

Briefs

Around the State

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — A Fort Bragg soldier died after being struck in the head by a helicopter rotor blade just hours after another soldier was killed in a parachute accident.

Military officials did not immediately release the names of the victims in Tuesday's accidents, saying families had not been notified.

The soldier killed in the helicopter accident was in an Army Special Operations Command unit. The paratrooper was assigned to the 18th Airborne Corps' headquarters.

KITTY HAWK, N.C. (AP) — A 10-year-old girl suffered serious burns when she dashed back into her burning home to rescue a doll from the flames, according to firefighters.

Fire officials said Jessica Parsons had escaped without injury before fire engulfed the house, but apparently returned to retrieve a Barbie doll. Investigators at the scene were told she was forced to jump from a window to save herself.

She was transported to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital burn unit by medical helicopter after the Tuesday fire. She was reported in serious but stable condition with second-degree burns on 26 percent of her body.

Around the Country

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The teen who struck the first blow with a baseball bat in the beating death of a former altar boy was sentenced to five to 20 years.

Kevin Convey, who pleaded guilty to third-degree murder in exchange for his testimony against six other defendants in the Nov. 11, 1994, beating, had nothing to say and showed no emotion Tuesday as Common Pleas Court Judge Patricia Cutler Greenspan sentenced him.

CHARDON, Ohio (AP) — Warning: Wearing baggy, low-slung pants is a safety hazard.

At least that's the tack Chardon Middle School is using to ban the droopy drawer style that has become so popular that teenagers are literally tripping over themselves to wear it. The school's principal reported incidents where students were "de-pantsed" in the halls and another where a student "tripped on his pant legs and fell into a science table."

Around the World

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Sudan has ruled out sabotage in the crash of a military plane that killed all 91 people aboard.

Wednesday, Egypt's Middle East News Agency quoted Maj. Gen. Mohamed Abdel-Kader, spokesman for the Sudanese armed forces, as saying investigators believed a mechanical problem caused Monday's crash.

The army quoted witnesses as saying the plane was in flames as it went down, and the Egyptian news agency said the pilot was in contact with air traffic officials right before the crash.

SGA continues despite convention

\$10 reimbursement may be used as senior class gift

Wendy Houston
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association (SGA) held its 14th meeting this past Monday. The executive council was not present due to a national convention held in Texas, but the meeting continued with representatives playing the roles of executive members.

The Appropriations Committee asked the legislature to approve a resolution which would suspend rules on 10 different funds. The committee's goal was to review and fund organizations without the representatives' vote, in order to catch up on appropriations. However, in the meeting following Spring Break, they will report back to the legislature with the results. After a short debate, the legislature passed the vote.

Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society (ODK) was funded \$1,465. However, last week, Ian Eastman, SGA president, vetoed a funding bill that would allow ODK to travel to Indiana for their yearly conference.

"I vetoed that bill because it was double funded by the Chancellor and SGA," Eastman said.

An announcement was made that there has been a concern about the attorney general and honor board throughout the semester. A special committee is going to form in order to look into the judicial rules and procedures.

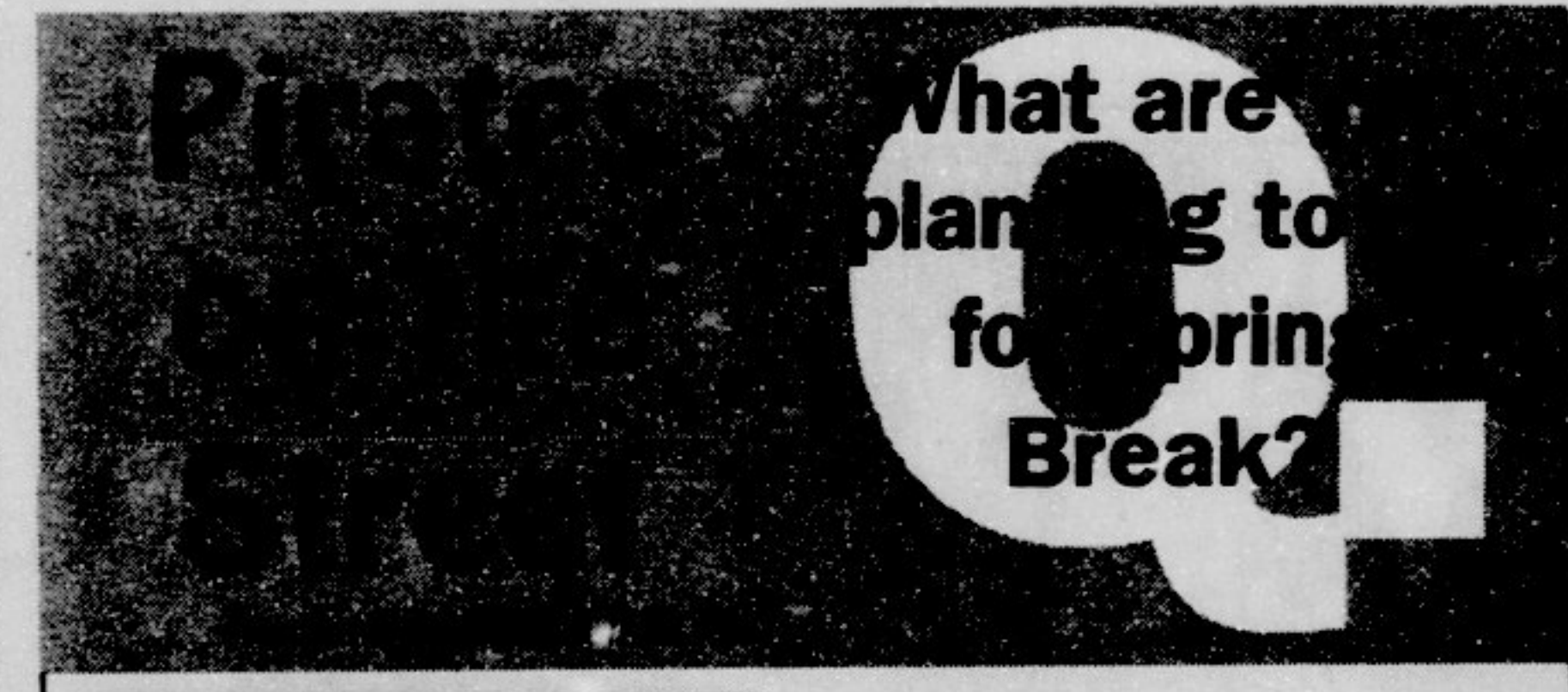
Justin Conrad, SGA senior class president, announced that the senior class gift will be a marquee wall on Fifth Street. He will report more information in the meeting following Spring Break.

Representative Chris Arline and Eastman lobbied with the administration to obtain a \$10 reimbursement to graduating seniors, since they paid recreational fees in the hopes of using the recreational center this semester. SGA officers found it to be in the best interest to use the funds as a means of paying for the senior gift. Conrad is looking into

the total price of the marquee wall, and if there is a remainder of money, the officers will decide on refunding.

An opinionated poll will be held today on campus. It is a referendum to find out how students feel about the honor board and installing a campus mail complex.

Penn Crawford, chief of staff, asked for suspension of rules to shorten the SGA elections campaign by one day. Students may file through Tuesday, March 12 for a position until 2 p.m. A candidate meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 13. The vote passed.



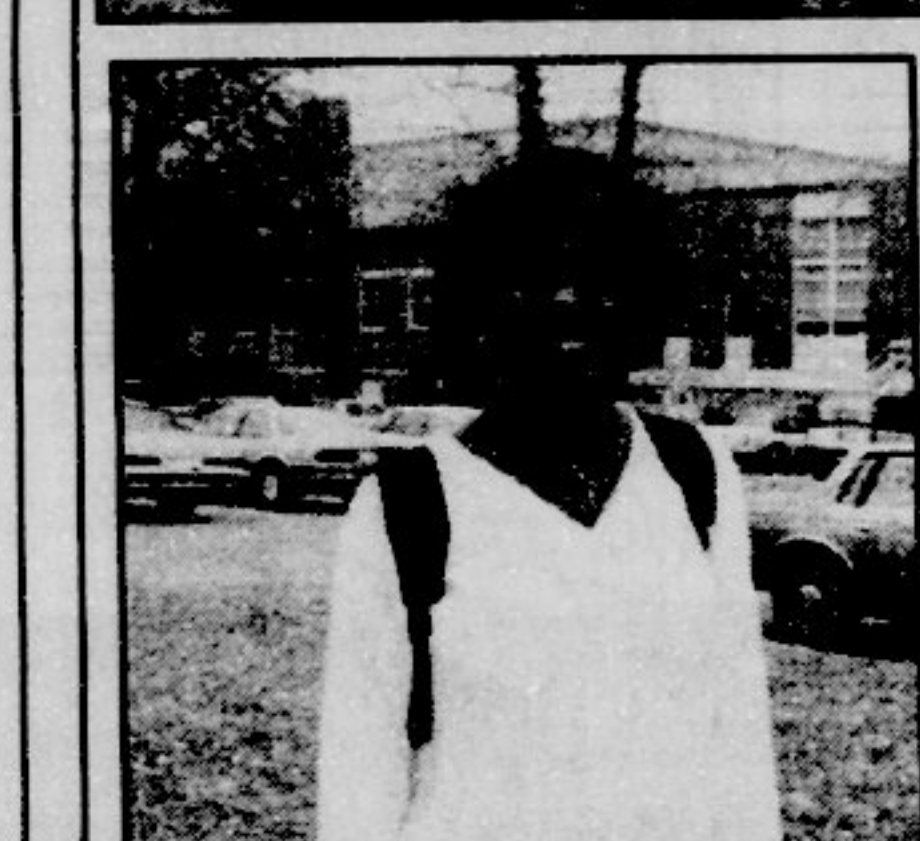
What are you planning to do for Spring Break?



Joseph Tart, senior
"I'm going to work a little, go canoeing on the river and then go to D.C."



Jamal Adekunle, junior
"I plan to stay home and catch up on my work and maybe get into a little trouble."



Amy Staton, freshman
"I'm going to relax and get caught up on my school work."



Cynthia Sackmann, freshman
"I'm going to Myrtle Beach just to lay out and have some fun."

Nontraditional student group recruits across campus

Debra Byrne
Staff Writer

A new student centered organization is forming here at ECU that will address the issues and concerns of nontraditional students on campus and across the nation.

The National Nontraditional Student Association (NNTSA) will hold its first meeting today at 3 p.m. in GCB 1025.

A nontraditional student is basically an adult student who attends college, but school may not be the main part of their life. Many of the students are married, have families and already have a career.

If you consider yourself a nontraditional student, then the organization will accept you. There are over 2,000 nontraditional students here at ECU.

Bob Denny, chair of the retention committee for the national association and associate director for undergraduate studies, said the organization first came into being in Oct. 95 in the Rocky Mountain area (Colorado and Wyoming). The group formed in order to share their experiences and to help each other across the state's universities. Due to high interest, the group decided to go national.

Denny said he first read about

this group on an e-mail listserve. He went to the Rocky Mountain convention to see what was going on. He wanted to be a part of the activity to launch the national organization on the east coast.

This is the first time that the organization will meet here at ECU and the group will be in full swing for the 96-97 school year. The organization is soliciting membership now and the first national meeting will be in the fall.

Some of the things that NNTSA plans on doing is to research the nontraditional student — how many students are there, where they are and their rate of success. The organization hopes to put together guide books, discuss health care and create a national newsletter as well.

Denny said this organization is something that students should know about. The group will provide a mecha-

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"This is a student centered organization which is a unique element."

— Bob Denny

Registration process may see overhaul

Students asked to provide input for new system

Sherri Parrish
Staff Writer

As registration approaches, students and their advisors must prepare for the process once again.

