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# Student Government Association candidates

# SGA elections held today

Students encouraged to participate

**NICK HENNE**  
NEWS EDITOR

This semester's Student Government Association's class officer and senator elections are being held Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., giving students a chance to have a voice in how various issues are run within ECU.

## SGA Voting Information

"Students can find more about the representatives for their classes by walking through the Wright plaza to talk to them ... they will be out there all week, especially on Wednesday," said April Paul, SGA elections chairperson. Every student will have the opportunity to vote for the person whom they feel best represents their class.

Some of the candidates have Web sites, banners and flyers.

Paul said each class representative usually stresses different issues. The freshman class issues are commonly concerned with issues such as parking and ensuring an efficient bus system to the freshman parking lots, while seniors are more concerned with graduation issues.

Paul said it is important for every ECU student to learn what each candidate is looking to improve so they can make the best selection when voting.

"These are the people that are going to represent them for this coming year. If they have a particular issue or concern they feel needs to be addressed, they need to select the best candidate to take on that responsibility," Paul said.

This election includes candidates for class officer, class senators and residence hall senators. The class officer position works more intimately with the class they represent to ensure the specific needs and wants of that class are heard. They work through the SGA by talking to the SGA senate to get opinions on student needs. Senators sit with the SGA and work to get these certain issues passed for the students.

Last semester, these SGA officials were asked to decide on how the last May's graduation would be run.

Paul said voting is a good way for students to have a complete, entire voice and is a way for people to get the right into the action.

Each student will have the opportunity to vote for the representatives for each class and each class representative has an impact on each particular class.

"Everyone is concerned about tuition and class availability. Those are issues everyone can come together on," Paul said.

Zack Lemley, freshman business management major, said it is important for all students to vote. Lemley said he noticed many students complaining about certain issues within ECU and the election is the best way to get those concerns addressed.

"I don't see how people can complain about something if they have the option to vote and they choose not to," said Lemley.

Katelyn Rockwell, freshman history education major, said she agrees the election is important.

"Everyone needs representation, so I think it's important that everyone votes," said Rockwell.

"For ECU to grow and ensure we get a good education, you have to make sure the right people are put in the right places to ensure our campus continues to prosper."

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### SENIORS



**Dale L. Thomas, Jr.**  
Position sought:  
Senior Class President



**Deryn Garwood**  
Position sought:  
Senior Class President



**Eric Feltman**  
Position sought:  
Senior Class President

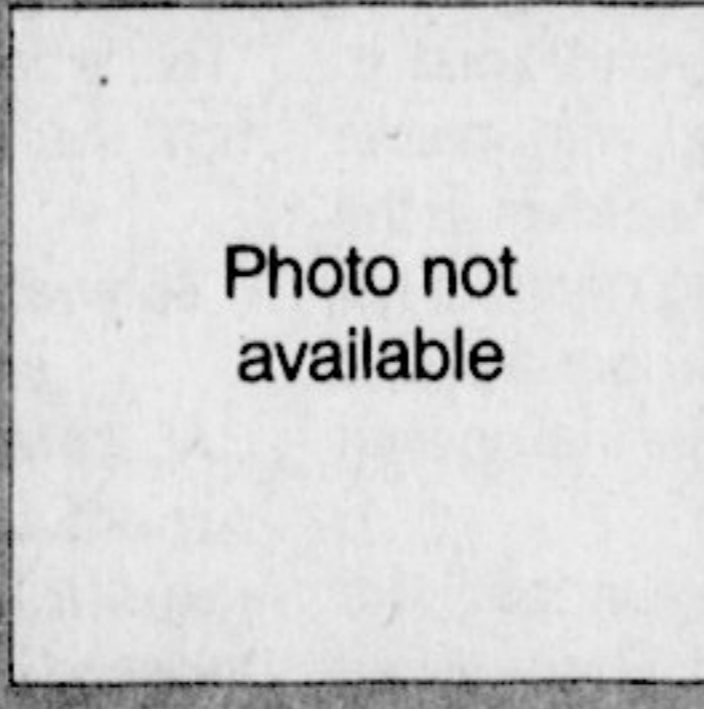


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**Karoon Sayad**  
Position sought:  
Senior Vice President

**Justin Derdik**  
Position sought:  
Senior Vice President

### SENIORS



**Stephanie Bradford**  
Position sought:  
Senior Secretary/Treasurer



**Daniel Spiller**  
Position sought:  
Junior Class President



**Josh Ford**  
Position sought:  
Junior Class President



**Meghan Smith**  
Position sought:  
Junior Class President

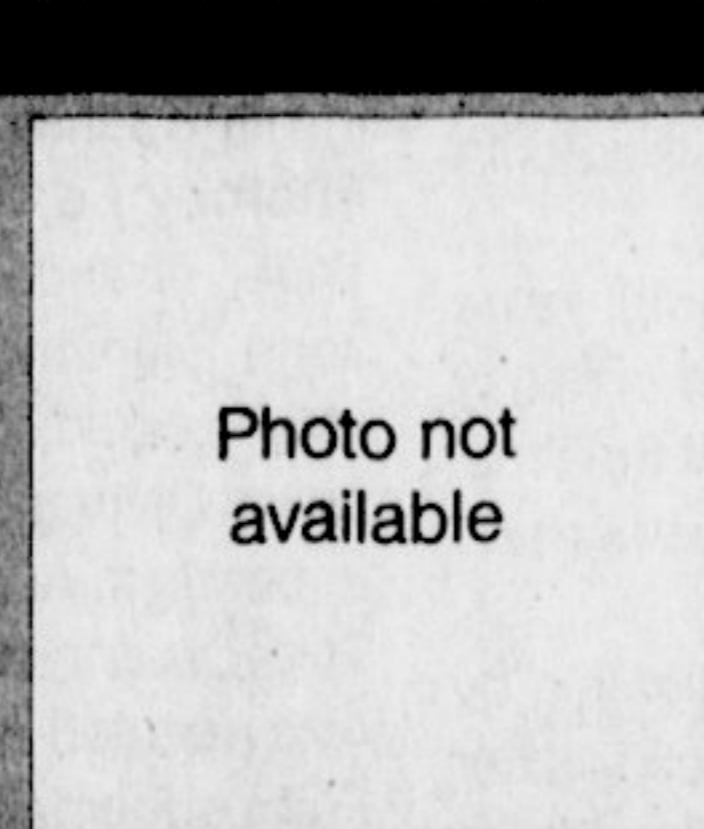


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**Nicholas Mead**  
Position sought:  
Junior Class President

### JUNIORS



**Heather Nelson**  
Position sought:  
Junior Class Vice President

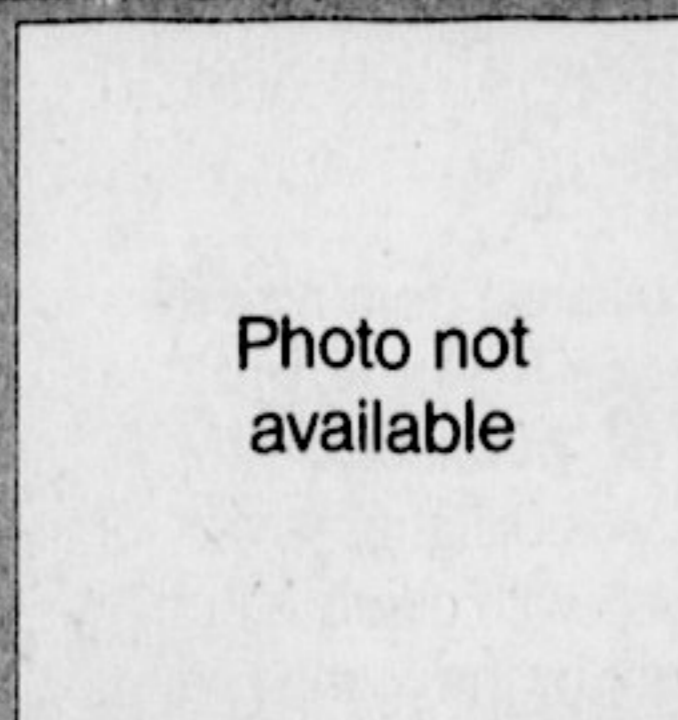
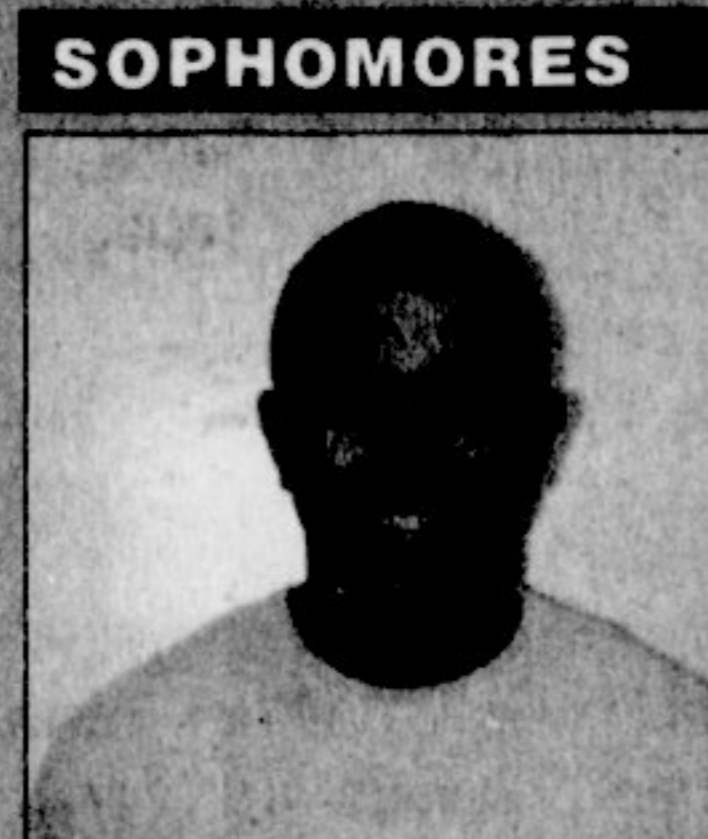


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**Jennifer Wayne**  
Position sought:  
Junior Class Vice President



**AJ Walton**  
Position sought:  
Sophomore Class President



**Armond Vonnatoky**  
Position sought:  
Sophomore Class President



**Benjamin Chessen**  
Position sought:  
Sophomore Class President

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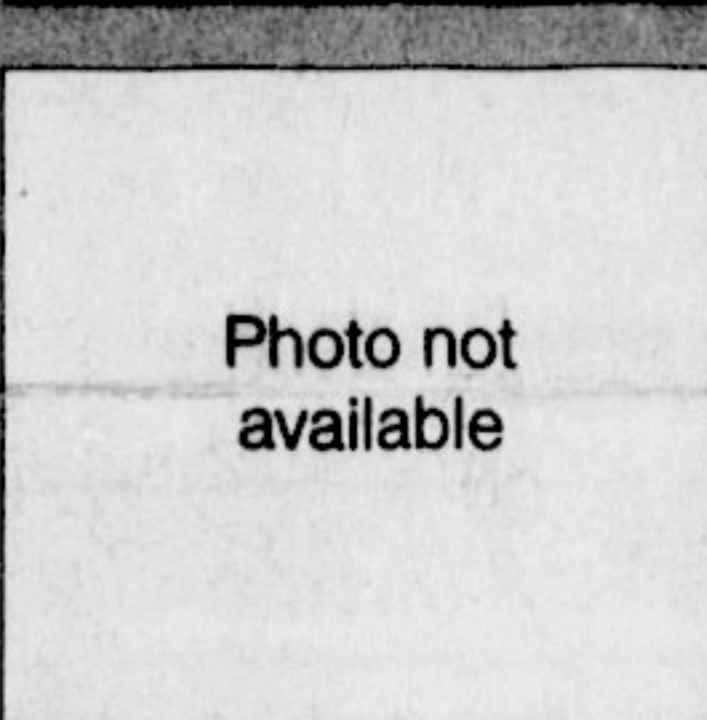


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**Gregory Strawn**  
Position sought:  
Sophomore Class President

