



Discovery Channel to feature ECU professor



Professor David Long, Ph.D., examines historical research in his office in Brewster.

Program reveals Long's alternate theory on Lincoln's assassination

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Historian David E. Long, associate professor in the history department, will appear on the Discovery Channel to discuss his views about the events surrounding the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Long, who has done extensive research on Lincoln and the Civil War, said Lincoln was a ruthless leader determined to end slavery and keep the nation together.

"This is a guy who waged war like maybe nobody else in history and would never consent to any kind of compromise short of unconditional surrender and total return to the Union," said Long.

With a new theory of Lincoln's assassination, and a book to be released this summer, Long was chosen to be featured on Discovery Channel's "Unsolved History." The program takes another look at controversial history and analyzes it with modern technology and knowledge.

Information

Program airs:
Feb. 4 at 9 p.m.
Feb. 5 at noon
Feb. 7 at 5 p.m.

"I'm the first historian that is willing to come out and say that I think the evidence is strong enough to justify that Lincoln ... probably did sanction the killing of [Confederate President] Jefferson Davis," Long said.

Long's argument rests on papers found on the body of a killed officer close to Lincoln in Richmond.

The papers contained plans to assassinate Davis. Outraged confederate soldiers organized to assassinate Lincoln.

Long's theory states if Lincoln did plot for the assassination of Jefferson Davis, then he guaranteed his own assassination.

As part of the television program, handwriting experts will analyze the documents for authenticity, Long said.

The presentation on the Discovery Channel will give students a more in depth look on the Civil War and its

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Survey shows increase in cocaine use at ECU

May's results expected to follow trend

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Bob Morphet noticed in 2001 more students were seeking help for cocaine addiction.

Since then, the Substance Abuse Counselor said the problem continues to worsen each year.

"Anecdotally, cocaine use has become more prevalent here and nationwide," said Morphet.

"[Now], the research has caught up with what's on the streets."

According to ECU's Core

Alcohol and Drug Survey, which is given to a sample that reflects the university's enrollment, 8.6 percent of those surveyed in 2001 admitted to using cocaine at least once in their lives. In 2002, that percentage was 9.1.

ECU does not show a greater increase than other schools, which Morphet said is both a good and bad thing.

Morphet said he predicts 2004's survey results in March to show even more students trying cocaine.

Consistent users who report using cocaine once a month or more than three times a week comprise a small portion of the university - around 2 percent.

However, this is the group that suffers the consequences of addiction.

"Cocaine is incredibly addictive. It's more psychologically addictive than other drugs," Morphet said.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse says when cocaine is administered - college students most often snort cocaine - it works deep within the brain to produce a build-up of the neurotransmitter dopamine. Dopamine then collects in a pleasure-producing area, creating the user's high.

The euphoric, slightly restless state cocaine produces is one of its

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Did You Know

The short-term effects of cocaine use are increased energy, decreased appetite, mental alertness, increased heart rate and blood pressure, increased temperature, constricted blood vessels and dilated pupils.

The long-term effects of cocaine use are addiction, depression, cardiac problems, higher instance of stroke, restlessness, paranoia and auditory hallucinations.

Web site offers piece of home for soldiers in Iraq

Students send food, basic necessities

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Many American troops fighting for our country in Iraq have loved ones sending care packages. For others, pieces from home come on rare occasion, if at all.

One father and son team has created a Web site that's mission is to ensure these soldiers are not forgotten.

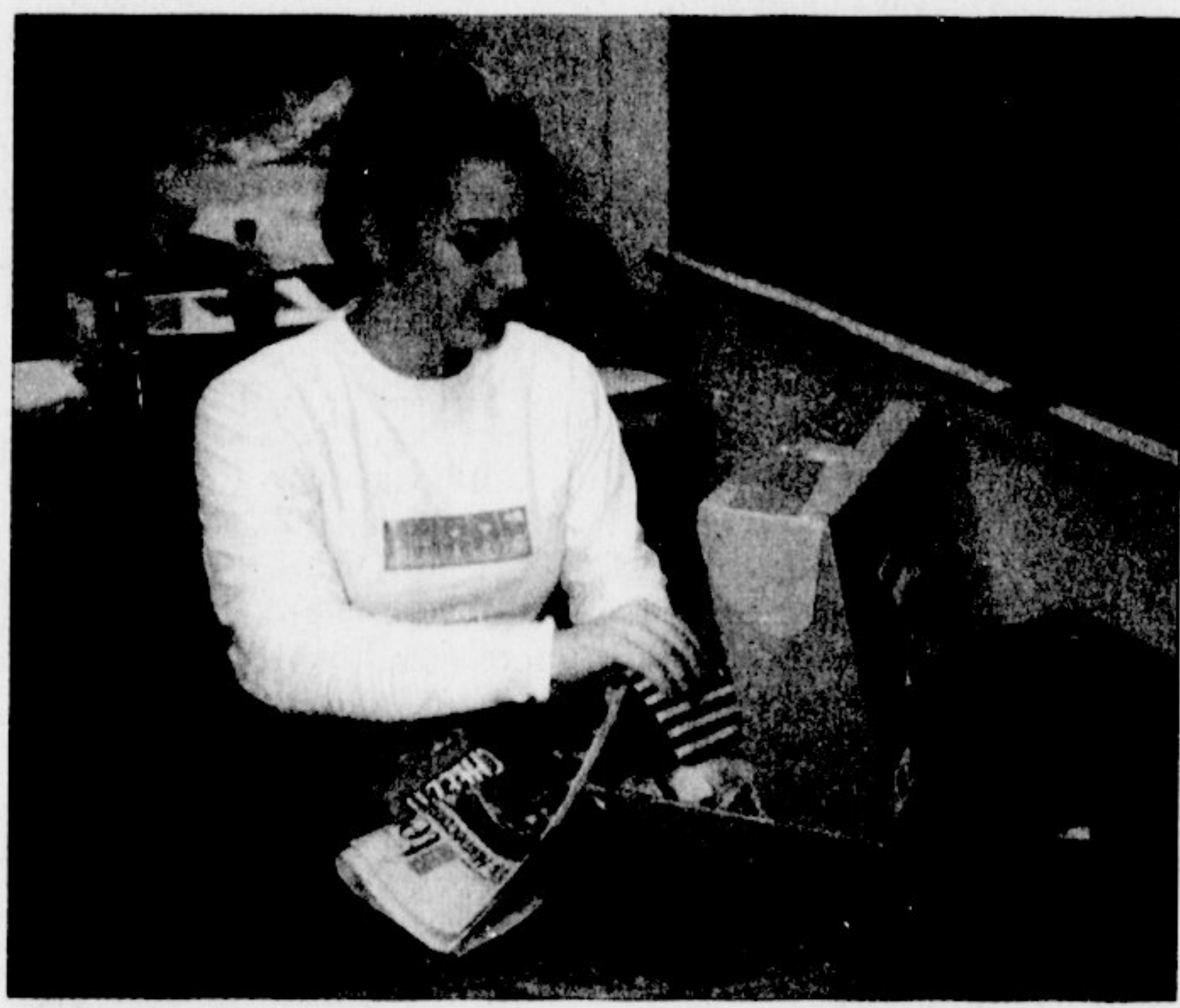
The site, www.AnySoldier.US, was started four months ago by Sgt. Brian Horn, an Army Infantry Soldier with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in the Kirkuk area of Iraq.

It is designed to give Americans the opportunity to support troops through care packages, namely for soldiers who do not receive mail.

Marty Horn, retired Army MP and Brian's father helps maintain the site.

"You have no idea the impact of being thousands of miles from home in a dangerous place where people want you dead," said Marty.

"Getting a surprise package or note from someone you don't



Junior Janie Askew creates a care package for troops.

even know is something."

Care packages should include non-perishable food and personal hygiene items.

Marty said individuals should also consider including something that gives the package a more personal touch.

"I'm told [soldiers opening packages] is something to watch," Marty said.

"As my son [Brian] has told me, he has seen several soldiers cry."

Mike Daniska, ECU graduate student in the MPA department, heard about the site on a newscast and thought it would be a good way to support the troops.

"We [Mike and his fiancé] spent about \$40 on both packages," said Daniska. "We included things like soap, shampoo, energy bars, tooth-

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What To Send

Food Items:

- Breakfast-type foods and drinks are the most needed
- Instant and regular coffee
- Coffee makers
- Hot plates
- Hot chocolate packets
- Campbell's chunky soups
- Canned tuna
- Canned Chef Boyardee
- Canned fruit
- Beef jerky
- Canned nuts
- Canned chips
- Cereal bars
- Granola bars
- Pre-sweetened powdered drinks
- L'il Debbie snacks
- Snack cakes
- Packs of candy
- Gum, trail mix

Personal Hygiene Items:

- Antibacterial wipes
- Small tubes of toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Eye drops (put in a plastic bag)
- Small containers of Tylenol, Motrin
- Band-aids, cough lozenges, small packs of Kleenex, shower-to-shower powder
- Flip flops
- Athletes' foot creme, foot powder-no aerosol bottles
- Paper, pens, envelopes
- Combs, lip balm, q-tips, nail clippers
- Feminine hygiene products
- If your package is intended for a woman, be sure to address the package, "Attn: Any Female Soldier".

Famed author begins Writers Reading Series

Terry Davis shares work, knowledge

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Best-selling author Terry Davis, who wrote "Alabama Crimson Tide," "Vision Quest" and "If Rock and Roll Were a Machine," will visit ECU on Monday, Jan. 26 as the semester's first speaker in the Writers Reading Series.

His novel, "Vision Quest" has been compared to J.D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye." The books are both coming-of-age stories.

Resa Bizzaro, English professor and co-director of the Writers Reading Series, said some may be familiar with Davis from the movie version of "Vision Quest."

"For students, [the reading] gives them an opportunity to meet with a contemporary author," said Bizzaro.

Davis has a considerable amount of practical knowledge for young writers, Bizzaro said, including how to publish,

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Poverty Awareness throughout January

- The poverty rate for families with children under the age of 18 dropped from 25.3 to 21.6 percent from 1989 through 1999.
- Since 2000, the number of Americans living in poverty has grown by 3 million.

FOODS ARE REQUIRED READING
Sunny High of 55

Online
Visit www.theeastcarolinian.com to read more about the Minnesota man charged with aiding al Qaeda for over three years.

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Several construction projects continue around campus, with completion expected this year for many.

Features page B1
It's award season. TEC takes a look into the nominees for the "Golden Globes," set to air this Sunday.

Sports page B4
The Lady Pirates are on a winning streak. They are going into the weekend looking for their eighth win.

FYI
The last day to apply for May graduation is Friday. For more information visit www.ecu.edu/ commencement.

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Announcements

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Pediatric Medicine Presentation

Loretta Kopelman, MD, will speak on "Current Guidelines and Controversies in Pediatric Research" on Friday from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. in 2E92 Brody.

Career Readiness Workshop: Interviewing

Career Services will offer a workshop on how to have a successful interview Tuesday, Jan. 27 from 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. in 1014 Bate.

Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate will meet Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 2:10 p.m. in the Mendenhall Great Room.

Medical Time Management Workshop

The Brody School of Medicine will offer a time management workshop for faculty in health science institutions Tuesday, Jan. 27 from 12:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. in 2W40 Brody. Contact the Office of Academic and Faculty Development at 744-3420 for registration.

Hormone Replacement Therapy Discussion

Phi Kappa Phi will sponsor a panel discussion on Hormone Replacement Therapy Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. in the Willis Building. Janice Busher, MD, and Marcie Parker, PharmD, RPh and MBA, are scheduled to participate.

Information Technology Seminar

Phillip Emer, a senior member of the technical staff in MCNC's Advanced Technologies Group and the chief architect of the NC Bogrid, will speak on North Carolina's initiatives to use grid computing in research, education and business on Wednesday, Jan. 28 from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. in 221 Mendenhall.

Career Readiness Workshop: Job Search

Career Services offers a workshop on searching all types of opportunities such as part-time employment, internships and permanent positions. Workshop will be Thursday, Jan. 29 from 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. in 1014 Bate.

1980s Lecturer

The Student Union Spectrum Committee presents 1980s rock music lecturer Barry Drake Thursday, Jan. 29 from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. in Hendrix Theater.

Graduate Test Prep Courses

The College of Business (Office of Professional Programs) will offer review courses for the GMAT, GRE and SAT exams this spring. For more information or to register please call 328-6377. GMAT courses will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 5 - March 4, from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Cost is \$195 due by Jan. 29. GRE courses will be on Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 4 - March 3, from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Cost is \$195 due by Jan. 28. SAT courses will be on Saturdays, Feb. 21 - March 20, from 9 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$125 due by Feb. 13.

Childhood Chronic Illness Presentation

Julie Baines, MD, will speak on "The Best Time of Their Lives: Camping for Children with Chronic Illness" Friday, Jan. 30 from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. in 2E92 Brody.

Language Arts Conference

The College of Education will sponsor the Mary Lois Staton Reading/Language Arts Conference Friday, Feb. 13 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Greenville Hilton. The conference will feature newspaper columnist and author Susie Wilde, children's author Pansie Hart Flood and 25 sessions on literacy issues. Contact Susan Ranson at 328-6830 for registration.

Latino/Hispanic Education Conference

The College of Education and the North Carolina Center for International Understanding hosts the first Latino/Hispanic Education conference on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 8:30 a.m. in the Greenville Hilton. Contact the Division of Continuing Studies at 1-800-767-9111 for registration.

Computer Virus

ECU Information Technology Security reports a new form of malicious software named "Beagle" spreading quickly throughout the campus computer network. The virus represents a threat to personal data. More details, including what actions to take, are available at the top of the "Latest Virus Threats" list Web site at <http://www.sarc.com>.

