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## China reports all is normal; student arrests continue

BEIJING (AP) — New arrests of Chinese and harassment of foreign journalists were reported yesterday while China's official media insisted that all was normal after weeks of political turmoil. The Supreme Court issued orders to all lower courts to "severely punish counterrevolutionary elements who have been charged."

The People's Broadcasting radio station quoted the court as saying it was important that those who incited social unrest or participated in riots be dealt with swiftly. The high court said courts should increase their staffs to deal with the heavy case loads.

More than 1,360 people have been reported arrested since demonstrations broke out in cities across China to protest the army's killing of hundreds of unarmed civilians in Beijing on June 4 in crushing the pro-democracy movement. The Supreme Court advised that people who surrender or report the crimes of others be given lenient treatment.

Premier Li Peng, in remarks Monday, said "counterrevolutionary unrest" had been put down, but "quite a lot of rioters are yet to be apprehended," the official Xinhua News Agency reported. "We can in no way leave them unpunished and let them stage a comeback."

The Communist Party's People's Daily reported today that a student from the Zhejiang Academy of Fine Arts in Hangzhou had been arrested for spreading rumors to the U.S. government-funded Voice of America. The newspaper said Zhang Weiping told VOA that the provincial government flew the Chinese flag at half-staff to mourn students killed when troops drove them from Tiananmen Square, the country's symbolic seat of power.

The VOA office in Beijing confirmed that Zhang had called from the city near Shanghai, but said it did not know whether its Chinese-language service out of Washington ran the item. VOA, which enjoys a huge audience in China, has been criticized by the government for its "rumor-mongering" reports on the military crackdown. The VOA Beijing bureau chief was expelled from China last week.

The government on Monday said it was expelling another foreign journalist for violating martial law regulations. Joseph Kahn, an American working part-time for the Dallas Morning News who was on a tourist visa, was stopped by police last week after interviewing people in the countryside outside Beijing, an area not under martial law. He was given 72 hours to leave.

In addition to Kahn and the VOA bureau chief, an Associated Press correspondent and three British reporters have been ordered out of China in the past 10 days. The Canadian Embassy today requested a meeting with the Foreign Ministry to protest an apparent attempt by plainclothes police to seize Jan Wong, correspondent for the Toronto Globe and Mail.

Minister-Counsellor Daniel Dhavernas said the "attempted abduction" was "quite shocking and I have requested an emergency meeting." There was no immediate response from the Chinese.

Miss Wong, a Chinese-Canadian, said she was walking home from the embassy after interview-

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ECU Chinese students and faculty members began a petition Monday urging U.S. congressional representatives to push for sanctions against China. (Photo by J.D. WHITMIRE — Photolab)

## ECU researchers investigate cause of disease in Pamlico River fish

By ADAM CORNELIUS  
Assistant News Editor

Members of ECU's Institute for Coastal and Marine Resources, Biology Department, and Medical School teamed up earlier this month to begin research on the nature and cause of a disease that has led to the deaths of Pamlico River fish, costing the fishing industry millions of dollars.

Dr. Charles Bland, chairman of the Biology Department, said that the deaths of Pamlico Sound fish began five years ago and have recurred in increasing numbers every summer. Researchers from UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State have investigated the problem and tentatively diagnosed the affliction as Ulcerative Miosis, a skin disease caused by a fungus found in fish tissue samples. According to Bland, however, the UNC-State research team has not decisively pinpointed the organism causing the disease.

Bland, who received his training in mycology, or the study of fungus, isn't ruling out the possibility of Ulcerative Miosis as the cause. However, he suspects the disease was more likely caused by viral infections. It is not currently known whether the disease affects humans, but Bland speculated that it could possibly affect swimmers if the skin were broken.

"Because (UNC and State researchers) were able to isolate fungi, they believe that a fungus caused the disease," Bland said, explaining that "if the fungus was causing the disease, I think you'd see filaments of the fungus (hyphae) growing into the healthy tissue. The border between necrotic (dead) tissue and healthy tissue is absolutely abrupt."

"When you look at a young lesion, or sore, it actually looks like a cancer," he continued. "We've only seen hyphae in dead tissue. If a fungi were causing it, it wouldn't just be in the diseased tissue—there would be some filaments growing out in the healthy tissue."

In the early phases of the disease, a red sore usually develops on a fish's underside. The spot grows under the scales, and eventually the tissue within the diseased area dies and falls off, leaving a gaping wound near the tail. The fish almost always die in the advanced stages, when the disease either eats into the vital organs or physically stresses the fish, increasing its vulnerability to other diseases. Because of the size and configurations of the wounds, fishermen netting the diseased fish had originally believed they had been attacked by predators.

Bland said ECU's research will determine whether the disease is caused by bacteria, fungi, or a virus. Researchers will isolate both the bacteria and fungi through a process using different types of agar, a substance commonly used in biological cultures.

An ECU histologist, specializing in skin tissues, will conclusively determine how significant the tumor cells are to the cause of the disease. Members of the medical school's department of Microbiology and Immunology are also involved in the study.

"Once we've identified all of these organisms as being present, then we'll see if we can cause the disease in the laboratory," said Bland. "We've got a good team of people put together to tackle the problems from every angle."

Cases have appeared in several game fish, including flounder, bluefish, and striped bass. The problem is most common, however, among the newly-spawned generations of menhaden, a species of fish related to the herring family.

Young menhaden, or "peanut menhaden" are a source of bait for Pamlico River fishermen and serve as a vital link in the food chain in the ocean and sounds. Adult menhaden, which disappeared from the Pamlico river last year, are used commercially in oils and

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## William E. Laupus retires, replacement announced

ECU News Bureau

GREENVILLE — Dr. Alastair McCrae Connell, Scottish-born and educated physician and medical educator, will become vice chancellor for health sciences at East Carolina University July 1. The appointment was approved last week by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors.

Dr. Connell, 59, who has been vice president for health sciences



Dr. WILLIAM E. LAUPUS

at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, and director of health ethics at the Medical College of Virginia since 1984, will succeed Dr. William E. Laupus who is retiring from his senior level administrative post.

Dr. Laupus, who received the UNC system's highest honor, the O. Max Gardner award this spring, had served as dean of the ECU School of Medicine and as vice chancellor for health sciences since 1975. He also came to ECU from the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) in Richmond and was cited in the O. Max Gardner award for having "made a profound difference in the quality of life and medical care in eastern North Carolina."

Dr. Laupus guided the new ECU School of Medicine through its formative and early years and addressed the mandates of increasing the supply of primary care physicians, enhancing oppor-

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## ECU Chinese students ask for U.S. assistance

By DAVID HERRING  
General Manager

American and Chinese students and faculty members gathered in Mendenhall Monday to represent the ECU branch of the Mid-Atlantic Chinese Student Council. The Council distributed a petition urging North Carolina's government representatives to push for U.S. economic sanctions against The People's Republic of China.

The petition consists of 1,200 postcards addressed to Senators Jesse Helms and Terry Sanford, and Representative Walter B. Jones, Sr. The cards were pre-written by the Chinese Student Council, and required only a signature before being postmarked.

Only approximately 350 were completed Monday, although the Council plans to continue until they are all signed. According to Donald J. Rutledge, ECU graduate assistant, the main purpose of the petition is to increase awareness in the ECU community of the plight of the Chinese students, both here and in their homeland.

Concerning the Chinese students in America, Rutledge observed, "They have to return to China one day. They are aware of what's actually going on in Beijing and that their people are being deceived by their government saying that students haven't been killed. They could be viewed as a threat (by the Chinese government) upon returning and subject to imprisonment and brainwashing as a result."

According to Li Ruan, ECU Chinese Student Council member and citizen of China, "Every Chinese student here wants to do something for his country. There is nothing we can do directly, but indirectly we can push the American government to take a stand for human rights and use their international influence to weaken the Chinese government."

"I am angry with the Chinese government," Ruan continued, "Now is the time to act because many students have been arrested and will be sentenced to death."

Rutledge hopes the petition will prompt the U.S. Congress to impose economic sanctions on China. "I think Bush did a good thing by imposing military sanctions on China to try and weaken their government."

"Now we want our Senators to take notice," he continued. "Jesse Helms is already active with foreign policy and we want him to know he has backing from his constituents to fight communism in China."

According to Ruan, the Mid-Atlantic Chinese Student Council was once called the Chinese Student Friendship Association, supported by the Chinese government through its embassy in the U.S. The association's activities were directed by the embassy consulate and students were obligated to report to the embassy regularly.

Ruan stated that they changed their name to dissociate themselves from the Chinese government. Because they have seen western television newscasts if they return to China they will always be closely monitored and spied upon by their government.

"They say no one was killed in Tiananmen Square," she stated. "The Chinese government wants students to keep quiet, they want the Chinese people to be ignorant of political truths."

Most Chinese students in America have had their visas extended for one year, but Rutledge is concerned that some of them may not have completed their education by then. Fearing that some may be forced to return to China, he said, "We're afraid they will be brainwashed or their lives will be intervened with because they know the truth of what happened in Tiananmen Square."

Funding for the printing and postage of the cards was donated by Chinese students and faculty members, Chinese families living in Greenville and Chinese restaurants.

The cards read: "As an educated member of the Greenville community, I urge that you push for greater economic sanctions on Li Peng's Communist Regime in China and all oppressive governments around the globe which threaten and take the lives of their citizens daily. The events in China are too abominable to tolerate; as an American concerned for the welfare of all people everywhere, I detest Li's smugness in the wake of one of the most atrocious assaults on human rights in recent history. This must not be allowed to go on uncontested. The United

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A long way from Kansas, these typical freshmen orientation students consult the ECU Road Atlas to find their way. (Photo by J.D. WHITMIRE — Photolab)

# EPA reveals pollution sources

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. industrial plants are spewing 360 million pounds of suspected cancer-causing chemicals into the air annually with releases from each of the 30 biggest polluters exceeding one million pounds, according to government statistics. The pollution figures were released Monday by a private environmental group and confirmed by the Environmental Protection Agency, which provided the raw statistics based on information provided by industry under a fledgling public disclosure law.

"Industries are using the sky as a garbage dump to dispose of hundreds of millions of pounds of unregulated cancer-causing chemicals," said Deborah Sheiman, author of the report from the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The NRDC identified more than 1,500 companies in 46 states that release substantial amounts of at least one of 13 cancer-causing chemicals into the air. Thirty of the companies reported releasing more than 1 million pounds of a particular carcinogen and several had releases five to nine times that amount, the group said.

The highest-ranking company in North Carolina is the Hickory Springs Foam Co. plant in Conover, which placed 14th by emitting 1.7 million pounds of methylene chloride. Hickory Springs does not consider its emissions hazardous, and it is searching for ways to recycle or capture the methylene chloride before it leaves the plant, said Robert Teall, the company's general counsel.

While the EPA did not challenge the statistics, it stopped short of attempting to estimate the health risks posed by such releases. Charles Elkins, director of the EPA's toxics programs, said the raw figures cannot measure individuals' health risks because they do not take into account exposure levels.

A spokesman for one of the companies cited, Boeing Military Airplanes of Wichita, Kan., said that while the company's Kansas plant releases 2.3 million pounds of trichloroethylene, the releases are so diluted "the chemical is undetectable" in the air. The spokesman, Richard Hill, said Boeing nevertheless is trying to develop a substitute for the chemical.

## Laupus

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tunities for minority students to obtain a medical education and raising standards of health care available to the people, the citation said.

Before going to Virginia Commonwealth in 1984, Dr. Connell was dean of the College of Medicine and School of Allied Health Professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, for five years.