Although the whole ordeal may not be an easy one, the university is working on improving the system.

According to Dean of Undergraduate Studies Dorothy Muller, a Registration Review Committee is currently seeking input from students on ways to make the advising and the registration process a more positive

experience.

"We are working through focus groups to get student input for improving the registration process," Muller said. "If students want to share their views on advising and the registration process, they can send it to the Committee Chairman Dr. Dave Watkins via e-mail, or to the office of undergraduate studies."

Although these insights will provide the committee with areas to focus on for the future, Muller said one of the biggest problems has already been removed.

Improvements made to the university's computer registration terminals have sped up transaction time.

"Last year, transactions on the terminals took a longer amount of time," Muller said. "With the new computers, that transaction time is now

Students warned about false Internet message

Staff Reports

A current rumor states that the Internet will be disconnected today for cleaning purposes and recommends that individual computers be terminated to avoid losing files. This is not true!

"The rumor originated as a message posted on the alt.joke newsgroup," said Jack McCoy, systems programmer at the Computing and Information Center.

The message, meant to be humorous, says the Internet shuts down and sends robots around every leap year to clean the system of excessive files. It then recommends that everyone connected to the Internet disconnect their computer or their files will be eliminated.

"Some people on campus get this newsgroup," said McCoy, "and that's probably where the rumor got started. I started getting e-mail from different departments last week asking if this was true."

Concerned that students might disconnect their computers from the main system and then have trouble getting re-connected, McCoy recommends consulting with his department before making any changes now or in the future.

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Interfraternity member elected regional VP

Wendy Houston
Staff Writer

The ECU Interfraternity Council (IFC) attended the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference (SEIFC), where their administrative vice president was announced as Area 1 Vice President.

Chris Arline, Sigma Phi Epsilon and the administrative vice president for IFC, was opposed by four other candidates, two from Old Dominion University, one from N.C. State and one from Longwood College for the position as Area 1 Vice President. He won during a run-off with a candidate from Old Dominion University.

His new responsibilities will be to coordinate conferences and elections in throughout West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

"This is really good for us," said Bill Burnette, IFC president. "Chris is now one of four IFC executive members in the country."

SEIFC attempted to make a constitutional amendment insisting on the presence of each IFC adviser.

"We shot the amendment down," Burnette said. "Dr. Speier couldn't be present because of a prior planned conference and they would have lost a quality candidate (Arline)."

The SEIFC was held in Atlanta, Ga. from Wednesday, Feb. 21-25. More than 60 Southeastern schools were represented with 536 attendees.

The theme of SEIFC this year was "Lighting the Torch." Its purpose was to provide informative seminars and an awards ceremony.

"More so these days, the greek system is trying to get away from that 'Animal House' way of life that everybody thinks we are, and push more for philanthropy and academic scholarship," said Micah Retzlaff, Phi Kappa Psi and IFC secretary. "One speaker from Bradley gave a real dynamic speech and encouraged (us) to push more for those things and the socials will fall into place."

Another seminar dealt with risk management and how fraternities and sororities can

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CRIME SCENE

February 19

Breaking and entering/Larceny - A staff member reported that several items (total value \$4,494) were stolen from his locked office.

February 20

Trespassing - A non-student was issued a state citation and banned from campus for unloading on the floor of the laundry room in Slay Hall.

Larceny - a student reported the larceny of four towels from a dryer in a laundry room at Jones Hall.

February 21

Damage to property - A resident of White Hall reported that several African American (related) flyers that were located on the 10th floor bulletin board had been burned.

February 23

Controlled substance violation - A campus appearance ticket will be issued to a student for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. The incident occurred in Fleming Hall.

February 26

Robbery - A student reported that he had been robbed by an unidentified subject between Cotten and Fleming Halls.

2nd degree trespassing/Delaying and obstructing a law enforcement officer - A non-student, 2605 E 10th St. Apt 33, was arrested for second degree trespassing and obstructing and delaying a law enforcement officer.

February 27

Suspicious activity - A staff member reported that she had seen a suspicious person looking in the men's and women's locker rooms at Minges pool.

B&E/Larceny from a motor vehicle - A student reported that her hangtag was stolen from her vehicle while it was parked west of Allied Health Building.

Assault - A student reported that she was assaulted by her ex-boyfriend north of Tyler. She was not hurt and refused to file charges.

Compiled by *Marguerite Benjamin*. Taken from official ECU police reports.

Correction:

The headline for the TEC article "Career Services offers internship opportunities" was incorrect. The Cooperative Education department offers internship information.

Fleming houses teaching fellows, honor students

Community allows after-class discussion, camaraderie

Stephanie Ann Eaton
Staff Writer

Fleming Residence Hall offers a group of students the chance to experience a sense of unity and to enhance their knowledge.

Fleming residence hall is set up for students who belong in ECU's Honors Program or are an ECU Teaching Fellow. Incoming freshmen who are teaching fellows are required to live in Fleming. The residents who live in Fleming the previous year and wish to return must maintain a 3.0 G.P.A. and be participating in honors classes. For those rooms still available the University then invites a select group of freshmen who were accepted early and

who will be in the honors program. Fleming also houses exchange students who meet the requirements to live there.

"The freshmen that we look at to live in Fleming from the Honors Program generally have about a 1300 on their SAT, are in the top 10 percent of their graduating class and graduate with at least a 3.5," said David Sanders, director of the honors program.

Sanders said Fleming is a very popular hall to live in and the two floor building is not large enough to hold all the interested applicants who wish to live there.

Lemar Bell, coordinator of Cotten, Fleming and Jarvis Halls believes Fleming is a great opportunity for honor students and teaching fellows.

Bell said many of the students that live in Fleming have classes together. He feels this gives students the chance to have out-of-class discussions which helps them in their schooling.

Bell also believes that having many of the same students in classes and living together helps students develop friendships amongst each other.

"It help students," Bell said. "I believe having an honor residence hall is a good thing. Anytime people in like programs can have an out-of-class discussion is positive."

Many students who live in Fleming find it to be a great experience.

"I like living in Fleming because it's usually pretty quiet so I can get a lot done when I need to," said Jenny Grice, a junior communication major.

Sarah Wahlert, a junior communication major said Fleming is not just books and work. Fleming is a close community where she has made several friendships.

"I like living in Fleming because, although the people party, they also value their study time," Wahlert said. "Everyone I've met there has been very friendly and

open-minded."

Fleming's sense of unity is witnessed in their 1995-1996 theme *One Nation Under the Groove: Ready or Not Here We Come!* They share this theme with Cotten and Jarvis Halls.

"We are all friends," said Stephani Handy, a sophomore dance education major. "We all get together and do things."

Michelle Duncan, a freshman accounting major said she believes that Fleming is calmer than most residence halls.

"We have a 24-hour quiet hall which allows Fleming to be a lot calmer," Duncan said. "I have friends who live in other residence halls that are really loud. Fleming is more focused towards studying."

Duncan said living in Fleming has helped her with her school work.

"I can go to other residents who may have had the class that I am in and ask them questions, and they will give me insight about the class," Duncan said.



Manics last rally

The Minges Maniacs in full make-up and costume, showed their Pirate spirit at the last home game for ECU's men's basketball team.

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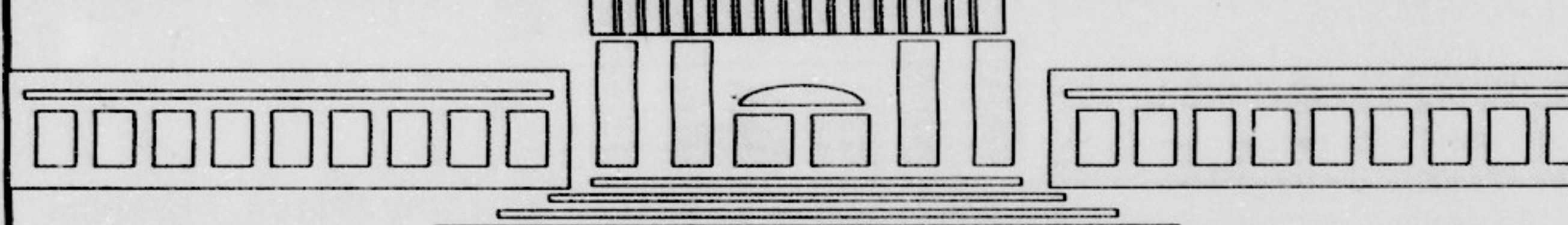


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Since the start of the semester, many positions on Student Government have been vacated. We are looking for students who are interested in getting involved and working with our Student Government. The following is a list of available positions on the body:

- 6 Day Representatives (students who live off-campus)
- 1 Jarvis Residence Hall
- 1 Cotten Residence Hall
- 2 Aycock Residence Hall
- 2 Belk Residence Hall
- 1 Clement Residence Hall
- 2 Fletcher Residence Hall
- 2 White Residence Hall
- 2 Tyler Residence Hall
- 2 Greene Residence Hall

In order to fill these positions, the interested persons must have a 2.0 G.P.A. and be a full-time student. Applications are available in the SGA Office on the second floor in Mendenhall Student Center. It is important that these positions be filled as soon as possible. For further information contact Eric Rivenbark (SGA Screenings and Appointments Chairperson) at 830-5229.

SGA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICE HOURS

- Ian Eastman - Student Body President
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- Dain Emery - Student Body Vice President
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- Angie Nix - Student Body Treasurer
M 2 - 6
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W F 2 - 5
- Caren VonHoene - Student Body Secretary
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Tuition rates slashed at colleges

Administrators
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CPS - The cost of education is dropping. Well, at least at a handful of institutions it is. While nationwide college costs have risen an average of 48 percent in the last five years, according to the American Council on Education, some colleges are challenging the trend by slashing tuition rates.

In Massachusetts, home to some of the most expensive public schools in the nation, a board vote Jan. 17 decreased the tuition at state colleges by five percent, and community colleges by 10 percent.

The Higher Education coordinating Council's vote to lower tuition was the first of its kind in Massachusetts' history and was prompted "by the belief that student charges had just gotten out of hand," said Judith Gill, associate vice

chancellor of the council.

The council is urging the University of Massachusetts system, which it does not control, to also decrease tuition. Some of the state's private colleges are considering a cut in tuition too, Gill said.

The Massachusetts colleges joined a small group of colleges nationwide which are trying to attract students and hold down costs by offering tuition breaks. In Rocky Mount, N.C., North Carolina Wesleyan College slashed its tuition for next year by \$2,000 or 23 percent.

"We were anticipating increasing the tuition by 7.5 percent," said Patricia Serjan, vice president of admissions and financial aid. "But when we ran an analysis, we found we would be in a better revenue position by decreasing the tuition rather than escalating it."

She compared the previous cost of tuition to the inflated price of a new car. "Now we're giving students the sticker price," she said.

This fall, Muskingum College in

New Concord, Ohio, drew nationwide attention when it cut its tuition by a sizable \$4,000.

Private colleges once followed the formula "the more you charge the more you're worth," said Janice Tucker, director of the school's public relations office. "Now people are looking for value."

Elsewhere, the University of Rochester will give \$5,000 grants to students from New York state. In Indiana, a state legislator has proposed cutting state college tuition in half for high school students that maintain a 3.0 G.P.A. or better average, according to CBS radio news reports.

