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Student writes screenplay

All screenwriting majors at the University of Southern California are required to write a screenplay for their masters thesis, but Amanda Silver had no idea her thesis would become a major motion picture titled "The Hand That Rocks The Cradle."

Silver based her script on Shakespeare's Othello, a play Silver said she "thought would make a great thriller."

After Silver completed the project in two semesters, her husband, Rick Jaffa, rewrote and produced the film. Silver's connections at Tri-Star Pictures and Paramount Pictures, where she worked as an executive assistant, helped her create her thesis into a film.

"My success story is especially exciting to people struggling in film school," Silver said. "Because it shows that people can succeed in the struggle to become an artist."

ACLU takes on censorship

Two students at the University of Alaska, along with the American Civil Liberties Union, have challenged the university in a censorship battle.

After Jonathan Green broke up with his girlfriend, he created a photographic self-portrait to express his pain. In the photo, Green was kneeling on the ground with no clothes on, clutching a pig's heart in front of his chest, which had been painted to look as though it had been surgically opened.

Green entered his photo in the university's sixth annual art show, but it was labeled "too intense" and removed from the show by Anchorage librarian, Anne Oliphant.

Ann Roush, who had three photos depicting male nudity removed from the same show, contacted the ACLU and discovered the students' rights had been violated.

Although the exhibit has ended, the students and their lawyer are still fighting the case to see that "this doesn't happen to anyone else," Roush said.

Basketball team poisoned

The warm-up before a recent Texas A&M basketball game was like no other in the team's history. During a passing drill, players were hitting each other in the face with basketballs, complaining of dizziness and headaches. The symptoms were diagnosed as a delayed reaction to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Prior to the game against Baylor, a heater malfunctioned, and carbon monoxide exhaust leaked into the A&M dressing room.

Nine players spent part of the night in a Dallas hospital undergoing treatment in a hyperbaric oxygen decompression chamber. The chamber forces oxygen into the body, pushing out the carbon monoxide.

None of the Baylor players were affected. "It was a fluke," Baylor spokesman Keith Randall said. "It's been corrected and the basketball team is out there practicing again."

Religion degree offered

Officials at Cornell University are hoping their school will no longer be called a "godless" university as it has been in the past, because it is now offering a major in religion.

Director of the new program, Barry Adams, said many students have expressed interest in the new degree.

"The most important motivation here was intellectual and academic. They realize there have been courses in religion at Cornell but as an academic discipline, it is firmly established at our peer universities around the world. We realized that we were not 'covering the waterfront,'" Adams said.

Compiled by Elizabeth Shimmel from CPS and other campus newspapers

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Student Union cancels forum

By Reid Parker
Staff Writer

The Student Union cancelled the forum on "Political Correctness: Progress or Paralysis?" scheduled for Jan. 27. The event may be rescheduled for a later date.

"Political correctness has become one of the hottest issues in today's society and is being debated on university campuses across the country," the flyer announcing the discussion stated. The flyer hyped the discussion as "a lively, spontaneous discussion of political correctness between ECU students and faculty."

According to J. Marshall, the advisor to the Student

Union Forum Committee, there were two major reasons for the cancellation.

A recent change in the chairmanship of the Forum Committee caused a disorganization problem in the committee and some staff members felt that the structure of the forum was too informal.

According to Marshall, a lack of balance between the number of students and the number of faculty who were scheduled to be on the panel was problematic given the importance of the subject.

Scheduled members were to include Dr. Marie Farr, women's studies; Dr. Tinsley Yarbrough, political science; Dr. Larry Smith, minority stu-

dent affairs; Dr. Steven Mandelker, philosophy; Dr. Monica Hough, SAHS/SLAP; Dr. Jeffrey Williams, English; Bill Carroll, political science student; Kevin A. Smith, political science student, and Mr. Kevin Osley, sociology graduate student Alan Hoffman of WNCN-TV Channel 9 was to be the facilitator.

"I feel that the forum had problems from the beginning because it was titled 'politically correct,'" said Dr. Gay Wilentz, director of ethnic studies.

"In fact, the East Carolina Association of Scholars is in opposition to multicultural studies. Political correctness is a term that no one acknowledges on either side. The irony

is that multicultural studies does not silence anyone; it allows voices which have formerly been silenced to speak. It reflects our multi-ethnic, bi-gender society."

Wilentz said that the opposition does not wish to debate the pros and cons of multiculturalism because it would spotlight their opposition to the teaching of subjects like black American history.

In the April 11, 1991 issue of the East Carolinian, the East Carolina Association of Scholars published in the Campus Spectrum section an article stating their purpose in promoting Western culture.

"We encourage our colleagues to join with us," the

article stated.

"In recalling higher education to its proper function of grounding students in the rich heritage of their civilization, and in preserving academic freedom, including the freedom to dissent from 'politically correct' positions on women and minorities."

Among other things, the article stated that the East Carolina Association of Scholars does not believe that a work should be included or excluded within the curriculum simply to fulfill a proportional requirement of minority authors.

They believe that Western art and science is an inclusive tradition that has absorbed the

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Charles Mitchell, Scott Roche, Robert Joyner and Steve O'Geary made up the team "Banzai" in Monday night's College Bowl. Their team defeated Phi Sigma Pi Purple to win the tournament.

College Bowl turns to battle

By Marjorie Pitts
Staff Writer

The All-Campus College Bowl on January 25-27, in Mendenhall Student Center started as a battle of wits and evolved into a war of rules.

Raised voices and ugly looks were exchanged throughout Room 244 in Mendenhall, around 8 p.m. on Monday night. The words, "I protest," started the serious argument between two teams.

In the semi-finals a conflict between the two teams Pick-Up and Phi Sigma Pi Purple began in regard to the contest regulation.

Phi Sigma Pi had entered two teams in the contest and distinguished one team as Purple

and another team as Gold. Gold lost through double-elimination. Phi Sigma Pi then combined the Gold and Purple teams to make one team.

Pick-Up protested the combining of the two teams, and insisted on the original Purple team.

The switching of team members is a violation under the first rule of substitution, Donald O'Geary, member of the team Pick-Up said.

"Some people took the game too serious," said Jamey Tisdale, a member of the Purple team, after the game was over.

The original decision to merge the two teams was made by Lynn Lobes, assistant program director of Mendenhall.

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National group selects med student as chair

By Christie Lawrence
Staff Writer

David Graham, a third-year medical student, enjoys "making a difference" on issues that are shaping medicine and medical education.

Making a difference is exactly what Graham will be doing in his new position as chair-elect of the Association of American Medical College's Organization of Student Representatives (AAMC-OSR). This group is the student voice of the 65,000 medical students who attend the nation's 125 medical schools.

AAMC-OSR represents student interests in content of medical curriculum, the role of the national board examinations, medical student debts and the recruitment and retention of minority students.

Graham's election will automatically give him the position as chair of the organization next year, during his senior year of medical school.

Many people may think that his affiliation with one of the nation's younger medical schools would put him at a disadvantage in his election bid, but ECU has established a considerable presence within the AAMC-OSR. Most schools only send two student representatives for the national meetings, whereas ECU has regularly

sent four representatives to each meeting. Graham said he has been wholeheartedly supported by the administration and Dr. James A. Hallock, the vice chancellor for health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine.

Graham has been the AAMC-OSR representative of his class since his freshman year. In 1990 at the AAMC-OSR meeting, Graham ran and was elected to an at-large seat on a 13-member AAMC-OSR administrative board. That election laid the groundwork for Graham's election at November's meeting.

Graham was involved in a two-day campaign against two other candidates at November's national convention in Washington, D.C. Each candidate gave a speech and answered formal and informal questions.