He also held academic rank as professor of internal medicine and professor of physiology at Nebraska. At ECU, he will have the tenured academic rank of professor of internal medicine and as vice chancellor for health sciences will have administrative responsibility for the Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences.

"Dr. Connell brings to the vice chancellorship a wealth of experience as a professor of medicine and as a health sciences administrator," Dr. Richard R. Eakin, ECU chancellor, said in announcing the appointment.

The 59-year old Connell was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and educated at the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh. He received his MD from Glasgow in 1969.

## China

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States Congress must make its position known by imposing harsh economic sanctions where they may make a difference. Please urge your fellow Congressmen to put an end to the hypocrisy of supporting oppressive regimes while advocating the sanctity of human life. Vocal leadership at the national level is needed to move the rest of the Free World to act."

More mildly worded versions of the cards were also made available to interested petitioners who wanted to add their voice to the cause, but didn't want to take such a hard stance.

The Boeing plant ranked ninth among the biggest polluters cited in the NRDC report. The most releases of any of the 13 carcinogens examined came from the plants of Eastman Kodak Co., in Rochester, N.Y. The company reported 8.9 million pounds of methylene chloride were released during 1987, according to the EPA figures.

Other companies which reported emissions of more than 2.5 million pounds of the chemical, which the EPA has classified as a "Probable human carcinogen," were GE Plastics of Mount Vernon, Ind.; the Upjohn Co., Portage, Mich.; Eli Lilly & Co., Clinton and Shadeland, Ind., and Hadco Corp., Derry, N.H.

David Doniger, an NRDC attorney, acknowledged that the raw figures provide no assessment of health risk to residents near the plants, but maintained "these pollutants have to be considered dangerous at any level of exposure."

Only one of the 13 chemicals, benzene, is subject to any EPA regulation covering routine industrial releases. The chemicals are among the long list of toxic substances for which regulations are being developed.

In a separate development Monday, the EPA made public new details about the release of the many toxic industrial pollutants — not only carcinogens — into the air, providing for the first time a list of counties where such releases are greatest. The agency said 68 million pounds of hazard-

ous chemicals are released into the air in 1987 in Tooele County, Utah, more than in any other county in the country. The releases were attributed to Amax Magnesium in Rowley, Utah.

Other county "hotspots" for toxic industrial air pollution with more than 45 million tons of hazardous chemical released were Warren County in Virginia, Mobile County in Alabama and Ascension County in Louisiana. The NRDC findings mirror many of the conclusions reached earlier this month by Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., after the congressman compiled estimates on the release of carcinogens at industrial plants from figures dating back to the early 1980s. But while Waxman's data from the EPA were based on "rough working estimates," the latest figures were based on actual release numbers provided by the companies involved under a public disclosure law that went into effect last year.

Among the findings of the NRDC in its analysis of the EPA's statistics were:

— At least 1,600 industrial plants and facilities in 46 states release significant amounts of suspected cancer-causing chemicals into the air.

— Releases of 400,000 pounds or more were reported by 125 plants, including 30 that reported 1 million pounds or more.

— The most common chemical among the 13 examined was methylene chloride, used as a metal degreaser, paint remover and in aerosols. It was cited at 18

of the 30 plants where releases exceeded one million pounds.

The top polluter for each of the other 12 chemicals was: Borg-Warner Chemical Inc., Washington, W.Va., acrylonitrile (1.14 million pounds); Texaco Chemical Co., Port Neches, Texas, 1,3 butadiene (960,000 pounds); Monsanto Co., Soda Spring, Idaho, cadmium (100,250 pounds).

Hercules Inc., Parlin, N.J., carbon tetrachloride (816,670 pounds); Westvaco, Bleached Board Div., Covington, Va., chloroform (1.9 million pounds); Occidental Chemical, Castle Hayne, N.C., chromium (94,000 pounds); PPG Industries, Westlake, La., ethylene dichloride (820,000 pounds).

Shell Chemical, Geismar, La., ethylene oxide (594,000 pounds); Aluminum Co. of America, Riverdale, Iowa, perchloroethylene (2.3 million pounds); Boeing Military Airplanes, Wichita, Kan., trichloroethylene (2.3 million pounds); Celanese Engineering Resin, Nueces, Texas, formaldehyde (500,000 pounds); Inland Steel Corp., Lake, Ind., benzene (2.2 million pounds).

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# Rust-proof paint developed

After 10 years of research, scientists at The Glidden Research Center, Strongsville, Ohio, have developed a paint that seems to be virtually impervious to rust. F. Louis Floyd, the scientist who led the research team that developed the product, called the company's new paint — named Rustmaster Pro — "a 'Saran Wrap for steel.'"

The coating is a proprietary, waterbased vinyl polymer that protects metal in two different ways. First, the air-cured vinyl coating is an impermeable barrier against both oxygen and water vapor. "If oxygen and water can't get to the metal, the metal can't rust," said Floyd.

In addition, the coating appears to promote a chemical reaction at the metal's surface that forms an electrochemically inert barrier. This passive interlayer, as Floyd called it, inhibits the rust-producing oxidation-reduction reaction and makes the metal damage-resistant and self-healing.

"Even when the coating is scratched or damaged in some way, the metal will not rust," Floyd told a standing-room-only audience at the Third Chemical Congress of North America, held last June in Toronto, Canada. "We believe this interlayer plays the critical role in this unique property."

Laboratory tests showed that hot-rolled steel coated with Rustmaster did not have any signs of rusting after an unheated 10,000 hours of exposure in a salt-spray chamber at 100 degrees Fahrenheit, conditions far more extreme than any marine environment. Even an area deliberately scratched showed no signs of corrosion. In contrast, samples covered with organic-soluble epoxy coatings, the best protectant available before Glidden's product,

failed from corrosion after only 4,500 hours under the same conditions.

Outdoor tests have revealed spectacular performance as well. Test panels erected in 1982 at various sites around the United States have so far shown no signs whatsoever of corroding. On-site applications made in 1985, including metal work at chemical plants, pulp mills, bridges, and seashore installations, are rust-free, too.

Rustmaster paints got their start 10 years ago when Floyd and his Glidden colleagues decided to study a fundamental issue that is still not completely resolved: how paint protects metals against corrosion. Those investigations showed that conventional paints retard corrosion primarily because the pigments they contain inhibit the slow chemical reaction that occurs between oxygen and iron or steel.

Those studies also led the researchers to conclude that pigments alone would not produce the level of protection they sought, and that the solution had to lie in the polymeric binder. "These stud-

ies argued for developing better barrier properties in the polymer coating," said Floyd.

Glidden chemists began synthesizing various polymers, searching for one that would be more impermeable to water than those available, and that would prevent oxygen migration to the metal surface as well. Eight years after the project was born, they succeeded, producing a water-based binder that cured in a few hours under ambient conditions.

There was one problem with this coating, however: It seemed too good to be true. "We didn't believe our first tests on the new coating, so we repeated them over and over again looking for some flaw in our measurements," said Floyd.

Eventually, he realized that his group had come up with something truly revolutionary, and so they set out to determine what it was that made this paint so good. They started by taking salt-exposed panels and gently removing the corrosion-resistant coating. Underneath the paint was a

dark layer, one ten-thousandth of an inch thick, that was firmly bound to the metal surface.

About the same time, Floyd came upon research conducted by a group in England showing that an electrochemical barrier can form at an iron surface when the metal is protected from oxygen. Following up on the British study, the Glidden group determined that the dark layer was, in fact, just such a barrier.

The interlayer, it turns out, is a complex mineral known as pyroaurite. Its hydroxide ions are easily replaced by other negatively charged species, such as chloride and bromide, accounting for the new paint's immunity to acidic conditions.

But besides acting as a chemical scavenger, pyroaurite is likely to have a second role as well, according to Henry Leidheiser, Jr., chemistry professor, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. Commenting from the audience, he said this compound can act as an electrochemical and physical buffer that will stop any corrosion that does happen to get started.

## Beijing

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Chinese waiting in line for visas when two men grabbed her and tried to force her into a car. She said she screamed and struggled and escaped when a crowd of pedestrians and bicyclists stopped to watch.

A crew for the CBS television network was detained for two and a half hours this morning on troop-occupied Tiananmen Square. CBS said the crew was lectured before being released.

Dozens of Chinese were sleeping outside the U.S., Canadian and other embassies in hopes of getting visas as new regulations went into effect today making it more difficult for Chinese to leave the country. The new rules invalidate all exit permits issued before today and require passport holders to obtain new ones before they can apply at foreign embassies for visas.

Starting today, Chinese

guards outside embassies began barring people without the new permits. The U.S. Embassy said only three Chinese showed up with the new permit and were able to apply for visas, down from 350 applications on Monday. Canadian consular officials went to the sidewalk outside and accepted some applications in order to speed up the process, but the applicants still will have to get exit permits to leave China.

food in Aurora, said that the Pamlico River is "commercially dead" for fishermen. Henries estimated that the amount of seafood caught in the Pamlico River was off by as much as 60 percent this past year.

"The Pamlico River over the last five years has gone from one of the most productive rivers in the state to one of the least productive," Henries said, adding that Beaufort county alone lost roughly six and a half million dollars during 1984, when fish began washing up on riverbanks.

Bland hopes to complete his research within the next few weeks.

content in the river's estuaries. Bland speculated that seasonally heavier rainfall during summer months may be the reason for the decrease in salinity, a factor that the UNC-State research team theorized may have caused the infecting fungi to thrive.

Other forms of marine wildlife are also showing signs of diseases due to what most scientists believe are environmental changes. Terry West, an associate Biology professor, has been researching shell erosion in blue crabs, a disease that has been oc-

curing in the Pamlico River for the past two years.

Although unsure of whether the same factors are involved, West said that there "has to be some connection between the environment and the recurrence of shell disease."

"We are currently studying whether the normal mechanism has been impaired as a result of poor water quality," said West. "We don't know enough about what's really causing the disease to link the two at this time."