Volunteers Needed

The Literacy Volunteers of Pitt County need individuals to tutor English as a second language to adult immigrants. Knowledge of a second language is not necessary. Sessions will be Friday, Feb. 6 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., continuing to Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 504-A Dexter St. Contact Sharon Schlichting at 353-6578 for more information.

Paper Person

The person featured at the top of today's paper is Amanda Barefoot, sophomore elementary education major.

News Briefs

Local

N.C. Judges reverse ruling on pre-need caskets

RALEIGH (AP) - North Carolina officials again have told cemeteries to refrain from certain sales of final resting places.

A cemetery can't sell "pre-need" caskets unless they are also duly licensed by the state as a funeral director, the state Court of Appeals said Tuesday, reversing a lower court ruling.

Selling caskets on the installment plan before death has been a common practice in the mortuary field, but anyone who does must file paperwork with the state Board of Mortuary Science.

The board's regulation seeks to ensure that prepayments are placed in trust so there's money to buy the casket at the time of death, even if the company has gone out of business.

Former prosecutor pleads no contest to assault, B&E

LENOIR (AP) - A former prosecutor has been given a suspended 45-day sentence with two years of supervised probation in a plea agreement stemming from an alleged assault on a former girlfriend.

David Flaherty, former district attorney for Burke, Caldwell and Catawba counties, pleaded no contest on Tuesday to charges of breaking and entering and simple

assault.

The plea agreement relates to charges stemming from a January 2003 incident in which Flaherty was accused of assaulting his ex-nanny and former girlfriend, Paula Fay Harfinger, at her apartment in Lenoir.

A third charge of resisting, obstructing and delaying arrest was dismissed in the agreement, said officials with the Caldwell County Clerk of Courts Office.

National

Former ECU professor charged with killing wife, attempting cover-up

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) - A former professor at ECU pleaded not guilty Tuesday to a charge that he murdered his wife when he pulled her from her car and smashed her head into garage floor of their million-dollar home.

Jonathan Nyce then tried to make her death look like an accident by putting her body in their SUV and sending it over a snowy embankment into a creek, authorities said.

Investigators are looking into whether Nyce lashed out at his wife, Michelle, because he believed she was having an extramarital affair.

"That's one of the scenarios along with others that we are investigating," said Police Chief Michael Chipowsky.

The warrant issued for Nyce's arrest

said he pulled his wife forcefully from a Toyota Land Cruiser on Thursday night and threw her face forward to the ground. Nyce told police her head hit the ground so hard it made "a thud that made me sick."

Fire at elderly care center kills three, injures at least 12

MARYVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Firefighters struggled in bitter cold to put out a fire that killed three people at a retirement home and injured at least 12 others. The cause of the Tuesday night blaze at Home Away from Home Inc. had not been determined, Blount County Sheriff Jim Berrong said.

The facility is a for-profit center that offers assisted and unassisted living with a maximum resident occupancy of 20.

One of the residents died after being trapped in the building, sheriff's spokeswoman Marian O'Brian said early Wednesday. Some of the injured were treated for smoke inhalation and burns, and one victim suffered a hip fracture. Three were in critical condition at Vanderbilt University Medical Center Wednesday morning.

World

Pakistan has sent nuclear investigative teams to Libya, Iran

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Pakistan's questioning of some of

its top nuclear scientists came after the country sent its own investigative teams to Iran and Libya in recent months, a senior Pakistani official told The Associated Press.

The official would not give details about the exact timing of the trips or say what was discovered, but the disclosure indicates the seriousness with which the government is taking allegations of nuclear proliferation.

"Yes, we sent our own teams to Iran and Libya and the debriefings began after that," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. He said the interrogations sprung from information learned on the trips, as well as evidence handed to Pakistan by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Pakistan is under U.S. pressure to curb the spread of technology that can be used to produce atomic weapons. The government denies it authorized the sale of any such technology but says scientists may have done so acting on their own.

Straw Urges U.N. on Iraq Election Dispute

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) - British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw urged the United Nations to return to Iraq to help resolve a dispute over elections as global power brokers opened an annual meeting in this snowy Alpine resort Wednesday.

Construction completion dates set

Additional projects include Harrington, Allied Health, dorms

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Old and new construction projects are underway around campus at the beginning of the spring semester.

Flanagan Building

The Flanagan Building, which is entirely gutted at this point, is scheduled for completion in late December.

"It [Flanagan] was an obsolete chemistry building ... it is being reprogrammed," said George Harrell, senior associate vice chancellor of campus operations and adjunct associate professor.

The building will receive new labs, offices and classrooms and will cost the university \$13.8 million.

After the renovations in Flanagan are complete, most offices in the Old Cafeteria Complex will move in. The offices will be housed in Flanagan temporarily until renovations at the Old Caf-



Construction crews work on Rivers Building addition.

eteria Complex are completed.

Rivers Building

The addition to Rivers will be done by early summer of this year and will cost almost \$12 million.

Harrington Field

Construction crews will also be moving away from central campus to Harrington Field in late spring.

While baseball games will remain at home and construction will begin on the outer perim-

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New dining hall will be complete October 2004.

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significance in our history, Long said.

"Students will be educated on who this president was and what this event in American history meant," Long said.

Gerry Prokopowicz, assistant professor of history, said Long is an eminent scholar of Abraham Lincoln and students will benefit from seeing the program.

"I think it brings history alive when you can see the people who are writing it, and they are real people, not someone you know only from a back of the book photo, but someone you can see walking around on campus," said Prokopowicz.

Prokopowicz said the program is a set of arguments and people too easily believe the reading of one historian.

"There are basic facts that you start from, but the interpretations of those facts are always debatable," Prokopowicz said.

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appeals to college students, Morphet said. Being able to stay awake and party all night is difficult to refuse, especially if a solution to sleep is available.

"I've heard cocaine called 'the rich man's drug,'" said Seth Van Patten, junior cultural anthropology major.

"It seems like ECU has more rich kids now. That wealth gives them the opportunity to get their hands on it."

But a one-night stand with cocaine is risky.

"It's very difficult to experiment [with cocaine] without becoming addicted," said Mary Louise Antieau, director of student conflict resolution.

"There's never as good a high as the first time, so why try to replicate it? Sometimes, when

college students are exposed to cocaine in social settings, they think it's cool to experiment with it, but they don't understand the addictive power of the drug."

Antieau said cocaine at ECU comes from two different sources: drug dealers who target students and students who bring their habits with them from home and connect with area dealers.

The trend of increased regular cocaine use is "worrisome" to Antieau for safety reasons.

"With any illicit drug, you don't know how it was made, under what conditions and what the purity of the dose is," Antieau said.

For cocaine use, possession and intent to sell, ECU's policy is strict: in addition to state penalties, possession of a Schedule II

drug like cocaine brings a suspension for at least one semester. Upon reenrollment, a student must provide a clean urine sample within 30 days.

Individuals charged with possession with intent to sell or traffic are expelled from the entire UNC-system.

Sgt. Curtis Hayes of the ECU Police Department said arrests for cocaine violations rose from two to seven from 2002 - 2003.

Hayes said his department has been pursuing drug violations more aggressively.

"Our officers have had more training in detection of drug related crimes," Hayes said. Violence related to drug use and sales is also a concern, since the drug increases aggressiveness.

The rise of cocaine use

among college students mirrors that of ecstasy, which grew in popularity until 1997. Use of ecstasy decreased after the media changed the college-aged perception of the drug by airing programs on its negative consequences.

Morphet said while marijuana and alcohol use stay consistent among college students, harder drugs tend to experience periods of "ebb and flow."

Though numerous academic reports show an individual has a higher likelihood to try cocaine if they use marijuana and/or alcohol, no correlation between the drugs was seen in the research at ECU.

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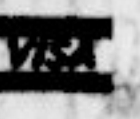
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Weird News

Students sue over kissing video
 SHANGHAI (AP) — A Shanghai couple has sued their former high school over images of them kissing in a video on "irregular behaviour," saying they were mocked by other students because of it, a newspaper reported Tuesday.
 Wei Gang and his girlfriend, who wasn't named, have demanded the equivalent of about \$800 Cdn in compensation for mental anguish and a public apology from Fuxing high school, where they graduated last year, the Shanghai Daily reported. The couple were

taunted and insulted after the school video showing their kiss was shown to other students on April 7, the report quoted Wei as saying, "Some students in lower grades would point at us outside our classroom," said Wei.
 The paper quoted the couple's lawyer, Si Weijiang, as saying the video infringed on the couple's right to privacy.

Flagpole, jail cells and commodes for sale at courthouse auction
 LILLINGTON (AP) — Everything was for sale at the old Harnett County courthouse, including the jail cells, flagpole and commodes.
 "Pennsylvania: We're old. We're cranky. Deal with it."
 But 18 entries are still in the running to be picked as one of the five finalists by the Pennsylvania Tourism Office in early 2004. After that happens, the public can vote for the winner on the tourism office's website at www.visitpa.com.

Cheryl Winegardner bought two cells, thinking they might be good pens for some of her hogs. Her husband wasn't as positive.
 "He said, 'You ain't going to buy a jail cell,'" said Winegardner, who lives outside Lillington.
 "Well, I got two. Pretty cool."

Winegardner paid \$66 for the primitive steel cells, covered in peeling gray paint and the scratching of countless inmates. She said her husband would use a cutting torch to get them out of the building.

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eters. Once the home season closes for the Pirates, expansion of the stadium will begin. The Harrington Field project, which will cost around \$7 million, is set to be completed with the start of the next baseball season.

To accommodate construction workers, this season's home games will end early this year and will have a delayed start next year.

Harrell said the new stadium will give ECU the opportunity to host tournaments.

West End Dining Hall
 One of the projects with the most noticeable changes to date is the West End Dining Hall. The new dining hall, which should be complete by October of this year, will replace the smaller, primary dining facility in Mendenhall.

Once the \$13.5 million dining hall is complete, it will have a beautifully designed structure of glass and tiers.

Allied Health and Nursing Health Sciences Library

Goofy state slogan nixed
 PITTSBURGH (AP) — Of the 20,000 or so sayings submitted for consideration as Pennsylvania's official tourism slogan, some were easily eliminated, like
 The two-year construction plan for the Allied Health and the Nursing and Health Sciences Library is set to begin on Friday after the groundbreaking during Founders Week. The \$46 million building will be 280,000 square feet, which is slightly larger than the Science and Technology Building that opened last semester. "The main academic campus needs to expand ... by building a new building for nursing and allied health, that allows us to move these colleges off the main academic campus and reuse those buildings for expansion," said Harrell.

College Hill Suites
 Another project in the works for ECU is a new residence hall that will be located on College Hill.

College Hill Suites will be beside Todd Dining Hall and will help contain the growth of ECU's population.

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Mad cow disease is a public health concern for many countries.

Japan blocks U.S. beef

TOKYO (AP) — The Japanese government has ordered meat wholesalers not to sell more than 800 tons of American T-bone steaks and other beef products considered at risk of carrying mad cow disease, health officials said Wednesday.

The order, issued Tuesday, affects 862 tons of already-imported beef considered to be the riskiest in cows infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy — steaks, soup stocks and other products made of bone parts, calf brains and other parts.

The ministry also ordered supermarkets and restaurants not to sell American beef products containing cow backbones. Officials say cow backbones and their extracts could contain proteins called prions that are linked to the brain-wasting illness.

T-bone steaks were included because they are cut from the area where a cow's vertebrae meet its ribs — a point that can

contain spinal tissue and is considered risky.

Mad cow disease is a public health concern because scientists believe humans who eat brain or spinal matter from an infected cow can develop a variant known as Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

The incurable disease caused at least 143 deaths in Britain during a 1980s outbreak there.

Japan's move covers products imported from the United States between Jan. 1, 2003, and Dec. 24, 2003, when Tokyo banned all American beef imports in response to the discovery in Washington state of the first confirmed U.S. case of mad cow disease. That cow was imported from Canada.

American officials have not detected a second case of the disease, but have yet to track down all the cattle from the infected cow's herd. The U.S. government, however, insists that American beef products are safe and is urging Japan to lift its ban.

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paste and Pop Tarts." Daniska also took Marty's advice and included a note in each package and both he and his fiancé are anxious to see if someone will write back.

"To be honest, I feel indebted to these troops and I think that we owe it to them to help," Daniska said.

Care packages should not be sent through registered or insured mail. Regular or Priority service is recommended.

Items should be put in an easy to handle box under 10 pounds and wrapped tightly with tape not string.

"[Soldiers] are the only ones between us and the loss of all the freedoms we know," Marty said.

"We may be against this particular war or not, no matter. These soldiers pay the price for us."

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THE CHINESE GOLDEN DRAGON ACROBATS

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Our View

One thing's for sure - if Kerry gets the nod, he can tell President Bush what it feels like to suit up in a military uniform when it counts and not just look good on TV.

Something funny happened on the way to New Hampshire. John Kerry rose from the middle of the pack to the front of it. The New Hampshire Primaries will be a second chance to see what the public thinks about the race.

What looked like a sure thing for Howard Dean only a month ago has been turned on its side.

Republicans did their best to downplay what happened in Iowa this Monday, but they've got to be surprised and a little confused about the events that led to the assumption of John Kerry back to the Democratic party's primary spotlight.

Kerry stole the spotlight from firebrand Howard Dean, whose penchant for straight talk earned him many supporters. As it turns out, his straightforward style may have turned off mainstream voters, at least in Iowa.

In one night, John Kerry went from being an "also ran" to being the man everybody was talking about. One conservative publication ran a story on Dean saying, "Please nominate this man." Apparently that's what the administration expected to deal with.

It would be hard to paint Kerry as a liberal antimilitary candidate. Kerry doesn't have a penchant for saying things that get people riled up and excited, but then again, he doesn't say anything that makes people angry.

