties, which he rents out to college students in the area around ECU. He said these suggestions all seem to be made with the intention of squeezing college students and landlords out of the areas near ECU.

After hearing about the suggestions offered at the city council meeting from another landlord, Ferruzzi helped organize the 50-plus member Landlord Association to protect the interests of renters in the area.

"We have issues with some of the items they consider pertinent," said Ferruzzi.

"We felt as landlords that if we didn't stand up, these things would work their way in."

A main effort in the task force is combating the ordinance, stating more than three unrelated persons cannot share the same residence.

Ferruzzi said it is to his understanding that this ordinance is outdated and is no longer needed in today's society. Renting a four to five person house to only three students puts both students and landlords in an impractical financial situation.

"No one can afford it," Ferruzzi said.

The idea of rezoning property would put a limit on what an owner could do with his property, such as the ability to turn a couple of properties into thin row-houses, Ferruzzi said.

Ferruzzi said the database would create problems for landlords by allowing anyone with a vendetta to register complaints, valid or not.

The ticketing for non-amplified voices is an issue that would be sure to create controversy in neighborhoods around ECU.

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Academic Affairs, Student Life partner to improve retention rates

Two offices examine multiple related factors

CHRIS MUNIER
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ECU is conglomerating multiple university functions to improve retention rates and help students achieve more during their college careers.

Donald Joyner, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, and Alfred Smith, assistant vice chancellor for student development, are partnering in order to make an increased effort to alleviate the situation.

The idea is to get academics involved with Student Life and Campus Living in order to motivate students. If the two offices reinforce one another, more problem areas for students can be addressed.

Smith said collaboration between academic and student affairs was a logical extension of what ECU already does with student intervention. There are many operations involved with intervention.

"It is imperative we work together to retain students and not only retain them, but to help them succeed academically," said Joyner.

Offering quality advising and giving students a sense of belonging and clear career direction is how they want to retain students and make them more qualified.

"The success students have academically has a lot to do with what happens outside the classroom," Joyner said.

Smith said there have been surveys given to students in order to investigate some of the factors that lead to academic struggles. The survey yielded students have the most difficulty with stress, test taking and poor attendance.

"We give the students a survey and say, 'tell us what you think the factors are,'" said Smith.

Joyner gave an example of how different university groups can combat academic problems. He said academic difficulty reports evaluate freshmen students and provide information to Campus Living and dormitory officials try to help students.

Freshmen are evaluated on test performance, class atten-

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Partnership

ECU Counseling Center
Study results have yielded:

- Among students on academic probation, 92 percent questioned said they spend less than 10 hours per week studying.
- 32.5 percent attributed a great extent of their problems to stress.
- 28.1 percent say test taking is a great extent of their problems.
- 27.6 percent say poor attendance is a great extent of their problems.

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Announcements

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings will be held every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in 14 Mendenhall Student Center. For more information, call 760-500-8918.

Med-Law Classic

The Pitt County Health Education Foundation is sponsoring the 2005 Med-Law Classic April 7 at 6 p.m. in Minges Coliseum. Witness this annual event between physicians and attorneys as they compete on the basketball court. Bring the entire family for other entertainment such as prizes, children's games, food and more. Contact 758-8833 for more information.

Safety Awards Banquet

The Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce and the NC Department of Labor are sponsoring the 17th Annual Safety Awards Banquet April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Greenville Hilton. The banquet is in recognition of businesses and industries whose programs in accident prevention and records in safety qualify them for awards. For more information, call 752-4101.

Queen Anne's Revenge

A scientific symposium to review research involving artifacts discovered at the wreck of what could be *Queen Anne's Revenge*, the flagship of Blackbeard, will be held at ECU throughout the day Friday, April 8 at the Willis Building. For more information, visit qaronline.org or contact Mark Wilde-Ramsing at 726-6841.

Someone's Sister

Someone's Sister, the acoustic guitar group that played during the intermission of the *Vagina Monologues*, has a number of local performances during the next month. The group plays April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Sci-tech Auditorium at ECU and opens for Michelle Cliff as part of the Southeastern Women's Studies Association Conference.

Symposium

Undergraduate studies is holding the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Symposium Friday, April 8 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in MSC on the second floor. The symposium will present original research in fine arts, humanities and cultural issues, biological and public health sciences, social sciences, allied health, chemistry and industrial technology.

Public Lecture

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, department of history, department of political science, the African Studies Committee and the office of the vice chancellor of academic affairs are sponsoring a lecture entitled "Rwanda: Before and After the Genocide" April 8 at 2 p.m. in 209 Science and Technology Building. Catharine Newbury, professor of government at Smith College, will be presenting the lecture.

Contra Dance

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers are sponsoring a contra dance Saturday, April 9 at the Willis Building at First and Reade Streets. Potluck dinner is at 6 p.m., a concert at 7 p.m., beginners lesson at 7:30 p.m. and the contra dance from 8 - 10:30 p.m. Live, old-time and Celtic music will be performed by a string band. The cost of admission is $3 for students, $5 for FASG members and $8 for the general public. For more information, call 752-7350.

National Security

The office of military programs and the security studies program at ECU is sponsoring "National Security Challenges of the 21st Century," a panel discussion by the Army War College's Eisenhower Series College Program Tuesday, April 12 3:30 - 5 p.m. in room SZ C307 Science and Technology Building. For more information please contact Rick Kilroy at 328-2349 at kilyroyr@mail.ecu.edu.

Want your event printed in *TEC*? Please send your announcements with date, time, location and contact information to assistantnewseditor@theeastcarolinian.com.

News Briefs

Local

Hickory mayor wants to restrict speech in town

HICKORY, NC – The mayor of Hickory wants a city ordinance that would restrict the use of obscene words on T-shirts and bumper stickers.

Mayor Rudy Wright made the suggestion Tuesday after recently seeing a young man wearing a T-shirt with an obscene word.

It was "the one unspeakable word," said Wright. "I've never seen that and I've been to places a lot bigger than Hickory."

He said he also saw the same word on a bumper sticker on a car parked at a restaurant in town.

"Where are we going to draw the line?" he asked. "There is no line."

The mayor suggested that city attorneys review the strictest municipal law in the country regarding free speech.

Council attorney John Crone said cities struggle to legislate free speech.

"There is a fine line about free speech and what a governing body can do," said Crone.

"I'm not a prudish person, but there is a limit to this type of stuff," Wright said after the meeting. "I'll tell a dirty joke in a heartbeat, but this was ridiculous."

The mayor also told the council he recently went into an adult shop to research a complaint. He would like a sign at the store's entrance that says no one under the age of 18 is allowed inside.

NC lottery vote could come Wednesday, but delays possible

RALEIGH, NC – The state House could vote on whether to start a NC lottery as early as Wednesday afternoon, House Speaker Jim Black said Tuesday, but there could be plenty of reasons for a delay.

Lottery supporters and opponents say there still don't appear to be enough votes to pass a bill, the details of which were still being worked out by leaders of a committee hand-picked by Black.

"I'm still thinking about [Wednesday]" for a floor vote, Black said. But he'd be willing to wait, especially if he doesn't have the 61 votes necessary for a majority.

"I've let things roll over for a week or more," he said.

Opponents sounded confident that they could withstand a Wednesday vote.

"If our Republican members are here tomorrow, it will be defeated," said House Minority Whip Mitch Gillespie, R-McDowell.

John Rustin, a lobbyist with the NC Family Policy Council, added: "We are confident that the majority of members in the House will oppose the lottery."

Lottery supporters, however, believe the vote is close, with only two or three votes separating them from victory. A dozen legislators or fewer appear undecided.

The outcome is "left to be determined," said Rep. Stephen LaRoque, R-Lenoir, one of a handful of GOP members who support the lottery.

National

Hundreds mourn Terri Schiavo in Florida at funeral Mass

GULFPORT, Fla. – Speaking before hundreds of mourners at a funeral Mass planned by her parents, Terri Schiavo's sister said the severely brain damaged woman showed the world perseverance and determination.

Suzanne Vitadamo, whose family fought to keep Schiavo's husband from removing her feeding tube so she could die, said Schiavo's smile brought them great joy and she missed her.

"You didn't want to give up but God called you home and he loves you more than we do," Vitadamo said Tuesday.

Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, sat in the front row of Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church joined by their two other grown children. Outside, mourners sat in folding chairs or stood as the service was relayed on loudspeakers. At least 800 people attended.

In the homily, the Rev. Frank Pavone, national director of the anti-abortion group Priests For Life, urged mourners to keep striving for what the late Pope John Paul II called a "culture of life."

"God calls us to go forth from this place to work together, to preach, to proclaim and witness together so what happened in this tragic case will never happen again," Pavone said to a raucous round of applause.

A table beside the altar held a photo of Schiavo taken in the 1980s before she suffered brain damage, one of the pictures widely shown in the last days of the protracted right-to-die case. A photo and gold bust of the pope also were on the table.

Schiavo's parents had opposed her cremation and hoped to bury her in their adopted state of Florida. But her husband, Michael Schiavo, ordered her cremation and said her ashes would be buried in his family's plot in Pennsylvania, the state where Terri Schiavo grew up and where the couple met.

Ex-maid testifies she saw Jackson showering with little boy

SANTA MARIA, Calif. – A former maid for Michael Jackson said she once entered the pop star's bedroom and, through bathroom steam, saw him showering with a boy who often slept in the pop star's bed.

The woman, who was Jackson's personal maid for about five years and whose son settled a molestation claim with the singer, told of seeing Jackson in the shower with a boy about 8 years old who frequently stayed at Neverland.

"Are you aware of him staying anywhere other than in Michael Jackson's bedroom?" asked prosecutor Ron Zonen.

"No," said the woman, speaking with a Spanish accent. "He stay there."

The woman was called to the stand in Jackson's child molestation trial Tuesday after her son came under tough cross-examination about his story of being molested three times more than a decade ago. He received a $2.4 million settlement from Jackson in 1994 after claiming the pop star groped him.

The woman was part of a prosecution effort to show that Jackson has a pattern of molestation or inappropriate behavior with boys, which could add credibility to the current accuser's molestation allegations.

Jackson is accused of molesting a 13-year-old cancer survivor in February or March of 2003. The case was scheduled to resume Thursday after a break Wednesday.

International

U.S. military helicopter crashes in Afghanistan, kills at least five

KABUL, Afghanistan – A U.S. military helicopter crashed in southeast Afghanistan on Wednesday, killing at least five people including four American crew members, the military said.

An Afghan official said, however, that nine bodies had been found so far and all were wearing American uniforms.

Bad weather appeared to have caused the crash of the Chinook helicopter near Ghazni city, 80 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul, military spokeswoman Lt. Cindy Moore told The Associated Press.

She said the helicopter, carrying at least one passenger as well as the four crew members, was one of two Chinooks flying to the main American base at Bagram, north of Kabul, when controllers lost radio contact with the doomed aircraft.

"Indications are it was bad weather and that there were no survivors," Moore said.

The identity of the passengers was not immediately released.

Abdul Rahman Sarjang, the chief of police in Ghazni, said the helicopter came down at about 2:30 p.m. near a brick factory three miles outside the city and burst into flames. U.S. troops rushed to cordon the area to look for any survivors, he said.

Suspected rebels force their way into house with bus passengers

SRINAGAR, India – Two suspected Islamic militants launched an attack Wednesday against the biggest India-Pakistan peace gesture in decades, storming into a government guest house holding more than two dozen passengers of the first bus across divided Kashmir, police and witnesses said.

Both attackers were killed and at least three people were wounded, but all the bus passengers were safe, said Director-General of Police Gopal Sharma, the state's police chief.

Most of the sprawling quadrangular building was gutted by 100-feet high flames and smoke poured out of windows as people jumped from the ground floor assisted by soldiers. The heat was so intense that firefighters could not enter the building.

It was the biggest attack yet against the bus service, set to be inaugurated Thursday by Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. It will connect Srinagar and Muzaffarabad, the capitals of the Himalayan region divided for decades between India and Pakistan.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack. However four Islamic militant groups, fighting Indian security forces in Kashmir since 1989, have threatened to disrupt the bus service.

Photo by Kyle Fisher

Students view the game in the newly constructed jungle.

ECU community responds to new baseball stadium

Facility draws differing opinions of the Jungle

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The Pirate baseball team started out the baseball season playing in a brand new stadium that has drawn differing views from the student body and facility personnel.

The Clark-LeClaire baseball stadium project started in May 2004. It took nine months and an estimated $100,000 to complete. The project was funded by the ECU Pirate Club along with other individual contributors.

According to J.J. McLamb, assistant athletics director for operations/equipment, the project turned out to be a success.

"We felt that the whole area needed to be improved. It gave the field a cleaner look and now holds more students and fans than it did prior to the reconstruction," said McLamb.

The area was enlarged quite a bit. It used to only take up the left field but it now extends past left field.

The jungle is a traditional area of the field designated for students and fans watching the game from the outfield perspective. In building the new stadium, the jungle had to be torn down. The large trees that loomed over the outfield fences were cut down and the elevation was raised with a dirt hill that stretches across the entire fence. New trees were planted and grass was put on top of the dirt hill to create an overall natural looking area. A fence separates the hill from the parking lot directly behind it.

Though students can generally say the stadium is a wonderful contribution to ECU, certain concerns have been voiced by select groups concerning some of the changes made.

Before, students were able to park their cars and bring coolers and grills out into the jungle area and still be able to see the field and watch the game.

Now that the hill has gone in and the fence determining the stadium perimeter has been moved back, it is not possible to hang out, drink and watch the game at the same time because alcohol is not allowed in the stadium.

There have been many student voices that have come forward and said they do not like the changes made to the jungle.

Jody Brooks, junior construction management major, is one of them.

"Don't get me wrong, the stadium is beautiful and we are lucky to have it, but I just don't think they considered what the students really want. The jungle is an ECU tradition and I don't think it should have been changed," said Brooks.

Though this change does not prohibit students from having a good time, it has caused them to adjust the tradition of many years of baseball celebration.

"Students have never been able to drink inside of any ECU facility. Things have not really changed that much. You can still tailgate in the parking lot just don't bring it into the stadium," McLamb said.

Melissa Benedict, junior social work major, is happy to have the stadium.

"I think people are being silly with this whole thing. So what if you can't drink in the jungle. It sounds bad to complain about a stadium that looks so much better than it did before," said Benedict.

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Studies indicate young adults show higher tolerance rates

Racial, sexual preference groups gaining approval

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Studies indicate young adults in America are becoming more tolerant on sexual preference, gender and ethnicity despite the opinions of previous generations.

In America today, issues such as the right for homosexuals to marry, various immigration laws and discrimination based on race are issues that are important to look at because of the shifting and growing attitude of multiculturalism.

"Our analysis shows that today's young adults are more socially tolerant than any previous generation of Americans since polling began," said William Galston, director of Center for Information on Civic Learning and Engagement.

According to research done by CIRCLE, 69 percent of 18 - 29-year-olds support gay marriage or legal civil unions for gay and lesbian couples, compared to 60 percent of 30 - 44 and 45 - 59-year-olds and 54 percent of those 60 and older. The information is relevant due to the increase of voters during the 2004 election. The rates of young voters rose by more than 50 percent. Not only is the right for homosexuals to marry gaining approval, equal employment opportunity for homosexuals is rapidly gaining approval. According to the research done by CIRCLE, 70 percent of 18 - 25-year-olds supported laws preventing job discrimination against gays and lesbians, up significantly from 51 percent in 1988. Also, CIRCLE found that 85 percent of 18 - 25 year-olds support homosexuals serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, rising from 59 percent in 1992.

Gays and lesbians are not the only minority group gaining more acceptance and approval. CIRCLE found the statement "Over the past few years, blacks have gotten less than they deserve" has met with a 40 percent approval rate in the 18 - 25-year-old bracket as opposed to 28 percent of people 26 or older. Also, support for segregated neighborhoods has sharply declined, falling from 24 percent of 18 - 25-year-olds in 1972 to 4 percent in 1996. Support for a ban on interracial marriage has also seen a steep decline, falling from 20 percent in 1972 to 4 percent in 2002. Concerning increasing diversity approval, a survey conducted by the Social Capital Survey found that 18 - 25-year-olds are twice as likely as those aged 38 - 56 to invite friends who are of a different race over to their house.