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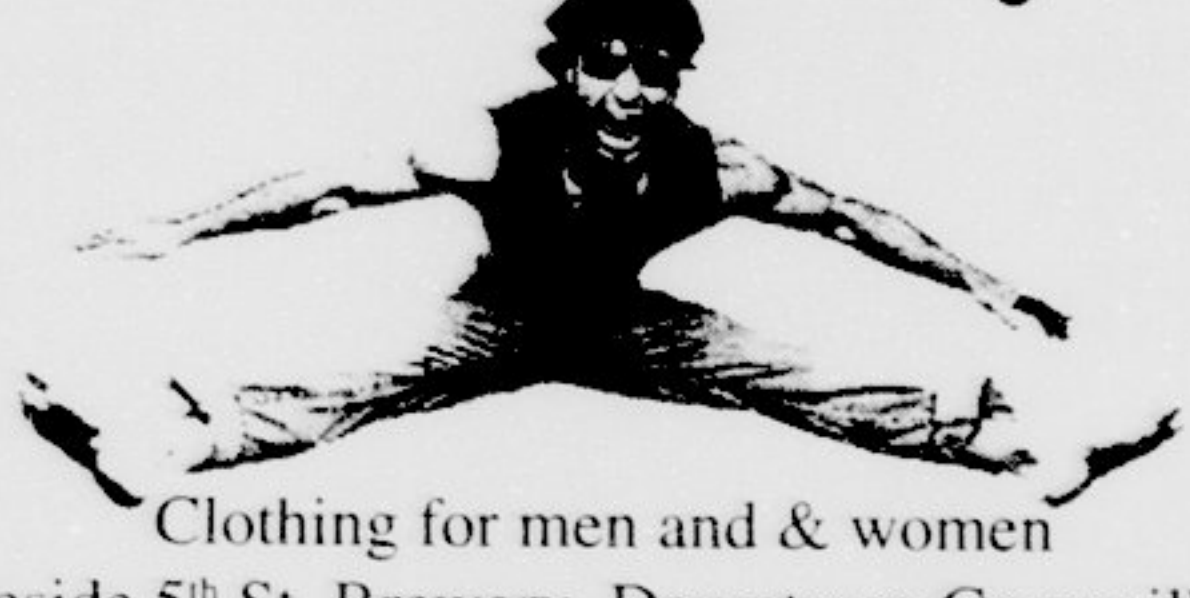
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Mae Henderson



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Mae Henderson spoke about Toni Morrison's novel, *Beloved* Tuesday in the GCB. The talk was one of the many university events marking Black History month.

Missing child found

(AP) - Janie Martinez headed home from Lexington, N.C. Wednesday, almost four months after the 2-year-old was kidnapped from her parents in California.

Janie, of Lodi, Calif., was scheduled to arrive in California at 6:40 p.m. (EST). She was found Monday night at a house a few miles west of Lexington, according to the Davidson County Sheriff's Department.

Eleanor Martinez, her baby sitter and the wife of Janie's uncle, was charged with the kidnapping. She waived extradition Wednesday morning and will return to California on Thursday, said Detective Sgt. Chris Coble.

"I had Janie with me last night," Coble said. "She ate supper with me and played with my daughter. She's stolen a lot of people's hearts around here."

Detective John Bower of the Lodi Police Department said he had been

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keep from making bad decisions that could cost lives.

"It was not against fraternities and sororities, it was against hazing," Retzlaff said. "We learned a lot from her. It was a real good speech."

Retzlaff said that there were some real strong interfraternity chapters with budgets of up to \$100,000, while ECU's IFC is working with a budget of around \$5,000.

"By far, we're not the biggest school represented, but we made some good points," Retzlaff said. "We can honestly say that a lot of those guys learned a lot from us. We've got so much accomplished and so many problems taken care of."

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nism for having their concerns addressed.

"This is a student centered organization which is a unique element," Denny said. "It was developed and is run by students. The issues proposed are the issues that they have generated."

NNTSA is in support of the local chapter for nontraditional students that is here at ECU, the Adult Student Association.

Wilda Hart, president of the association, said the group will welcome any student that thinks they have nothing in common with younger students. The association has several members ages 23-25 and currently has 30 members on roll.

"The Adult Student Association encourages students to network with other adult students that have the same goals in mind," Hart said.

If you have any questions on the local group for nontraditional students, contact Wilda Hart in Whitchard 211.

The meeting today for NNTSA will give students an opportunity to join the national association as well as how it can benefit students here at ECU.

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searching for Janie since her parents reported her missing Nov. 4, 1995.

Janie's parents are migrant workers, and they needed someone to babysit their daughter, Bower said. Martinez had recently married Janie's uncle, so her parents asked Martinez to watch her.

When Janie's parents, Gilberta Vasquez and Macedonia Martinez, came home from work Nov. 4, they found that Janie and Eleanor Martinez had vanished, along with all of Janie's personal items, such as clothes and even her birth certificate.

Eleanor Martinez, a Davidson County native, has three previous convictions for kidnapping children, twice in California and once in Florida, Bower told the Winston-Salem Journal.

Florida officials also wanted Martinez on a charge of escaping from a prison in Jacksonville, Davidson County Sheriff Gerald Hege said. Martinez was serving a light sentence

that required her to stay in prison on the weekends, Hege said. She stopped checking in last year, he said.

Bower said that after Martinez left Florida, she moved to Lodi, where she got married.

She then kidnapped Janie, took her across the country, stopped for several weeks in Florida and South Carolina before coming to Davidson County, Bower said.

While Janie's parents have been grieved over their daughter's disappearance, Janie has not been bothered much by the kidnapping, Coble said.

"She was in great spirits," Coble said.

Janie spoke to her parents after she was picked up Monday night.

"From what I understand the mother was so excited she could hardly talk," Coble said. "Janie was excited too."

Deadline for submitting acceptances to ECU's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi is Friday, March 1.

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OPINION

Thursday

Our View

Pack the suitcase, strap on the sunglasses because we're heading out. Finally, that time of the year has arrived.

That's right, it's Spring Break and we couldn't be happier. It's about time we get a break from the grind of classes, the headaches of work and the annoyances of everyday life. No matter where you may be heading, you are bound to have a good time and one that will remain in your memory forever, because that is what Spring Break is all about, memories.

The best memories are made during this time because usually it is a time for friends to get together and new friends to be made, as well as road trips and hotel stays.

Some of us will be heading across the country, some down south and of course there are those who will go on and spend a little relaxation time in the comfort of our own home. Wherever you may be going, it's a time to have fun and free yourself from the normal rut we get into this time of the year.

After the hellish week most of us are having with midterms, it is nice to know that next week we can be carefree and just relax. We need to gear ourselves up for the second half of the semester, when, before you know it, finals will be here. Everyone knows finals are much more stressful than these midterms we have right now.

For the seniors out there, this is the last chance they get to head out anywhere before graduation, and before they get into the real world. So enjoy.

It is definitely a party time of the year, but don't forget we all want you to make it back to school in one piece. Spring break is notorious for partying and consuming more alcohol than you know what to do with.

We know none of you are going to break these traditions, and we don't expect you to. But being responsible for your actions during this time away is just as important for being responsible for your actions when you are here at school.

While you are away, spend a little extra money to catch a cab back to the hotel room. As always, never should drinking and driving be combined.

Think of the consequence of not spending that extra two dollars. Possibly jail time or even worse, an accident that may seriously hurt or even kill someone. That someone may be you or your best friend. Just imagine what kind of lasting impression a spring break like that would have on you.

We aren't trying to preach, we just want everyone to have a safe but very enjoyable spring break.

So while you are reading this and packing your bags remember the most important thing — have fun, because before you know it those bags will be packed to come right back here to ECU.

After a stressful week of midterms and all-night studying, enjoy Spring Break to the fullest: just remember to stay safe and be smart.

Abortion pushed too far

I began writing for *The East Carolinian* in the fall of 1994. When I began writing, there were two topics I never wanted to address. The first was homosexuality and the second was abortion. Today that will change.

Abortion is a difficult issue. I think that it is and should be allowable in the first three months of pregnancy. It is valuable to keep this right in regards to unwanted pregnancy, rape, deformity and danger to the mother. I do not believe that it should be used as a form of birth control for couples who get pregnant repeatedly. It is wrong to bring a child into the world who is unwanted. If they are not wanted, then it stands to reason that they will not get the love they need, the support or the guidance that it will take to become a successful and productive member of society. Please note that I chose not to address adoption which is a good thing, but is a separate entity that comes after the choice has been made.

I have always been a strong advocate of freedom of choice. I believe that this right is a good thing and that it should be protected.

The topic for today is a procedure of abortion that goes beyond all moral, ethical and civilized behaviors. The topic is partial-birth abortions. This process is illegal in the state of North Carolina, and in other states.

In clinical terms partial-birth abortions are referred to as "intact dilation and evacuation." This is to medical ter-

By Chris Arline
Senior Opinion Columnist

Freedom of choice is a good and just thing but scissors and brain suction is just too far.

minology as ethnic cleansing is to sociology. They are both terms that give a nicer name to an otherwise brutal process.

According to a Nurse's account from an excerpt of *Newsweek* magazine, the process is generally done in the later stages of pregnancy. The reason for this process is to escape legal ramifications. A baby can survive if it is born three months premature. This being the case, they must try to support the baby if it is fully delivered alive.

Here is how "intact dilation and evacuation" works: the mother lays on the delivery table, the doctor uses forceps to go in and grab the fetus' legs and pulls them out of the birth canal. The body is delivered all the way to the neck so that the only thing

still in the uterus is the head. Scissors are then stuck through the back of the head and opened; a small tube is then inserted into the wound and the brain is sucked out.

There was a bill passing through the House in December that would put a ban on all partial-birth abortions. It is doubtful that Clinton would ever accept it.

Opponents of the bill cite that it would be the first step in overturning *Rowe vs. Wade* and that the procedure is a medical necessity. They are wrong on both accounts.

The fact of the matter is that there have been many attempts to overturn *Rowe vs. Wade* and that they have all failed. There will be more attempts soon. The Christian Coalition paid a lot of money to get their men in the legislature and this is one of the big kickbacks they want to see in return. It won't happen. Our generation, collectively, is beginning to vote more and the generation as a whole supports abortion, thus, so will our representation.

The second argument of medical necessity is invalid as well. The fact of the matter is that over 80 percent of the partial-birth abortions are in fact elective, not necessary.

In conclusion, I argue that this procedure is wrong and should be done away with. Freedom of choice is a good and just thing but scissors and brain suction is just too far.

"One voice doesn't make the voice wrong.
One voice makes it the voice of courage."

— Laura Schlessinger, radio talk-show host



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Corruption gives police bad rap

We, as children, are taught not to judge a person solely on their race, gender or religion. How is it that we feel free to judge people, however, on the fact that they carry a gun and wear a badge?