As chair-elect, he has already met with lawmakers in Washington, D.C., and attended meetings of the AAMC. In Congress, Graham is tackling the issue of eliminating the three-year grace period given to medical students who are paying back financial loans. The students contend that the money they make during their minimum three-year residency is not enough to take on the hardship of paying back a debt that averages to \$46,000 per student.

Area business holds benefit Concert will aid fire victims

By Michael Martin
Staff Writer

A Greenville business is holding a benefit for the victims of a fire that left three ECU students homeless.

O'Rockatellers, a restaurant/bar located 118 E. 5th Street, will host the benefit Sunday, Feb. 2, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Proceeds from the door will go to the students, who lost everything they owned in the early morning blaze.

"It was a way we can give back to the campus community for all they have given us," said Howard Dapper, manager of

O'Rockatellers.

"The downtown area is like a family atmosphere, and this (benefit) is a way that we can show our appreciation to the students and community."

O'Rockatellers has two bands scheduled for the matinee event: Skull Buckle and a local Greenville talent.

The businesses employees have volunteered their time to work the event.

Dapper said he and another employee had come up with the idea to host the benefit at separate times. The employee then confronted Dapper with the idea, and the ball started to

roll.

"I saw the house on fire, the fire trucks and all the morning of the fire," Dapper said. "I knew one of the three guys and I thought it would be a good idea to help them out. It made things a lot easier knowing another employee wanted to help — he knew the other two guys."

The three students, Troy Yarbrough, Patrick Carroll and Chip Bartlett were all unavailable for comment.

"Basically it's the right thing to do," Dapper said.

Admission to the event is \$4 and up.



Photo by Kevin Amos — ECU Photo Lab

What a rush

Morris Brooks and Michelle Olson solicit new students to rush their fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega. The goal of the national organization is to give something back to society.

CRIME SCENE

Resident holds loud keg party; public safety issues campus citation

Jan. 24
 2240—Belk Hall: Investigated reference of a loud keg party. Campus citation issued to subject.
 2327—White Hall: Reference to alcohol violation. Campus citation issued for underage consumption.
 0218—Flanagan building: Checked on two suspicious males. No action taken.
 0220—Clement Hall: Checked on loud intoxicated subjects. Subjects advised to leave the area.
 0238—TKE house: Assisted Greenville Police with loud party complaint.
 0324—Student Health Services: Checked on a suspicious vehicle north of building. Male non-student charged with trespassing, female non-student charged with drunk and disorderly conduct.
 0900—Brewster building: Recovered stolen bicycle. Returned same to owner.
 1246—5th and Biltmore streets: Vehicle wanted by Greenville Police found. Same turned over to them.
 1304—Jones Hall: Property damage investigated. Vehicle windshield broken out.
 1624—7th and James streets: Auto larceny investigated. Vehicle located. Parked in different lot. Larceny unfounded.

Jan. 25
 2052—5th and Reade streets: Vehicle stopped, subject given verbal warning for overloading the vehicle.
 2322—5th and Reade streets: Checked out a gathering of male subjects. Same advised to leave the area.
 0011—Scott Hall: Checked out a disturbance on east side courtyard. Two subjects were given campus citations for disorderly conduct, not having proper ID and damage to personal property.
 0050—Clement Hall: Investigated area in reference to smoke smell. Smoke was not located.
 0125—Aycock Hall: Assisted rescue of ill non-student. Subject refused to be transported.
 0149—Mendenhall Student Center: Checked out gathering of subjects. Same left area.
 0205—Jarvis Hall: Responded to report of intoxicated male attempting to injure himself. Rescue dispatched and subject transported to Pitt Emergency Room.
 0255—Slay Hall: Responded to report of male subject passed out in a bathroom. Subject located, revived and turned over to dorm staff.
 0259—Mendenhall Student Center: Responded to report of possible fight about to start. Same unfounded.
 0334—Belk Hall: Responded to report of suspicious male.

Crime Scene is taken from official Public Safety Logs.

College

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After reviewing the national rules, the original Phi Sigma Pi Purple team played the Pick-Up team in the semi-finals.
 Pick-Up team members were Jennifer Wardrep, Donald O'Geen, Nicole Deans and Jeremy Mills.
 Phi Sigma Pi members were Brenda Smith, Jamey Tisdale, Scott Tippins and Karen Parrish. Phi Sigma Pi won the semi-finals and moved on to the finals to play Banzai 14.
 Banzai 14 consisted of four people who signed up individually and were put on a team by the Student Union Committee. Steve O'Geary, Robert Joyner, Scott Roche and Charles Mitchell made up the champion team. Banzai 14 won with the score 125 to 110.
 The name Banzai came from "a movie where all the main characters were from different walks of life and worked together as a team, and 14 came from us being the 14th team," Roche said.
 "I signed up because this was a great opportunity for me to meet new people," Mitchell said. "This is not a Bowl of brainy people, it's for everyone. Even couch potatoes would have a blast."
 "We had a cross-sectional group that blended together really well," O'Geary said. "We've all gotten to be good friends with this."
 "This is the closest game we've ever had," said Joyner. "This last game put fear in my heart."
 Every member of Banzai 14 will receive \$25 and have a chance to go to ECU's All-Star team that will travel to Blacksburg, Va., Feb. 28-March 1. The All-Star team will compete against schools from Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.
 Eight finalists will compete to see which five will go to Blacksburg. The eight finalists are Jamey Tisdale, Riddick Smiley, Robert Joyner, Steve O'Geary, Kathleen Ryan, Charles Mitchell, Scott Roche, Adbi Farhadi and Jeff Dayalt.

Forum

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works of non-Western societies. They do not believe that an individual's perspective is necessarily linked with his or her race or gender.
 The statement was signed by Dr. Steven Mandelker from the department of philosophy; by Dr. Michael Enright, Dr. Bodo Nischan, Dr. Anthony Papalas, Dr. Philip Adler, and Dr. William Cobb of the department of history; and by Dr. McKay Sundwall from the department of English.
 The organizers are having a tough time finding a forum on campus. A similar discussion was planned for the fall semester of last year, but was similarly canceled.
 The panel discussion was sponsored by the Student Union Forum Committee and was part of a series titled "The Attic Society ... Revisited."
 The forum was to be the first in a series of lectures modeled after the old Cambridge model of an assembly of professors and students discussing the major topics of the day.

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TO ANYONE WHO KNOWS THE GUYS ON 3RD STREET: To all who enjoy good music, or for everyone with nothing better to do, come to the Burning Down the House Party with Skullbuckle and surprise special guests performing from 5 to 9, Sunday, Feb. 2 at O'Rocks!

CHI OMEGA: Get psyched for tonight. We'll rock-around-the-clock all night long. The PiKa's.

ALPHA PHI: Saturday night was a blast! Let's get together real soon. Pi Kappa Alpha

CONGRATULATIONS: to all of the new brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha. Brian Ricci, Bob Jones, Jim Risley, Erik Conrad, Todd Ridge, Brad Carter, Mike Reed, Jordan Ashburn, Kevin Tew, Jamie Godwin, and Scott Fleming.

DELTA SIGS: The Super Bowl Party was a blast, too bad the Bills couldn't last. Your pledges gave us a great show, we really hated to go. Now we must dare the cold if you all are bold, because the Pole Sit is close at hand so let's raise as much money as we can. Love, the sisters of Gamma Sig.

SIGEP: Guys in nightgowns, Smurfs in blue, Pipp Longstocking, did Charlie's Angels shoot you? Robin and Wynne - who's the best of the two? Did Jeannie grant 3 wishes for you? Saturday night was a sight! As we danced to the oldies all night. Don't know if we can top the costume, but let's try it soon! Thanks! Love, The Sigmas.