Immigrants in America have seen more support and acceptance because of the growing diversity among young Americans. The number of young Americans who support the statement "Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care" is less than 30 percent, compared to 35 percent of 26 - 37-year-olds. The most tolerant age group of Americans who support the rights and privileges of immigrants is the 15 - 25-year-old age bracket.

"The reason the numbers are higher is that we are more globally connected to the plights of different people and cultures," said Tamika Walker, senior music education major and president of the Black Student Union.

"This allows us to learn more now than the previous generation could and to see the effects of how being close-minded effects humans."

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Iraqi parliament elects Kurdish president

AP

Interim president Jalal Talbani with his vice presidents.

(AP) BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Iraqi parliament chose Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani as the country's new interim president Wednesday, reaching out to a long-repressed minority and bringing the country closer to its first democratically elected government in 50 years.

Ousted members of the former regime – including toppled leader Saddam Hussein – were to watch the announcement on televisions in their prison cells, Iraqi officials said. It wasn't clear if they would watch it live or on a tape.

Adel Abdul-Mahdi, a Shiite, and interim President Ghazi al-Yawer, a Sunni Arab, were chosen as Talabani's two vice presidents. After weeks of at times tense negotiations, the three candidates received 227 votes. Thirty ballots were left blank.

The announcement of the vote drew applause, and many lawmakers crowded around Talabani to congratulate him. In the Kurdish north, which had led uprisings against Saddam, crowds danced in the streets, celebrating.

Talabani was expected to be sworn into his post, which is largely ceremonial, Thursday, then name Shiite leader Ibrahim al-Jaafari prime minister, clearing the way for talks on a new constitution that must be completed by Aug. 15.

Speaking after his election, Talabani called on neighboring countries to help prevent foreign insurgents from crossing into Iraq. He also made a gesture toward those who side with the insurgency.

"As for the Iraqis who are carrying weapons out of patriotic and anti-occupation motives, those people are our brothers and it is possible to talk with them and to reach a solution," Talabani said.

He added that his government would work to provide security so that U.S.-led coalition forces "could return home after the completion of building [Iraqi] armed forces that are capable of finishing off terrorism."

Aside from electing the prime minister, the president's post is largely ceremonial. Talabani and his two vice presidents – known collectively as the presidential council – are supposed to "represent the sovereignty of Iraq and oversee the higher affairs of the country," according to the interim constitution.

Before the session began, Hussain al-Shahristani of the Shiite-led United Iraqi Alliance said the choice of Talabani reflected efforts to represent the nation's diverse ethnic and religious groups in the new leadership.

"We agreed on Talabani because of his qualities and patriotic history," he said.

The Kurdish-led coalition in parliament won 75 of the 275 seats in the Jan. 30 elections. Kurds make up 20 percent of the country's 26 million people – Shiites make up 60 percent and

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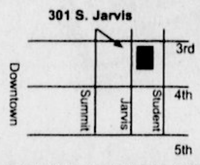

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Cardinals set April 18 as date to start conclave

AP

A Catholic nun, Sister Marta decorates a balcony over the main entrance to Saint Mary's basilica in Wadowice, Poland.

VATICAN CITY — The College of Cardinals Wednesday set April 18 as the date for the historic start of the conclave to elect a successor to Pope John Paul II, as the Vatican made final arrangements for the funeral expected to draw millions of pilgrims and world leaders to Rome.

The decision came after the cardinals read John Paul's spiritual testament during a pre-conclave meeting Wednesday, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said, adding that the text would be released Thursday.

Navarro-Valls said cardinals would celebrate a morning Mass April 18, then be sequestered in the Sistine Chapel in the early afternoon to start the conclave. According to church law, prelates are expected to hold one ballot on the first day of a conclave.

The date was set on the third day of meetings of cardinals who have flocked to Rome for Friday's funeral and burial of John Paul. Navarro-Valls ruled out that the late pope's body might be brought to St. John Lateran basilica, across Rome, before it is buried, as was done for Pope Pius XII when he died in 1958.

The reading of John Paul's testament was unlikely to influence the choice of the 117 cardinals who will cast ballots for the next head of the 1 billion-strong church.

The documents also did not reveal the name of a cardinal John Paul said he named in 2003 but never publicly identified, ending speculation that a last-minute cardinal might join the conclave.

The name of the cardinal was held "in pectore," or "in the heart" – a formula that has been used when a pope wants to appoint a cardinal in a country where the church is oppressed.

Navarro-Valls also said that with huge crowds already converging on Rome, the Vatican could not meet the requests – "by Romans and non-Romans" – for a viewing at what is Rome's cathedral. Instead, John Paul will be buried immediately after the funeral in the grotto under St. Peter's Basilica.

In a major change to a centuries-old practice of electing a new pope, the Vatican has said it planned to ring bells in addition to sending up white smoke to announce that a new pope has been chosen.

Black smoke coming from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel signals no decision has been made after a papal ballot, while white smoke means a pope has been elected.

In the past, it has sometimes been hard to tell whether the smoke from the Vatican chimney was white or black. "This time we plan to ring the bells to make the election of the pope clearer," Archbishop Piero Marini said Tuesday.

In another change from past papal elections, cardinals voting in the conclave will have access to all of Vatican City during the election, as opposed to being sequestered in the Sistine Chapel, Marini said.

Mourners are streaming past John Paul's crimson-robed remains at the rate of 600,000 a day in an almost round-the-clock procession through St. Peter's Basilica, city authorities said. The crush of pilgrims on the road leading to the Vatican will rise sharply when an expected 2 million Poles arrive in Rome for Friday's funeral of the Polish-born pontiff.

Pilgrims stood in a line more than a mile long for 12 hours in chilly pre-dawn temperatures Wednesday for a brief glimpse of the pope's body.

Italy was calling in extra police to the capital and planned to seal off much of the Eternal City Friday to protect a VIP contingent that will include dozens of heads of state from around the world. President Bush and the first lady, former President Clinton, former President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will represent the United States.

John Paul, who died Saturday at 84, made his wish known "to be buried in the ground," said Marini, a longtime aide as papal master of ceremonies.

Marini said John Paul would be buried with a white silk veil on his face, his body clad in liturgical vestments and the white miter. Keeping with tradition, his remains will be placed inside three coffins – wood, zinc and wood – a design meant to slow down the decomposition process.

A small bag of commemorative medals issued over the course of his 26-year pontificate, as well as a sealed document featuring a brief description in Latin of John Paul's life, will be buried with him, Marini said.

He said Polish wishes will go unfulfilled that soil from the pope's native country would be placed in the coffin.

In other developments, John Paul's personal physician was quoted as telling *La Repubblica* newspaper that John Paul "passed away slowly, with pain and suffering which he endured with great human dignity."

"The Holy Father could not utter a single word before passing away," Dr. Renato Buzzonetti was quoted as saying. "Just as happened in the last days he could not speak, he was forced to silence."

As the cardinals met, buses unloaded huge groups of students, pilgrims and clergy who joined the long line along the wide avenue leading to St. Peter's Square and through the streets of the neighborhood that surrounds the Vatican.

Iraq from page A2

the Sunni Arabs are roughly 15 - 20 percent.

Human Rights Minister Bakhtiyar Amin told The Associated Press that lawmakers had asked that Saddam and other jailed members of his former government be shown the process. "There will be televisions there, and they will be seeing it today," he said.

Saddam, captured in December 2003, has been in custody with several of his top aides at a U.S.-guarded detention facility. U.S. military officials declined to comment.

"This is a very important session because this is the first time in Iraq's history that the president and his deputies are elected in a legitimate and democratic way by the Iraqi people," interim Vice President Rowsch Nouri Shawaysh said. "That's why the Iraqi government thought it would be beneficial that the former dictator see this unique process."

The interim National Assembly must write a permanent constitution by Aug. 15. The constitution, along with elections for a permanent government scheduled for December, are central parts of U.S. plans for an eventual pullout of American troops.

For now, the fighting goes on. As the parliament met, mortar rounds landed in the street near the Ministry of Agriculture and the al-Sadeer hotel, injuring at least one Iraqi civilian.

The U.S. military said in a statement Wednesday that a Task Force Baghdad soldier was killed a day earlier when his patrol was hit by a bomb and attacked by insurgent gunmen. Four other U.S. service members were killed Monday and Tuesday in an upsurge in violence, the military said.

In videos posted Tuesday on militant Web sites, a man in his 20s identified as Iraqi soldier Jassim Mohammed Hussein Mahdi was beheaded for working with the U.S.-allied government while another man, Hussein Taha Qassim, identified as a police informer, was shot.

The authenticity of the tapes, said to have been posted on Web sites by the militant groups al-Qaida in Iraq and Ansar al-Sunnah Army, could not immediately be verified. Al-Qaida in Iraq has claimed responsibility for beheading numerous Western hostages and members of the Iraqi security forces. Ansar al-Sunnah has claimed to have kidnapped and killed several foreigners.

Academic from page A1

dance and homework.

The Academic Enrichment Center also works with students by providing helpful programs and intervention workshops.

Joyner said giving students career direction should start prior to enrollment. ECU gives incoming students a pamphlet listing every degree and concentration.

New students can mail their choice of major to ECU closer to their first term rather than several months earlier in October. Students' career interests could change drastically over that much time. This lets faculty do a better job of crafting a course schedule conducive to students' interests.

Smith said this partnership between groups would be advantageous to transfer students and students in unique situations. A student with a GPA of zero is in a unique situation and needs special attention. There are usually specific problems that lead to a student performing that poorly. ECU also wants to do more to educate transfer students about the different services the school offers.

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Our View

New energy legislation needed for our country's safety

A group of 31 national security experts recently drafted a letter to President George Bush, calling for a change in his current energy policy.

The group – which includes top advisers to former Presidents Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush and Ronald Reagan – rejects Bush's proposal to increase oil drilling in the United States, stating there is simply not enough domestic oil.

The coalition also questions the United State's dependence on foreign oil, noting political turmoil could damage these ties and leave our country without the oil it needs.

According to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, "two-thirds of the oil Americans consume goes into cars, trucks and buses. To meet that demand, the United States buys more than half of that oil abroad. In the next 20 years, foreign imports will climb toward 70 percent."

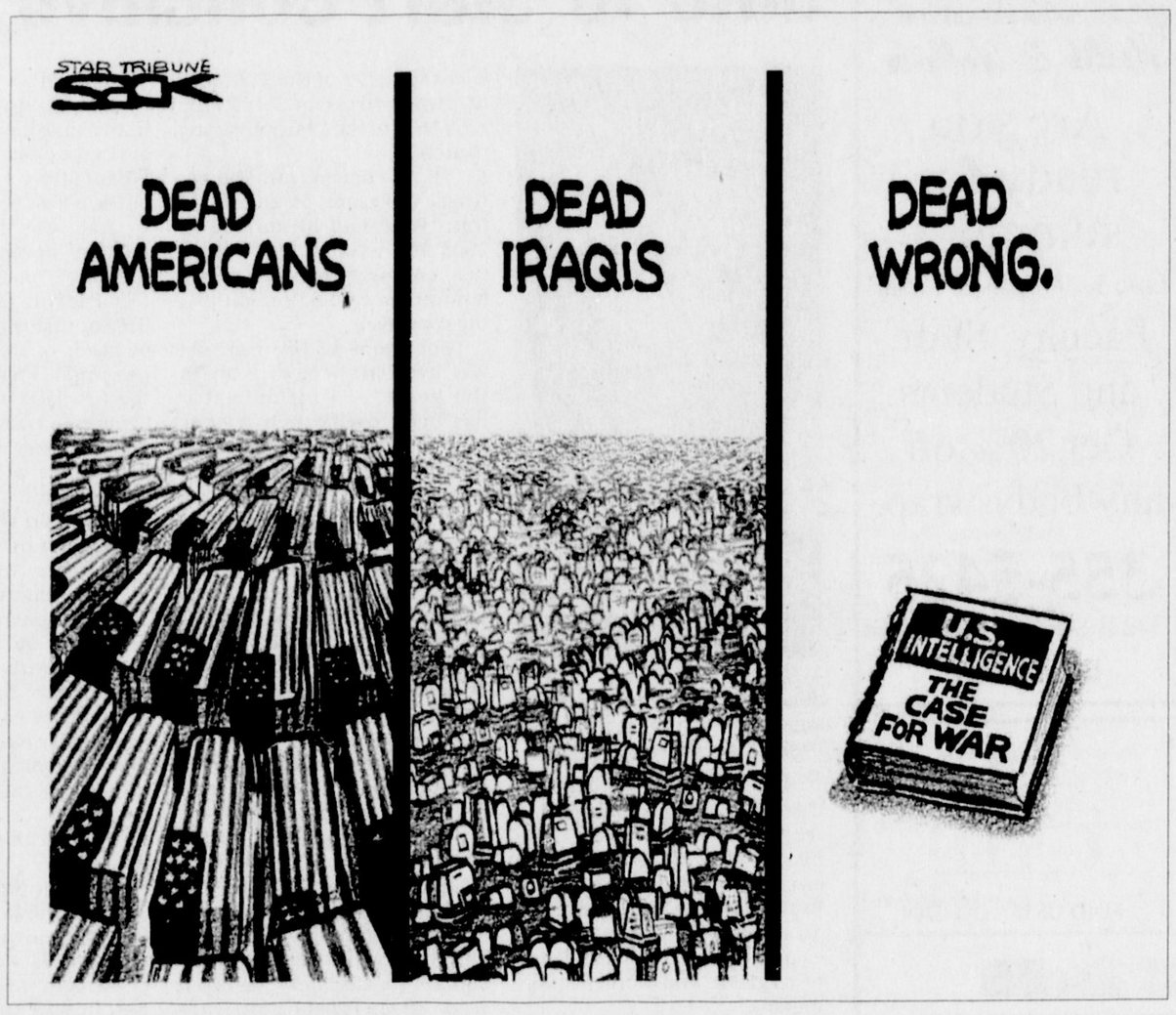
With such a dependence on other countries for our own survival, this will ultimately put the United States in an insecure position.

In their letter, the group requests a "major new initiative to curtail U.S. consumption through improved efficiency and rapid development and deployment" of vehicles that operate on flexible fuels.

While *TEC* would love to see the implementation of this proposal (as well as a lift on the high price of gas), we can't help but wonder if our government would even consider it.

Next year, the administration will remove the $2,000 tax credit for owning a hybrid vehicle (which gets over 50 miles per gallon), but will leave in place the $25,000 tax write-off for a Hummer (only 10 - 12 mpg).

With ludicrous policies like this in place, we feel our government isn't thinking enough about our environment, our current energy crisis and ultimately, our security. We can only hope that legislation is put in place before it's too late.



In My Opinion

Cheating shouldn't be main focus of steroid issue

Mental and physical health problems are main problems

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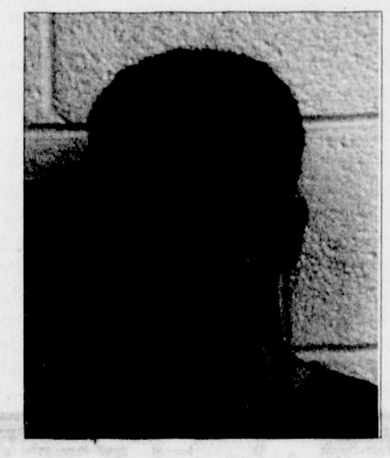

It's time for a wake up call.

Baseball isn't the only sport with players using steroids or illegal performance-enhancing drugs. There seems to be a double-standard here. A story about six players from an NFL championship team only two years ago being suspected of steroid use gets swept under the rug. But Alex Sanchez, a guy who hasn't even been told by the MLB what drug he tested positive for, is suspended for steroid use and that story makes every front page headline in the country. Regardless of the hypocritical nature of this controversy or the fact that taking these substances is cheating in one sport or another, the "integrity of the game" matters a whole helluva lot less than the well-being of the individuals taking these drugs.