Elis Henries of Carolina Sea-

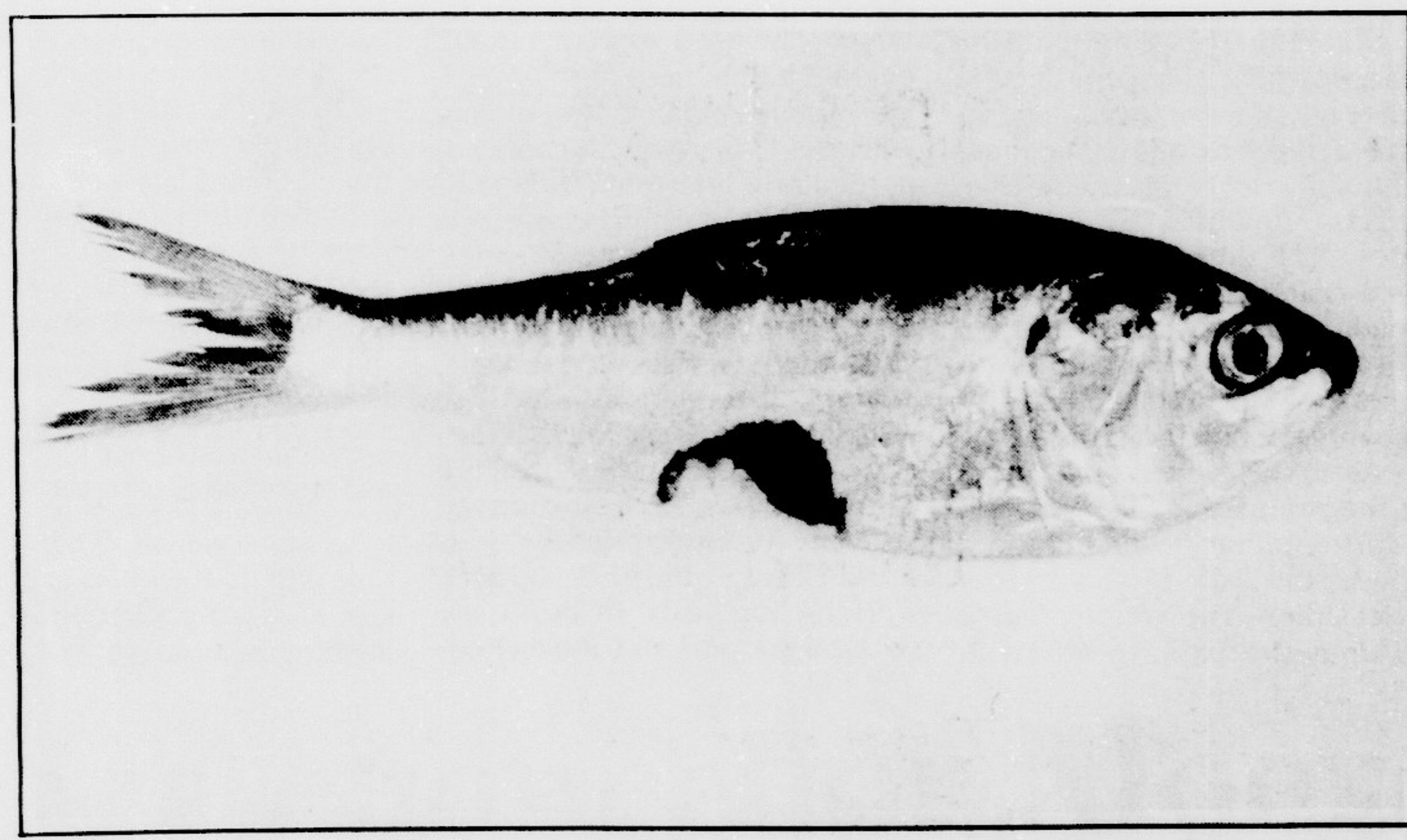
## Pamlico

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livestock industry.

The fish are affected after retreating from ocean predators into the Pamlico River. Although the UNC-State team reported that 15 percent of menhaden sampled displayed symptoms of the disease, the Natural Resources and Community Development Center estimate figures come closer to 20 or 30 percent.

Researchers have suggested several causes of the disease, ranging from the possibility of agricultural or industrial pollutants flowing into the river to a lower salt



Fish like this diseased Menhaden are turning up in droves along the Pamlico River and other estuaries. ECU scientists are currently researching the problem. (Photo by J.D. WHITMIRE)

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## Environment

### Your part is another brick in the wall

ECU's Biology Department, Medical School and Institute for Coastal and Marine Resources are all trying to determine whether pollutants, a fungus, or extreme rainfall are killing fish by the thousands in the Pamlico River.

The fishing industry in the Pamlico area, once a leading producer of seafood in N.C., is now a business faced with million-dollar losses. This is probably caused by Man.

However, whether or not humans are the cause in this case, the deaths are a reminder of the many other recent news stories about human disrespect for the environment. All around us, we see humans fouling their own nest. It is not our intent to focus exclusively on the Pamlico, though — we're talking about the world.

Industries and citizens alike must make themselves aware of what's happening to the environment around them. It's unrealistic to expect humans to stop polluting the environment, but we can at least attempt to clean it up faster than we're

defouling it. We can make some headway.

ECU's research team is doing its part. But the researchers, unlike Atlas, cannot carry the world on their shoulders. The rest of us need to help.

We've all seen plenty of magazine articles, television programs and even editorials saying THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW! But few among us have responded; it all seems so... remote. We feel powerless when confronted with the immensity of the environment.

People haven't always taken this kind of view. In the Middle Ages, peasants would contribute a brick or two to the building of a church that they knew would not be completed in their lifetimes. They knew their brick was as important in the final structure as any other. We need that attitude now.

In fact, as the only Earth creatures capable of affecting the environment on a large scale, we have the moral responsibility to clean up the planet. Nobody will do it for us.



## Alumnus says Bonehead's not just a joke

To the editor:  
As one of the handful of true geniuses to have graced these pages, I have an obligation to tell you what's what now and again. As for Chippy Bonehead, he has my blessing. When I find myself immediately opening a newspaper to a particular column, I know the columnist has something.

College journalism is often the disappointing product of an attempt to apply constricting forms to various sets of circumstances.

Students are told that there is a right way and a wrong way to write for a paper, and the right way usually turns out to be dry, imitative and dead.

Chippy Bonehead, on the other hand, seems to be interested in creating his own forms, and he's already a good way towards discovering how Chippy Bonehead should be writing. He's not always brilliant, but he has brilliance. There is something going on, a certain spark and an honesty

— even in his lesser efforts. He has the fearlessness that comes with vision.

I wouldn't exactly turn him loose, because everybody needs editing. But if you find yourself suspecting that Bonehead is more than just a joke, your suspicions are right. And guys like him get better and better.

Mick LaSalle  
Alumnus  
San Francisco Chronicle

## The co-technology sphere

By STEVEN K. VOGEL  
The New Republic

During the recent debate over the U.S.-Japan agreement to jointly build Japan's "FSX" fighter plane, a number of congressmembers complained that the United States had once again been had. The Japanese, they argued, would just take American technology and use it to crack one of the last bastions of U.S. competitive strength: the civilian aircraft industry. A resolution of disapproval of the FSX agreement was barely rejected in a Senate vote last month, and the feeling persists that the United States has cashed in its bargaining chips and received little in return.

These critics of the FSX deal, though, are flattering themselves. Whatever technological secrets the Japanese might be able to glean from the deal — and there won't be many — are outweighed by what we stand to gain in return. What's really significant about the FSX agreement is that, for the first time ever, the Japanese government agreed to allow Japanese technology developed in the joint project to "flow back" to the United States. The flow-back provision sets a crucial precedent. A sustained exchange of U.S.-Japan military technology would benefit both us and the Japanese — probably us more than them.

As things now stand, Japan has the potential to play a pivotal role in the military technology race between the United States and the Soviet Union. The combination of U.S. strength in basic research with

Japanese prowess in applied research, and of U.S. technological sophistication with Japanese reliability, could help the United States achieve permanent superiority over the Soviet Union — and over every other nation, for that matter — in most areas of military technology.

Those who belittle the significance of the Japan-to-U.S. technological flow underestimate the military applicability of Japanese commercial technology. Japan's off-the-shelf commercial electronic components are now often more advanced and more reliable than those made specifically for military application. "Thanks to the 'electronics-ization' of defense," boasts Takeshi Abe, managing director of Mitsubishi Electric, "the stage is finally set for Japan to build weapons even better than those made in the USA." In addition, Japan excels in making advanced industrial ceramics, which are used to coat aircraft engines and to hermetically insulate missile guidance systems and warheads. General Dynamics is particularly interested in Japan's lightweight carbon composite materials for use in aircraft wings.

U.S.-Japan military technology cooperation may be even more important in its less obvious role: preventing the Japanese defense industry from emerging as a serious competitor. The FSX deal is a case in point. A consortium of Japanese producers led by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries had been working for years to build the political support and the techno-

logical base needed to develop the FSX without American help. By the summer of 1987, the consortium had won support from within the Japan Defense Agency, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, and the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

The IDA might have gone ahead with a homegrown product had it not been for the Toshiba Machine scandal. The Japanese company's sale to the Soviet Union of advanced milling machines used in submarine manufacture put Japan in such an embarrassing situation — particularly in terms of its credibility as a producer of sensitive military hardware — that it could no longer resist the U.S. pressure to pay for American technology rather than rely on its own. Nonetheless, the Japanese would only consent to co-develop the plane, not to import it.

Japanese aircraft manufacturers fought hard for indigenous development because they were convinced that they would learn more by developing the plane on their own than by importing U.S. technology. Their weaknesses lie not so much in components or even subsystems, but in the ability to integrate those components and subsystems into a coherent large-scale system. Now the Japanese will do their best to gain that sort of experience within the co-development framework.



## Wages are low, attraction to drugs is high

By SCOTT MAXWELL  
Editorial Columnist

If you've caught many of my columns, you've probably gathered that I think the "war on drugs" is one of the most stupid, inefficient, wasteful ideas since the search for the Northwest Passage. So don't misunderstand what I'm about to say; I'm simply exposing the hypocrisy in Bush's vetoing the minimum wage bill. Yeah, I know, that sounds like a non sequitur; just follow along.

Bush inherited the "war on drugs" from his mentor, Reagan, who is responsible for making such a big deal out of it. Bush (calling him President Bush activates my gag reflex) has also stated that he is against crime and poverty. Of course. This is all background.

Nobody in government above the level of postal clerk seems to understand that those three issues are all interrelated. Not just drugs and crime, but drugs, crime and poverty. (And the floundering educational system, and racism, and quite a few others.)

The lack of jobs at reasonable wages forces the most promising and talented poor, those who might have been entrepreneurs if they'd had a middle- or upper-class background, into the drug business. As long as we continue to lie to ourselves that anybody can make it in America if only he works hard enough, we'll never understand why a bright, talented and indigent young person would choose selling drugs to flipping burgers.

See, they're smart. They're neither tools of Satan nor drug-crazed monsters, as television would have you believe; they're realists. They know damn well that they've got virtually no chance of breaking out of poverty any other way — and if you've never been poor, really destitute, you can't understand how badly you can want out.

And — if I may digress — you'll note that a disproportionate number of poor are black, and that a disproportionate number of blacks are poor. And you'll recall Bush's disgraceful use of the Willie Horton tragedy to play on racial fears, "way back during that election. And you'll note the Republican party has never exactly been called a friend to blacks.

But, of course, I'd be the last to suggest that there might be even the slightest hint of racism in the Bush administration's inflexible and obtuse position on the minimum wage bill. Or maybe second from last.

But. Anyway. Back to the poor. From their point of view, why should they work 30 or 40 hours a week at McDonald's, making (at minimum wage) less than a hundred dollars a week, when they can make five times that in a day selling drugs? Why put up with the hassle of going hungry, getting evicted because they can't afford the rent, wearing the same clothes day in and day out, simply to stay legal?

No point. Not for them. They're poor, and they have no way of making a living wage. Most of them don't finish high school, and those who do finish high school have no money to go to college... Reagan took most of it away. This, I say, exposing my

flair for understatement, somewhat limits their job possibilities.

So, as a result, the best and brightest of the poor are pushed into the drug business, thereby wasting good talent that might have helped develop the ghettos in some more constructive way. Refusing to make the minimum wage a living wage ensures that still more poor will go into the drug business.

No, I don't think many people making \$3500 a week selling drugs are likely to quit the business for a whopping \$4.55 an hour. But raising the minimum wage above the poverty line would mean that somebody contemplating entering the drug business would at least have a realistic choice. Raising the minimum wage to a point where it was still sub-poverty would do no good.

Texas oil man George Bush's failure to give the working class three thin dimes will result in a perpetuation of the drug, poverty and crime problems he claims to be against. He could hardly have done better if he'd tried.

Now, the above was written before I had a talk with The East Carolinian's business manager, Jimmy McKee. He tells me that even raising the minimum wage wouldn't help, because then inflation would go up, and there would be virtually no net gain in income. I kept asking questions, but every which way I turned, there was a barrier to the individual's bettering himself.