**Michael Wiggins**  
Position sought:  
Sophomore Class President



**Chelsea Spelman**  
Position sought:  
Sophomore Class President



**Jonathan Missouri**  
Position sought:  
Sophomore Vice President



**Regan Yelton**  
Position sought:  
Sophomore Vice President

### FRESHMEN



**April Holloway**  
Position sought:  
Freshman Class President



**Elizabeth Jones**  
Position sought:  
Freshman Class President



**Charles Owens**  
Position sought:  
Freshman Class President



**Brittany Webb**  
Position sought:  
Freshman Class President

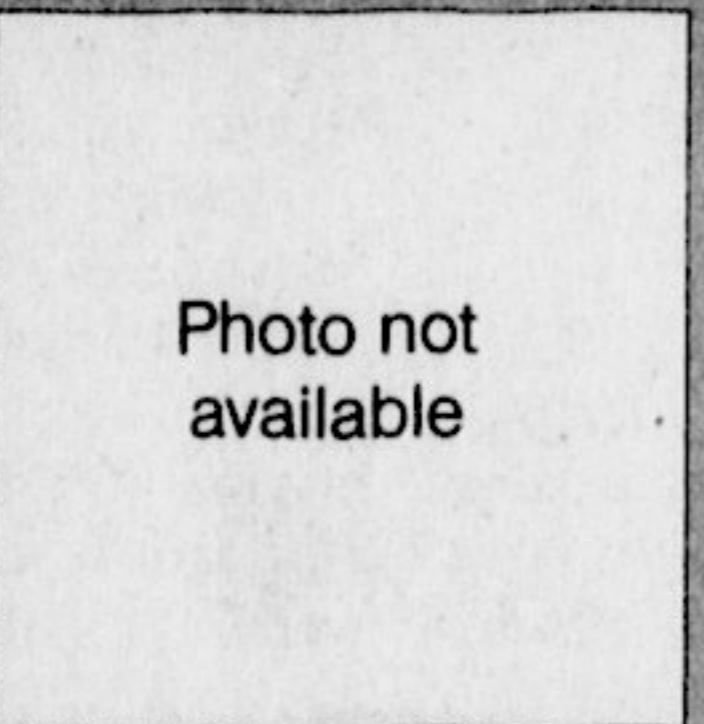


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**Ashley Michelle Yapp**  
Position sought:  
Freshman Class President

### FRESHMEN



**Sarah Davis**  
Position sought:  
Freshman Vice President



**Shonda Luster**  
Position sought:  
Freshman Vice President

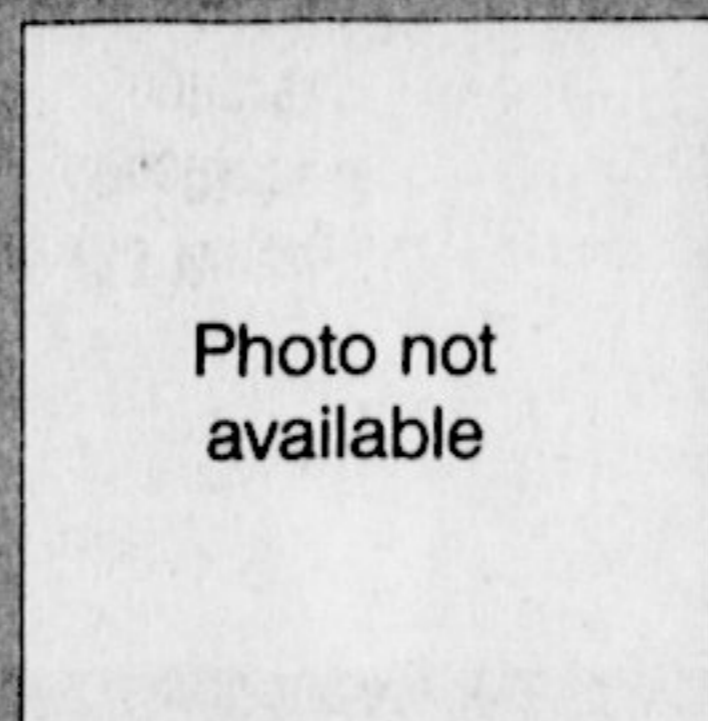


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**Candice Renee O'Hair**  
Position sought:  
Freshman Vice President



**Ashley Young**  
Position sought:  
Freshman Vice President

### GRADUATE



**Courtney Fulmer**  
Position sought:  
Graduate Class President

# Second annual Career Xpo Week to help students

Week of activities to assist students in starting careers

**SUMMER MARTIN**  
STAFF WRITER

Student professional development is hosting the second annual "Career Xpo Week," offering a variety of events to assist students in refining the skills they need to get the job opportunities they desire and the chance to meet with more than a hundred employers.

The main event, titled the "Career Xpo Xtreme" job fair is taking place today in Mendenhall Student Center Brickyard from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This fair, targeted for students in every major, will have approximately 120 employers present, ranging from construction, business, communication, hospitality, government, social work, criminal justice, education and health fields.

Some of the non-profit organizations scheduled to attend include Americorps, Peace Corps, the Food Bank of central and eastern North Carolina, the Real Crisis Intervention Center

and Summer Moore's Children's Center of Easter Seals UCP NC. These organizations are seeking qualified part-time employees, interns and volunteers.

On Thursday and Friday, the "Xtreme Interviews" event will take place. Students are asked to visit the student professional development Web site, or call the student professional development office at 328-6050 to find out more information on how to sign up and take part in these events.

Catrina Davis, assistant director/liaison for the college of education and human ecology,

said she advises all students to attend the activities planned for this week.

"Students need to plan which career they want. The fairs this week will give students the opportunity to find a job they want. This is their chance to explore careers and confirm or deny whether a career is right for them," said Davis.

One of the goals for this event is for students to become experienced in writing resumes, having powerful interviews and surviving job fairs while having fun.

The "Xtreme Interviews" are mock interviews to help prepare

students for real employment interviews. These interviews can help students get used to being interviewed, making their interviews more powerful and smooth.

The "Community Service Info. Xpo" will help students looking for volunteer or internship opportunities. Getting involved in this activity may allow students to explore careers by allowing them to receive hands-on experience in the fields they are interested in.

The workshops the SPD sponsored Aug. 30-Sept. 22 have given ECU students the knowledge they need to impress employers. The

students learned how to conduct themselves, how to dress, how to speak and all the other essentials it takes to get a great job of their choice.

Davis said this fair is the chance for students to "market" themselves to the employers in attendance.

This is only the second year for the campus-wide career week, but SPD is hoping for an even larger crowd than the 3,000 students who came to the fairs last year. The event was so successful last year that the student

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**New committee formed at ECU**

as much substance. It is thought if you take the concepts of the single sex female class and apply it to the coed class, then gender bias issues would improve tremendously.

Cheryl Dudasik-Wiggs, co-director of women's studies program, said we need to re-examine how we teach to be fair.

John Felton, a senior family community services major, said the presentation made us aware and conscious of our flaws because we do not consciously think of gender bias. He said we need equality, and it starts in the classroom.

Martha Parrish said this program was the first the Teaching Fellows had done of this sort, but they will try to do it again. Next year, they will try to feature another author. They will possibly bring Sadker back in the near future. Martha Parrish, along with the Teaching Fellows, said they enjoyed hosting Sadker and learned a great deal from his and his wife's hard work and dedication to gender equity.

"They have been hypnotized, they'll wake up," said Sadker.

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**Committee looks to address student living conditions**

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NEWS EDITOR

A new committee at ECU, the Student Neighborhood Advisory Council, was formed this year in conjunction with the Center for Off Campus Living, to address issues within the neighborhood dealing with ECU students and their neighborhoods.

This committee is meeting on a regular basis to discuss various issues regarding ECU students and their relations with their neighbors. The committee is also working to ensure all rules and regulations are enforced with both student tenants and their landlords.

"I've already had several calls from housing, I will file a complaint with my name on it, the landlord doesn't have to know who made the complaint," Lieberman said.

"I am for the students, not against them."

Lieberman has been doing walk and talks within the student neighborhoods informing the necessary students of regulations they may not have been following. She said most students have cooperated and have taken care of the problems.

"My biggest complaints have been noise and garbage," Lieberman said.

Loud noise is probably one of the largest issues Lieberman

said. There are several different forms of noise including parties and car stereos.

"I want to promote all of the positive things these students are doing within the neighborhoods ... because then the community hears about this," Lieberman said.

Lieberman said she was driving within a student neighborhood and saw a house with a cinder block on the roof placed there to prevent water from leaking into the house, which is below the standard line.

Students are often unfamiliar with specific laws and regulations, such as they are not allowed to have couches in their front yard or porch.

A major issue students addressed was parking. Issues brought up at the meeting included underage drinking, cars, trash and weeds in the neighborhood adjacent to campus.

Scenario developed by city staff, all rental property owners with single family residential zoning districts within Greenville would be required to register their properties with the city at no fee. They would also certify the number of frequently violated codes within single family neighborhoods.

They would also certify they would share this information with their tenants. If within a year there was an accumulation of violations, that would accumulate to a number of points requiring them to pay a fee to renew their license to pay for the city having to go out and enforce their city codes.

There are only 12 offices like

**FYI**

There is a count of approximately 18,000 students living off campus.

Jan. 18 - there is a landlord fair allowing landlords to have an open house for students to sign leases on the spot or take leases with them.

this in the nation and ECU's is the first one formed in North Carolina. Lieberman is flying up to New York and meeting with school officials from Syracuse and SUNY Albany to inform them about ECU's program.

Students have shown support for this program and agree it will benefit their living conditions.

Chandre Davis, freshman health sciences management major, said she feels the committee will be effective in taking care of the problems because it is a university based committee. Landlords may not take student concerns and needs seriously if they come from just the students and the university based committee will ensure.

Mike Vollono, sophomore criminal justice major said he agreed the committee will benefit students.

Vollono said he has noticed some landlords to be irresponsible and students not knowing where not to go to address the living problems they may be experiencing.

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Questions may be addressed to a faculty member serving on the committee or to the Honors Program at 328-6373 or email [honors@mail.ecu.edu](mailto:honors@mail.ecu.edu).

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Once a man or a woman turns 18, doctors recommend yearly exams to check for cancer. Failing to have a yearly exam can result in a more vicious battle with cancer or even death.

Three screenings that are essential for students to get are screenings for colo-rectal cancer, breast cancer and cervical cancer.

In 2002, colo-rectal cancer killed an estimated 56,000 people; about 40,000 women died of breast cancer and an estimated 4,000 women died of cervical cancer.

According to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention, screenings for colo-rectal cancer can reduce the number of deaths related to this disease by 30 percent and a mammogram every 1-2 years can reduce the risk of breast cancer by 16 percent.

However, these screenings are not the only ones students should receive.

Every student should check with his or her parents to find out their family's medical history and get check-ups based on that individual's susceptibility to cancer.

ECU's Student Health Service offers many of these screenings, some at no cost to students. To find out more, visit their Web site at [www.ecu.edu/studenthealth](http://www.ecu.edu/studenthealth) or call 328-6841.

TEC believes that early detection is the best guarantee for a positive outcome with cancer.

There is no excuse for students to not be responsible about their own health.

Early detection is as much your own responsibility as it is your doctor's. Give them the opportunity to help you live a long and satisfying life.