Just ask Raymond and Denise Garibaldi, the parents of Robert Garibaldi who are convinced their teenage son committed suicide because of steroid use. They definitely have a strong case – side effects for taking anabolic steroids, particularly withdrawal symptoms, sound like this: Mental depression, suicidal behavior, mood changes, violent behavior, confusion, sleeping disorders, paranoia, hallucinations and many others. Then consider this kid was undergoing massive mental, social and physical changes to begin with because he was an adolescent and steroid use was a disaster waiting to happen.

And just why do you think Rob juiced? He had been told time and time again he had all the tools of a major leaguer except for his size. Not only that, but he was thoroughly convinced his heroes, Barry Bonds and Mark McGwire, used performance-enhancing drugs. His mother said Rob would argue, "'I don't do drugs. I'm a ballplayer. This is what ballplayers do. If Bonds has to do it, then I must.'"

That folks, is tragic.

And just let me dispel what may be some of your current thoughts before you bash my train of thought. McGwire and/or Bonds didn't stick Rob with the needle nor did they put the gun in Rob's hand that ended the young man's life, in October of 2002. But like it or not, both of those men are role models for young people.

Is it unfair? You bet your ass it's unfair, but unfortunately in this society, a duty that comes with being a public figure is carrying yourself in a way that sets a good example for young men and women.

And Bud Selig, I couldn't care less that we have the best baseball in the world or that you feel exposing someone will deter him from further usage. Institute a policy that will actually work rather than make a poor attempt at appeasing the media or fans and drive your PR through the roof.

Taking these drugs simply doesn't make sense. The adverse effect it has on one's mental and physical well-being is frightening. That alone, regardless of potential (but not proven) athletic success, should deter someone from taking steroids. And when I say someone I mean anyone. This steroids issue isn't something that concerns just baseball. This matter concerns every athlete of every age everywhere in the world and every parent of every athlete, every age, everywhere in the world. That is what should make headlines.

Pirate Rant

Hey support staff sitting behind the desk looking at clothing Web sites while I am patiently waiting to make an inquiry – do you like your job or am I annoying you with my questions?

I rule. In fact, I can't believe how much I rule. Ladies, come check me out. I am in the Wright Place during lunch on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I can easily be identified because I am the one who rules so much. And once again, I rule.

The south will rise again ... by God, we will!

Here I am doing an intense workout on the treadmill, and the girl next to me is complaining to her friend on her cell phone how she hates to sweat at the gym because it makes her make-up run.

Will they ever fix the leaky cream pitchers at Java City?

I think it's cute how people style the latest trends from Hollister. Do you even know where Hollister, Calif. is? Do you even know what Hollister, Cailf. is like? It's one of the dumpiest places in California where they grow and sell cabbage. How bout that, fashion victims?

Why is it that every girl downtown thinks every guy downtown wants to take her home? We don't. We're there to meet people, laugh, talk, drink and have a good time. Lighten up, grow up and get over yourself.

Spanish should not be pronounced with a Southern accent. Will you people please listen to how the words are supposed to sound before you butcher them?

Can someone please pave College Hill Drive? I'm tired of messing up my alignment because of the potholes and uneven roads on this campus.

The Conservative Corner, eh Tony McKee? Isn't that at the corner of Irrelevant Street and Boring Boulevard?

I'm thrilled UNC won the national title, but I didn't wear anything blue on Tuesday, unlike many people on this campus. Baby blue doesn't belong on this campus.

To the sunbathers on the hill: Thank you.

Who says that roommates have to be friends? Just be happy I respect you enough not to trash your stuff. The only reason I don't have my own place is because it's too expensive to live on your own here in Greenville. If you're tired of coming home to loneliness and want a "friendly" face, get a pet.

Goodbye to iTunes free songs...

Honestly, is anyone really going to go to the library after midnight? There's no point to keep it open 24 hours and to have to pay staff if there's not a strong demand ... and from what I can see, there isn't one.

It really sucks to have to go to class and work on your birthday.

It's funny how a person can just be rude to you and then give it a couple of days and pretend like they are your best friend again. Don't be frontin'.

Why do professors wait until the last three weeks of school to cram everything in?

I think the campus should sponsor "Beach Day" and students and professors should be excused from classes to go to the beach. We could even write a paragraph about what we did for extra credit. Doesn't that sound like a good idea? If an SGA president-elect had that on his or her platform, I'm sure that person would win. I know they'd have my vote.

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In My Opinion

For women's pay, it's about money, and it's about time

(KRT) — On April 19, four days after tax returns for 2004 are due, U.S. women will finally reach the earnings mark that their male counterparts achieved by Dec. 31 of last year. Dubbed "Pay Inequity Awareness Day," April 19 reminds us that the 60 million working women in this country are suffering economically because equal pay is still not a reality.

Women have made some gains in corporate board memberships – they're now an underwhelming 13.6 percent, up from 9.5 percent in 1995.

And no doubt because women get tired of fighting the "men and good ol' boys first" mentality at most companies, new business startups by women are at an all-time high.

But these successes for a relative few women pale in comparison to the outrageous pay inequity that exists for their sisters in the everyday workforce.

The National Committee on Pay Equity reminds us that even though the Equal Pay Act was passed more than 40 years ago, women working full time, year round, still make only 76 cents for every dollar that a man makes.

It's even worse if your skin happens to be black or brown.

Black women get 66 cents and Hispanics only 55 cents. Even the best-case 24-cent gap adds up over a worklife to a very unequal scorecard.

Totaling more than $300,000 for the average woman's career, it can mean the difference between owning a home or renting, sending your kids to college vs. sending them to flip burgers, and a decent retirement vs. penury in old age.

Naysayers claim there really is no pay gap – the shortfall is due to "choices" women make.

Females just naturally like the jobs with lower pay or less risk. Tell that to the women cleaning toilets at the airport or caring for HIV patients in hospitals every day. And those who refuse to believe there's a pay gap ignore reality: in every field, from law and medicine to teaching or clerking at department stores, the women make less for doing exactly the same work as the men.

Another argument is that motherhood – not sex discrimination – is the real culprit.

If that's so, we all need to take a hard look at why the workplace punishes women for being mothers, but fatherhood carries no economic risk at all.

Shortchanging women means shortchanging men and children as well. In the present climate of encouraging economic self-sufficiency and focusing on family well-being, righting the wrongs of unequal pay seems like a no-brainer.

The Fair Pay Act, a bill to level the paying field, has been a perennial on Capitol Hill since 1996.

The FPA would outlaw discrimination in pay for jobs that are equal in skill, effort, responsibility and working conditions, even if the actual work is dissimilar.

Perhaps more important, the bill would require employers to release summary statistics on what they pay women and men, so workers would know where they stood in the workforce.

But why wait for an act of Congress?

Corporations that claim to favor fairness in the workplace should be glad to take an honest look at their pay practices and correct disparities now.

Those that have nothing to hide should be proud for the world to know that they pay all workers according to merit, not the color of their skin or gender.

Right now, women who suspect pay discrimination must file a lawsuit and go into a drawn-out legal discovery process to find out whether they make less than the guy beside them.

With pay statistics readily available, this expensive process could be avoided. Employers holler constantly about "frivolous lawsuits" and complain about over-regulation. Both would surely stop if employees (including white men) could see up front that they were being treated fairly.

Throughout April, state and local committees around the country are organizing events to call attention to the lighter pay envelopes of women.

Wearing buttons that ask "Where's my 24 cents?" participants will be part of educational forums and speak-outs. Maybe while they're at it, women could ask for a 23 percent credit on their income tax returns.

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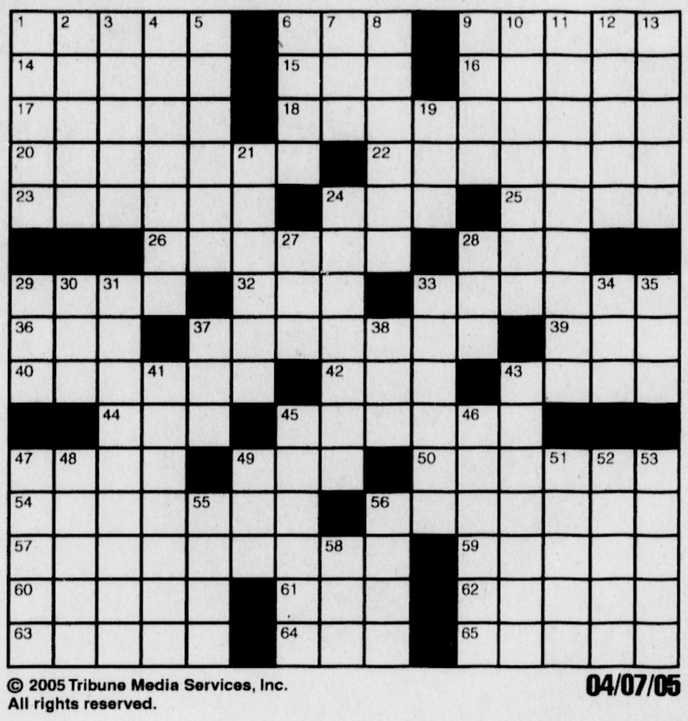

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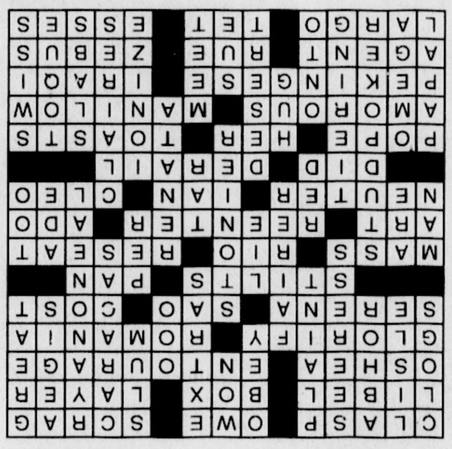

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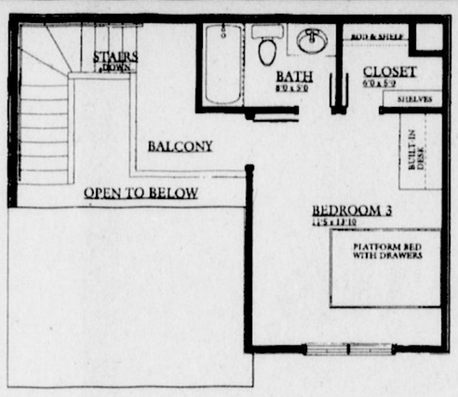

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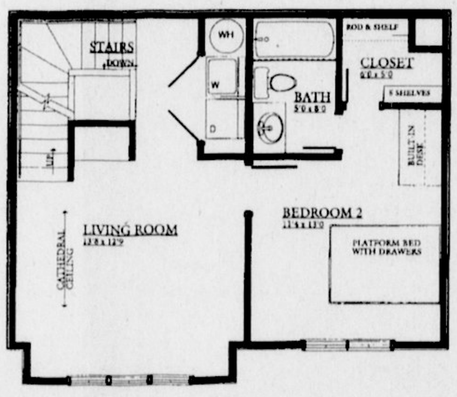

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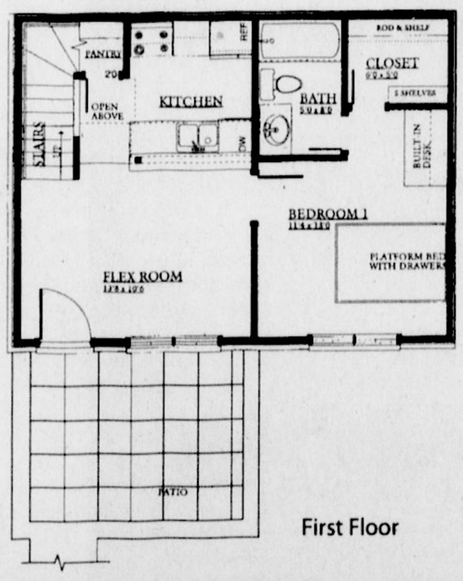

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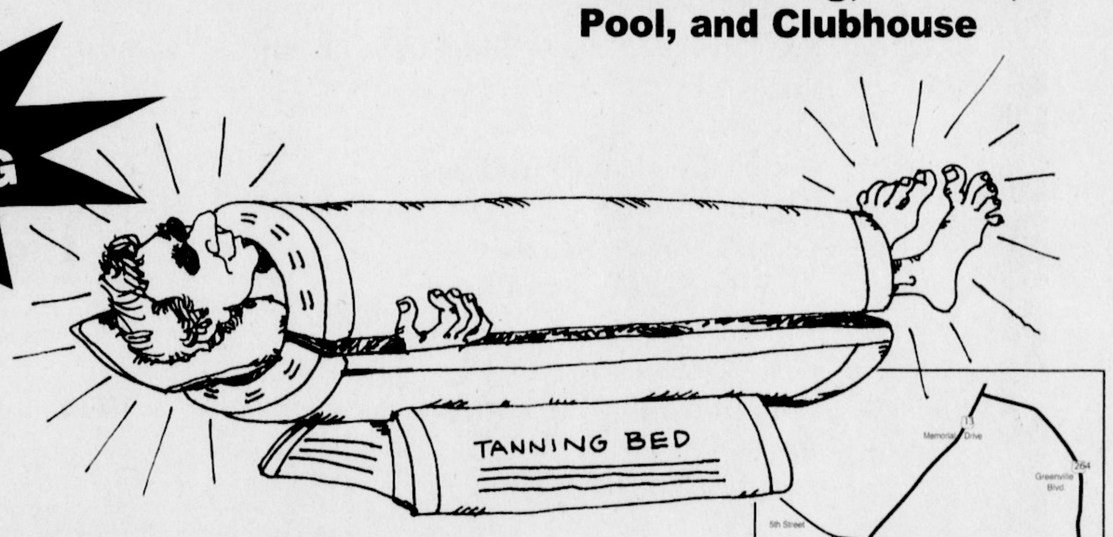

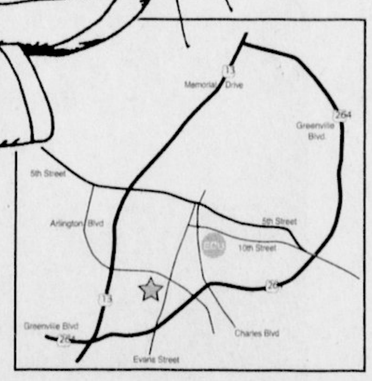

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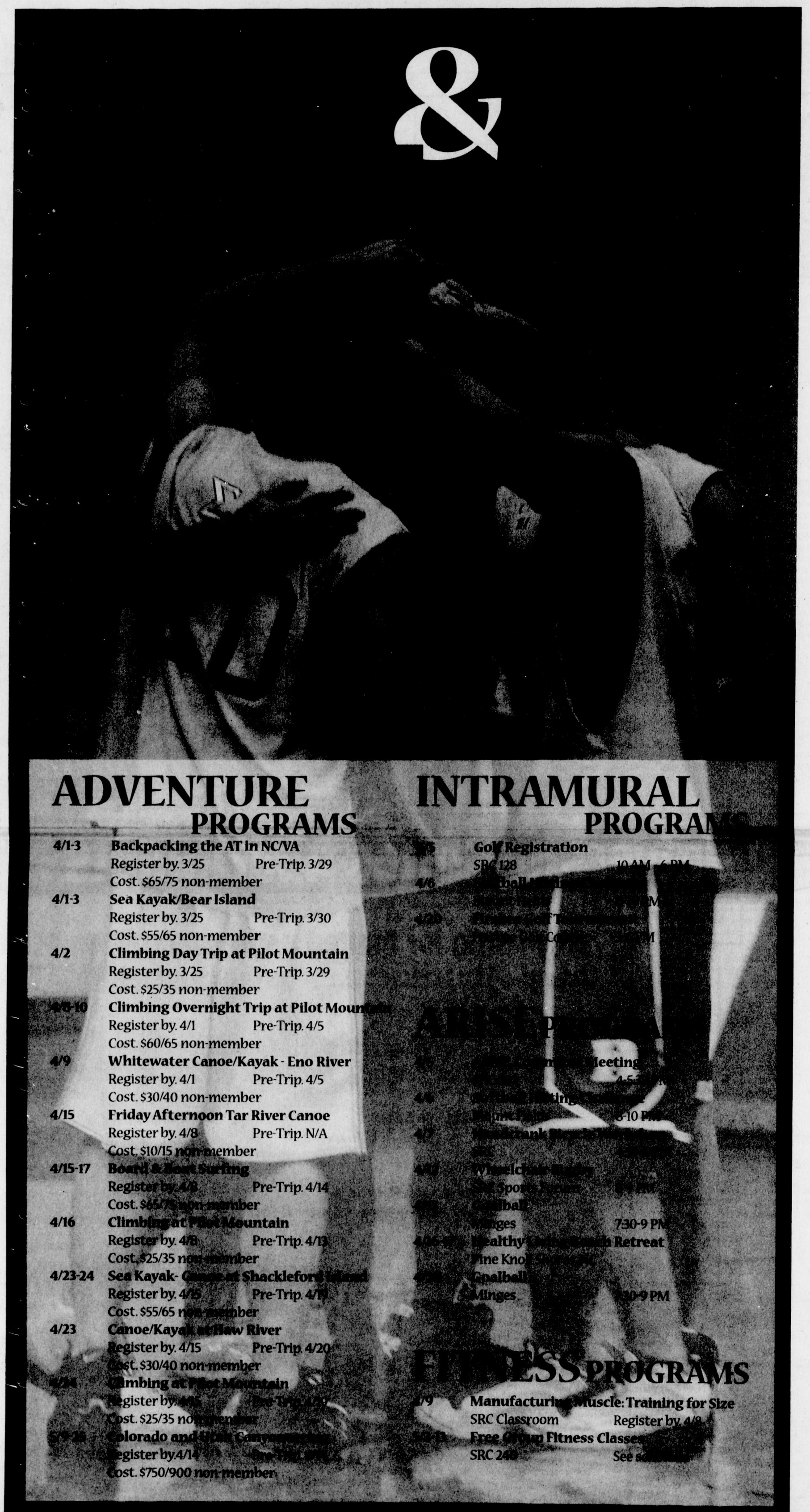
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Task *from page A1*

ECU assigned Michelle Lieberman as the neighborhood relations facilitator to address some of these concerns.