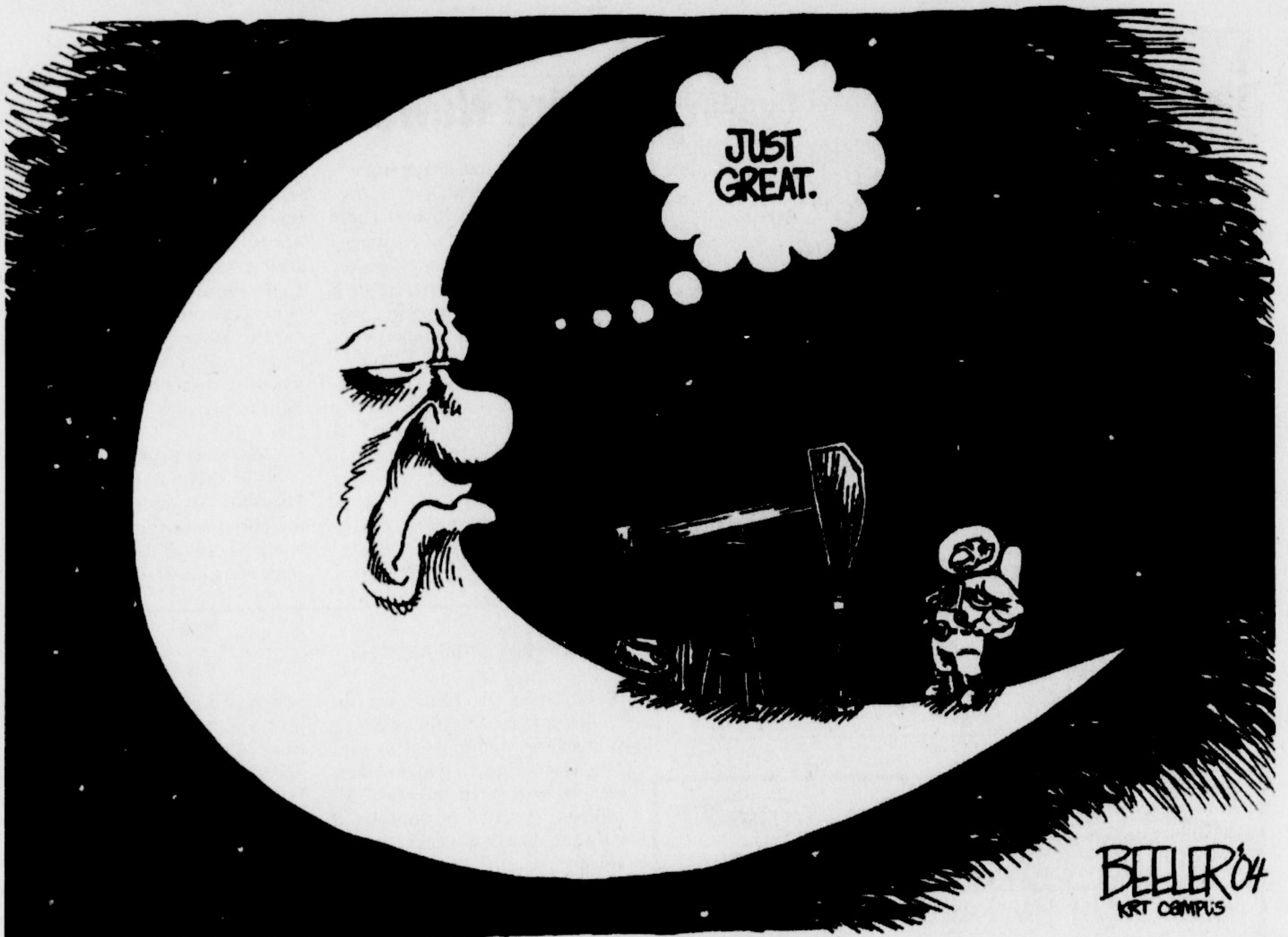
Kerry can be coached into being a more interesting speaker, and at least the voters don't see him as too arrogant or dull by the voters.

To say that one candidate has an advantage because of one primary would be more than jumping to a conclusion.

Things may swing toward Wesley Clark, who declined to run in Iowa or even John Edwards, who finished second in Iowa.

One thing's for sure - if Kerry gets the nod, he can tell President Bush what it feels like to suit up in a military uniform when it counts and not just look good on TV.

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POINT

Digging Dean

(KRT)—Behold! A new generation of Democrats! Such was the case in 1992 when Bill Clinton went to the White House. And if Howard Dean has his way next year, the Democratic Party will enter a new phase of existence.

The New Democrats of the Clinton Era were obsessed with all-around liberalism disguised as pure public opinion-consciousness. Howard Dean is a radical social liberal who totes himself as a mild fiscal conservative, making him an attractive package for young people in search of something more solid than an Arkansas accent, a stained dress and a West Wing full of pollsters.

When I met Dr. Dean in Detroit just prior to a Democratic debate a few months back, he seemed to have a hidden charm behind his customarily grave expressions. I happened to have bumped into the former Vermont governor while walking to a protest of the Democratic candidates, and I took advantage of the circumstances to procure his signature. I will affirm from this experience that Dean exudes a certain presence that some, particularly young people, might call presidential.

That isn't to say that a Dean presidency would be a good thing. He has the capacity, and the potential, to do great damage to the American experiment.

But Dr. Dean is doing almost everything correctly when it comes to political tactics, and young leftists are catching on.

Dean's campaign bills his young supporters as "Generation Dean." Generation Dean is a well-organized network because the Dean Campaign has recognized perhaps better than any other campaign in history the potentials of next generation technology. The Dean campaign has a classy Web site that gets almost as many hits as WhiteHouse.gov, it uses MeetUp.com for neighbors to organize local campaign efforts, and supporters spend time blogging at hundreds of pro-Dean websites. Dean's youthful campaign focus has largely resulted in the creation of a tightly-knit community of young leftists and nearly 1,000

unofficial pro-Dean neighborhood, campus, and special interest booster clubs.

As one Dean staffer told *The New York Times* in reference to Dean's exploitation of the Internet, "It's like church, the central place where people go to get inspired."

For young left-leaning Americans, the Dean campaign is inspirational. Unlike Bush's conventionally grueling effort to recruit young people through College Republicans chapters on college campuses to join the "GOP Team Leader" e-mail list and go to an occasional on-campus meeting, Generation Dean offers bold opportunities for young people to be creative, use their skills and ideas innovatively, take a lead and impact the future.

Fortunately, Generation Dean doesn't own a monopoly on the politics of this generation. As surely as the current generation is divided along moral and cultural lines, it is divided politically. Generation Dean must coexist with Generation 9/11 - those who understand that in changing times, America must cling to traditional values and maintain our position as leader of the free world - a generation represented, though ineptly at times, by President Bush.

Generation Dean is a small minority among young people. But unlike many other young people today, Generation Dean is filled with idealists who are motivated to change the world.

And that's what makes Generation Dean dangerous. They're young, and they'll be spending the next half-century advocating with passion an America where moral duties and national honor are outmoded relics of antiquity. Howard Dean's new manifesto entitled "Bill of Rights for a New Generation of Americans" is symbolic of a prevalent attitude on the left, and of a growing attitude among the next generation, that rights can be created and disposed of at will.

Thank God that among the actual rights we still enjoy is the right to vote against Howard Dean in 2004.

COUNTERPOINT

Generation Dean

(KRT)—One Fourth of July in Vermont, shortly after my father was diagnosed with cancer, a surprise visitor showed up at my family's back door. As the visitor entered our kitchen he introduced himself with a friendly, "Hello, I'm Howard Dean."

As it turned out, former Gov. Dean and my father were already casually acquainted, and when he heard of my father's illness earlier that day, the concerned governor, a doctor, decided to make a friendly house call.

While a surprise drop-in from the future Democratic presidential front-runner may seem like an extraordinary encounter, such visits weren't so unusual in Vermont. When you're the governor of such a small state, these personal connections with regular folks are common.

Of all the major contenders in the Democratic primary race, Howard Dean is easily the most closely connected to ordinary people. As a practicing physician right up to the very moment he took office as governor, he spent an entire career honing the fine art of personal connection.

His immense popularity in a state where face-to-face, door-to-door politics is practiced, was due in no small part to his easy accessibility.

A natural extension of Dean's connection to everyday Americans is his being in touch with the younger crowd. With a strong youth-targeted message, Dean consciously invokes the memory of John F. Kennedy in his determination to get young people involved in politics.

Often described as socially liberal and fiscally conservative, Howard Dean seems a perfect match for America's young voters, who in recent years have tended to describe themselves the same way.

He has given a prominent voice to the concerns of young people by assertively addressing issues important to them, ranging from equal rights to the environment.

Passionate about education, he has proposed progressive policies including the "College Commitment" plan, which would guarantee up to \$10,000 annually through loans and grants to any student seeking a college education.

His plan to expand Medicaid

and the State Children's Health Insurance Program promises access to quality health care for anyone up to the age of 25.

Through early opposition to the war in Iraq, he has galvanized an entire anti-war movement with a solid core of young activists.

Young people are typically viewed as the most apathetic group when it comes to politics, but many experts believe that the swing vote in the 2004 election will be that of young voters.

Nearly 60 percent of young voters say they will definitely vote in the next election while another 27 percent say maybe they will, according to a study conducted by the Harvard Institute of Politics. In 2000, a mere 36 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted in the presidential election.

This dramatic increase in possible voters can be attributed largely to Dean's campaign.

The youth-based branch of the Dean campaign, known as "Generation Dean," reports that one-quarter of financial contributions to the campaign have come from 18- to 30-year-olds. With 700 youth-based groups nationally, Dean boasts the largest youth-driven grassroots campaign of any presidential contender in recent memory.

While most of Dean's Democratic opponents have done little to inspire young voters from inside the Beltway, President Bush seems to have forgotten us altogether.

As was demonstrated in the 2002 midterm elections, Republicans have traditionally benefited from low voter turnout. For this reason, there is little motivation on their part to mobilize the young vote.

With so much at stake in November 2004, Dean's ability to inspire young voters is crucial not only to his campaign, but to the future of the nation. More than any other candidate, he understands that winning this country back means winning back the trust of young Americans.

With our own future in our hands, young Americans need to rally behind a candidate who has always stood up for them.

Dean best sums up his belief in the value of the young American voter in the words of his signature campaign rally sign-off: "You have the power!"

In My Opinion

Are high-carb diets responsible for obesity problem?

(KRT)—ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Renowned chef Julia Childs once said she would rather have one spoonful of a dish made with real cream, cheese and butter than a whole plateful of a concoction made with skim milk, low-fat cheese and margarine.

Her statement also captures the theory behind the famous Atkins Diet, freeing dieters to enjoy foods that contain fats as long as they are high in protein and low in carbohydrates. That means dieters can enjoy steak or lamb chops, but they must avoid bread, muffins, potatoes and sugary desserts if they want to lose weight.

Julia captured the key principle of the diet, recognizing that when people are satiated, they eat less. A

slice of a rib roast, served with a side of cauliflower in a cheddar sauce, makes a delicious meal that's also less likely to send you back to the refrigerator.

But instead of giving ourselves permission to eat Julia's meal, we dive into a gargantuan plate of pasta, thinking that we're eating right because it's low in fat. There must be some reason that our nation, which is obsessed with low-fat foods, is getting fatter and fatter, with one in five obese. Are we being fed low-fat lies?

Atkins argued that pasta and other carbohydrates set off a chain reaction of cravings that result in excess calorie consumption.

Here's why: Carbohydrates contain sugars in various forms. Sugar is digested into glucose to turn the food into fuel, which is quickly released into the bloodstream to be either burned or stored. Glucose in the bloodstream triggers the production of insulin, whose basic job is to store fat.

A high-carbohydrate, high-sugar meal triggers a rush of insulin, but once the glucose is burned or stored, the blood-sugar level plummets, and we're suddenly hungry again—for more carbohydrates. We over-eat because our blood sugar is jumping up and down. Today, the average American gets one-third of his calories from sugar and even more

from other carbohydrates.

Protein and fat don't trigger the insulin rush. The cravings are dissipated, and we don't need to eat as much.

It only takes a look at sitcoms from before the '70s to see what we have done to ourselves. Jackie Gleason and Fred Mertz (from "I Love Lucy") were notably obese, but virtually all of the other actors are thin. And they knew nothing of low-fat, skim foods.

Dr. Atkins' Diet Revolution has sold more than 10 million copies, so clearly it is touching a nerve. Several recent studies also have shown that test subjects on the diet lost 13 pounds compared to 4 pounds for those on a low-fat diet.