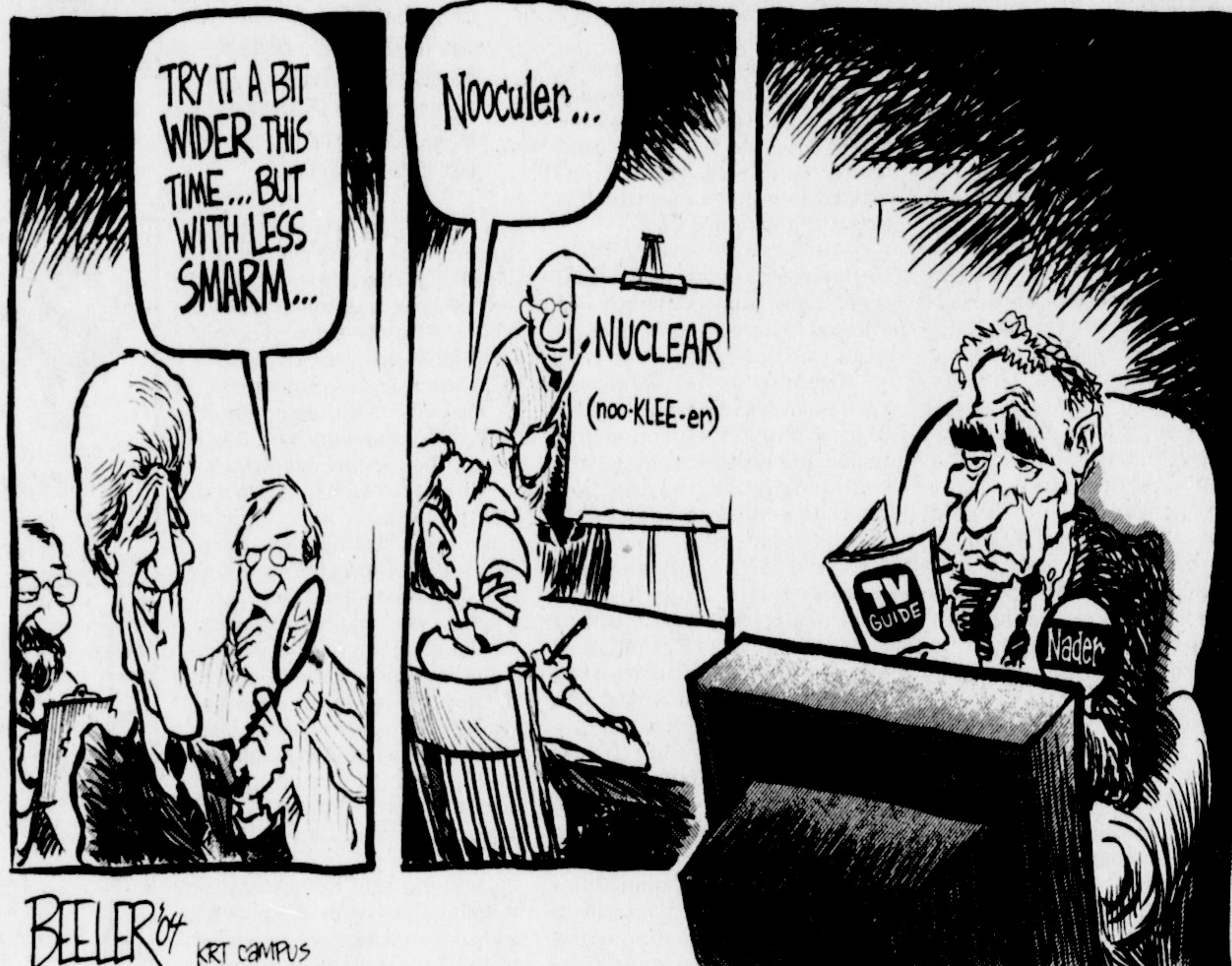
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## The Candidates RESEARCH for the DEBATES...



## Opinion Columnist

### Catching up on current headlines

Extra, extra, read all about it

RACHEL LANDEN  
STAFF WRITER

This weekend, I tried to catch up on the news – important stuff like Hurricane Jeanne, the war in Iraq, the Bush and Kerry presidential campaigns and Britney Spears' latest marriage.

Somehow, in the midst of my good intentions, I found my eyes wandering from the Dan Rather headline to a section containing odd news.

I first noticed the story about three students at Jacksonville University in Florida who were disciplined for a party they held in their on-campus apartment.

Apparently, the three men installed a stripper pole, posted want ads for pole dancers around campus and then bought large amounts of beer for those in attendance. Women were admitted to the party for free, but men were charged \$5 each.

Although no public nudity was involved, the students were criticized for violating alcohol policies, degrading women and altering university property.

It seems they have taken it in stride and converted the former stage into a



ping pong table. Way to make the best of a bad situation, guys.

Perhaps these future entrepreneurs should take a lesson from real estate (and now television) tycoon Donald Trump. Trump never seems to be without a beautiful woman on his arm or in his wallet.

The star of "The Apprentice" is now moving into the men's fragrance market. According to a recent news blurb, "The Donald" has teamed up with Estee Lauder Cosmetics to launch a new men's cologne that will be sold as "Donald Trump, The Fragrance."

For \$60, you too can smell like success, whatever that means. I'm sure the candidates on the new season of "The Apprentice" will be rushing out to

Macy's and Bloomingdale's to purchase their own bottle of Trump's fragrance.

I'm also predicting Donald Trump to make his next move from fragrances to hair care products. Who else's hair stays completely in place? Forget his hair spray – I want his hair spray.

Of course, hair spray wouldn't do much good for more than 150 million Chinese men who are between the ages of 25 and 35. An astonishing 40 percent of the male population in that age bracket is bald.

I've heard the phrase bald is beautiful, but now, it's exclusive too. A new club that is solely for bald men has just opened its doors in a town in southern China. Its purpose is to give those men suffering from hair loss a place to come together and commiserate with one another, as well as share suggestions for treatment and therapy.

One of the club's advisors blames the excessive hair loss on the fast-paced lifestyle of the Chinese. Finally, they now have a place to slow down, relax and not worry a single hair on their heads.

But enough of the international news... The headline about the hurricane reminds me I need to head out to the store and buy groceries with the rest of eastern NC.

## Pirate Rant

Some of my fellow students need to realize that a concert is not a coffee house! When ECU students, faculty and/or guests of the University are on stage it is proper for you to refrain from talking with your buddies. They deserve your respect and the people around you (some of whom may have had to pay for their tickets and are guests of the University themselves) deserve to enjoy the event without listening to your rude and incessant chatter.

It's bad enough we slap our cell phones to our ears the minute we get out of class, but some do not hesitate to continue the habit at the gym. Come on, you're on the treadmill for a reason. I thought these people already exercised their mouths enough during the day.

I'm sick of looking at girl's butts at 8 a.m. Please stop with the booty shorts; they're not as attractive as you think they are.

As if wearing lanyards wasn't bad enough, why are people wearing them around their necks? Can I just yank on them and maybe they'll learn a lesson?

I can't stand John Kerry any longer. I wish he would hurry up and lose the election so we don't have to listen to him complaining about everything under the sun. He's the biggest pessimist I've ever heard speak.

I understand that bikers and cars should share the road, but it's a whole lot easier for a bike to avoid a pedestrian on the sidewalk than it is for a car to avoid a bike on the road.

*Editor's Note: The Pirate Rant is an anonymous way for students and staff in the ECU community to voice their opinions. Submissions can be submitted anonymously online at [www.theeastcarolinian.com](http://www.theeastcarolinian.com), or e-mailed to [editor@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:editor@theeastcarolinian.com). The editor reserves the right to edit opinions for content and brevity.*

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As an ECU bus driver, I think you should have interviewed a Student Transit official for your story on the buses [Sept. 23 – "Campus transportation woes"]. I think it is highly unethical of TEC to print a story that is so one sided. You should have given transit a chance to answer the questions put forth before you ran this story. As a communication major, I know they teach us to look at both sides of the issue. The majority of the writers there, I would assume are communication majors. They should know better.

The issues that were raised cause a little concern for me. The reason the buses are overloaded is because every student thinks they need to get on the bus like it is the last one running. And no one thinks they should have to wait for another bus. Another reason is people wait until 10 minutes before class starts to get to the stop. If they would get there a little early and take an earlier bus there wouldn't be as many problems.

Secondly, the reason the buses stay at the library so long is to allow the other buses to hit their stops in order. If we pulled off from the library as soon as we filled up we would get bunched up in the middle somewhere and someone would have to wait 20 minutes for a bus. No one wants to see four buses at one stop at the same time, do they?

Third, students who want to get a map can obtain one from the driver, the Mendenhall Student Center Information Desk or online at [www.transit.ecu.edu](http://www.transit.ecu.edu). Also, if they have any questions they can call transit at 328-4724.

And finally, as for the adding more buses, we have a limited budget. We can buy only so many buses a year. We are in the process of phasing in new ones now.

James Mauldin  
ECU Student

## Online Reader Responses

Response to Sept. 23 article, "Identity crisis"

[Editor's note: This is just a few of the 60-some responses to this article. To read them all or to place your own response, visit [www.theeastcarolinian.com](http://www.theeastcarolinian.com).]

I think that is a load of crap. It is just clothing. I am not going to stop wearing an item of clothing just because it says another college on it. Maybe they went to the college for an undergraduate degree and are here for graduate school. You cannot say they are wrong for wearing those clothes. You can cheer for multiple schools. I am from Greenville and have lived here the majority of my life and think it's ridiculous that anyone would ridicule someone for the clothes they wear. I thought high school was over.

That article is exactly right. By wearing other school's clothing on campus, (especially ACC schools) you are basically telling our past leaders you could care less about everything they fought for. Have some pride in your school and your education. I will always be a Pirate because this is my school and I will always recognize and appreciate the people who fought those other in-state schools so ECU can be what it is today.

Excuse me, where's the problem? I didn't come to this school because we've got this killer athletic department. I didn't come here because I dislike the ACC. I attend this school

so that I can learn. I wish to have an education and I wish to learn to work with a diverse population of people. Sports are a nice little diversion from what college is really about, but it is not the real reason most of us should be attending here. And quite frankly, school spirit isn't even needed outside of the sports arena. Maybe I'll wear some other school's apparel to express my contempt with the ECU athletic department. After all, why do I have to pay in my tuition for that free football ticket to a game that I never want to attend? Life isn't about sports. When you see someone sporting another school's stuff, accept that they are of a different view and move on. You might find you actually become a nice person as a result. The first amendment is to apply to our campus as well, so don't tell me what I can and cannot wear on your campus when I am the person who is paying to attend here. Thank you and your "crap."

Great article, one of the best I have ever read from TEC. Students who choose to wear things from other schools really don't know how much it is hurting the image of ECU. It is a slap in the face to those like Leo Jenkins, Dr. Andrew A. Best, Laura Marie Leary and others. I am glad many students are now standing up and taking a stand on this issue.

Thanks for a great article. I hope some of these people with negative feedback to your article will do a little research or better yet, cruise up to Chapel Hill, Durham, Winston Salem

or Raleigh and catch some of those attitudes directed toward ECU there. As an alum of 20 years, many of these students have no idea how ECU is perceived by some of our holier than thou fans of other schools. If you stay an ECU backer after you graduate and remain in NC, you will find out. Back your school and support it every way and out of respect, wear your other university apparel off campus, especially not at athletic events. And please go to Charlotte in November – you may get an ugly taste in your mouth when you wear purple gear. The State game in Raleigh was so vile that if I had a dollar for every time a State fan cursed at my group, flipped us off, mooned us or other obnoxious practices, I could have flown anywhere in the U.S. It got so bad at one point that a car rear ended another car while shaking his fist and flipping us off. Maybe that can help you see why some ECU fans that grew up in this culture feel the way they do. Just think about it.

Perhaps if ECU's basketball team was good enough to join the ACC, I'd support them. Until then, I'll continue to support the team I always have (Duke) with pride and zeal.

This is a free country and we have the right to wear what we want, when we want and where we want. Don't get your panties in a bunch because not everyone wears ECU gear. Just because you go here doesn't mean you have to be a huge ECU fan. I'm a Duke fan first and foremost.

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2. Mr. 3000
3. Resident Evil: Apocalypse
4. Wimbledon
5. Cellular

#### Top 5 DVDs:

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2. The Passion of the Christ
3. The Lady-killers
4. Twisted
5. Soul Plane

#### Top 5 TV Shows:

1. CSI
2. Survivor: Vanuatu
3. NFL Football
4. Will & Grace
5. Without a Trace

#### Top 5 Books:

1. Trace
2. The Da Vinci Code
3. Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell
4. The Five People You Meet in Heaven
5. The Rule of Four

#### Top 5 CDs:

1. Nelly
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3. Tim McGraw
4. Ray Charles
5. Now That's What I Call Music: 16

## Horoscopes:

**Aries** - Partnerships are important, and right now they are pivotal. You can get somebody else to do almost everything, except keep everyone else inspired and on course.