Ferruzzi said the Landlord Association is attempting to speak before the city council and express their concerns and opinions.

While there are surely some differences in opinions between landlords and neighborhood associations, Ferruzzi acknowledged one common view about the area surrounding ECU.

"Obviously the area needs some cleaning up," Ferruzzi said.

Whether that includes the measures suggested by the task force on preservation of neighborhoods and housing is yet to be seen.

According to the minutes of the council meeting, City Manager Wayne Bowers said the task force proposals listed above could be worked on soon.

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Uptown *from page A1*

Edwards said while the construction of this hotel is not a definite, it would be a wonderful addition to the area, which currently lacks any hotels or motels.

ECU is also taking part in the revitalization effort with a number of campus organizations set to move into the renovated Proctor Hotel on the corner of Third and Evans Streets.

Edwards said the new West End Dining Hall is in such close proximity to uptown it could be viewed as development in the area.

Freeboot Fridays has also generated renewed interest and business in the area. Held on the Friday before ECU home football games on the corner of Cotanche Street and Reade Circle, the event offers live music and vendors representing a number of downtown businesses.

Edwards said the intent of the revitalization effort is to fill uptown with a steady flow of pedestrians by becoming the heart of the town.

"The overall goal is to become an exciting, vibrant center of retail, art and culture," Edwards said.

Ronnie Nimer, owner of LaVista Pizza and Subs, said the area is becoming more attractive, which is beneficial to the community as a whole.

"The more businesses they add in the area, the more business it brings for everyone," said Nimer.

Poppy Vasquez, manager of Boli's, said while the effort to revitalize the area will create more business, he feels there are some other changes needed to be made for uptown to thrive.

"Yes it will create more business, but they still have to correct some things," said Vasquez.

Vasquez said more parking and security are needed in the area.

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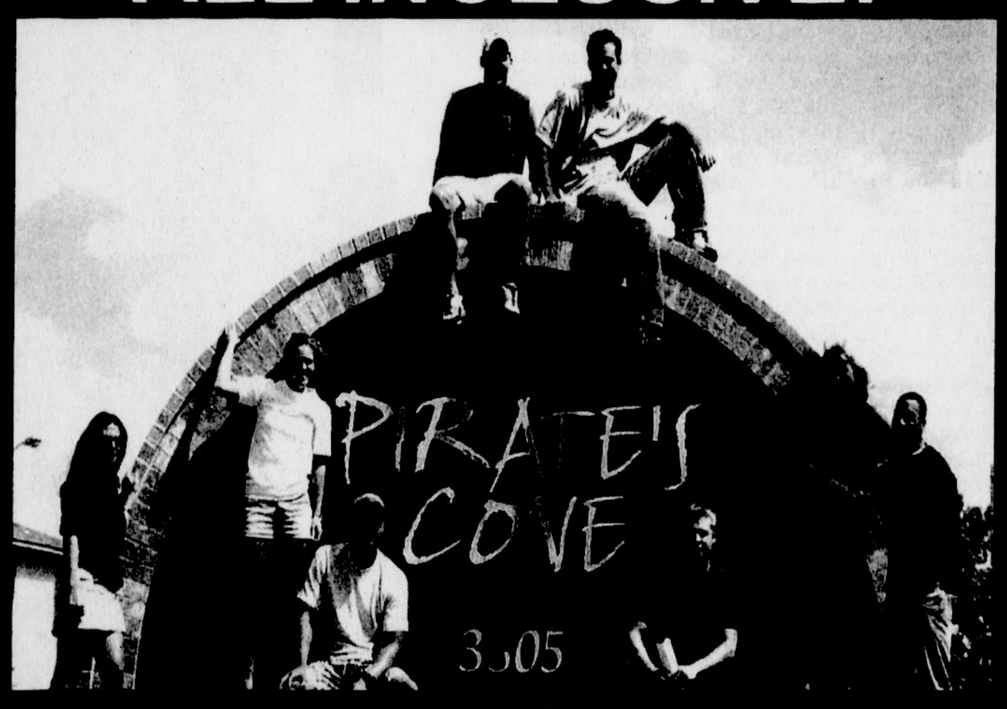

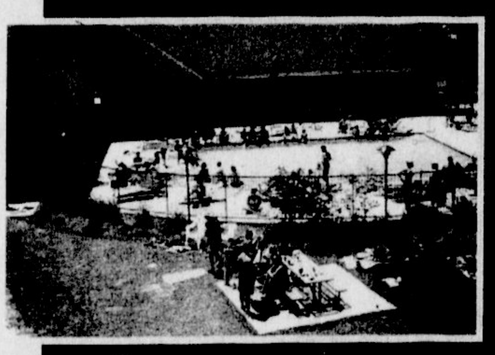

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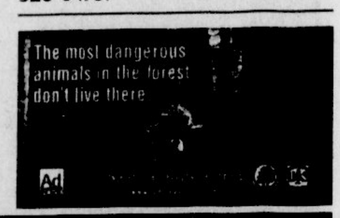

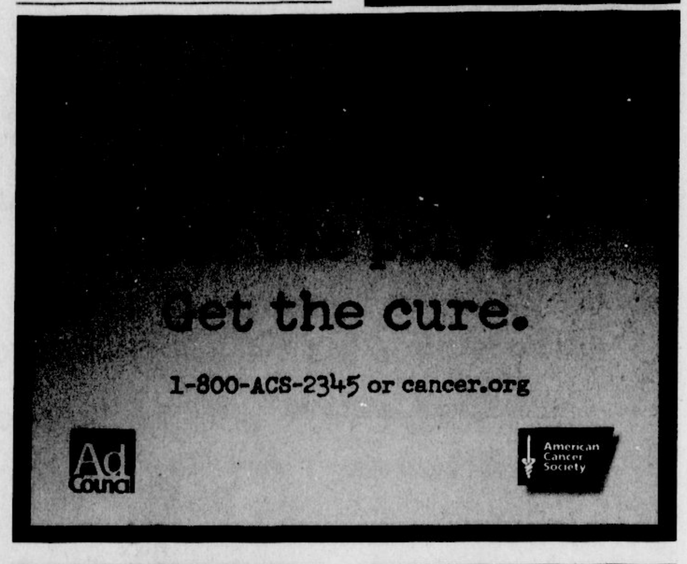

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Hale, the 33-year-old leader of a group that preaches racial holy war, was sentenced after a rambling, two-hour speech in which he claimed he was the victim and even recited part of the Star Spangled Banner. He showed no emotion and sat staring at the defense table as the sentence was handed down.

Prosecutors argued for the maximum sentence, saying Matthew Hale's crime amounted to an act of terrorism, and the judge agreed.

"Mr. Hale is not concerned about taking someone's life, but rather how to do it without getting caught," U.S. District Judge James Moody said in imposing the sentence. "I consider Mr. Hale to be extremely dangerous and the offense for which he was convicted to be extremely egregious."

Hale was convicted in April 2004 of soliciting an undercover FBI informant to murder U.S. District Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow of Chicago in retaliation for her ruling against him in a trademark dispute.

Prosecutors said Hale was furious that Lefkow ordered him to stop using the World Church of the Creator name for his group. Lefkow said the name was trademarked by an Oregon-based church group.

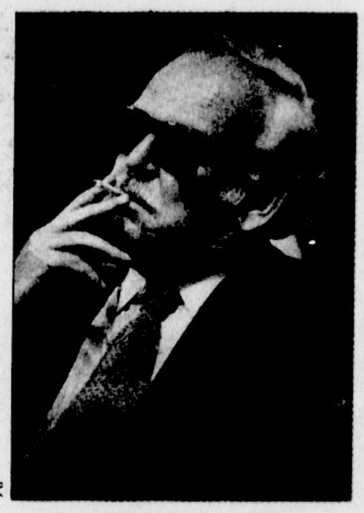
The case took on a higher profile after Lefkow's husband and elderly mother were shot and killed in the Lefkow home in late February.

Early suspicion fell on Hale followers but days later a Chicago man disgruntled over a ruling in his medical malpractice lawsuit fatally shot himself in Wisconsin and confessed to the slayings in a note.

Hale acted as his own attorney during the sentencing, as he had for much of the trial. He compared himself to Lefkow, saying they were both victims.

"Before you does stand a man who not only is innocent, not only is demonstrably innocent, but who refused to join a plot against Judge Lefkow's life," Hale said.

In his rambling, arm-waving, speech to the court before the sentencing, Hale brought up the murders, despite Moody's efforts to stop him.



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Prince Rainier III of Monaco smokes a cigarette in Fort Mill, SC in this July 1979 photo.

Monaco's Prince Rainier dies at age 81

(AP) MONACO — Prince Rainier III, whose fairy-tale marriage to American film star Grace Kelly brought elegance and glamour to one of Europe's oldest dynasties, died Wednesday, nearly a month after he was hospitalized with a lung infection. He was 81.

Europe's longest-reigning monarch died at 6:35 a.m. at the hospital overlooking Monaco's glittering, yacht-filled harbor where he was being treated for heart, kidney and breathing problems. His body was moved to his hilltop palace where it will in lie in state, the royal palace said.

The Mediterranean enclave's famed Monte Carlo casino closed its doors Wednesday in a sign of respect.

"Each of us feels like an orphan because the principality has been marked by his imprint over the 56 years" of his reign, said Patrick Leclercq, head of government in the principality of 32,000 people.

Prince Albert, 47, Rainier's heir, was at his father's side when he died. Rainier's doctors had called Albert around half an hour beforehand to tell him the end was near, the palace said. Rainier died from the heart, kidney and lung problems that caused his hospitalization, the palace said.

Albert, the only son of Rainier and Princess Grace, becomes Monaco's de facto ruler until a formal investiture ceremony expected after a mourning period. He took over the royal powers – but not the throne – from his father last week after a royal commission decided Rainier was too sick to rule.

The unmarried Albert, who has no children, inherits a French-speaking principality no larger than New York's Central Park but world-renowned for its casinos and the annual Monte Carlo Grand Prix. It's nestled on the Mediterranean Coast between Italy and the French Riviera.

Monaco changed its succession law in 2002 to allow power to pass from a reigning prince who has no descendants to his siblings. Albert has two sisters, Princess Caroline and Princess Stephanie, both of whom have children.

Rainier, who assumed the throne May 9, 1949, had to endure the tragedy of his famous wife's death and relentless scandals – including international criticism of the principality's tax laws – that plagued the final two decades of his rule.

The leader of Europe's longest-ruling royal family, the Grimaldis, Rainier suffered recurring health problems in recent years. The silver-haired, portly prince underwent heart surgery in 1999 and had two operations the following year.

Recurrent chest infections put him in the hospital on numerous occasions. Most recently, he was hospitalized March 7. He was placed in intensive care two weeks later with heart and kidney failure and connected to a respirator.

Tributes flooded in from around Europe. French President Jacques Chirac hailed the prince's "courage and tenacity" in the face of his failing health. German President Horst Koehler said he "fulfilled his duties as head of state with remarkable willpower until the end."

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II sent a message of condolence to the family. Rainier's death means the queen, who acceded to the throne in 1952, becomes the longest-serving monarch in Europe.

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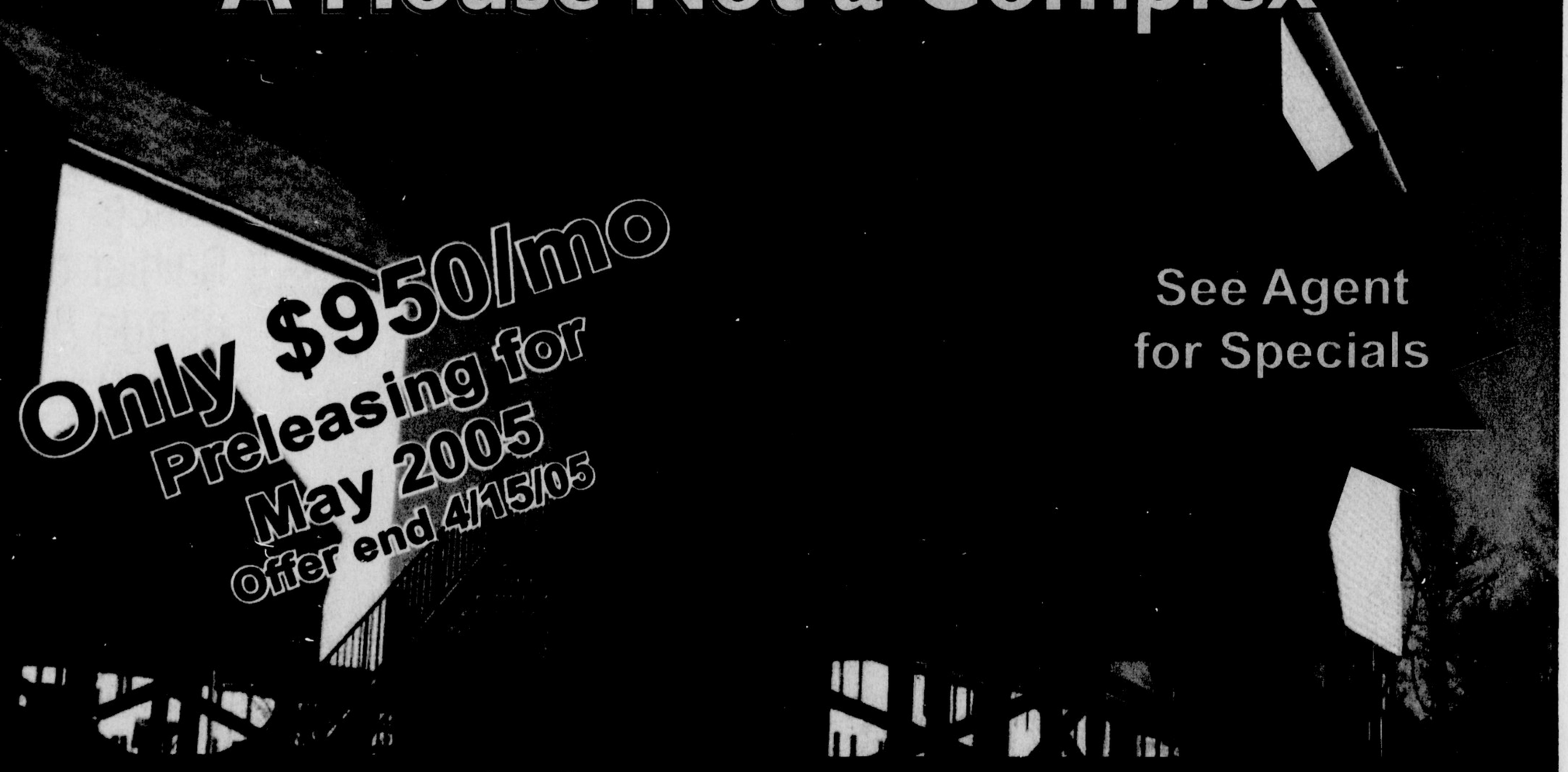

