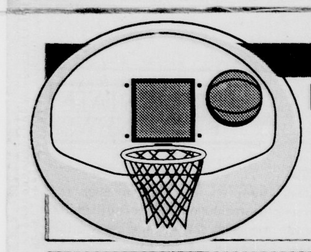

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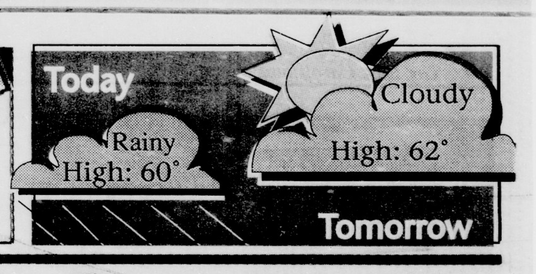

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Public safety director resigns amid wiretapping scandal

By Karen Hassell
Assistant News Editor

ECU's director of public safety, James DePuy, resigned Dec. 14, 1992, blaming two years of rumors alleging his involvement in the wiretapping incident.

The department of public safety said DePuy will not be returning to work, although his resignation was to go into effect Jan. 31.

DePuy said he had been considering resigning for a while.

"To be honest with you, I've had a rough two years, as you well know," DePuy said in December. "I'm real proud of what I've accomplished, but I've been beat up real bad. I'm not ashamed of anyth...g I've done. But I need a break."

On Oct. 13, 1992, Teddy Roberson, former director of telecommunications, and John Burrus, former captain of investigation for public safety, were acquitted of conspiracy, intentionally intercepting a wire communication, intentionally disclosing contents of a wire communication and use of contents of a wire communication.

The wiretapping incident began in May 1990 when Roberson and Burrus allegedly recorded telephone conversations of another former telecommunications department employee, Brooks Mills, whom was suspected of drug involvement.

DePuy came to ECU in 1989 to modernize the department.

"I was given the task of professionalizing the department," he said. "It was 20 years behind, at least, in its procedures. There were no policies on deadly force, no controls of inventory or spending.

"But I'm proud of my people and what we accomplished. It was just a handful of malcontents. There is a point in time when a change agent becomes worn out. I am tired, but I am proud."

Public Safety Capt. Stanley Kittrell turned transcripts of the recordings over to the FBI on Nov. 6, 1990. Investigations were then carried out by ECU, the State Auditor's Office and the FBI.

According the State Auditor's report, DePuy was notified about the wiretapping when Roberson gave the tape of Mills to Evan Midgette, assistant director of Human Resources. Midgette presented the tape to DePuy. Midgette says DePuy told him the information could be used in certain circumstances.

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DePuy says he said the information could not be used in a court of law and wiretapping was illegal. It is not clear how many tapes were made after DePuy was informed.

The Auditor's report stated that Roberson, Burrus, Midgette, DePuy, Richard Brown, vice chancellor for business affairs and Richard Farris, director of human resources, were involved or had knowledge of the wiretapping.

ECU has handed out $213,687 in claims to 16 people since the wiretapping incident began.

DePuy has not been charged with anything andupholds his innocence.

The Waiting Game

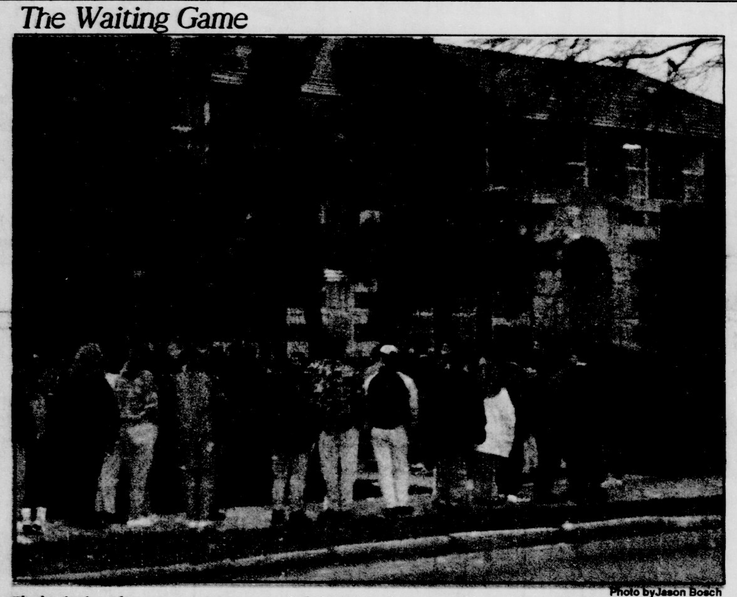

Photo by Jason Bosch

The beginning of a new semester once again brings frayed nerves and lots of frustration for students waiting in line for hours to pay their tuition and fees.

Pirates' Announcer suffers loss of daughter

By Warren Sumner
Staff Writer

Heather Ann Purtee, the19-year-old daughter of "Voice of the Pirates" sports announcer Jeff Charles, was killed in a traffic accident on the afternoon of Dec.10, while making a flower delivery in Bethel. Purtee apparently failed to see a tractor trailer making a left hand turn on Highway 13 and was killed instantly when her car slammed into the back of the stopped truck.

Purtee, an ECU freshman, was preparing to enter the nursing program to fulfill her dream of working in a health career. According to John Mann, a close friend, Purtee was always focused on her occupational goals.

"Heather always thought about everyone over herself," Mann said. "She constantly talked about being a nurse, we tried to talk her into being a doctor, but Heather wanted to help people over anything. She didn't care about money." Mann, who attended two high school proms with Purtee, said that Heather's independent way of thinking will be the most memorable quality about her.

"She was completely independent of everybody and everything. She always knew exactly what she wanted," Mann said. Apparently, Purtee was not afraid to assert her independence in social situations.

"Sometimes we'd go out to eat and she'd refuse to let me pay," Mann said. "God, sometimes she'd scratch me just because I'd try to pick up the check. We had such a good time. Heather was just a real fun person to be around."

Debbie Purtee, Heather's mother, has much to say about the person her daughter was. In addition to her independence, Purtee said her daughter was also idealistic, even to the point of adopting vegetarianism.

"Heather felt very strongly against the mistreatment of animals, and had been a vegetarian for three years," she said.

Purtee also said her daughter had no limits on her friendship, that she appreciated people spanning all races, colors and creeds.

She said that if Heather Purtee could be summed up, it would be as "a caring, bubbly person." Purtee said her daughter's loyalty to her friends was something that made her loved by many.

"Heather was friends to everybody, she was just a polite, caring girl that would do anything for anybody."

Purtee and her husband, Jeff Charles, have decided to honor their daughter's memory by setting up an annual scholarship fund for students in the School of Nursing.

Student study finds Salmonella

By Karen Hassell
Assistant News Editor

ECU biology and allied health students conduct exercises each semester isolating bacteria in various grocery products such as chicken, dried fruit and ground beef. These studies recently found that Salmonella occurs frequently in meat sold in local grocery stores.

According to Webster's College Dictionary, Salmonella is any of several rod-shaped bacteria that enter the digestive tract through contaminated food, causing food poisoning.

"They (students) do standard isolation testing," said Dianne B. Norris, lab manager of the biology department. "Salmonella is a natural bacteria in chicken. They will isolate some bacteria whether it is salmonella or not."

Dr. Wendall Allen, the faculty advisor in charge of the experiments, said that students selected a piece of chicken that had been prepared for sale. The chicken was handled in a normal manner, not sterile laboratory conditions. At the lab, standard isolation procedures are used to test the microbes present. They also test dried fruit products and ground beef for bacteria.

"Salmonella can occur in all animals," said Allen. "It is a normal gut flora which means it is found in the intestines. It stays there until it is voided by the feces.

"It is shed during the process of gutting. If the industry operates with normal cleanliness, there should be none present. However, often industries work in less than ideal conditions. Therefore, a certain proportion of meat is going to have it."

Allen said that with refrigeration, washing and proper cooking, the meat becomes safe.

Salmonella can also be transmitted through the handling of pet turtles. Small children are particularly susceptible to this.

For this reason, stores such as K-Mart and Roses which once carried pets no longer do.

Allen stressed that proper handling of food is important to avoid risking bacterial infections caused by misuse.

"In America, food is safe, but that does not mean its free (of bacteria)," he said.

The experiments conducted do not constitute a complete study and do not involve specific stores.

However, the stores where the students received their research specimens are included in their lab reports.

Related-from Staff Reports

Students death remains unexplained

Richard Louis DeOliveira, a 19-year-old ECU student, died Dec. 4 after returning from a night which included going to Greenville's downtown area. DeOliveira was walking to a friend's apartment when he lost consciousness and began having difficulty breathing.

After a friend's call for emergency assistance, medical units arrived on the scene and transported DeOliveira to Pitt County Memorial Hospital, where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival. Autopsy results to determine the cause of death are still pending.

Hard work pays off for college democrats

By Jennifer Wardrep
Staff Writer

The ECU College Democrats will soon reap the benefits of months of diligent campaigning and hard work. Thirty members of the group will travel to Washington, D.C. next week to participate in inaugural activities.

The students will attend the Jan. 20 inauguration itself, and some will attend the North Carolina Inaugural Ball hosted by Gov. Jim Hunt. They have also been invited to the American Gala at the Capitol Center, an event featuring internationally-renowned entertainment, including the reunion of Fleetwood Mac.

"We're going to have a busy week," said Thomas Blue, president of ECU Democrats. "I think it's going to bring us closer together, and build group cohesiveness."

Some of the College Democrats will also participate in a Youth Forum, in which students will have the opportunity to question the newly appointed Cabinet members.

Several group members will attend Congressman Martin Lancaster's swearing-in and reception and several free inaugural events, including the "Call for Reunion" event at the Lincoln Memorial Jan. 17, consisting of band performances and fireworks.

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Recommendation for higher college tuition criticized

Associated Press

RALEIGH (AP) — North Carolina should take another look at the size of its bill for public college education, the Government Performance Audit Committee recommends.

The state Constitution says the cost to students should be as close to free "as practicable."

The report suggests that legislators define "the contemporary meaning" of the Constitution's provisional clause of "as far as is practicable," The News & Observer of Raleigh reported.

"It is time to re-evaluate the concept of low cost and to determine what the meaning of that concept should be for the next several years," said the report written by the KPMG Peat Marwick consulting firm.

The draft on higher education, which goes before a subcommittee Tuesday night, cites projections that the state budget is expected to remain tight over the next eight years.

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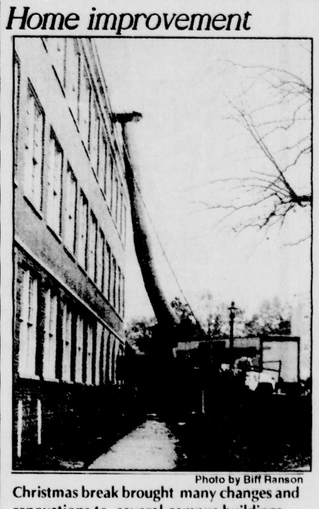
Home improvement



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Christmas break brought many changes and renovations to several campus buildings.

Binge drinking plagues students

Binge drinking on campuses is a growing problem, with students spending more on liquor each year than on textbooks, according to surveys on student drinking habits. A recent national survey of 56,000 students found that 42 percent of the students had consumed five or more drinks during one sitting two weeks prior to the survey. The U.S. Office of Substance Abuse and Prevention also reported that 12 million college students consume more that 430 million gallons of alcohol a year, and spend more money on liquor than on textbooks. Other findings in the survey found that 41 percent of college students engage in binge drinking on a regular basis, compared with 34 percent of their non-college peers, and that 7 percent of freshmen who drop out do so for alcohol-related reasons.

Athletes to attend hazing classes

All male athletes at the University of Texas must attend anti-hazing seminars after campus police found 11 freshman members of the swim team clad only in diapers on the fourth floor of a university dormitory. The swimmers were taking part in an initiation supervised by an undetermined number of upperclassmen. Police said condoms and goldfish were also involved in the initiation rites. If it is determined that any of the students violated university rules, they could face a range of penalties that include a warning probation to permanent expulsion, said Sharon Justice, dean of students.

University recruits top black students

Florida A&M University attracted 73 National Achievement Scholars this academic year, making the public university No. 1 in the nation in the recruitment of academically talented black freshmen. This year, Harvard came in second with 49 scholars; Stanford University in Stanford, Calif. was third with 28; fourth was the University of Oklahoma with 27 scholars. Students enter the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students by requesting consideration when taking the PSAT, a preliminary college examination. Most of the achievement scholars ranked in the top 25 percent of their graduating senior class in high school, with one-fourth in the top 1 percent and more than half in the top 5 percent, FAMU officials said.

Compiled by Karen Hassell. Taken from CPS and other campus newspapers.

UNC to participate in HIV vaccine study

STATE NEWS

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL. (AP) —

A researcher hopes to enroll 50 patients at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill — one of 16 U.S. medical centers that will test a vaccine for HIV-positive patients with no symptoms.

Animal studies and preliminary tests with about 100 people have shown the vaccine is well-tolerated, said Dr. Joseph Eron, one of two assistant professors who will lead UNC-CH's participation.

In addition, the vaccine appears to generate an immune response in almost all subjects. Half the 500 patients enrolled nationwide will receive active vaccine, while the other half will get a placebo.

Neither the researchers nor the patients will know who received the active vaccine until the study concludes.

"This study is unusual in that it involves using a vaccine as a form of therapy for people who test positive for HIV — the virus that causes AIDS — but whose immune systems are so far minimally affected," Eron said. "These are people who are otherwise perfectly healthy, and the idea is that by treating them early, we might be able to stimulate their immune systems to control the virus more effectively."

Human immunodeficiency virus attacks lymphocytes, or white blood cells, known as CD4 cells, he said. Over several years, the number of CD4 cells in infected people drops lower and lower until they become increasingly prone to a variety of infections. Among those are rare tumors and a form of pneumonia that healthy people easily suppress.

"If you think of the immune system as an army, CD4 cells are the generals," Eron said. "The cells control many different immune responses, and when they're knocked out, trouble begins."

No recommended treatment now exists for HIV-infected people with CD4 counts greater than 500 per cubic millimeter, he said. A normal CD4 count is 800 to 1,500, he said.

Both men and women infected with HIV are eligible for the free study if their CD4 counts are 600 per cubic millimeter or higher, he said. Genentech Inc. of San Francisco, which developed the vaccine, is sponsoring the research. The UNC-CH School of Medicine and two of its satellite research units will participate. The satellite units are at the Wake County STD Clinic in Raleigh and Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

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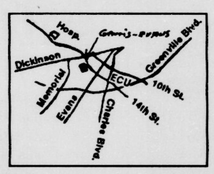

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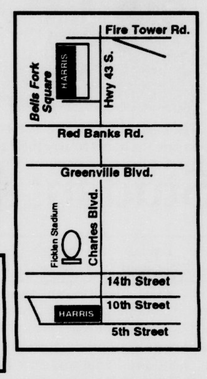

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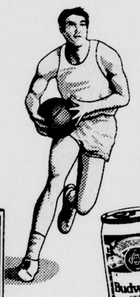

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Second largest tool plant housed in Fayetteville

STATE NEWS

Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE (AP) — Pat Hall was riding down U.S. 301 South in Fayetteville when she saw a tract of land being cleared. She decided to investigate.

"When I saw them clearing the ground, I called and asked, 'What's going upon 301?'" Mrs. Hall said.

Black & Decker Corp. was coming to town to assemble power tools and needed 500 employees. Ms. Hall was one of the first 15 people hired.

That was 25 years ago. Today, the plant is one of the largest power-tool plants in the world. It averages 1,400 employees and makes between 5.5 million and 6 million tools a year.

John Swope, who was Cumberland County's industrial recruiter when Black & Decker built the plant, said Fayetteville has been fortunate to have the plant around for so long.

"When you look at what's happened in the last 15 years ... many of the big-name plants that had put up good facilities are no longer there or they've cut their work force back drastically," Swope said.

William Ford was the plant's first manager and helped direct the search for property to build the operation.

Ford, now retired and living in Morehead City, said that in 1966 Black & Decker had only two manufacturing plants. They were a short drive apart in Maryland.

He said the company wanted a third site to make sure it could continue making power tools if disaster struck at the other locations.

"They decided that they had all of their eggs pretty much in one basket," Ford said in a telephone interview from his home. "If a catastrophe would happen, it would have put them out of business. So they decided to look for another place."

Black & Decker chose Fayetteville over at least 15 other cities.

Ford said the company liked Fayetteville's location on Interstate 95, the quality of its schools, housing and work force.

"They came in here and liked the property and the community," Swope said.

Black & Decker was one of several corporations that opened manufacturing plants during a phenomenal period of growth in Fayetteville.

The city landed plants of Rohm & Haas, Purolator, Du Pont and Kelly-Springfield Tire Co., all within about a five-year period starting in 1966. The plants created thousands of jobs.

While the Black & Decker plant was being built, the company opened an office on Hay Street to take job applications. Ms. Hall helped process the applications.

"It didn't take long to get their 500 employees," Swope said.

Black & Decker also set up a miniature production line at a warehouse on Robeson Street to train workers.

The plant opened in May 1967 with 192,000 square feet of space. By the end of the year, it had phased in 319 jobs. Of those people, 77 still work there.

The plant made only jigsaws at first, and by the end of 1967 had produced 115,000 of them, Ms. Hall said. That number soared to 1.3 million the next year as the plant started making drills — Black & Decker's most popular tool.

"We thought it was fast-moving, but we didn't know anything then," said Ms. Hall, who now assists with buying raw materials. "It is such a fast pace when you walk through that door."

Black & Decker doubled the size of the plant in 1979. Today, the plant has about 381,000 square feet.

In 1968 the plant's annual sales volume was $22.8 million. Now it's more than $209 million.

Jim Farrell, like Ms. Hall, was one of the first 15 employees hired by Black & Decker. He joined the company as a machine operator, and now serves as a production supervisor.

He said machines handle much of the work once performed by hand.

For example, motors at one time were dipped in varnish by hand and then baked for a few hours so the varnish could harden. Today, machines complete the process in about 15 minutes.

"The automation has just really taken over," Farrell said.

When the plant opened, about one-third of the space was used to store finished products. Now the plant has little storage and ships most of its products as soon as they are assembled.

Larger orders are sent directly to customers, while other tools are shipped to a distribution center in Maryland. The plant's tools go to customers in at least 24 countries.

The plant is divided into two sections: one that caters to basic consumers and one that makes tools for professional customers.

Products include drills, sanders, air compressors, jigsaws, circular saws, polishers, routers and miter saws. Tools are manufactured under private labels as well as the Black & Decker name.

Black & Decker, headquartered in Townsend, Md., has manufacturing plants throughout the world. "We're the second-largest in the Black & Decker world," said Mark Kornhauser, the Fayetteville plant's manager.

Black & Decker is taking steps to make sure the plant stays open another 25 years.

The company is improving the skills of its employees, giving them the power to make decisions affecting production and teaching them how to work together to solve problems.

The goal is to improve the quality of the power tools.

"What we need here is 1,400 people to take us to the next level of manufacturing excellence, not just a handful of managers," Kornhauser said.

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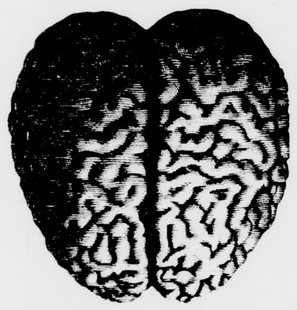

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Agency finds fault with subsidized child care

Associated Press

RALEIGH (AP) — The state should set minimum standards for child care for the poor and set up a one-stop office where parents can seek child care assistance, the N.C. Child Advocacy Institute says.

"This is now a $100 million-a-year program and we need coordination of policies, higher standards and better enforcement and more assistance to counties in managing the program," said Michele Rivest, vice president for programs at the institute and co-author of a 20-page report released today.

Under two new federal child-care initiatives, the state has more than doubled the number of children receiving subsidized care, but some 8,000 children still await care, the report said.

Most county social service departments, which administer the federal and state funds to help parents pay for child care, have several units where parents must apply rather than one office for all programs, the report said. In at least one instance, a single worker serves more than 200 children in 17 counties.

Officials in two-thirds of the counties said state training and technical assistance in setting up new programs has been inadequate.

Although the number of children served through the subsidy program has more than doubled since 1990 — from 34,000 to 85,000 — almost half of the 44,000 children served under one program, the Family Support Act, are in unregulated child care.

Unregulated care has no minimum health or safety standards, no screening for immunizations and no background checks on workers for child abuse or criminal convictions.

The report was based on a statewide survey with responses from 82 counties and field visits to six counties

Among its recommendations:

—The state should create a "seamless system" so children don't have to change from one child care program to another when their funding eligibility changes.