KA: Thanks for the late night initiation social! We can't wait to get together again soon! The Sigmas.

KAPPA SIG: Thanks for the social last weekend! We all had a blast! That chair in your party room was really dangerous! Let's do it again soon! Love, The Sigmas.

THETA CHI: Thanks for a great time last Friday night! Let's get together again! Love, Delta Zeta.

GOOD LUCK: to the swim team against Wilmington this Saturday. Love, Delta Zeta.

LEE CALDWELL: You made the difference! Your dedication and continual hard work has yet again netted us an excellent candidate class. Sigma Nu couldn't ask for a better Rush chairman. Got Some!! (11 of 'em) Sigma Nu Epsilon Tau Tau

KAPPA SIGS: We had a great time with you Saturday night. Let's get together again soon! Love, Alpha Delta Pi.

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA: Thanks for letting us celebrate BID DAY with you! We had a great time! Love, Alpha Delta Pi.

PHI KAPPA TAUS: Get ready to go "around the world" Friday night! Love, Alpha Delta Pi.

ZTA AND ALPHA PHI: Thanks once again for the tremendous help during rush, you helped make it a huge success! The Brothers & Iota Pledge class of Sigma Nu.

THE BROTHERS OF SIGMA TAU GAMMA: would like to thank the sisters of Alpha Phi, Zeta, and Pi Delta for their help with rush.

SIGMA TAU GAMMA: welcomes the Alpha Eta Pledge Class: Bill Bogwell, Chico Cook, Mike Haynes, Jerry McKeel, John Nardella, Brian Ragan, Brent Taylor, and James Tripp. Good luck!!

CHI OMEGA: Farewell '91-'92 Exec! You did a great job. Thanks for all of your hard work! Good luck to all of the new officers! Love, Sisters of Chi Omega.

CHI OMEGA PLEDGES: You guys are doing a wonderful job! We can't

wait to call you our sisters! Love in Chi Omega.

PIKA BOYS: "HappyDays" are here again! Get ready to rock-n-roll on Thursday night! Love, Chi Omega.

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA: We had a blast Saturday night, even though we left empty handed! Let's get together again real soon, you guys are a lot of fun. Love, the sisters and pledges of Alpha Xi Delta.

ALPHA XI DELTA: supports Jean McAleese for Panhellenic President. Good luck Jean, we love you! The sisters and pledges of Alpha Xi Delta.

CONGRATULATIONS: Sigma Nu's Iota Candidate Class: Joe Araya, Mike Collini, Chris Goedtel, Bill James, Jason Laskodi, Art Ledesma, Steve Mann, Eric Moody, Shannon Moore, Erik Peters, and Robert Stowe. Best damn "pledge" class on campus! Get Some!! The Brothers.

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CONGRATULATIONS: Alpha Phi on defeating Sigma in basketball. Keep up the good work. We love you! Your sisters.

K.A.: Tonight will be a social to remember. Can't wait! Love, the Alpha Phis.

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OPINION

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President politically motivated

Of all the contradictions produced by President Bush during his State of the Union address Tuesday night, the most ironic was his assertion that the timing of his new plan for economic reform was not politically based.

Before speaking of the country's economic woes, the president patted himself on the back for the fall of communism and his triumph in the Gulf war. He implied that now that the both wars are over, domestic problems can be tackled.

It seems the president believes his job to involve only one duty at a time. First foreign policy then domestic issues. Forget trying to create a balance of the two.

The president stated that the reasons for his new economic policies stem only from the nation's need for recovery. In fact, he made a demand for Congress to pass his reform bills by March 20 because of their urgency.

This urgency does not coincide with Bush's former statements.

Since November, the president has admitted the country is in a recession and has pointed toward his State of the Union address as the answer for our country's problems. However, after waiting several months he suddenly unveils his plans and drops the urgency into the lap of the congress.

If Bush's motive for his economic reforms were truly non-political, why did he not unveil them back in Novem-

ber when he admitted the country needed help? Instead, the president waited, building up a political frenzy of anticipation.

If one examines the president's plans, they are shown to be filled largely with political fluff, short on real answers to problems.

Bush presented plans which contained the jargon American people wanted to hear, but left out specifics.

He proposed tax cuts and exemptions, but also promised to reduce the national deficit. He admitted that the nation needed health care reform, but refused to support a national insurance system opting instead for a relatively small tax credit for the poor.

The unemployment benefit extensions which the president opposed last year were on his list of demands for Congress this year.

Apparently he realized that the unemployed vote as well.

In the end, the president's plans are nothing more than the same old dribble which he has proclaimed for the last three years.

Bush's ideas resemble last-chance grabs for the forgiveness of a country forgotten in lieu of foreign policy. His statements mirror Shakespeare's description of life:

It is a tale told by an idiot,
Full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing.

Campus Spectrum

Media hurts democrats, GOP self-destructs

By Michael Highsmith
Special to the East Carolinian

With the circus presently going on called the race for the nomination for the presidency, it's easy to see why the world watches us with such bemusement.

Election years are always good for a few sparks, but this year our journalistic community seems to have sunk to a new low. After an article appeared in the Star concerning Democratic candidate Arkansas governor Bill Clinton's extra-marital sex life, the New York Post jumped all over the story, and then the flood gates broke loose. Now it is a topic of every news show and newspaper, and once again something of this caliber is taking precedence over a discussion of the serious issues of the day.

Let's get serious...the Star. That article probably appeared next to the article on Elvis' mutant alien baby. With first the Clarence Thomas hearings and then the Kennedy rape trial, we are returning to a nation of sexual voyeurs cultivated and exploited by every branch of our media.

Even if the allegations are true, if we suddenly have a Puritan rule that sex disqualifies a candidate, the only person we could elect would be Michael Jackson.

It would be another thing entirely if he denied the allegations categorically (which he has) and it turns out he lied; then it would be a dark smudge on his credibility and his

honesty. If it is true, he will probably turn out to be the next Gary Hart. It's as though the presidency were like the sun and all the candidates like little moths who just get fried when they fly too close.

I have no special love for Bill Clinton, in fact I consider all the Democratic candidates to be no-name lightweights, of whom which I would bet that the majority of the people couldn't name two. It's a sad state of affairs when the only candidate with national campaign experience is Jerry Brown, former governor of California who left the scene for a few years to study Zen. To me that counts as a plus, but he is not taken seriously by the general electorate. All in all, I still don't think any of the Democrats have the stature it takes to be elected president, but I probably would have said that about Carter at this point in 1976.

On the other side of the coin, we have a Republican administration that seems all but totally incompetent. Bush is like a political football; a flag blowing in the wind of public opinion polls. And what was that deal about bringing a bunch of overpaid car salesman to Japan and leaving his trade advisor home? All that bit of political genius did was start a verbal feud between Japan and us and create a climate where we are now hearing the drums beat the chant for an all out trade war. All that could possibly do is raise consumer prices and end up putting even more people out of work.

Bush has reneged on nearly ev-

ery promise he made in the last election, and his great claim to fame was that bogus war he brought us in with Iraq, where he first started (as Reagan's vice president) by arming Iraq with our technology and hardware (along with Russia and our Western European buddies), and then he sent the wrong message to Saddam through our Ambassador April Glasby just days before he invaded when she told him our policy was not to get involved in "border disputes." Brilliant.

That seems to be the story of Bush's presidency; he's left to clear up the mess that he and Reagan created, from the deregulation of the S & L's to creating in the last 10 years a record economic class gap.