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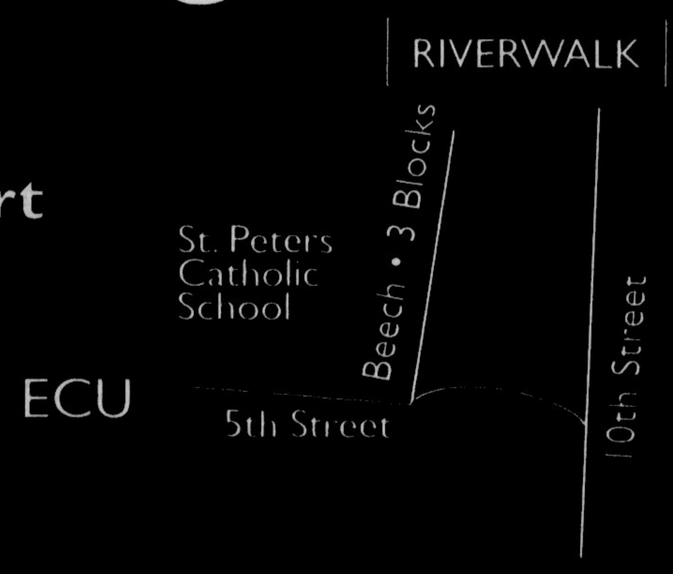

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GARY MCCABE
STAFF WRITER

As a writer for *TEC*, I'm required to be objective when writing articles, only reporting the actions or opinions of others while suppressing my desires to include personal pronouns such as 'I' or 'my.' However, this week is different.

The sanctions have been lifted, if only temporarily, giving me the freedom to express my feelings. So in this article, I would like to discuss a handful of things in the entertainment world, which I love but are largely ignored by the general public.

Talking to ECU students about movies, you might get the impression that *Napoleon Dynamite* was this year's most dynamic comedy, snatching up Academy-Award nominations and critical acclaim alike. However, you'd be wrong. That honor belongs to *Sideways*, not *Napoleon Dynamite*, seemingly a rip-off of *Rushmore*, with 'jokes' that consist of stereotypical characters doing stereotypical things. Then again, maybe dancing nerds just aren't my thing.

Sideways, in my humble opinion, is a perfect film. The film features two friends, both of which are at a crossroads in their lives, spending a week in California's wine country. *Sideways* is hilarious, touching and thoroughly original – a recipe which usually means most people won't see it or like it. Maybe that explains why people loved *Napoleon Dynamite*: it lacked all three of those qualities.

"Arrested Development" is probably the *Sideways* of the world of television, which is filled with a whole lot of Napoleon Dynamites. If you've never

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Not every girl a size two

If you aren't, this article's for you

KRISTIN MURNANE
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Tired of going into a store and seeing miniscule sizes displayed everywhere? Tired of trying on clothes for hours on end and coming home empty handed? So am I.

I'm sick and tired of going into stores, seeing something I really like and not being able to buy it because of the way it's sized. Clothes these days are designed to be sheer, and tight fitting, but when you go into a store only to find their larges are the size of extra smalls in most other places, it makes things a bit frustrating. So I'm offering a few suggestions.

First, I suggest that someone make a separate line of name brand clothes for women with

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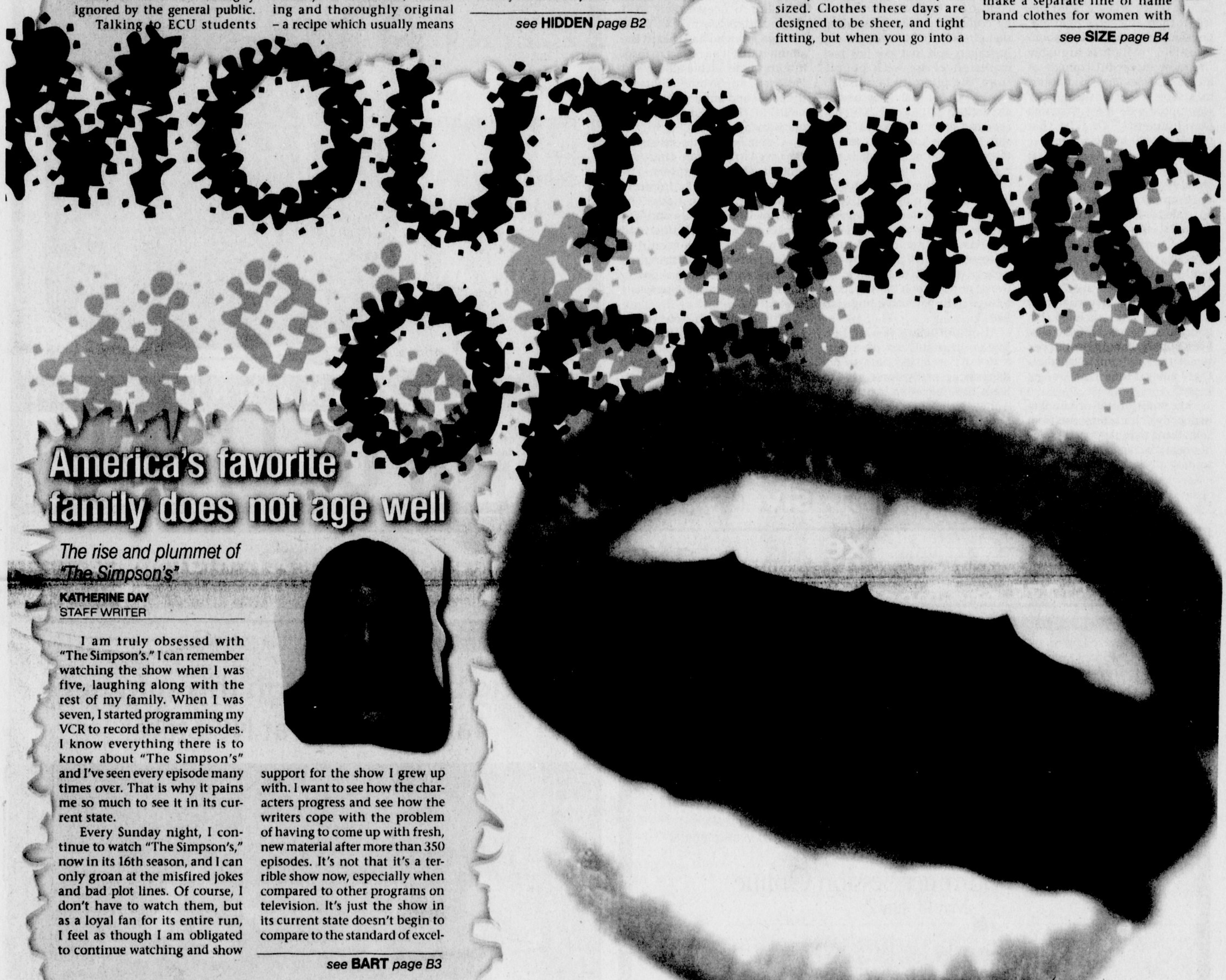

America's favorite family does not age well

The rise and plummet of "The Simpson's"

KATHERINE DAY
STAFF WRITER

I am truly obsessed with "The Simpson's." I can remember watching the show when I was five, laughing along with the rest of my family. When I was seven, I started programming my VCR to record the new episodes. I know everything there is to know about "The Simpson's" and I've seen every episode many times over. That is why it pains me so much to see it in its current state.

Every Sunday night, I continue to watch "The Simpson's," now in its 16th season, and I can only groan at the misfired jokes and bad plot lines. Of course, I don't have to watch them, but as a loyal fan for its entire run, I feel as though I am obligated to continue watching and show support for the show I grew up with. I want to see how the characters progress and see how the writers cope with the problem of having to come up with fresh, new material after more than 350 episodes. It's not that it's a terrible show now, especially when compared to other programs on television. It's just the show in its current state doesn't begin to compare to the standard of excel-

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Shows rare at ECU, rarely entertaining

Does diversity mean anything anymore?

TREVOR WORDEN
STAFF WRITER

It seems that here in the metropolis of Greenville, I find myself going to shows that are rather monotonous. Local bands and even some from out of state that play at local venues, or in Pirate Underground, generally have the same sound. The sound most bands have tended to posses is a "screamo" or a "hardcore" noise.

I think it would be wise to admit I too once listened to screamo and hardcore music and I have friends who are devout listeners to the genres. They are respected styles and throngs of teenagers and adults alike have become attracted to the styles and adopted their lifestyles.

I now profess I have grown out of this style and prefer more melodic indie sounds. I tend to enjoy music that has interesting harmonies, eerie lead guitars, unconventional vocals and off beat drums. This type of music is less popular than the hardcore and screamo types of music, but nonetheless it exists just the same, and in the right towns, it has a thriving fan base.

Whether or not you like screamo, hardcore, emo, punk, new techno style, melodic indie or the indie-rock genres, makes no difference. It is objective to understand that each style is distinct, and has its own fan base.

ECU is a very diverse campus. It houses many different types of people with

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All around us

This is my soapbox

MEREDITH STEWART
STAFF WRITER

When I'm up late at night, as often as that is, I'll find myself flipping through the channels only to discover nothing is on. I usually end up falling asleep to "The Fresh Prince of Bel- Air," "Full House" or "Who's the Boss." I remember the nights when "I Love Lucy," "Happy Days" and "The Brady Bunch" were on, all programs my parents grew up watching. Now that my childhood shows are being shown during the wee hours of the night I feel older than my actual age of 19. I can only imagine what my children will be watching when they are my age.

Now that I've made myself feel completely old without actually being so, it's on to something new. It's the year 2005 – we are still driving cars, watching satellite television and doing chores we all despise. Growing up, I thought 2005 was so far away and we would be flying around in little saucers, be able to touch things through the television screens and have robots in our homes to do things such as vacuum, take out the trash and do all those other necessary chores. But obviously we aren't "The Jetsons." And although those things would be helpful, I often find myself appreciating how things are. Sometimes it seems sad that many of us (including myself) couldn't live without our cell phones and computers. Technology has come a long way – machines are rapidly taking the place of actual people – caus-

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seen "Arrested Development," don't worry, you're not alone. Despite beating the final seasons of "Friends," "Frasier" and "Sex and the City" to win 'Outstanding Comedy Series' at the 2004 Emmy Awards and having a timeslot following the perennial powerhouse "The Simpson's," the show is on the brink of cancellation. As it stands now, production of the show has been halted and FOX executives will make their decision as to whether it will return next season.

The fact that more people would rather watch no-talents sing glorified karaoke on "American Idol" than "Arrested Development" makes me really question the character of the general public in America. It's embarrassing to think the most popular show in Britain is "The Office," which is a witty, intelligent comedy while most people in America watch reality shows, which involve eating bull testicles. We liberated ourselves from them, we should have better taste.

Granted, "Arrested Development" isn't for everybody. The humor of the show is a bit different than any show before it, but the same could be said about "Seinfeld," which is arguably the most successful comedy of all time. If people could adjust to a show about nothing, why won't people do it for "Arrested Development?" Or is it that people are not bothering to give it a chance, despite its critical acclaim? I really don't understand.

I can say unequivocally that "Arrested Development" is the funniest show on television since "Seinfeld" and at times, is even funnier. Please do me (and yourself) a favor and skip "Extreme Makeover" at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday and give the show a shot. If it gets cancelled, I'm going to cancel my cable because I can't justify paying the bill just to see the one remaining show that I enjoy, "Aqua Teen Hunger Force."

My questioning of the student body's character stems from something that happened in one of my math classes at ECU. I was reading a book, which I tend to do between classes, when my instructor asked me what I was reading.

A bit nervous to be called out like that, I said, "It's an autobiography of Ben Franklin." Then a voice shot out from behind me saying, "Ben Franklin? He invented the light bulb. What else is there to know?" I felt bad. First, because somebody was taking a shot at me for reading and second, because somebody didn't know that Ben Franklin didn't invent the light bulb.

From that time on, I've taken notice of how little people seem to read on campus and how people who do read are treated by others. When sitting in the hallway, killing time before class, somebody inevitably asks me, "Are you reading that for a class?" as if reading for entertainment is something foreign to them. I constantly hear people make fun of me just for reading.

I expected it in high school, where many of my fellow graduates would go on to hold a position which did not require higher education, but to be ostracized by college students for reading seems odd. I really hope I am mistaken and that the few bad experiences are with people from the minority because, if I'm to assume what I learned in elementary school to be correct, reading is fundamental and should never take a backseat to television and movies for entertainment.

However, don't de-emphasize music because it appears that it will soon be interesting again. In the past few years, rock 'n' roll has lay dormant and thus, has gone largely ignored by the general public. In its absence, rap music and hip-hop have become a huge industry with a huge fan base.

I'm not a big fan of rap. My main problem with rap is it doesn't seem too hard to do. Rappers generally don't have to learn how to play an instrument – they have a machine to make their beats. From interviews with rappers I've seen, they don't write lyrics aside from the hook. Instead, they just freestyle the song as they go, which granted takes a lot of talent and quick wit, but leads to a lot of rap music in the world, most of which sounds very similar to me.

The most amazing thing about rap music is that of the criteria necessary for making a record, 'being alive' isn't one of them as Tupac Shakur has a new album each Christmas season. I also dislike the practice of taking a successful song, tweaking the beat a little bit and calling it a new song. That just seems really cheap to me.

However, a movement is afoot which may actually make it safe to turn my radio back on. Rock 'n' roll is back with a plethora of upcoming albums from the few genuine superstars of the genre. Recently, a revamped Queens of the Stone Age and a much happier Beck have released new albums which compelled me to break my usual practice of downloading and actually purchase them (just kidding, FBI.)

The fun doesn't stop there, though. One of my favorite bands, Weezer, is coming out of seclusion to release their fifth album *Make Believe* in May. Word from people who have heard the album is that it's a return to form in sorts to their debut album and *Pinkerton*, my favorite album of the 1990s and unfortunately, the model for the emo movement of music today.

Other big names releasing albums throughout the year include The Foo Fighters, The White Stripes, Bruce Springsteen, Garbage, Nine Inch Nails, The Red Hot Chili Peppers and The Strokes. With any luck, this could start a trend of more great rock 'n' roll, ultimately pushing rap and hip-hop into musical obscurity with disco music. I seriously doubt it though.

That's them. The four things I love which aren't getting the attention they should. With any luck, you will take my advice and look into each. Meanwhile, I'm going to try and get back into the habit of writing without those personal pronouns.