—Eligibility for subsidy assistance, no limited to parents below 50 percent of the state median income, should be expanded so more "working poor" parents can get help.

—The state should provide money to help counties serve growing caseloads of more than 200 children in many counties, improving training and technical aid to counties and set a minimum statewide rate for child care.

—Counties should screen providers for child abuse convictions and stop payments when abuse or other danger to children is being investigated.

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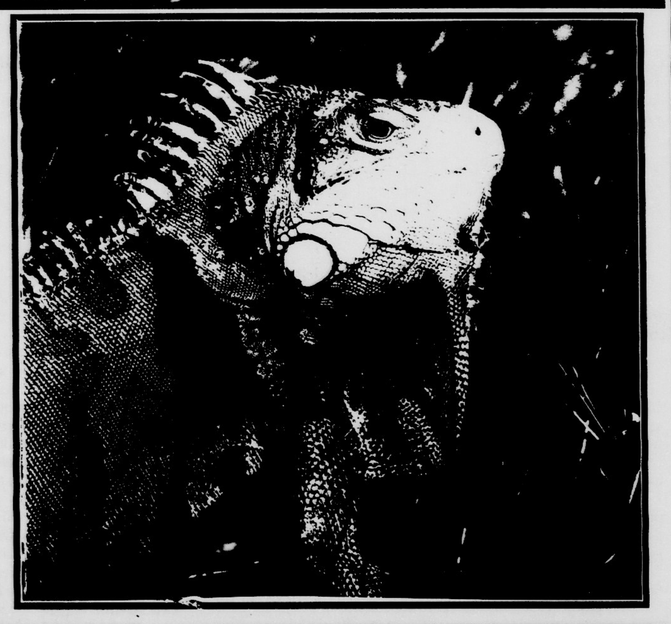

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COORS - Here it is our last semester! Four months and then we are out of here! So many times we didn't think we were ever going to live through this but in May You'll be off to New York and I'll be in Raleigh running my pool hall! I hope this last semester is the best yet - of course it couldn't get too much worse! Mo.

GALE - Hey 'stale'! You been out drinking that liquid opium lately? New Year's Eve was an experience even though after excessive bar hopping we went home broke, somewhat sober, and bored out of our minds. Of course we didn't know at that time the excitement of driving all over Greenville was yet to come. Anyway remember January 19th or else! Later, Mo

Announcements

FAMILY PRESERVATION PROJECT

The ECU Family Preservation Project invites you to a conference entitled "Family Preservation with Families of Color: Discovering and Nurturing Family Strengths", with Dr. Vanessa Hodges. The Conference is Friday, January 22., from 9:30 - 3:00 at the Rotary Building on Rotary Drive in Greenville. Lunch and refreshments are $6 (pay at the door). Please register by contacting Dr. John Powell, School of Social Work, 757-4379 or Fax note to 757-4196.

COUNSELING CENTER

?25 OR OLDER? Join us for brown bag lunches on Wednesdays form noon to 1:30 pm. Come for part or all of the time. This rap (if you're over 25 you know what we mean) group is an informal gathering designed to be supportive and help meet the needs of students with family responsibilities. Informal discussions and presentations are the format. Yes, There ate many students at ECU facing the same concern as you! Let's learn form one another. Every Wednesday, noon to 1:30 pm at the Counseling Center in 313 Wright Building. For more information, phone George Gressman at 757-6661.

EATING DISORDERS GROUPS

The Counseling Center is offering an on-going therapy group for female students who are bulimic. Issues addressed may include self-esteem, depression, relationships, and stress management. The group will be Thursdays, 3:30 - 5:00pm. Please call 757-6661 to schedule an individual counseling appointment prior to joining the group. The group begins January 14, and participation is limited.

GAY, LESBIAN, AND BISEXUAL

This weekly group experience intends to offer a safe and accepting environment in which to share feelings and concerns. The challenges presented be alternative lifestyles in a homophobic society will be discussed. Please call 757-6661 for an appointment and more information.

ECU WOMEN'S SOCCER CLUB

Spring Season meeting to be held this coming Monday, Jan. 18th form 4 pm to 6 pm in the GCB building Room 3007. Anybody interested please attend (or call 752-9251 for info). We will be participating in indoor and outdoor games against teams like UNCW, NCSU, Va Tech, UNC, and Duke: as well as several tournaments.

ORIENTATION TO CAREER SERVICES

The Career Services office invites seniors and graduate students who will graduate in May/Summer or December, 1993 to attend an orientation meeting on Wednesday, January 13 or Thursday, January 14 at 3:00 in Bloxton House. The staff will give an overview of career services and distribute forms for students to register with Career Services. They will also discuss procedures for establishing a credentials file and participating in employment interviews on campus.

STUDENT UNION MINORITY ARTS COMMITTEE

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Candlelight March on Monday January 18 begins at 7 pm. The march will begin at Mendenhall Student Center. Everyone is welcome.

RECREATIONAL SERVICES

The only "down" you'll have this semester will be DOWNHILL SKIING! Outdoor recreation will be taking a snow skiing trip Jan. 23-24. Begin registering Jan. 13. A pre-trip meeting will be in BD 101, Jan. 20 at 5 pm. For more details call 757-6387.

RECREATIONAL SERVICES

TIRED OF SITTING AROUND? JOIN A FITNESS CLASS! Choose from aerobics, step, low impact, hi-low, funk, belly busters, aquaerobics, hi-low step, power step, super step. and toning. Registration dates are Jan. 19 - 22. Costs per session are $10 for students and $20 for faculty/staff/spouse. Costs per drop-in class are $5 for 5 classes for students and $10 for faculty/staff/spouse. Call 757-6387 for more information.

RECREATIONAL SERVICES

IT'S BASKETBALL TIME! To get your basketball team eligible to compete with other teams, mark Tuesday, January 19 on your calender. On this day at 5 pm there will be a basketball registration meeting in BIO 103. Call 757-6387 for more information.

SKI TRIP

A ski trip to Wintergreen - sponsored by Recreational Services! The trip will be on January 23 -24. A pre-trip meeting will be held on Wed., January 20 at 5 pm in Brewster D 101. The cost of the trip is $115 students -$125 faculty and staff. Cost includes transportation, lift tickets, lodging, lunch Sat. and breakfast Sun.. Register now in 117 Christenbury Gym. For more information call 757-6911.

DePuy resigns, questions still remain

In the continuing saga of ECU's wiretapping scandal, the latest installment sees key player Jim DePuy, director of public safety, resigning his position because he "needs a break."

DePuy states that he has been considering resigning for a while, and that after two years of rumors circulating about his alleged involvement in the scandal, he has been "beat up real bad."

To shortly recap this ongoing embarrassment to the campus, university employees taped telephone conversations of another ECU employee in May of 1990. Stanley Kittrell then turned transcripts of the recordings over to the F.B.I. in November of 1990. Investigations by the F.B.I., the State Auditor and the ECU administration itself ensued, culminating in a State Auditor's report stating that Evan Midgette presented the tapes to DePuy.

Midgette states that DePuy told him the information could be used in certain circumstances, while DePuy maintains that he told Midgette that the information could not be used in a court of law and that wiretapping was illegal.

A Federal court acquitted the university employees of all conspiracy and wiretapping charges; DePuy himself was never accused or charged with any wrongdoing and maintains his innocence in the matter.

This latest development in this serio-comic soap opera, *As The Stomach Churns*, has the makings of turning into (if it hasn't already) a tragedy. $213,687 in claims to 16 people has been doled out by the university, and DePuy's resignation adds another layer to the cake that is beginning to smell as if it's been in the sun too long.

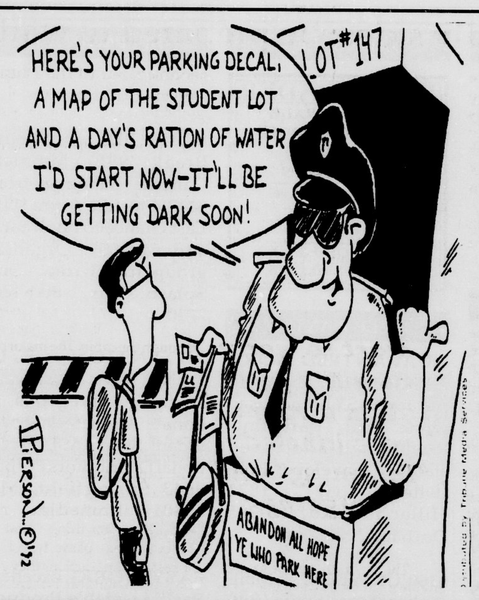
DePuy states that the 24 months before his announced registration has been tough on both him and his family. "Two years of that with your wife and son listening to this trash on TV and those kinds of things are hard to take," DePuy said. DePuy portrays himself as a persona much maligned by the media, misunderstood by the public and just an average guy who, again, "needs a break."

Too many questions remain unanswered, however, and answers don't seem to be too forthcoming in the future. The university could be commended on its closed-mouth approach to the situation, but with that amount of money being thrown around, it's hard not to think that something illegal took place.

DePuy's resignation heralds an event that has been a long time coming. Having an individual who is constantly under suspicion represent a major force such as this campus' police force only serves to undermine the university's respectability.

A new clean-air policy needs to be implemented on this campus. This one would take care of the noxious cloud of rumors that hangs over the heads of students and administrators alike. Admitting that wrong-doing occurred, as it looks to have, may hurt in the short run, but will clean the horizon ahead.

By Amy E. Wirtz



Quote of the Day:

Competence, like truth, beauty and a contact lens, is in the eye of the beholder.

Laurence J. Peter

By Gregory Dickens

Heroes define society through admiration

As long as there have been what could be called societies, man has seen the best and worst of himself reflected in his environment. Usually, the worst sticks in our minds; man is pessimistic in nature and weaknesses or ills have a habit of being exaggerated in our minds and then everything seems even worse. It is because of civilizations' wrongs, the overwhelming number of those wrongs, that we all need someone to look up to. Someone to inspire and bestow initiative. These are our Heroes.

We have always been presented, either by our elders or available media, with images or memories of superior individuals. These heroes have spurred us on throughout the ages. David, Beowulf, Gilgamesh, Perseus, Washington, Mohammed, Jesus, Siddhartha: persons of significant achievement or character that have influenced those around them so greatly that they cannot be easily regarded only as subjects of literature or fable.

The manner of reverence varies. Some merely remind us of how to overcome our own personality flaws. Others have so radically presented new mind-sets to deal with or mold communities, local or global, that they are not merely respected, they are worshipped. Whether they actually existed is a moot point as long as the ideal they each uphold remains sound. They represent our dreams of being, our personal best destinies of what we may achieve. Our personal heroes reveal what we seek from ourselves or those around us.

One type of hero is the human hero. "Human" I am defining as an actual or realistic character who reveals, by word or deed, the nobility, intelligence or perspective we all may hope to achieve. What we see in these people is accomplishment. They are successes because they have surpassed the mediocrity that apathy and ignorance so easily create and encourage. We all have felt that we in some way, to some degree, have a trait that makes us better than those we see as undesirable in ethic or demeanor. Our human heroes, then, are the evidence we need to convince ourselves that we can be more or go farther than our present state, whether socially or politically without a radical departure from who we are at the present time.

Our idols of entertainment or sport are some of our heroes. They have remained, more or less, true to themselves and achieved success, either financially or through renown. We see them appearing natural and contented, things we may wish for or try to attain without sacrificing too much of ourselves.

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Other heroes are those of legacy. These people have surpassed any comparison to people who have achieved in the same field. Also, these people have presented an ideal so elementary and yet so mature that those who wish to follow them must submit themselves to strict discipline. These are the basis of our religions. From whatever source, however mundane or sublime, these heroes serve as examples of devotion to an idea. They have not only recognized mentally how to bring about change, personally or socially, but they have acted to bring about that change and considered any deviation to be not only counteractive but destructive to what they believe.

Unfortunately, there have been elements of intolerance so severe that heroes of legacy are, for the most part, martyrs. They have suffered the wrath of non-acceptance and if there is what may be called a "bright side" to their untimely deaths, it is that the brutality of killing for disagreement of principle may bring sympathy to the cause the victim sought to promote. Christ, King, Kennedy: these may be the first to spring to mind, but there are others too numerous to list and to leave them out of a list could be construed as disrespectful to what they believed.

Another classification is that of Superhero. These are the myths that propel the morals and ethics we hold as gospel. These people have by fate, karma or luck been granted greatness with the minimum of effort. Simply put, they have not suffered for their greatness. They represent the pipe dreams we have of being granted something or being famous simply by being in the right place or through birthright.

Perseus, Superman, Valentine Micheal Smith, and others simply were themselves. No discipline, no necessary strains: superheroes are the golden children. They can do no wrong and suffer no questions of conscience. Such effortless existence may be seen as heaven or hell, depending on your comfortability with yourself. Mainly, we seek the status as a vessel of glory. To be seen as superior, as better not by deed, but by existence. It is, of course, a selfish goal by many standards; but who may say if Stoicism is by definition more worthy a philosophy than Hedonism?

We all find definition of ourselves through who we admire. We may not do so consciously but we cannot ignore the importance of what is revealed by hero-worship. It is as basic as discovering what we define as holy by what we instinctively think of as sin. Through heroes, not only do we see what we hope to evade but what we seek to be.

Reality of Home Alone tragic, not comic

It was discovered in Chicago on December 21, 1992, that two young girls (ages nine and four) had been left at home deliberately by their parents, who were on vacation in Mexico. Chicago suburbanites David and Sharon Schoo had been gone nine days when this was discovered by police.

In a society where art can sometimes be completely off the mark when trying to imitate life, this case of child neglect read a little too much like the script of *Home Alone*. This real-life drama proves to be far from the (overdone) comic antics of darling little Kevin. This occurrence landed parents in jail.

The Schoos were charged with two felonies each: child abandonment and cruelty to children. They were freed on $5,000 cash bail each and the children were placed in foster care.

What could have possibly been going through these people's minds as they boarded the plane and proceeded to spend nine days and nights in sunny Acapulco? It is my firm conviction that there is an enormous amount of difference between leaving your child unattended while you step across the street to the neighbor's house and calculating an extended vacation to another country.

You may be surprised to know that these two actions are both, in terms at least, considered to be child neglect. Most child experts would agree that it is perfectly normal to leave children home alone at some point, for a few hours in the afternoon or evening — though certainly not for a nine day vacation.

Child welfare agencies received around 1.2 million reports of neglect nationwide in 1991 and investigators substantiated neglect in about 40 percent of them. The other 60 percent were either abuse or a combined abuse and neglect occurrence, usually unsubstantiated.

1.2 million reports. What is this saying about our society? Do we not care about what happens to those who will someday grow up and contribute their talents to the continuation of life?

Children need supervision, protection and guidance. Granted, nine times out of 10, nothing would happen to a child left alone for a few hours at a time. Unfortunately, one doesn't always get those nine chances before something occurs.

The Schoo children called 911 on December 21st because a smoke alarm went off accidentally and this is how the whole case was discovered. My question is: what if there had really been a fire or if the smoke alarm had never gone off at all? These parents would never have been found out. Do you think they would have chanced it in the future? Most likely, yes. Neglect is not a one-time instance.

In fact, alcoholic or drug-addicted parents regularly neglect their children. Also, poor, working, single parents frequently leave their children alone because they cannot find or afford day care. This amounts to an astronomical number of children being left unattended every day.

You may be wondering what is being done about all of this. Well, the Schoos' arrest and conviction is not typical. Some states have a set minimum age for leaving a child unattended and this usually falls between the ages of 10 and 12. Most states do not follow the same law, as is the case with North Carolina. However, there is a state-wide fire law that prohibits leaving children under the age of eight alone, for the obvious safety reasons.

If that is the case, then why not stricter child abandonment laws? The total reported cases in North Carolina for the fiscal year of 1991-92 was 48,146.

These are the reported cases, not even counting those that go unreported, which experts estimate at a phenomenal number. Thousands of children are left alone and their parents have to pay for their crime.

I grew up as a latchkey kid. I was routinely left at home between the time I got out of school until my parents got out of work. That time alone never became more than three hours. Usually it was never more than two. And although some people would beg to differ, I grew up to be a perfectly normal, functioning person in society.

So maybe a certain age needs to be defined as responsible enough to be alone as a kid. The parents are usually to blame for their unrealistic expectations that they place on their children. Some just don't know enough about their children to make a decision about their ability. And, sadly, most don't care.

It's time that our throw-away society learns that they're ditching their most important contribution: our children.

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"Baby-Boomer" government?

JOE OF ALL TRADES **By Joe Horst**

Fly the friendly skies: be prepared to wait

Flying is such a wonderful experience. Who would have thought that in just over 100 years the human population could cover immense distances in the matter of 24 hours? From the invention of the wheel to the DC-10, what a country we live in.

For those of you cursed with the inability to read between the lines, that noxious smell emanating from the text is called sarcasm. I've flown pretty regularly for the past five or six years now, and the stories I could tell you. What the hell, that's what this column is for, right? To tell stories. So take your seat, fasten your seat belt and please return the flight attendant (not stewardess, thank you) to his/her upright position. Thank you, political correctness.

First off, airports. What wonderful places, from those that are one building closing at midnight (if not earlier, like our fair station here in the Emerald City) to massive behemoths like La Guardia or O'Hare, that may doze off and on in the wee hours but never quite make it to sleep.

It must be an unwritten law that if you have a connecting flight somewhere in the airport, the gate you must get to will be the absolute farthest away from your original plane that it can be.

There's no feeling quite like lugging three pieces (at least) of baggage down a concourse to a place that some smiling airline employee told you was, "just a little way down, to your left." Oh, the joy, the ecstasy — hell, you can't even pass it off as exercise, much less ecstasy.

Then there comes the unequaled pleasure of waiting for your plane. Layovers (great word) of three to four hours are bad enough, but if you have one at three in the morning — along with those most uncomfortable chairs known to man — hey, it doesn't get any better than that. Actually, an Old Milwaukee Light (or two, or three ...) might be just the thing for a situation like that.

The absolute worst airport I've ever been in has to be the '89 Greenville airport. This place looked like something from a '20s movie, and not that great a one either. There was no luggage carousel, no way. What you got was a 20 x 20 piece of plywood outside the single building, where the single member of the one-man ground crew threw your bags on to it, and drawled out, "There you go." Also, I start to worry when the gates at an airport are labeled "Incoming" and "Outgoing." Just curious.

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The flights that come to Greenville even today have got to be some of the best for jokes in the country. Commonly known as "puddle-jumpers," these little beauties look like they were last used either to deposit paratroopers in the last world war or a beefed-up Cessna. Is it just me or does anybody else worry when seats 1A and 1B are reserved for pilot and co-pilot?

The following story is true, I swear it. I've been flying (or sitting, as is the case with most passengers) for about eight to 10 hours now, so naturally a little more time in a plane is the first thing I want to do. I'm in one of these "puddle-jumpers," waiting to take off. The pilot cranks the engine — nothing happens. He rolls down the window and yells out, "We're going to try the battery."

Now at this time, the whole plane has heard this shout. So you've got about 10 people with the look on their faces that they wonder just how they might be able to get off this death-trap. Jokes are going around about seeing someone attach jumper cables to the plane with a bus standing by or someone standing next to the propellers, ready to give them a starting shove. My personal favorite (and one I came up with) was whether or not someone would push the plane down a hill so the pilot could pop the clutch.

So we finally get off the ground and start heading to Greenville. We're about half-way there when all of a sudden, this loud BEEEEEPP comes out of the cockpit (though I hesitate to call it that, since only a curtain separates the crew from the passengers). More jokes and looks run through the cabin. The major one was that the pilot was honking his horn to move something out of the way. That "something" ranged from a flock of birds to a tractor, because everyone who lives in eastern North Carolina has experienced getting stuck behind a tractor in traffic. Now that's what I call a flight.

The other thing I find hilarious about plane travel are those safety instructions they give you before taking off. Is there anybody in this country, much less this world, that would not be able to figure out that seat belt? What high degree of intelligence does it take to figure out a simple clasp? Also, it's great to hear such uplifting information about "water landings" (great name for sea crash) or "loss of cabin pressure" (or a hole in the plane). The kicker comes after all this talk of what to do if the plane crashes, they smile at you and say, "We thank you for flying with us and have a nice day."

Flying — technology at its best and human nature at its worst. From the screaming, running-down-the-aisle, kicking-the-back-of-your-seat kid behind you to the fat guy who inevitably sits in the aisle seat next to you, there's no experience to rival that of an airplanes. Bad food and even worse places to sleep in, it's amazing how many people still take to the skies every day.

Thank you, Orville and Wilbur, for allowing us to literally reach for the skies. Now, if we could quiet it down some, we might have something there.