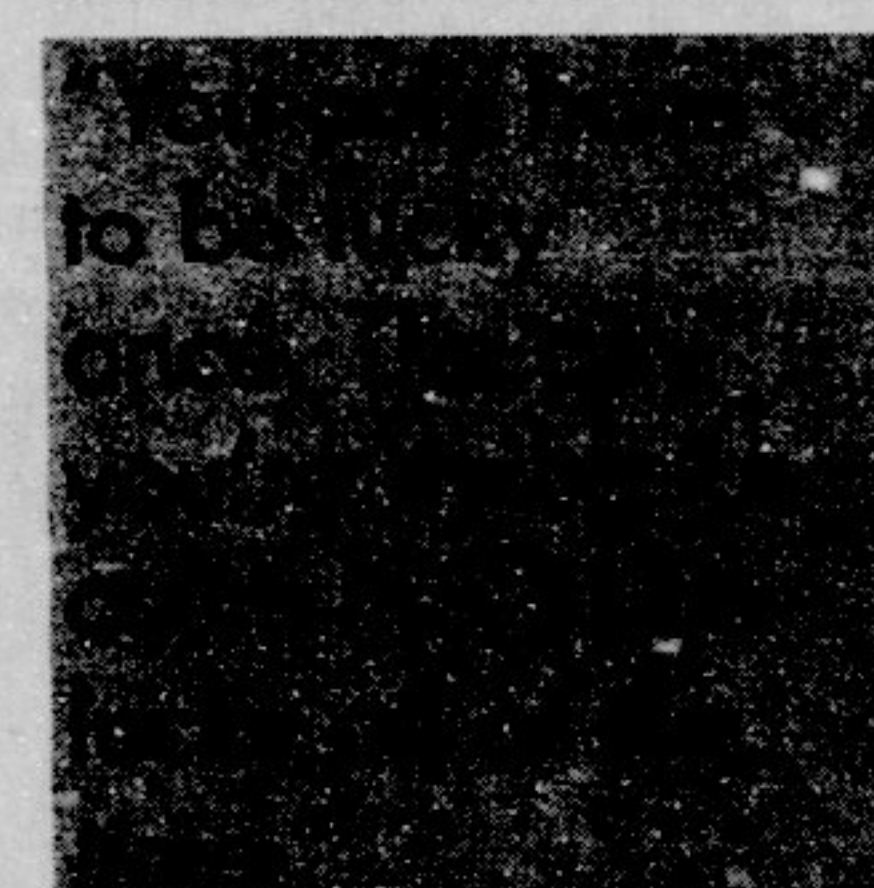
I am a police officer. That's what I say when I'm asked what I do for a living. I take pride in the fact that I have been trained to protect and serve the people in my jurisdiction. Every morning when I put on my dress uniform, I know that I will make a difference in at least one person's life that day. That person may curse me or thank me from the bottom of their heart, but I know that I have done my sworn duty — to legally and ethically uphold the law.

Unfortunately, I'm not every police officer that people come across in this country. Judging from what I've heard recently, I don't even come close.

Is the current thinking about police officers the same everywhere — that the power they receive through a badge and a gun has gone to their heads? That the laws of the state and the country have no relevance, but have been superseded by the unethical and biased behavior of egotistical individuals?

Few and far between are the reports and stories about officers who do their job quietly and sincerely, working solely to uphold the law and protect the public. What you will hear about are the officers who use racial slurs, take bribes, beat people into submission — anything to further their own aims, not the goals and mission

J.C. Horst
Guest Columnist



of a police department.

We, as a nation, know all too well that corrupt police officers exist today. However, just as there are bad apples in any profession you look at, law enforcement is no different. When a group of people are given the power to infringe on another person's freedom, it is only a matter of time before one of those people abuses that power. If that power is abused, then the abuser is as guilty as the criminal he sought to prosecute.

Some people would say that the ends justify the means. If a criminal is put in jail before he can make another innocent person a victim, it doesn't matter how that is accomplished. However, that statement makes an absolute mockery of the justice system we live under today. The justice system may not win all of the time, but I can personally attest to the knowledge that it strives to do so. An academy instructor once said

something that has stuck with me ever since: "You (as a police officer) only have to be lucky once. The guy you're trying to catch has to be lucky *all* of the time." I feel that this statement may be what keeps the honest and ethical officers doing their sworn duty day after day. Simply put, I don't have to abuse the law in order to catch the bad guy.

If I don't catch him today, I'll catch him tomorrow. If I don't catch him tomorrow, I'll catch him next week. If I don't catch him at all, my partner will or my sergeant will, or another officer will, and on down the line. All I need, as a police officer, is one break in my investigation to catch a criminal. The criminal, however, needs break after break after break in order to stay that one step ahead of me.

So I don't need to abuse my power in order to put criminals in jail. Unfortunately, officers exist who believe that the weight of that gun on their hip allows them the freedom to act without responsibility. To put on that badge, to wear that gun — the person who chooses to do that takes on an awesome responsibility not only to himself, but to the public he serves.

Do corrupt police officers exist in this world today? Yes. You may have run into one of them already. Does that mean that the next one you have to deal with will be corrupt? No. A worm in an apple doesn't mean you stop eating all apples, it means you throw that apple away and get another one.

Letters to the Editor

No one needs pornography

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to an article in your Feb. 27th edition entitled, "America Falls to Censorship." I feel like someone needs to have a talk with your guest columnist because she obviously does not know all about she was babbling about. First, I would like to say that I can understand the fear that many people have for censorship. No one likes to be told that they cannot read or hear something and that they should read or listen to something else. The matter of the fact is that there is a bunch of material on the Internet that should not be there. I too was trying

to see how easy it would be to ascertain certain sex information on the Net and to my disgust I was surprised with a woman giving a dog oral sex! Now, let me ask this: how many of our lives would be dramatically changed if such garbage was wiped off the Internet? Answer: they would not change. There is no need for this; the Internet was created to make an abundant amount of information accessible for people to use and learn. It is not so perverts can get their kicks off of seeing bestiality. Furthermore, I don't know exactly who explained to her the right of an American citizen, but the First Amendment

does not say that you can say, see, or hear whatever you want whenever you want. It says that you have the right to be informed of government happenings. There are certain types of speech that are not protected by the Constitution and I am glad to see that this smut is one of them. I don't want to know that children or even adults can see the filth crowding up the Net and I stand behind legislation that prohibits it. It's about time that Mr. President actually did something to promote the "family values" he once talked about.

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH IS again sponsoring an International Dinner in the Parish Hall on Saturday, March 2. The delicious oriental meal will feature your choice of Beef Broccoli or Lo Mein with vegetables served with wontons, fruit and fortune cookies. Take outs will be served between 5:00 and 6:30pm. Table service will begin at 6:30. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults \$3.50 for children. Tickets may be purchased after mass, or from the Rectory and will also be available at the door. Proceeds will benefit the church.

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REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL COLLEGE STUDENTS. GENERAL COLLEGE STUDENTS Should contact their advisers the week of March 18-22 to make arrangements for academic advising for Summer Session and Fall S semester 1996. Early registration week is set for March 25-29.

THE ECONOMICS SOCIETY will be having a meeting Thurs., Feb. 29th in Brewster C room 305 at 5:00pm. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ed Schumacher. The featured topic will be: Issues in Health Economics. Everyone is welcome to attend. So bring a Friend.

ECU COLLEGE REPUBLICANS will meet at Chico's march 12th for a meeting at 7:00pm. New & Old members welcome! Any 7's or need more info Call Cristie at 355-6474

ECU DEPT. OF PHYSICS will present a seminar on Friday, March 1, by Dr. Bruce Hellmann of the Office of Research and Development, CIA, Washington, DC. Topic will be "Life Since Graduate School- Don't Be Discouraged, There Are Jobs Out There!" The seminar will be at 4:00pm in the Howell Science Complex Seminar Room, BN109. (Refreshments will be served at 3:45pm). For further information, please call 328-6739. Everyone is invited and urged to attend.

THE NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL presents: Black History Month Commemoration "I Too AM AMERICAN, I'M THE DARKER BROTHER!" Thursday, Feb. 29th, 7:00-9:00pm in the Mendenhall Great Room.

TAKE TRIP TO CEDAR island and spend the day horseback riding on Recreational Services' Horseback Riding Trip March 17. This trip is very popular so sign up early! The registration deadline is March 1 in 204 Christenbury. For more information call Recreational Services at 328-6387

DON'T LET OVERDUE FINES or books hold up your registration for summer & fall! Students with overdue fines or books have a tag placed on their record and are not permitted to register until tag is cleared. Please return any overdue books so you will not be delayed during registration.

ALPHA PHI WOULD LIKE TO THANK KAPPA ALPHA for a fabulous night! Love, the Sisters of Alpha Phi

SISTERS OF ALPHA DELTA PI would like to wish everyone a safe and fun Spring Break!

SIGMA PI THANKS FOR the "Anything For Money" social last Thursday night. It's true that money rules the world. How's that thigh looking? Love, Delta Zeta

TO THE BROTHERS OF PI LAMBDA PHI, whenever you venture this spring break, be safe and have fun! Have a great Spring Break! The 5 Society

KAPPA SIGMA THANK YOU for the Social on Saturday Nite. Everyone had a great time. Let's do it again soon! Love, the Chi Omegas

CONGRATULATIONS JILL JOHNSON FOR winning the Outstanding President award at Delta Zeta's XXI-E Province 1996. You definitely deserved it! We love you! Your Sisters

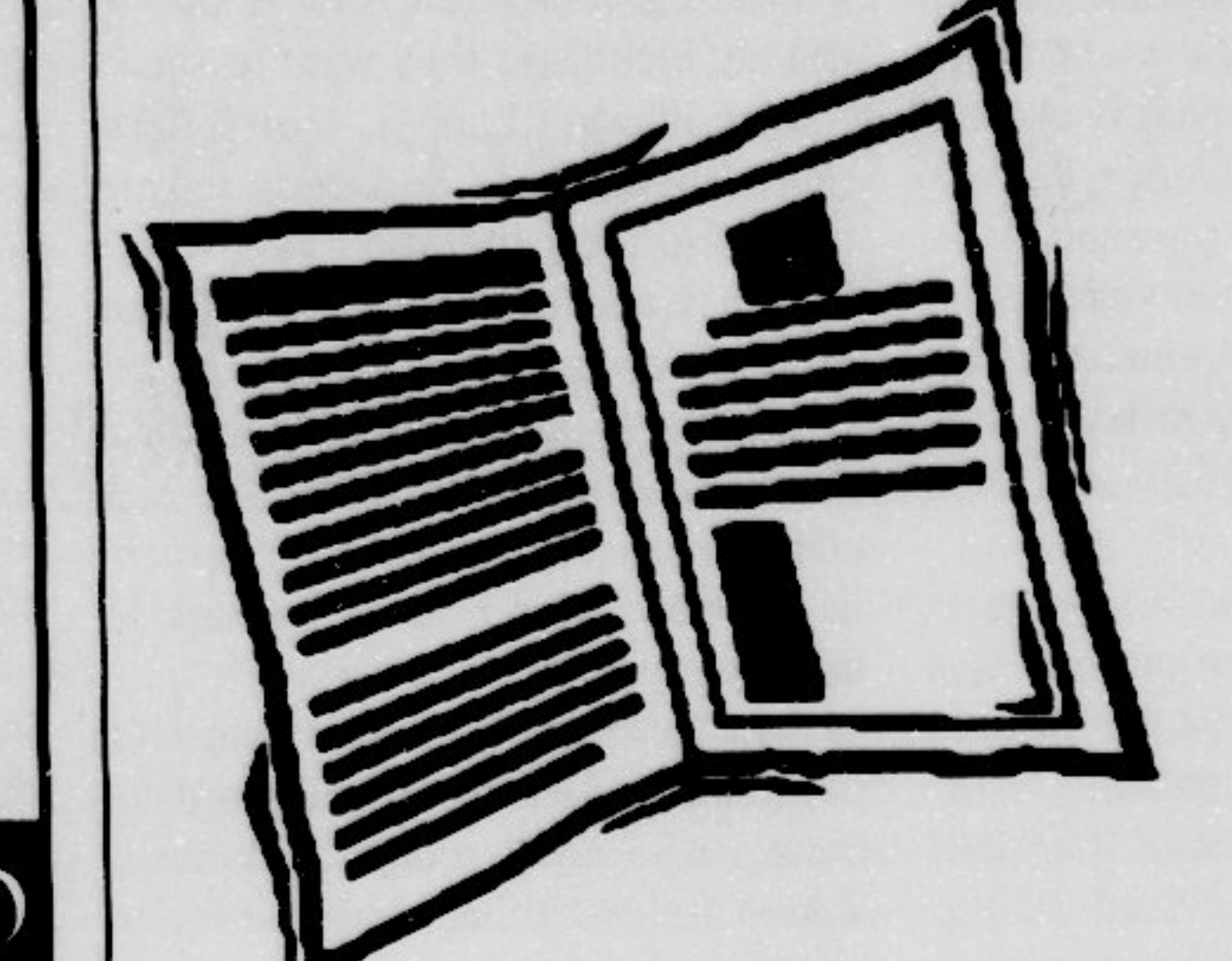
KAPPA ALPHA, THANKS FOR the great social. You guys are great. Love, the Alpha Phi Sisters

JESSICA MIDGETT THANK YOU for organizing Valentine's Day Grab-a-date. Love, Your Delta Zeta Sisters.