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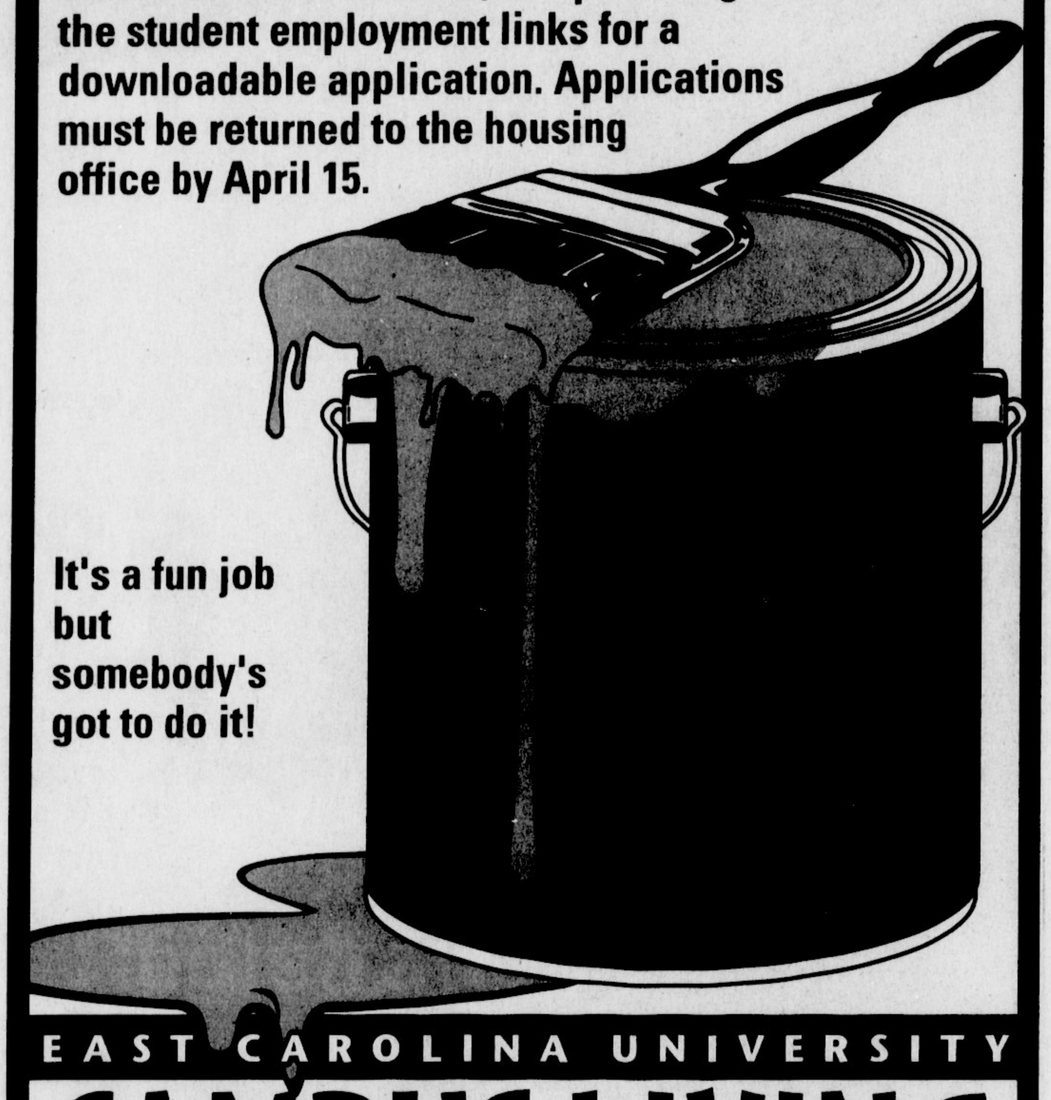

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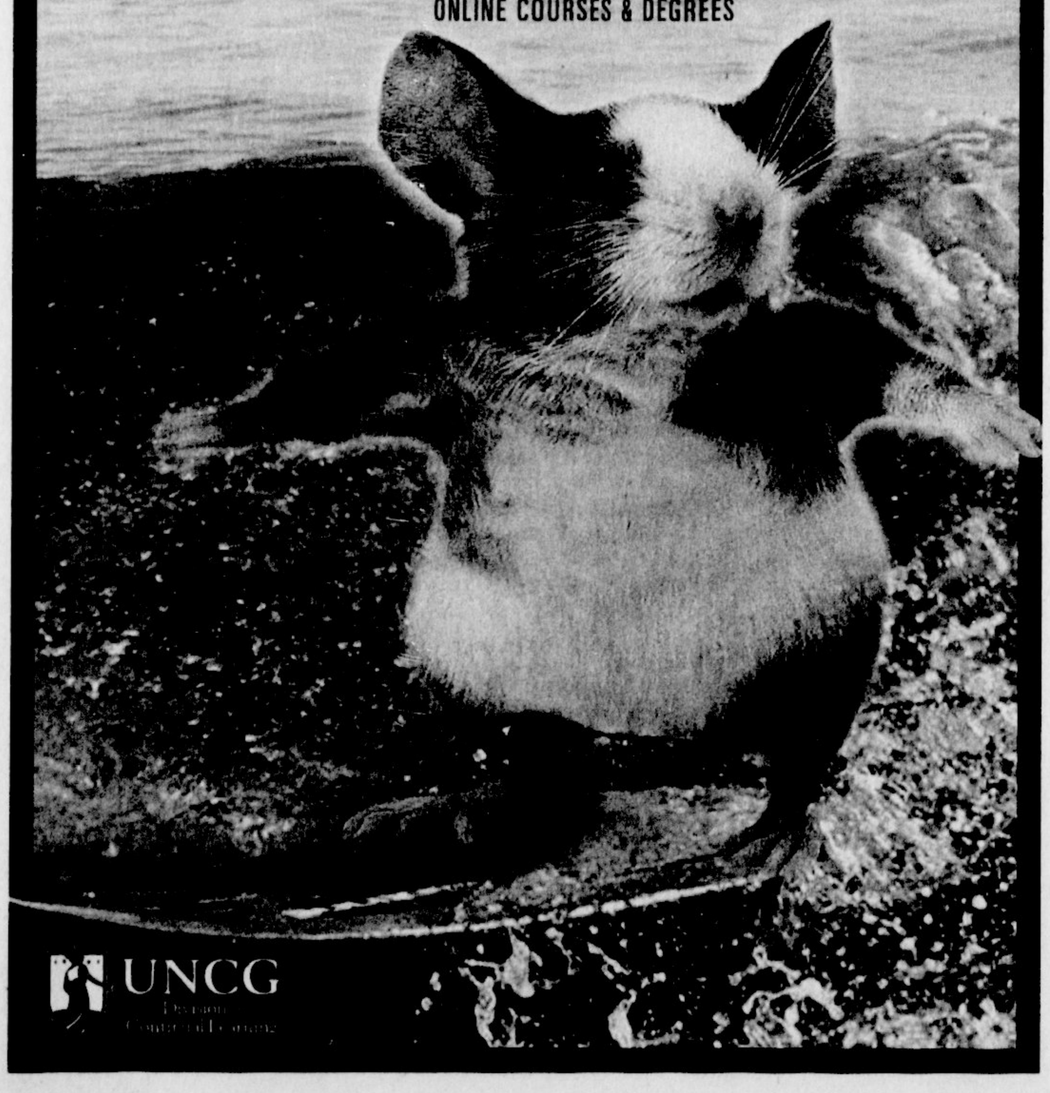

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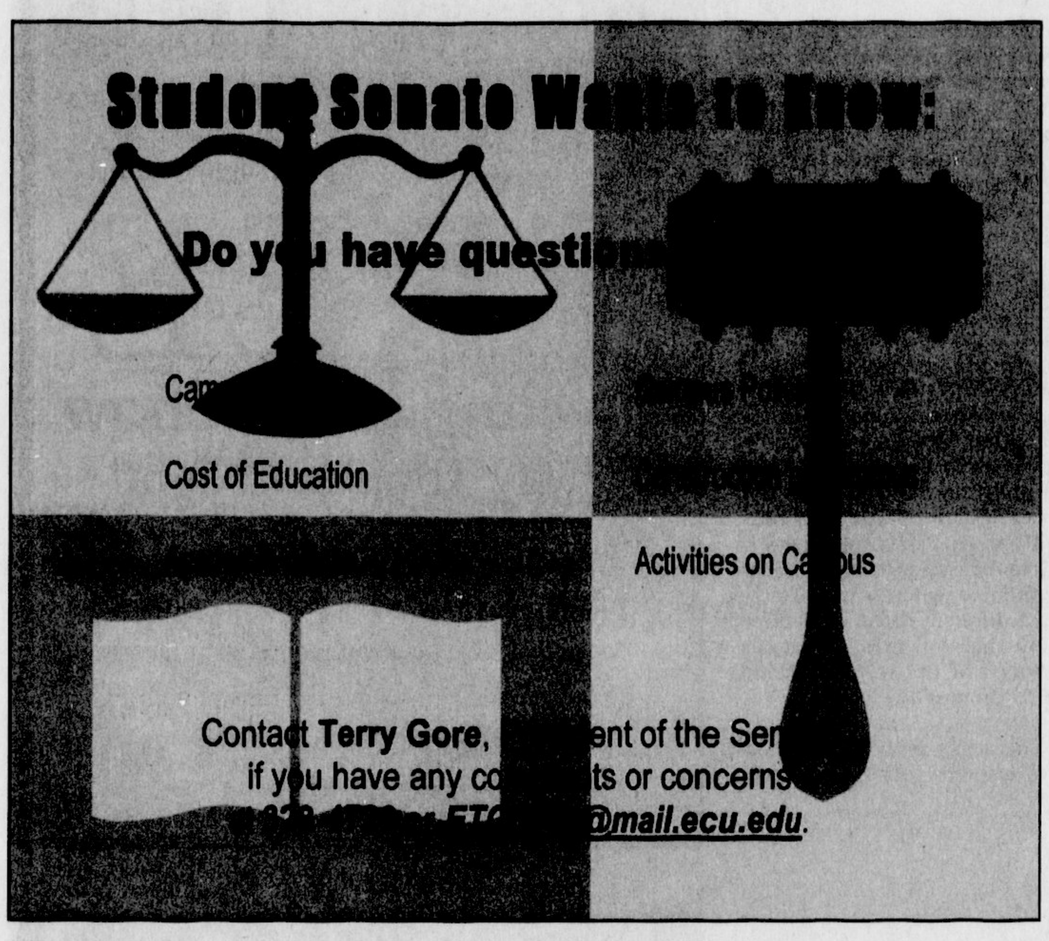

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ing less money to flow through a household. One thing that's quickly becoming a trend is "self check-outs." I know at some point you've been to Wal-Mart or another store and used one. Well, is it just me (which is highly possible) or do those machines just make things more difficult. I'm accustomed to someone else scanning my items, bagging them and putting them into my cart. So the other day when I tried a "self check-out" I wasn't very successful. I was standing there scanning the items and placing them into the bags. When the computer began talking to me, saying the weight of the item didn't match the one I just scanned, what was I suppose to do? I had to wait for assistance and then be asked if I put things in my bag that I didn't scan. I was in a hurry and wanted to save time, instead I got caught in a problem and ended up being there much longer than I had intended. Completely distracted and confused I tried to finish the process and just leave. Yes, that's right – just leave. And that's exactly what I did, with two bags and a paid $40 bill. I didn't realize I left two of my bags sitting there, but of course when I got back to my dorm I realized it. Furious, I just decided to forget about it. So my lesson in the making is just stick with letting others do their job and ring up my stuff. Seems that people are obsessed with new inventions and eager to try them out, as for me I have learned my lesson. Many would say it's just my forgetfulness for not picking up my bags, and to some point I agree. Guess I'll take part of the blame for that one.

Same with computers, seems like everything we do these days is online. And without a doubt every time I try to accomplish something, the Web site is under construction or some other technical glitch stands in my way. I would just blame it on the "wonderful luck" that never seems to follow me around, but I tend to lean toward other reasons – such as we are moving too fast in today's world. Although I love the availability and convenience (some of the time) that these things bring us, I feel as if people forget about the simple, more slow-paced things in life.

With our world quickly turning into a "computerized society" more and more people are depending on them. When a glitch comes about it seems to throw their whole day or week off. Why not just use a paper-planner that you have to write in with a pen instead of some hi-tech digital planner? Glitches won't generally happen with the pen in your hand rather than a keyboard. If technology is supposed to help our society grow and become more accessible, shouldn't people also be able to take the blame when things don't go according to plan. Oh no, it's the computer's fault.

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lence set between the second and 10th seasons.

Although I would be very sad if the show was cancelled now, I'm beginning to realize it would have been best had it been done years ago, when the quality of the show really began to slip. When Jerry Seinfeld pulled his hit television show at the pinnacle of its popularity, it was a move that didn't reek of selfishness or arrogance. He did it when he felt the show was headed in a bad direction and he pulled the plug before any new episodes could sour the reputation of the old ones. At least now every time I see a rerun of "Seinfeld" on, I'm not taking a gamble that it may be a bad episode. I can always expect to laugh.

For several years now, "The Simpson's" have been airing episodes that don't live up to the standards of the old. The arrogance and "behind the scenes" antics of the cast and crew is reflected in the new episodes. The outrageous salaries and demands made, prove the larger-than-life attitude of several of the voices. The idea that they know they're part of a phenomenon and they can get away with anything just because the show has a built-in fan base and is still showing signs of success, sullies the pleasure of watching the show.

When I watch the new episodes, sometimes I think the writers have never sat down and actually watched "The Simpson's" before. In an episode from the second season titled "The Way We Was," the nuclear power plant was just opening as Homer finishes high school. Then in the episode from a newer season titled "The Blunder Years," the plant is shown as fully operational when Homer was 12-years-old. While I am admittedly a diehard fan of the series, even a casual fan would notice the current shows contradict storylines of the past, which reeks of desperation for storylines and show a general disregard for consistency.

Another thing I hate is this need to add guest voices, as if it's just another notch in the belt of the shows' creators. It used to be that a guest appearance would be pivotal to the story and only A-list celebrities would have something to add to the story would appear. Now, every 'celebrity' enjoying their 15 minutes of fame appear on the show, say a line and then disappear. Nothing is added to the show except another name during the credits.

In the past, you could watch an episode over and over again and catch new jokes each time. Now, the writers seemingly have such a low opinion of its audience, they feel the need to slam us with their unfunny jokes. In the episode titled "Helter Shelter" Homer calls the company, "A Bug's Death" to take care of his termite problem. When Marge asks him why he always calls such terrible companies, he replies, "I go with who has the funniest sign." Either it was such a funny joke, it warranted two laughs or the writers were worried their "slower" viewers wouldn't catch it the first time. This is a prime example of how low the show has sunk.

While the show has always slanted to the left, the references and political jabs were always sly. Now, as if there's a proverbial liberal checklist, the writers focus entire episodes on incorporating their bias on such issues as outsourcing prescription drugs, the war in Iraq and gay marriage. In doing so, viewers are alienated and characters are cheapened, just for the opportunity to quip on the agenda the writers obviously feel they need to shove down the audiences' throat. The show used to pride itself in making inconspicuous jokes that were topical. Now cheap shots that are arguably cruel in nature are made at anything Republican.

It is understandable that the show has been running for quite a long time and ideas are probably in short. However, ignoring a character's core personality and changing it to fit the need of the show is unnecessary. For example, why is it that Mr. Burns and Homer are practically best friends now? The man that struck fear into the workers of the nuclear power plant and could never remember Homer Simpson's name is now using his employee to find dates? Even secondary characters that were never supposed to have depth to them, like Comic Book Guy, have entire episodes dedicated to them.

With no end in sight and a movie in the works, the creators are still cashing in on what was once a great show.

At least I still get to laugh on Sunday nights when "Arrested Development" comes on. I can't help but feel overwhelmed that such a great show is on the brink of being cancelled while "The Simpson's" grudges through yet another season.

How poor the show has gotten also makes me appreciate "King of the Hill" more than ever. After eight seasons, it's still fresh, and arguably funnier than ever before. "South Park" and the return of "Family Guy" will give me something to look forward to as well. So while I'm greatly disappointed, I'm happy it inspired other shows that are still funny. Next season may improve, but until then, I'll always have my re-runs.