THE BUCK STOPS HERE **By Mike Joseph**

New government will try to please everyone

Happy new year. Happy new era. In just a few days we will begin to find out what four out of 10 voters did to the rest of us when Bill and Hillary Clinton host the nation to a liberal banquet from their new address at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. What a feast it will be; if there's anything you can say about liberals, it's that they've got a little something for just about everybody.

One group that's really ready to gorge themselves is lawyers. *Legal Times*, the newspaper of "law and lobbying in the Nation's Capital," recently headlined a story "For Lawyers, Clinton is a Change for the Better," and quoted one Washington lawyer as saying: "we are all expecting about a 33 percent increase in fees." Let's hope the White House caterer brings extra napkins.

Powerful Democrats like New York Governor Mario Cuomo also contribute to the feast's diverse offerings. Who could possibly not find satisfaction in Cuomo's remark to *The New York Times* that "If the offer (to be on the Supreme Court) were made, I would answer the question so swiftly that every one of you in the media, and especially talk-show hosts, would write, 'This is surely the most decisive man in America'." When pressed for a preview of what his answer would be, the decisive Democrat decisively declared: "I don't know what the answer would be."

Interest groups, like feminist organizations, put out a good spread (no pun intended) as well. Gloria Steinem admits to seducing a man by playing down the person she was and playing up the person he wanted her to be. When he did fall in love with her, she says, "I had to keep on not being myself." Jane Fonda announced that she has given up acting for now because her husband, Ted Turner, "is not a man you leave to go on vacation. He needs you there all the time." Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women, recently revealed that, in addition to her husband, she has had a female "companion" for four years. How about that! Food for feminists; food for husbands; food for gays; and food for adulterers!

Another feminist who chose not to stay home and bake cookies and serve tea is Hillary Clinton (just when and why did she drop the Rodham?). Hillary frequently serves up her pro-choice views. But showing that she doesn't want anybody to go hungry, Hillary, in remarks before the Children's Defense Fund, asked "what on earth could be more important than making sure that every child has a chance to be born healthy?" That's the kind of political delicacy even far right pro-lifers gleefully chew on.

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Bill himself, though, cooks up the healthiest cornucopia of political fare. For instance, on one platter is the military-loathing string-puller doing anything to stay out of uniform, and on another platter is a steel-jawed saber-rattler casting stern warnings at Saddam Hussein.

The people who will influence Clinton's administration also cause hungry diners to salivate wildly — not knowing whether to expect sour or sweet. In economic policy, Clinton will hear the voices from pro-business types like Lloyd Bentsen and Goldman Sach's Robert Rubin, as well as those of socialists like Robert Shearer. Robert Reich will favor free trade, while protectionists like Laura Tyson, Ira Magaziner and the AFL-CIO will sit on the other end of the scale. Foreign and military policy will be subject to an even wider range of recipes.

Clinton's promise of change to a government that "looks more like America" has thus far resulted in appointments consisting of about 73 percent Washington old-timers (or those who look like Washington old-timers), so the new spice won't exactly send anybody rushing for the punch bowl. Freshman Senator Carol Mosley Braun may be sterling example of how much better off we'll be by trying to make government look like America. Before being sworn into office, Braun took the Concorde and a private jet back from vacation when her campaign was still in debt; improperly hired 10 new staffers; moved into a $3,300-a-month penthouse apartment and bought a new jeep and expensive clothes while members of her staff had not been paid; said she wasn't interested in a position on the Senate Judiciary Committee even though she campaigned on the inept handling of the Anita Hill/Clarence Thomas hearings by the all-male committee; and vacationed with an a accused sexual harasser. The dish might look different, but it tastes the same.

So here we sit at the Clintons' table. Unfortunately, we have little choice of course or content, but will be fed at the host's and hostess' pleasure. Hopefully, we won't be poisoned.

At any rate, considering the unsettling backtracking and re-evaluating Clinton has already done on things like capital gains, the deficit, gays in the military, and so forth, I'm keeping a four-year supply of Alka Seltzer in the medicine cabinet.

A VIEW FROM ABOVE **By T. Scott Batchelor**

Evolution of X-mas hinges on person's age

Two days before Christmas 1992 I sat in my car in the parking lot of a local mall, waiting patiently for a woman to back out of a parking space so I could nab it. People were everywhere. Vehicle traffic around the shopping centers was frustrating, and pedestrian traffic wasn't much better. This Christmas season shaped up to be a retail sales boom. As I sat observing shoppers flocking through the doors of the mall, I thought, "Gee, I'm glad we're experiencing the worst economy in 50 years, as president-elect Clinton puts it. I wonder how busy the stores would be if the economy were sound?" What a complex situation.

When you're a child, however, the holiday season isn't quite so complicated. It's a magical time when patience, not capital, is the most important asset.

I was a very curious child, (which is not the same as having a curious childhood, although in my case both apply). I remember clearly the night I went snooping around our house looking for my Christmas presents because I suspected Santa Claus was a hoax. Unfortunately, I found the presents — and lost my innocence at the same time.

One of the gifts from (dare I utter it?) Mom and Dad was an Emerson receiver-turntable-tape player. That's an eight-track tape player. Believe it.

Packing a walloping 13 watts per channel, the system really kicked, and I was grateful to have it, but it wasn't from Santa Claus. Santa was dead.

Still, I bravely carried on and found new sources of joy during Christmas. Like participating in "playing" Santa to my niece and nephew. I helped put together toys to be set under the Christmas tree, and I even "tested" some of the more interesting items, like my nephew's remote-controlled dune buggy, just to make sure everything worked properly.

The next evolutionary step came when I started receiving presents at various times of the year that were explicitly deemed Christmas presents. My parents would hand me a baseball glove in the middle of June and say, "Now, this is part of your Christmas this year." I thought that was a bit strange, but I never complained of course.

Could you have imagined, at eight years old, ever being thrilled with getting a microwave for Christmas?

One year in April, when I was about 12 or 13, I came home from school to find my father erecting a brand-new trampoline in our back yard. I had been whining about having one for several months.

"This is your Christmas present this year, got it?" Dad yelled, as I tossed down my social studies book and bolted across the yard in a delighted frenzy.

I spent many hours bounding about on that trampoline, and many hours recuperating from fractures, sprains and contusions. Looking back on that time, I am convinced the trampoline is an invention of a committee of greedy orthopedic surgeons. Isn't it a bit suspicious that the word "trample" is in trampoline? Think about it?

The final step in a person's development *vis a vis* Christmas comes when, instead of getting all kinds of purely fun products to play with, such as a can of green slime, a trampoline, an air rifle, cars that change into monsters, etc., you become the recipient of things you *need*. Like clothes. And, in my case, money for school. Could you have imagined, at eight years old, ever being thrilled with getting a microwave for Christmas? Of course not, because you didn't live in an apartment, subsisting on meals that can be cooked in five minutes. Or how about, at 10 years old, a personal computer that doesn't even have a port for game cartridges in back? Not on your life, buddy. But we're tickled pink to come into these items now because we want them. We want them because we need them. A strange turn of events, isn't it?

Just last week, I was walking through Wal-Mart or K-Mart or one of those other places that corrupt T.V. news magazines feed on, and I found myself in the middle of the toys section.

There on the shelf, staring me in the face, having no practical value whatsoever, was an original Slinky. Like an adult, I weighed my choices carefully before I decided whether to buy that toy or not.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to go. You see, the apartments where I live are divided into two stories connected by a set of stairs. And in case you've forgotten, Slinkies just love stairs.

A DISPATCH FROM SPY MAGAZINE

Some of the Stupidest College Courses in America, Pt. II

You don't have to leave America on some fraudulent foreign program to either eat chèvre or take ridiculous courses. Listed below are some actual courses you can take for credit from actual American universities. So pop open a Grolsch, pick your schedule for the fall semester, and have that worthless junior-year-abroad experience without waiting in a long line to renew your passport.

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J.R.R. Tolkien "Tolkien's theories of the fantasy or 'faerie' story are studied in his short stories, *The Hobbit*, and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy." *Alfred University*

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Montenegro's president is re-elected, pro-Serbian political movement loses

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Montenegrin President Momir Bulatovic was re-elected by a wide margin over his staunchly pro-Serbian opponent, unofficial results showed today.

Bulatovic, who has indicated he might reconsider tiny Montenegro's alliance with Serbia, won 64 percent of the vote in a runoff election Sunday, according to provisional results published by the Tanjug news agency.

Branko Kostic, a strong proponent of close ties to Serbia, got 36 percent.

Serbia and Montenegro are Yugoslavia's only remaining republics after four others declared independence.

Serbia's nationalist leaders are widely blamed for the breakup and for inciting wars that have killed tens of thousands in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Many citizens of Montenegro believe they are being unfairly punished by economic sanctions the United Nations imposed on what remains of Yugoslavia.

In other Yugoslavia-related developments today:

—An emergency summit of eight Islamic countries opened in Senegal with calls for international military intervention to stop the massacre of Muslim Bosnians and the lifting of a United Nations ban on arming the Bosnians.

—Peace talks on Bosnia-Herzegovina continued with the arrival in Geneva of hard-line Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

The second round resumed Sunday after a six-day recess with conflicting indications whether the Serbs would be be willing to compromise on their steadfast demand for their own state within a state.

—French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas met with officials to discuss his proposal that detention camps in Bosnia be forcibly liberated, even if France had to act alone.

Humanitarian Action Minister Bernard Kouchner said Dumas' plan included actions to free "a certain number of women" held in the camps.

In Belgrade, the Serbian and federal capital of Yugoslavia, Bulatovic was once an ally of Milosevic.

Nevertheless, the 36-year-old Bulatovic and his government recently have expressed serious reservations about the policies of Serbian leaders.

There have been no suggestions that a move for Montenegrin independence is imminent, although Bulatovic has indicated he might reconsider the nature of Montenegro's alliance with Serbia if Belgrade's policies do not change.

About 10 percent of Montenegro's 600,000 people consider themselves Serbs, and it is generally believed that any attempt to break from Serbia would spark another civil war.

Northwest Airlines, KLM Airways merger cleared by Department of Transportation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Department of Transportation agreed Monday to allow Northwest Airlines and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines to merge their services and operate as if they are a single carrier.

The department also granted antitrust immunity to the carriers. The Transportation Department had tentatively approved the plan last Nov. 16.

The action was made possible by an "open skies" accord reached in September between the United States and the Netherlands. Under the pact, the carriers of both countries have unlimited access to the others' international market. Thus, airlines of the two countries may fly to any city in either country without restriction.

"This agreement is an illustration of the benefits of open skies," Transportation Secretary Andrew H. Card Jr. said in a statement. "We hope it will provide an impetus for open skies accords with other countries, moving us further in the direction of a truly global aviation environment."

KLM owns about 49 percent of Northwest. The deal approved today was set up to satisfy U.S. laws barring foreign ownership of airlines.

Approval of the deal comes just weeks after American Airlines' parent company received a one-third stake in Canadian Airlines International in exchange for investing $195 million in the struggling carrier. Similar plans by British Airways and USAir fell apart last month, although the British carrier has said it might try again.

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U.S. Marines target Somali weapons market, snipers shoot at Congressmen

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — U.S. forces Sunday mounted their largest operation so far in the Somali capital, sending 900 Marines, helicopters and armored vehicles to clean out the country's biggest weapons market.

The strong thrust to pacify the country came on the same day that 14 warring factions were to begin a truce.

Because of poor communications, it could not be determined if the factions were observing the cease-fire or even if they had been informed of the agreement, reached in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Sunday saw some of the heaviest clan fighting in Mogadishu since the U.S.-led military intervention began Dec. 9.

Three Somalis were killed by Marines and dozens were wounded in clashes between rival clans.

Maj. Ken Roberts, a military spokesman, said the Marines cordoned off a large area around the gun market Monday, then moved in to seize all weapons. He said no resistance had been reported to "Operation Nutcracker."

"We hope to get a big haul," said another command spokesman, Marine Chief Warrant Officer Eric Carlson.

The U.S.-led force is working to secure aid distribution routes and rescue millions of Somalis from the anarchy, disease and famine that have killed 350,000 in the past year.

U.S. envoy Robert Oakley said that Sunday's fighting could be seen as an anomaly amid a gradual reduction of clan violence in Mogadishu.

"A month ago they were in full-scale civil war. There's been considerable improvement," Oakley said. "They are still moving toward agreements ... most of their differences will be solved peacefully."

Oakley, a former ambassador to Somalia, was one of the main forces behind getting warring factions to the peace talks table in Ethiopia.

The cease-fire agreement that the factions reached Sunday call for them all to disarm by March 1.

But the clan warlords do not have absolute control over their fighters and the agreement does not affect the free-lance bandits who have looted much of the food aid.

Oakley returned to Somalia on Sunday from Washington, where he met with officials of President-elect Clinton's administration.

New administrations in Washington often change ambassadors but Oakley said he had no indication that Clinton would replace him.

Other incidents on Sunday showed the substantial task that the forces face in pacifying Mogadishu, much less the rest of the country.

Farouk Mawlawi, the U.N. spokesman in Mogadishu, said the Irish aid agency GOAL reported insecurity at three of its feeding centers in the Mogadishu area. One Somali worker was killed Sunday at the center in Gupta, he said.

Also Sunday, seven U.S. congressmen briefly came under sniper fire as they visited a stadium serving as camp for 1,500 Marines.

There were no injuries in the group, which included Curt Weldon, R-Pa.; John P. Murtha, D-Pa.; Bob Livingston, R-La.; George Darden, D-Ga.; Jack Reed, D-R.I.; Nick Joe Rahall II, D-W.Va.; and Tony Hall, D-Ohio.

Murtha, chairman of the House defense appropriations subcommittee, told reporters he'd like to see the United Nations take a greater role in Somalia so U.S. forces could leave sooner.

He has expressed concern the United States could become mired in Somalia.

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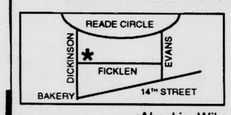

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Grounded tanker still holds cargo, weather hampers British salvage efforts

SUMBURGH, Shetland Islands (AP) — Infrared images indicate that the grounded tanker Braer may still hold most of its cargo, a government official said, but stormy weather today continued to prevent efforts to salvage the oil.

The weather — including wind gusts of 95 mph overnight — also thwarted Prince Charles and his father, Prince Philip, who canceled plans to visit the island today. Buckingham Palace said they would try again on Tuesday.

The tanker, carrying 24.6 million gallons of Norwegian crude to Canada, ran aground last Tuesday after losing power. Oil has polluted 20 miles of coastline, killing more than 600 birds and other wildlife.

Chris Harris, chief of Marine Pollution Control Branch in London, told Independent Television News that the infrared images indicate the 89,700-ton tanker Braer still holds a "substantial amount" of its cargo.

Others, however, were more cautions.

"It is wrong to try to construe information on the amount of oil remaining in the vessel from infrared photography," said Kevin Colcomb, a Marine Pollution Control Unit scientists working in the Shetlands.

He said the technique is new and "we're giving it a try in hopes that we might learn something from it.'"

Dan Kaakenben, spokesman for the Dutch salvage firm Smit Tak, said the infrared images were inconclusive.

"The best way to determine the cargo is to get on board and take measurements. We haven't been able to do that," Kaakenben said.

Smit Tak has 10 tons of equipment, including generators and pumps, in place near the wreck to pump out the oil when weather permits.

But the barge Tak-10, which would receive the oil, had taken shelter today in northern England, more than 400 miles south of the Shetland Islands, and was not expected before late Tuesday at the earliest, Kaakenben said.

By Sunday night, 785 oil-covered birds had been recovered from beaches, 612 of them dead. Three seals and one otter have also been found dead, according to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

The government has banned fishing in the area.

Fifteen people ventured out Sunday to pray at Duncrossness Church, an 18th century stone building a mile from the beached tanker in the Bay of Quendale.

"We thank God no lives were lost on this ship, that life was preserved. Help us strive to save our heritage at this time. Help the members of our creation that have no voices of their own," said the Rev. Trevor Williams.

Iraqis continue to dismantle Kuwaiti base despite warnings from U.N. observers

KUWAIT (AP) — Iraqis in civilian clothes crossed the border into Kuwait today for a second time in as many days and began emptying and dismantling warehouses at a disputed naval base, a U.N. official said.

The border crossings came amid rising tensions over an escalation in Iraqi challenges to the United Nations as well as the United States and its allies.

Abdel Latif Kabbaj, spokesman for the U.N. observation mission in Kuwait, told The Associated Press that about 120 unarmed Iraqis emptied or removed "warehouses, water tanks and electrical wires." He said the men were warned by U.N. observers that they were violating Gulf War cease-fire accords.

On Sunday, 200 armed Iraqis in civilian clothing went to the same area and seized armaments, including explosives and four Chinese-built anti-ship Silkworm missiles, abandoned by Iraq during the 1991 war.

The first foray came a day after the United States said that Saddam Hussein's government capitulated to an allied ultimatum to remove anti-aircraft missiles from southern Iraq.

But it coincided with a move by Iraq to prevent U.N. teams charged with dismantling Saddam's weapons of mass destruction from flying into Iraq in their own planes.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed el-Sahhaf told the Egyptian-owned Middle East News Agency today the men who crossed the border Sunday were "workers for a private contracting company" and were removing property left behind by Iraqi forces as they retreated in the Gulf War.

He said Iraq had permission from Maj. Gen. Timothy Dibuama of Ghana, commander of an unarmed U.N. force that monitors the demilitarized zone along the Kuwait-Iraq border.

Kabbaj denied the Iraqis had a permit to be in the area.

In Bonn, Germany, U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said he hoped the Security Council would give a "very stiff answer" to Iraq's incursions.

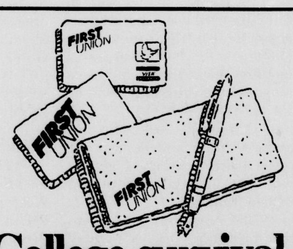
The border incidents occurred about 50 miles north of Kuwait City near the port town of Umm Qasr, where Iraq had a naval base before the war.

Late last year, a U.N.-appointed border commission completed the first formal demarcation of the Kuwait-Iraq border and the naval base was awarded to Kuwait. Iraq retained Umm Qasr.

Iraq has refused to recognize the border. In fact, Baghdad still claims sovereignty over all of Kuwait, which it invaded in August 1990 and held for seven months.

No shooting or casualties were reported in Sunday's incident among the U.N. personnel manning the bunkers where the weapons were stored 400 yards inside Kuwait.

Kabbaj said the unarmed U.N. personnel tried unsuccessfully to stop the raiders by blocking their vehicles with trucks. He said at least one U.N. vehicle was rammed.



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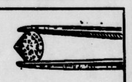

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Tuition

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North Carolina undergraduates should pay 20 percent more in tuition next fall, and graduate students should pay 50 percent more, the report said.

The extra money generated by tuition increases would go back into the university system to beef up flagging library budgets and professors' salaries.

The consultants didn't limit their attention to public universities. They also recommend that the state stop its 20-year-old tradition of giving each private college and university in the state an automatic subsidy for each Tar Heel enrolled.

North Carolina's 11 "peer" states — those deemed comparable to North Carolina — charge students between 25 percent and 35 percent of the cost of educating them; UNC charges only 10.9 percent, the report says. In addition, the report predicts no revenue booms in the next eight years.

The draft recommends the Legislature adopt a policy that would have UNC students paying about 25 percent of the total education cost within five years. UNC students on average annually pay about $819 in tuition and academic fees, the report says, while the average cost of educating each is $7,502 annually.

For in-state undergraduates, this means that over the next four years, tuition alone would increase 81 percent to an average of $1,350, an increase that many educators warn would price many students right out of the college market.

"I think it's absurd," said Dan Gurley, student body president at Appalachian State University. "Just because we have reasonably priced education in the state doesn't mean we should jack the price up. These people must have forgotten what the Constitution of the state says."

For graduate students, a 50 percent tuition increase could prove disastrous, said Felix Joyner, UNC vice president for finance.

Although most graduate students receive some kind of financial assistance that lowers their tuition, their tuition still has to be paid. The pool of money needed for such assistance, Joyner said, would not keep pace with the tuition increase.

Jane Smith Patterson, adviser to Gov. Jim Hunt and chair of the committee's education subcommittee, said the state could increase the amount of money it gives UNC for student financial aid. In addition, the report notes that because tuition is so low, many Tar Heel students do not even qualify for federal financial aid under the complicated formulas used by the federal government. If tuition went up, the logic goes, so might federal aid.

William Little, UNC's vice president for academics, disagrees.

"They seem to be operating under the premise that federal financial aid is going to take care of the problem, and I know that's not true," he said. "The need is not being met now. Universities have to scratch really hard to find ways to supplement financial aid."

Ms. Patterson, who just resigned as vice chancellor at UNC-Wilmington to become Hunt's budget and technology adviser, responded: "I don't think that just because you don't have enough financial aid to go around, you should not look at new ways of financing education."