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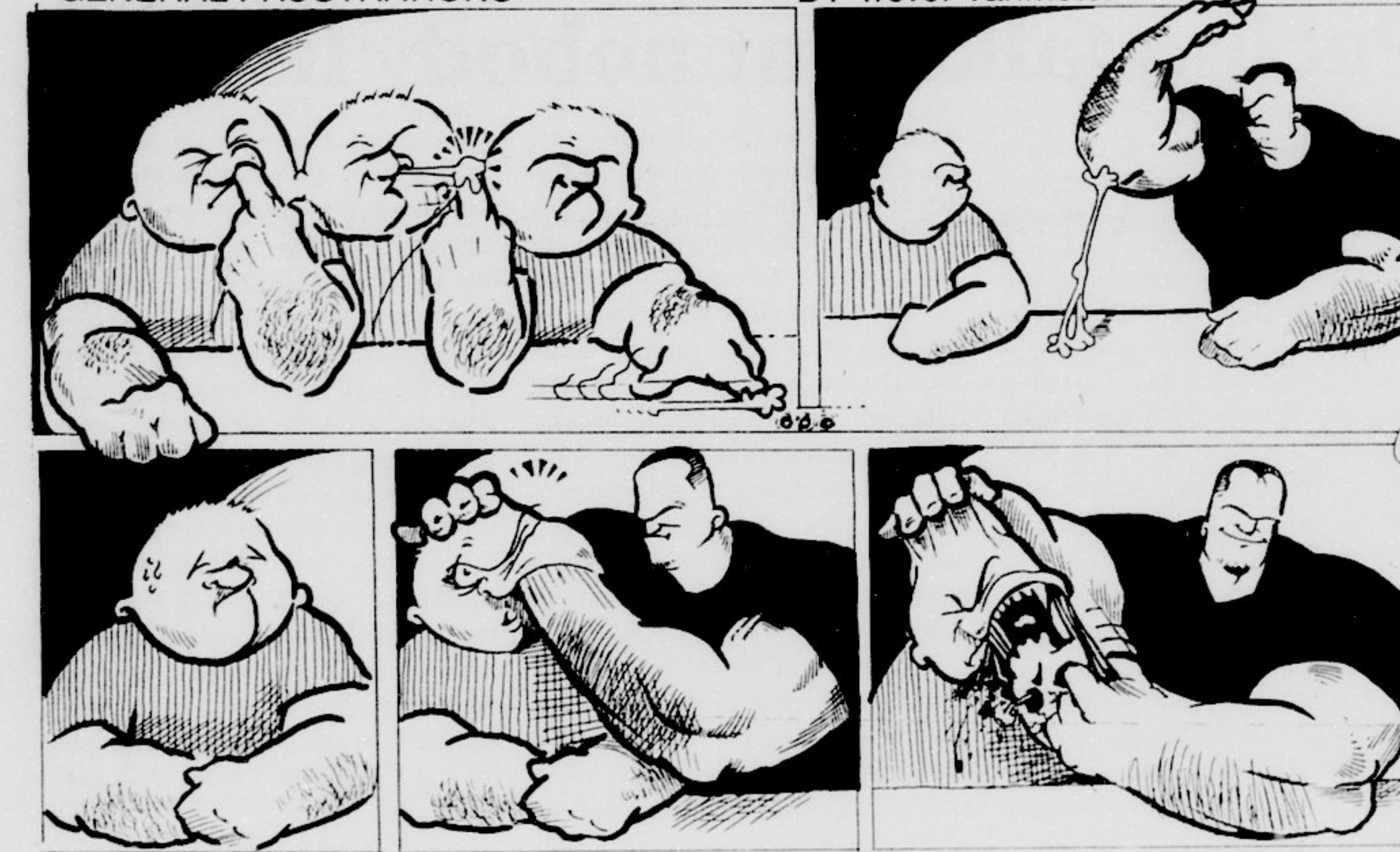
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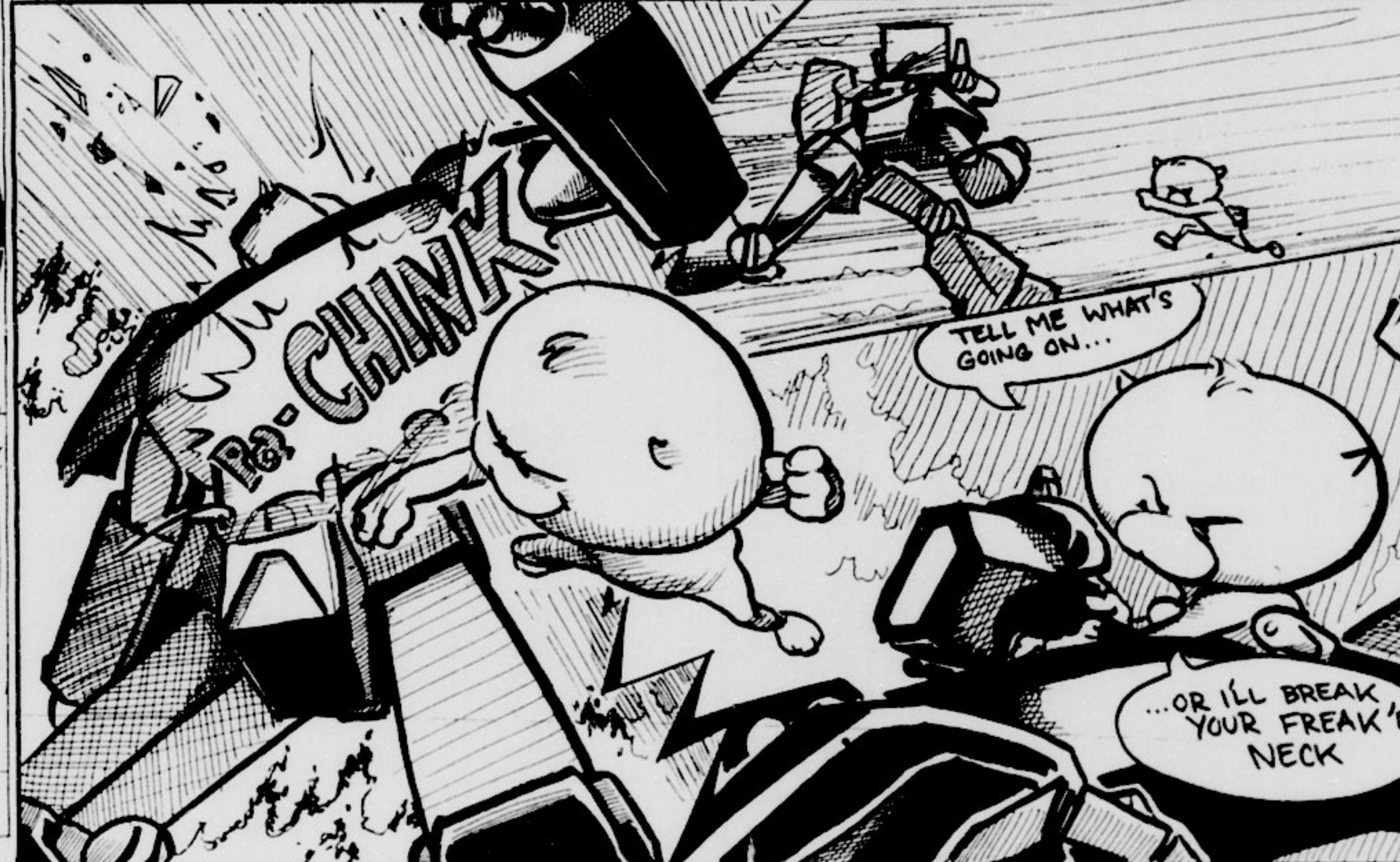
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LIFE style

Humans race for charity

Jennifer Coleman
Senior Writer

The Human Race needs you. The Human Race, a fund-raiser sponsored by the Pitt County Volunteer Action Center, is a great way to raise money for a number of local and national charities. Over 30 non-profit organizations are already signed up to participate.

How does it work? It's really simple. Non-profit groups, businesses, families and individuals (anybody!) can sign up to walk, run, jog, bike, hop, skip or jump along Greenville's new Green Mill Run Greenway on the day of the event. Then they canvass the community, getting pledges and letting the public know what they're up to. On March 23, they all come out for a day of friends, sun and fun.

Not only do participants get to exercise that day, but there are also children's games, activities, refreshments, entertainment and prizes. Individuals raising a minimum of \$25

will receive water bottles donated by The Bicycle Post. Individuals raising \$100 or more will receive Human Race T-shirts. Plus, there are package prizes for the top collectors, including tickets to amusement parks and vacations.

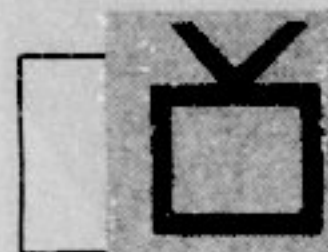
As if the gratification of prizes weren't enough, the Human Race is a really excellent opportunity to raise money for a whole bunch of good causes. Organizations such as the American Red Cross, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Pitt County, the Girl Scouts of Coastal Carolina, the Greenville Community Shelter, Hospice of Tarheel, the Literacy Volunteers of America, the Little Willie Center, Operation Sunshine, PICASO, the Real Crisis Center and the United Way of Pitt County have already signed up to participate. You can raise money for any of these organizations, or one of the many others registered.

If you're a member of a non-profit organization who would like to use this as a fund-raiser, it's not too late to register. The Volunteer Center will be accepting participants until March 15.

This project is unique in that it helps almost the entire community at once. Non-profit agencies receive 75 percent of the money they collect, and the other 25 percent goes to the Volunteer Center for future activities. The Volunteer Center handles marketing, publicity and materials—and the community provides the people. What else is necessary for a successful fund-raiser?

Your individual group can raise money for the same charity, or for several different ones. You can challenge your co-workers, team members, siblings, teachers or other registered groups to see who can raise the most money. But most importantly, you can have fun while giving back to your community.

So now you're completely excited and ready to sign up. What should you do? First, call the Pitt County Volunteer Action Center at 830-6271. They'll give you all your registration materials and answer any questions you might have. The Human Race will take place on March 23, 1996. Registration is from 9-11 a.m. Runners begin at 9:45, walkers at 11. There will also be fun and games for the family all day long.



TV Whore

Tight pants make the hero

Kevin Chaisson
Senior Writer

For this particular edition of "TV Whore," I would like to do something a little different and honor a single actor. An actor who defines the very idea of what a television star is and should be. This guy never whined about the grind of doing a weekly series. This guy never dished his fellow castmates for a lucrative movie deal (or semi-lucrative, if you're David Caruso). He stayed in the trenches and put out good to semi-good work whenever possible. He even fronted a widely successful ad campaign in a series of commercials and print ads. I'm sure that he is a familiar face and perhaps a hero to you all, as he is to me.

No, it's not George Clooney! No, not Sherman Hemsley! That's right, it's Robert Conrad! Come on! You know Robert Conrad! "The Wild, Wild West?" Ah, that's better. Yeah, he was the guy that didn't dress up in the costumes.