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many different tastes in music. I don't think it is outlandish to wonder why Pirate Underground or the venues in Greenville cannot cater to the student's musical desires. From my experiences with the last semester and a half, I have not seen many attempts to diversify the music scene in Greenville. The majority of bands I have covered for *TEC* or simply gone to see for my own enjoyment, have been screamo or hardcore, and that is frustrating.

I realize Pirate Underground, and other venues in Greenville try to cater to their loyal audiences. This is a vicious cycle because these audiences are the people who like hardcore. I wouldn't say they are a relatively large group, they are just loyal to their one style of music. For example, Pirate Underground did a wonderful job by booking Engine Down last semester. The band has an amazing talent and they have pioneered several different types of musical styling. There was one of the largest crowds I have seen down in the basement of Mendenhall at that show, and it was because Engine Down plays a different type of music – not hardcore. The style intrigued many students and a lot of people came out to see them play.

I understand that many towns' music scene struggle with the same issue. I am from the Wilmington area and it has been within the last two years that a good base for a variety of musical styles has been set. I see that it is hard to break out of the hardcore scene, but at the same time I don't understand why.

I don't know why it is so hard to break out of the same, ridiculously tight jeans, black shirt with a gray hoodie zipped up over it, chain dangling from your pocket, lip pierced scene. It is the type of scene where everyone stands still, staring blanklessly into space acting as if they were dead, and then telling everyone how much they loved it. The only time anyone moves at those types of shows is to "dance." Even their dancing is still, violent and neurotic.

Why should everyone be subject to this mosh pit "dancing" gunk? I am sick of hearing bands that want to be like Beloved or Underoath. Why can't people be like Explosions in the Sky or Mogwai? Or what about bands like Ted Leo and The Pharmacist or Murder by Death? Then they could even have dance nights with music similar to The Postal Service or Moby. A campus as diverse as ECU claims to be should showcase diverse talent to intrigue other students.

For the record and for a nice breath of fresh air, Mae will be coming to ECU. Their melodic sounds and easy lyrics will bring a nice change to the campus scene. Their show and all of the information on the event will be posted in *TEC*. There is also one local band who has managed to find their way out of the muck. The Capulets are a talented group with great music who also won the recent Battle of the Bands held in Mendenhall. But this is only a couple of bands, when can a defining change be made? When can bands like Mae or The Capulets play in Greenville or at ECU more often?

I think it is time for a change. I expect the turn out to different kinds of shows would be better, and bigger. I think different types of sounds could really stimulate a rather dull campus on the weekend. Different styles of music presented in weekly shows could divert some of the mindless drunkenness and partying that occurs here on the weekends. I think it is time for venues in Greenville and the Pirate Underground to switch gears and move in a different direction, a direction that will benefit students, owners of the venues and the ECU campus as a whole.

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curves. I love some of the things Abercrombie and Old Navy have to offer, but I don't like how every time I try on pants, capri's or shorts, I come across the same problem. They always fit big in the waist and small in the hips. I have the hardest time finding cute clothes that don't allow for more space in the hips and rear end.

I'm sick and tired of designers making clothes catering to skinny women. Although as I was writing this opinion, a co-worker here informed me that Levi's makes a line of jeans for curvaceous women. I'm pretty sure with the obesity rise in this country, the average American woman isn't size zero, two or four, but these are the most common sizes we see in designer stores. I am not saying that obesity is good because it truly is an epidemic but the facts need to be faced, there are bigger consumers out there today than there were 15 years ago.

Another thing that bakes my noodle is when I go looking for pants or capri's and they're all too long. I'm 4 feet 10 inches tall, 5 feet with heels, and it is impossible to find pants that aren't 2 feet too long. Even with the "short people sizes" I still need a few inches taken off. I know all my taller peers out there have exactly the opposite problem.

According to the American Census Bureau, the average woman is 5 feet 4 inches tall. But what about the rest of us abnormal people, are we going to be clothing outcasts forever?

All of you fashion merchandising majors, please take notice of this article. All of us short, tall and curvaceous women need you.

All complaining aside, I suppose there is a bright side to buying clothes as a short person. When all the capri's go on sale at the end of the summer, we can save money by wearing them in the winter as regular pants, instead of paying double for "normal" length pants.

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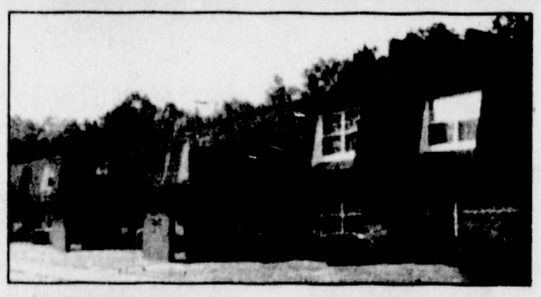

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Steroids issue growing in complexity

Line between cheating and not cheating still very thin

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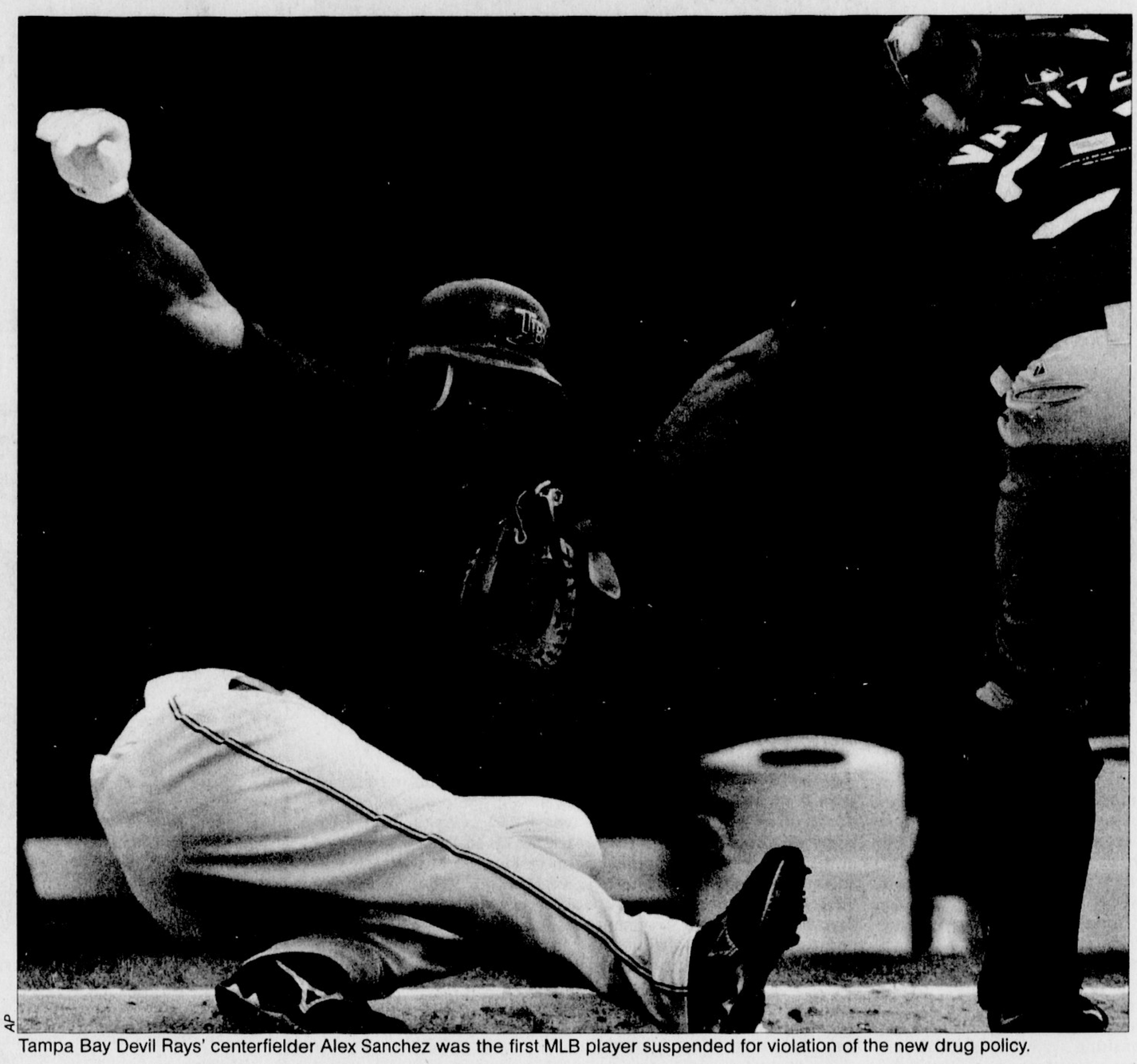

AP

Tampa Bay Devil Rays' centerfielder Alex Sanchez was the first MLB player suspended for violation of the new drug policy.

Mission accomplished. Major League Baseball kicked off its opening week with a bang and perhaps more importantly, implicated its first victim under the new steroid testing policy.

Fans seemed unconcerned with the ongoing scandal, attending spring training in record numbers as 3.4 million turned out, breaking the mark set in 1994. The enthusiasm continued into the regular season with ballparks filled to near capacity throughout the league.

Alex Sanchez was the scapegoat who tested positive for an unspecified substance and began serving a 10 day suspension Monday. The Tampa Bay Devil Rays outfielder blamed the result on something he bought over the counter and said he never took steroids and pointed to his body and statistics as proof.

Point taken.

The speedy centerfielder stole 52 bases in 2003 and hit .322 in 2004 while battling injuries. Sanchez did set a career-high in home runs last season, blasting two dingers in 79 games, making his career total four dongs in four years. Not exactly the power one would expect from a juicer. Something doesn't add up if a player with four career home runs is the first casualty of the new testing policy – and it just happened to be announced on opening day.

However, the characteristics of a substance abuser don't necessarily reflect the stereotype. Pitcher Damian Moss was the biggest name among 38 minor leaguers that were suspended for violating the steroids policy. Moss, who pitched for the Atlanta Braves and San Francisco Giants, won't be mistaken for a bodybuilder, but his positive test disproved the notion that hurlers didn't need a steroid advantage.

One more note in the minor league test results. The players suspended were mostly from the teams that held spring training in Arizona. Results from the 18 teams that played in Florida are not yet known.

It's interesting that minor league players are tested for more banned substances than those in the major league. Minor league contracts are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement and therefore the list of banned drugs is much longer, namely amphetamines.

How has baseball established such a well-defined list of which performance enhancers are allowed? Common knowledge will tell you a high percentage of athletes, both professional and amateur, utilize these products to varying degrees.

I'm no scientist and couldn't distinguish the molecular compounds and eventual side effects from steroids in contrast with other substances that can be purchased from your everyday supplement store, but I'm smart enough to know they all will offer the user a certain physical advantage over a non-user.

So are officials saying drugs are acceptable as long as they don't give the user, or abuser in some cases, too much of an advantage? Go ahead and gain a little muscle with the help of these products, but you better not gain too much?

The list of accepted substances is clear, but the fine line between what should and shouldn't be on that list is painfully contentious. The new policies and emphasis on weeding out cheaters will do nothing but cause more controversy.

Several players, including Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire and Gary Sheffield have all but admitted taking steroids. I have more respect for Jason Giambi and even Jose Canseco for owning up to their mistakes. Well, Canseco wouldn't consider it a mistake but rather a lucrative investment in a last ditch effort to avoid anonymity. Giambi expressed remorse, although forced because he would have been implicated eventually, for his prior steroid usage.

That's more than I can say for Bonds, Sheffield and McGwire. McGwire danced around the issue and broke down in tears

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Mickelson attempts to repeat

AP

MICKELSON

This Masters could be one for the ages

RON CLEMENTS
STAFF WRITER

Coming off a win last weekend at the BellSouth Classic, Phil Mickelson will have to face the same question again as the first major tournament of the year approaches – can he win the Masters? This time the question ends with the word "again."

Mickelson won the BellSouth Monday in dramatic fashion, winning a five-man playoff with Rich Beem, Brandt Jobe, Arjun Atwal and another former Masters champion, Jose Maria Olazabal.

"Feeling that anxiety, that excitement, the stuff I feel every day in a major championship, it's great for me to prepare for the Masters this way, to have that feeling just a couple days before Thursday," said Mickleson in an interview with the Associated Press.

Mickelson comes in as the hottest golfer on the tour and the top money winner so far this year. With his win at the BellSouth in Duluth, Ga., just a two hour drive from Augusta,

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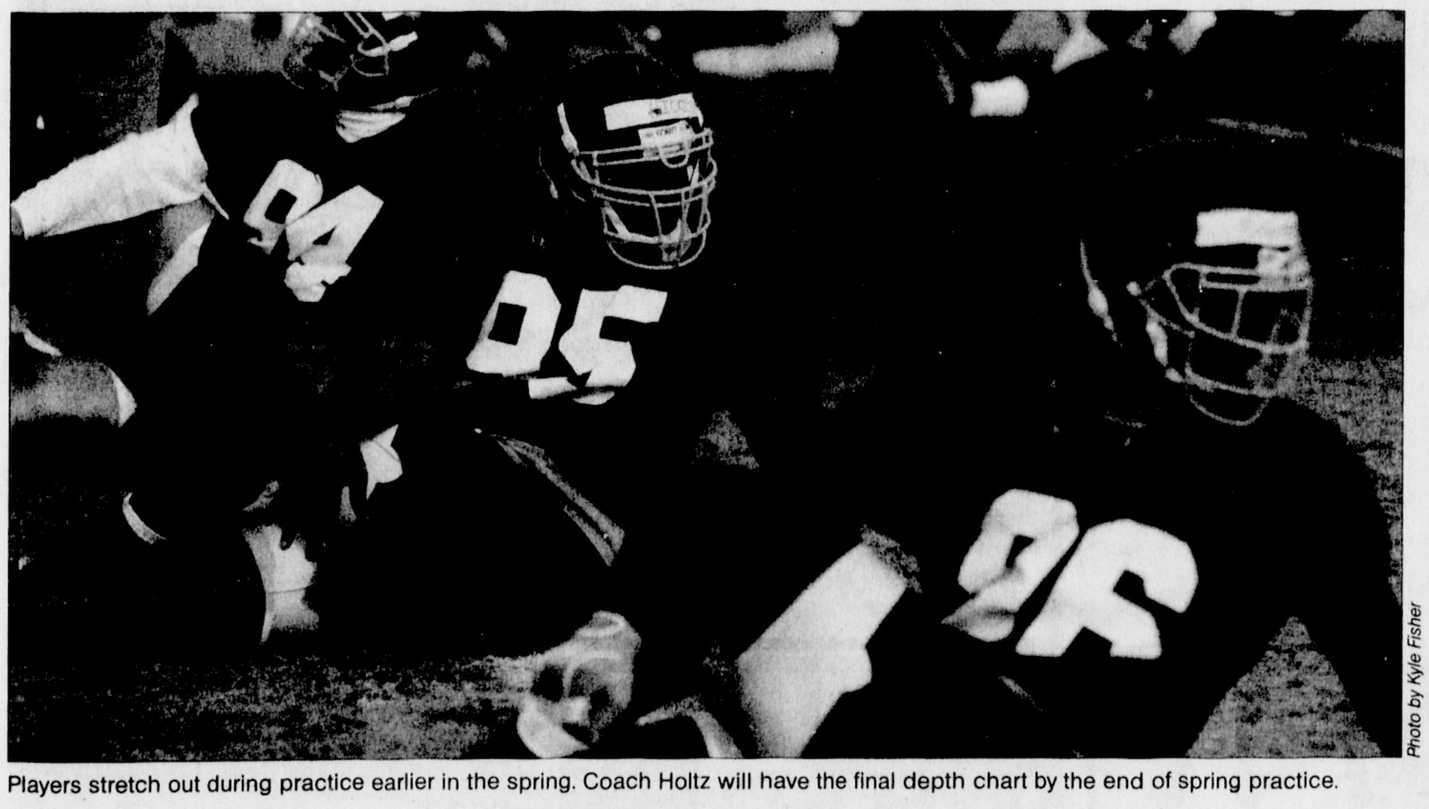
Holtz releases first depth chart



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Players stretch out during practice earlier in the spring. Coach Holtz will have the final depth chart by the end of spring practice.