McKee also reminded me of the monstrous ac-

cumulation of wealth in the hands of the few... that, 95 percent of America's wealth is controlled by five percent of its population. That's a staggering figure.

I know this sets me up as an enemy of all we hold Good and True about American life, but I just can't stomach this capitalism stuff any longer. From what I can see, capitalism causes a large segment of the population to break its back supporting a tiny minority. I know I'm not a good capitalist; I care too much about the human beings out there who are starving and miserable and desperate because they can't make a decent buck. My sense of justice keeps insisting that this is just not right.

My immediate reaction is to tell my sense of justice to screw off. Even the exploited — that is to say, you, gentle readers — are probably going to tell me that we should all be grateful to corporations like IBM (which makes \$8 billion a year, and gets tax refunds) for employing us. I figure, as long as you're willing to remain serfs in the service of the great grey masters of the great grey corporations, then to hell with you.

My sense of justice countered that, as a writer, even as incredibly small as my influence is, I have a responsibility to try to change things for the better. As per usual, my sense of justice is right.

So what am I gonna do about it? Keep on pounding out these columns, I guess. Keep on hoping to raise a little consciousness, I guess. And later — when I'm world-famous — then I'll lead the uprising of the masses.

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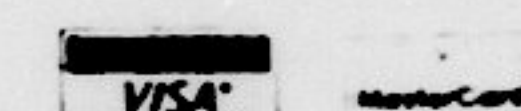
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## BIG KIDS

If your life has been affected past or present, by having been raised in a home or environment where alcoholic and other dysfunctional behaviors were present, here's something you should know, each Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Joyner Library Rm 305, there is a discussion and learning group meeting for those with common concerns. Call 757-6793 for additional information.

## STUDENT JOBS

Are you outgoing? Do you enjoy talking on the phone? If so, we have the job for you! Telemarketing positions open for summer sessions starting immediately. Work for ECU and get paid while you gain valuable telemarketing skills. Hours are 7—9 p.m. daily Mon—Thurs, earn extra spending money without cutting into study time! Call Cindy at 757-4215 or 757-6072 for an appointment.

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## FITNESS CLASSES

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to register June 21—27 for In-Rec services fitness classes offered second summer session \$15 for faculty/staff, \$7.50/students. Register in 204 Memorial Gym. Aerobics, Toning and belly busters classes highlight the schedule. Drop-in classes will be held June 19—25.

## SUMMER SOFTBALL SIZZLES

Second summer session softball sizzles on the intramural softball fields. Sign your team of men, women or combination June 28 at 4:30 p.m. in Memorial Gym room 102. For additional info call 757-6387.

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## WINDSURFING

In-Rec services will be sponsoring a second summer session windsurfing outing at Whichards Beach June 29. Register June 21—28 in 204 MG. For additional info call 757-6387.

## HANG GLIDE & WINDSURF ADVENTURE

In-Rec services will be sponsoring a hang glide/windsurfing adventure trip July 14—16 at Nags Head, N.C. Registration will be held June 21—July 11. For additional info call 757-6387.

## BACKPACK WITH IRS

In-Rec services will be sponsoring an outdoor adventure backpack trip July 7—9. Register June 21—July 5 in 204 MG. For additional info call 757-6387. All faculty, staff and students are eligible to participate.

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In-Rec services will be hosting a Golf Classic at the Indian Trails Country Club in Ayden, N.C. Registration will be held July 12 at 4:30 p.m. in MG 102. All faculty, staff and students are eligible to participate. For additional info call 757-6387.

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# Vice-chancellor Moore retires

GREENVILLE — Richard Brown, 41, a senior level administrator in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, will assume duties later this summer as the chief fiscal officer for East Carolina University, succeeding the veteran C.G. (Cliff) Moore who is retiring. The appointment of Brown, a certified public accountant (CPA) and associate vice president for finance and management at SUNY-Stony Brook, was approved last week by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors following a national search for Moore's successor.

Brown becomes vice chancellor for business affairs at ECU, a comprehensive university within the 16-campus UNC system. ECU has an annual operating budget in excess of \$150 million, an enrollment of more than 15,500 students and 2,600 employees including more than 1,000 faculty.

"One of the many strengths of Richard Brown is his understanding of the complexities of a university with an array of graduate and research programs, a medical school and a teaching hospital," said Dr. Richard Eakin, ECU chancellor.

"He has been operating within the context of a comprehensive university system, one which has some of the same features as North Carolina," Eakin said. "More importantly, he is a thoroughly tested and experienced professional business officer with a record of working well with faculty and staff."

Eakin said he is "especially pleased" that Brown already has developed a close working relationship with Moore, "thus ensuring an orderly transition" of the university's top business affairs post. Brown becomes the fourth chief fiscal officer at ECU since the school began its transition from a small teacher training school and liberal arts college to a major university with the third largest student enrollment in North Carolina.

The first was the late John B. Spilman, for whom the university's administration building is named. Spilman was succeeded by Fitzhugh Duncan who retired in 1970 after some 35 years of service.

Moore came to ECU as a member of Duncan's staff in 1962 when the college had 5,200 stu-

dents, only 900 employees including 300 faculty and a total operating budget of \$5.7 million. In 1970, when he was named to succeed Duncan, Moore assumed oversight of an \$18.8 million annual operating budget and the school, which became a university in 1967, had 9,100 students and 1,500 employees including 600 faculty.

"It is amazing how this institution has grown," Moore said. In 1962, he recalled, all of the school's administrative offices including budget, administration and academics were located in Spilman Building.

The Division of Business Affairs of the university includes the comptroller, systems accounting, personnel, computing and information systems, physical plant and public safety offices and an office of assistant vice chancellor for business with oversight of 16 offices ranging from the student stores, purchasing department, telecommunications, housekeeping, the student bank and print shop to central supplies and warehousing, occupational health and safety, cashier's office and the medical storeroom.

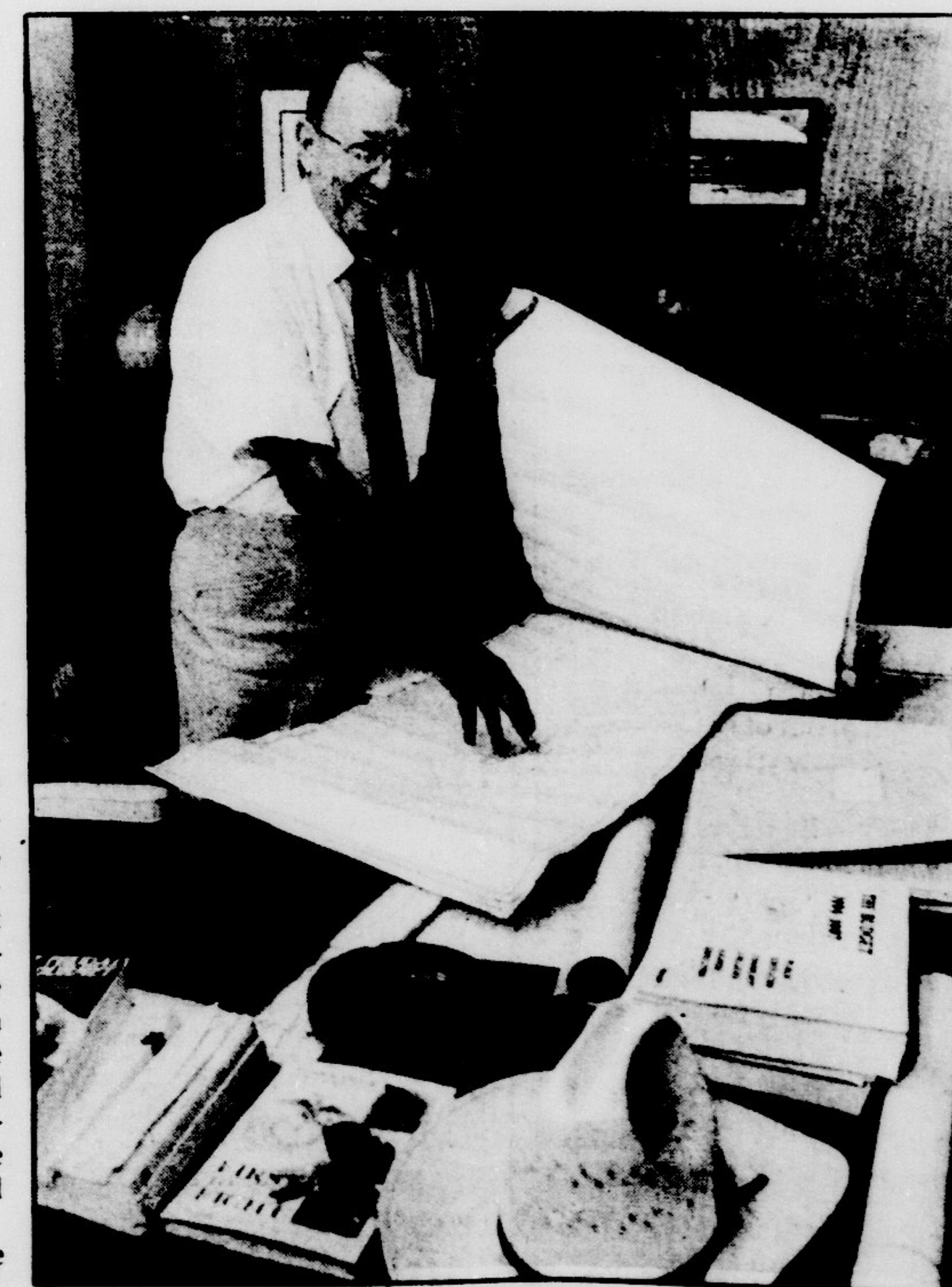
With new vice chancellors

having been appointed in the past year for academic affairs, student life, health sciences and business affairs, the Eakin administration will have an almost totally new team of senior level administrators.

"It will be very important for the university that they learn to work together," Moore said. Brown has 15 years of experience at SUNY-Stony Brook, an institution with 16,000 students and a health sciences center which includes a 540-bed teaching hospital. Stony Brook's annual research expenditures approximate \$70 million.

A magna cum laude graduate in accounting from SUNY at Binghamton, Brown has held positions as internal auditor, grants business manager, chief accountant assistant vice president for administration and controller, associate vice president for administration and controller and acting vice president for campus finance and management. Under a restructuring last year, he became associate vice president for finance and management.

Brown said he would assume his new post at ECU by August 1.



C. G. MOORE

# Boomerang throwing is a sport on the rise

By CHIP SWARTZ  
Staff Writer

As summer takes hold and temperatures skyrocket, many of us turn our thoughts to sunbathing, frisbees, swimming, and trips to the beach. One item you probably haven't considered is the boomerang.

Kitty Hawk Kites, located in Nags Head, N.C., boasts one of the largest selections of boomerangs in the southeast. Virtually all of the 'rangs are hand made from

top quality wood and the prices are surprisingly affordable. Helpful staff members are always on hand to assist in your selection and answer any questions you might have.

Mike Storm, a hang gliding instructor at Kitty Hawk Kites, is a boomerang enthusiast who has designed and produced his own line of boomerangs in past years. In an effort to set the record straight, Storm recently redressed some of the common misperceptions people have about the boomerang.

"Everyone thinks that the boomerang originated in Australia but this isn't the case. The consensus is that it originated in or near Egypt. One of the oldest boomerangs on record was found buried in King Tut's Tomb," Storm said.