No he's not dead!! It just so happens that it's Robert

Conrad's birthday tomorrow. He'll be 61 years old, and he's in amazing shape. Maybe you caught him in his last series, "High Sierra Search and Rescue," when it premiered last year.

No? Okay, here's the problem. You've read about George Clooney saying he's paid his dues for all of the success he's had lately with nine different shows and failed pilots before hitting "ER?" Clooney's got nothin' on Conrad, who boasts leading roles in 12 TV shows (not counting pilots).

Most, however, went the way of the dodo, and have been forgotten until "Nick at Night" decides to pick them up. That is why I feel we should take this time out and honor Bob Conrad for his body of work, because whatever crap he may have done on TV, it's all "Masterpiece Theatre" next to a show like "Family Matters." Let me hit on a few of my particular faves.

Let's go back to 1959, a golden age of TV, and look at Conrad's first lead role, the very popular "Hawaiian Eye." Think "Magnum PI" did the studly private eye with a bikini around every corner idea first?

Negative—it was Bob Conrad! The

show also featured simple melodramatic plots, glamorous locals, comic relief sidekicks and enough '50s-style T&A to open a Playboy club. Sound like a familiar scenario?

Next for Conrad was the mythic "The Wild, Wild West," which was essentially someone at CBS saying, "Hey, what would happen if we put James Bond in the Old West and into some scary-tight pants?"

I grew up on the re-run exploits of the studly James T. West and his brilliant inventor/master of disguise partner, Artemus Gordon (Ross Martin). Conrad and Martin played U.S. Secret Service agents under President Grant who stopped maniacal supervillains from taking over this great land of ours, including the always excellent evil dwarfen genius Dr. Miguelito Lovelless.

As a child, I even went so far as to tape a plastic butter knife to the end of my cowboy boots to simulate that cool boot-blade that Jim West sported. I made "incendiary devices" out of old radio wire and Bazooka Joe. And I old

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Frisbee king



Photo by MICHELE AMICK

Greg Royle contorts his body in space while showing off his frisbee skills and breathing in a little of that warm February air in front of Jenkins art building.

Play it safe on Spring Break

Heather Zophy
Student Health

Spring Break is such an exciting time. A week without classes ... what else could you ask for? The break can and does mean different things to different people, though.

Some look for the quickest and cheapest way to leave the state (the "get away break"). Exotic locations such as Cancun, Florida or cruising the Caribbean are usually favorites, with the climate resembling that of early summer.

Others look at the week-long break as the "catch up break." Individuals may see this week as an opportunity to finish papers, projects, etc., while others may see this week as an opportunity to work and "catch up" on their financial status.

Still others see Spring Break as the "relaxing break," a time to get some R & R, maybe spend some time at home with family and/or friends—just a chance to sit back and enjoy the time off.

Whatever your plans include over Spring Break, keep in mind some of the following tips to help keep yourself healthy:

1) Common sense in the sun. Know your skin type. Wear the corresponding sunscreen. It is best to apply the sunscreen at least one hour prior to exposure and reapply after swimming or perspiring.

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Feeling light-headed?



Photo by MICHELE AMICK

Justin Beaver watches calmly as his life's blood drains away to help the injured and infirm of Pitt County. In the background, an unidentified student catches up on her reading while she waits for her own blood to fill the void in our blood banks.

Art competition pays cash

Sarah Wahlert
Senior Writer

Visual arts will be celebrated in Ayden at the Fifth Annual Juried Arts Competition, sponsored by the Pitt County Arts Council, with entered artwork and a pre-arranged dance spectacular. All artists are invited to participate, but entries must be original works completed within the last three years.

The categories are varied and include three-dimensional functional and non-functional works, 2-D/graphics, photography, and youth-art for anyone under the age of 18. Those under 18 are exempt from the \$10 entry fee. Prizes for the young'uns range from \$5-\$25. Some incentives for the college crowd are cash prizes of \$500 for Best in Show, \$100 for

First Place, \$50 for Second Place and \$25 for Third Place.

The show will be judged by Barbour S. Rickland from the Greenville Museum of Art, and James McElhinney of the ECU School of Art. Artists may submit up to three works, and artists that sell works during the exhibition are requested to donate 20 percent of the sale to the Pitt County Arts Council.

David Lemon, a senior majoring in sculpture and art education, is in favor of the idea of a juried arts competition. "A juried arts competition like this one is good exposure for artists of all ages ... I would like to see more events such as this one," Lemon said.

Entries must be hand delivered between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday, March 11; Thursday, March 14th to the Upstairs Galleries of the Ayden

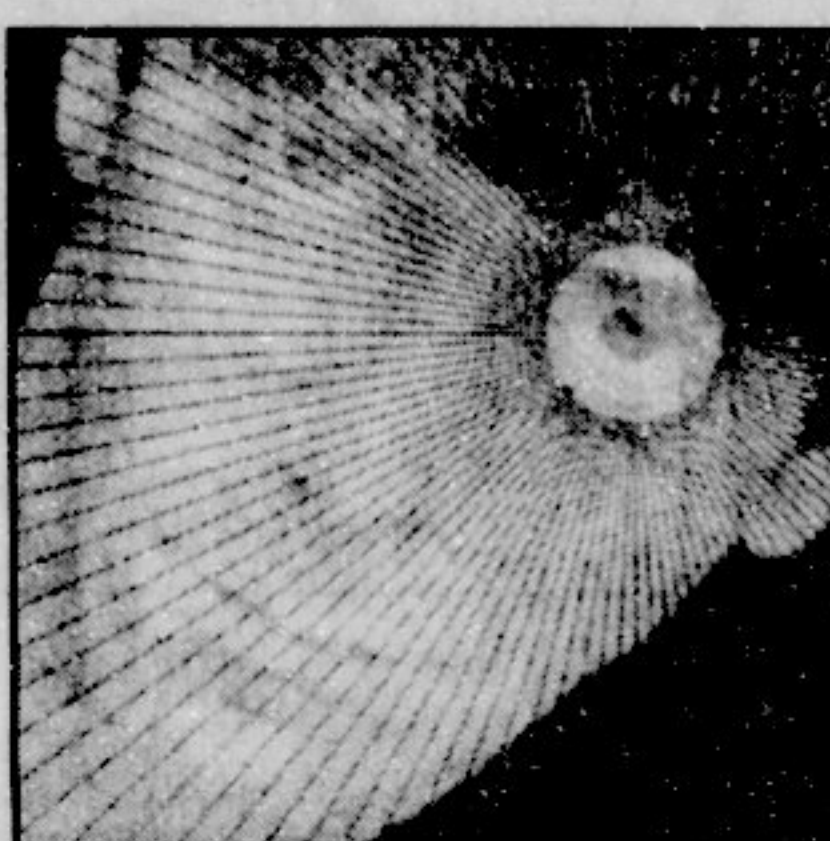
and Recreation Center. The Center is located at 511 S. Lee St. in Ayden, NC. The works will be displayed from Saturday the 16th, to Wednesday the 20th with a reception from 1-3 p.m. on the 16th.

The reception on Saturday will be followed by a celebration of dance at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Ayden Center. This will include performances by Dance Space of Ayden, ECU Dance Association, N.C. Academy of Dance Arts, Greenville Dance Co., Farmville Dance Co., ECU Dance Theatre and the Theatre Arts Center.

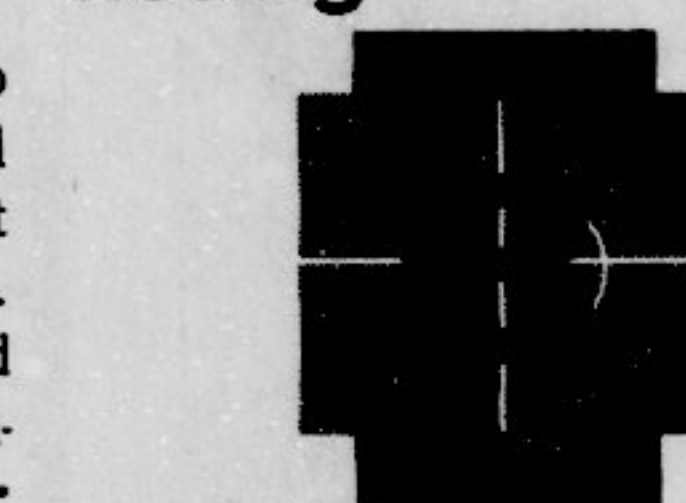
The Gallery hours are Saturday from 1-3 p.m., Sunday 1-4 p.m., and Monday-Wednesday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For further information call, (919)746-7002.

This is a great opportunity, especially for artists just starting out. Don't miss it!

CD Reviews



Lou Reed
Set the Twilight Reeling



Mark Brett
Lifestyle

Lou Reed is about as close as you can get to being a rock legend without being a household name.

In the '60s, when the Beatles were smoking pot and dropping acid with the Mahareeshi, Reed was developing a

heroin habit with Andy Warhol.

In the '70s, while Led Zeppelin was busily burning out on sex and drugs and playing arena gigs, Reed cut back on the drugs a little and explored the fledgling glam and punk scenes.

In the '80s, while the punks either went new wave or died of drug overdoses and the popular music scene went to seed, Reed dug in deeper and cut a diverse array of albums in various styles that nobody bought (including the bizarre industrial-noise double album *Metal Machine Music*, which is so dissonant that it makes both Nine Inch Nails and Sonic Youth sound like Sinatra).

In the '90s, while the rest of the world slavishly worships the corpse of all the stuff he rejected in the '70s, Reed has settled into a compelling, sing-speaking style that befits his position as middle-aged alternative rock legend.

His latest foray into that territory is *Set the Twilight Reeling*, an album that sits stylistically alongside the recent *New York and Magic and Loss* in the Reed discography.

Packaged in an attractive midnight blue case that looks featureless at first glance, this album just begs to be picked up off the rack. Peering closely at the

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Movie Review

Pacino talks, but nobody listens

Ike Shibley
Senior Writer

Al Pacino has always been an actor that loves to make speeches. The Academy Award he won for *Scent of a Woman* honored his grandstanding acting style. In the recent *Heat*, Pacino seemed to give speeches to everyone from his wife to Robert DeNiro's professional burglar character. Pacino's newest film, *City Hall*, allows him to play a politician, and hence to give lots of speeches. The part was practically written for Pacino.

City Hall was co-written by Ken Lipper, former Deputy Mayor of New York under Ed Koch, who seems to know a bit about politics. The political maneuverings in *City Hall* maintain a

constant tension. Every decision seems important and every deal impinges on two or three others.

Mayor John Pappas (Pacino) and Deputy Mayor Kevin Calhoun (John Cusack) swagger through the world of New York politics with calm self-assurance. Pappas always seems to have the right timing and eloquence in any situation. Calhoun works non-stop to ensure that the governmental wheels of New York City stay well-oiled. The two of them have the art of politics mastered so well as to make their job look easy.

An event in Brooklyn begins to expose scratches in the seemingly unmarred veneer of the mayor's office when an innocent six-year-old is killed by a criminal who should have been in prison except for a too-lenient parole.

Calhoun is assigned the task of determining if any governmental foul play was involved in the parole report. As Calhoun starts to look more closely, the scratches on the mayor's door begin to look like valleys.

One of the main suspects for corruption is Frank Anselmo (Danny Aiello), a country leader for the Democratic Party. Also implicated in the scandal is Judge Walter Stem, the judge that approved the parole sentence.

Though the swindle serves as the thread that sews *City Hall* together, the political dealings deserve more attention. Unfortunately, the screenplay veers in the other direction and focuses on the Mafia and on Calhoun's search for truth. Any time the film digresses

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Live Music Review

Fleming & John impress at Peasant's

Derek T. Hall
Staff Writer

As 10:30 rolled around at Peasant's Café, just a few souls were in sight, nothing in comparison to what I was to see later that evening. The Wonderland Band took the stage

with sheer confidence. The band played five original tunes, as they would for a crowd of a thousand.