Drew given nod at QB, second scrimmage Friday

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

The ECU football team has begun to put the pieces into the complex puzzle. Head Coach Skip Holtz' first attempt came when he officially released his first two-deep depth chart on Tuesday.

Holtz released the names publicly after carefully reviewing film of the first intra-squad scrimmage. The 115-play situational scrimmage, which took place April 1, was held for the coaching staff to evaluate players individually.

Redshirt freshman Davon Drew was listed as the first-string quarterback with Kort Shankweiler as the backup. Drew stands at 6 feet 4 inches and was named North Carolina Athlete of the Year during in 2003.

"Davon Drew, athletically, can do some things," said Holtz.

"I will say that. Right now, I wouldn't say either one of them is impressing me with their arm. But Davon Drew can make some things happen with his feet."

While Drew stands atop of the depth chart currently, he hasn't solidified his position.

"This is a great opportunity for Drew and Shankweiler because Patrick Pinkney is out, the freshman aren't here," Holtz said.

"But when you get to the fall, there may be five or six quarterbacks here. If [Drew] doesn't earn the starting job, then he won't get those opportunities."

The first depth chart had to be amended due to a slew of minor injuries. The ECU offense has at least nine players that are on the sidelines. Notables include receiver Bobby Good and tight ends Sean Harmon and Shawn Levesque. The defense is without linebackers Chris Moore, Pierre Bell and Dashaun Stephens.

Position changes also highlight the depth chart. Most of the adjustments were to add bulk to the smallish Pirates. Senior Chris Sellers (DL to OT) and junior Josh Coffman (TE to OT) hold spots on the offensive line while senior Richard Koonce (DE to LB), sophomore Wendell Chavis (DT to DE), senior Jamar Flournoy (LB to FS) and Pierre Parker (LB to SS) have earned current jobs on defense.

Even though the depth chart is merely a rough sketch, some newcomers have filled in gaps created by graduation while others have stepped up to take jobs from former starters.

"You don't inherit a position," Holtz said.

"I don't care if we have two quarterbacks and neither one is good enough to be a starter, I won't name one. We don't just treat the quarterback situation like that, we treat every position that way."

Junior college All-American Aundrae Allison grabbed one of the three receiver slots. On the offensive line, Gary Freeman and Eric Graham return while Chris Sellars, Trey Magee and Drew Sutton have stepped up to fill out the line.

The backfield contains two of the tightest battles of the offense. Chris Johnson, the starter a season ago held his reign at H-back. However, Robert Tillman isn't far behind. Tillman played wide receiver in an attempt to get on the field in 2004, but was moved back to his natural position. Senior fullbacks Jermarcus Veal and Jason Pender are also locked in a duel.

"There are some great battles out there," Holtz said to SID.

"I'd say all four positions in the defensive secondary are closely contested, probably the most competitive area on our team."

Former starters Zach Baker, Kyle Chase and Erode Jean all find themselves on the second-team. They were ousted by Pierre Parker, Jamar Flournoy and Kasey Ross respectively. Return specialist Travis Williams is currently behind Demetrius Hodges, who sat out the majority of last season with a shoulder surgery.

With the injuries to three of the top linebackers, two newcomers have stepped in. Redshirt freshman Jarrett Wiggins joins senior Richard Koonce at outside linebacker. Sophomore Durwin Lamb is currently filling in for Butkus Award Candidate Chris Moore.

Shaunte Hunt and Dontre Brown anchor the defensive line. Mark Robinson and Lorenza Pickett also round out the first team. The 311-pound Brandon Setzer is waiting in the wings behind Brown.

The Pirates have a second scrimmage scheduled for Friday night before the playing of the Purple-Gold Game April 16.

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2005 ECU Depth Chart (As of April 4)

Quarterback
3 Davon Drew 6-4 215
12 Kort Shankweiler 6-2 233
14 Patrick Pinkney (injured)

Fullback
44 Jermarcus Veal 6-1 241
30 Jason Pender 5-10 224

Tailback
24 Chris Johnson 5-11 170
23 Robert Tillman 5-11 175

Wide Receiver
Aundrae Allison 6-0 186
84 Bryson Bowling 6-2 172

Flank WR
80 Kevin Roach 6-4 207
82 Juwon Crowell 6-2 177

Wide Receiver
87 Brian Howard 6-2 170
86 Will Bland 5-9 181

Center
77 Drew Sutton 6-3 272
66 Zach Davis 6-4 256
67 Hunter Wood (injured)

Offensive Guard
64 Gary Freeman 6-1 331
60 Trey Magee 6-4 297
68 Matt Butler 6-4 299
58 Lance Neisz (injured)

Offensive Tackle
70 Chris Sellers 6-2 196
78 Eric Graham 6-6 312
61 Thomas Wingenbach 6-5 279
81 Josh Coffman 6-6 248

Defensive Tackle
99 Dontré Brown 6-1 287
-- Brandon Setzer 6-5 311

MLB
48 Durwin Lamb 6-1 223
49 Wes Hofacker 6-2 234
40 Chris Moore (injured)

OLB
11 Richard Koonce 6-0 237
97 Zach Slate 6-5 212

OLB
98 Jarrett Wiggins 6-3 206
13 Pat Dosh 6-2 226
42 Dashaun Stephens (injured)

Free Saftey
5 Jamar Flournoy 6-0 205
4 Kyle Chase 5-8 195

Defensive End
55 Shauntae Hunt 6-5 268
94 Michael MacDonagh 6-3 249

Nose Guard
96 Mark Robinson 6-2 255
95 Fred Hicks 6-0 290

Cornerback
6 Demetrius Hodges 5-9 191
32 Travis Williams 5-11 175

Cornerback
35 Kasey Ross 5-11 160
25 Erode Jean 5-9 177

Defensive End
47 Lorenza Pickett 6-1 233
37 Wendell Chavis 6-2 235

Strong Safety
8 Pierre Parker 6-0 202
9 Zach Baker 6-2 208
-- Herman Best 6-0 180

Finesse players losing out big-time

AP

Mickelson changed his approach off the tee twice, finally going back to hitting the ball long, which has worked out better for his game.

(KRT) — Tiger Woods stepped to the tee on the designated long-drive hole of last week's Tavistock Cup competition and quickly eyed the posted distance totals of the players who preceded him.

Their numbers seemed reachable, a fact he mentioned aloud. Then it was rightly pointed out that, in order for a drive to be counted, the ball had to remain in the fairway.

"Overrated," he said with a smirk.

The thing is, he's only half-joking.

"If you ask all the top players, they would all say the same thing," said Woods, who is bombing it farther than ever. "It's not as relevant as it has been."

In the age-old tussle between power and accuracy, the finesse players again are being outmanned and outmuscled by gonzo golfers, players who aren't overly concerned about where their drives land or who gets conked.

It's a development that continues to simultaneously raise purists' eyebrows and lower the number of fairways found. The objective for power hitters has become to hammer a tee shot 300 yards in the general direction of the fairway, find the ball, toss a wedge shot onto the green, be it spun from the fairway or dug from the rough, and roll in a birdie putt.

Augusta National, which traditionally features the lightest rough of the four major championships, could provide the perfect stage for the slash-and-burn mind-set in this week's Masters.

"(Accuracy's) not overrated, but I think distance is underrated right now," said Phil Mickelson, the defending Masters champion. "I think that you have got to move the ball out there."

Move it out there or move over. Trivia time: Of the top four players on the 2004 money list, Vijay Singh, Ernie Els, Mickelson and Woods, which guy finished in the top 100 in driving accuracy?

Answer: None of them.

Mickelson, who tweaked his game last year in order to emphasize accuracy, led the foursome by keeping 62.9 percent of his drives in the short grass, which ranked an uninspiring 120th on tour. Mickelson has since ditched his short-lived conservative ways and reverted to his traditional slash-and-panache approach, noting that he had fallen well back in the driving distance category.

"When I had sacrificed 15 yards last year, I knew that I needed to make a change," Mickelson said of his fast psychological about-face.

In 2004, only one player in the top 10 on the money list finished in the top 100 in driving accuracy, the aptly surnamed Stephen Ames. In 1980, only one player in the top 10 in earnings finished outside the top 100 in fairways found. Indeed, there is less urgency than ever for the bombers to split hairs about splitting fairways.

"It's an overrated stat, on the way to becoming almost irrelevant," said Orlando swing coach David Leadbetter, who teaches Els and a slew of top pros on various world tours. "If you are hitting it 340 yards and are lobbing a 9-iron in there versus somebody who is hitting it 270 down the middle, the guy with the 9-iron is still going to hit it closer, unless the rough is absolutely horrific."

In their brilliant duel at Doral, Mickelson missed 31 of 56 fairways and Woods missed 30. Still, both set career highs with 27 birdies over four rounds. Legendary bomber Jack Nicklaus was watching on television in rapt attention. "It's absurd," Nicklaus said. "It doesn't make any difference where you hit it anymore. You just hit it as far as you can. They're hitting it so close to the green, they can't put

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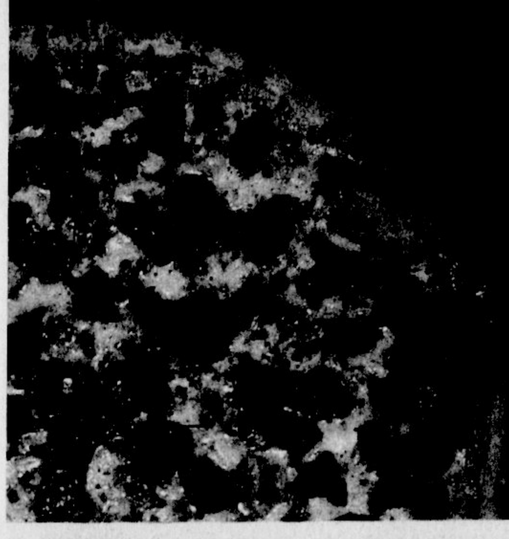

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Masters *from page B5*

Lefty earned his third win of the year and is a favorite to repeat as Masters champion.

Mickelson may be atop the money list, but right behind him is the world's No. 1 ranked golfer, Vijay Singh. This is Singh's first major as the top-ranked golfer, but he is not feeling the pressure and enters Augusta National confident.

"I'm pretty comfortable with the position I'm in," said the 2000 champion Tuesday in an interview with the AP.

"I should be, you know? I don't have any worries. I'm enjoying my game right now. What can be better? I'm here at the Masters, best player in the world right now and ready to go win another one."

With rain in the forecast, the course may favor the long-ball hitters, which makes John Daly a contender. There's another long-ball hitter, however, who is a three-time Masters champion and a serious challenge to Singh and Mickelson – Tiger Woods.

Woods is off to a great start. He is ranked second in the world, third on the money list, has a new swing and has already collected a pair of wins on the tour this year.

Depending on how much it rains will affect how the ball plays. As of Wednesday, the course was fast and dry through the practice rounds, which, coupled with higher roughs, will reduce the margin of error on what is traditionally a challenging course.

Mickelson, Woods and Singh may all be playing well, but they are just three of several golfers on the PGA Tour who are on a hot streak. Ernie Els, who has never finished lower than sixth at Augusta, David Toms, Padraig Harrington, Retief Goosen, Beem or Olazabal could all be donning the famed Green Jacket Sunday evening. Sergio Garcia had a very strong showing last year at Augusta and recorded a double eagle Tuesday during a practice round.

Jack Nicklaus will be back for his 45th and probably his final Masters. The six-time Masters champion last made the cut in 2000 and will tee off at 10:11 a.m. Thursday. The first to tee off at 8:05 a.m. will be the threesome of David Howell, Jonathan Kaye and Ted Purdy with Daly, Jesper Parnevik and Shigeki Maruyama the last trio to tee it up – at 1:55 p.m. Woods will tee off at 1:33 p.m. while Singh goes at 10:49 a.m. and Mickelson hits the links 11 minutes earlier. Els and Toms are part of a trio, along with Adam Scott, with a tee-time of 1:44 p.m.

With much of the talk surrounding the trio of Woods, Mickelson and Singh, don't be surprised if another guy like Mike Weir wins his first Masters – after all neither Goosen, Toms, nor Els has ever won a green jacket.

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Baseball *from page B5*

before a congressional hearing. Bonds and Sheffield "unknowingly" took steroids. I still don't quite understand that one. At exactly which point did they know? Did they wake up one day and say hey, my hat size has grown three full sizes in the last six months and I can't fit into my XXL T-shirts anymore, I wonder if rubbing that cream all over my body has anything to do with it? And who rubs foreign substances on themselves without knowing exactly what it is? Canseco wouldn't be proud at all. Apparently, back in his day they were man enough to stick needles in each other's backsides.

But I digress. Regardless, I'm thankful Canseco's book created such a stir. Say what you want Bud Selig, but baseball wouldn't be on the path to stricter testing without the publicity and his accusations.

The inflammation of the issue is spreading. In addition to the NFL being summoned before Congress, the NBA, NHL and five other groups are also entering the fray. Congress has asked for information regarding their drug testing policies. Officials from the NBA, NHL, ATP, MLS, U.S. Soccer Federation, USA Track & Field and USA Cycling all received letters and were given until April 12 to turn over copies of their sports' present and past testing policies and information about how those were negotiated.

I think we are all in agreement that drug testing is heading in the right direction, but the extent is arguable. Some believe that more drugs should be banned and at least one nutcase (Canseco) thinks steroids are helpful. Even others believe performance enhancers should be completely banned from athletics and I'm one of them. Steroids are a primary target of fair play proponents because of health risks and proven muscle building capabilities, but there are countless legal products with similar results. If MLB, and all sports for that matter, is focused on leveling the playing field, all performance enhancing substances should be disallowed. If not, the new policy is nothing more than a smokescreen and a ploy to shut up the media and the public.

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Golf *from page B6*

enough rough out there to make any difference."

Aficionados are predictably concerned. Los Angeles-based golf architect and author Geoff Shackelford, whose 2004 book *The Future of Golf* was highly critical of the effects technology had wrought, said the dump-and-chase philosophy violates the very essence of the game.

"The theory is that they have created areas on the golf course where you are supposed to be rewarded," he said, referring to fairways. "That area is now meaningless. It's become a long-drive contest."

Finesse players have been grousing about tour setups for years. Grow the rough and play courses with doglegs and trees, they cry. Dial in the fairways to narrower width. But if a player is strong enough to drive the ball an average of 300 yards, as a record 15 did in 2004, then they surely can carve a wedge out of the rough and attack the flags at tour stops with moderate rough.

In fact, Woods says that as the tour has narrowed the fairways and players have grown longer, it's hard to hit the short grass with any club. So why not let the big dog eat?

Woods, whose tee shots in 2004 could best be described as nomadic, this year has ratcheted up the specifications on his driver to warp speed after years of using an admittedly antiquated set-up. Bob Wood, the director of Nike Golf, described Woods as "an equipment geek," but his top pitchman was in no hurry to ditch his old steel-shafted driver.

Woods switched to the largest clubhead on the market this off-season after using the same-size driver for 15 years. This came despite the fact that he had his worst driving year ever in 2004 using a more controllable stick. "It's an adaptation you have to make with the newer equipment," he said. "It's just the way it is."

For Woods, it's at long last hammer time.

"He understands that to be able to take full advantage of what's available to him, he needed to go in that direction," said Tom Stites, Nike's chief club designer, who has delivered hundreds of drivers to Woods for testing. "The advantage that he used to have, just based on his ability, a lot of people would say he has that back now."

After making the move, Woods won three times in his next four starts, even though he didn't always know where the ball was going. In fact, when he won the Buick Invitational in January to snap an 11-month victory drought on the PGA Tour, Woods hit a meager 44.6 percent of the fairways, the fifth-worst driving week of his career. When he won at Doral four weeks ago, he hit 46.4 percent of the fairways.

Woods stands at No. 145 in driving accuracy at 57.4 percent, but he's also averaging 302 yards per poke to rank third on tour.

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Tiger Woods is ranked No. 145 in driving accuracy on the PGA.

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Woods is ranked No. 3 in the world entering the Masters.

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