The only reason Dukakis couldn't beat him in 1988 is because he was a bigger lightweight than Mondale back in 1984.

I think that the Democrats need to get their act together.

If someone with name and face recognition were to enter the race today, like George Mitchell or Sam Nunn, they would not only blow away their Democratic opponents, they would make Bush look bad in November.

Even Gephardt or Gore could do it, at least they have had national campaign experience.

One thing is for sure, no matter who gets elected, they'll be stuck cleaning up the mess left to them from the last 10 years by the president.



Maxwell's Silver Hammer

Government seizure unconstitutional

By Scott Maxwell
Editorial Columnist

The government has been having a lot of fun lately with a little toy it calls "civil forfeiture."

Here's how civil forfeiture works. Basically, the government takes away your cash or property and makes you pay them to get it back. If instead you decide to sue for it, the burden of proof is on you, and you have to pay any and all incidental expenses.

Of course, since they have your money and/or your property, you may well have nothing to hire a lawyer with. Even if you do hire a lawyer, that lawyer will want a cut of whatever you get back.

If you get anything back, that is, you have to prove you bought the property with money you made legally. (Or if the police seized cash, you have to prove you made that money legally.) Try proving something like that to a skeptical friend, let alone a judge who's never seen you before.

If you lose, or can't afford to sue, the property that was seized from you is retained by the law enforcement agency that took it. If they seized (read "stole") your house, they can sell it and keep the proceeds. If they seized your car, they can drive around in it. If they seized your cash, they can buy whatever they damn well please with it.

What's really amazing is that there's not necessarily a trial involved — unless you sue them to get your stuff back. The law enforcement agencies can take your property without charging you with any crime, much less convicting you. In fact, they prefer not to charge you, because that way you aren't entitled to a court-appointed attorney. They hope you'll roll over and take it. Most people do.

Civil forfeiture amounts to punishment without trial, for a crime that need not even be specified.

As such, forfeiture obviously violates the Fifth Amendment: "No person shall ... be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." The practice also violates the Fourth: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, papers, houses, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated...."

It arguably violates the Sixth Amendment's right-to-counsel provision, since forfeiture often makes it impossible for the victim to hire a lawyer. It also arguably violates the Ninth and Tenth Amendments. That's a total of five amendments violated by one policy, which is probably a record.

Not only is civil forfeiture a violation of the Constitution, it's also an open invitation for the police to abuse their power. Since they get to keep the proceeds, what could be more natural in these days of budget cuts than to seize whatever you possibly can? All for the greater good of law enforcement, of course.

By now, you ought to be wondering how this can be. How can such a blatantly unconstitutional policy, so inimical to some of our most basic freedoms, be allowed to continue? How, indeed, could it ever have come about in the first place? The explanation takes three short words:

War. On. Drugs.

That's right. See, civil forfeiture was originally implemented (well, re-created, if you want to get technical) as a tool in the war on drugs. The idea was that police organizations would use forfeiture laws to seize the assets of drug dealers, hampering the dealers' attempts to defend themselves against subsequent criminal charges.

But it hasn't worked out that way. Not at all. A series of articles in the Pittsburgh Press, a conservative Pittsburgh newspaper, documented the actual nationwide use of civil forfeiture, and the results are staggering.

To pull one revealing quote from the first article in the Press's series: "...80 percent of the people who lost property to the federal government were never charged. And most of the seized items weren't the luxurious playthings of drug barons, but modest homes and simple cars and hard-earned savings of ordinary people."

The Press articles will astound you. Black men are detained in airports because they paid for their tickets in cash — which makes them fit a "drug profile." (The remainder of their cash is usually seized.) A retired couple loses their home because their mentally disturbed son grew marijuana there several years ago.

In another case, a 46-year-old woman is forced to forfeit almost \$40,000 — half of her life savings, the other half from an insurance settlement — because a "drug dog" scratched at her luggage. No drugs are found, the claim that the dog scratched at her luggage is not supported, and the Press verifies the source of the woman's money. She hasn't gotten the money back, and is now unable to buy a house — which is what she was planning to do with the money in the first place.

The Press articles also recount a case in which police took a truck and \$23,000 from a man on his way to a heavy equipment auction. (The police

asserted that drugs "could have been hidden" in a door of the truck, though none were.) Two years later, the frustrated victim got back his truck and half of the money — some of which then went to pay his legal bills.

Such anecdotal evidence only underscores the even more alarming numbers. There are about 16,000 such seizures every year, about 90 percent of them "small-ticket" items — meaning, under \$50,000 apiece. Not the "luxurious playthings" the law was designed to grab. But it adds up. In total, those seized cars, boats, money, and homes netted police more than \$2 billion in 1990 alone, according to the Press.

And all that's required in order to seize — no, damn it, to steal — all this money, is a police officer who's willing to say he believes the property was the ill-gotten result of drug dealing. And we all know police officers never lie, right?

Inspired by the Pittsburgh Press article, the Texas Observer performed a similar study in the Houston area, with similar results. There were 83 of these government-sponsored thefts in Houston airports in fiscal 1991. The Observer found that "in at least 78 cases... cash was seized because the carrier looked suspicious to officers and did not have what police thought was a good excuse for carrying large amounts of money."

Maybe it's stupid to carry around large amounts of cash. After all, somebody might steal it. But you don't expect that somebody to be a cop.

The intent of the forfeiture laws is to put drug dealers in jail, and the intent of putting drug dealers in jail is to make the country safer.

In practice, thanks to civil forfeiture and other Supreme Court-sanctioned practices, the police can search your home on the strength of an anonymous tip they may well have made up themselves. Then they can take your property and keep it. If they feel the need, they can even coerce you into confessing to a crime you didn't commit, making it even more certain that they'll be able to keep what they've stolen from you.

So let me ask you: do you feel safer?

Interested readers may obtain free reprints of the Pittsburgh Press articles mentioned in this column. They will scare you but good, so do it. Write the Press at Pittsburgh Press; Angus McEachian, Ed.; 34 Blvd. of the Allies, PO Box 566; Pittsburgh, PA 15230.

Ask for their booklet on civil forfeiture.

Letters to the Editor

SGA President lauds Pirates

To the students of East Carolina University:

I would like to congratulate the football team on a great season. Each game played this year brought me excitement and anticipation for the next. By Peach Bowl time needless to say, I was overwhelmed. The sense of team and college spirit these wins brought is only measurable on the faces of all the fans.

While in Atlanta, I felt pride to be a student at ECU. I have frequently felt while attending these last four years. I believe this spirit should spill over into our spring semester to carry our seniors to graduation and our un-

derclassmen into a new ECU tradition that we are the best, and only get better in each task we complete.

I also thank the students, faculty, and fans. I'm sure the team will agree that our support meant everything to them throughout the season; and also, for ignoring the rude comments made by The Technician, the NCSU school paper.

The article made them to be what they were accusing us of, immature.