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author," said Bizzaro. Davis has a considerable amount of practical knowledge for young writers, Bizzaro said, including how to publish, market and deal with agents. Davis is the first speaker of the semester for the Writers Reading Series, with authors Theresa Williams and Ethelbert

Miller scheduled to participate in coming months. His first lecture will begin at 3 p.m. in Mendenhall, Great Room: 1 and 2. His second lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in the Greenville Museum of Art at 802 Evans St. Davis will be available after his lectures and readings for

book signing. The event is free and open to the public. The Writers Reading Series is presented by the Department of English and is partially supported by the North Carolina Arts Council. This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

Record industry files 'John Doe' suits against music downloaders

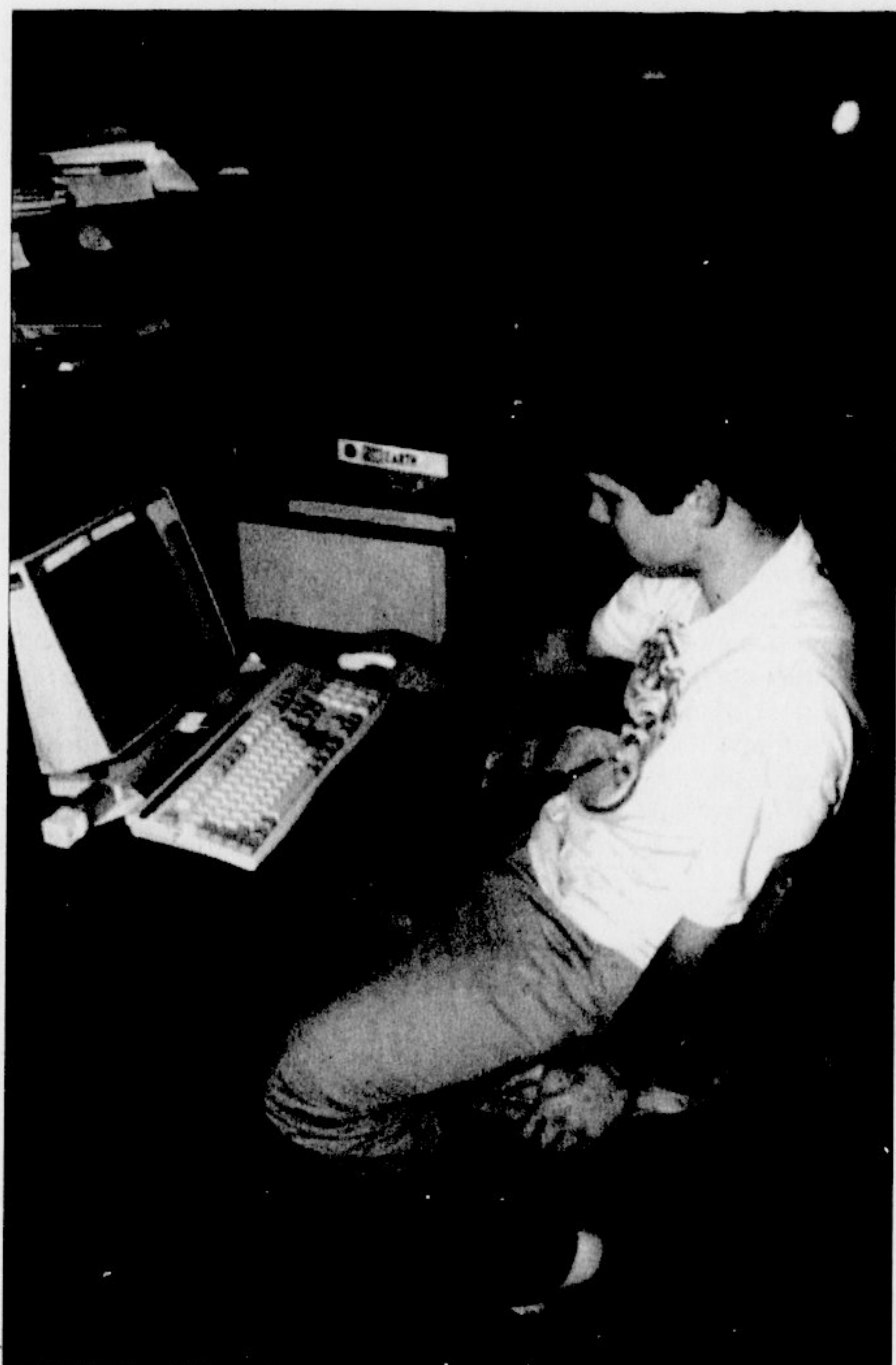
WASHINGTON (AP) — The recording industry on Wednesday sued 532 computer users it said were illegally distributing songs over the Internet, the first lawsuits since a federal appeals court blocked the use of special copyright subpoenas to identify those being targeted.

The action represents the largest number of lawsuits filed at one time since the trade group for the largest music labels, the Recording Industry Association of America, launched its controversial legal campaign last summer to cripple Internet music piracy.

Citing Internet addresses, music lawyers filed the newest cases against "John Doe" defendants and expected to work through the courts to learn their names and where they live.

The recording association said each person was illegally distributing an average of more than 800 songs online. Each defendant faces potential civil penalties or settlements that could cost them thousands of dollars.

The resumed legal campaign was intended to discourage music fans emboldened by last month's U.S. appeals decision, which dramatically increased the cost and effort to track computer users swapping songs online and sue them.



The RIAA is continuing to crack down on music downloaders.

Ohio close to passing gay marriage ban

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — After seven years of debate, lawmakers moved closer Wednesday to passing a law that would bar Ohio from recognizing same-sex marriages and keep some state employees from getting benefits for their domestic partners.

A Senate committee approved the measure Wednesday morning, and it was likely to go before the full Senate as early as Wednesday afternoon. If a version that passed the House last month is not amended, the legislation would go to Gov. Bob Taft, who has indicated he supports it.

The bill, considered one of the most far-reaching in the nation, puts into law that same-sex marriages would be "against the strong public policy of the state."

That language is necessary because of a 1934 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that

requires states to recognize marriages from other states in most circumstances.

Ohio may be only the second state, besides Nebraska, that would prohibit benefits for state employees' unmarried partners, said lawyer Michael Adams of Lambda Legal Defense.

The Legislature has struggled with the issue since then-Rep. Jay Hottinger introduced a bill in the House seven years ago.

Similar bills have been introduced in each legislative session since then, but former Senate President Richard Finan, a Republican, blocked its passage. He said state law already took care of the matter.

After Finan left the Senate in 2003 because of term limits, Republican Rep. Bill Seitz sponsored the current bill and told the committee that a ruling in Massachusetts that declared the state's gay marriage ban unconstitutional could affect Ohio.

"My concern is the cost of the courts rewriting statutes in ways we did not intend," Seitz told the committee.

Although the bill would prohibit unmarried partners of state employees from receiving benefits received by married partners, it would allow exceptions, including employees who gain such rights in negotiating under collective bargaining, he said. It would not apply to local governments or private companies.

Adams, of Lambda Legal Defense, said the legislation is not needed and places burdens on the partners of gays that are not found in other states that have banned same-sex marriages.

"There is no evidence that any couples besides man-woman couples are trying to get married. It seems to be unnecessary," Adams said.

Seitz denied that the bill targets gays and lesbians.

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Bush says there are 'troubled times' in parts of the country

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, drawing from his State of the Union speech, said Wednesday that America's economy is strong but "there are still troubled times" in some parts of the country. Democrats said Bush's election-year address underscored how paltry his achievements have been.

The morning after he addressed a national television audience and a joint session of Congress, Bush flew to Toledo, Ohio to begin a two day swing that also will take him to Arizona and New Mexico to highlight his job training and counterterrorism proposals.

Ohio has been hard hit by manufacturing job losses and its unemployment rate has jumped from 3.9 percent to 5.7 percent since Bush took office. "There's no doubt that things

are getting better," the president said. "Some people could conceivably be ... are being left behind" because they lack the skills to cope with changing technology, he said.

But overall, he said, "this economy is strong ... I fully recognize that in Ohio there are still troubled times." He also said that after two wars, "We're now marching toward peace."

Bush spoke at Owens Community College to highlight his \$250 million proposal for new job-training grants channeled through community colleges.

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, campaigning in New Hampshire, said Bush failed to deliver on a promise to create 250,000 jobs last month when only 1,000 new jobs were recorded. "Americans should be

able to trust that what the president tells them is true," he said.

"After four years in office, this president still doesn't understand what's happening in living rooms across this country," Kerry said after watching the State of the Union speech.

Bush began a two-day, three-state swing in Ohio, with its 20 electoral votes a linchpin of Bush's 2000 victory but one he won by only 3.5 percentage points. Wednesday marked his 14th trip to the state.

Later Wednesday, he was heading to Arizona, with 10 electoral votes, which he also won narrowly in 2000. Thursday, he was off to New Mexico, which went to Democrat Al Gore in 2000 by 366 votes.

Bush's aides maintained their usual insistence they were not worried about re-election.

Biotech insects could fight disease

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Some high-tech insect experiments soon may be flitting out of the laboratory: Mosquitoes genetically modified to eliminate malaria. Silkworms engineered to produce bulletproof vests. Bollworm moths designed to self-destruct before they can wipe out cotton crops.

Genetically engineered insects hold the promise of benefiting millions, eradicating diseases and plagues that cause famine in the developing world.

But despite such good intentions, many scientists are alarmed that few safeguards exist to keep unintended consequences from harming humans or the environment.

Fast-producing insects anchor food chains around the globe. Yet the impact that genetically engineered bugs could have on ecosystems is only now being

explored, even as researchers push to release biotech insect experiments into the wild.

Such questions could be vitally important, particularly since many researchers are engineering insects designed to change the genetic makeup of their very species.

Unlike with biotech crops or livestock, which are at least designed to be controlled, the goal of much of this insect research is to introduce genetically engineered traits into natural insect populations for example, rendering tsetse flies incapable of carrying deadly sleeping sickness, a disease that afflicts millions in Africa.

No biotech insect experiment has been conducted outside a laboratory yet, but a few projects are getting close a prospect that prompted the Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology, in a report being released Thursday, to call on the federal government

to adopt strict regulations.

"Usually, biotechnology seems to move more quickly than the regulations," said Michael Fernandez, Pew's science director. "But in this case, we have the time."

No U.S. law specifically addresses biotech bugs. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's written policy on engineered insects asserts regulatory authority only over "plant pests," requiring that any outdoor experiment get prior federal approval.

Bob Rose, a USDA scientist, said federal agencies can and probably will assert authority over many of these projects with some creative categorizing. For instance, Rose said the USDA has authority to regulate insects that cause disease in animals. Mosquitoes are livestock pests and Rose said genetically engineered malaria fighters could be brought under USDA's authority in that way.

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Did You Know?

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- Today is Answer Your Cat's Question Day and Celebration of Life Day.
- On this day in 1973, the Supreme Court legalized most abortions in the landmark case of Roe vs. Wade.
- On this day in 1964, the world's largest cheese (15,723 kg) was manufactured in Wisconsin.

Announcements

Films

The Student Union Films Committee presents *Lost In Translation* tonight at 9:30 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and midnight, Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* is showing tonight at 7 p.m., Friday at 9:30 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m. and midnight and Sunday at 3 p.m. Movies are free with ECU ID. For more information call 328-4700.

Polar Bear 2004

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Contra Dance

The ECU Folk & Country Dancers are sponsoring a Contra Dance on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. in the Willis Building. Admission for students is \$3. For more information visit <http://222.geocities.com/ecufolkandcountrydancers/contradances>.

Pirate Underground Concert

The Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee presents music by Squeezetoy on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. in the Mendenhall Pirate Underground. This event is free.

Writers Reading Series

The Department of English presents author Terry Davis as part of the Writers Reading Series on Monday, Jan. 26 at 3 p.m. in Mendenhall Great Rooms 1 & 2 and at 7 p.m. in the Greenville Museum of Art. Davis is the author of *Vision Quest*, *Presenting Chris Crutcher*, *Houston Comets*, *Mysterious Ways*, *If Rock and Roll Were a Machine* and *Alabama Crimson Tide*.

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WINNERS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

A look at the nominees for the 2004 Golden Globe Awards Show

MICAH MASSEI
SENIOR WRITER

Abhhh, the Golden Globes - for those in the entertainment industry, this award show is the greatest indicator of what's to come for Hollywood's finest.

Every year, the Hollywood Foreign Press honors those in both film and television and generally sets the precedent for who will - and won't - be nominated come Oscar time. Below is a breakdown of some of the nominees and an analysis of who should win, who shouldn't win, and who ultimately, will win.

Best Picture (Drama)

Nominees: *Cold Mountain*, *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World*, *Mystic River* and *Seabiscuit*.

Who Should Win:

Mystic River. Clint Eastwood's dark, tragic tale of the loss of innocence amongst three adolescents and the

harrowing future destiny that awaits them is flat-out the most well-acted, best written, most important film of the year.

Who Shouldn't Win: *Cold Mountain*. This is the type of film that screams, "awards, awards, awards!!!" - which wouldn't be a problem if it were a worthy effort.

Who Will Win: Much like last year, there is no powerhouse favorite expected to sweep the ceremony this year, making each category winner harder to predict. All of the nominees (except for maybe *Seabiscuit*) have a pretty good chance at taking home the top prize, but expect a tight race between *Cold Mountain* and *Lord of the Rings* with *Lord of the Rings* winning it in a close one.

Best Picture (Comedy)

Nominees: *Bend It Like Beckham*, *Big Fish*, *Finding Nemo*, *Lost in Translation* and *Love Actually*.

Who Should Win: This is an odd one. *Lost in Translation* is easily the best film of the group, but if *Lost in Translation* is a comedy, then *Pirates of the Caribbean* was a scary, horror film. Much is the same with *Big Fish*, which did have laughs, but is ultimately a tearjerker hiding

behind a smile. The best film of the category: *Lost in Translation*. The funniest film of the category: *Finding Nemo*.

Who Shouldn't Win: *Bend It Like Beckham*. If you find a coming-of-age story regarding a young Indian soccer player's unconvincing struggle with "the ways of love" while also enduring pointless cross-culture gags from the friends and family around her, the funniest film of the year ... you're a comic genius.

Who Will Win: *Lost in Translation* by default.

Best Actor (Drama)

Nominees: Russell Crowe, Tom Cruise, Ben Kingsley, Jude Law and Sean Penn.

Who Should Win: Sean Penn for his devastating, brilliant performance as Jimmy, the grief-stricken father who seeks vengeance for the murderer/s of his daughter in *Mystic River*.

Who Shouldn't Win: Tom Cruise for *The Last Samurai*. Critics were mixed with his performance and based on the recent poor box office results ... audiences were as well.

Who Will Win: After three

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And The Nominees Are...