**Taurus** - Complications cause a change in plans and perhaps in methods.

**Gemini** - The challenge is to figure out a way to do all the things to which you've been invited without spending a lot of cash.

**Cancer** - You have strict standards to which you try to conform. Hold out for the best, and you'll get there.

**Leo** - New horizons beckon, but don't take off quite yet. As you begin your planning, you'll find out what's in the way. That should happen pretty soon.

**Virgo** - Friends who generally give you good advice don't have all the facts that you do now. Listen, but make up your own mind.

**Libra** - You're spurred to take action, but don't get excited and try to do it all at once.

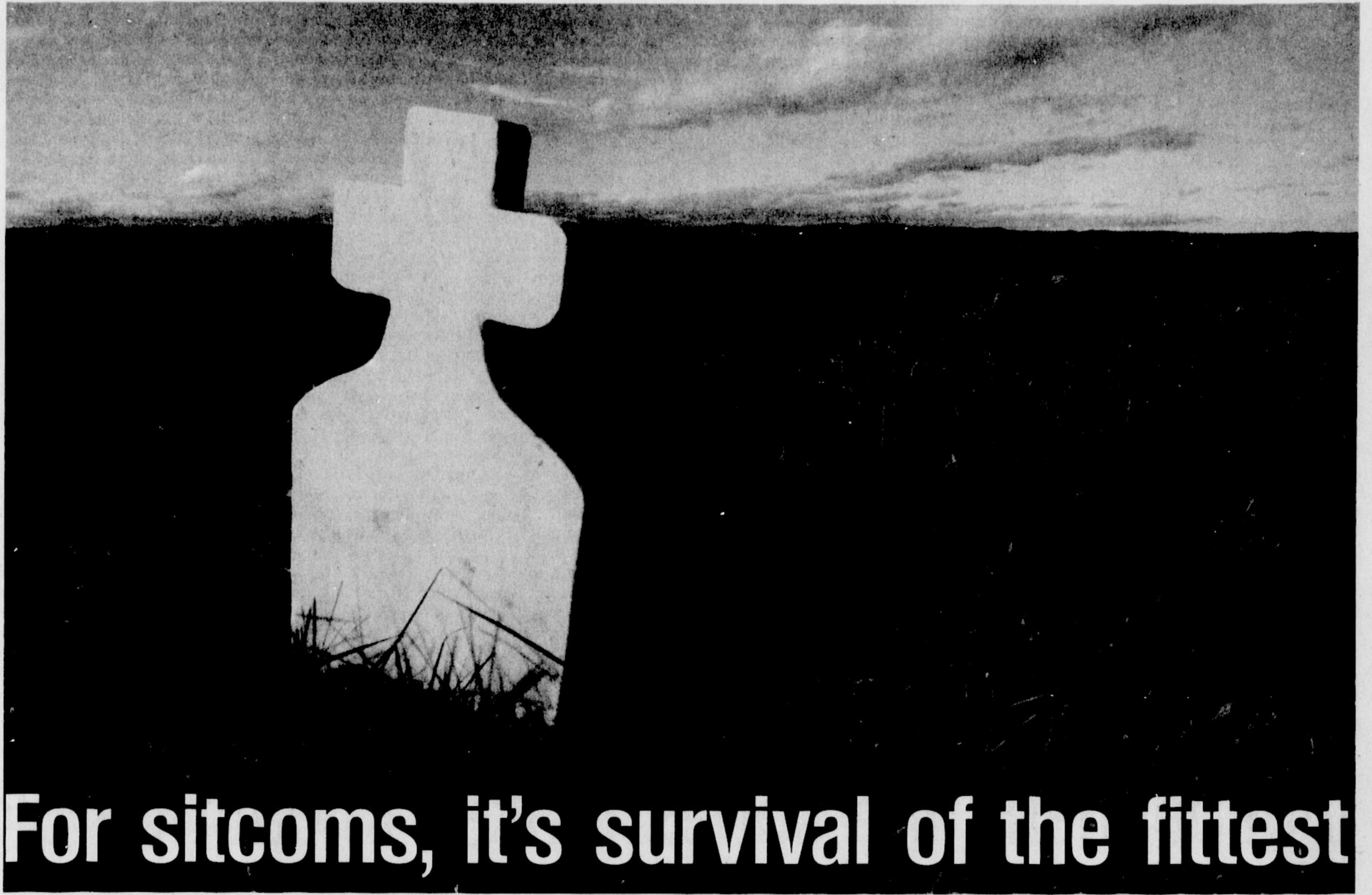
**Scorpio** - Curtail expansion for a while. You're in a metamorphosis. Withhold judgment for now, too.

**Sagittarius** - You may not like to draw attention to yourself, and that's OK, but don't let shyness back you down when bold resolve is required.

**Capricorn** - You'll get to be the voice of reason soon. The others are getting so mad at each other, no logic is getting through.

**Aquarius** - You want to get started and to make the commitment, but that's not a good idea. You still have chores from a previous project that must be completed first. Besides, this is a better day for finishing than beginning.

**Pisces** - Don't overindulge a loved one by purchasing expensive but worthless gifts.



## For sitcoms, it's survival of the fittest

### Competition is only getting stronger

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While navigating the desert landscape of 21st century television, searching for the quintessential "good" television sitcom, I came to the conclusion the reason there are so few is not because something is missing from television. In fact, the opposite is true — it's what's present that's complicating matters ... competition.

In years past there were no strong reality shows stealing precious viewers from sitcoms like "The Cosby Show" and "Perfect Strangers." Today old favorites like "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Two and a Half Men" have

to contend with an ever popular "Monday Night Football," and newer shows like "Still Standing" and "Listen Up" have to deal with the onslaught from reality shows like Mark Cuban's "The Benefactor." New sitcoms even have to compete with old sitcoms that have been resurrected on channels like TV Land, who of course did not have to deal with cable television in their day.

Even with seemingly dire circumstances facing sitcoms, there is hope. Sitcoms experiment with things like bold new storylines, live shows and guest appearances from major stars. There has been some success such as Drew Carey's annual live show and star cameos such as Bruce Willis' appearance as a mental patient on "Friends" and Janet Jackson's recent appearance on "Will & Grace." Sketch

comedies even show a way out for sitcoms. "Reno 911" on Comedy Central blurs the line between traditional sketch comedy shows and sitcoms. Regular characters and ongoing storylines are complimented by a massive amount of guest appearances and ad lib comedy sketches that focus more on humor than continuity.

In an unscientific poll I conducted at three locations on campus (outside the Wright Place, Mendenhall Student Center and in front of Joyner Library), I asked 40 students about their sitcom viewing habits. Just more than half (22 students) of those surveyed affirmed they watch sitcoms on a regular basis. Out of that number, just under half (nine students) of those who affirmed they watch sitcoms on a regular basis affirmed they do

not watch as many sitcoms now as they did as a child. There are many reasons for the exodus of viewers from the sitcom landscape. Of the reasons given, 70 percent (28 students) of those surveyed affirmed they "just don't have the time."

What is filling that time? Reality shows and dramas. Just under half (19 students) of those surveyed affirmed the type of shows they mainly watched were reality shows. In second place were dramas, such as "Law and Order" on NBC and "The Shield" on FX.

"Sitcoms today just don't hold my attention, while dramas and reality does," said Laura Cross, a senior sociology major.

"America's Next Top Model" is a must see — "Nip/Tuck" is the best show in the world."

However, Shenella Eason and Ashka Lewis, two other senior

sociology majors, feel differently about sitcoms.

"Sitcoms give you an escape from everyday life. If your family is not like the sitcom, it gives you something to hope for besides with all the violence on TV. Sometimes an escape is not that bad an idea," said Eason. Lewis agreed and said, "I love sitcoms! They keep me entertained when there is nothing to do."

It seems there is still a function for sitcoms, though that is not a unanimous opinion. If sitcoms are to survive they must stay funny and learn to navigate in a world full of an increasing number of "Saturday Night Lives," "Law and Orders" and "Dave Chappelles."

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## 'American Idiots,' is anyone out there listening?

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Punk rock group Green Day has come a long way since the days of Dookie and Ha Ha You're Dead. Rather than continue to ignore fans' intelligence levels, Green Day's newly released album *American Idiot* is a rocking lyrical compilation of politically-absorbed tracks that will get all of its listeners thinking.

*American Idiot* is an album filled with strong beats and even stronger lyrics focused on the upcoming Presidential Election. "I beg to dream and differ from the hollow lies, This is the dawning of the rest of our lives," lines from Track three titled "Holiday," are an example of the point Green Day is trying to get across.

Throughout the entire album, listeners will hear anger, frustra-

tion, sarcasm, accusations, sadness and irritation seep through the fast and rhythmic tracks. Green Day's rock-operas, titled "Jesus of Suburbia" and "Homecoming," throw fast beats and slow melodies into more than 18 minutes of coordinated confusion.

In these tracks, Green Day explores how society acts and reacts as "lost children with their dirty faces." They have a few catchy lines like "Burn and raised by hypocrites, Hearts recycled but never saved" and "On a steady diet of soda pop and Ritalin, No one ever died for my sins" which, if thought about long enough, could lead any listener to their own form of self-realization.

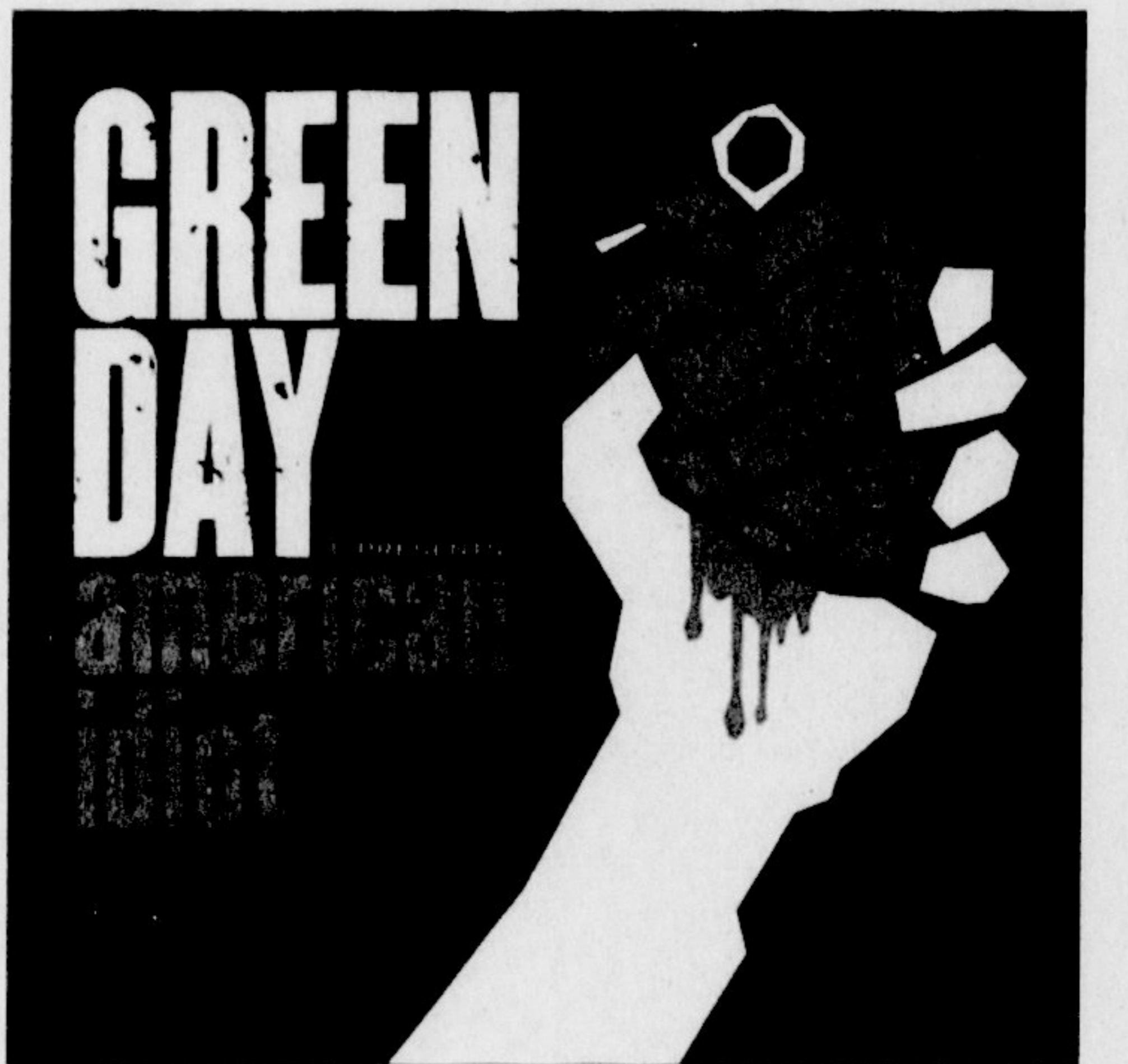
The track titled "American Idiot" sums up how Green Day doesn't "wanna be an American idiot, Don't want a nation under the new media." The song describes

how America is an "alien nation" whose foundation is threaded upon propaganda and television dreams.