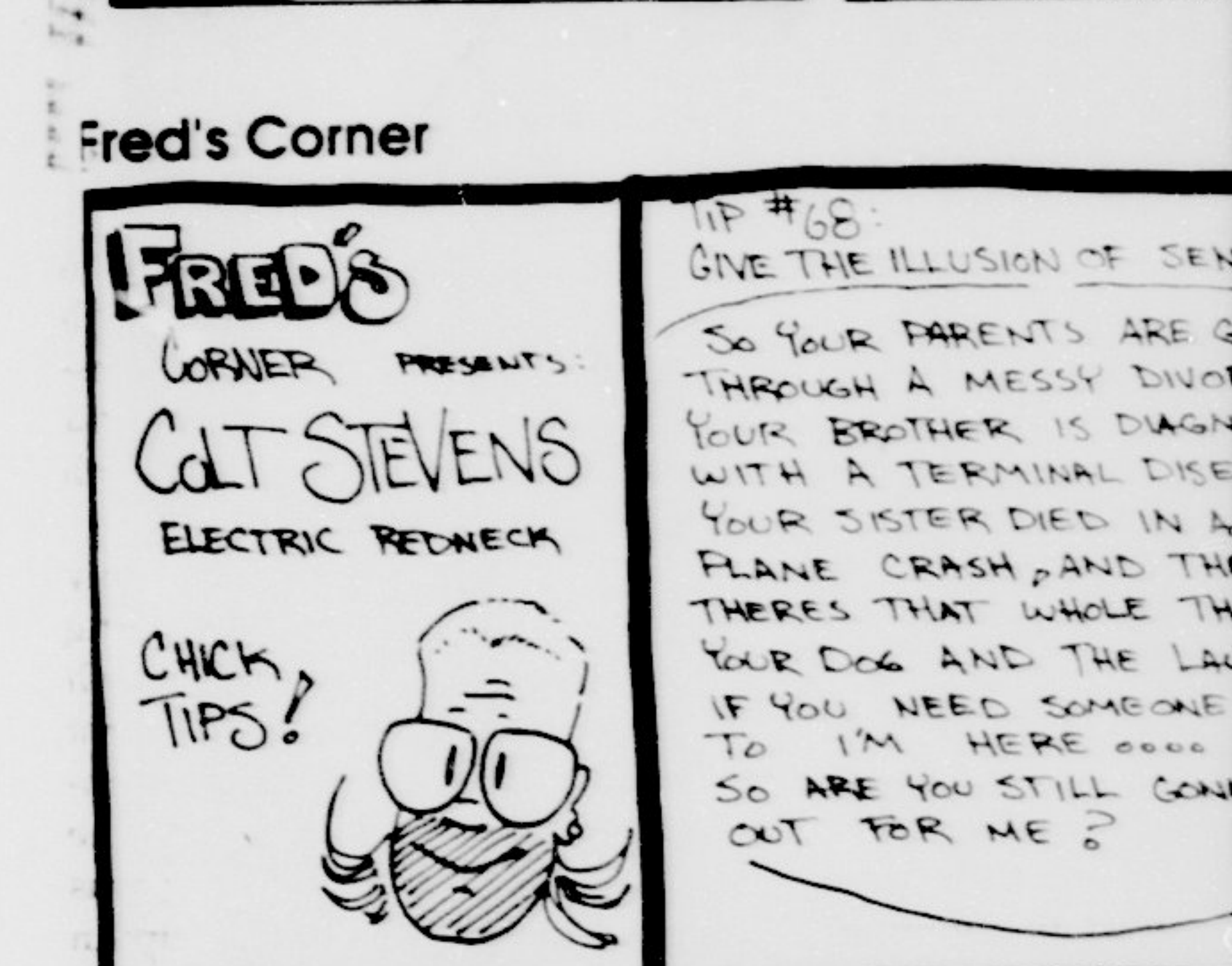
Unlike their paper would have lead one to read, we only went to Atlanta to do one thing; prove that we dominate the state in football, and we did.

Alex Martin
Student Body President

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Since the release of their widely acclaimed four-song cassette, *The Heisman*, Johnny Quest has toured the East Coast, packing clubs from Georgia to New York. They will perform in Greenville Saturday night.

Johnny Quest finds answer

By Jim Shamlin
Staff Writer

"Funk rock" is the name of a recent trend in alternative music. Also referred to as "funk 'n' roll," this strange blend of heavy metal, rap and grooves has stormed onto the alternative scene. Even in the backwoods town of Greenville, the Red Hot Chili Peppers can be heard over the college airwaves daily and bands like the Sex Police pack downtown clubs whenever they come to play.

Unfortunately, popularity fades quickly. What was once the latest rage becomes stale when band after band begins to churn out the same sound and no-talent garage combos corrupt an already-lame style with their ineptitude. It would seem that nothing exciting could happen in the mire of an overplayed style, but there are a thousand shades of grey between "seem" and "is," and somewhere in the twilight stands Johnny Quest.

Since the release of their widely acclaimed four-song cassette, *The Heisman*, Johnny Quest has toured the East Coast, packing clubs from Georgia to New York. Barring nuclear war, natural disaster or an untimely case of laryngitis, JQ will bring its brand of funk 'n' roll to Greenville this Saturday night.

What, exactly, is this band's

claim to originality? Vocalist Joe "Johnny" Farmer explains: "Some bands have horns, more of a soul side to it. We have more of the metal side." Having evolved from an early '80s hardcore band, Johnny Quest plays a metal plated species of funk rock. They maintain a heavy 4-4 rhythm but blend in guitar licks that would seem more suited to punk or speed metal.

Furthermore, it's clear that JQ is no garage combo. Eight years of playing together has given them a sense of unity, turning them from just four musicians into a band in every sense of the word. While their music is fast-paced and complex, there is no sign of conflict — each musician plays his part well — not to eclipse the others, but to match them.

The driving force behind any funk-rock band is its bassist. Jack Campbell lays down a solid foundation and demonstrates his ability to play a variety of styles, from power to slap to shadow, with clean, sharp control. The other half of the rhythm section, drummer Steve Hill, matches Campbell's intensity, hammering the skins at hyperspeed, yet with astounding precision.

On the front of the stage, guitarist Bill Ladd grafts riffs from heavy metal and rock 'n' roll onto the jazz/funk rhythms. Although

he makes his instrument scream and grind, every note falls into place. Above it all, Joe Farmer belts out rap-style lyrics. The low, abrasive quality of his voice seems to suit both funk and rock and effectively closes the gap between them.

One advantage that JQ has over the other bands is that their songs aren't merely mindless noise.

"If you've got a mike and a megawatt system," Farmer explains, "You should probably feel some responsibility to say something."

There's a message in every tune, from the evils of racism to the advantages of personal hygiene to safe sex, but it's never overbearingly preachy. The lyrics reconcile the humorous elements of rap with the social conscience of hardcore, finding a tolerable balance in between, to provide a tongue-in-cheek imperative that the listener may take or leave.

Anyone who's seen the Cure live knows that a group that plays good music can still have all the live-show excitement of a dead halibut, inciting the crowd to nothing.

This is not the case for Johnny Quest. In past concerts, they have had audiences moshing, slamming and stage-diving to the point that the band had to stop the show to let things cool off.