 SILVERSTONE Best Picture (Drama) <i>Cold Mountain</i> <i>The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King</i> <i>Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World</i> <i>Mystic River</i> <i>Seabiscuit</i>	 SHEEN Best Actor (Drama) Russell Crowe (<i>Master and Commander</i>) Tom Cruise (<i>The Last Samurai</i>) Ben Kingsley (<i>House of Sand and Fog</i>) Jude Law (<i>Cold Mountain</i>) Sean Penn (<i>Mystic River</i>)	 THE WEST WING Best Actor (Drama) Michael Chiklis ("The Shield") Anthony Lapaglia ("Without A Trace") William B. Davis ("CSI") Martin Sheen ("The West Wing") Peter Sarsgaard ("24")	 LOST IN TRANSLATION Best Television Show (Drama) "24" "CSI" "Nip/Tuck" "Six Feet Under" "The West Wing"
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Quick Picks: Film Review

'Big Fish' reels in audiences

LAUREN MASON
SENIOR WRITER

With the usual flourish of Tim Burton, *Big Fish* presents the life of Edward Bloom and the stories he shared with his son throughout the years. In the true fashion of southern storytellers, Albert Finney portrays a man who has lived a full life and shares his stories one more time with his somewhat dubious son, Will (Cruddup).

In this film, it's hard to tell which stories are real, which stories are enhanced and which stories are completely fabricated. These "tall tales" eventually drive apart the father and son, but after a few years his father's impending death brings the two back together and gives Will the opportunity to figure out who his father really is.

With the help of his mother, Sandra (Lange) and wife, Josephine (Cotillard), Will discovers the truth about his father's past and learns to appreciate the stories for what they are. Together, they create his father's last story and recognize the importance of his past - no matter how unbelievable it may seem.

The true characters in this film are found woven into these fascinating stories, interacting with Ewan McGregor as the younger Edward. Danny Devito appears as a worker in the circus where Bloom first spots young

Quick Pick: Album Review

Phantom Planet returns with new band member, new sound

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To the excitement of indie-rock fans everywhere, Phantom Planet is back. On their latest effort, the band - who is more likely known for their pop rock hits like "Somebody's Baby" from the *Not Another Teen Movie Soundtrack* and "California," the theme song for the much-hyped show "The O.C." - proves they are rockers at last.

Phantom Planet's first two efforts, *Phantom Planet Is Missing* and *The Guest*, were decidedly albums filled with well-written pop songs with a harder, rock edge. Their new CD, the self-titled *Phantom Planet*, promises to shatter all expectations placed on the band and proves that this band knows no musical limits.

At first, listeners may wonder if they're hearing a more garage-type sounding band like The Strokes. The muffled singing, loud instruments and the under-produced sound make this an obvious comparison. However, unlike Strokes' Julian Casablancas, Phantom Planet's Alex Greenwald can actually sing, making it possible to understand every contrived, yet somehow catchy, lyric.

The first single off the album, "Big Brat," does not justice to the rest of the CD. Being one of the hardest hitting songs off the album, it has the potential to scare away fans so much that they don't even pick up the album.

It's not until the listener gets



Film Info

Film: *Big Fish*
Cast: Albert Finney, Billy Crudup, Jessica Lange, Ewan McGregor, Danny Devito, and Alison Lohman
Release Date: Jan. 9, 2004

Sandra (Lohman).

Other familiar faces show up such as Steve Buscemi, who plays the famed poet Norther Winslow, and Matthew McGrory shows off some cinematic magic as Karl, a giant who comes to their small town.

Much in the likeness of *Forrest Gump*, *Big Fish* follows the young man's life from childhood encounters with the town witch, through Vietnam and then on his adventures as a traveling salesman. The common tie, however, is the notorious fish that can never be caught and the man's love for water. Although the stories may seem disjointed and the movie jumps back and forth from flashbacks to the present,

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Album Info

Album: *Phantom Planet*
Artist: Phantom Planet
Release Date: Jan. 6, 2004

to the fourth track, the softer but fun "1st Things 1st," that the skillful song writing and musical genius returns. It's almost as if the album should start here and then develop into the "Strokes-like" sound of other cuts like "The Happy Ending" and "Badd Business."

Overall, the record takes some getting used to - this is not the Phantom Planet of old. Die-hard fans of the previous albums will initially dislike the band's new direction, but it's important to understand that not even the band is the same as it was on the first two albums. Before production of the album, founding member Jason Schwartzman (you may remember him from the movie *Rushmore*) decided to leave the band. Phantom Planet was forced to reexamine itself and the result is an album full of edgier rock songs with more emphasis on guitar and drums

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Cinema Scene

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The Texas Chainsaw Massacre – starring Jessica Biel, Jonathan Tucker and Eric Balfour. A retelling of the 1973 event based on five Texas teenagers who were stranded at a slaughterhouse where they are hunted down and killed by a deranged killer named Leatherface. Rated: R. Showing today at 7 p.m., Friday at 9:30 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m. and midnight and Sunday at 3 p.m.



Lost in Translation - starring Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson. A middle-aged, washed-up actor travels to Tokyo to film a commercial and meets a woman with whom he shares a wild, unpredictable weekend. Rated: R. Showing today at 9:30 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and midnight, Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m.

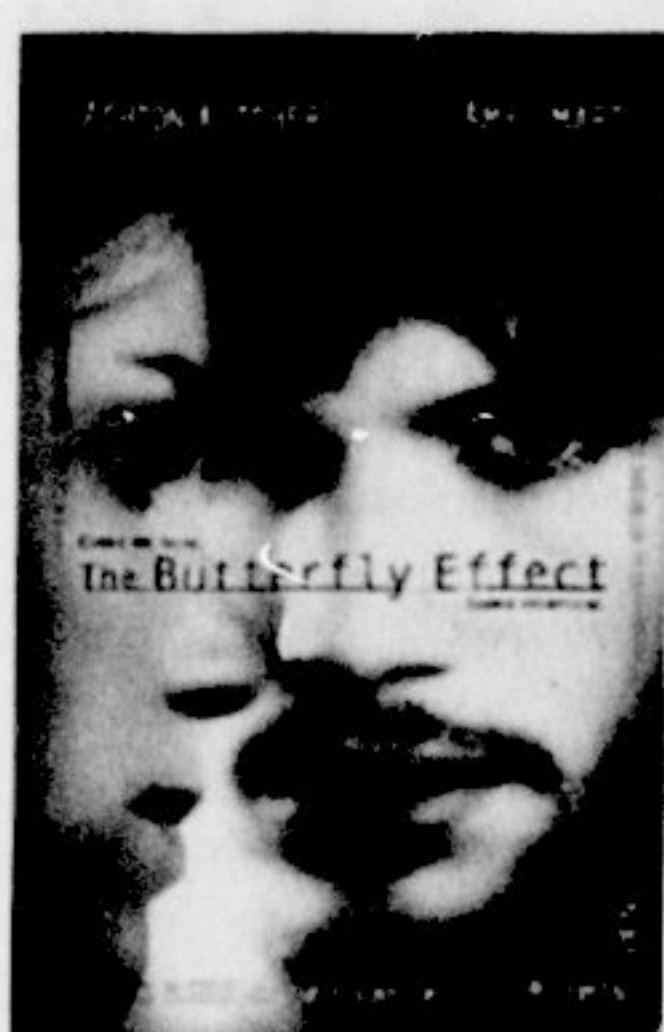
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Along Came Polly – starring Ben Stiller, Jennifer Aniston and Phillip Seymour Hoffman. A newly wedded husband (Stiller) is cheated on by his wife during their honeymoon. Soon after, he becomes involved in another relationship with a free-spirited woman named Polly (Aniston). Rated: PG-13.

Big Fish – starring Ewan McGregor, Albert Finney and Billy Crudup. Edward Bloom (Finney) loves to tell stories about himself as a young man (McGregor), and although his stories charm most are often tall tales, and they don't impress his estranged son (Crudup). When father and son are reunited, the son must learn how to separate fact from fiction to save their relationship. Rated: PG-13.

Calendar Girls – starring Annette Crosby, Phillip Glenister and Celia Imrie. The true story of 11 women aged 45 – 60 who posed nude for a calendar for the Women's Institute to raise funds for cancer research. Rated: PG-13.



The Butterfly Effect – starring Ashton Kutcher, Amy Smart and Melora Walters. A young man with a dark and troubled past discovers that he has the ability to travel back in time and occupy his childhood body. He soon finds that with every trip back in time, it alters his future, leading him to keep traveling back to repair the damage, resulting in disaster. Rated: R.



Chasing Liberty – starring Mandy Moore, Matthew Goode and Jeremy Piven. While on a diplomatic trip to Europe with her parents, Anna Foster (Moore) secures a night away from her parents, but when her father decides to change his mind, Foster takes matters into her own hands. Rated: PG-13.

Cheaper By the Dozen – starring Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt and Tom Welling. Story of a family with 12 children moving to Chicago and their often humorous adjustments to big city life. Rated: PG.

Cold Mountain – starring Jude Law, Nicole Kidman and Rene Zellweger. Story of the long journey home of a wounded Civil War soldier, who returns home to North Carolina to be reunited with his wife. Rated: R.

Lord of the Rings: Return of the King – starring Elijah Wood, Sean Astin and Ian McKellan. This is the completion of what has been dubbed "the greatest trilogy of our generation." Rated: PG-13.

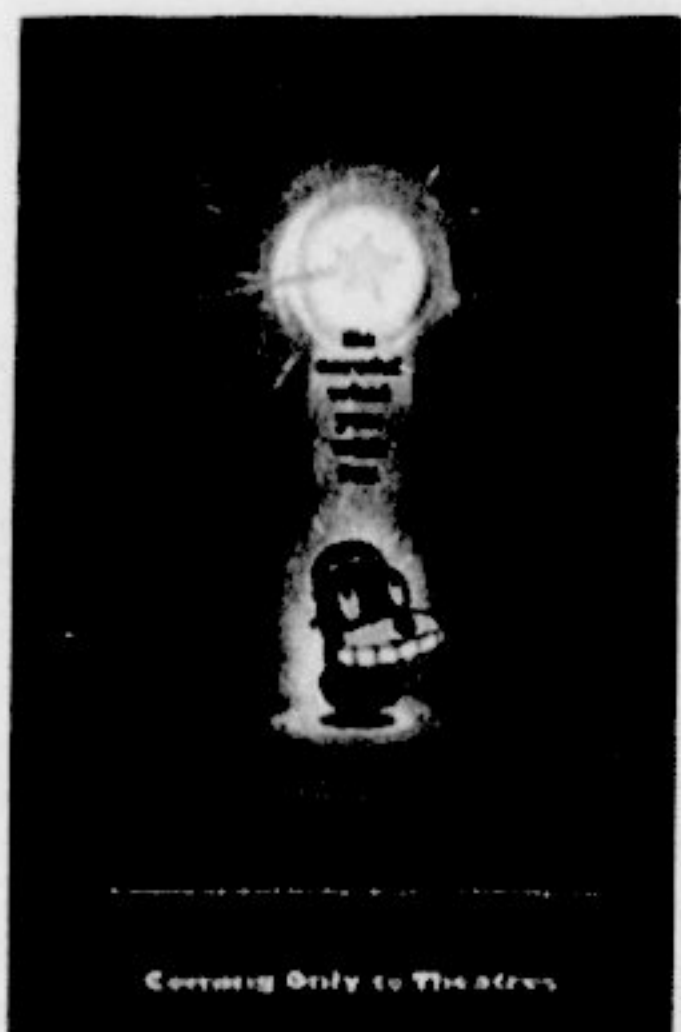
Mona Lisa Smile – starring Julia Roberts, Kirsten Dunst and Julia Stiles. A woman graduate of UCLA in 1953 is hired to teach art at Wellesley College and inspires her students to leap above the expectations of female conformity of the times. Rated: PG-13.

Something's Gotta Give – starring Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton and Keanu Reeves. Harry (Nicholson) is an older man with a libido much younger than his years. However, while courting his newest girlfriend he falls in love with her mother

(Keaton). Rated: PG-13. **Paycheck** – starring Ben Affleck, Uma Thurman and Aaron Eckhart. An electrical engineer who has been working on a top-secret project awakens one day and finds that the government has erased his memory of the assignment. A battle with the bureaucracy to collect his paycheck then ensues. Rated: PG-13.



My Baby's Daddy – starring Eddie Griffith, Anthony Anderson and Method Man. Three bachelors from the hood endure the trials and tribulations of brotherhood and pregnancy when their girlfriends become pregnant at the same time. Rated: PG-13.



Teacher's Pet – voices of Nathan Lane, Shaun Fleming and Kelsey Grammer. Spot realizes that a scientist has the potential to let him realize his dream of becoming a young boy. Rated: PG.

Torque – starring Ice Cube and Martin Henderson. Veteran motorcycle racer Cary Ford (Henderson) is framed for the murder of the gang's leader and it is up to his gang, the Machine to help him elude the FBI. Rated: PG-13.



Win a Date with Tad Hamilton – starring Kate Bosworth, Josh Duhamel and Topher Grace. A small-town girl from West Virginia wins a contest to meet her big screen idol Tad Hamilton. Rated: PG-13.

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Burton brings it all together with an ending that is emotional and moving.

Based on the book by Daniel Wallace, this movie captures the essence of southern storytelling and creates vivid moments that inspire the imagination. The scene where "time stops," the field of daffodils, the idyllic town of Spectre and the thunderstorm that left a red Buick in a tree are all beautifully created on screen in a way that entertains and pleases the eye.

Some viewers may find that the movie drags or is difficult to get into, but those with an open mind and creative spirit will appreciate Burton's cinematic art. It is not an action-packed film, but it is created in

a way that tells a man's life story and portrays loveable, realistic characters.