Rep. Martin Nesbitt, a Buncombe County Democrat who also sits on the committee, said he doesn't like changing the 30-year-old constitutional provision. Second, even if tuition were to go up dramatically, he doesn't agree with the consultant's recommendation that the university ought to be able to keep the extra money.

Under age rapist faces court date

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — A 12-year-old New Hanover County boy may be tried this week on charges that he raped a 5-year-old neighbor girl in the woods behind their houses, officials said.

The boy, whose name has not been disclosed because of his age, was charged with second-degree rape and was taken to the New Hanover County Juvenile Services Center on Friday, said Sheriff's Detective K.B. Foss.

Foss said the boy had seen some obscene videotapes, apparently with the consent of his parents, that may have contributed to the incident.

"I don't know where it fits in, but I did do a search of the home and confiscated some obscene material from the parents," Foss said. "I think the videos had a part to play in it. It stems from the video."

The boy's parents, who have not been charged, are shocked by the allegations, Foss said.

Democrats

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The group has also been tapped to work as event staff for the inauguration and the parade, and will walk in the parade with other campaign volunteers.

"We received a lot of statewide and even nation-wide recognition for our campaign work," said Bill Gheen, vice president of the campus organization.

The College Democrats worked as volunteers for Vice President-elect Al Gore's visit to ECU and President-elect Bill Clinton's visit to Kinston in October. They also initiated a campus voter registration drive and planned visits to campus by North Carolina politicians, including Congressman Lancaster.

The group received a congratulatory call from the Democratic National Committee following the Gore visit. "They were impressed with how well we did in producing a crowd and in working at the event," said Scarlette Gardner, member of the College Democrats executive committee and chair of their inaugural committee.

Little Rock, Ark. campaigners also phoned the group to express appreciation for their efforts, Gheen said.

"I think we do have somewhat of a positive reputation with the Democratic Party," Gardner said. "We have begun to build one with all of our hard work.

Blue said he is proud of the work the College Democrats have done this year and now, he is "looking forward to that next election."

After returning from the inauguration, the Democrats will begin a membership drive and would like to remain active in county politics, Gardner said. She said they would like to plan more campus events this spring, including a return visit by Congressman Lancaster.

The College Democrats are not only service-oriented, Gheen said.

"We would like to provide an open forum for students' expression and continuing need for social, political and economic reform," he said. "We would also like to motivate students to express their ideas and to get involved."

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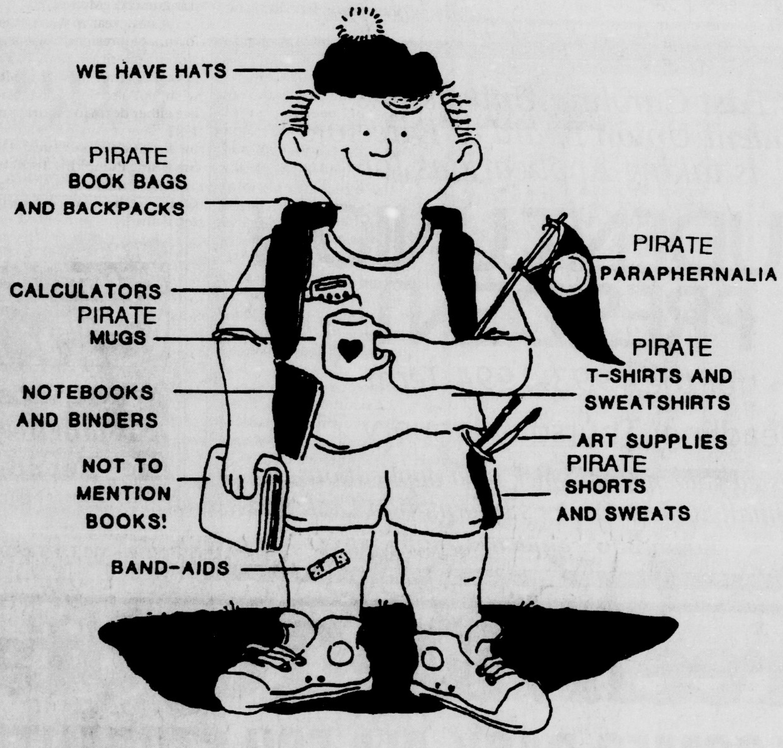

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Sounds from a year to remember ...

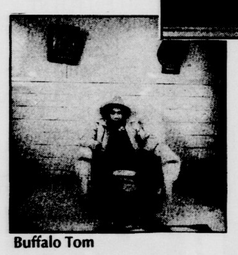
By Thomas Croft
Staff Writer

Besides unruly spotted owls, urban rioting and looting, a big dang hurricane and the fortunate ousting of an unfortunate president, 1992 was a semi-flowery time for pop music, particularly for rock and hip-hop. Progress was made in terms of a gradually expansive breadth of artistic integrity in pop music, and oftentimes it seemed artists made records for love of the music instead of the dollar.

There weren't any believe-the-hype, garage-to-gargantuan Nirvana scams, Michael Jackson got uglier, oilier and worse sounding and the industry mustered the gall to sport a winner-take-all in the mega pathetic excuse for a glam metal/rock band category: Ugly Kid Joe, whom it's so easy to hate everything about.

So, down to citing this critic's top five pop releases of the past year, noting some exceptional honorable mentions, and keeping his ego going with the who-to-keep-an-eye-out-for artists in coming months.

Brand New Heavies


Buffalo Tom

1. Buffalo Tom

Let Me Come Over

Youthful products of Boston's angst-rock trio factory, these guys tout thirteen brilliant tracks on their third LP.

Tighter, coherently textured, and lyrically elusive though ponderous, *Let Me Come Over* hoists Buffalo Tom into Great Songwriters status, and no one can dismiss thoroughly (album-long) excellent songwriting (see Matthew Sweet).

They still have the grind, though, often prompting a scratched scalp and wonderment that three people can whip up such a racket. It's obvious all these songs were composed on an acoustic guitar, and Bill Janovitz's words coat slices of life with slanted quirk.

2. Brand New Heavies

Heavy Rhyme Experience, Vol. 1

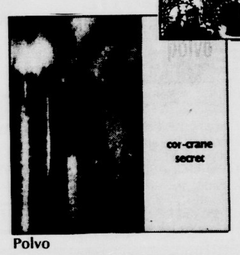
Three Brits unload their lead vocalist for 10 different rap artists on a 10-track record that's the most progressive in hip-hop's canon: multi-ethnic rap recorded live in the studio with live bass, guitar, drums, percussion, minimal keyboards, no samples, some scratching, and mounds of groove.

Artists such as Black Sheep (originally from Sanford, N.C.), The Pharcyde, Main Source and Grand Puba (formerly of Brand Nubian) are featured on this crucial collection of jazzy funk and dope raps. A must.

3. Polvo

Cor-Crane Secret

What is pop music? Don't ask Polvo, the four Chapel Hill kids who mimic then dust the pants off Sonic Youth—to whom they're incessantly compared—on their debut LP. After several 7" releases and ample underground hype around the southeast and particularly in NYC, Chapel Hill-based (and Superchunk run) Merge Records has graced the listening public with a wicked guitar-led alchemy of sorts, quite difficult to tag with labels or comparisons. The record is indie label magic that'd probably flop on a major, and all the better. *Cor-Crane Secret* is like one big experiment: songs tend to bleed into one another, vocals and lyrics swerve and stumble in the sometimes too-cluttered mix, and not since My Bloody Valentine's *Loveless* have guitars been tamed and manipulated so creatively yet all the while retaining a sense of melody, rhythm and reason.



Polvo

4. U2

Achtung Baby

Maybe it was released in 1991, but it's a 1992 record. This *Achtung Baby* thing just won't go away, and for good reason. The Irish quartet's most ambitious LP to date, *Achtung* comes off as dehumanized, industrialized rock music, the fact of which rings true to the extent that an underpinning yet understated theme throughout the album incorporates the corporate, desensitizing (de)evolution of contemporary art, and perhaps of the industrial military complex. Quite aware of entangling military alliances, Bono, Edge, Mullen and Clayton fuse their measly guitar, bass, drums and ever-improving, ever-impassioned vocals with crunchy feedback, asphalt beats and swirling, twisted synthetic effects that make each song sound really, really BIG. To his credit, Bono plays off the giant machine effect of *Achtung*'s music with lyrics about love, divorce and feelings. Futuristic, primitive: superb art.

U2

5. Beastie Boys

Check Your Head

Whoo-ee. AdRock, MCA, and Mike D got more surprises up their sleeve than a Food Lion-brand can of beeflike stew. Their third LP, *Check Your Head* isn't old school rap *per se* (say Run DMC or even *Paul's Boutique*), but the music is old school funk (see Sly and the Family Stone, Herbie Hancock, Funkadelic, Santana, even Miles Davis). Actually, the music—this time (mostly) played by the Beasties themselves on guitar, bass and drums—is *Check Your Head*'s greatest strength. With 20 tunes and at almost an hour, the music flows sugary smooth and often overshadows the rapping. Lyrically, *Check Your Head* is definitely a lateral move from their first two albums: same topics, different words. One cool note is that AdRock can be credited with the Phillies Blunt paraphernalia craze. All in all, pretty def stuff, for white kids.

Okay, now to honorable mentions for excellent 1992 albums. **Toad the Wet Sprocket**, *Fear*: splendid folk/rock, sometimes too lofty lyrics; **Pavement**, *Slanted and Enchanted*: dark humor bathed in dastardly skanky production; **R.E.M.**, *Automatic for the People*: they still live in Athens; **Grand Puba**, *Reel to Reel*: the second-best voice in rap, but too much sexism; **Juliana Hatfield**, *Hey Babe*: no more Blake Babies, so expect much more spirited, edgy rock plus killer lyrics; **Public Enemy**, *Greatest Misses*: the ones that hit on this one keep Chuck D & Co. way ahead; **Tom Waits**, *Bone Machine*: still raspy, saturated, sidewalk educated, uncannily poetic; **Sugar**, *Copper Blue*: cheesy album title, terrible live show, but relentless hooks and, as always, masterful songwriting from hard trio guru Bob Mould.

A new year means perhaps a more fortunate president and maybe freer North American trade and possibly a new NFL franchise or a McSoy sandwich, but also it means music from artists either dormant, touring or asleep in 1992. Save your pennies for new releases by **A Tribe Called Quest**, **Dinosaur Jr**, **Smashing Pumpkins**, **Ice T**, **What Peggy Wants**, **Queen Sarah Saturday**, **The Goats** and the as yet unsigned NYC quartet, **Faith**.

Beastie Boys

Student Union plans diverse spring semester

By Stacy Peterson
Staff Writer

This spring the ECU Student Union Committees are offering perhaps the most event-packed and culturally diverse lineup in recent history.

Offering everything from a Travel-Adventure Film Series to national and local Performing Arts, chances are one would not have to be culturally hungry to enjoy what the Student Union has to offer.

Perhaps the most popular attractions the Union sponsors are the movies at Hendrix Theater. Some upcoming movies for January and February include: *Single White Female*, *Hot Shots*, *Cool World*, *Patriot Games*, *Diggstown*, *Passenger 57*, *The Player* and *Dracula*. Also in Hendrix Theater, the Student Union will continue the Travel-Adventure Film Series with "Viva Mexico," "Israel," "Highways to Alaska" and "Charm of the South."

Jan. 29, the Student Union will begin their Performing Arts series with the Martha Graham Dance Ensemble. Martha Graham is considered one of the first innovators of modern dance. The ensemble will present a dance program showcasing her style.

March 29, the Student Union will present "Smoke On The Mountain." This musical comedy was written by Connie Ray, a 1977 graduate of ECU. The story is based on a small religious town in North Carolina during the last years of the Great Depression. With 500 performances, this play is now the longest running play in the history of Off-Broadway's Lamb's Theatre.

March 20, "The Dayton Contemporary Dance Company," will perform as part of a first-ever residency with the University. This group produces choreography, dance, music, and design at its most dynamic.

Finally, on April 26, "The King's Singers" will bring their version of Bach to Rock, *a cappela* singing to Wright Auditorium. This six-man vocal ensemble has performed everywhere from Shea Stadium in New York to the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. All of the Performing Arts series will be held in Wright Auditorium, with tickets for students at $7 to $12.

Another area of events scheduled for the spring include a lecture and forum series in Hendrix Theater. The first of these events, held Feb. 2, is "Songs Of My People," a collection of award winning photos by three African American photo journalist. This show is as unbelievable as it is hard to get. The tour of photographs is apparently booked for three years straight. Another lecture, perhaps the best touring the country now, will be held Feb. 9: "Anarchy or Apathy: An Evening With Noam Chomsky." Noam Chomsky has been nominated for the Noble Peace Prize, and is considered

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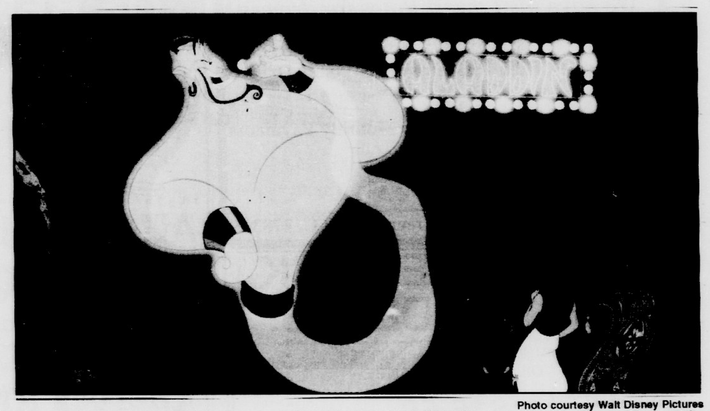
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When the going gets tough, a resourceful youth named Aladdin discovers that a wisecracking, wish-granting, lamp-dwelling Genie, posing as "master" of ceremonies, is the best friend to have.

Williams' wit, irony weave magic carpet in 'Aladdin'

By Gregory Dickens
Staff Writer

In September, Hendrix Theatre was packed for the Student Union showing of *Beauty and the Beast*. Laughing, singing and applauding after such numbers as "Be Our Guest" and "Gaston's Theme," the audience enjoyed the film to its fullest. This showing was a full year after the film's release.

Do not wait as long to see *Aladdin*, Disney's newest animated classic. Once again revisiting a traditional tale, the enterprising Musketeers have found a way to entertain the young and old by relying on the formula for success established by *The Little Mermaid*.

This formula is to make the heroes young, the heroine steadfast and intelligent, the villain in some way endearing, to use magic, include the best songwriters from stage and screen in the past 10 years and then trust the audience to be able to keep up. It works.

Aladdin is a street orphan who steals only to eat and is aided and abetted by his pet monkey. He is young, handsome, resourceful and can sing while battling the local police and outwitting the market merchants for his daily bread.

Like Ariel (*The Little Mermaid*) and Belle (*The Beauty and the Beast*), Aladdin longs for love. The view from his bedroom window is of the Sultan's royal palace and he dreams of someday being rich enough to live there.

The Sultan's daughter, Jasmine, is to marry in three days a suitor chosen by her father. She longs to leave the palace, something she has never before done. Parallel to this, Aladdin wants to be a somebody and escape his life; she wants to escape being a somebody and live normally.

Don't pull a mental muscle trying to see the outcome of this movie. It is apparent, but the thrill is in the magic carpet ride on the way.

The villain in *Aladdin* is the sorcerer Jafar, advisor to the Sultan, who is accompanied by Iago, Jafar's parrot and partner in crime (Gilbert Gottfried, a riot of a curmudgeon). Jafar seeks the magic lamp in which resides the genie, who will (sing along folks...) grant him three wishes. But this is no ordinary genie; it is Robin Williams.

Humor has never been absent from a Disney film.

In *Aladdin* is found wit and irony and the physical manifestation of Williams' lightning comic mind. Williams, now able to disregard the facial expressions that can sometimes slur his diction, becomes a vocal hurricane of punchlines. Since dialogue is recorded before the art is developed, the animators were able to incorporate Williams' inevitable ad-libs much more fluidly than was done in *Ferngully* last year.

As to be expected, Williams is hilarious. Impersonating Jack Nicholson, Robert De Niro, William F. Buckley, Ed Sullivan, Williams seems to change his voice with every line of script. It is that much more affecting when the genie uses Williams' true voice when lamenting his own wish in life: to be free of the lamp and whoever possesses it.

A credit to Disney is that Wil-

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Reiner ascends to *auteur* status with latest

By Ike Shibley
Staff Writer

After watching Rob Reiner's latest film, *A Few Good Men*, I realized that he has quietly become the most consistent director working in film today.

When *A Few Good Men* is included, Reiner now has seven films to his credit. Every single one has been successful, both artistically and commercially. Reiner is a director to whom the term *auteur* could be applied.

The *auteur* theory was crafted in the 1960s by film critic Andrew Sarris. The theory has been much maligned, but still has applicability to cinema.

The *auteur* theory simply states that a director is to a film what an author is to a book. Those who subscribe to this theory believe that the single most important facet of any film is the person who directs it.

Like most theories, the *auteur* theory needs to be loosely applied to many films. There are more exceptions to this rule than adherents. Not many would argue, for example, that Chris Columbus, who directed *Home Alone 2*, was the most important person working on that film.

Photo courtesy Columbia Pictures

Tom Cruise stars in "A Few Good Men," about a Navy lawyer's quest for justice.

Still the *auteur* theory, if only applied to high quality films with artistic aspirations, is a solid statement about cinema. A talented director *is* the most important part of any film with which he is associated.

Rob Reiner's films provide ample support for the *auteur* theory. He has now directed comedies (*This is Spinal Tap* and *When Harry Met Sally*), light drama (*Stand By Me*), romance (*The Sure Thing*), fable (*The Princess Bride*), horror (*Misery*) and now intense drama (*A Few Good Men*).

Though these films differ, they have several unifying qualities. They all involve extremely well-developed and interesting characters, they all tell full, satisfying stories with little deviation from the plot, and they are all incredibly entertaining.

If there is any doubt about Reiner's many talents, just

See Men page 18

Southern rock vents (hopeful) last breath

By Thomas Croft
Staff Writer

You're a rowdy cowboy who lives on burning up those gritty highway miles, tuggin' at a fifth of whiskey and chasin' down the two wicked women you met back at Bucky's Dusty Grille & Tavern. They're doin' 95 and you're tearing rubber off your tires and screaming all over the road and we all better bet the good Lord's lookin' after you, you wild, crazed Southern boy.

You lose the women, so it's time to pop in some *bad* music — (bad as in good). Hmm..., you think, how about something rockin', but something new? Why of course — Copperhead!

Southern Rock, bless it's tired, whiskey-soaked soul, will not die. And the five tuff (as in tough) fellas in Southern Rock's newest tour de force — Copperhead — glare in the photo on the back cover of their debut self-titled LP (Mercury) like they wanna' raise hell all over your face.

Oh, in the name of Johnny Walker, the NRA, too-tight Wranglers and sexy lady mudflaps, why must the Copperheads of this world limit their lyrical scope and iconography to hard liquor, nailing women, wielding guns because a man's just got to, driving a million highway miles without peeing, and suffering through this hard, hard life?

Listening to Copperhead, the question arises time and again because despite the fact that the boys project an image of five unrighteous imps who look mean, mad and bad for no reason and write bonehead lyrics, they're music warrants some smidgen of merit. Unlike their all-too-blatant musical forefathers — Lynyrd Skynyrd, Molly Hatchet, Blackfoot — Copperhead, on occasion, can lock into a fine groove and rock out, a la the likes of Drivin' N' Cryin' and Guns 'N' Roses. (Maybe they should change their name to Copper 'N' Head.)

All five band members sing, though most tunes have Neil Carswell at the helm, belting out vocals with a scratchy, though versatile and sometimes powerful, voice. Carswell plays guitar, as does Jon Byrd. Bassist Tony Hawkins and drummer Eric Suttlemyre round out a rather flat rhythm section. The oxymoronic organist/pianist in Copperhead, Brad Durden, poses a dilemma for this critic's review: the keyboards in Copperhead's music rank just as high on the annoyance scale as they do on the necessary scale.

Without Durden and his cheesy blips and pseudo anthemic dawdlings, there would be absolutely *nothing* differentiating Copperhead from any five long-haired, mean-sneering, extra-tight-jeans-especially-around-their-tiny-crotch-area touting, brand XXX of comatose, Southern-obsessed racket regurgitating, men. Call him (Durden) the albatross man on organ.

About the record: 12 songs, averaging about four minutes each, not surprising song titles such as "Highway," "Whiskey," "Hard Livin'," "Born Loser," and "Busted."