"Another widely held myth is that boomerangs were created for hunting purposes," he continued. "The image that comes to mind is aborigines running around whacking kangaroos on the head

with their flying boomerangs. The truth is that they have been used primarily for sport and entertainment from the very beginning."

Storm first took an interest in boomerangs in 1980. "My aunt gave me a boomerang when I was little. It stayed in my closet for the longest time, but one day I just said, 'What the heck,' and gave it a try. To my surprise it worked. I've been hooked ever since."

The ever-increasing popularity of the boomerang on a worldwide basis has sparked a move-

ment to establish a boomerang event in the upcoming Olympics.

"For a sport to be eligible as an Olympic event it must be played on three continents and in at least nine countries," Storm explained. "The boomerang meets this requirement."

"There is also an American Boomerang team which has competed internationally since 1983," relayed Storm. "Since 1983, the Americans have won seven times, the Australians once, and Europe once."

In addition to being a sport on the rise (literally), boomerangs are enjoyable for beginners and experts alike when thrown properly. Kitty Hawk Kites provides an instructional pamphlet with all 'rang purchases to insure customer satisfaction.

For more information you can stop by Kitty Hawk Kites during store hours. If you just can't make it to the coast you can call or write Flying Trees Ltd. at:

(301) 933-6211; Flying Trees Ltd., 4513 Randolph Road, Wheaton, MD 20906.

## 'Dead Poets' dies on its feet

By CHIP CARTER  
Features Editor

Okay. There's this group of high school guys. They hate authority. To rebel, they sneak out of their dorms at midnight, huddle together in a cave and read poetry to each other.

This is male bonding? "Dead Poets Society" was a nice idea. Unfortunately, it ended up being more dead and social than poetry.

I'll accept that some literarily minded guys in the fifties might form a club. They might even disregard the effeminate stereotype poets have garnered over the centuries.

What I won't accept is a movie that tries to show the effect of poetry on these kids, but goes out of its way to avoid showing the effect the poetry could have on the audience.

This movie showed more of the power of acting (and, indirectly, the power of signing big-name stars to these types of films) than it did the power of the written word.

True, Robin Williams didn't interject as much of his comedian personality into the role of John Keating as he did with Adrian Cronhauer in "Good Morning Vietnam," and that's a big plus. But he still seems unable to stay serious for more than a minute at a time.

Which isn't bad, just inappropriate for movies like "Dead Poets Society."

The teen stars in the movie have a huge advantage over the members of the infamous Brat Pack — they look like teenagers, not twenty-three year olds trying to relive their teenage angst.

But of the six or seven boys spotlighted, several were indistinguishable from each other (probably a common trait at prep schools in the '50s) and their roles were pretty much determined by their looks.

The ugly red-haired guy was the fink, the pretty boy was the fledgling actor, the goofy-looking one was the shy poet, the ordinary guy the class clown, the handsome one the ladies man... stereotypes right down the line.

Ultimately, this movie didn't work at all. As an inspirational film, it didn't make me want to run out and buy the collected works of Robert Frost. As entertainment, it made me say, "Star Trek V is playing right now on the other side of this theater."

There were a few genuinely funny moments in the film, and one riveting scene where Williams publicly encourages the shy poet to come out of his shell.

But the rest, especially the stagsy suicide and the filmmakers' attempts to make this the crux of the picture, seemed flashy and artificial.

As a period piece, I can't say. Maybe things were different in the '50s. But if poetry is going to change peoples' lives in the kinder and gentler '80s and '90s, it had better pack a stronger punch than "Dead Poets Society."



The sport of "boomeranging" is on the way back, says staff writer Chip Swartz. In this picture you can see just a few of the many sizes and styles of 'rangs available. (Photo by J. D. Whitmire, ECU Photolab)

## Superboy lies to the law

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Superboy was not entirely truthful with the sheriff and a judge when he got them to tear up a traffic ticket earlier this year.

John Newton, 23, who plays the leading role in the syndicated television series "Superboy," told the officials that he'd had no other traffic violations and that his image would be hurt if a careless driving citation was allowed to stand.

So the ticket was dismissed. Orange County Judge John Adams dismissed the local charge of careless driving against Newton after the actor persuaded the sheriff's office in March to withdraw the \$52 ticket.

But it turns out that Newton has received at least four other traffic tickets and has had his driver's license suspended twice since 1982. One of the citations was issued in New York City, the others in North Carolina.

The TV star's rental car nearly hit a deputy's patrol car in a shopping center in the Orlando area last January. The deputy issued him a ticket. Later, Newton wrote Sheriff Walt Gallagher, saying in part:

"Please realize I have no violations on my driving record whatsoever." That's not true, say officials in North Carolina.

"I would not consider Mr. Newton's driving record as one that would be a desirable influence on young people," said Vernon Morton, special assistant to the commissioner of motor vehicles in North Carolina.

According to records, Newton was cited in 1982 in Chapel Hill, NC, for driving too fast. In 1983, he was traveling 71 mph in a 55 mph zone in Durham NC. Police confiscated his license on the spot, and Newton was forced to appear in court to regain it.

In July 1986, he was cited for driving without an operator's license about 65 miles east of Raleigh, NC.

In September 1986, Newton was ticketed in New York City for disobeying a traffic control device. He failed to appear in court in late September, and North Carolina

suspended his license until April 1987 when he pleaded guilty and paid a \$47 fine.

Sheriff's spokesman Jim Solomons said, "I can't believe this guy did this. We took the man at his word. I guess a man is only as good as his word."

Solomons said that no fur-

ther action is planned.

"You can't reissue a ticket that's been dismissed," Solomons said Thursday. "Once a ticket has been recalled, there's no more we can do about it legally."

But, Solomons said, "It would be a safe bet that if Mr. Newton is stopped again in Orange County,

he would encounter some difficulty."

Much of the "Superboy" series is shot on location around Orlando, but the shooting schedule has been suspended for the summer.

Newton has been unavailable for comment.

### Pickin' the Bones

## Bonehead says 'bye

By CHIPPY BONEHEAD  
Staff Columnist

"In the middle of my room, I did not hear from you, it's all right, all right I'll be standin' in that line, standin' in that line and I won't cry..." — Stevie Nicks, "Stand Back"

I'm losing my best friend next week.

He's heading for England, going after what he swears will be his last degree, and then out into the scary playground we call The Real World.

I get to stay here in The Emerald City. That sucks out loud. So this column is dedicated to everyone who's ever had to say goodbye to a friend, when you knew as well as they did that no matter how much you stay in touch... well, things won't be the same anymore.

It's the day-to-day s--- that makes you friends. Big Events are fun, Crises come and go... and when you aren't in the same city, it gets hard to relate to your friends the same way. You lose that common ground.

We've had some good times. Drunken stupors, late-night conversations on the three things that matter: life, art and sex. We got beaten up one night. We got evicted. We went to a lot of weird parties.

We got famous. We got laid a lot. We kept the North Carolina tobacco industry in business.

He let me wear his cowboy boots one time. He made me appreciate Led Zeppelin, and I made him listen to too much Stevie Nicks.

It's hard for me to realize just how much I'm gonna miss him. You know how you can know something... without really knowing it? It hasn't sunk in that he's not going to be sitting beside me, cussing at the computers and chain smoking.

He can't spell. Not a lick. And one rainy night, as we got ready to go downtown with our dates, he looked out the window at the storm and said, "It's the Raft of God outside." We cracked up.

We explained to him that it was "wrath," not "raft," but the more we thought about it, in a metaphorical way, he made sense. God wasn't pissed, he was just trying to make things interesting for us.

We're all on this fragile yet resilient raft, trying to keep our heads above water. I haven't looked at any of the daily Greenville thunderstorms the same since.

When I came to ECU, I left behind all my friends from home and school. I felt bad for a while, but then I met him and a few others. I would have packed it up and fled to Richmond long ago if they hadn't been here.

Now he's leaving. I have another year in school to finish, and he's left kind of a legacy for me to follow through.

See, he and I, we created the Clearly Labeled Satire Page. I like to think we've done something. No other college paper has done what we've done. And now, I'm left with it.

There'll be no more Big E. Having worn his boots for a day, I can vouch for the fact that they are some big shoes to fill. Too bad for him, the myth about shoe size isn't true. (Sorry, dude, I couldn't resist that one.)

But as of this week, we are retiring his column. Like the seat next to me, that space will be filled by someone else... but it won't be him.

We were going to kill him off, raped and beaten by the hordes of fat chicks and radical feminists we offended this year. But, I thought, no need for that. You never know; he might come back for yet another degree.

Earl, good luck. Have fun in England. Don't gamble so much. Remember, whoever gets his novel published first, has to buy the beer.

If you hear a Stevie song while you're out there, remember all us back here, hangin' on to that raft of God without you.

Now that you're leaving, I might even be able to quit smoking so much. But I doubt it. The smell of Marlboro Lights burnin' brings back too many memories of all the s--- we've been through. I don't want to forget that just yet, 'cause I'm gonna miss you enough as it is.

How about that. I buried the lead.

## Coming This Week

Week starting June 21, 1989

### Wednesday

Attic:  
Comedy Zone —  
Rich Scheidner

New Deli:  
Open Mike Night

Susie's:  
Parasite

### Thursday

Attic:  
Ladies' Night —  
Echo's Farm

New Deli:  
Snatches of Pink

Susie's:  
Hammer  
or  
Porch Dogs

### Friday

Attic:  
The Bill Riley Band

New Deli:  
Bad Bob and the Rocking  
Horses

Susie's:  
Bad Reputation

### Saturday

Attic:  
Sidewinder

Susie's:  
The Mood

### Sunday

Town Commons:  
The Monitors

### Monday

Mendenhall:  
Dragnet  
at 9 p.m. in Hendrix

### Tuesday

Susie's:  
Bazooka Joe

## Top Ten College Albums

Courtesy of Music Week Ltd.  
(WZMB Top 13 unavailable)

- (1) XTC — "Oranges and Lemons"
- (2) Robyn Hitchcock and the Egyptians — "Queen Elvis"
- (3) The Pixies — "Doolittle"
- (4) The Cure — "Disintegration"
- (5) The Connells — "Fun and Games"
- (6) Elvis Costello — "Spike"
- (7) Sidewinders — "Witchdoctor"
- (8) The Cult — "Sonic Temple"
- (9) Indigo Girls — "Indigo Girls"
- (10) Firehose — "FROMOHIO"

The Clearly Labeled ...

# East Carolinian Satire Page

**Quote o' the Week:**  
 "If you're gonna be wrong, be wrong in a big way!"  
 — Scott Maxwell

## World-famous advice columnist dead at 23

GREENVILLE, NC — (DEP) Famous advice columnist Big E, alias Earlvis Guapo, was pronounced dead on arrival at Pitt County Memorial Hospital early Monday.

While the county coroner's office continues to investigate the mysterious death, the coroner released a surprising statement today which said that Earlvis Guapo's dental records didn't match the body's teeth.

E, who died at age 23, was the controversial, sometimes revolting advice columnist for the famous The Clearly Labeled East Carolinian Satire Page. Several feminist and pet-owner groups have claimed responsibility for the

death, citing as their reasons Big E's perverse remarks about helicopter rides and pit bulls.

Coroner Theodore Burroughs said the investigation into the cause of death is still inconclusive. But he hinted that a bad case of indigestion, coupled with a trace of schedule 6 laxative, may have led to the columnist's chain of vomitive eruptions while in a downtown bar shortly before his death.

Burroughs is still investigating a strange mixture of pink lipstick and an aphrodisiac found on Guapo's thigh, but no positive correlation had been established at press time. Burroughs is interviewing six women who were seen

with the E Sunday night in an effort to dispel claims that the columnist was oversexed.