Already recognized for these qualities, *Big Fish* is up for four Golden Globe awards this week, including Best Picture, Best Supporting Actor for Albert Finney, Best Score and Best Original Song.

The Bottom Line: With great acting, awesome visual effects, and a heart-felt story, *Big Fish* is a great but atypical movie. Don't go if you can't appreciate complex storylines or a little imagination, but if you're open to a unique movie experience *Big Fish* is sure to make a splash.

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and less emphasis on lyrics and harmony.

The reformed Phantom Planet is on the path to reinventing themselves – but they still have some work and compromising to do before they can achieve chart-topping status.

The Bottom Line: Fans of the band's first two albums, or even just "The O.C." theme song, will no doubt be disappointed with this album. However, true fans of the band and the Southern California sound will definitely appreciate this album as an indicator of a new direction and hopefully, many more albums to come.

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previous nods, expect Sean Penn to finally win one for his unforgettable turn in *Mystic River*.

Best Actress (Comedy)

Nominees: Jamie Lee Curtis, Scarlett Johansson, Diane Keaton, Diane Lane and Helen Mirren.

Who Should Win: Diane Keaton. The last time Keaton received such critical acclaim for a film performance was 1977's *Amie Hall* — and that won her an Oscar. Her delicate, witty performance in *Something's Gotta Give* is worth a trip to the podium.

Who Shouldn't Win: Jamie Lee Curtis. Trying to understand her nomination for *Freaky Friday* is like trying to understand the reason for wisdom teeth ... painfully it exists and you are not sure why.

Who Will Win: Johansson is also nominated in the lead actress/drama category, which — based on history — actually limits her chances at winning. Expect Keaton to take the top prize, but Jamie Lee Curtis could pull an upset.

Best Television Show (Drama)

Nominees: "24," "CSI," "Nip/Tuck," "Six Feet Under" and "The West Wing."

Who Should Win: "24" is the one show of the group that actually deserves a Best Television Show nomination and consistently builds upon a great

premise.

Who Shouldn't Win: The "Citizen Kane of prime-time melodrama," "Nip/Tuck" was heavily bashed by television critics when it premiered on FX earlier this year, however, high ratings surprisingly secured it a nomination.

Who Will Win: Based on the Golden Globe norm expect "CSI" and "The West Wing" to duke it out with "24" acting as a strong dark horse contender. If "Nip/Tuck" wins, then predicting the winner in every other category becomes a toss-up. Best Bet: "The West Wing."

Best Television Show (Comedy)

Nominees: "Arrested Development," "Monk," "The Office," "Sex in the City" and "Will & Grace."

Who Should Win: "Monk." Tony Shaloub's nervous, obsessive, yet hilarious detective is the funniest thing on television, and though his sole performance has been rewarded, it's time for this hysterical masterwork to be honored as a whole.

Who Shouldn't Win: "Sex in the City." It's surprising that both "Sex in the City" and "Friends" are enjoying their final TV run, and yet, "Sex in the City" gets a nomination and "Friends" gets the shaft. Another unusual twist (that's not so surprising)

is that "Sex in the City" went from "funny" to "hype" after its first season, and "Friends" can still generate laughs.

Who Will Win: In a shocking upset, the little-seen (yet critically lauded) "Arrested Development" will capture the Golden Globe, to the dismay of every "Sex in the City" fan.

Best Actor (Drama)

Nominees: Michael Chiklis, Anthony Lapaglia, William Peterson, Martin Sheen and Kiefer Sutherland.

Who Should Win: Michael Chiklis for "The Shield." It's still baffling to watch the tough, streetwise — and amazingly fit — Chiklis on FX's "The Shield," when not too long ago he was the goofy, flabby police commissioner on ABC's "The Commish." The excellent improvements he has made physically equal the astonishing advances he has made as an actor.

Who Shouldn't Win: Quite honestly, every nominee in this category is deserving, but the weakest of these strong nominees would be Peterson's turn in "CSI."

Who Will Win: Odds are, The Golden Globes will continue their recent tradition of rotating the award-winner between Chiklis and Sutherland, but Martin Sheen — whose underrated

performance in "The West Wing" has never been recognized — has a favorable chance at snagging the prize ... if, perhaps, the Hollywood Foreign Press has grown tired of the cycle.

Best Actress (Comedy)

Nominees: Bonnie Hunt, Reba McEntire, Debra Messing, Sarah Jessica Parker, Betty Schram and Alicia Silverstone.

Who Should Win: Bonnie Hunt. Like "Home Improvement's" Patricia Richardson or "Everybody Loves Raymond's" Patricia Heaton, Hunt somehow elevates the "typical TV mom" persona to new heights, finding just the right note for every little detail in her performance. It looks so easy to do, because Hunt does it so well.

Who Shouldn't Win: Alicia Silverstone's annoying "Clueless knock-off" performance ... Reba McEntire's dreadful hill-billy housewife ... Debra Messing's worn-out turn on "Will & Grace" ... hmmm, tough decision.

Who Will Win: Alicia Silverstone. She hasn't had a hit since her "glory days" with 1995's *Clueless*. After a disappointing film career, she will be awarded a Golden Globe for her first venture into prime-time television.

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Sports Briefs

Rockets Griffin convicted

Former Houston Rockets forward Eddie Griffin was convicted of marijuana possession Harris County Criminal Court-at-Law Judge Larry Standley said he would sentence Griffin on Feb. 13. Standley convicted Griffin of the misdemeanor after a daylong bench trial. Griffin, who signed with the New Jersey Nets following his release from the Rockets, also is scheduled next month to answer a felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon based on an alleged fight with a woman in October. Griffin was arrested in April on the marijuana charge.

American soccer players going overseas

American forwards Brian McBride and Clint Mathis are headed to Europe. McBride signed with Fulham of England's Premier League, which obtained him from Major League Soccer for a transfer fee of more than \$1 million. Mathis, whose MLS contract had expired, agreed to a deal with Hannover 96 of the German Bundesliga. McBride, a seven-time MLS All-Star and the career scoring leader of the Columbus Crew with 50 goals, also had been sought by Blackburn. He played on loan for Everton of the Premier League a year ago and scored four goals in eight games.

Banned long jumper to return to action

Long jumper Maurren Higa Maggi's two-year ban was overturned by a court that said she might have failed a drug test because doctors applied a pharmaceutical cream after she was cut during a hair removal process. Maggi tested positive in June after winning the Brazil Grand Prix. The Superior Sports Tribunal delivered the verdict Monday night. If track and field's world governing body, the IAAF, upholds the court ruling, Maggi will be able to compete for Brazil at the Athens Olympics in August.

Adams takes back title as Titans team president

Tennessee Titans owner Bud Adams did not renew Jeff Diamond's contract as team president Tuesday to take the job back for himself. Diamond was hired in July 1999 as the only person other than Adams to hold the title of president in the franchise's history. The Titans went 56-24 in that stretch with one AFC championship and also reached the playoffs four of those five seasons. But Adams, who turned 81 on Jan. 3, said in a statement that he needs to be more directly involved in managing the team and the company that oversees The Coliseum, Tennessee's home stadium. The Titans finished this season 12-4 but lost to the New England Patriots 17-14 in the divisional round of the playoffs. The Titans are approximately \$16 million over the salary cap for the 2004 season and face some tough decisions on players such as defensive end Jevon Kearse, running back Eddie George and offensive tackles Brad Hopkins and Fred Miller.

Eagles name Mornhinweg assistant head coach

Former Detroit Lions head coach Marty Mornhinweg was promoted Tuesday to assistant head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles. The 41-year-old Mornhinweg served as a senior assistant this season with the Eagles after spending two years as head coach of the Lions. Mornhinweg was San Francisco's offensive coordinator from 1997-2000, and was on the staff with Reid as an offensive assistant in Green Bay from 1995-1996. The Eagles also gave special teams coach John Harbaugh a three-year extension. Harbaugh has been Philadelphia's special teams coach since 1998.

CSU star ignoring NCAA

Two-sport star Jeremy Bloom intends to play football next fall -- and accept skiing endorsements in defiance of the NCAA. Bloom said his decision Monday is intended to force the NCAA's hand, requiring the organization to either change its position or prevent him from playing football. The NCAA has ruled that Bloom cannot accept skiing endorsements and also play football. Bloom maintains such money is necessary to fund his freestyle ski career. For the last two seasons, Bloom has been a wide receiver and kick returner at the University of Colorado while also competing in moguls skiing on the World Cup circuit -- at his own expense.

NBA pulls sweatshirts from Myanmar

The NBA removed sweatshirts imported from Myanmar from its store in Manhattan after a labor rights group accused the league of violating a federal law against selling goods made in the country. The sweatshirts bearing the "I Love This Game" slogan, selling for \$60, were removed from the NBA Store on Tuesday after a protest was lodged by the National Labor Committee, an anti-sweatshop organization funded in part by labor unions. The group's director, Charles Kernaghan, said he was shocked to see the merchandise from Myanmar, formerly called Burma. President Bush signed the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act in July, banning imports from the country, which has a poor human rights record, including the jailing of Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi, who is currently under house arrest. NBA licensees must sign a code of conduct that requires factories "meet NBA standards regarding working conditions," league spokesman Matt Bourne said. Kernaghan said workers in Myanmar are paid as little as 7 cents an hour, and they risk imprisonment if they question factory conditions.

Ankle still bothering James

LeBron James participated in a shootaround Wednesday despite a sprained right ankle, but coach Paul Silas said the Cleveland Cavaliers rookie isn't ready to play. James, who sat out Tuesday's win over Seattle, was favoring his right ankle Wednesday. Cleveland's leading scorer has not run on the ankle since injuring it in a game at Utah on Jan. 17. James was not available for comment. Before Tuesday's game, James said he was going to be cautious with the injury and not come back until it was 100 percent. James rolled his ankle when he stepped on the foot of Utah forward Andrei Kirilenko late in regulation, but the Cavs won in overtime without him and Zydrunas Ilgauskas, who was ejected for fighting.

Orosco retires 25 years after reaching majors

Jesse Orosco decided to retire, telling the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday that he is ending a career that began in 1978 with the New York Mets. Orosco, who turns 47 on April 21, holds the major league record of 1,252 pitching appearances -- all but four in relief. He agreed in November to a minor league contract with Arizona that called for an \$800,000 salary if he was added to the 40-man roster. Orosco was 87-80 with 144 saves and a career ERA of 3.16 with nine teams. He went 2-2 with two saves and a 7.68 ERA in 65 games.

Pirates looking for first C-USA victory

ECU travels to Saint Louis

TRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

Coming off another close conference loss to Houston this past weekend, the ECU men's basketball team travels to St. Louis on Saturday searching for their first league win. A win, Coach Bill Herrion adds, that will not be easy.

"They are very well coached basketball team and really disciplined.

"They run a very good motion offense and they also lead the league in team defense," said Herrion.

"It is just always a tough place to play."

The Billikens (10-5, 3-1) have won six out of their last seven and have been in ballgames late with some of the nation's premiere programs. Their most impressive loss came at the hands of the Arizona Wildcats 68-67.

Preparation for St. Louis and the rest of the Pirate schedule takes on a totally different meaning since the loss of senior forward Gabriel Mikulas.

"Without Gabe, the one thing we miss is a post game inside," Herrion said.

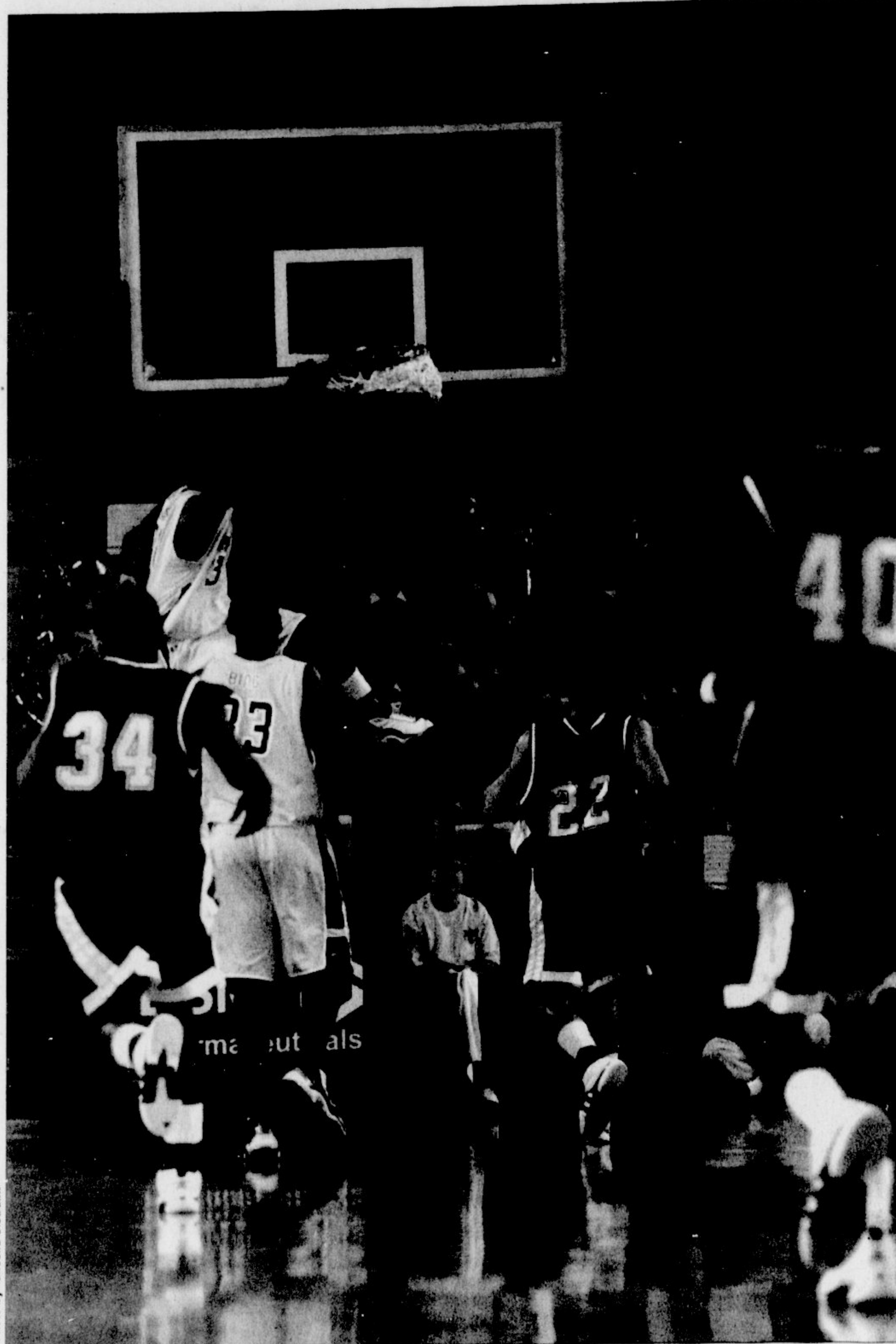
"So we kind of now are spreading the floor a little bit, trying to get quicker and shoot a little more from the perimeter."