'Tides' satisfies book, film fans

By Andrew Brown
Staff Writer

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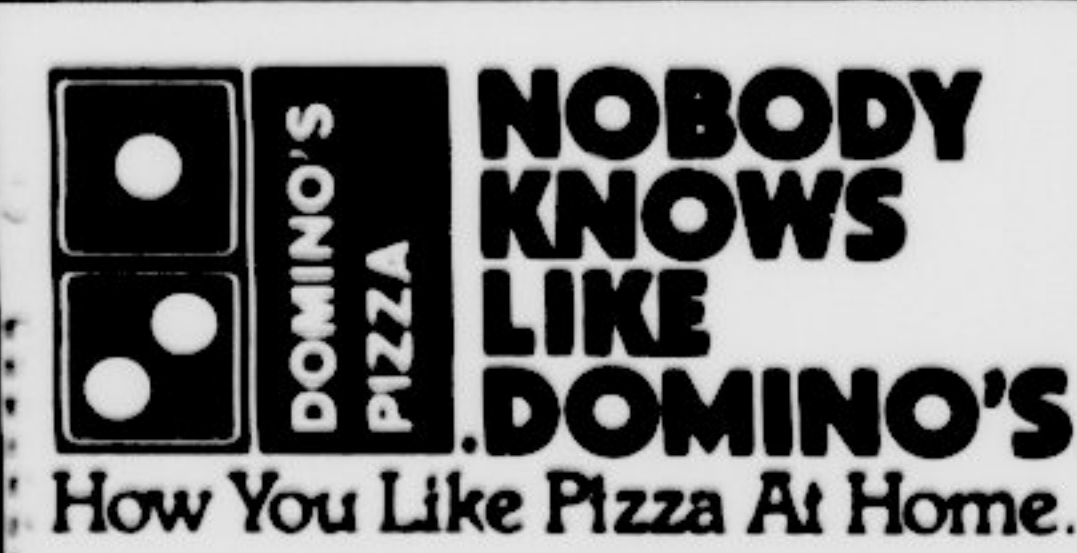
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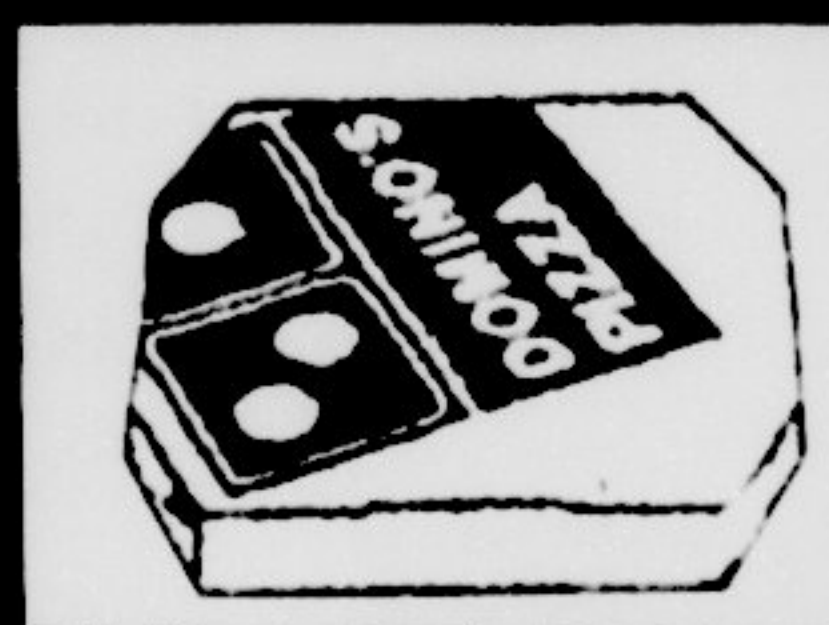
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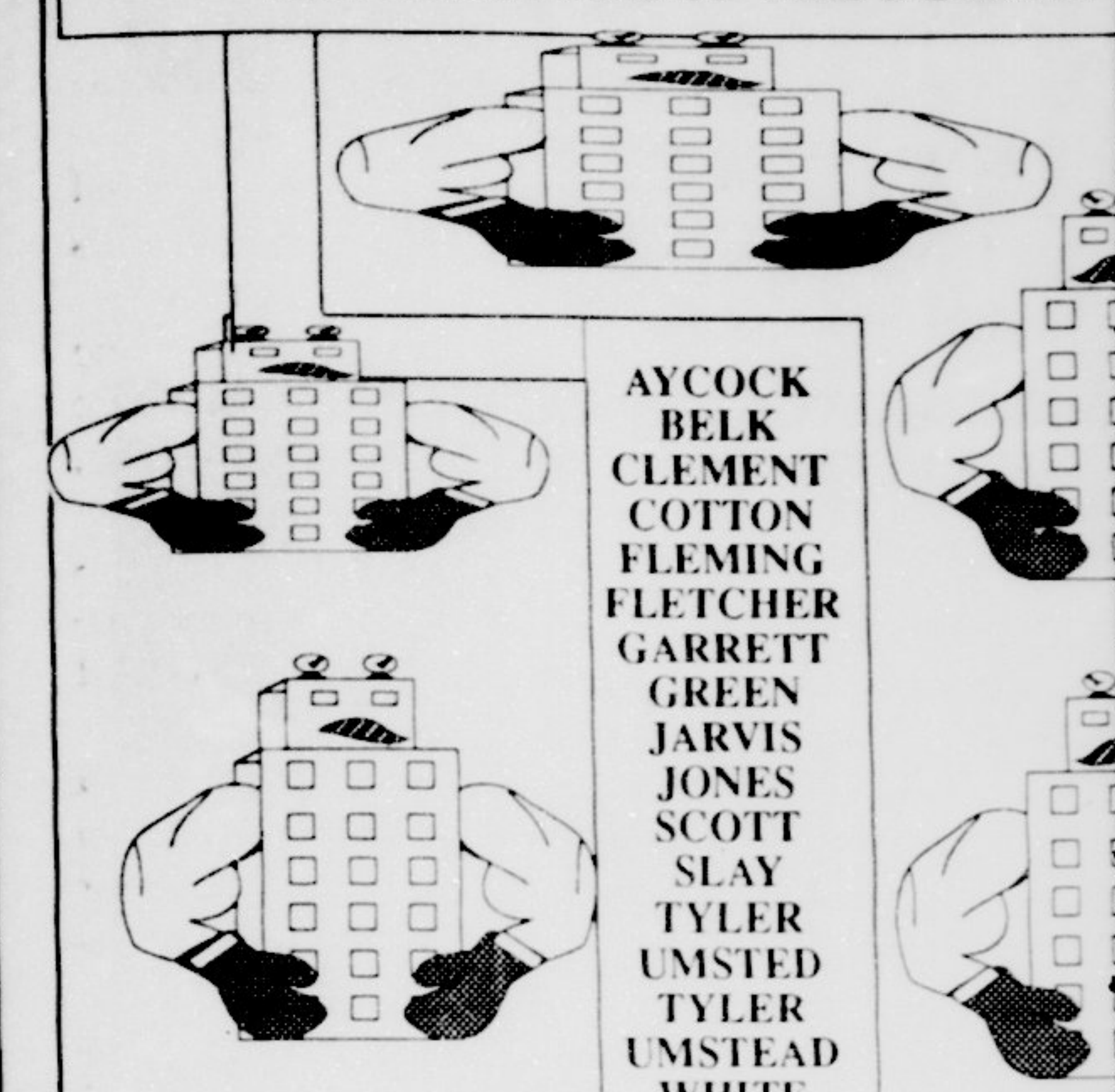
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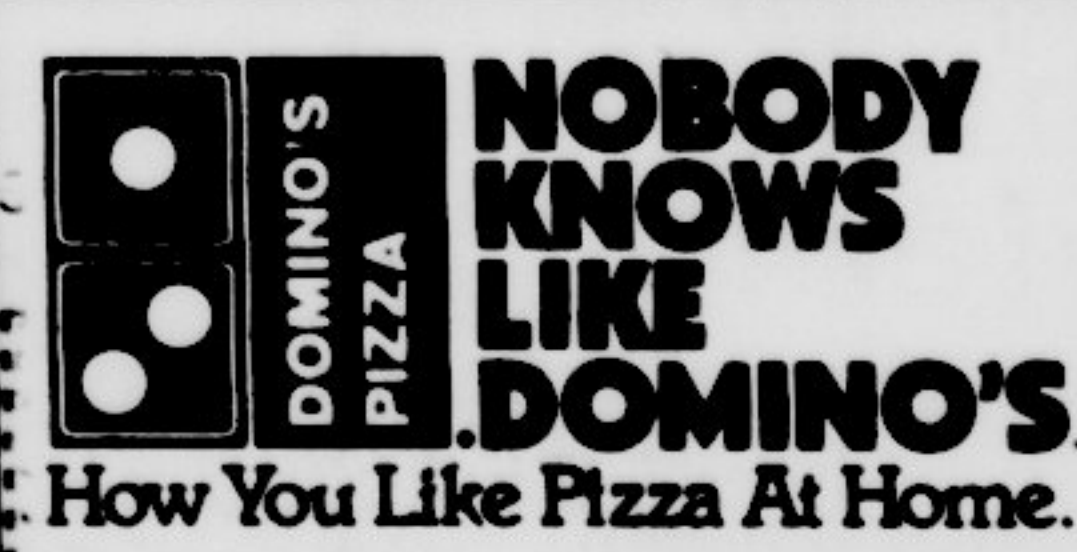
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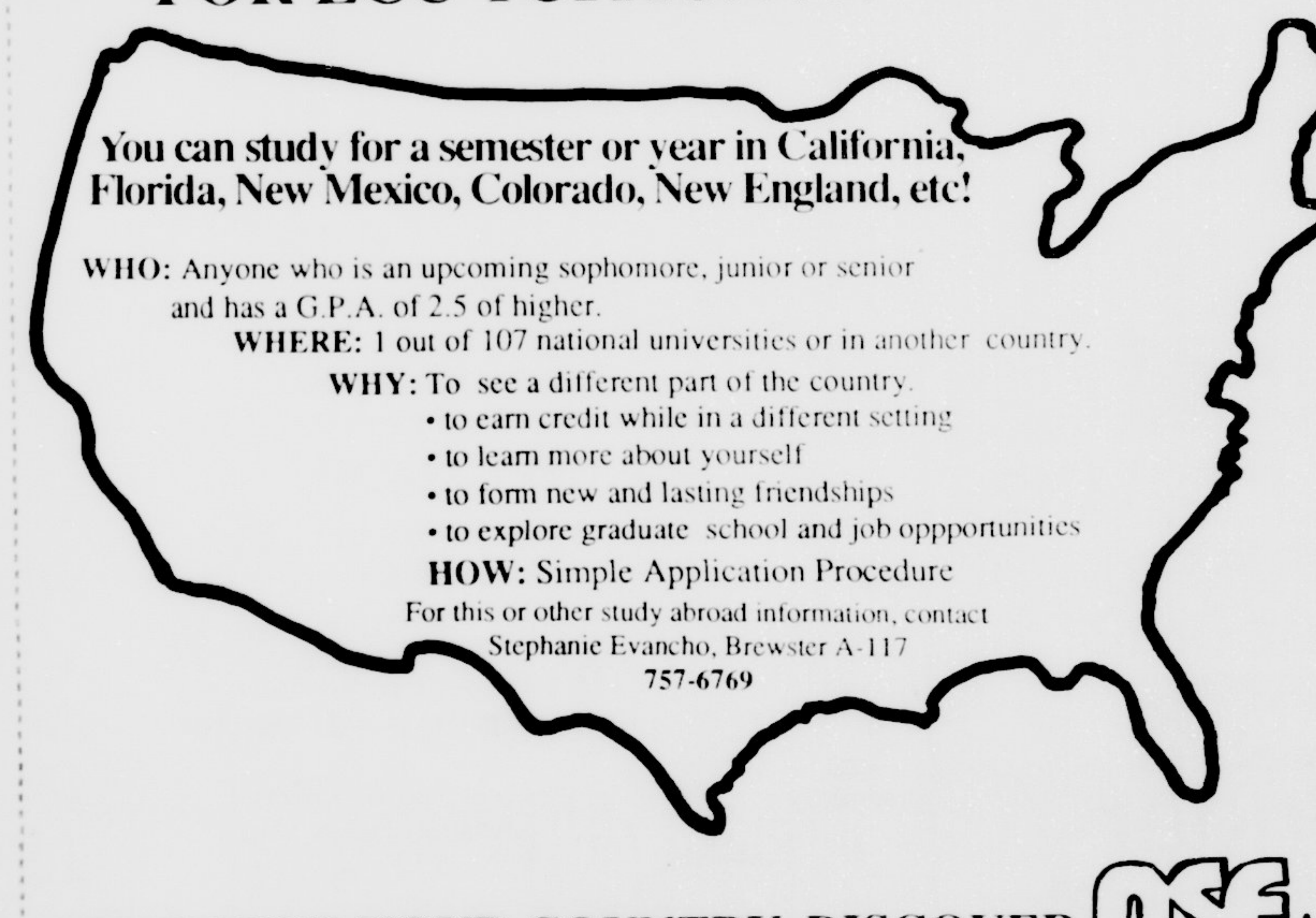
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Pre-season basketball favorites