"Boulevard Of Broken Dreams" and "Give Me Novocain" are two tracks on the album that still follow the sarcastic tone of "American Idiot" while slowing the pace a bit. Listeners get a chance to appreciate the refreshing vocals of lead singer Billie Armstrong as he belts out a constant flow of genius, not clouded by guitar and drum additions.

Fans will not be disappointed with Green Day's recent album. Although more mature and politically driven than any of their other albums, *American Idiot* maintains the originality and punk rock quality that Green Day fans have come to treasure so much.

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## Review of 'Hidalgo'

Movie about a man and his horse

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In *Hidalgo*, allegedly based on the true story of the legendary long distance racer Frank T. Hopkins and his horse Hidalgo, Cowboy Hopkins' (Viggo Mortensen) reputation as the best long distance racer has grown so much that it spread to the knowledge of Sheikh Riyadh (Omar Sharif). Riyadh's family has participated in a traditional 3,000-mile race across the Arabian Peninsula called Ocean of Fire. Riyadh asks Hopkins to join the grueling race, and Hopkins having little motivation and no sense of purpose after seeing the massacre of innocent Native Americans at Wounded Knee, accepts the challenge.

The film shows the strong bond between Hidalgo and Hopkins as they have reason

to relate to each other. Hidalgo and Hopkins have something in common — Hopkins is half Native American and Hidalgo is a mustang of mixed breed. Because of the two being outcasts in a strange land, it brings man and horse closer together throughout the movie.

The film slowly allows for character growth as Hopkins has an internal conflict he battles, but succeeds with quiet determination. It is a joy to see Omar Sharif back on the screen. He commands respect in the film as Riyadh, and his acting skills are excellent.

Some people may not appreciate the simplicity or the plot of the film, but *Hidalgo* goes back to an innocent time of entertainment, which is a treat in itself.

Predictable and a little long, but as the Oregon Herald states, "An entertaining Western adventure that radiates simplicity."

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## 'The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency'

Mystery Series hits home

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As the first one in a fictitious series, this quiet book of joy introduces readers to Botswana's first female private detective, Precious Ramotswa. Set in the broad Kalahari in the background, Ramotswa sets up a detective agency after surviving a disastrous marriage and selling her father's cattle after his death.

Trying to solve the cases of a missing husband, a conman, a wayward daughter and the encounter of a large crocodile are all what Ramotswa experiences in her adventures — the unfortunate case of a missing eleven-year-old boy who may have been kidnapped by witch doctors is the case that tugs and bothers her the most emotionally.

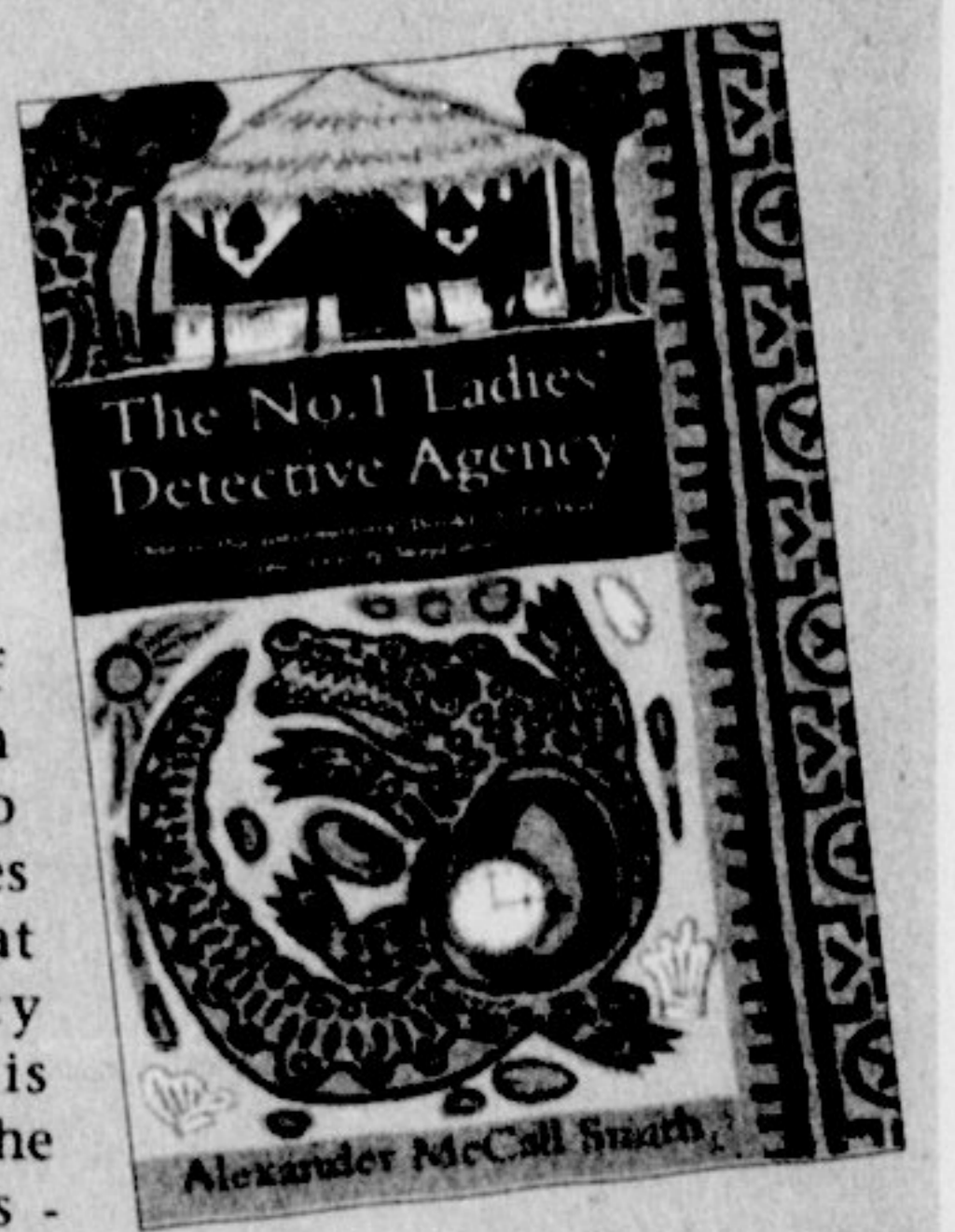
The story is filled with fluid descrip-

tions of thorn trees and the environmental nature of Botswana and the various locations Ramotswa visits as she solves each case.

The character of Ramotswa as a warm heroine is a delight to know. The prose carries a sense of humor that radiates the honesty of human nature. This novel is set apart from the average mystery novel since the story and quality of writing portray a unique read.

"The writing is accessible and the prose is so beautiful," states writer Amy Tan. It has some feminist clichés, but otherwise an entertaining book.

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# Comedy legend Rodney Dangerfield fights for his life



Rodney Dangerfield falls into coma after heart surgery

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Rodney Dangerfield is famous for saying he gets no respect. However, as the comedy legend lies in a coma at the UCLA Medical Center, it's quite apparent he gets all the well-deserved respect in the world. While in the hospital, he's been visited by Jim Carrey, Adam Sandler and Jay Leno, among many, all wanting to wish him well. Every newspaper in the world is writing about him, every news telecast is keeping track of his progress and

millions of fans around the world have their fingers crossed that he will pull through. Obviously, he's loved and respected.

Dangerfield's health woes began in 2001 when he suffered a mild heart attack on his 80th birthday. He needed heart surgery, but due to his age, doctors feared Dangerfield would not get the proper blood flow needed and would suffer a stroke during the operation. In 2003, he went under the knife for what doctors call an "extracranial-intracranial bypass." Doctors inserted a superficial temporal artery into the middle cerebral artery of his brain to ensure the proper blood flow throughout his body. The eight-hour operation was successful and doctors felt secure Dangerfield would survive his heart surgery. The date was set for Aug. 25, 2004.

Dangerfield was advised to take the time leading up to his surgery to rest. However, as one of the hardest working men in history of the entertainment business, the concept of rest is foreign to him. It is that kind of dedication to his craft which has always characterized Dangerfield and his storied career.

Born Jacob Cohen in Babylon, NY in 1921, Dangerfield's early life wasn't easy. His father was a vaudeville performer and

was rarely home. His mother was a cold, unloving woman who regularly forgot her son's birthday and treated him with complete abhorrence. In his memoir *It's Not Easy Being Me*, he also admits to being molested as a child. At age 15, Rodney took his childhood pain and began writing jokes. He began performing soon after.

He traveled the country working steadily as a stand-up comic under the name Jack Roy until his late twenties, but reluctantly gave up on his dreams for a more stable income. He married his first wife Joyce Indig and had two children, Brian and Melanie, and began a career selling aluminum siding. When his marriage fell apart in 1961, he decided to give comedy another shot, this time under the name Rodney Dangerfield.

His second attempt at comedy would prove much more successful than his initial foray. With his trademark white shirt and red tie, hilarious one-liners and cutting self-effacing humor, Dangerfield became a huge hit and worked comedy clubs all over the country and even opened one of his own in New York City aptly named Dangerfield's. He began regularly appearing on "The Ed Sullivan Show," "The Dean Martin Show" and "The Tonight Show." He became a fixture on

"Saturday Night Live" while the show was at its prime in the late 1970s. His career took off after his unforgettable performance in *Caddyshack*, which brought him to the forefront among the elite comedy stars.

Following *Caddyshack*, Dangerfield kept himself extremely busy. He continued working hard on the comedy club circuit and did a series of successful HBO specials. With these specials, Dangerfield introduced young comics like Jerry Seinfeld, Tim Allen, Jim Carrey, Roseanne and Sam Kinison to the world and gave them their first big breaks. He's co-written and starred in movies such as *Back to School*, *Meet Wally Sparks* and *Easy Money* and has made appearances on television shows like "The Simpsons" and "Home Improvement."

Despite his impending surgery, 2004 has turned out to be one of his busiest years yet. He's been on the talk show circuit promoting his self-penned biography *It's Not Easy Being Me*, which landed on the *New York Times* Bestseller list. He set the record for appearances on "The Tonight Show" with 70 and even appeared on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" just twelve days before being admitted to the hospital. He filmed guest shots on the CBS sitcom "Still Standing" and lent

his voice for cartoons "Phil of the Future" and "Family Guy." He even found time to record an album of love songs entitled *Romeo Rodney*.

Dangerfield was admitted to the UCLA Medical Center on Aug. 24. When asked how long he would be there, he quipped, "If things go right, I'll be there about a week and if things don't go right, I'll be there about an hour and a half."

The eight-hour procedure to replace a valve in Dangerfield's heart took place on Aug. 25 and was deemed successful by doctors. The next day, reports came out that Dangerfield was in intensive care on a respirator in stable condition. Reports also surfaced that he had been excited and heartened by the visits from Carrey, Sandler and Leno.