Down the stretch of the Houston game, the Pirates missed some costly free throws, the specialty of the Argentine.

"We really missed Gabe the last 6-7 minutes of the Houston game because we could have went inside and maybe have got a bucket or got fouled and made free throws," Herrion said.

Although his team has suffered some heartbreakers in league play so far, Coach Herrion believes that better things are in store as the season progresses.

"I have been pleased with how we have played in 3 out of 4 league games. We just have to wait whether the storm and there are games in February that we can win."



The Pirates season started off with a lot of promise. Due to injuries and losses both at home and one the road the early momentum has evaporated. The Pirates hope to turn it round.

Lady Pirates striving for eighth straight win

Women to take on Charlotte Sunday

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team will take on in-state rival and conference foe Charlotte this Sunday.

The ECU women (13-4, 4-0) are looking to build on their current seven game winning streak including a two straight road conference wins. Charlotte (11-6, 4-0) is tied with ECU and number 17 ranked DePaul among the conference standings. All teams sit at 4-0 with number 25 ranked Houston trailing by a single game.

Courtney Willis is the linchpin of the Lady Pirate offense nearly averaging a double-double at 17.8 points per game and 9.8 rebounds. The senior forward/center has recorded ten double-doubles on the season. Jennifer Jackson has also helped contribute scoring as she is averaging 13.5 and has scored in double figures in all but three games.

The Lady Pirates are also winning the battle of the boards. The Lady Pirates have out-rebounded their opponents by a combined total of 143 through 17 games. The women are averaging 8.4 more rebounds than their opponents despite often being undersized.

Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener has seen the emergence of two freshman guards, Keisha Anthony and Tamekia Powell. Anthony posted a career high of 20 points

this past weekend in a game against Tulane. Anthony has come on strong during conference play averaging 14.8



The Lady Pirates are on a seven game winning streak.

points in her last four games despite coming off

the bench. The freshman guard helped to ignite runs against UAB and Tulane and helped to seal off a win at home against South Florida.

Tamekia Powell has been starting at point guard since conference play started. The

freshman guard has quietly led the team and helped their turnover trend to go in a downward spiral as the Lady Pirates are only averaging 19.7 per contest. Baldwin-Tener has confidence in Powell.

ECU has rotated in many guards this year. Alisha Bishop and Keshia Anthony are

Pirates

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averaging 6.9 and 6.7 points respectively. The depth of the guard position has been something new for ECU.

"Last year we only rotated six players, this year we have much more depth," said Baldwin-Tener.

Charlotte will be no easy task for the over achieving Pirates. The Lady 49ers resume boasts wins over the exact same conference teams that ECU has beaten. The majority of the Charlotte schedule was against Colonial Athletic teams. The Lady 49ers went 2-3 against the ex-conference of the Lady Pirates. The Lady 49ers finished first in the conference last year under third year head coach Katie Meier. The team finished 12-2 in conference and will look to make a return trip to the NCAA tournament. Charlotte returns four starters from that squad including star guard Peaches Harris. She will most likely be matched up with Viola Cooper who has done well in stopping explosive scorers.

The in-state rivalry is always important to recruiting and bragging rights. The rivalry will most likely be discontinued when Charlotte moves to the Atlantic 10 conference in 2005-2006. The Lady 49ers would love to take the 24th meeting between the two North Carolina teams. Charlotte holds a decisive advantage posting an 18-6 series lead. Seahawks would like to take the 43rd game

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Pirate swimmers host last home meet this season

Men, women to face UMBC

TONY ZOPPO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The ECU men and women's swim team will square off with the University of Maryland Baltimore Country this Saturday at Minges Pool. The meet will mark the Pirates last home matchup this season.

UMBC is the second of four very tough opponents on ECU's schedule this spring before the Pirates make their way to Houston, Texas for the Conference

USA tournament. The UMBC men have amassed seven wins with just one loss so far this season while the women are undefeated at 8-0. Both teams are fresh off convincing victories against William and Mary and George Washington.

The men defeated William and Mary by a count of 136-92 while the women won 138-100. The men claimed victory over GW by a score of 135-90 while the women posted a 131-102 mark. The men placed first individually in all 13 events. Carlos Canepa and Jakub Sroczynski



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The Pirates will close out their home schedule this weekend.

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Maniacs show up in large numbers

School spirit strengthens home court advantage

ROBERT LEONARD
STAFF WRITER

Billville, North Carolina. Can't find it on a map can you? But we as students all know where Billville is. Confused?

Billville is the name given to the "campsite" around the ticket office where members of the group known as the Minges Maniacs hung out, exchanged stories and ate pizza for the chance to be first in line for student tickets to last week's basketball game with Louisville that was shown on ESPN2.

The festivities started around 8 p.m. and Minges Maniacs president Jonathon Medford set up his blue tent beside the ticket window and brought his big purple sign that read "BILLVILLE."

"We're trying to stir up awareness about the Minges Maniacs," said Medford.

"We want people to see where ECU basketball is heading."

Soon, other Maniacs joined him. Two area TV stations were in attendance, one did their entire sports report in front of the screaming fans.

Head Coach Bill Herrion delivered the students pizza and talked about the game with Louisville and answered some questions the students had.



ECU fell to Louisville last Thursday in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Herrion thanked the students for their support and talked basketball for over 20 minutes with the campuses biggest fans.

"We can beat anyone in this building," said Herrion. "There is no question the Maniacs help us, and we need the help."

The Maniacs showed up Thursday night ready to see some basketball and heckle everyone not in purple in gold.

Rick Pitino entered Minges welcomed by a sea of boos, which obviously distracted him as he tripped over the cheerleaders' mat.

I'd like to say that ECU won, but that was not the case. The Maniacs heckled the Cardinals, especially their star and preseason Conference USA player of the year Francisco Garcia.

Clutch free throws by Louisville lead them to a 10-point victory.

The Pirates, spurred on by the fans, played well against the heavily favored Cardinals. The Cardinals have been killing teams left and right.

Let's not forget that the Cardinals have beaten not one, but two number one teams this year.

Despite the loss, the Maniacs were there, and Louisville felt their effect. Garcia was held to a season low 12 points and eventually fouled out.

The home court advantage was felt, and thanks to the Maniacs, ECU basketball is going in the right direction.

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won two events each; Canepa taking the 500 and 1000 freestyle and Sroczynski coming out on top in the 200 freestyle and 200 backstroke.

The women finished first individually in eight of their 13 events with Jessica Prosen leading the way in the 1000 freestyle and 200 butterfly.

ECU is hungry to avenge

their losses at Virginia Tech this past weekend and hopes to notch their first win of the spring semester. The Hokies defeated the Pirates 148-88 on the men's side while the Lady Pirates fell in 151-86 defeat. Despite the loss, Head Coach Rick Kobe thought the team swam well.

"We competed very hard and had some real solid swims," said

ECU head coach Rick Kobe.

"Virginia Tech is a strong team, probably the toughest team on our schedule. We're going to rally the troops and get ready for our home meet Saturday."

Both the men and women fell to 5-2 on the year with the loss. The meet against UMBC will begin at 1 p.m. at Minges Pool on Saturday.

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between the two teams. The Lady Pirates hold a 25-17 record over UNCW and have taken two straight.

The Lady Pirates enjoy playing at home posting an 8-1 record at Williams Arena

at Minges Coliseum. The Lady Pirates are averaging 810 fans per game and expect that figure to skyrocket due to the success of the program. Baldwin-Tener believes the crowd makes a large difference for her Lady

Pirates.

"It's always nice to play on your home court in front of your fans," Baldwin-Tener said.

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Track and field gears up for Virginia Tech Invitational

BRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

The Pirate track and field teams head up to Va. Friday to compete in the Virginia Tech Invitational. The meet marks the beginning of the indoor season for the men and the third such competition for the women.

The Lady Pirates are coming off a very successful meet last Friday and Saturday held in Chapel Hill. Tammie Mentzel broke her own school record by recording a successful

pole vault of 11-11.75, besting her 11-6 vault accomplished in December. Other exceptional performances were turned in by Colleen McGinn, who finished fourth in the high jump; Jessica Collins, who placed sixth in the 3000 meters, and the distance medley relay team which finished third.

The Tar Heel Fast Times Indoor Invitational was composed of 16 teams from up and down the eastern seaboard including Duke, UNC, and N.C. State.

The women head into Friday's meet with a couple of events under their collective belt, which should prove to be an advantage. The men, however, will compete for the first time this indoor season, something that head coach Bill Carson is not sure if his team is ready for.

"We came back from Christmas break out of shape," said Carson.

"Right now we need a lot of training and fitness." Even though the men's squad

may not be in mid-season form just yet, Carson still expects his team to perform well in some events.

"I expect to do well in the 4 x 400 meter relay, the 400 meter, and the 200 meter races," Carson said.

The team currently has some eligibility issues that coach Carson hopes to have sorted out by Friday so that his men can be at full strength.

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Pirates picked fifth in preseason Conference-USA baseball poll

ECU has been picked to finish fifth in the 2004 Conference USA Preseason Baseball Coaches Poll and junior outfielder Darryl Lawhorn has been named the Preseason C-USA Player of the Year, released Tuesday by the league office.

Lawhorn led ECU to its fifth consecutive NCAA appearance last season while pacing the team in batting (.332), doubles (15), home runs (14) and RBI (49), and is the lone Pirate on the preseason team. ECU finished fifth in the 2003 regular season and represented the conference in the NCAA Tournament at the Atlanta Regional.

Coming off of its sixth consecutive NCAA appearance and armed with 17 returning lettermen, Tulane has been selected as the preseason favorite in the 2004 C-USA baseball poll, chosen by the league's 12 head coaches. Lawhorn, who has hit 33 home runs in his first two collegiate seasons, is the Preseason C-USA Player of the Year. Clayton Jerome of TCU, who was named C-USA Pitcher of the Year last season, was selected to repeat that honor this spring.

Defending regular season and tournament champion Southern Miss was chosen to finish second. After setting a C-USA record for conference wins (23) and a school record

for overall victories (47), the Golden Eagles welcome back 17 letterwinners.

Houston, coming off its third trip to the NCAA Super Regionals in the last four years, was picked to finish third during the upcoming campaign. USF was picked to finish fourth, while East Carolina was tabbed fifth.

TCU was chosen sixth, Louisville seventh and Charlotte eighth in the poll. TCU welcomes new head coach Jim Schlossnagle, a former Tulane assistant who led UNLV to the NCAA Tournament last year in just his second season in the desert. Rounding out the preseason poll are Cincinnati, Memphis, UAB and Saint Louis.

Preseason

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. Tulane (7)
2. Southern Miss (3)
3. Houston (2)
4. USF
5. ECU
6. TCU
7. Louisville
8. Charlotte
9. Cincinnati
10. Memphis
11. UAB
12. Saint Louis

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Darryl Lawhorn, ECU (Junior, Outfielder)

PITCHER OF THE YEAR
Clayton Jerome, TCU (Senior, Righthander)

Area Pirate baseball fans get chance to meet, greet team

ECU baseball fans will get their first chance to meet the 2004 Pirates up close and personal on Saturday, Jan. 24, as ECU hosts its fourth annual "Meet the Pirates" function.

Scheduled to start at 4 p.m. at the Murphy Center's Harvey Banquet Hall, "Meet the Pirates" offers fans a chance to get autographs and photos of the

ECU baseball team and second-year head coach Randy Mazey as well as enjoy a casual dinner, catered by Outback Steakhouse, with the Pirate coaches and players.

A limited number of tickets are available at \$2 per person (\$3 for children 12 and under) and advance reservations are required.

Doctors try to trace disease that killed Berkeley basketball player

BERKELEY, Calif.—The disease that killed University of California Berkeley basketball player Alisa Lewis on Monday probably is not a risk to those who had contact with her, but university health officials who don't know where or how she was exposed, aren't taking any chances.

As a precautionary measure, the antibiotic Cipro has been given to her boyfriend, teammates, coaches, roommates, family even players on the Stanford squad, which Cal played Friday.

"She didn't play, but she shook hands with them after the game," said Dr. Peter Dietrich, medical director of University Health Services. "It seemed like the prudent thing to do."

That players may have been sweaty after the game contributed to the disease.

Lewis, a 20-year-old reserve forward, felt fine during the game. But over the weekend she experienced the sudden onset of what Dietrich called "classic symptoms of bacterial meningitis" headache, skin rash, high fever, stiff neck and vomiting.