From the moment they took the stage, they were given the utmost respect from everyone that had their eyes on them. Fleming McWilliams, always aware of what the audience wants to hear, collaborated with guitarist/vocalist and husband, John Painter. They lashed out into a groove called "I'm Not Afraid," a song that is set to become the band's first single and MTV video.

After the song had been played, Fleming informed the audience that the song will also be played on the "Conan O'Brien Show" on April 2nd. Sure enough, that caught the ears of everyone on Fifth Street. The band

continued to use the energy that everyone was feeling as they played other songs off their soon to be released *Delusions of Grandeur* album set to appear on the Universal/MCA record label.

As the night wore on, the constant struggle took its toll, as it does on every band member, and it was time for a final song. The band couldn't have used a better tune to leave us with. Using Led Zeppelin's "Black Dog" as a segue to one of their own tunes, they convinced us all that even they can groove, with respect to the legends of yesterday.

After they had left the stage and their smoke had cleared, Fleming and John decided to join the Greenville scene for a couple of hours, and boy

did they love it!

After the show I had the chance to chat with Fleming, and asked her what she thought of the Greenville scene.

"I am overwhelmed!" she responded. "I couldn't be happier! Greenville is one of our favorite places to come and play. People are always singing along - it's the most amazing

feeling."

After talking to the rest of the band, which also includes her brother Shawn McWilliams on drums and Stan Rawls on bass, it was easy to tell that they were all in agreement.

Look for Fleming and John on tour, on MTV and on the "Conan O'Brien Show" in the months to come!

GREEN TIPS

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tion. Also remember to avoid direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.; this is when the sun is most hazardous to you. Be aware of high altitudes where rays are stronger, and remember that clouds do not prevent sunburn. It is also a good idea to wear sunglasses to protect your eyes.

2) When the sun goes down, stay in control. Remember that alcohol and other drugs decrease judgment and lower inhibitions. Do not allow alcohol or drugs to make decisions for you.

3) Eustress (Good Stress). Take Spring Break for what it is - a break! Don't get overwhelmed with distress (bad stress) due to classes or work. Take time to relax and enjoy the week off. If you need to work, that's fine. Just be sure to leave some time for yourself.

4) Don't forget diet and exercise: don't let Girl Scout cookies get the best of you. Vacations and home-cook-

ing are always tempting, too. Be sure to moderate your diet and keep true to the Food Guide Pyramid (3-5 servings from the vegetable group, 2-4 servings from the fruit group, 2-3 servings from the milk, yogurt & cheese group, 2-3 servings from the meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs and nut group, 6-11 servings from the bread, cereal, rice and pasta group, and use fats, oils and sweets sparingly). Also - exercise, exercise, exercise. It does the body good!

Enjoy the break, just make sure you return to campus in good health. If you have questions regarding your health, don't hesitate to call ECU Student Health for an appointment at 328-6317.

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into scenes involving the Mafia. *City Hall* loses its urgency and becomes just another cop movie.

Cusack gives his character as much life as the limited script will allow. He captures the frustration of an honest man caught in a dishonest scandal. Completely unnecessary in the film is Bridget Fonda, who incompetently plays a competent lawyer. Pacino gives great speeches, but the script does not provide many scenes to see just how Mayor Pappas accomplishes so much.

One scene evocative of what the entire film could have been like in-

Super-Obscure Trivia Quiz Answers

TODAY'S TOPIC:
JACKIE CHAN

1. Chan nearly died, ironically enough, while filming *Armor of God*.
2. Chan's two disastrous American martial arts films are the only slightly embarrassing *Big Brawl* and the cheesy-in-a-way-that-only-early-'80s-action-films-can-be *Protector*.
3. Chan stars in two of the Drunken Master films, *Drunken Master* and *Drunken Master 2*. These two films are nearly 20 years apart, however, and between them numerous Drunken Master films were done by other people. Chan felt they diminished this Chinese legend and made his second Drunken Master movie to return the character to the status he deserves.
4. The highest grossing Hong Kong film of all time is Chan's *Rumble in the Bronx*, currently leading the American box office race a year after its Asian release.
5. Chan includes the outtake reel to dissuade his young fans across the world from repeating his insanely dangerous stunts.

volves Pappas and Anselmo meeting in the lobby during the Broadway play *Carousel*. The intensity between the two actors and the weight of every word captured the tension of politics better than any scenes involving a chase or a gun.

City Hall could have been a truly memorable film had it maintained its focus. Though entertaining and, at a few select times, engrossing, the film relies on too many clichés to achieve lasting success.

On a scale of one to 10, *City Hall* rates a six.

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dark plastic shell, you are rewarded with the sudden realization that Reed himself is staring back at you through the plastic in extreme close-up.

Once you get over the terror (the aging Reed looks particularly frightening and burned out on this cover) and get tired of looking at everything in your house through the color-warping plastic, you can dig into the album itself.

Unfortunately, the packaging is the most compelling thing about *Set the Twilight Reeling*.

It's not that the album is bad; I'm not sure Reed is capable of putting out a bad album at this point. *Twilight* simply... lacks something. It doesn't have the dangerous, angry, punch-in-the-gut edge of *New York* or the heart-felt grief and introspection of *Magic and Loss*.

In fact, I'm not sure what *Twilight* does have going for it. It's an album full of reminiscence ("Egg Cream"), standard Reed riffs on modern urban decay ("Finish Line") and dark journeys of the soul ("Trade In").

If all that sounds good, it is. Reed writes beautiful, tough lyrics that are hard to match. Tori Amos does similar stuff, but I can't think of anybody else who's doing lyrics this good today.

In "Finish Line," for example Reed points his vision of the urban apocalypse inward: "Two rented brothers / Their faces keep changing / Just like these feelings / I have for you."

In "NYC Man," Reed peppers Shakespeare references all over a song about his perspective on love. "Lady Macbeth went crazy," Reed croons, "but Macbeth ended slain... But I'm no Lear with blinded eyes / Say 'go' and I am gone."

These are great lyrical turns, and *Set the Twilight Reeling* is full of more just like them. But still, something's missing. Maybe it's a sense of urgency, or energy, or caring. I don't know. I want to love this album, and love it a lot. But ultimately, I just can't.

Set the Twilight Reeling should have been a great album, but it's only good. That's frustrating, but it's still better than listening to Silverchair. Then again, what isn't?

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ways saved my imaginary ladies, just like Jim West.

Conrad followed this success with a portrayal of a real-life hero, Major Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, in the show "Baa Baa Black Sheep." This series followed the adventures of the irrevocable (but frighteningly efficient) Squadron 214—heroic pilots who fought the Japanese in the South Pacific in WWII. Great show, and you've got to love air combat sequences that feature Flying Tiger aircraft and Japanese Zeroes. Conrad had now added tender leader to his performance repertoire.

Around this time, Conrad was also the spokesman for Eveready Batteries; the commercials consisted of Conrad placing a battery on his muscled, tight T-shirted shoulder, and saying, "Go ahead. Knock it off. I dare you." You remember these, right?

Conrad also starred in one of the first huge TV miniseries, James Michener's "Centennial" as French

trapper Pasquinel. Then the good show prospects seemed to fade away. Conrad seemed to not want to be trapped in these tough-guy roles, so he branched out into doing ensemble work.

Even the way cool "A Man Called Sloane" (a great Bondesque offering loved by dozens in the late '70s) only lasted a year. How cool was this show? His partner was a huge, bald African guy with a steel hand named Torque that could affix all sorts of attachments to the fingers, from the practical to the bizarre.

Since then, Conrad has begun to take charge of his career, executive-producing and starring in shows (including the aforementioned "High Sierra Search and Rescue") that follow the adventures of Jesse Hawkes, the founder of a mountain ranger search and rescue team. I quizzed lady friends about Conrad in "Rescue" and they all agreed that he was at least as sexy as Sean Connery, and in better shape. Still, of the Hawkes shows Conrad has

done, none are much better than mediocre, but he keeps plugging away.

Why? One, he's good at it. Second, he's at the power level where he can say "Yeah, I'll do your show, but I don't want to leave my cabin in Wyoming. Shoot it here." The only other person I can think of with that kind of power is Andy Griffith.

And I say more power to Bob! I understand that he can't fit into those tight pants forever and play Jim West. I know that I will probably never find an episode of "A Man Called Sloane" on video anywhere. I know that Robert Conrad and great acting will never become synonymous. I know that his career hasn't been all roses, but I don't give a damn.

I love ya, Bob Conrad. You are what macho is all about — even while showing off your ass in tight chinos. Happy birthday, Bob, and here's to many more.

I think I'm gonna go see if I can find a plastic knife and some tape...



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SPORTS

CAA confusion solved

A closer look at teams wanting top spot in Richmond

Brian Palz
Senior Writer

Look for this weekend to be wide open as the seventh annual Super Hoops Colonial Athletic Association Basketball Tournament takes place in Richmond, Va. There has been a lot of parity this season in the CAA, as teams such as James Madison and Richmond, who at one time ruled the CAA, have fallen down the ranks.

Newcomer Virginia Commonwealth showed why they were highly touted when they came into the league finishing with a 14-2 mark in the CAA and gaining the number one seed for the tournament. 1995 CAA Champion Old Dominion, continued to be strong under second-year coach Jeff Capel, finishing second just behind VCU. But the CAA has been a wide open race all season.

ECU beat the top three seeds VCU, ODU and UNC-W, but was swept by eighth seeded George Mason. James Madison was beaten twice by ninth seeded Richmond, but defeated top seeded VCU. Confused? The CAA Tournament is a toss-up. Here's a look

at this weekend's games:

(8) George Mason vs. (9) Richmond 6 p.m. Friday

Welcome to the world of expanded conferences! This season the CAA has the pleasure of hosting a play-in game on Friday night at the Richmond Coliseum. Richmond upset second ranked UNC-W in front of a very noisy Spider crowd.

Richmond, under Coach Bill Dooley, looked to have a promising 95-96 campaign, but early in January, the Spiders lost two key performers — Kevin Connor and Daryl Oliver.

Connor was dismissed from the team for an off-the-court incident, and Oliver didn't qualify academically. The Spiders are led by Forward Jarrod Stevenson and Guard Carlos Custo. Stevenson ranks sixth in the league in scoring (16.2) and sixth in field goal percentage (53 percent). Custo is a guard that can make things happen. He averages 4.9 assists per game and is also very knowledgeable about the game of basketball. He attended St. Anthony High School in New Jersey, home of another point guard, Bobby Hurley.

George Mason is coming into the tournament reeling. As of last Saturday, Mason had a chance to finish as high as fifth in the CAA, but after Monday night, the Patriots found themselves a spot in the play-in game.

Coach Paul Westhead's go-to-guy is Junior Guard Curtis McCants.

The Rhode Island native is averaging 22.3 ppg and 8.1 apg. McCants is a speedster and likes to get the ball up court quickly. Also look for freshman Jason Williams to contribute. Pirate fans remember Williams as the guy who broke the Williams Arena three point record on his way to scorching ECU for 37 points. If George Mason should win this game they will go on to face VCU at 12 p.m. on Saturday.

(1) Virginia Commonwealth vs. Richmond/George Mason Winner 12 p.m. Saturday

VCU is definitely the class of the CAA. Even if the Rams don't win the conference tournament and receive an automatic bid, they might have an outside chance of an at-large birth with a 21-8 regular season record. Virginia Commonwealth came into the CAA this season with Metro Conference players, who were used to playing the likes of Louisville and Tulane on a regular basis. The Rams are led by CAA player-of-the-year candidate Bernard Hopkins. Hopkins is averaging double figures in points and rebounds (16.3 ppg, 10.2 rpg). VCU has two CAA losses this season by a total

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Intramural softball gets ready

David Gaskins
Rec Services

Although the heat of March Madness and Basketball playoff action still burns for many of ECU's finest intramural participants, many are already beginning preparations for warmer weather, a trip to the outside and intramural softball.