Here's a peek at some copperheaded lyrics from the album: "I don't understand it, life is so demanding, whiskey, killing and dope..." (from "Busted"); "Well he loved his share of women/Drank his share of wine/Done his share of killin' and He pulled his share of time/Turned seventeen a soldier/When he buried his first gold/A no good deserter from a hard fought Civil War. Yeah, Ohh..." (from "Brown's Gold"); "All my life/travelin' on the go/Barrooms, Bad women/it's all I've ever known/I'm a gambler/a rambler on the roll/toss the dice/Brother it's time/to hit the road..." and "People say that I'm crazy/You know they could be right/At least they can't say I'm lazy/I work all day, rock hard every night..." (from "Hard Livin'").

If people sometimes say you're crazy, if you work all day and rock hard all night, perhaps Copperhead's musical album will please your palate. Whether it does or not, its cover art is ridicularity (that's ridiculous *plus* hilarity) and slovenly anachronistic.

Crossed daggers and a vicious looking viper with eight-inch fangs, demonic eyes and a mega-long tongue are superimposed atop a tattered, half-American, half-confederate flag.

Sadly, it seems, in the minds of such (seemingly) undersexed, meatbrained, machismo rockers (and apparently also to Mercury/Polygram Records, Inc.), the War ain't over. So all you varmints better watch your hide 'cuz here comes Copperhead, raisin' hael (that's "hell" in Southern) and leadin' the charge of the troops. The South shall (gargle, spit) rise again!

Photo courtesy Mercury Records

Copperhead, on occasion, can lock into a fine groove and rock out, *a la* the likes of Drivin' N' Cryin' and Guns N' Roses.

Four rec tournaments scheduled this month

By Rachel Parker
Staff Writer

If you enjoy billiards, table tennis, chess or bowling, then ECU Recreation Tournaments may be for you.

The tournaments are headed by Lynn Jobes and take place during the months of January and February. ECU students will compete against students from other universities all over the country if qualified for the regional tournament.

In order for a student to be eligible for the recreation tournaments, he/she must be enrolled at ECU at the time of the tournament competitions. The student must be enrolled in a minimum of three classroom credit hours. Also, the student must have a cumulative grade point average of a 2.0.

Three levels of competition make up the tournament process. First, campus competitions are used to select those who will go on to the regional competitions. This year the regional tournament will be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Winners of the regional tournament are eligible for the international tournament. The University of California at Irvine will be hosting the international tournament this year.

There is a $2 entry fee for each tournament division. Also, a student wishing to participate in the recreation tournaments must fill out an eligibility form. Eligibility forms are available at Mendenhall Billiards Center.

The ECU recreation tournaments are a great way to meet people and travel the country visiting various schools and campuses.

ECU Student Union will pay all expenses for those who qualify to participate in the regional and international tournaments. These expenses include transportation, food, entry fees, lodging and tournament costs.

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Cinema to remember

1992 THEATER

By Ike Shibley
Staff Writer

The end of a year is a thrilling time for a critic. It is a chance to reminisce about the many wonderful (and not so wonderful) experiences spent in the darkened, friendly confines of a theater.

For someone like myself, who would rather sit in a theater than be almost anywhere else in the world, the chance to reflect upon films is delightful.

Like many critics I must sheepishly confess to having a penchant for lists. I love listing my favorite films ... and my least favorite ... and my favorite comedies ... and my favorite actors ... and the list is endless.

What I have listed below are a selection of films that have opened in Greenville during the past 12 months.

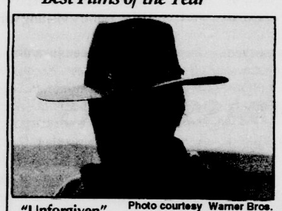
I have not included certain films because they have not been shown in Greenville (although several great films are being shown in Mendenhall this term).

Films like "The Player," "Glengarry Glen Ross," "Howard's End," "Reservoir Dogs" and "The Crying Game" may be fine films, but I have yet to see them.

Also, since I do not see every film that opens in the Emerald City I have omitted some movies that could have been on my worst list like "Dr. Giggles," "Encino Man" and any of the Columbus films.

So, with the above exceptions noted, I would like to present my decidedly slanted view of 1992 in pictures.

Best Films of the Year



"Unforgiven" Photo courtesy Warner Bros.

1. "Unforgiven"
2. "A River Runs Through It"
3. "A Few Good Men"
4. "Malcolm X"
5. "Husbands and Wives"

Best Animated Films

1. "Aladdin"
2. "FernGully"
3. "Muppets' Christmas Carol"

Worst Animated Film

"Rock A' Doodle"

Nice Surprises

1. "My Cousin Vinny"
2. "Wayne's World"
3. "Honeymoon in Vegas"

Biggest Disappointments

1. "Batman Returns"
2. "Death Becomes Her"
3. "Grand Canyon"

Most Underrated and Overlooked

1. "Thunderheart"
2. "Man Trouble"
3. "White Sands"

Most Creative Use of an Ice Pick/ Best Interrogation Scene

Sharon Stone in "Basic Instinct"

Most Plot Holes (A tie: they are basically the same movie, anyway)

1. "Passenger 57"
2. "Under Siege"

Funniest Neurotic Scene (Another tie)

1. Judy Davis' first date after separating from her husband, Sydney Pollack, in "Husbands and Wives."

2. Sydney Pollack's first date after separating from his wife, Judy Davis, in "Husbands and Wives."

Worst Performance of the Year

Lorraine Bracco in "Medicine Man."

Best Use of Elvis Songs

"Honeymoon in Vegas," featuring remakes by Billy Joel, John Mellencamp and Travis Tritt.

Most Exciting Movie

"Patriot Games"

Best Sequel (It pains me to think cinema has come to this)

"Lethal Weapon 3"

Best Influence on the English Language

"Wayne's World" ... Not!

Worst Films of the Year

Photo courtesy Universal Studios
"Stop or My Mom Will Shoot"

1. "Stop or My Mom Will Shoot"
2. "Consenting Adults"
3. "Toys"
4. "Alien 3"
5. "Medicine Man"

Student Union searching for new president

By Warren Sumner
Staff Writer

The ECU Student Union, one primary connection between the University and the student body, is searching for someone to serve as their president.

When Deanna Price graduated in December, an opening was cleared for an enthusiastic student to serve as heir to her throne. Price said she had enjoyed her term leading the Union and knew the position would prove to be rewarding to whoever was selected by Union members.

"It's a wonderful leadership opportunity," Price said. "With all the contacts I've made with everyone involved in the Union I've had the opportunity to work with IFC, ABLE, the faculty, the students; just about every group on campus."

Price said she felt her university involvement, including past involvement with the Student Union, was a factor in her appointment as president, but is quick to point out that experience in the Union was not a requirement for the position.

Lynn Jobes, Assistant Program Director for the Union, agreed with Price on this matter.

"I wouldn't want someone to be discouraged from applying for the position just because they weren't involved in the Student Union. We have several faculty and executive advisors to assist the new president in his or her duties."

While experience is not a determining factor in the Union's search to fill this position, Jobes said the organization does have a few qualities in mind when searching for their student leader. She went on to say that it will take a special kind of student to fill the Union's needs.

"We need someone who is enthusiastic about the position and willing to take advice from someone who's been there. Whoever inherits the position must be able to handle responsibility," Jobes said.

> *"Whoever inherits the position must be able to handle responsibility."*
> *Lynn Jobes, Assistant Program Director*

According to Jobes, the president's primary responsibilities will include interviewing applicants to chair the University's planning committees, working with the next year's budget, and helping in the planning of Student Union goals for the '93-'94 year.

Jobes said the president's workload will consist of at least 20 hours a week, given the broad span of Student Union activities.

The Union requires potential applicants to have at least a 2.5 grade point average and the appointed president must stay in school during the summer.

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Foreign film series underway

Staff Reports

Films from Hungary, Finland, Italy and France make up the Sixth Winter Foreign-Film series at the North Carolina Museum of Art, and this year they will be screened in 35 millimeter.

"My Twentieth Century" kicked off the series Jan. 8-9. This Hungarian movie is a celebration of electricity, love, movies and the infinite possibilities of man, woman and the chimpanzee. It tells the story of twin sisters separated at birth; one becomes a jewel thief, the other a political activist.

"Ariel," a film from Finland directed by Aki Kaurismaki, will be screened Jan 15-16. Inspired by European black comedies, this film is a satire on Western values. The story follows an unemployed mine worker who inherits a Cadillac convertible with a top that won't close in the winter. He sets out on a journey that involves him in a mugging, jailbreak, marriage, car theft and bank holdup.

The Italian film, "The Story of Boys and Girls" will be screened Jan. 22-23. Director Pupi Avati tracks the domestic relationships of two very different families united by marriage, against the background of a sumptuous feast.

"A Tale of Springtime," a French film directed by Eric Rohmer, concludes the series on Jan. 29-30. The story focuses on a young Parisian philosophy teacher and a precocious teenager whose lives are complicated by boyfriends, fathers, mistresses and other assorted characters.

The series runs Jan. 8-30 in the Museum's auditorium. The films are screened at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Fridays; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturdays. Series tickets are $9 (Museum members $8); single tickets at the door at the door $3 ($2.50). Films are recent and shown in the original languages with subtitles. Parental guidance is recommended. For more information on the film series, call the Museum at (919) 833-1935, ext. 143.

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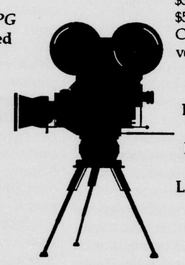

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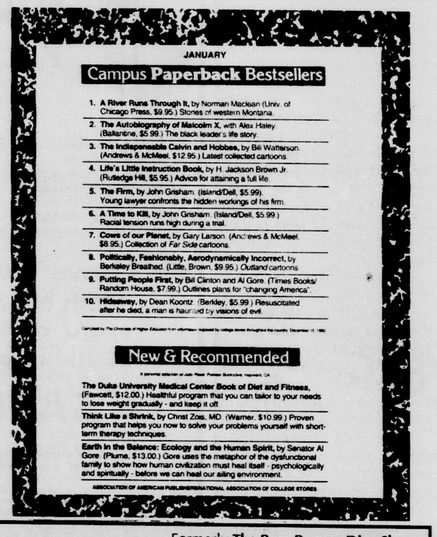

Madrigal dinner smashing success

By Karen Greenwell
Staff Writer

The 16th annual Madrigal Dinner, held in December, was a tremendous success.

This event was co-sponsored by the Department of University Unions, Department of Dining Services and the ECU School of Music. These three powers combined efforts to re-create an Elizabethan-style feast that any Lord or Lady would have been proud to attend.

Everything about the annual Madrigal dinner was magical and left little to be desired: complete with singers, musicians, dancers, poets, jugglers, minstrels and much more.

The most recent dinner incorporated talents from the university community in a marvelous comical production of Pyramus & Thisbe: Manny Amaro, David Bailey, David Emmerling, Frank Salamon, Stuart Secttor, Jeanie B. Tomkalski, and Lucy Wright. Surprisingly, with the exception of Manny Amaro, the entire cast had no previous acting experience.

Always a favorite of the diners is the music and dancing. The Madrigal Singers preformed a variety of Christmas carols throughout dinner and the trumpeters and harpsichordist helped transform the room into a royal banquet hall.

There was never a dull moment. The Lord and Lady, played by James and Francine Rees, helped make the evening run smoothly with amusing comments and their friendly manner.

An important aspect of the Madrigal Dinner is, of course, the food. The menu consisted of Waldorf salad, prime rib, twice-baked potatoes and a vegetable medley. Desert was the excellent finale to an exceptional meal: Baked Alaska.

The dinner was catered by ARA Services, combining the skills of Glen Hamlin, Executive Chef and Jean-Paul Beaudreau, Executive Pastry Chef.

Photo courtesy Stuart Secttor
Lord and Lady Rees hosted the 1992 Madrigal Dinner, complete with singers, dancers, poets, jugglers, minstrels and a sumptuous menu.

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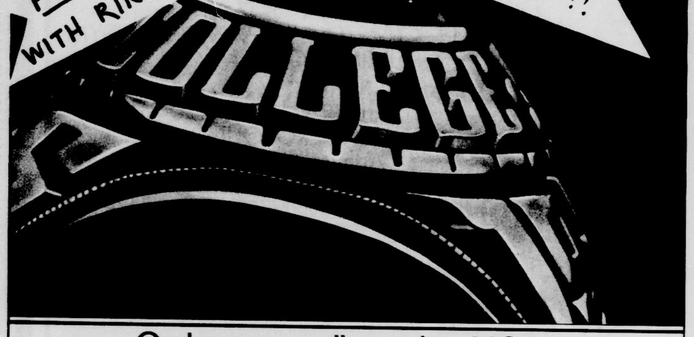

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Klee, Mike offer '70s retrospect show

By Rachel Parker
Staff Writer

"The Klee and Mike Show" appeared Friday, Jan. 8, at the Fizz.

The show is written and performed by two ECU music department graduates. Klee Liles graduated with a degree in music education with a concentration in percussion in 1989. Mike Robertson also graduated from the School of Music in 1992.

Liles and Robertson offer a show that one can simply sit back and enjoy. They play a '70s retrospect show and perform songs by artists such as James Taylor, John Mellencamp, Billy Joel, Simon and Garfunkel, and, of course, Jimmy Buffet. David Wilcox, John Gorka, Shawn Colvin and Michael Hodges are among the modern artists the duet performs.

"The Klee and Mike Show" has two goals. The first is to present cover tunes as close to the original as possible. The second goal is to introduce new music to the audience.

Liles stresses the importance for everyone to hear new bands and singers whether they play original music or cover tunes. He went on to say that all new bands should be given a chance and local talent should be supported.

Liles sings and plays the acoustic guitar while Robertson backs him up with various toys, including a mark tree, which is an instrument that sounds like wind chimes. Congo drums, bongo drums, an afuche, a triangle and a tambourine are also among the toys in his not-so-little bag o' tricks.

Liles started out playing bass guitar in high school. Through experience with various bands, his guitar-playing talent improved

Robertson is a natural in the percussion section. In addition to "The Klee and Mike Show," Robertson plays with Panama Steel which poses the only conflict in schedules for the duo.

Liles and Robertson met in the spring of 1989 when they both played in the percussion line for ECU's Marching Pirates. The two have played various clubs in Greenville, Raleigh, Wilmington, and Atlantic Beach. Liles has performed alone in Boone, N.C. and Lexington, Ky., where he currently resides.

Although individually both are outstanding artists, each gives the other what he needs to be truly great. Liles' stage presence presents him as if he were born to sing.

Yet, if performing alone, he would join the masses in performing solo with only his guitar as accompaniment. Robertson gives Liles the sound effects needed to incorporate a Latin flavor into their show. Robertson also adds Caribbean flavor to songs by Jimmy Buffet.

"To be a well established studio musician in Nashville or wherever it takes me," is Liles's goal for his music. When asked if the two plan to remain together the answer was yes, as long as they possibly could. They hope to be in Nashville within six to eight months.

Why do they name their performance "The Klee and Mike Show," rather than come up with a typical band name? They are a show. They incorporate comedy, music and sound effects into a wonderful show that is not only appealing to listen to but visually exciting as well.

For the parrot heads (Jimmy Buffet fans) Liles and Robertson have invented a fin dance. This is a dance only to be danced when "Fins" by Jimmy Buffet is played. This dance should only be danced at "The Klee and Mike Show" and should not be tried at home. The duo also has a new and quite interesting version of Don McLean's "American Pie."

Periodically, throughout the show they have "shots for the band" episodes, which is a social drink in which everyone must participate.

They also play requests if they are familiar with the song. They do it all: singing, dancing, comedy and drinking, all in the name of good fun.

If you have not yet experienced "The Klee and Mike Show," they will play at Staccatos, Feb. 19 and 20. Don't miss out.

music beat

Photo courtesy Scott Harris
Mike Robertson (left) and Klee Liles combine their many talents to perform and entertain.

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Men

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consider how many other Stephen King stories have been made into films. Most every other one has been miserably ineffective. Reiner has made *two* King tales into films and they rank as the two best adaptations of King's work.

A Few Good Men adds further credibility to Reiner's immense talent as a story teller.

A Few Good Men tells the story of two marines (Wolfgang Bodison — in a remarkable film debut that is worthy of Oscar consideration — and James Marshall) accused of killing another marine in their company at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The defendants are represented in a Washington, D.C., court martial by a young Navy lawyer named Daniel Kaffee (Tom Cruise). Kaffee is helped by a lawyer working for Internal Affairs (Demi Moore) and a friend of Kaffee's (Kevin Pollack).

The case for the government is handled by an able prosecuting Marine attorney (Kevin Bacon). Kaffee gets wary early on when the prosecuting attorney seems only too eager to see that the case never gets to court.

One of the conflicts that arises is from the colonel of the Guantanamo Bay base (Jack Nicholson) who seems to be hiding something.

The last half of the film occurs primarily in the court room where the tension builds to a shattering climax.

One of the most refreshing parts of this story is that Cruise's character never falls in love with Demi Moore's. The lawyers respect each other as professionals without wanting to fall into bed together. No hot romance occurs, no silly games are played: these two characters work on a case together as people.

This leaves room to develop the complexities of the plot. The pacing in the unraveling of the story is perfect. Although there are some intricacies, the audience is allowed to understand them.

Another remarkable facet of this film , which can probably be attributed as much to Aaron Sorkin (who wrote the screenplay based on his play) as to Reiner, is that every character interests the viewer. There are really no clear cut villains or heroes (although Cruise's character comes close to the latter).

The story is more about honor and morals than about a crime. The finale will probably leave many viewers wondering what crimes actually were perpetrated and by whom.

This story works on many levels, but most notably as first-rate entertainment.

Never in the film's two-and-a-half hours will the viewer be bored. Boredom is impossible in a film this perfectly paced.

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One of the other reasons this film soars into the cinematic stratosphere is that the performances are all powerhouses. Cruise is dynamite. Moore is solid. Keifer Sutherland (who plays a lieutenant at Guantanamo Bay) continues to amaze and newcomer Bodison's contributions have already been mentioned.

Special credit should be given to Jack Nicholson who is solidifying his place as one of Hollywood's greatest actors. His performance puts *A Few Good Men* into the pantheon of the great films of this decade, along with *Unforgiven* and *Silence of the Lambs*.

Hopefully, if you only saw one movie this holiday season, it was *A Few Good Men* (I hope that you had seen *Malcolm X* before Christmas break).

If you have not seen it, then run out and do so. If you have already seen it, you might think about seeing it again. And next time you rent a video, think about the Rob Reiner titles I have mentioned.

You might even take a few minutes to consider your opinion of the *auteur* theory.

Aladdin

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liams' inspiring antics flow into the animation as well. This is simply a beautiful film.

The Arabic locale, the seemless flow in the magic carpet Aladdin finds and the rides the carpet gives him are marvels of motion. A scene involving a ride-for-your-life escape from death early in the film is a roller coaster journey through computer-aided animation.

And lest you fear *Aladdin* to be too heartwarming, you will be surprised by the adventure. Not since *Raiders of the Lost Ark* has a desert locale been so exciting and involving.

But, don't worry about scaring your little brother or niece when you take them along. The scenes of turmoil are helped along by sudden, humorous pratfalls that break up potentially fearful moments.

Finally, there is the music. Upon hearing of the death of Howard Ashman, many were concerned songs like "Beauty and the Beast," "A Part of Your World" and "Kiss the Girl" would not be lyrically matched.

Fortunately, Ashman had worked with partner Alan Menken on a majority of the *Aladdin* soundtrack. Also, Disney had the inspired brainstorm to hire Tim Rice, the frequent partner of Andrew Lloyd Webber (*Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Cats* and *Phantom of the Opera*) to fill in the lyrics of Menken's music. The songs are fast and furious, especially the genie's "A Friend Like Me," "Prince Ali" and the obligatory ballad, "A Whole New World."

Aladdin is a gem, a "diamond in the rough" of the holiday movie buffet. While not matching the maturity of *Beauty and the Beast*'s love story and complex characters, it betters *The Little Mermaid* with street smarts and sharp humor.

By evolving with these predecessors in technology and sensibilities, *Aladdin* upholds the tradition of quality in the classic Disney animated film; a true achievement from an impressive accomplishment.

Union

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by many to be the best touring political lecturer dealing with current issues today. Another interesting activity planned for January is a Martin Luther King Candlelight Jan. 18th. The march will begin at 7 p.m. at Christenbury Memorial Gym and will proceede through campus.

The Student Union has also booked some of the top musicians and comedians to perform at the Underground, located in the lower level of the Mendenhall Student Center. A partial list of those scheduled include Brian Huskey, a national touring musician Jan. 26, and comedians Mike Sweeney, and Mike Sullivan - Irwin in February and March. Mike Sullivan - Irwin has performed on the MTV 1/2 Hour Comedy Hour, Evening At The Improv, as well as being a 1992 Star Search winner.