But the dental records still disturb Burroughs.

"According to the Big E's childhood dentist, Guapo was a fat kid who had a bad fetish for lawbreakers and Sugar Daddies," Burroughs claimed, pointing at documents that support his assertion. "The records show that E had cavities on all but two of his teeth.

"Other reports state that Big E was a chain smoker. The body we have here in the morgue has clean, white teeth with only three cavities. Something about this smells like a fish," Burroughs said.

In a related development, three injuries were reported as pro-E and anti-E demonstrators clashed on the ECU campus today. The Chancellor instituted a week-long mourning period in an attempt to stop the unrest. The powerful organization WAS (Women Against Sexism) has repeatedly claimed that it killed the flamboyant columnist with a projectile-vomit-inducing drug.

They claim Big E's writing often included sexual innuendo and anti-female rhetoric. As evidence, they pointed to advice given to a man who was disgruntled with sleeping in the wet spot and to a crude depiction of a

helicopter ride involving First Lady Barbara Bush.

But pro-E demonstrators wailed tears of pain as they recited the now legendary words of advice. Still in shock, some of the pro-Eers thought of carrying out violent measures on the WAS members. They refrained from some actions as they remembered Big E's famous strategy to life: "It is better to laugh at and ridicule the enemy than to stoop to their level."

WAS members carried banners saying "THE PIG IS DEAD" on the street in front of the student store Tuesday. Nearby, on the Foyer General Classroom Building's floor, sat hundreds of pro-E

demonstrators, holding candles and reading past columns written by the E.

The conflict occurred when three WAS members tried to break in line at the Student Store canteen during a lull in the demonstration. An anti-WAS faction affiliated with the College Republicans and in no way, shape or form expressing the attitudes and beliefs of pro-E group, slammed Mary Janes down the throats of the WAS demonstrators.

One WAS demonstrator, Mori Creek, is in critical condition at ECU's infirmary, where, doctors say, she is in danger of dying from having too much hard candy shoved down her throat.

## The Big E bites the dust: 1965-1989 (?)

### Editor's note:

The tragic death (well ... probable death, anyway) of Big E has left many in The East Carolinian's offices disconsolate — not only because Big E was a good friend, but also because he died without writing his column, which leaves us with a lot of blank space to fill.

So, as a tribute to this great and very offensive man — and, also, so we don't have to come up with anything funny — we hereby include a touching retrospective: The Best of Big E.

### Rugby

Dear Big E,  
 I have had several bad run-ins with members of the ECU rugby team. Besides being all foul-mouthed and vulgar, these guys are uncouth.

They are disgusting and they drink anal beers. They are also very sexist and say sexist things to women all the time. I have been the victim of one of their sexist ploys, the so-called "penis fly trap," and I didn't appreciate it. Big E, how do I purge Greenville of this group, which I consider to be the scum of the earth?

Signed, Rugby Hater

### Helicopter

Dear Earlvis,  
 Several years ago I had sexual relations with a girl who gave me a helicopter ride I will never forget. Since then, I have found no other mate who can do the helicopter. They try, but the best they can do is spin around once before stopping. If you could help me locate a girl who can do the whirl, I would be most appreciative.

Signed, Cookie

Dear Cookie,  
 Try writing to:  
 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
 Washington, D.C.  
 and ask for Barbara.

### THE LAST Just Ask

## Big E

### Insertion

Dear Big E,  
 I've heard there is a lot of peer pressure on spring break about doing — well — you know. E, please elaborate on this point.

Signed, Curious

Dear Well You Know,  
 There is a lot of peer pressure about "well, you know" on spring break. Someone always has a harder rock gut or a better tan than yours. Someone is always doing something you should be doing.

And there is always that unavoidable question: "Have you done it yet?" And then one of the lucky studs or studettes in your group says, "Yeah, I did it last night."

But Pedro, alias Big E, doesn't understand the — well, you know — peer pressure behind this very ordinary human occurrence. For some of us the action may only occur during spring break. Others do it every day, even in Greenville.

O.K. Insert — well, you know — let me back up a minute. Reach into your pocket and extract a dollar in change. Position yourself. Take a big breath. Insert change where it says "insert

change."

And then say, "Hi, Mom. Well, you know, I'm having a pretty good time."



Big E in his Elvis days

### Bush

Dear Earl,  
 Why did Bush win?

Signed, Poli Sci Major

Dear Polly,  
 I don't mean to sound chauvinistic, but the election came down to advertising and the male vote. What do most guys do during the weekend?

The lounge around, watching ball games and beer commercials. And while "Busch®" isn't spelled

like "Bush," it sounds the same. As a result, guys got this image that Bush likes to lounge around on Saturdays and let Barbara bring him beers.

The word "bush" has historically always been on men's minds. Whether it's doing yard work or going downtown, guys have always thought about bush, Busch® and Bush.

### Working on it

Dear Earlvis,  
 I work with this really hot guy, but I don't want to ask him out because it might ruin our working relationship. At the same time, I really want to go out with him. What should I do?

Signed, Split

Dear Split Ends,  
 Once, a long time ago, E went out with a girl with whom he worked — in fact, she was his boss. In the end, dictionaries and X-Actos were thrown at the head of the E (feminists should enjoy hearing that). But that was just one isolated case.

My advice is to do exactly what I did: allow your momentary lusts to overcome you, and don't worry about the consequences or what will happen the next day at work.



This is a picture in his pre-death stage when he used to exercise. He seems to be dreaming about a Pall Mall or something like that.

## Hey, Kids!

We at the Clearly Labeled East Carolinian Satire Page love holidays!

And it just burns our butts that we missed out on the chance to present this neat contest in time for Father's Day! So, to make it up to you, the readers, we're gonna run it today. Here's what you do:

Draw a picture of your dad doing his favorite thing.

That's right ... in the conveniently provided space, sketch a picture of Papp doing whatever he loves best. Then send it to The Clearly Labeled East Carolinian Satire Page. If your picture isn't totally crude and repulsive (and if we can get by our incredibly hypersensitive censors), we'll pick the best ones and print them ... right here on this page! It's your chance to contribute to the famous Satire Page. Don't delay ... send it today!

Send all entries to:  
 The Clearly Labeled East Carolinian Satire Page

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 ECU Publications Building  
 Greenville, NC 27858  
 Hurry! Entries must be postmarked by June 24 to be eligible.

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Address:

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Miranda



By Parker

Miranda



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Tales of The Morrigan



By Angela R.

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## Pirate basketball camp helps budding stars

By CHRIS SIEGEL  
Sports Editor

If you were in the neighborhood of Minges Coliseum last week, you probably heard the familiar sounds of dribbling and shooting basketballs. One also heard the voices of Pirate coach Mike Steele and his staff coaching the players on the fundamentals of the game, but it was not the ECU basketball team they were teaching. This time it was area youth who were learning the game of basketball.

Steele, since his arrival two years ago, has conducted a summer basketball camp for boys ages 5-17. This year about 100 campers showed up to study hoops under the Pirate mentor.

"The first year we had about 20 campers, then it went to about 50 or 60 last year and this year we almost doubled it to 100," said Coach Steele. "The thing we've tried to get out of is of these 100, we asked of how many had seen the Pirates play. There was probably 60 or 70 who had. I just think we need to get the youngest ones

thinking about seeing Pirate basketball."

But don't think that the camp was just a hype on Pirate basketball. The boys learned the fundamentals of the game from excellent coaching from Steele and his assistant coaches. Blue Edwards and Jeff Kelly also helped with the instruction and the boys seemed to enjoy that considerably.

The object of the camp was to teach the boys the fundamentals of basketball and for them to have fun, but the important thing that Coach Steele and his staff were

trying to teach them was to be able to listen.

"We're not going to teach them how to be great basketball players in a week, but what we can try to teach them is how to listen," Steele said. "Listen to their coaches, their teammates, how not to be selfish and to try to do the best they can."

"The most important thing we are trying to teach you is to listen. You will be a great athlete, a great student and a good son to your parents if you learn to listen," said assistant coach Chris Benetti to a

group of youngsters.

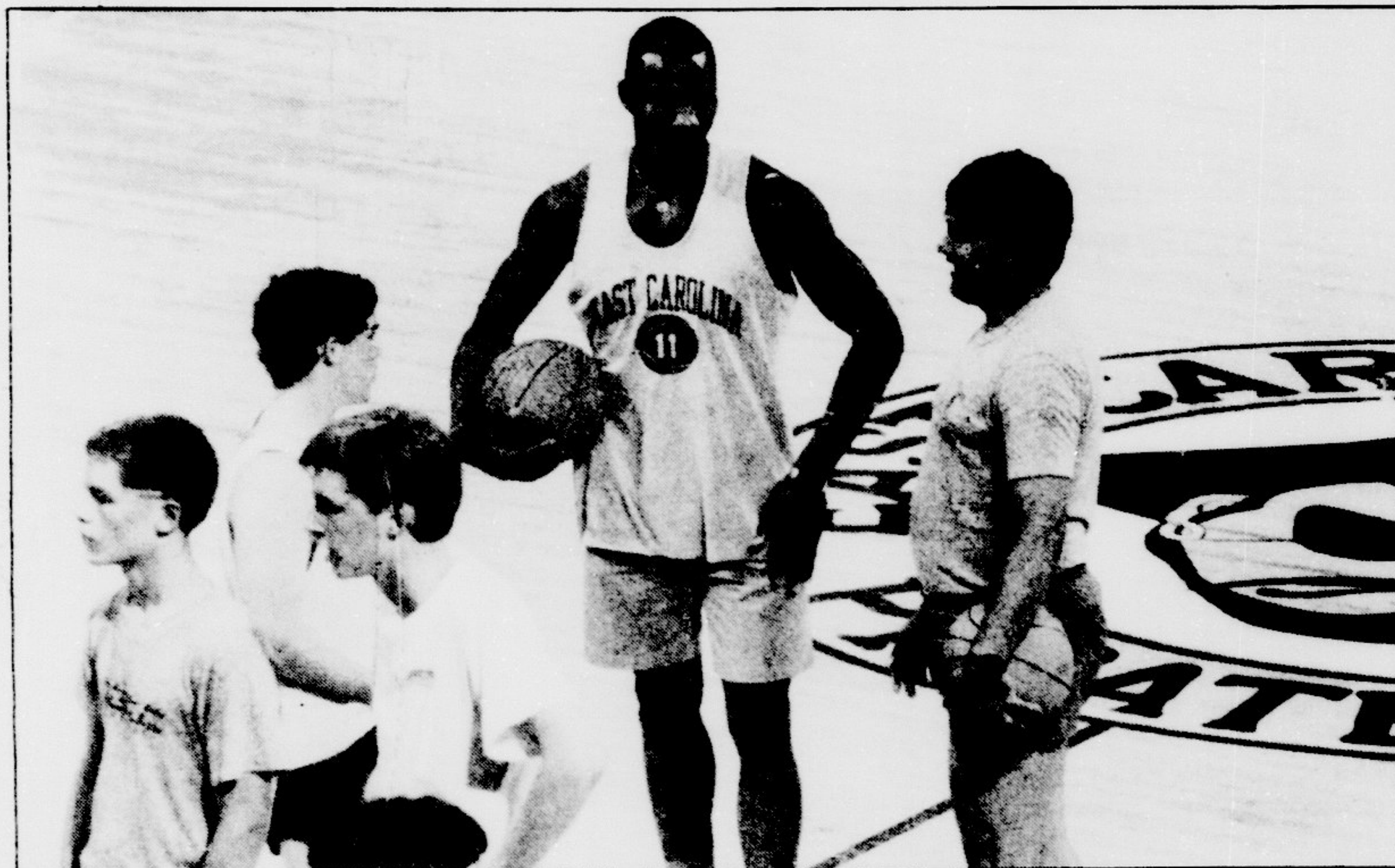
The camp was run just as practice is run for the Pirate basketball team. Steele and his coaches were vocal and kept the youngsters attention by doing drills and keeping them active. If you were to just listen to them, you would think it was the college team practicing.