However, a statement given by Joan Dangerfield, who has been by her husband's side since the operation would suggest otherwise. On Sept. 20, she released a statement saying, "My husband slipped into a light coma a couple of weeks ago while recovering from his heart surgery. His overall condition, however, remains stable. He is receiving extraordinary care from his doctors and nurses and was able to breathe on his own for the past 24 hours." "After recent visits from his

family and close friends, Rodney is starting to show signs of awareness and we are all hopeful he will regain full consciousness soon. Our family remains optimistic that Rodney will make a complete recovery and we are humbled by the love and support we have received during his hospitalization," Joan Dangerfield said.

The future for Dangerfield remains uncertain. During the introduction of his autobiography, he took the subject of death head-on.

"According to statistics about men in their eighties," he wrote, "only one out of a 100 makes it to 90. With odds like that, I'm writing very fast."

Meanwhile, friends, family and millions of fans around the world wait anxiously for any news at all. If it's good news, it will mean Dangerfield will be back soon to make the entire world laugh again. If it's not, those friends, family and fans can be proud to know Dangerfield has left an incredible legacy. Jim Carrey wrote the forward to Dangerfield's book. In it, he wrote, "[Rodney Dangerfield] is without a doubt, as funny as a carbon-based life form can be." Now that's respect.

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## Independent film series makes impact on big screen

North Carolina Visions runs on UNC-TV

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Nothing is more satisfying for a filmmaker than to see their vision come alive on the screen. Persistence and dedication go into every reel, but the hard work is always worth it. A good film is personal and emotional. For a young or inexperienced director, any forum that's willing to showcase their work is worth it. "North Carolina Visions: An Independent Film Series" gives filmmakers their chance to share a piece of themselves.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the series. For the past decade, 192 films have been shown for people interested in seeing the innovative work of

skilled artists. Divided by genre, 21 films will be shown at the series this year. The five episodes will be aired on UNC-TV each Saturday in October at 11 p.m., beginning with five animations and narrations on Oct. 2.

Emphasizing the input North Carolina has to the art of filmmaking, "North Carolina Visions" draws filmmakers from throughout the state. Series producer Nicole Triche says, "For a decade, 'North Carolina Visions' has provided local filmmakers with a one-of-a-kind showcase for their works. We have been happy to support independent cinema for the last ten years and we are very excited about this, our 10th anniversary season of 'North Carolina Visions.'"

The talent entering their films is truly remarkable. It gives locals an opportunity to see and appreciate films they may never

see otherwise. UNC-TV, the only state-wide cable network, reaches a diverse audience. Seeing and recognizing such art is a privilege residents throughout the state can now partake in.

Much praise was expressed from the filmmakers on working in North Carolina. An ideal environment for anyone wanting to make a movie, this state has much to offer. Director Christopher J. Holmes (*Fence Dogs*) has great expectations for the states' film industry.

"I see North Carolina as a state poised to make a significant impact in the film industry very soon. The resources and infrastructure are already here and more or less established, and North Carolina has some of the most ecologically diverse locations of any state in the country. The increasing number of film students in the state also is encouraging and hopefully will help to disrupt the traditional New York

or Los Angeles trajectory of most aspiring filmmakers," said Holmes.

Some criticisms also arose, however. Concerns that state incentive tax for films didn't pass and a certain apathy toward film crews from state officials discourage some of the growth for the film industry. Thankfully encouragement from campuses throughout the state are doing their best to draw talent to North Carolina.

"I am glad to see places like UNC-Greensboro and the North Carolina School of the Arts continuing to educate and promote young filmmakers in North Carolina," said the director of *The Claytoons and the Hand of Doom*, Martha Garrett.

In 1994, the North Carolina Media Alliance and UNC-TV worked together to promote awareness of the independent film community. It has propelled many talented filmmakers into

a career. Students and amateurs find out what it takes to be a part of the festival circuit. It gives hope to beginners seeing their film on television and having it viewed by others.

Francesca Talenti's *Poetry in Motion* gives a look at amateur poets through a short animation. She's had much success with animation and hopes those who watch her film get "a desire to see it again - an appreciation of the poem and appreciation of the artistry that went into the piece."

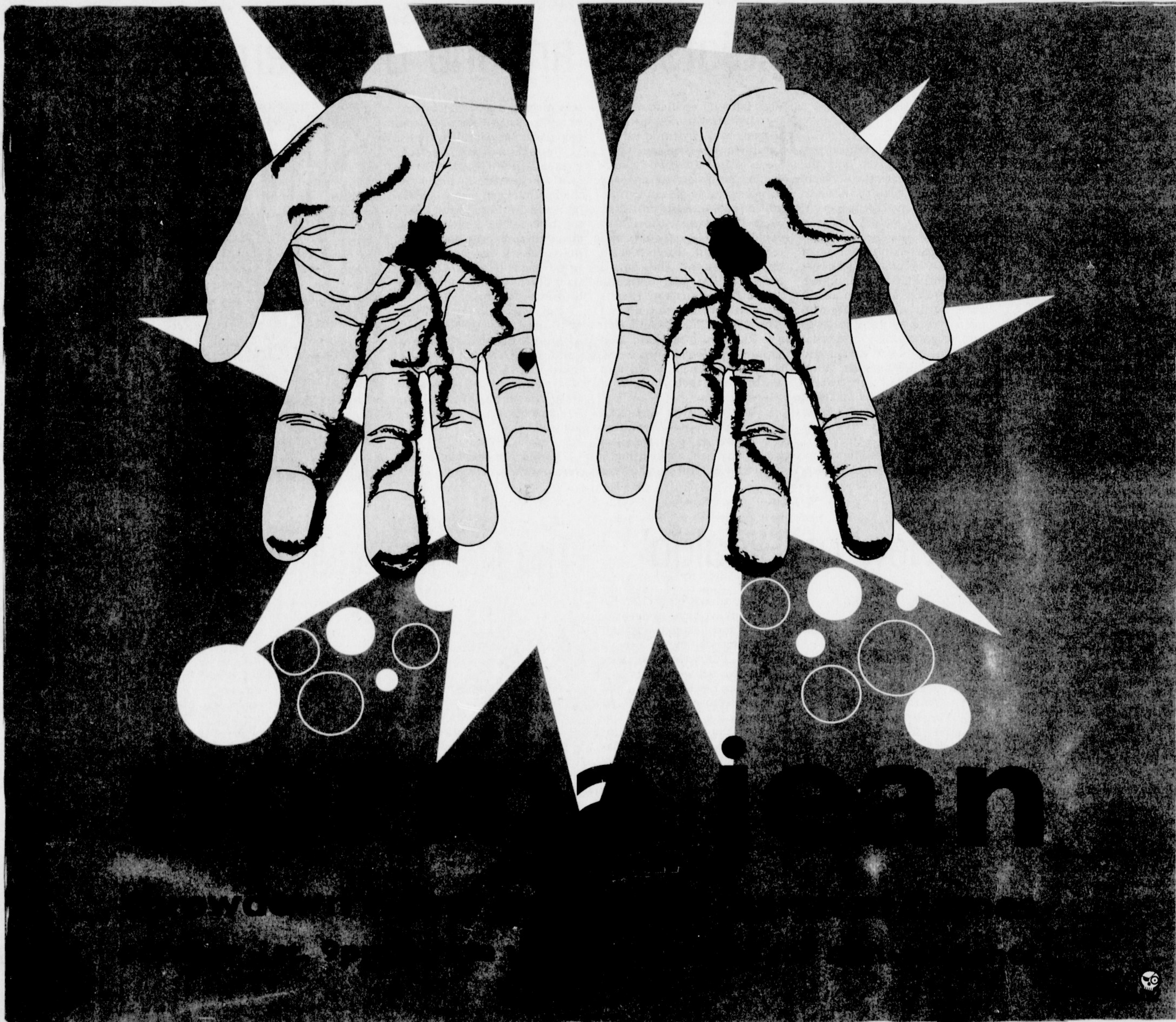
Filmmaker, Brett Ingram is no stranger to the series. Contributing four films, he's very confident with the way "North Carolina Visions" operates.

"[North Carolina] Visions' has strengthened the regional filmmaking community by bringing together the work of filmmakers who are either working in virtual isolation or within

small networks. Perhaps the most important accomplishment of 'Visions' is that of giving voice to regional films, which would otherwise not be broadcast on PBS or any other cable or broadcast venue. 'North Carolina Visions' is the greatest thing to happen to UNC-TV. Viva North Carolina! Filmmaking!"

The success generated by "North Carolina Visions" gives hope that the film industry will look toward the state more often. All the filmmakers want is for the viewers to take something out of their film. Nothing is more important to a director than affecting someone by the artistry that goes into making a film. Even if it doesn't make any money, knowing it has been viewed can be the greatest reward.

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## Sports Briefs

## Sexton starting for FSU

Wyatt Sexton will make his first start at quarterback for Florida State, replacing injured Chris Rix for Saturday's home game against North Carolina. Rix sprained his right ankle in last weekend's 41-22 victory, and coach Bobby Bowden said Monday he will be out at least two weeks. Sexton, a sophomore whose father was a Florida State quarterback three decades ago, entered the game late in the first quarter with Florida State trailing 7-3 and turned in a strong performance. Freshman Drew Weatherford will move up to the No. 2 spot for the No. 9 Seminoles (2-1) and lose his red shirt season. Bowden said he will red shirt freshman quarterback Xavier Lee.

## Collins takes over for injured Gannon

Rich Gannon might lose a second straight season to injury. The 2002 NFL MVP has a broken vertebra in his neck that will sideline him at least six weeks. The Oakland Raiders quarterback underwent an MRI exam Monday morning and was taken for further tests. Coach Norv Turner didn't believe Gannon was at risk for paralysis and said the quarterback was walking around the team's training facility before receiving the news about his neck. Turner said it would be premature to speculate whether Gannon, the 2002 NFL MVP, would end up on injured reserve for the second straight season. He hadn't told his team about Gannon's status before the Raiders broke team meetings for the day Monday afternoon. Gannon was unavailable for comment Monday. The 38-year-old Gannon left in the first quarter of Oakland's 30-20 win over the Buccaneers on Sunday night after taking a helmet-to-helmet hit from linebacker Derrick Brooks. Gannon ran for two yards during the Raiders' first offensive series and was stopped at the Bucs 5 by Brooks. Gannon grimaced in pain, but walked off the field on his own, looking groggy. He was taken to the locker room for examination of his back, then returned to the sideline in the second half.

## Grossman out for season

Rex Grossman knew his season was over the second it happened. The Chicago Bears' quarterback will miss the rest of the season after rupturing a ligament in his right knee in Sunday's loss to Minnesota. The promising young quarterback's loss is a severe blow to a team that has struggled with injuries this season, but managed a 21-10 upset at Green Bay in Week 2. Backup Jonathan Quinn, who signed with the Bears in March, will start. Chad Hutchinson on Monday also agreed to terms on a two-year deal contingent on Hutchinson, who played 10 games two seasons ago with the Cowboys before being waived, passing a physical. Grossman is expected to undergo surgery in a couple of weeks and will face seven to 10 months of rehabilitation. Rex Grossman is carted off after injuring his knee while scoring on a fourth-quarter TD run. Grossman was injured as he scored on a 6-yard scramble at the 2-minute warning. He left the stadium wearing a brace and using a crutch. An MRI exam confirmed the anterior cruciate ligament tear along with damage to other knee ligaments. Grossman was the fourth quarterback chosen in the 2003 draft and started the final three games of the season. In Sunday's game, he completed 21 passes in 31 attempts for 248 yards.

## Bryant defense drops bid to seal evidence

Kobe Bryant's attorneys abruptly dropped a bid to seal evidence in the NBA star's rape case Monday, saying the details would reveal how unprofessional the prosecution was. Bryant still faces a federal civil suit filed by the accuser seeking unspecified damages for pain, suffering, "public scorn, hatred and ridicule."