In the way of live music, events scheduled for the spring include Jazzfest '93, a group of ensembles from the Department of Music. The concert will be held April 17th on the mall.

Another concert so to speak will be held on the mall on April 22nd. The ever famous "Barefoot On The Mall" will highlight various bands from Rolly Gray and Sunfire to "1964 - A tribute to the Beatles."

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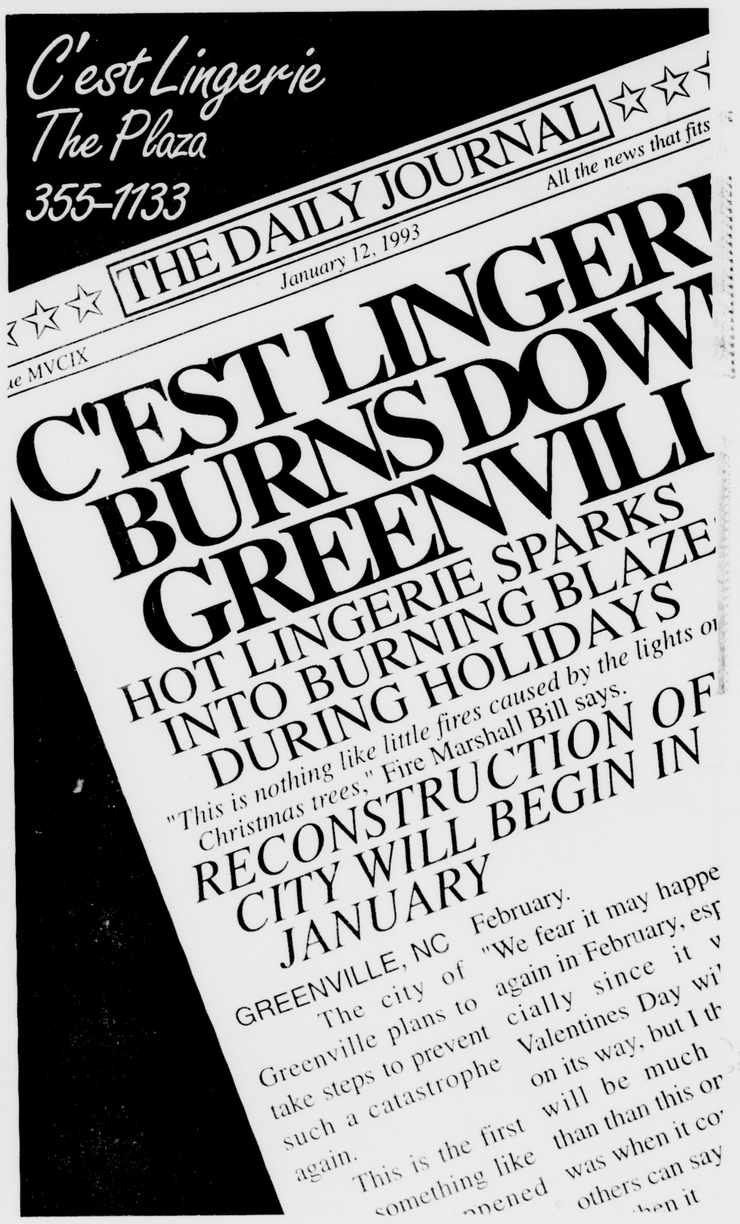
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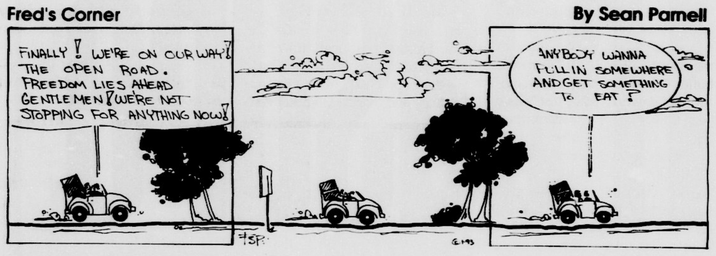

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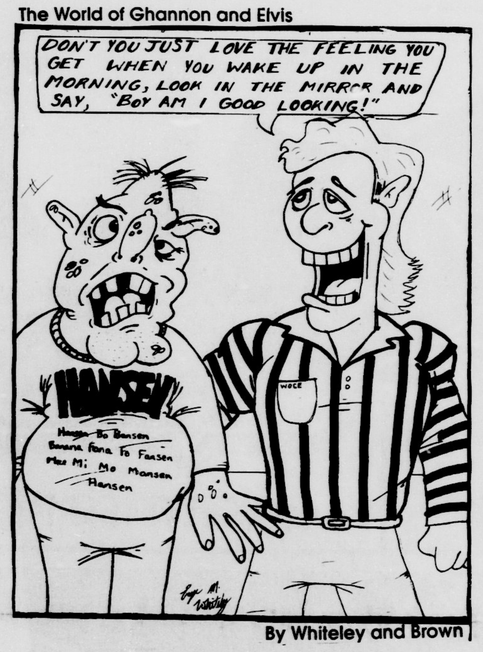

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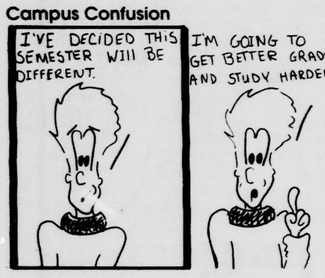

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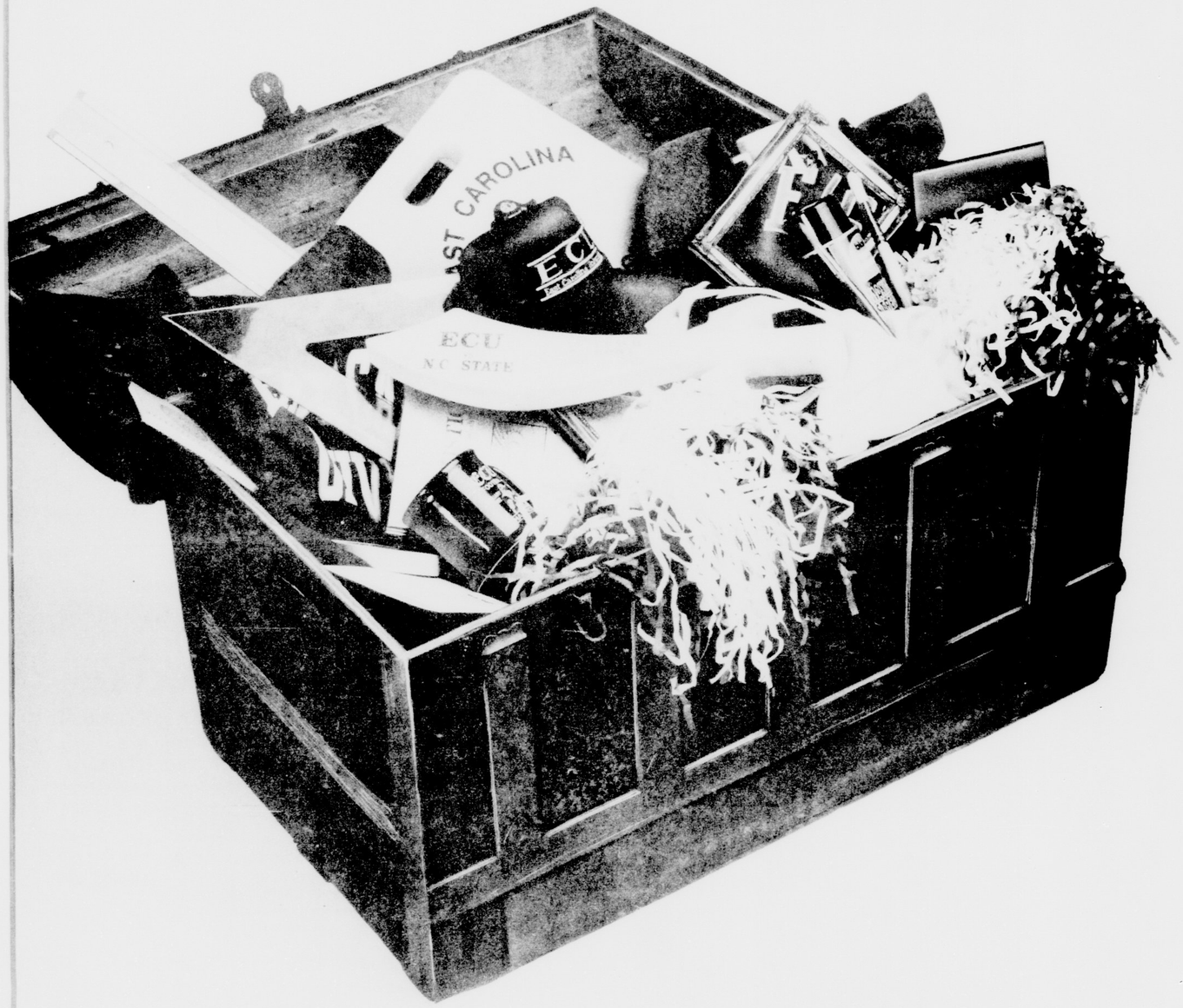

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Racism rears its head in sports again

Associated Press

(AP)—Leaders of civil rights groups and the players' associations of the three major sports joined together Friday to form an organization to press for the integration of team front offices.

The groups, spurred by alleged racial remarks attributed to Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott, said they would call for teams to consider at least one minority for each future front-office opening. They put off a decision about picketing and boycotting games but called for current sports executives to undergo sensitivity training.

Film director Spike Lee pointed out why many athletes have not spoken out against racism in sports.

"Today's African-American athlete is not going to jeopardize their contract, not going to jeopardize their sponsorship of sneaker deals by sticking his neck out," Lee said. "Who's going to stand up and say something that they're going to lose millions and millions of dollars?"

The Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was the most forceful speaker during the 3 1/2-hour meeting.

"I think this is the most significant event in racism in sports in my lifetime," he said.

Lowery drafted a statement against the remarks attributed to Schott, a statement endorsed by Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and John E. Jacob, president of the National Urban League. Also joining the statement were Donald Fehr, executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association; Charles Grantham, executive director of the National Basketball Players Association; Clark Gaines, a regional director of the NFL Players Association; and Reggie Williams, who works for the NFL.

"This body here assembled joins with citizens around the nation in expressing outrage and pain at statements and behavior attributed to Marge Schott, owner of the Cincinnati Reds," the group said. "Such statements and behavior have no place in the sports world and indeed in the nation.

Committed to racial justice, fairness and equality and to the dignity of every individual, we urge and expect the owners to take meaningful and appropriate disciplinary action for justice delayed is justice denied.

"This unfortunate incident provides an opportunity for the owners to not only condemn racial slurs, but recognize that the failure of baseball and all sports to include African-Americans, Hispanics and other minorities at every level of the industry — general management, entrepreneurial, professional, etc. — constitute racial slurs.

"We hope that action taken will precipitate immediate efforts to remedy inequalities so that baseball at every level will reflect the diversity on the playing field and in the nation. Failure to do so will be the biggest racial slur of all."

Isiah Thomas of the Detroit Pistons joined in by telephone. Fat Lever of the Dallas Mavericks attended the meeting, as did former NBA player Alex English and former major league baseball player Tony Bernazard.

Fehr said that the players associations had difficulty making racial equality a top issue because of their roles in collective bargaining.

"To suggest they're all-consuming is understating the case," Fehr said.

He also said the high wages of professional athletes prevented players from receiving sympathetic treatement.

"No one will identify a baseball player, or should they, as a victim," he said.

Fehr went on to criticize the delay on dealing with Schott, accusing owners of "poorly functioning institutions at this moment."

Grantham was harsher, saying: "It only suggests the inept management of the leagues that has allowed so much time to pass."

Lowery called the delay "shameful bahavior on the part of baseball."

Deputy commissioner Steve Greenberg said later that "it would not be appropriate for me to comment or for anyone from major league baseball to comment as long as the current investigation is pending."Grantham said the sports unions owed the civil rights leaders "a tremendous debt" for joining their cause.

"Write a check," Lowery joked.

"A moral debt," Grantham said.

Pirates fall short against Appalachain St.

By Warren Sumner
Assistant Sports Editor

ECU vs. Appalachian St.

The ECU Pirates travelled to Varsity Gym in Boone, N.C. on Jan. 4 to meet the Appalachian St. Mountaineers. The Pirates, looking for a win on the road, were denied, continuing an unfortunate trend of losing close games. The Pirates fell 76-74 after falling short in a comeback attempt in the waning seconds of the game.

The Pirates started to pull away from the Mountaineers in the first half as a technical foul provided the Pirates the opportunity to take an eight point lead midway through the first half.

But Pirate fouls allowed ASU back into the contest as they relied on inside shooting by guard Ricky Nedd and forward Joe Sabato to bring them ahead of ECU. A Tremayne Rooks 19-ft jumper in the final second of the half extended the ASU lead to five.

ASU fired once again at the start of the second half extending their lead to 14. The Pirates shooting atrociously from the free throw line, battled back, led by the perimeter shooting of Ronnell Peterson.

The inside shooting of Curley Young Brought the Pirates within two, but they could not overcome the perimeter shooting of Billy Ross. The Pirates fell just short, losing yet another close game. The Pirate record now stands at 4-5.

ECU (74)

	Min	fg m-a	ft m-a	rb o-t	a	pf	tp
Gill	25	4-9	4-4	0-4	0	1	12
Hunter	21	3-8	0-0	2-6	2	4	7
Copeland	23	1-1	0-0	1-6	1	2	2
Lyons	26	2-7	6-8	0-3	2	5	11
Peterson	31	8-16	0-2	2-3	5	3	23
Jones	6	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	0	0
James	5	0-1	1-2	0-0	0	0	1
Richardson	19	0-7	0-0	1-3	1	1	0
Yauna	19	4-4	3-3	0-4	0	3	11
Armstrong	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Lewis	17	3-3	1-4	3-5	0	2	7
Totals	200	25-57	15-23	10-37	12	21	74

Percentages: FG - .439, Ft. -.652, 3 pt. Goals: 9-22 - .357, Team Rebounds - 2, Blocked Shots - 1, Turnovers - 20, Steals - 8.

Appalachian St. (76)

	Min	fg m-a	ft m-a	rb o-t	a	pf	tp
Nedd	29	6-10	0-0	2-7	1	1	12
Ross	33	7-15	1-3	2-4	0	4	16
McClendon	28	6-10	4-5	4-5	1	2	16
Cool	25	1-7	1-3	0-1	0	3	3
Sabato	22	2-2	0-0	0-1	7	1	4
Richards	5	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	2
Williams	18	2-5	3-4	0-3	1	2	7
Hege	15	4-4	3-3	0-1	2	1	12
Carter	17	0-5	2-2	0-2	0	0	2
Rooks	8	1-2	0-1	0-1	0	3	2
Totals	200	30-61	14-21	8-34	12	18	76

Percentages: FG - .492, Ft. -.667, 3 pt. Goals: 2-13 - .154, Team Rebounds - 8, Blocked Shots - 3, Turnovers - 21, Steals - 14.

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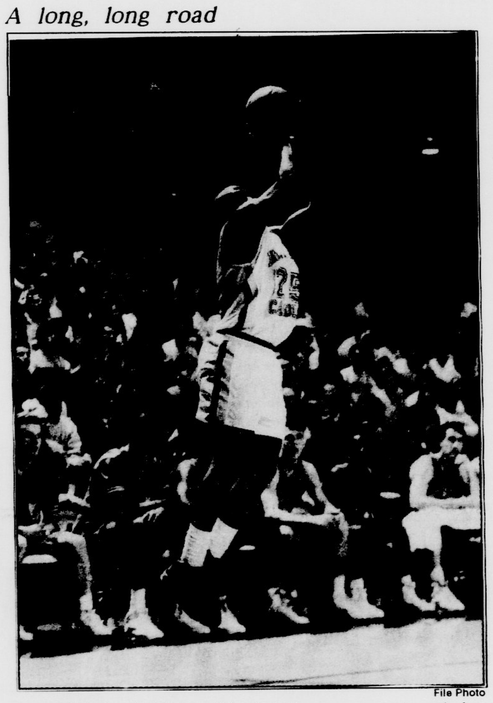
ECU	35	39	-
T. Tech	40	36	-

A long, long road



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A Payneful trip: The ECU men's basketball team came to the end of an eight-game road trip last night against the Richmond Spiders.

N.C. State may lose three players

Associated Press

(AP)—Chuck Kornegay and Donnie Seale should learn early next week whether they can return to the North Carolina State basketball team, coach Les Robinson said.

The school announced Thursday that Kornegay, a 6-foot-8 freshman, and Seale, a 6-5 senior, had been declared academically ineligible for the second semester. Senior Jamie Knox also is ineligible, and his care at NCSU has ended.

Kornegay and Seale are appealing their suspensions, and the appeals process should be completed next week. Laws protecting students' academic records prohibit Robinson from discussing the specifics of their situations. But Seale said Friday he was confident he could rejoin the team, saying he had finished work in an incomplete course from the fall semester.

"The thing that bothers me is that people will see the headline, 'Three State players ineligible' and their first thought will be that we have renegades here who don't go to school," Robinson said.

"But we're solid. Our GPAs have risen every semester. Unfortunately, that's not the perception people will get from this."

Freshman athletes at NCSU must have at least a 1.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale after their first semester in school to compete in the spring semester.

Tenessee Tech finds revenge in Cookeville

By Warren Sumner
Assistant Sports Editor

After handily defeating Tennessee Tech in Greenville earlier this season, the ECU Pirates lost their second consecutive road game to the Golden Eagles on Dec. 30, when they travelled to Cookeville. The Pirates shot terribly from the field and, with the exception of Wilbert Hunter, every member of the team's scoring average dropped in their 95-77 defeat.

The Golden Eagles led the Pirates throughout the contest, as tenacious Golden Eagle defense held the Pirates to 26.3 percent field goal shooting in the first half. Pirate scoring machine Lester Lyons was held to just four first-half points while Golden Eagle guard John Best racked up 11. The Pirates hit the locker room trailing 41-27. The Golden Eagles came out gunning in the second half, with the perimeter shooting of John Best and Robert West. The Pirates, trailing by as much as 22, never cut the lead any closer than 11 at any point in the second half. The Pirates continued their poor shooting performance in the second half hitting only 39.5 percent of their field goal attempts. The Pirates shot only 26 percent from three-point range and were out-rebounded by the Golden Eagles in their crushing road defeat.

ECU vs. Tennessee Tech

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Gill	32	2-8	2-6	3-7	1	3	6
Toliver	6	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Lewis	14	2-4	1-2	3-4	0	4	5
Copeland	28	1-7	2-2	5-12	2	3	4
Totals	200	27-81	17-25	24-49	13	22	77

Percentages: FG - .333, FT. - .680, 3 pt. Goals: 6-23 - .261, kTeam rebounds - 7, Blocked shtos - 1.

Tennessee Tech (95)

	Min	fg m-a	ft m-a	rb o-t	a	pf	tp
Crouch	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Houston	36	2-8	6-8	4-6	10	2	10
Dykstra	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ingram	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
West	38	9-17	2-4	1-7	5	2	27
Best	33	13-23	5-9	3-10	3	3	32
Mitchell	10	2-5	0-0	0-2	1	1	6
Cupples	25	2-4	2-2	0-5	4	4	6
Bibb	5	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Wester	30	2-7	1-2	2-10	1	2	5
Carter	7	2-3	2-2	1-3	0	0	6
Nayadley	10	1-1	1-2	0-3	0	5	3
Totals	200	33-70	19-29	11-49	24	20	95

Percentages: FG - .471, Ft. - .655, 3 pt. Goals: 10-28 - .357, Team Rebounds - 2, Blocked Shots - 0, Turnovers - 15, Steals - 7.

	1st half	2nd half	OT
ECU	27	50	-
T. Tech	41	54	-

Peterson scores eighteen in vain effort against Hokies

By Warren Sumner
Assistant Sports Editor

The Pirates met Virginia Tech in Blacksburg on Jan. 2 and, despite keeping the game close throughout the first half and leading a great deal of the second half, the Pirates fell in overtime 76-67.

Ronnell Peterson led the Pirates with 18, followed by the inside production of center Ike Copeland with 14.

The Pirates quickly found themselves chasing a Hokie lead. The short range jump shooting of Damon Watlington and Jay Purcell held the Pirates at bay for much of the first half.

A Pirate resurgance led by the Pirates' guards, Ronnell Peterson and Lester Lyons, brought the Pirates within one the end of the first half. A 31-30 halftime margin gave the Pirates hope for the rest of the contest.

The Hokies, led by forward Jay Purcell, tried to surge at the opening of the second half, but Lester Lyons would not cooperate, with two steals, and five quick points.