"We tell the kids, and I sincerely mean this, that I treat them for a week like they are on my team," Steele said. "We tell our players on our team it is a privilege to be on a team. And we like

to work with the ones who want to be here and want to learn."

So for one week, this group of young men was a part of the Pirate basketball team. They had a lot of fun and learned some of the fundamentals of basketball, but in turn learned the value of hard work and listening.

Now after one week it is not likely that they learned all about the game. It is also hard to say any superstars evolved from the camp, but one thing is certain — 100 young men had a lot of fun learning to play basketball from an excellent coaching staff.



Former Pirate basketball star Blue Edwards helps out aspiring basketball stars during the summer Basketball camps held in ECU's Minges Coliseum (Photo by J.D. Whitmire, ECU Photolab).

### Liverpool native joins Lady Pirates

## ECU inks four new recruits

(SID) — Four new faces join the Lady Pirate lineup in the fall as third-year ECU head basketball coach Pat Pierson welcomes two junior college transfers and two freshmen to her 1989-90 squad.

Keenya Wilson, a 5-foot-8 guard forward and Michelle Marsh, a 6-foot forward will join the Lady Pirates after two successful seasons at Roane State Community College in Harriman, TN.

Wilson, a Kingsport, TN native, averaged 15 points and four assists per game last season and was named to the all-tournament team at the National Junior College Tournament.

Marsh averaged 14 points and eight rebounds this season as the Raiderettes won the Region VII Junior College title. Roane State

won the consolation bracket at the nationals as Marsh was selected to the All-Region VII team, which includes all junior colleges in Tennessee and Kentucky.

Pierson says the pair will fit in well to her team's concept. "Keenya is just an outstanding young lady," Pierson said. "She is a good shooter, defender and an excellent student. Michelle is a winner and has always been a winner. She is a hard-nosed player who plays with a lot of intensity."

Toni Lynn Thurman, a 5-11 forward from Hallsboro, N.C., will

be one of two freshmen on this year's team. Thurman averaged 25 points and 15 rebounds per game as a junior at Hallsboro High School. Named as Hallsboro's Team Most Valuable Player, Thurman was also selected to the All-Eastern North Carolina team as well as being named all-conference and all-Columbus County.

Thurman signed with ECU during the early signing period last November. Pierson was pleased with Thurman's decision to attend ECU. "We're very excited to sign a player the caliber of

## ECU experiences winning year

(SID) — For the fourth straight year, East Carolina University athletic teams have posted winning records.

During the 1988-89 academic year, Pirate athletic teams sported a winning percentage of .514 (128-121-2). The ECU men's athletic squads finished with a .556 winning percentage (73-58-2) while the Lady Pirate squads had a .466 winning percentage (55-63). It was the first time in five years that women's athletic teams at ECU finished below .500.

Two ECU squads won Colonial Athletic Association titles — men's swimming and baseball. Coach Gary Overton's Pirates went on to compete in the NCAA baseball championships.

Five East Carolina athletes earned All-American recognition during the 1988-89 season. In football, Tim James and Anthony Thompson were named by the

Associated Press as honorable mention All-America and Robert Jones was a Freshman All-America choice by *The Sporting News*.

Basketball's Theodore "Blue" Edwards was a pre-season Street & Smith's honorable mention All-America and Basketball Times honorable mention All-America. Jonathan Jenkins, a pitcher on ECU's baseball team, was third-team All-America by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Edwards, an almost certain selection in the June 27 National Basketball Association draft, was also named the CAA Player of the Year after breaking most every Pirate single season record.

The most successful squad during the year was baseball, as it won 37 games, the second highest total in its history. Jenkins, Calvin Brown, John Adams and Tommy Eason were first-team All-CAA choices. Pitcher Jake Jacobs also

threw back-to-back no-hitters.

The men's basketball team had their first winning season since 1982-83 with a 15-14 mark. Coach Mike Steele's squads are known for their work ethic and discipline and it seems his rebuilding efforts are right on schedule. Eastern Basketball magazine has rated Steele's 1989-90 recruiting class in the top 20 of schools east of the Mississippi.

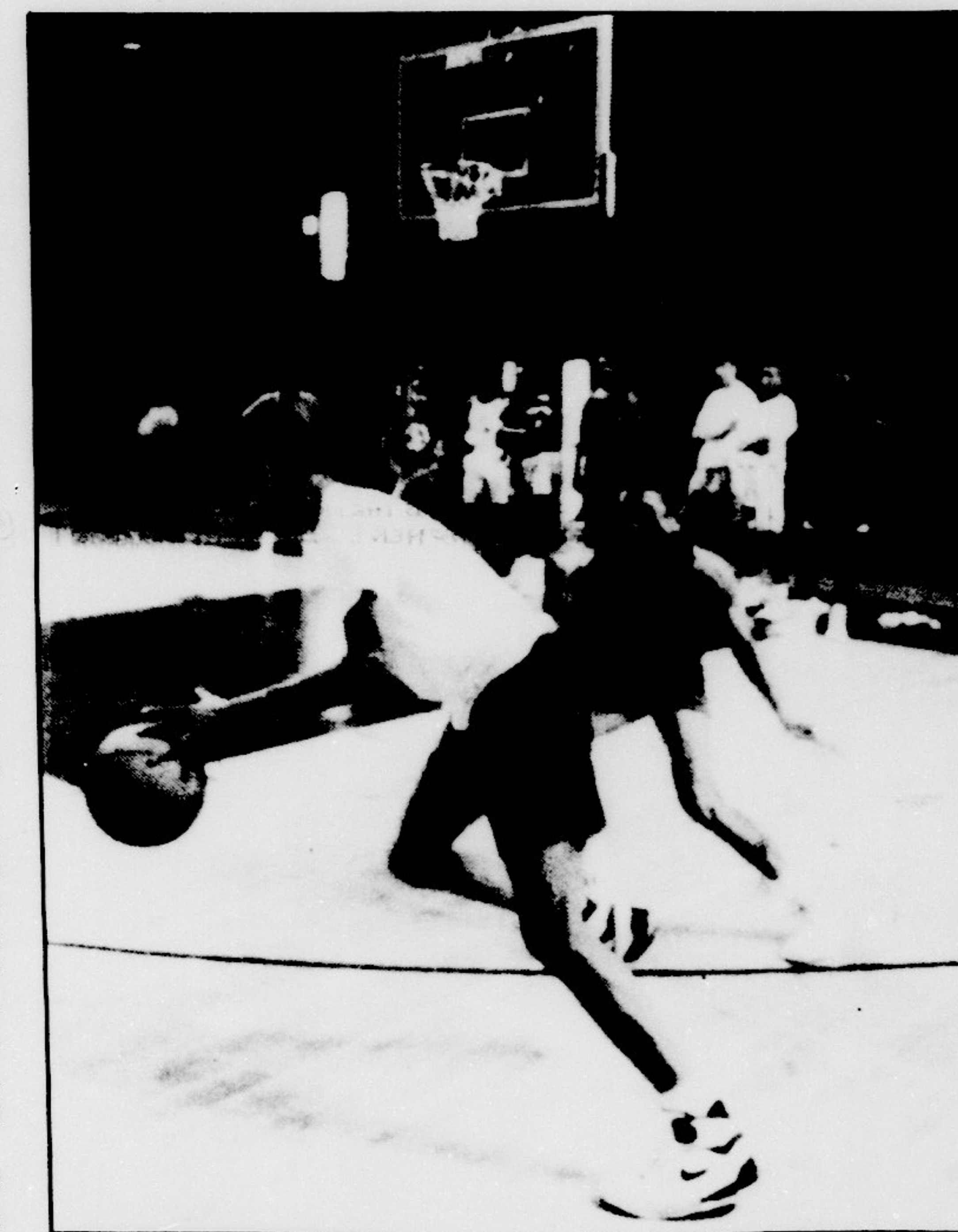
Coach Rick Kobe's swim teams had a very successful season. The men's squad finished with a 9-1 record and a CAA title and the women's team finished 8-2. The highlight of the season came when Meredith Bridgers qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 100 and 200 breaststroke. She became the first Lady Pirate to qualify for the NCAA Division I Swimming Championships.

The women's basketball team,

under the direction of second-year head coach Pat Pierson, finished with a 15-13 record. It was a seven game improvement over the 8-20 mark of 1987-88. Sarah Gray and Gretta Savage earned All-CAA second team honors and the future looks bright with CAA All-Rookie team's Tonya Hargrove playing three more years.

Several track performers had outstanding seasons in 1988-89. Ann Marie Welch won four cross-country meets and helped lead ECU to two invitational championships. Eugene McNeill won eight races during the 1988-89 season, including the 100- and 200-meter dash at the UNC-Wilmington Invitational. His brother, Lee, participated in the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

East Carolina had its first representative on the All-CAA volleyball team this year in Jemma Holley, who earned second team



Two students of the summer basketball camp held at ECU practice their moves in a one-on-one scrimmage (Photo by J.D. Whitmire, ECU Photolab).

### Pirate Booty

## Orioles add to already surprising 1989 baseball season

By CHRIS SIEGEL  
Sports Editor

One thing is for certain, the 1989 Major League Baseball season so far could be called the season of surprises. After one-third of the season, baseball has taken more twists and turns than a labyrinth.

It has been a season of surprising trades, retirements and Cinderella teams. America's game has given its fans plenty to be excited and wonder about.

Baseball has seen a changing of the guard in the early part of the season. Young players like Ken Griffey Jr. of Seattle and Jim Abbott of California have shown that there is a youth movement beginning in baseball. This has been further proven by the retirement of Mike Schmidt, who before retiring was the active leading home run hitter, and the waiving of Tommy John by the Yankees.

And if talented, young ball players and some of the game's greats retiring wasn't enough for the fans, throw in some exciting trades. In just the past couple of weeks, the American League has seen its premier strikeout pitcher head to the National League. Seattle traded Mark Langston to Montreal for three young pitchers.

Then this past Sunday, the

Philadelphia Phillies made two big trades to add to the excitement of the season. They traded Juan Samuel to the New York Mets for Len Dykstra and Roger McDowell. And if that wasn't enough, they traded former Cy Young winner Steve Bedrosian to the San Francisco Giants for pitchers Terry Mulholland and Dennis Cook.

Now if wheeling and dealing doesn't turn you on, let's look at the teams ahead in their respective divisions.

At the beginning of the season, most people said the New York Mets and the Los Angeles Dodgers were the big teams in the National League, but after a third of the season that is not the case. The surprising Chicago Cubs lead the East and are being pushed hard by the Montreal Expos and St. Louis Cardinals.

Over in the West, it is the San Francisco Giants in first. They have been sparked by the play of Kevin Mitchell who is hitting home runs at a feverish pace. As of last Saturday, Mitchell had hit 24 homeruns and had driven in 65 runs while batting over .300. Add to that Rick Reuschel's excellent pitching and Will Clark's hot hitting, the Giants are for real. But they are feeling a lot of heat from the Cincinnati Reds and the Houston Astros.

If you think the National

League races are close and exciting, the American League won't let you down either.