## Pirates fall in C-USA opener

Men's soccer defeated by UC, start 0-1 in C-USA

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The ECU Pirates and Cincinnati Bearcats have started their seasons off with more losses than they would've hoped to accumulate as they began Conference USA competition against one another this past Saturday in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Bearcats were behind early, but put together a comeback and scored the game-winning goal in the last 10 minutes of play, handing ECU its fifth loss.

The Pirates were able to get off to a good start when Matt Kowalski scored the first goal of the game in the ninth minute. Scoring first has been a good omen for the Pirates this year as they have won all three games where they have tallied the first goal. However, the game against the Bearcats marked the first time ECU has lost when drawing first blood.

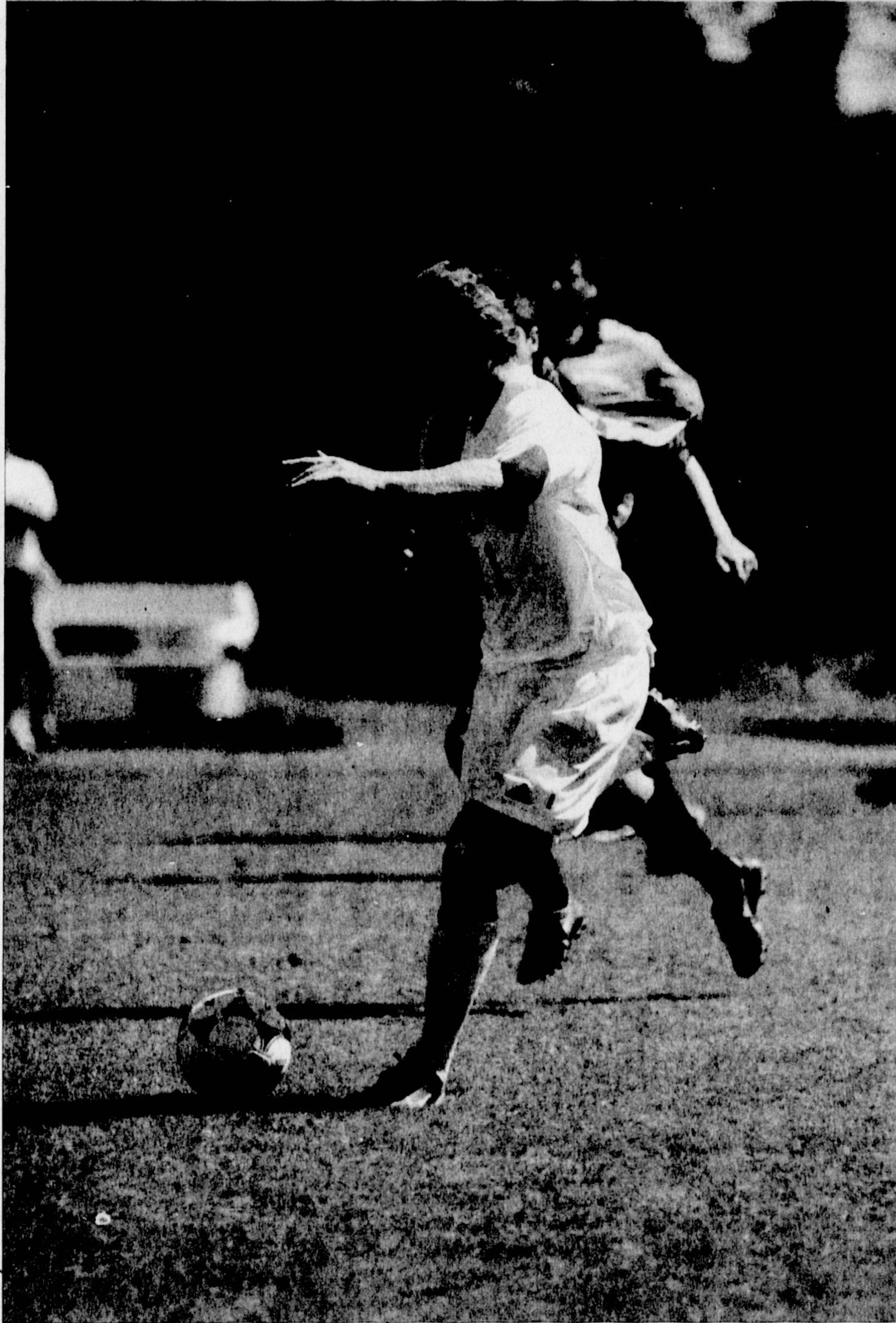
Cincinnati forward, Jeff Hughes scored the first goal for the Bearcats with less than 10 minutes to go before halftime. He received a pass from his teammate Eric Edwards and took a shot nearly 30 yards away from the goal. Pirate keeper, Brian Pope was unable to make the save and the Pirates went into half-time knowing they had let a lead slip away in a crucial game.

It was a long second half for both teams. The Bearcats created a few more shot opportunities than the ECU attackers, but neither team scored in the first 35 minutes of the second half.

In the 83rd minute, with the game still tied and fatigue becoming a huge factor in the battle, Jeff Hughes struck again. Pope came out of the goalmouth to challenge Hughes, but the Cincy forward was ready for him as he floated the ball over the outstretched Pope and into the net.

It was a great night for Hughes, who scored his first and second goal of the season to lift Cincinnati to the top of the conference standings. Cincinnati improves to 2-5-0 while the Pirates stumble to 3-5-0 on the season.

Up next for the Pirates will be the Campbell Camels.



Senior midfielder Michael Logan has one goal and two assists this season for the Pirates.

The Camels bring a mix of veterans and youth to the field, but that talent has yet to do much for the team as they posted a record of 4-14-1 last year and are still looking for their first win of the season this year.

The Camels are an abysmal 0-5-1 on the season after losing their last game to Georgia State

4-1. They have scored just three goals in six games and their lone bright spot this year is a 0-0 tie with Liberty on Sept. 7.

Though his team is struggling right now, Head Coach Doug Hess keeps a positive attitude.

"We now sit at 0-2 in the conference, but still in a positive frame of mind - frustrated

yes, but nonetheless positive," said Hess in an interview on the Campbell Sports Information Department Web site.

"The trip to Georgia, albeit a winless one, was a success. We came away knowing that we can play with two of the perennial powers in our conference. It's

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## Club Soccer hammers Heels 3-1

Team effort leads to Lady Pirate Victory

MATTHEW FOSTER  
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Pirates were excited to see what their mix of youth and experience could do this Sunday against UNC Chapel Hill. The aim was to score early and often and that they did as ECU cruised to a 3-1 victory against the Tar Heels.

The team started in with the attacking formation of 4-3-3 using the pace and the height of the strikers to their advantage.

After having the first two games of the season cancelled, the Lady Pirates were eager to do well in the season and home opener. So eager in fact, they got off to a flying start as they scored a goal in the opening minute. The goal resulted from quick passes with Penny Perott flicking the ball to the feet of one of her striking partners Courtney Mikola who caught the goalkeeper sleeping in net for the first goal of the season. ECU put a barrage of shots on goal and created many scoring opportunities from the corners throughout the game.

The team was again rewarded for its persistence in the 25th minute when Kelly Heckler had a shot saved by the goalkeeper only for the ball to rattle loose and Lindsay Harchick slammed it home for a 2-0 lead.

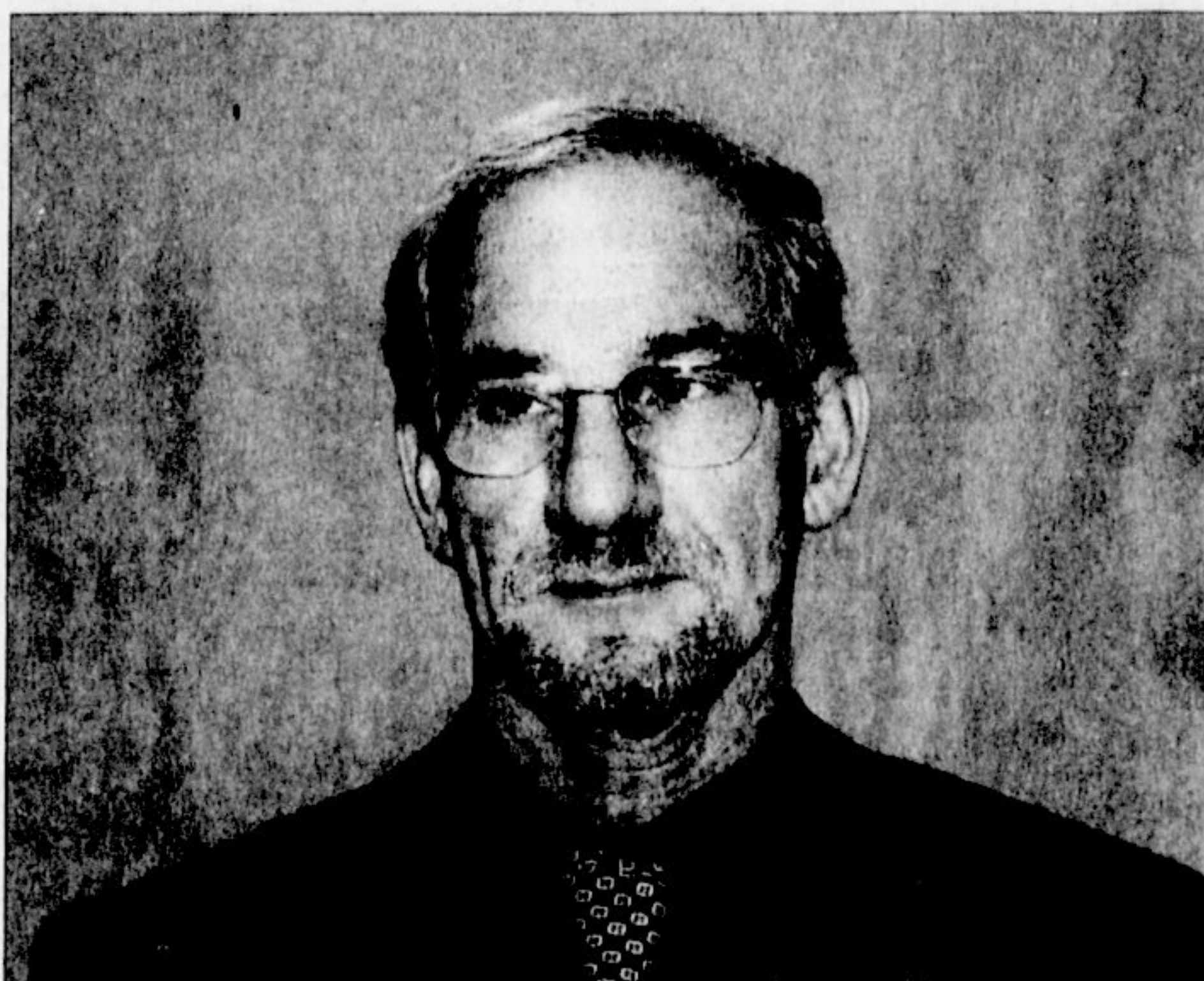
Both halves were well fought and the ECU strikers took a pounding by the Tar Heel defense, but continued to keep up the pressure. In the first half, the team kept its formation and continued to threat with long-range shots.

In the early part of the second half, UNC piled on the pressure and won several corner kicks and free kicks. It was from one of those free kicks that UNC scored their only goal of the game.

The reaction from ECU was immediate as they gained back their intensity and began hammering shot upon shot on the UNC goalkeeper. The best of their chances fell to Lisa Britt around the 50th minute mark as she poked the ball just wide of the goalmouth.

After constant pressure from  
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## Golden Opportunity ECU Club Softball splits series



Catania has had a successful coaching career thus far.

## Catania finally has shot at D-1 level coaching

BRENT WYNNE  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Patience is a virtue that is rarely inherited. It must be learned over time through series of experiences that will teach one to develop such forbearance. Joe Catania, head men's and women's cross country coach, epitomizes that virtue. After coaching nearly 30 years, including 10 at the collegiate level of competition, Catania has finally been given the opportunity as a head coach at the Division I level at ECU.