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Success comes in and out of pool for ECU's Cook

By Majorie Pitts
Staff Writers

West Palm Beach native, Marc Cook, is a swimmer, guitarist, student, and a "good ole' guy." He will graduate in May with a degree in finance, swimming awards, a popular band and being a likeable man.

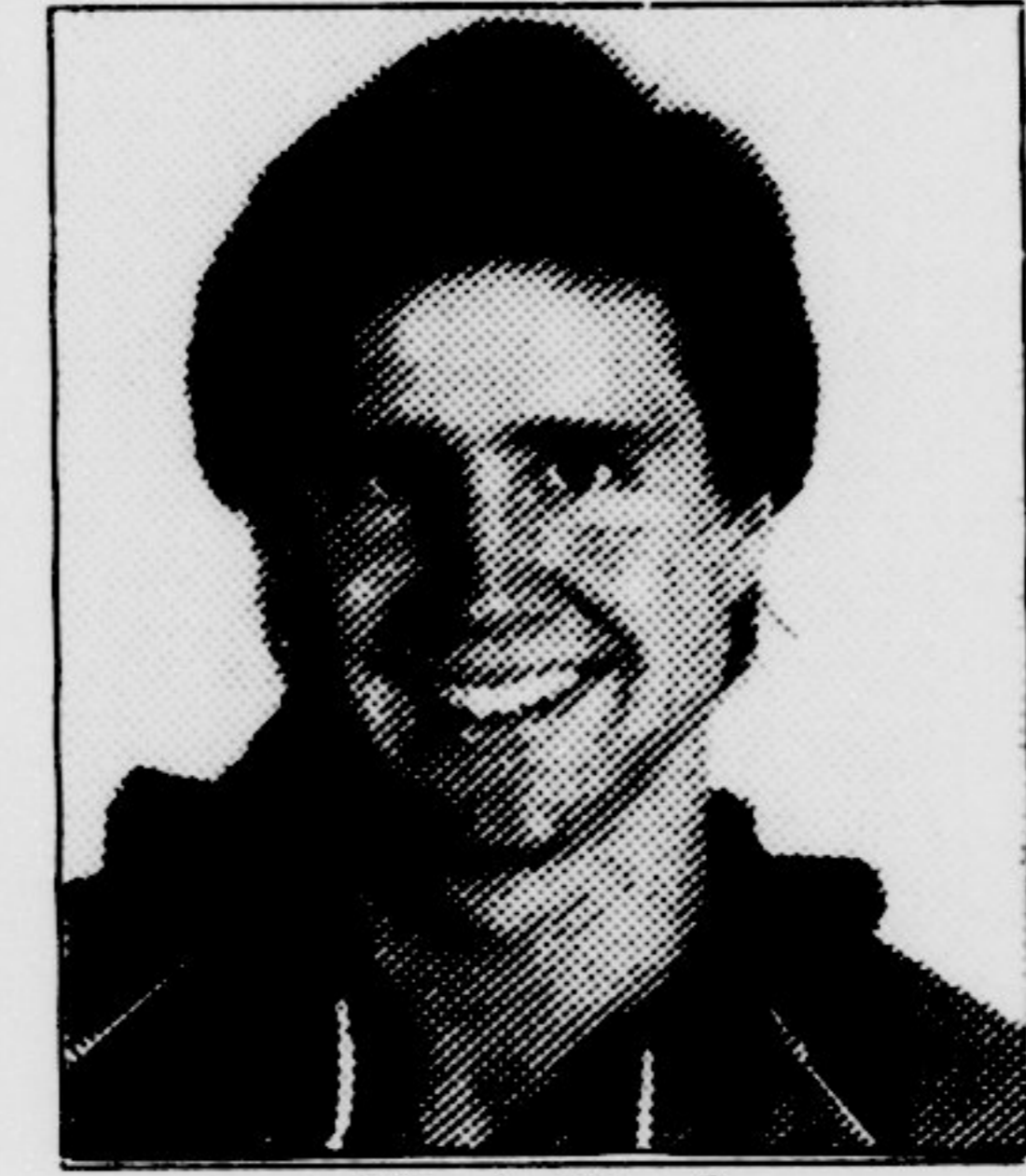
Cook started swimming at the age of six. He is presently in his 15th and final season of swimming. He received a scholarship to ECU for swimming. Rick Cobe, ECU's swimming coach is "a sincere person who made a scholarship to what I was looking for," Cook said.