The Pirates maintained their narrow margin until a Hokie technical foul allowed them to extend it to five with 13 minutes remaining in regulation.

The Hokies battled back, with accurate shooting off of Pirate fouls.

Eventually the Hokies brought the contest within one, and with :41 seconds remaining, Purcell hit one of two from the line to tie the contest at 60 eventually sending it to overtime.

In the extra period, the Pirates commited many costly fouls that sent the Hokies to the line.

Combined with field goals from guard Jim Jackson the free throw accuracy of the Hokies proved to be the difference in the contest as they widened the Pirates' road slump and handed them another road defeat.

ECU vs. Virginia Tech

ECU (67)

	Min	fg m-a	ft m-a	rb o-t	a	pf	tp
Hunter	32	4-12	0-0	3-3	1	2	8
Gill	23	1-9	0-2	0-2	0	5	2
Copeland	38	5-6	0-0	3-13	1	2	14
Lyons	30	3-16	0-8	1-5	2	5	11
Peterson	37	6-12	0-8	2-4	2	5	18
Jones	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Richardson	14	1-3	0-1	0-1	0	3	6
Lewis	16	1-1	0-0	1-3	0	3	5
Young	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
Armstrong	14	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	3
Totals	225	22-60	19-30	13-39	9	29	67

Percentages: FG - .367, Ft. - .652, 3 pt. Goals: 4-18 - .222, Team Rebounds - 8, Blocked Shots - 5, Turnovers - 23, Steals - 4.

Virginia Tech (76)

	Min	fg m-a	ft m-a	rb o-t	a	pf	tp
J. Jackson	36	5-11	2-3	1-2	0	1	13
Elliot	36	3-8	2-4	2-9	1	4	8
Carruth	28	1-3	0-1	1-6	0	3	2
Watlington	26	4-9	1-2	0-2	2	5	9
Purcell	40	6-13	11-12	1-5	2	2	25
Jackson	9	0-2	4-4	0-0	1	5	4
Good	20	1-2	1-2	0-0	1	0	3
Cortier	9	1-1	0-0	0-2	1	0	2
Hall	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Smith	16	0-1	10-10	2-6	0	2	10
T. Jackson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	225	21-50	31-38	8-34	24	20	95

Percentages: FG - .420, Ft. - .816, 3 pt. Goals: 3-10 - .300, Team Rebounds - 2, Blocked Shots - 5, Turnovers - 19, Steals - 6.

	1st half	2nd half	OT
ECU	30	30	67
T. Tech	31	29	76

Pirates capture booty in Toledo tourney

By Warren Sumner
Assistant Sports Editor

After defeating Southeastern Louisiana in the semifinal game, the ECU Pirates claimed a 72-61 championship victory against the Toledo Rockets Dec. 19, in the Medical Value Plan Holiday Classic Tournament. Sophomore forward Anton Gill carried the bulk of the Pirates' scoring load, gaining 21 points in the contest, the majority by way of offensive rebounds and short-range jumpers.

Gill also added two three-pointers to establish himself as a double threat to the Rockets' defense, but unfortunately for the Pirates, it took Gill and his teammates a full half to establish much of anything other than a 14 point deficit.

The Rockets dominated the first half with outstanding play from forward Tim Schirra, who connected for 12 first half points and ruled the Pirates on the inside. Guard Archie Fuller also frustrated the Pirate defense with three three-pointers from the left side of the court. Guard Sam Brown rounded out the Rocket backcourt attack with seven first half points. Just before the half ended, a frustrated Pirate bench was called for a technical foul that forced coach Eddie Payne to see his team fall behind the Rockets 36-22.

The Pirates, apparently inspired by Payne's halftime instructions, came out gunning in the second half, but the Rockets seemed ready to match them. Despite Gill waging a successful inside war and Ronnell Peterson bombing from the perimeter, the Pirates took eight minutes to start solving the problems the Rockets were giving them. Kareem Richardson, a freshman Pirate guard, provided a much needed defensive spark when he converted two steals into Pirate layups with five minutes to play. The Pirates, driven by a newfound intensity, continued to battle until finally, with 2:09 left in the game, a Lester Lyons three-pointer gave the Pirates a one-point lead. A Toledo free throw with :44 seconds left tied the game at 58 and eventually sent the contest into overtime. In the extra period, a determined Pirate defense held Toledo to only three points while the Pirates gained 17 with its motion offense and accurate free throw shooting. Lyons' layup with 5 seconds remaining in overtime sealed a hard-fought comeback victory and improved the Pirate record to 4-1.

Colorado St. shoots Pirates' eyes out

By Warren Sumner
Assistant Sports Editor

Hampered by their inability to defend against the perimeter shot, the ECU Pirates were handed a 78-66 road defeat by Colorado St. on Dec. 22. Ram guard Tyson Maroney hit three three-point shots in the span of one minute to lead his team past the Pirates, leading them by seven at intermission. Kieth Bonds also stung the Pirates in the first half, matching Maroney's three-point productivity.

The Rams continued their assault from the outside with a pair of three pointers from guard Ryan Yoder. Despite a pair of three's from Pirate guards Lester Lyons and Kareem Richardson, the Bucs could not pull any closer than 11 midway through the second half.

Pirate center Ike Copeland and forward Wilbert Hunter battled hard on the inside, combining for 22 points and 16 rebounds, but could not span the distance the Rams had set forth at halftime. Ike Copeland's last second three-pointer was merely a testament to the fact that the Pirates had lost this game early; it was too little too late.

ECU vs. Colorado St.

ECU (66)

	Min	fg m-a	ft m-a	rb o-t	a	pf	tp
Hunter	19	5-12	0-2	2-3	1	0	10
Gill	23	3-8	0-0	2-5	0	5	7
Lewis	21	3-7	1-2	2-4	0	5	7
Lyons	28	5-13	0-0	0-1	0	4	13
Youngs	19	1-4	0-0	2-3	4	0	2
Jones	16	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Richardson	16	3-8	2-3	2-4	1	2	9
Peterson	22	2-8	0-0	2-5	6	0	6
Toliver	6	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Copeland	30	4-8	3-4	5-13	0	4	12

Percentages: FG - .371, Ft. - .545, 3 pt. Goals: 8-22- .364, Team Rebounds - 1, Blocked Shots - 2, Turnovers - 17, Steals - 6.

Colorado St. (78)

	Min	fg m-a	ft m-a	rb o-t	a	pf	tp
Molyneaux	22	3-6	0-1	1-3	2	1	6
Attkinson	25	3-6	3-4	2-8	0	3	10
Larson	31	4-11	1-2	6-12	1	4	9
Bonds	25	6-12	4-4	1-2	2	1	20
Yoder	31	3-6	2-2	0-4	11	1	11
Conger	4	0-1	2-2	0-0	1	2	2
Sellers	9	1-1	2-4	0-0	1	1	4
Laster	8	0-2	2-4	0-0	0	0	2
Crawford	16	0-1	0-0	0-3	3	1	0
Maroney	9	3-6	0-0	0-0	0	0	9
Smith	7	1-1	0-0	0-3	0	1	2
Vogel	13	1-3	1-1	0-2	0	1	3
Totals	200	25-56	17-24	12-41	21	16	78

Percentages: FG - .446, Ft. - .708, 3 pt. Goals: 11-22 - .500, Team Rebounds - 4, Blocked Shots - 5, Turnovers - 16, Steals - 8.

	1st Half	2nd Half	OT
ECU	33	33	-
Colorado ST.	41	37	-

Lyons dominates Lions in Toledo

By Warren Sumner
Assistant Sports Editor

Lester Lyons led the ECU Pirates past the Southeastern Louisiana Lions in the Toledo MVP Classic tournament semifinal game on December 18. Lyons, playing like a man possessed, produced 22 points, including three three-pointers to help seal a 72-65 victory that put the Pirates in the championship game.

The Pirates' victory insured them a spot in the championship game the next night against Toledo.

The Pirates started the game strong with a 9-2 run set up by Lyons' first two three-pointers. The Lions battled back with inside production by center Hank Washington, cutting the Pirates' lead to one, but the Bucs soon countered with perimeter shooting and offensive rebounding by Marlon Jones and center Ike Copeland. At intermission, the Pirates led the perplexed Lions 34-26.

After two minutes of see-saw battling at the start of the second half in which the Pirates stretched their lead to 12, the Lions roared back with a 10-0 run cutting the ECU lead to two. After Head Coach Eddie Payne called a timeout to calm his team, the Pirates settled into an inside game that extended their lead back to 11. The Pirate inside game and fastbreak capability proved too strong for the Lions, who never pulled closer than seven. The Pirates' victory insured them a spot in the championship game the next night against Toledo.

Steelers unable to pay Bills; offense shut down

Associated Press

(AP) — Frank Reich is the king of the comebacks — and he also showed he's a pretty good quarterback with a lead, too.

The Buffalo Bills needed no magic, no comeback of a lifetime, no miracles from Reich to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 24-3 in the AFC playoffs Saturday. His two touchdown passes and adept use of his receivers and the clock in the second half were good enough.

Reich, filling in again for injured Jim Kelly, threw a 1-yard scoring pass to Mitch Frerotte on a lineman-eligible play — Frerotte's third touchdown reception this season — and a 19-yarder to James Lofton in the third quarter as the Bills advanced to the AFC championship game for the third straight year.

The Bills are the first team since the 1972-76 Oakland Raiders to reach the AFC title game at least three successive years. By winning in Pittsburgh before the biggest crowd in Steelers' history, they became the first wild-card team to win a divisional playoff game since the NFL adopted its current playoff format three years ago.

Of course, this Bills team is quickly becoming known for the historic.

The Bills rallied from 32 points down — the greatest comeback in NFL history — to beat Houston 41-38 in overtime last Sunday, but they had to come back from only three points down this time.

That was easy for Reich.

The Steelers, in their first playoff game in exactly 10 years, treated the 60,407 towel-twirling fans to a 3-0 lead on Gary Anderson's 38-yard field goal in the first quarter. The Steelers proved no better in holding a small lead than the Oilers did in maintaining a huge one.

The Steelers looked rusty, especially quarterback Neil O'Donnell. He was making his first start in more than a month due to a broken right shinbone and he looked it, throwing two interceptions and losing a fumble that led to the first Bills touchdown.

Defensive end Phil Hansen recovered O'Donnell's fumble at the Bills' 41 with 6:27 remaining in the first half, and Reich put them in the end zone nine plays later.

Thurman Thomas gained 11 yards on third-and-1 from the 50, Kenneth Davis gained 14 to the 19 and Reich hit Don Beebe for 19 to the 1. Frerotte, lined up on the left side of the line, popped up free in the end zone to grab Reich's short flip, his second TD catch against the Steelers this season. He also caught a 1-yarder in the Bills' 28-20 victory at Buffalo Nov. 8.

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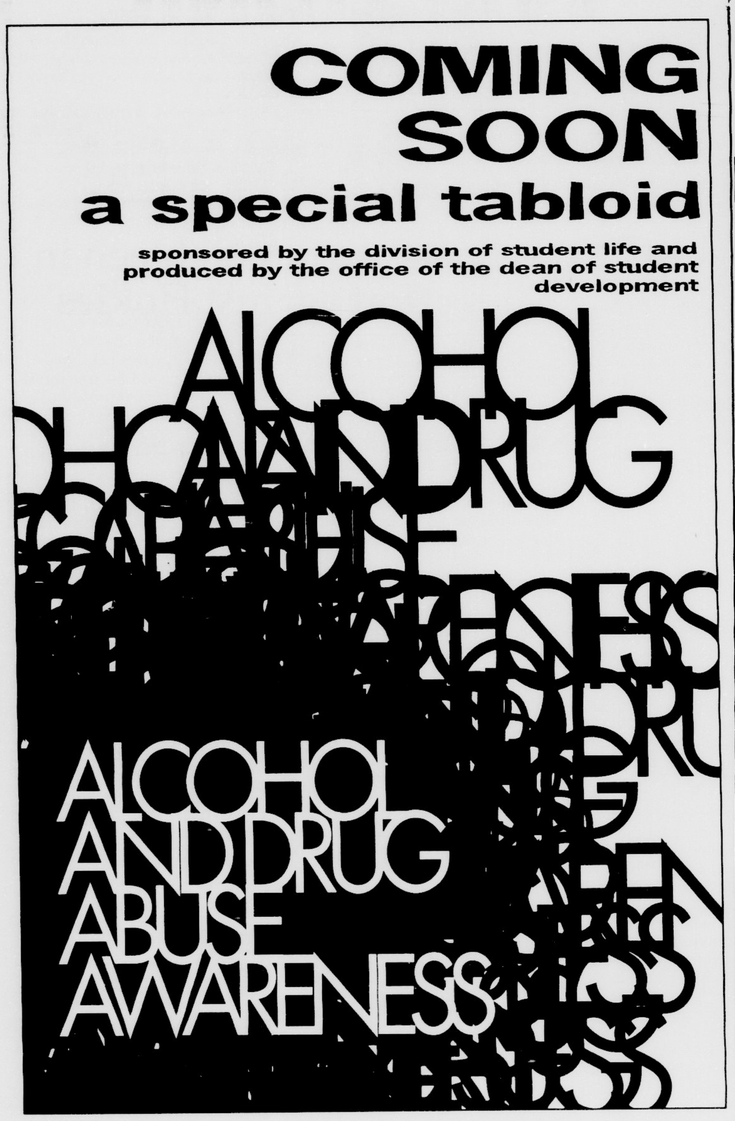

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49ers escape 'House of Payne'

ECU vs. UNC-Charlotte

By Warren Sumner
Assistant Sports Editor

The 1-0 ECU Pirate basketball team squared off Dec. 8 against a UNC-Charlotte squad that could prove to be one of their toughest opponents. After a hard-fought war that saw them lead by as much as eight, the Pirates could not stop a Charlotte second half comeback and fell to the 49ers 62-59.

The Pirates started the game strong, pulling away from the 49ers five minutes into the contest. Pirate guard Lester Lyons played with his usual ferocity, racking up 16 first half points. Bershuan Thompson, a native of nearby Grimesland, N.C. led the 49er scoring in the first half with nine points.

With hard-nosed play on defense, and the tremendous scoring of Lyons, the underdog ECU team hit the locker room at halftime nursing a three-point lead. Unfortunately for the Pirates, their lead would not last.

The visiting squad from Charlotte battled with the Pirates for 14 minutes in the second half before finally gaining the advantage in the game. The Pirates could not stop the inside rampage of 49er center Rodney Odum, who scored ten points in the second half, and plagued the Pirates with fouls. The 49ers also defensed Lyons much better than in the first half, holding the Pirate star to just six points.

The Pirates fell behind by six points with 1:06 remaining, but battled back with the help of poor 49er shooting from the line and perimeter shots by Anton Gill. The Pirates kept hope alive until Lyons was whistled for an intentional foul with only seconds remaining. The subsequent 49er possession iced a heartbreaking defeat for the Pirates as time expired on their chance for an upset.

ECU (59)

	Min	fg m-a	ft m-a	rb o-t	a	pf	tp
Lyons	36	9-15	3-4	2-6	2	5	22
Richardson	20	1-5	4-4	0-3	2	3	6
Hunter	22	1-4	2-5	1-2	1	4	4
Young	18	1-2	0-2	0-1	0	0	2
Peterson	25	2-3	0-0	1-3	2	3	4
Gill	31	4-4	3-4	1-2	1	3	13
Armstrong	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Lewis	26	2-4	2-4	1-2	0	4	6
Copeland	20	1-6	0-0	1-7	3	3	2
Totals	**200**	**21-43**	**14-23**	**7-27**	**11**	**25**	**59**

Percentages: FG - .488, FT - .609, 3pt. goals - 3-7, 429 Team rebounds - 27, Blocked shots - 2, Turnovers - 14, Steals - 6.

UNC-Charlotte (62)

	Min	fg m-a	ft m-a	rb o-t	a	pf	tp
Dottin	13	0-3	1-2	0-1	0	1	1
Terell	11	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	1	3
Thompson	33	4-8	6-6	2-5	1	3	16
Lana	28	1-4	6-6	3-4	1	3	8
Broadhurst	31	0-4	2-3	1-4	2	3	2
Davis	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kummer	12	1-4	2-3	1-2	0	1	4
Odom	35	5-13	6-7	7-14	3	3	16
Wilhite	25	4-9	3-6	4-5	0	3	11
Parker	5	0-0	1-2	0-1	0	2	1
Totals	**200**	**16-53**	**27-35**	**18-41**	**7**	**19**	**62**

Percentages: FG - .302, FT - .771, 3pt. goals 3-8. 375 Team Rebounds - 27, Blocked shots - 1, Turnovers - 16, Steals - 7

	1st half	2nd half	OT
ECU	33	26	-
UNCCH	30	32	-

Saturday Sports Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

TEXAS RANGERS—Signed Jeff Huson, infielder, to a one-year contract and Terry Bross and Bobb Nen, pitchers, and Dan Peltier, outfielder, to minor-league contracts.

National League

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with Chris James, outfielder, on a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL

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Tuesday, Dec. 29
At Tucson, Ariz.
Washington State 31, Utah 28

Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Fresno State 24, Southern Cal 7

Holiday Bowl
Wednesday, Dec. 30
At San Diego
Hawaii 27, Illinois 17

Independence Bowl
Thursday, Dec. 31
At Shreveport, La.
Wake Forest 39, Oregon 35

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At El Paso, Texas
Baylor 20, Arizona 15

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At Jacksonville, Fla.
Florida 27, North Carolina State 10

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At Memphis, Tenn.
Mississippi 13, Air Force 0

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Tennessee 38, Boston College 23

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At Dallas
Notre Dame 28, Texas A&M 3

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At Orlando, Fla.
Georgia 21, Ohio State 14

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At Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Stanford 24, Penn State 3

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At Tempe, Ariz.
Syracuse 26, Colorado 22

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan 38, Washington 31

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At Miami
Florida State 27, Nebraska 14

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At New Orleans
Alabama 34, Miami 13

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Saturday, Jan. 2
At Atlanta
North Carolina 21,
Mississippi State 17

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Saturday, Jan. 9
Tokyo
East 27, West 13

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Saturday, Jan. 16
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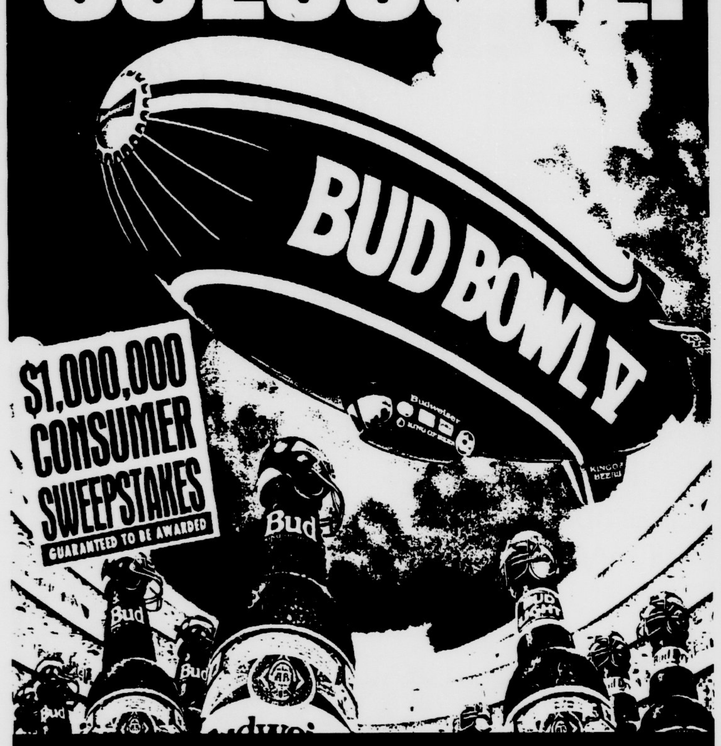

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Fishermen fear Coast Guard

Associated Press

HARKERS ISLAND, N.C. (AP) — Fishermen say the U.S. Coast Guard, which they once regarded as their prosecutor, has turned into their persecutor.

As the Coast Guard polices the waves with a lengthening list of laws on what fish can be caught and how boats should be equipped, they are known more for handing out tickets than tow lines.

"Used to be you were glad to see them," said Weldon Davis, a Carteret County fisherman. "Now you're scared to see them. That's the way it's gotten. There's so many rules and regulations, they're going to find something wrong."

So pronounced has the animosity become in recent months that U.S. Rep. Martin Lancaster arranged a sort of summit meeting of commercial fishermen and the Coast Guard last week at Harkers Island. About 100 fishermen came Wednesday night to talk with the commander of the Coast Guard's Fifth District that includes North Carolina.