With the departure of former cross country coach Len Klepack to the University of Texas, Catania was summoned from Indiana State, where he was the cross country and assistant track coach for six years. Within a week of being asked to take the job, Catania had packed his things and headed for eastern North Carolina.

"It meant a lot to me because I've been waiting a long time for this opportunity to have

my own team," said Catania, a Pennsylvania native.

The quick move has proven to be a good choice as he's already in the process of finalizing the selling of his house back in Indiana.

Catania's collegiate coaching experience also includes two years served as the cross country coach at Florida International University and two seasons at Illinois State, where he coached the throws, horizontal jumps, decathlon and pole vault.

While coaching 13 Missouri Valley Conference Champions, 90 All-Conference performers and nine national qualifiers in track and field and cross country, Catania was named the Division II Region Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1984 for his outstanding efforts. Catania also coached two current and six former NFL players and two-time NCAA high jump national champion and Olympic Trials qualifier Jason Briggs.

While the list of his accomplishments are long, Catania will be the first one to say that he's not in coaching for the glory

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The ECU women's club softball team played two tight games with NCSU Sunday afternoon.

## Errors haunt Lady Pirates in second game

BRANDI RENFRO  
STAFF WRITER

ECU Women's Club Softball played its first two games Sunday against NC State. The Lady Pirates pulled out a 3-2 victory in the first game, but lost the second of the doubleheader, 6-5, due in large part to miscues in the field.

ECU came out strong during the first contest with great defense and tremendous hitting. They kept the lead during most of the game by attacking early and often. Hard and effective hitting

exposed many of State's defensive weaknesses.

However, the second game didn't produce the same results, as many defensive errors and a very aggressive State squad sealed the defeat against ECU.

"They jumped out and scored a lot of runs during the second game," said coach Beth Taylor.

NC State began the second game aggressively, both in offense and defense, and ECU had a hard time combating it.

The Lady Pirates' coaches aren't worried. The team played hard and gave it their best effort and the coaches also pointed out the team has only been together for a week.

"Overall, these are our first

two games and we played as if we've been playing together for 10 years," said first base coach, Kristen Schmidt.

Coach Taylor and coach Schmidt both commented on how amazed they were on the cohesiveness of the team and the way players stepped up when needed.

"Catherine Murray stepped up and hit well in both games," coach Taylor said.

The ECU Women's Club Softball team will return to action this weekend as they travel to UVA for their first away game of the season.

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a case of maturity I would say, losing our heads in crucial parts of the game or losing our focus for a brief moment in time."

Coach Hess also found a fitting motto for his Camels squad during last week's trip to Georgia.

"On this trip I came across a quote in one of our opponent's locker rooms," Hess said in the same interview.

"Winning is the result of those that persevere the most." An appropriate quote for a team battling for their first win. I look forward to seeing how we respond this week as we step out of conference play and meet up with some in-state foes (ECU and Elon) on our home turf. We are still a young team, learning quickly, and hungry for our first victory of the season."

Hess also gives out weekly awards to players who have excelled during play. His "Black Knight" award went to junior defenseman Chad Aboud for "his unsung and relentless work in the midfield." Hess also gave out a "red hot" award to freshman midfielder Caetano Lima who has two goals in Campbell's first two conference games.

The Camels' most potent offensive threats will be midfielder Jason Kirk who has 17 career goals in 51 games and Lima who has scored all three Campbell goals this season.

The Pirates will head to Buies Creek, NC this Wednesday to take on the Camels at 7 p.m. ECU returns home Sunday, Oct. 3 to face conference opponent DePaul. The game will get an early start at 10:30 a.m. at Bunting Field.

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"She's a very successful black woman."



The Lady Pirates put on an impressive offensive show against UNC-CH Sunday afternoon.



ECU scored the first goal less than a minute into the game.

the home team, the Tar Heel defense opened up.

Joanne Bower threaded a pass to teammate Kelly Heckler, who drove the ball under the sprawling Tar Heel goalkeeper and into the bottom right of the goal to put ECU up 3-1.

Head Coach Vito Maurizzio was happy with the effort the team put out Sunday afternoon.

"All nineteen players played well as a team, and our defensive was a strong point with Stephanie

Walker leading the back line," said Maurizzio.

"We also had good movement, and I am happy with the start of the season."

The women's club soccer team will take the field again when they play in a tournament in Richmond next weekend before returning home to play Elon Oct. 10 and the College of Charleston Oct. 23.

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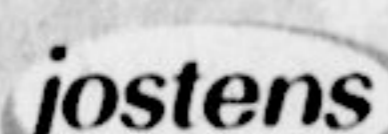
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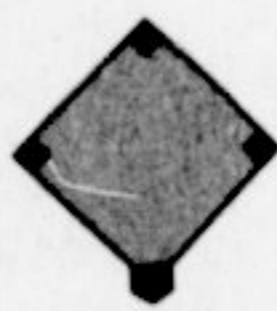
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"I think that my athletes see that I'm a hard worker and I'm in it for them and I'm not in it for myself to earn any type of accolades or a personal ego trip," Catania said.

"I'm just in it for them and I want them to be successful. That's pretty much the attitude that I take."

So where did Catania's passion for running come from?

"I was a soccer player," Catania said.

"It was actually an injury that caused me to go into running. I blew my knee out. The next year, I went out for cross country because my friends were on the team. It's was one of those things where after a week I was the number one runner. Back in those days, you did other things. A lot of those guys played basketball, baseball or soccer, as well as run cross country. So, we really didn't have a lot of good runners. It was a situation where I went out there and I had some ability."

"That's pretty much where I knew I wanted to get into coaching. I came out of high school with the goal of being a teacher and a coach."

Catania gives a lot of credit to his dad, whom he says was always there for him.

"My dad really pushed us in athletics. Whatever we decided to do, he always supported us. That helped a lot," Catania said.

After running cross country in high school, Catania went on to run track and cross country for Millersville University while earning a bachelor's degree in industrial arts/technology education. Catania earned his master's from Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in 1982.

While coaching at Florida International University, Catania also taught in the technology department.

"After 10 years I quit teaching, and decided to focus on coaching," Catania said.

"I went to Indiana state to get my masters in sports science. I completed all the classes, and they told me that I had to do a thesis, but I didn't feel like doing it, so I really have a degree in sports science because I took all of the courses, but it just doesn't show up on paper because of the thesis I didn't do. I knew what I was doing it for was to better understand the physiology, the bio-mechanics and all that stuff, so I feel like I got out of it what I wanted to, regardless of the degree."

With that knowledge, Catania built a coaching philosophy that produced results and ultimately landed him at ECU, where he says things are going great so far.

"It couldn't be better," Catania said.

"The team is responding to the training and to the team concept that I'm promoting."

Catania says in order for his athletes to stay at the top of their collective games, he demands more of himself than he does of his athletes to ensure they know at all times he's working just as hard for them as they are for him.

"I always have time for the athletes," Catania said.

"If they come in and want to talk, I always make time for them."

His runners are responding well to his tactics thus far as they both placed second two weekends ago at the Raleigh Invitational. The men placed second out of nine schools and the women were second out of 11. Although his team isn't where he wants them to be come championship time, Catania admits he's pleased with their efforts early in the season.

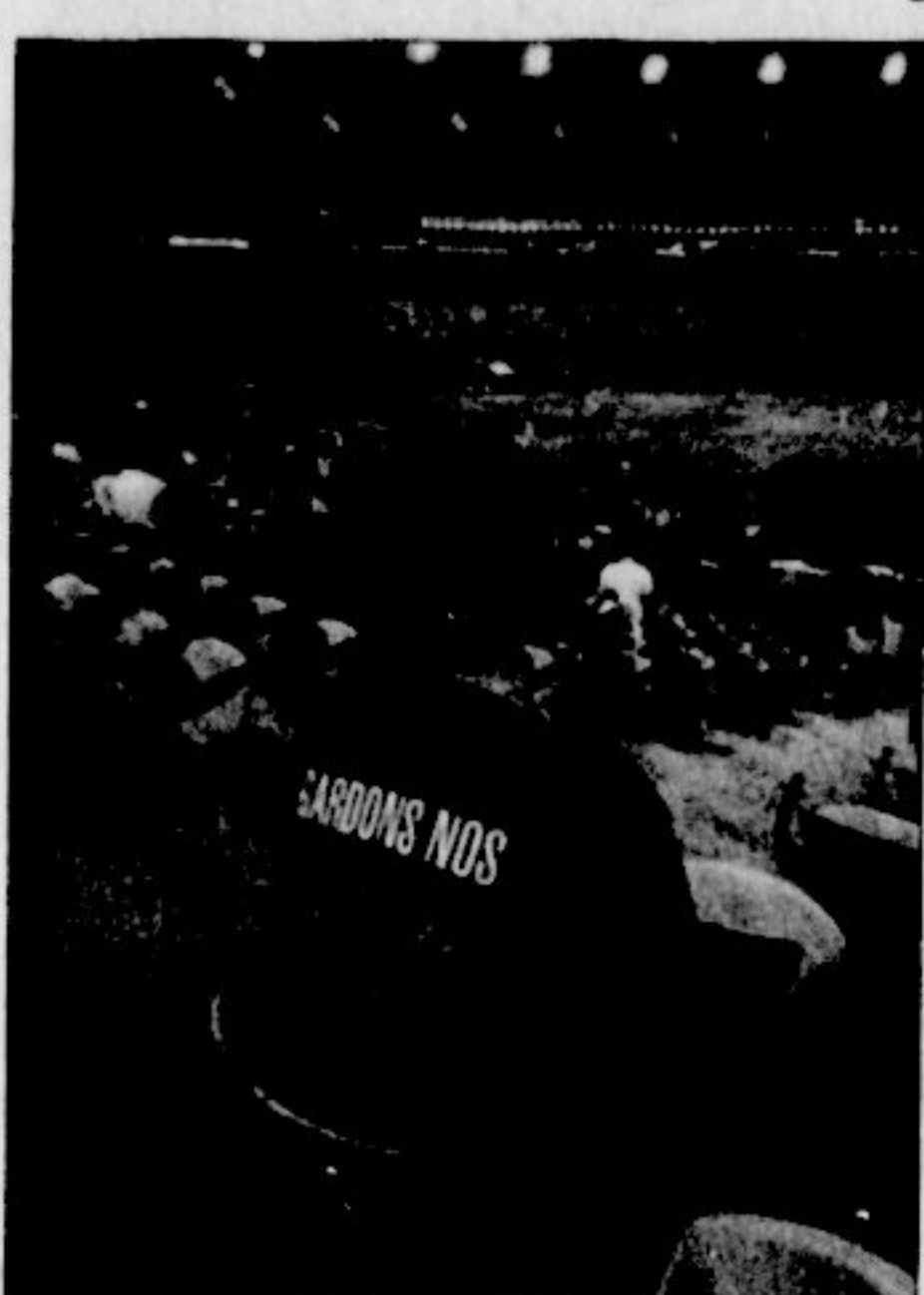
"For this point in the season, I think we're a little bit behind in where we want to be," Catania said.

"But the kids ran well considering the wet circumstances and I'm pleased with how they performed in that race."

"Our goal last week was to run better than the first week and we achieved that. Our gap in the men's race was smaller than it was in the 5k three weeks ago, so we're getting better as far as the team is concerned. If we can get that gap down to 30 seconds, we will move way up in the conference."

With the success Catania has had in years past, don't be surprised to see this program not only move up in the conference, but stay there for a long time.

**Expos announcement might come as early as Thursday**



(AP) — Washington's wait is almost over.

Exactly 33 years after the Washington Senators played their final game, the nation's capital could learn Thursday that major league baseball plans to return next season.

Several baseball officials said Monday that's the most likely day for an announcement that

Washington, D.C., has been selected as the new home for the Montreal Expos, although there was a slight chance the timetable could be moved up.

After a meeting of the sport's executive council last Thursday, a high-ranking baseball official who spoke on the condition of anonymity said major league baseball would attempt to finalize negotiations with Washington within a week. It would be the first franchise relocation in the major leagues since the expansion Washington Senators became the Texas Rangers after the 1971 season.

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