Cook is known for his distance freestyle. His best events are the 200 yards, 500 yards, and 1,650 yards (one mile) freestyle. Cook holds two all-time statistics for ECU.

the 1,650 yards freestyle with a time of 16:13.24. He is tenth all-time in the 500 yards freestyle with a time of 4:39.54.

In the 1990-91 swimming season, Cook held three best times. He swam the 200-yard freestyle in 1:43.76, the 1,000-yard freestyle in 9:49.80, and the 1,650-yard in

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Mark Cook

Chancellor's Cup 1991-1992

Top picks for basketball

Fraternity

Gold
1. Pi Kappa Alpha A
2. Sigma Phi Epsilon A
3. Delta Chi A

Purple
1. Phi Tau B
2. Pi Kappa Alpha B
3. Theta Chi B

Sorority
1. Alpha Delta Pi
2. Alpha Phi
3. Alpha Omicron Pi

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Pirate track team fares well in East Tennessee State meet

By Rick Chann
Staff Writer

Over the weekend, the mens indoor track team competed at East Tennessee State University. The two-day meet drew many of the top collegiate teams from the Southeast.

On Friday, the top performance was turned in by Damon DeSue in the 55 meter dash. DeSue placed fifth overall, running his best two back to

back runs. He was timed at 6.31 seconds in the semi-finals which advanced him to the finals where he ran a 6.33.

Danny Allette competed in the 200-meter dash, placing 11th out of the 102 runners, in a time of 21.99 seconds. Many of the younger sprinters competing in the meet did not have great performances but showed potential.

Saturday, ECU's All-American

mile relay team competed and ran very well.

"(The team) had a very good early-season time," said Head track coach Bill Carson.

The relay team did not compete in individual events on Friday in order to be rested for Saturday's competition.

The relay team placed third with a time of 3:11.22, behind Clemson (3:08.88) and Tennessee (3:11.21).

Carson said the team could have run a better time, but was slowed because of bumping and runners getting boxed in during the second and third legs of the relay.

Junior Davis lead the relay with an opening 400-meter leg of 48.1. The second leg was run by Fred Owens, who was bumped by a Tennessee runner. Owens broke his stride and dropped from second to fourth. At the same time, the Clemson runner

jumped out to a strong lead helping his team run a "superb relay."

Corey Brooks was boxed in during the third leg, but still managed to run a 47.9 leg. The final leg was run by Brian Irvin, who turned in a 46.5.

Irvin, according to Carson, had a "hard time clearing traffic," and was cut-off in the first turn by Georgia Tech runner. He managed to recover and brought the team back to a strong third-place finish.

The team will travel to Florida this weekend. Carson is expecting his relay team to qualify for the NCAA meet later in the season. He said the team has the ability to run under the 3:09 necessary to qualify, if they can avoid getting into traffic.

Carson plans to run his athletes in only one event enabling several of the runners to "run quality race times" for bigger meets later in the season.

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Cook

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 "ECU swim practices are harder than anything I've ever experienced," said Cook. His practices at Palm Beach Garden High School consisted of swimming about 7,000 yards daily. At ECU, practices are up to 14,000 yards a day.

Cook was never a lifeguard or went to a pool for fun like most of us. His thought of a pool has become a place to train, not a place to have fun.

"A pool is a place for competitions instead of a place of relaxation," said Cook. He hopes that in the future that view will change.

As for school, Cook is a finance major with a 3.97 grade point average. He will graduate in May of 1992. Last semester Cook made his first "B" ever in college, and that was even a borderline "A" grade.

"The staff at ECU are preparing me very well," said Cook. "I am pleased with the education I've gotten so far."

Cook wants to graduate from ECU then work for two years as a banker or broker. After he has established some credentials in the business world, he would go back to school to get his MBA.

He's interested in some larger universities like UNC-Chapel Hill, but ECU is not out of the question. Following the MBA, his plans are based on the economy.

"If the economy holds up, I would like to go into business for

myself — preferably in trusts. I would basically managing other people's money."

Cook's ultimate goal is to move back to southern Florida and go into business for himself. He looks up to his family, especially his father, uncle and grandfather.

"All three are excellent businessmen," said Cook.

Cook is trying to locate a job in the regional area, so he can continue playing with his band.

He plays in the area with a group called "Manifest Destiny." Band members include Tom Vinson, Wes Thornton and Nick Weife. The philosophy of the band is, "to be everything they ever wanted to see in a college band," said Cook.

Along with playing some original tunes of their own, they play AC/DC, ZZ Top, Metallica, Led Zeppelin and Drivin' n' Cryin' to name a few. Manifest Destiny has played at the New Deli, O'Rockefella's, the Fizz, and the Attic. They've also played in Atlantic Beach and Emerald Isle.

Manifest Destiny has been together for about a year and a half. It is now known that they have a following.

The band is currently working on an album but have no idea when it will be finished.

"Getting an album together takes a lot of time and money," said Cook. The band practices two times a week in a rented warehouse in Goldsboro.

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Cook, on his thirteenth birthday, received a guitar from his mother, and has been playing ever since. After a year of guitar lessons, he then became impatient and started teaching himself by listening to records.

Cook's favorite guitar player is Randy Rhoads, the former guitarist for Ozzy Osborne. In 1983, Rhoads died in a plane crash. That was a sad day for Cook. He had tickets to go see Ozzy Osborne and Rhoads in concert, but the concert was canceled due to the crash. Black Sabbath is another favorite group of Cook's.

At first, Manifest Destiny began with four swimmers getting together to play for fun. They were never really that serious, but found out they had more talent than they thought. Two of those players are gone, so Cook, a former swimmer, and two others now make up Manifest Destiny.

"Marc's a great guitar player, and he's great on stage," said ECU swimmer John Donova.

On Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, Manifest Destiny will play at the New Deli. Cook also bartends at the New Deli. The band will perform at the Attic in March.

Marc Cook started swimming seriously to relieve stress from school, then started playing guitar to release stress from swimming.

"How Mark does it all, I don't know," said Duke Boyd, ECU student and former ECU diver.

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