In the West, the Oakland A's were picked to win that division and they are doing just that. But they are doing it the hard way. The A's have been hit hard by the injury bug and are playing without starting shortstop and last year's rookie of the year Walt Weiss and slugger Jose Canseco. They still, however, are hanging on to first place, edging out the California Angels.

But the real surprise of the season has to be the team that is winning the American League East. No, it is not the Toronto Blue Jays like the experts predicted and it is not the New York Yankees. It is 1988's worst team in baseball, the Baltimore Orioles.

The Orioles, who lost their first 21 games of the season in 1988 and finished the year with a mark of 54-107, have joined the youth movement and have been sitting in first place for most of the season.

The Orioles were in last place every game last season and didn't win their 35th game of the season until August 4th, but this year captured their 35th on June 16th by beating the Oakland A's 5-2. At the same point last year, the O's were 23 games behind the Yankees and in 1989 they are 4 games

in first place. Quite a turnaround for a team that traded away its best player in the off-season.

What is the story with the high-flying Birds? One answer is the play of the young players brought in by manager Frank Robinson and the Orioles management. Baltimore got rid of some of its veteran players and replaced them with youngsters like Randy Milligan, Steve Finley, and Bob Milacki. The new blood has brought with it new intensity and a desire to win.

The Orioles helped their cause some more with trades made in the later part of the 1988 season and in the off-season. They sent pitcher Mike Boddicker to the Boston Red Sox for outfielder Brady Anderson and pitcher Carl Schilling. Anderson has started in centerfield and despite a low batting average is playing spectacular defense in the outfield. Schilling is pitching well in Triple-A ball at Rochester and is sure to be called up.

The O's also traded All-Star first baseman Eddie Murray to the Los Angeles Dodgers in return for pitchers Brian Holton and Ken Howell and minor league shortstop Juan Bell. They then dealt Howell to the Phillies for Phil Bradley. Holton has been in the starting rotation and Bradley has

added veteran leadership, along with solid hitting and defense to the Oriole outfield.

Young talent and some shrewd trading, what more can you ask for? How about the best defense in the league. Through Sunday's game with the A's, the Orioles led the American League by committing the fewest errors. Cal Ripken Jr. leads all shortstops in fielding and the platooning Milligan and Jim Traber at first base have committed only one error between them.

Most teams would stop there with that kind of success, but there is more. The Orioles have had two more stars shine for them in 1989. A team that most said had one superstar in Ripken, may have added two more. Lefthander Jeff Ballard has emerged as one of the league's best pitchers compiling a 9-2 record and a 2.51 ERA, while catcher Mickey Tettleton has slugged his way to the top of the home run chart belting out 16 dingers.

Now don't think that the turnaround is something astronomical. Granted it is something for the worst team in baseball in 1988 to be leading the division, but most teams in the AL East aren't even above .500. But the Orioles would be in contention in every other division. And their turnaround is another of the many surprises in

the 1989 season.

Maybe the biggest part of the Orioles success should be contributed to manager Frank Robinson. Robinson has taken a group of young, inexperienced players and lit a fire under them. He has gotten his older players to play well and set an example for the rookies and has a winning attitude back in Baltimore. He has also juggled a pitching staff that has been shaky at times and got the most out of it. But most of all, Robinson has made the game fun and that has allowed his team to relax and play ball.

It's only June and there is two-thirds of the season left to be played, but just think what a turnaround for a team to go from last to first. Maybe in September rather than playing for the first pick in the draft, the Orioles will be playing for All East crown.

The Orioles, the Cubs, Kevin Mitchell's home run barrage and the big trades are all making the 1989 season exciting and fun to watch. Baseball doesn't have the physical contact of some sports, but who says it's boring.

All this excitement and we have only seen one-third of the season. What else could the 1989 season hold in store for baseball fans? The only way to know is to sit back and enjoy the show as it unfolds.

# Sports Tidbits

## Strange makes it two

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — The gallery chanted, "Two, Curtis, Two," and it was almost too strange to believe.

On Sunday, Curtis Strange became the first golfer to win consecutive U.S. Opens since Ben Hogan in 1951. And, believe it or not, he sealed the victory with a birdie at the 16th, the first on his card in 36 holes.

"It there was a shot that won the Open, that did it," Strange said. Strange hadn't made a birdie since the 16th hole of Friday's second round. And, if that isn't bizarre enough, consider that in the space of an hour and a half, Tom Kite, one of the game's best shotmakers, went from three ahead to one behind with a triple bogey and two bogeys.

"My play stunk," said Kite, winner of 12 career tournaments but never one of the majors. "It's been a very long day for me...it's a bitter pill to swallow."

Sometimes, truth is stranger than fiction.

For the second straight year, Strange made the march up the 18th fairway, cheered by the huge gallery, arms raised in the air. And, for the second straight year, he embraced his wife, Sarah, then walked away with the U.S. Open trophy.

Strange, a 34-year-old winner of more than \$4.8 million in 13 years on the PGA Tour, is the fourth golfer to win consecutive U.S. Opens.

## Former Raider dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An autopsy found no explanation for the heart attack that killed former Oakland Raider and actor John Matuszak, whose ferocious play on and off the football field epitomized the team's outlaw image.

Forensic pathologist Susan Selser ordered lab tests to try to find toxic substances Sunday after determining that the heart attack could not be explained by natural causes, said coroner's supervisor Claude Boucher.

Matuszak died suddenly Sunday night at age 38.

The 6-foot-9, 280-pound defenseman played with the Raiders from 1976 to 1981. Nicknamed "The Tooz," his aggressive play and tough attitude typified the bad-boy spirit of the Raiders and helped earn the team Super Bowl victories in 1977 and 1981.

Matuszak started his college football at Missouri, then transferred to Tampa, where he was an All-American as a senior.

The Houston Oilers made him the No. 1 pick in the 1973 National Football League draft. He played in 1975 with the Kansas City Chiefs, the joined the Raiders as a free agent early in the 1976 season.

Born in Milwaukee, Matuszak gained as much notoriety for his off-field antics as his play, making headlines when he violated team curfew by partying in New Orleans the night before the Raiders beat the Philadelphia Eagles 27-10 in the 1981 Super Bowl.

As an actor, Matuszak generally played tough guys, with credits that included the Movies "North Dallas Forty," "Caveman" and "Ice Pirates," and television shows "M-A-S-H," "Trapper John, M.D." and "The Fall Guy."

He starred in a short-lived 1985 TV series, "Hollywood Beat," playing a homosexual informant whose business was used by undercover cops.

## Labonte wins Pocono

LONGPOND, Pa. (AP) — Terry Labonte had a hunch his new Ford Thunderbird would be tough at Pocono International Raceway. It just took him a couple days to prove it.

Labonte, starting 23rd based on his Friday qualifying time, quickly made up ground Sunday and won his first race in more than a year with a persistent, 1.88-second victory over Harry Gant in the \$514,000 Miller 500 stock car race at Pocono International Raceway.

"It takes a big load off your back," said Labonte, who last year drove a Chevrolet. "Believe me, these races are tough to win."

The 32-year-old Corpus Christi, Texas, native grabbed the lead with 14 laps to go and held off Gant's Oldsmobile for his first victory on Pocono's two and a half-mile tri-oval. Dale Earnhardt finished third, Ken Schrader fourth and Morgan Shepherd fifth.

Pole-sitter Rusty Wallace, outside-pole starter Darrell Waltrip and defending champion Geoff Bodine, the top qualifiers, established themselves early as drivers to beat, but bad breaks took the race out of their hands.

Earnhardt boosted his Winston Cup points lead with the showing, combined with the troubles of Waltrip, Wallace and Bodine, the drivers who had been his closest challengers.

## Davies to keep putter

HERSHEY, Pa. (AP) — Laura Davies won't give up her lucky putter again.

Davies sank a 30-foot birdie on the final hole Sunday to win the LPGA's \$300,000 Lady Keystone Open, beating Pat Bradley by one stroke.

"This is the same putter I used when I won the U.S. Open last year," Davies said. "My cousin, Matthew, had it. Matthew caddied for me this week and I got the putter back. I'm going to keep it this time."

The putt gave Davies a 5-under-par 67 for Sunday's round and a 9-under-par 207 total for 54 holes on the 6,348, par 72 West Course of the Hershey Country Club.

Bradley's 68 was the second-best score of the final round but left her one stroke behind Davies with a 208 total.

Davies used a smooth, confident stroke to knock the ball in on 18 and collect the \$45,000 first prize in the \$300,000 tournament.

The victory was the 26-year-old Davies' third in two seasons on the LPGA Tour.

Liselotte Neumann finished where she started the day, in third place. She shot a 70 Sunday for a 209 total.

## Baird wins play-off

JERICHO, N.Y. (AP) — It took a chat with Gary Player to convince Butch Baird that playing golf, even on the Senior Tour, beats working for a living.

"Golf runs in cycles," said Baird, who wen through a six-month stretch in which he "didn't want to play. I wasn't in the game. I had no motivation, no anything."

Baird ran into Player at a tournament in Oklahoma City last month and asked the South African star if he, too, went through those kind of mood swings.

"Gary is no different than anybody else and told me of some of his past problems," Baird said. "He said, 'If you leave the tour, you'd better be prepared to work eight, nine or 10 hour days, maybe even six days a week.'"

Baird wasn't ready for that, so he went back to the 50-and-over tour. It paid off Sunday when he won a four-way play-off for the \$52,500 first prize in the rain-plagued \$350,000 Northville Long Island Classic. It was his second victory as a senior and raised his career earnings to \$611,269.

# Winning year

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honors. Coach Judy Kirkpatrick's squad showed a lot of desire and will likely better their 7-19 mark of this past season.

Two programs at ECU that usually have banner seasons fell a little this past year. Coach Sue Manahan's softball program went 18-20, the first time in the history of the sport at ECU that it did not have a winning record. During

the season, the Lady Pirates won the Georgia State Classic and their own softball tournament.

Coach Hal Morrison's golf team was looking for a third straight CAA title but fell a little short. However, there were several outstanding performances. Francis Vaughn was the CAA individual champion and also the winner at the Richmond/Hyatt

Intercollegiate Tournament. John Maginnes won the Fripp Island Invitational title and helped the Pirates take the team championship as well in that tournament.

Soccer is in the beginning stages under first-year coach Bob Lust. Goalkeeper Mac Kendall was named second-team All-CAA. A strong nucleus returns as the Pirates are hopeful they can better last season's 3-14-2 mark.

ECU's athletic programs, Pirate squads will have new facilities to work with in the upcoming year and better resources. The new Sports Medicine/Physical Education Building should be completed by late summer and will house much of the athletic department staff. Renovations at Harrington Field are taking place as well as other athletic facilities on campus.

In addition to the success of

## Lady Pirates

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Toni," Pierson said. "She is not only an outstanding athlete, but a very good student as well. She's the type of student athlete that you look for in recruiting."

Mid-Eastern 4-A Player of the Year, Gaynor O'Donnell rounds out ECU's list of newcomers for the 1989-90 season. A 5-6 guard from South Wayne, O'Donnell is a native of Liverpool, England, who was also selected to the Greensboro News and Record all-state

team as a senior and selected to play for the East squad in the East-West All-Star game in July.

O'Donnell averaged 16 points, 15 assists and six rebounds per game as a senior.

"Gaynor is one of the most talented recruits I've ever signed," Pierson said. "She is an outstanding passer as well as a shooter."

The Lady Pirates, who finished 15-13 last season under Pierson, open their 1989-90 season on November 24.

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