Their gripes were many and wide-ranging, The News & Observer of Raleigh reported. They resent the boardings in which armed Coast Guard patrols look for everything from illegal drugs to undersized fish, and check for contraptions to save sea turtles from fishing nets.

They chafe that the budget-minded Coast Guard no longer comes to the aid of every stranded vessel, but instead calls commercial tow services if the situation is not life-threatening.

And they object to new Coast Guard requirements for expensive safety equipment that can cost some boat owners several thousand dollars a year.

It was those safety rules that largely prompted the Harkers Island gathering.

Milton Styron of Davis has been fishing for 56 of his 68 years. He complaned that men like him used to make their way on the water with only a compass and experience to protect them. Now, boats must carry many costly devices if they venture into the Atlantic.

"I can't afford to go offshore this year," Styron said. "I can't afford the equipment."

Fishermen said at the meeting that theirs is a precarious way to make a living anyway. They operate on small budgets, and shrinking profits as fish become scarce or off limits due to the National Marine Fisheries Service conservation regulation that the Coast Guard enforces.

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> *Rodney Cahoon of South River*

They said the added costs of new safety equipment or penalties for not having it will drive many into the red.

"We feel like we're being regulated out of business," said Rodney Cahoon of South River.

Rear Adm. Ted Leland, commander of the Fifth District, listened to the complaints. But he did not promise any lessening in safety requirements.

"Going to sea is a dangerous business," he said. "It's more dangerous than coal mining."

Every year on the East Coast between New Jersey and North Carolina, he said, at least eight people die and 133 are badly injured on commercial fishing vessels.

Fishermen argue their numbers have greatly diminished in recent years because it's so hard to make a profit. Leland, however, said the new safety rules were developed because there are more fishermen than ever before.

Foreign fishing vessels essentially were banned from U.S. shores in 1976. Since then, Leland said, the number of U.S. fishing boats has more than tripled. The fleet stands at 130,000 nationwide.

Many of those are crewed by strangers to the water and its dangers, making them likely to get into trouble, Leland said.

"As this industry mushroomed, it stopped being a father-to-son business," Leland said. "The history of the Coast Guard has been to help pick up the pieces, but now our job is more focused on making the industry safer."

A fishing boat equipped with safety mechanisms such as locater devices saves lives — and money, Leland said. A C-130 search plane flying out of the Coast Guard's Elizabeth City base costs $2,100 an hour.

Only about half the commercial fishing vessels on the water comply with the safety regulations, according to Coast Guard statistics. Most of those found in violation never get fined if they agree to fix the problem.

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22-year-old wins Charlotte marathon

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Jim Nicholson of Oswego, N.Y., and Amy Kattwinkle of Charlotte cruised to victory in Saturday's Charlotte Observer Marathon.

Nicholson, a 22-year-old graduate student from the State University of New York at Oswego, won on a course he had never seen before, posting a time of 2:21:58 to defeat Doug Kurtis of Northville, Mich. (2:23:08), who last week won a marathon in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Kattwinkle, a 25-year-old bank officer, posted a time of 2:45:16, followed by Nancy Beiger of Stockton, N.J. (2:50:29) and Carol Virga of Boca Raton, Fla. (2:55:40).

The 1,300 runners faced the hilly course through Charlotte's streets on a windswept and rainy day with temperatures in the low 40s. The pace was well off the course record of 2:14:2.

"I didn't even get a chance to see the course before I ran it," Nicholson said. "In a way I guess that helped me. I didn't make any stupid mistakes. A few guys went out very strong and I didn't even catch the leaders until after 10 miles."

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Underdogs rule in NCAA hoops

Associated Press

It was a perfectly awful week to have a perfect record.

Just last Monday there were seven teams sporting zeroes in their records: Duke, Kentucky, Iowa, Purdue, UNLV, Virginia and Xavier of Ohio.

A week later, the ranks of the undefeated have been trimmed to two — Kentucky and Virginia.

No. 1 Duke lost Sunday, 80-79 to Georgia Tech in Atlanta, ending its 23-game winning streak. The Blue Devils hadn't lost since a 72-68 defeat by Wake Forest last Feb. 23.

Iowa and Purdue both had terrible weeks as Big Ten conference play got under way. The No. 8 Hawkeyes lost 75-67 to No. 5 Indiana on Wednesday and got crushed on Saturday by unranked Ohio State 92-81. The ninth-ranked Boilermakers played even worse, losing to No. 3 Michigan 80-70 and to unranked Minnesota 81-60 on Saturday.

No. 12 UNLV had its 29-game winning streak snapped Thursday night in a 101-94 loss at Long Beach State, and unranked Xavier of Ohio dropped its first to Detroit Mercy in overtime Saturday.

Top 25 games over the weekend:

Georgia Tech 80, No. 1 Duke 79

Georgia Tech wrapped up the win on Malcolm Mackey's three free throws in the final 12 seconds. "I wanted to shoot the free throws. That's why I held the ball when I got it — so I could get fouled," said Mackey, who scored 19.

No. 2 Kentucky 84, Tennessee 70

Dale Brown scored a season-high 23 points and Jamal Mashburn added 21 as Kentucky (11-0, 2-0 SEC) overcame a 31-point performance by Allan Houston.

No. 3 Michigan 98, Wisconsin 73

Chris Webber scored 20 points, Jalen Rose and Juwan Howard each had 18 and Jimmy King added 16 for Michigan (12-1, 2-0 Big Ten).

No. 4 Kansas 78, Iowa State 71

At Lawrence, Kan., Iowa State went to a spread offense and stayed close, but two key runs carried the Jayhawks (11-1).

No. 5 Indiana 105, Penn State 57

At Bloomington, Ind., the Nittany Lions were crushed in their first Big Ten road game. The Hoosiers (13-2, 2-0) had an early 18-0 run and never trailed.

No. 6 North Carolina 101, Maryland 73

Eric Montross dominated inside as the Tar Heels (12-1, 2-0 ACC) won easily at Chapel Hill. Carolina reached 100 points for the seventh time this season.

No. 7 Seton Hall 91, Providence 79

At Providence, R.I., Terry Dehere scored 28 points, including 24 in the first half. The Pirates (13-1, 3-0) had their largest lead at 52-20.

Ohio State 92, No. 8 Iowa 81

At Columbus, Ohio, freshman Greg Simpson scored a career-high 23 points and lowered Iowa's Big Ten record to 0-2. The Hawkeyes are 11-2 overall.

Minnesota 81, No. 9 Purdue 60

At Minneapolis, the Golden Gophers (10-1, 2-0), off to their best start since 1989-90, broke a 43-43 tie with a 17-6 run to down Purdue (9-2, 0-2).

No. 13 Arkansas 86, South Carolina 76

At Columbia, S.C., Scotty Thurman had 24 points to lead Arkansas (11-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) to its third straight win.

Illinois 52, No. 14 Michigan State 39

At East Lansing, Mich., Illinois held Michigan State (8-3, 0-2 Big Ten) to its lowest point total since 1980 and kept them scoreless over the final 2:24.

No. 15 UCLA 89, Arizona State 85

At Los Angeles, UCLA (10-3, 1-1 Pac-10) withstood a 13-of-34 3-point shooting performance by ASU. The Bruins did not score a 3-point goal.

No. 16 Cincinnati 80, St. Louis 65

At St. Louis, the Bearcats (9-1, 1-0 Great Midwest) used aggressive defense to go on a 16-0 spurt in the first half.

Florida 62, No. 18 Vanderbilt 61

At Gainesville, Fla., Stacey Poole's jumper from the foul line was good at the buzzer to give Florida (8-3, 2-0 SEC) the upset.

No. 19 Connecticut 87, Villanova 80

At Villanova, Pa., Brian Fair scored 27 points, Donyell Marshall added 21 and Scott Burrell had 19 for Connecticut (7-2, 2-1 Big East).

No. 20 Arizona 81, Southern Cal 73

Chris Mills had a season-high 28 points to lead Arizona to its second win in three days in Los Angeles. The Wildcats (7-2, 2-0) beat UCLA on Thursday.

No. 21 Syracuse 89, Miami 81

At Syracuse, coach Jim Boeheim won the 400th game of his career and the Orangemen (9-3, 1-3 Big East) snapped a three-game losing streak.

Temple 52, No. 22 Massachusetts 44

At Philadelphia, the Minutemen (6-4, 0-1 Atlantic 10) posted their lowest point total in six years. Temple (5-3, 1-1) had a late 10-0 run for the win.

No. 23 Florida State 74, Wake Forest 72, OT

At Winston-Salem, N.C., Sam Cassell converted a three-point play with one second left in overtime for the Seminoles (9-5, 1-1 ACC).

St. John's 85, No. 24 Pittsburgh 77

At New York, St. John's, which never trailed, made 13 of its last 14 free throws to end Pitt's seven-game winning streak. Pitt fell to 9-2, 2-2.

No. 25 Virginia 73, N.C. State 56

At Raleigh, N.C., Virginia (9-0, 2-0 ACC) got 25 points from Cory Alexander and now owns the nation's longest winning streak — 14 games.

Spartans fall to Siena, lose 2nd in a row

Associated Press

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — Lee Matthews, Jim Ryder, Doremus Bennerman and Stu Downing scored in double figures to lead Siena to a 102-70 victory over N.C.-Greensboro Saturday night, spoiling a homecoming for Spartan Yusuf Stewart of Albany.

The Saints, who had posted an 80-61 win in Greensboro last season, ran out to a 24-7 advantage in the first nine minutes of the contest behind 10 points from senior forward Lee Matthews.

But Greensboro rallied to within 27-21 on a three-minute run in which four players scored. Stewart had a pair of layups, Greg Williams and Jonathan Clifton added buckets and Scott hartzell had back-to-back three-point plays.

But Siena hit three-pointers on its next two possessions, scored eight straight points, and was off and running away again. It led, 50-35 at the half.

The Spartans could get no closer in the second period.

Matthews finished with a game-high 23 points for the Saints, hitting eight of 11 field-goal tries and collecting a game-high 15 rebounds.

Ryder, starting only his second game in four seasons, added 17 as did Bennerman. Downing added 13.

Freshman center Brian Bronson led the Spartans with a season-high 19 points and seven rebounds.

Siena improved to 7-4 with its second win in a row, while N.C.-Greensboro, in its second NCAA Division I season, fell to 2-8 with its second straight loss.

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'Jackets' sting Devils, Duke streak ends at 23

Associated Press

(AP) — Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins thought his Yellow Jackets had blown it — a chance to beat No. 1 Duke and end the Blue Devils' school-record winning streak at 23 games.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski wasn't concerned with the streak. He just wanted solid basketball from the two-time defending national champions, something he didn't get Sunday when No. 10 Georgia Tech upset the Blue Devils 80-79 in an Atlantic Coast Conference game.

Duke (10-1, 1-1) shot only 39.1 percent from the field (25-64) for the game and 36.4 percent (8-22) while falling behind by 15 points in the first half before nearly pulling it out.

"I thought we were choking," said Cremins when Duke went ahead 60-59 with 9:20 to play on a basket by Grant Hill, who led the Blue Devils with a career-high 29 points.

"I thought we were throwing it away. I called a timeout and challenged them," said Cremins, whose team opened the game with a 12-0 run and led 34-19 with 6:08 left before halftime.

"I just told them they had played so hard and now were just giving them the game," Cremins said. "I could see the look in their eyes. They got mad, and we really showed tremendous guts."

Tech (9-1, 2-0) went out and regained the lead 62-60 on a 3-point goal by freshman Martice Moore and never trailed again. The Yellow Jackets took the lead for good at 68-66 with 4:58 left on a basket by Malcolm Mackey, who led Tech with 19 points.

Mackey added three key free throws in the final 12 seconds as Duke got within 77-74 with 1:18 left.

"When you beat the best, it really means something," said Cremins. "I wish we could enjoy it, but we have the Tar Heels in Chapel Hill next."

The Yellow Jackets face No. 6 North Carolina Wednesday night on the road.

The 23 consecutive wins equaled Duke's school record set only last year. The Blue Devils' last loss was 72-68 to Wake Forest on Feb. 23, 1992.

"I'm sure if you ask any of our kids, they wouldn't even know we had a streak," said Krzyzewski. "We don't talk about things like that. If you want to become a championship basketball team, your goals aren't streaks, your goals are solid basketball for 40 minutes."

Tech had four others in double figures, including Travis Best with 15 points, James Forrest 14 and Bryan Hill and Drew Barry 11 each. The Yellow Jackets made 58.8 percent of their shots from the field, including six of eight 3-point shots.

"Their kids really came out at a high level and played us as hard or harder than anyone has played us all year long," said Krzyzewski.

Bobby Hurley had 18 points and eight assists for the Blue Devils, but made only 6 of 17 from the field, including 3 of 12 from 3-point range. He also missed 4 of 7 free throws.

Hurley also was knocked flat on his back late in the first half when he ran into a pick by Mackey. He lay on the court for about a minute, but returned to the game. Duke trainers said he suffered a bruised sternum.

Cowboys, 49ers prepare for NFC mudfight

Associated Press

(AP) — George Seifert said all the right things about the mucky field at Candlestick Park, where his San Francisco 49ers will play the Dallas Cowboys next Sunday for the right to represent the NFC in the Super Bowl.

"I'm sure the city and the league will do everything they can to make it the best it can be," Seifert said Sunday. "But however it is, it's going to be the same for both of us, so it's something we're set to deal with."

Still, you can't help but wonder if Seifert doesn't secretly wish for another day of the slop that contributed to eight turnovers in the 49ers' 20-13 win over Washington on Saturday. If nothing else, it might slow down Dallas' ultra-quick defense, which shone Sunday as the Cowboys qualified for the trip to Candlestick with a 34-10 win over Philadelphia.

There's a sense of symmetry to the 49ers-Cowboys game, which will be played 11 years after their last meeting in the conference title game.

That was when the 49ers were on the way up — an upstart in its first conference title game against "America's Team," one of the NFL's dominant teams of the '70s. The Niners won that one 28-[illegible] on "The Catch" by Dwight Clark with 51 seconds left.

That propelled San Francisco to its first of four Super Bowl victories, while the Cowboys started a slide that hit bottom when they went 3-13 and 1-15 in 1988 and 1989. That second season was the first for Jimmy Johnson, who has brought them back to the brink of the Super Bowl in just three seasons.

So now the 49ers are the old pros and the Cowboys the upstarts — loaded with rookies, second- and third-year men.

Joe Montana, who threw the ball that Clark caught on one of the most glorious of his many game-winning drives, is the only player left on either team who played in that game and he'll be on the bench behind Steve Young after missing almost all of the last two seasons with an elbow injury. This game may be more entertaining than the Super Bowl. Not only has the NFC champion won the last eight league titles, but the 49ers and Cowboys, 14-2 and 13-3 respectively, were easily the best teams in the NFL during the regular season.

The Cowboys demonstrated that dominance Sunday in their win over the Eagles.

"Those guys looked hungry," said Jerry Rice, who is sure to cause problems for a relatively inexperienced Dallas secondary. "We have to be hungry also. I'm looking forward to it."

Rice actually could benefit from a sloppy field — it's easier for receivers to cut than for defenders to cover them because the receivers know where they're going. In fact, both teams may do well through the air — the secondaries are the softest part of both defenses, although both played well this weekend. So the NFL is expected to bring in George Toma, the Montana of groundskeepers, to help repair the turf. On Saturday, the grounds crew was out at every stoppage of play, filling in pieces of turf.

But that may not work.

More rain is forecast for this week and the stadium is on the banks of San Francisco Bay, which has had unusually high tides this winter. As a result, despite a tarpaulin over the field, water has been seeping up from underneath.

So ... The Cowboys are saying the right thing, too. "I hope it's a good field," Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman said after Sunday's game. "But both teams have to play on it."

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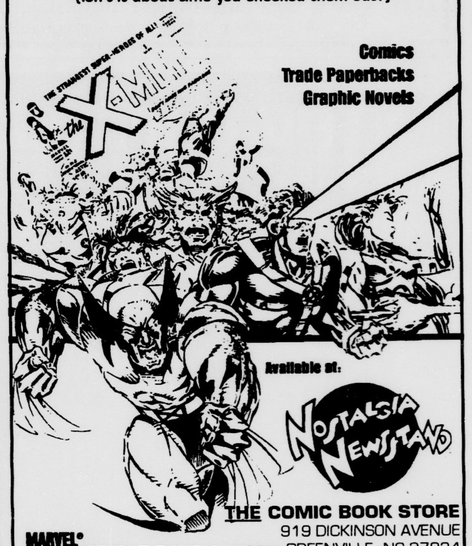

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1. **Kentucky (11-0):** Better than Duke last year, too.
2. **Duke (10-1):** Will drop again before year is over.
3. **Michigan (12-1):** Will beat Hoosiers on Tuesday.
(Tie) **North Carolina (11-1):** Should have beat Mich.
5. **Kansas (11-1):** Head coach a Dean Smith product.
6. **Indiana (12-2):** Always over-rated.
7. **Georga Tech (9-1):** Always under-rated.
8. **Oklahoma (11-2):** Too soon to tell about Sooners.
9. **Seton Hall (13-1):** The Big East is falling apart.
10. **Cincinnati (9-1):** ECU does not stand a chance.
11. **Arizona (7-2):** Beat UCLA and on the rise.
12. **Arkansas (11-1):** Will be tough tobeat in March.
13. **UNLV (6-1):** Always finds trouble in Long Beach.
14. **Connecticut (7-2):** Not a Final Four threat.
15. **UCLA (10-3):** If only Tracy Murray stayed.
16. **Virginia (9-0):** Proved FSU doesn't belong in Top 25.
17. **Iowa (11-2):** Do they grow corn there?
18. **Minnesota (10-1):** Beat Purdue and MSU.
19. **Purdue (9-2):** Wonderful chicken.
20. **Ohio St. (9-2):** Round on the ends and hi in the middle.
21. **Vanderbilt (8-3):** Billy McCaffrey making a difference.
22. **Georgetown (8-2):** John Thompson coaches centers, not basketball teams.
23. **Nebraska (11-3):** Will not be in Top 25 for long.
24. **Florida:** Best team in the state. FSU is a 9-5 joke.
25. **Michigan St. (8-3):** Lost to Illinois, 52-39 . That's a joke right? Ohio State will crush them.

Redskins show true colors in playoffs

Associated Press

(AP) — Steve Young was good. He was bad. He was ugly.

The net result, however, was the same as it used to be with Joe Montana: Another playoff win for the San Francisco 49ers that put them two steps away from becoming the first team ever to win five Super Bowls.

With Young throwing for 227 yards, running for 75 more and also turning the ball over four times, the Niners dispatched last year's champion, the Washington Redskins, 20-13 on Saturday.

That put San Francisco, an NFL best 14-2 in the regular season, in the NFC title game next Sunday here against the winner of Sunday's Philadelphia-Dallas game. It will be Dallas, led by Troy Aikman, who tromped Philadelphia 24-3 on Sunday afternoon in Irving, Texas, who will meet Young to fight for the NFC title.

Three of Young's miscues led to all three Washington scores and the fourth took away a scoring chance.

But Young was not alone in committing mistakes on the muddy Candlestick turf. Vying with Young for this particular game's title of most mistake-prone player was Washington quarterback Mark Rypien. Washington, which finished this post Super Bowl-season at 10-8, also turned the ball over four times on the muddy field, the last with 9:23 left when Mark Rypien and Brian Mitchell botched a handoff at the San Francisco 28 and the Niners recovered.

That allowed the Niners to eat up seven minutes and led to Mike Cofer's second field goal, a 33-yarder that made it 20-13 with 2:22 left.

That came after Young's miscues had helped Washington cut a 17-3 halftime deficit to 17-13 and were threatening to take the lead.

In fact, if there were any heroes in this sloppy game on a sloppy field, they played for the San Francisco defense, particularly two maligned defensive backs — Eric Davis and David Whitmore, burned all year in a secondary that was third from worst statistically in the NFL. The Niners also sacked Rypien five times, three by Pierce Holt.

But Young wasn't all bad in this in this confrontation of teams which have won four of the last five Super Bowls and seven of the last 11.

With Montana, who led the Niners to four Super Bowl titles in the '80s, on the bench behind him, Young hit scoring passes of 5 yards to John Taylor on the game's opening drive and 16 to Brent Jones with 25 seconds left in the half as the Niners took a 17-3 halftime lead.

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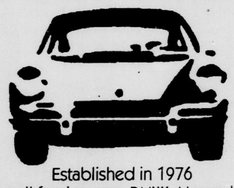
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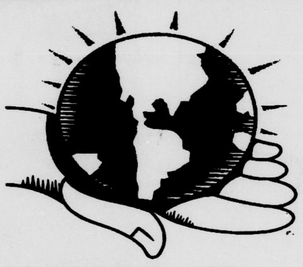
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