Her boyfriend took her to Kaiser Medical Center in Oakland, Calif., early Monday morning. She died a few hours later.

About five percent of the general population carries the bacterium without showing symptoms and will never get sick, said infectious diseases expert Dr. Arthur Reingold, chairman of epidemiology at University of California Berkeley's School of Public Health. But the carriers can spread it to others, usually by sneezing, coughing, kissing, or sharing cups and eating utensils.

Both doctors said the public has little to fear. "This bacterium can't last outside the

body longer than two minutes," Reingold said. "It doesn't get spread by casual contact."

"Only a tiny fraction of those who are exposed ever get sick," he said. "Most of us are have antibodies that protect us. But if you're that rare individual who doesn't have those antibodies, as this young lady apparently didn't, you're definitely at risk."

Dietrich said he wished "we had a test to determine who has the antibodies and who doesn't, but we don't." Dietrich. "There's so much we don't know about why some people who are exposed get sick and others don't."

"Unfortunately, 10 percent of meningitis cases are fatal even under the best of circumstances," Reingold said. "The disease progresses so rapidly, by the time the doctor can start treatment it's already done its damage."

University health officials are tracing Lewis' recent contacts to determine how she caught the disease and whom she might have exposed. But at this early stage they're operating largely on guesswork. Dietrich cautioned that they may never know for sure.

"We can't even determine the definite cause of her illness and death, not until we get the cultures back," he said. "But we're presumptively treating it as a case of bacterial meningitis because she presented all the classic symptoms."

He said those who have been given Cipro probably don't need it because their exposure was minimal: "Their actual risk of exposure was quite low, but we want to err on the side of caution. When you're not sure, it's wise to use a worst-case scenario."

"This is definitely not cause for a general health panic," said Dietrich.

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GREEK PERSONALS

The sisters of Alpha Delta Pi would like to thank The Brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon for the great social last Thursday!

We would like to thank The Brothers of Theta Chi for a wonderful social last Saturday. Love, The Sisters of Alpha Delta Pi!

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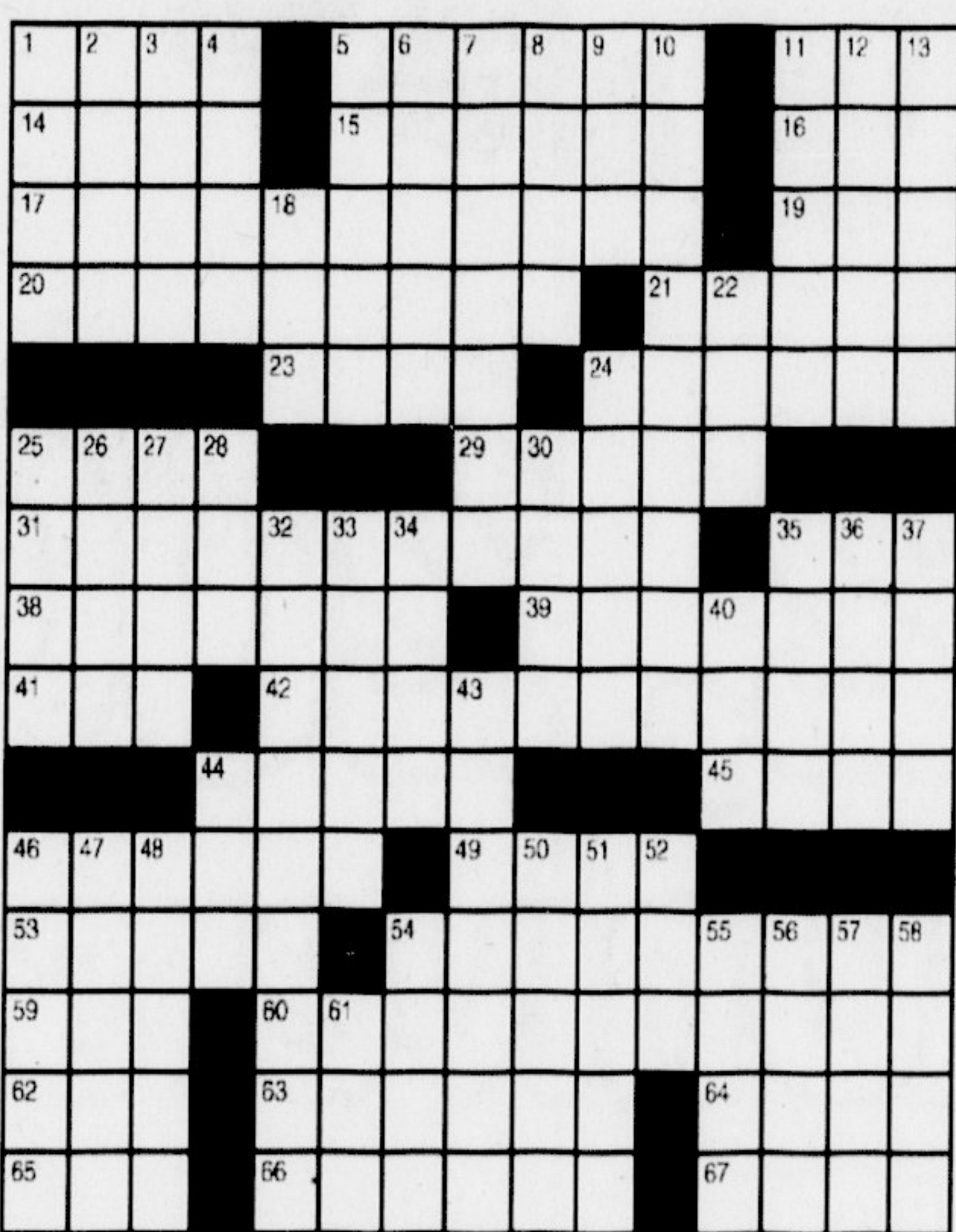
Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Taxis
- 5 Of digestion
- 11 Paulo
- 14 Oodles
- 15 Add to the beauty of
- 16 Cowboy's nickname
- 17 "My Cousin Vinny" Oscar winner
- 19 Black gold
- 20 Etchers
- 21 Capital on the Red River
- 23 Vega's constellation
- 24 Practice
- 25 Experts, briefly
- 29 Group of three
- 31 Martin/Winger movie
- 35 Lofty poem
- 38 Province on Lake Erie
- 39 More luxurious
- 41 Absolutely!
- 42 Like some tires
- 44 "Cane"
- 45 Toy on a string
- 46 Place position
- 49 Thwack
- 53 In a vertical line
- 54 Perfume sprayers
- 59 Meat cut
- 60 Real go-getter
- 62 Had lunch
- 63 Reluctant
- 64 Fastidious
- 65 Ballplayer Williams
- 66 Former Egyptian leader
- 67 Ms. Fitzgerald

DOWN

- 1 Arrived
- 2 Dershowitz or Greenspan
- 3 1976-80 Wimbledon winner
- 4 Be up and about
- 5 Logger's tool
- 6 Join in
- 7 Proportionately
- 8 Allen and



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Robbins
9 Stolen diamonds
10 City of northern Mexico
11 Rock
12 Vowels
13 Eurasian primrose
18 Actor Mineo
22 In addition
24 Spine datum
25 Stratagem
26 Clair or Coty
27 Trigger's lunch
28 Health haven
30 Tears
32 "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" co-star
33 Evil spirit
34 Throw in one's cards
35 Neighbor of Indiana
36 Withhold
37 Therefore
40 Crafty
43 Promotes
44 Family member
46 Jack of no-fat fame
47 Select few
48 To the third power
50 Of less quality
51 "Forever"
52 Bond
54 Gets older
55 Billy or Frank
56 Mr. Knievel
57 Kind of estate?
58 Madrid mille.
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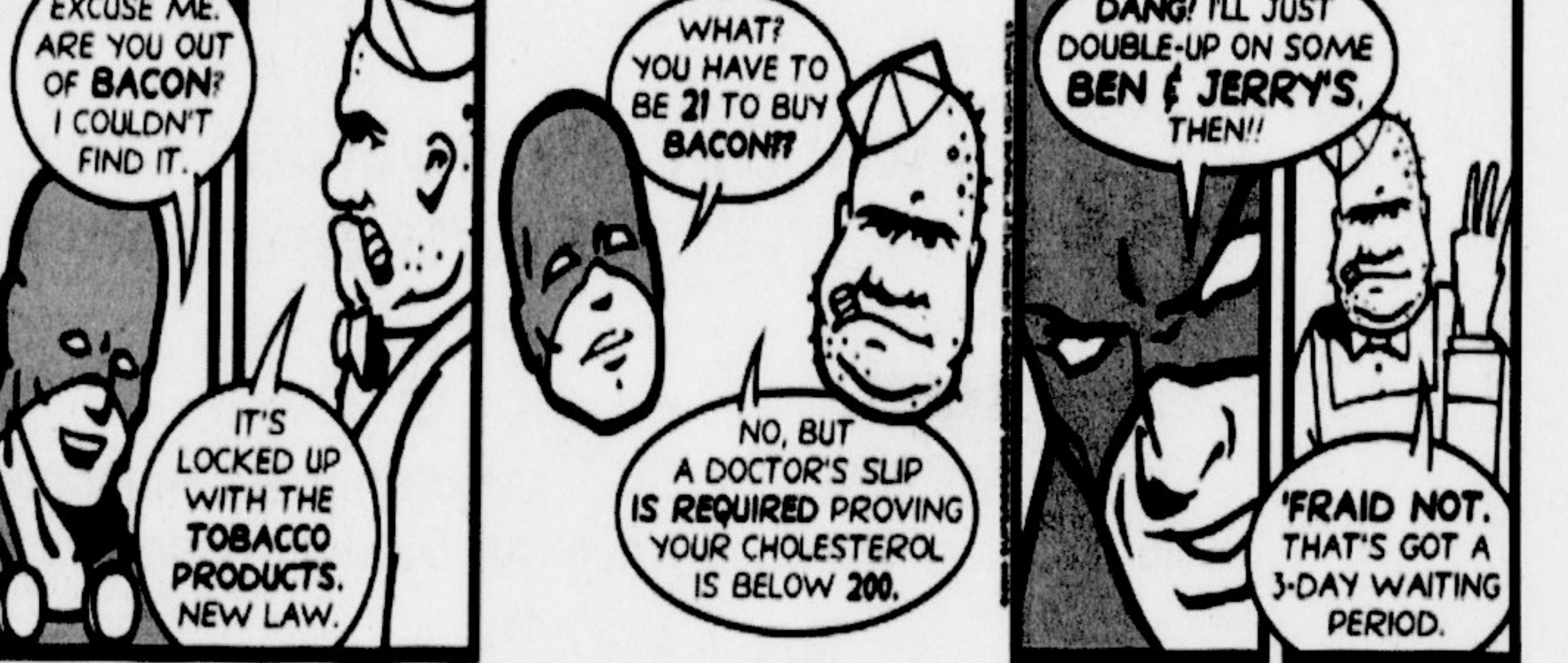
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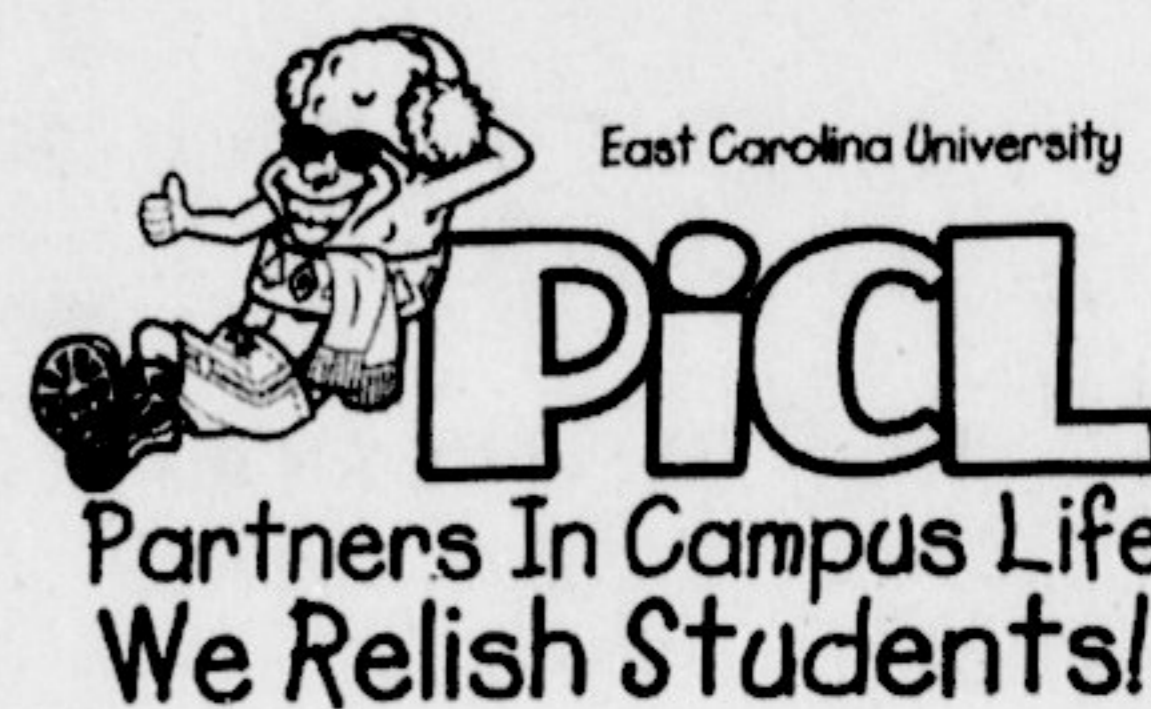
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