The captain's meeting for intramural softball will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 5 p.m. in the Biology Building, room 103. Unaffiliated players who do not have a team are invited to attend this meeting for placement on a team. This meeting kicks off the IM Sports calendar for the second half of the spring semester. All teams must have at least one representative present at the meeting in order to guarantee a spot in the league.

Competition will be offered in a variety of skill divisions designed to fit the needs and interests of any member of the ECU community. Leagues will be available in Men's Independent Gold, Purple and Blue; Fraternity Gold and Purple; Men's Residence Hall; Women's Gold and Purple/Residence Hall; Sorority and Co-Recreational.

Gold leagues are established for participants who wish to play at a higher level of skill while Purple leagues are more recreational in nature. Blue leagues are intended for fun (little skill required). League times will be available in a variety of options with playing times ranging from 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday as well as Sunday.

The regular season will begin on Monday, March 18 and will be followed by a single elimination tournament in each respective division. All games will be played at the Ficklen Intramural Fields #1-4 adjacent to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

The rules of the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) will govern all games. In addition to the regular season and playoffs, this year will feature a preview event which will allow teams to get a varied and competitive test with several other teams in a unique format. The Softball Preview will be available to the first 48 teams to sign up on registration day and will provide round-robin play on March 13, 14, and 17.

While many teams are still being assembled, a number of rumors regarding consolidated powerhouses has reached this office as several captains continue to jockey for the top players. Donnie Peaks will lead the defending All-Campus champions "Young Guns" and is said to have added several new prominent members such as Russell Duvall and Geoufrey Anderson.

However, Mike "Captain Caveman" Norwood boasts that he has the team to beat in the Gold division. Norwood has gone to all corners of the campus and has offered big bucks to several key free agents in an attempt to unseat the champions. While many of these free agents are weighing their options and seeking top endorsement contracts, there is much speculation regarding the final resting place of ECU's top gun — Vu "The Crusher" Donie.

Donie is said to be asking for a nine-figure contract in

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(8) George Mason

6 p.m.

(9) Richmond

Friday, March 1

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(1) VCU

(4) American

2:30 p.m.

(5) ECU

(2) ODU

7 p.m.

(7) JMU

(3) UNC-W

9:30 p.m.

(6) William & Mary

Saturday, March 2

3:30 p.m.

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Throughout basketball season, the pep band entertained crowds during the men's and women's home games and brought fans to their feet cheering for ECU.

Baseball team finds no break

Glendon Dillard
Staff Writer

After an outstanding opening to the '96 season at the Seahawk Baseball Challenge this past weekend, Gary Overton's Pirates are looking to get back to work on their three game tear.

Building on wins against the likes of Charleston Southern as well as SEC powerhouses Kentucky and #4 Tennessee, the future looks promising for the Bucs when the Highlanders of Radford come to town. Last year, the Big South conference member Highlanders posted a winning season at 30-24 which gave them second in the Big South Conference.

"Radford brings into our field a solid club featuring one of the finest pitchers we'll see all year in Anderson, as well as an outstanding shortstop in Kelly Dampier," Overton said.

Left handed sophomore Jason Anderson, who Coach Overton spoke of, had a stellar freshman campaign registering a 5-4 record with 58 strike outs

and a 6.14 ERA. The pirates are expecting to see Anderson take the mound sometime during the four game stretch for the Highlanders.

Another concern for the Pirate squad will be junior Short Stop Kelly Dampier. Last season, Dampier batted .358 with 16 dingers along with 58 RBI's.

"Dampier possesses two unique qualities in power as well as speed, he should be a drafted player possibly at the end of this season," Overton said.

It's true that the Pirates will have to take care of business, even during the Spring Break period, but Radford will not only have to deal with the Bucs in Harrington, but they'll also have to deal with a team that is very confident

"I would have to say that we are a

confident team, but more than that, we are a team that has pulled together. We are a very tight knit group and I'm very proud of how we have pulled together," Overton said.

"No doubt, our players are excited about taking the field here in Greenville,"

— Gary Overton

It's no doubt, after the strong 3-1 showing in a rugged Seahawk Baseball Challenge, the Bucs are on a roll. With that, along with a tight knit team excited about playing under Greenville skies for the first time this season, the Highlanders will have their hands full.

"No doubt, our players are excited about taking the field here in Greenville," Overton added.

The first game will be a double header starting at noon on Saturday, March 2. The Bucs then will finish the series with Radford in Kinston followed by a home series with in-state rival Campbell.

"Anything can happen. I never give up on the Pirates." Chancellor Richard Eakin

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way of two points, and plus they are playing on their homecourt. If you don't think that is an advantage, just ask any coach in the league.

(4) American vs. (5) East Carolina 2:30 p.m. Saturday

Jan. 16th is a date that many Pirate fans have kept in their thoughts the past few weeks. That's when American's Tim Fudd elbowed ECU's Morris Grooms causing Grooms a collapsed lung, a 10 day stay in the hospital and causing ECU's fast start in the CAA to fade away. Welcome to round two. Grooms has recovered from his injury and should be back to almost 100 percent for the tournament. The CAA handed Fudd a five game suspension, and American went on to finish 8-8 in league play.

American's lethal weapon punch is Fudd and senior Guard Darryl Franklin, who is definitely the dean of CAA guards. Fudd came back from a knee injury to average 16.1 ppg, and Franklin was not far behind at 15.6 ppg. American probably has the best defender in the CAA, Duane Gullium, who lit up the Pirates with some ferocious slams last year in the tournament. Also look for Nathan Smith, who has been nicknamed the "Morgantown Rifle", to look for the three ball. He is shooting 39 percent from behind the arc, and can turn a game around quickly.

ECU has been on a downward swing since the beginning of February. After starting at 7-2 in the CAA, ECU dropped six of their last seven conference games down the stretch. The return of Grooms should help some, but the Pirates have to find a

way to score. Point Guard Tony Parham has been hampered by a hip pointer most of the season, and Tim Basham and Jonathan Kerner, who were keys to ECU's early success, are in scoring slumps. ECU lost both regular season matchups to the Eagles, but beating a team three times in one season is difficult. The Pirates will have to find some scoring help to move on to the second round.

(2) Old Dominion vs. (7) James Madison 7 p.m. Saturday

Who ever thought that you would see James Madison and Old Dominion in the first round of CAA play? These two teams have met for the championship the past two years, but it has been a totally different story this season for Coach Lefty Drisell and his Dukes.

There have been rumors all season that this could be Lefty's last season in Harrisonburg, and JMU could have won an Oscar this season for their part in Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. The Dukes started off a horrid 1-10 in the CAA, but bounced back with five straight conference wins to end the season.

JMU's top gun is senior Guard Darren McClinton. The Maryland native leads the conference in scoring at 22.3 ppg, and in three pointers at 4.1pg. McClinton has been the Dukes main threat all season, but look for Charles Lott and Ryan Culicerto to contribute. Lott is averaging 14.2 ppg, while Culicerto had a career high 15 points in JMU's last regular season game against American. Culicerto scored the last nine Duke points to

help secure them a spot out of the play-in game.

Old Dominion was in a win-lose situation this season. After shocking the college basketball world last season by beating Villanova in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, and losing seniors Petey Sessoms and Mike Jones, the Monarchs had a lot of rebuilding to do. But don't feel sorry for Coach Capel in Norfolk. He returned 1993-94 CAA Player-of-the-Year Odille Hodge, after sitting out last season with a torn ACL knee injury, plus he added North Carolina A&T transfer Joe Bunn, who lit up eventual national champion Arkansas for 20 points in 1994.

The key to the Monarchs' success is Bunn. The Rocky Mount, N.C. native is averaging 15.8 ppg, and 7.5 rpg, and he is very intense on the floor. Bunn is the type of ball player that every coach in America wants on his team.

Look for the ODU/JMU matchup

to be the best game of the opening round. Any time these two teams get together, there is always a lot of excitement.

(3) UNC-Wilmington vs. (6) William and Mary 9:30 p.m. Saturday

Jerry Wainwright and his Seahawks had to be looking forward to conference play back in December. UNC-W was 2-8 and had just played road games against Cincinnati, UNC Charlotte, Mississippi St., Manhattan and at that time, number one ranked UMass. So how did his troops respond? Well, they won five of their first six CAA games, and went on to finish third in the conference.

Wainwright has been known to say that the tough non-conference slate his team faced in the early season would help them down the road. Hopefully it will help them in the tournament. UNC-W is the type of team that always seems to find themselves

in the upper bracket of the CAA without getting any respect. They play a slow down type offense, and lead the CAA in scoring defense at holding their opponents to just under 60 points a game. So why should UNC-W be worried about William and Mary? Well, just two weeks ago UNC-W got hammered in Williamsburg 63-44.

The Tribe has the most underrated big man in the league - 6'9" David Cully. Cully has 54 blocks this

season which tops the CAA. Wake Forest transfer Bobby Fitzgibbons, is a three point threat for William and Mary, and freshman Randy Bracy has been a plus for Charlie Woolum's squad all season.

This is a game that UNC-W should win if they get some production from Preston McGriff. However, UNC-W knows how it is to exit in the first round. Coach Wainwright and his squad don't want a repeat of last season.

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BASEBALL VS. RIDER - 3 P.M.



SID - The ECU men's soccer team has announced its spring training schedule. Head coach Will Wiberg and his Pirates will host three home games at the ECU Soccer Complex.

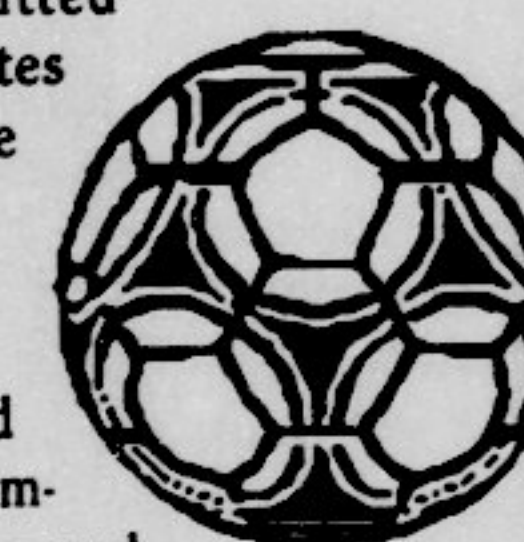
ECU plays host to three-team tourney on Saturday, March 2 when the Pirates take on the St. Andrew Knights and the North Carolina Wesleyan Battling Bishops. Games will be held at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. with ECU participating in the first and third games.

On Saturday, April 6, the Pirates will host their second tourney of the spring when Greensboro College and Hampton-Sydney come to Greenville for a three game contest. The Pride and Tigers will match up against the Pirates in the first and third games. Games are at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

For their final home match, the Pirates will play Campbell University on Saturday, April 13 at 1 p.m. Admission to ECU's spring soccer games is free to the public.

Also this spring, the Lady Pirates have announced their spring schedule. Head coach Neil Roberts and his ladies will play host to one round-robin match on Wednesday, April 3 at 4 p.m. Pitted against the Lady Pirates will be Mt. Olive College and Barton College.

The matches will start promptly at 4 p.m. and will be played at the ECU Soccer Complex. All games are free and open to the public.



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order to display his unusual blend of power hitting and Ozzie Smith-like fielding. At press time, it was uncertain whether his basketball team will allow him to play two sports now that Deion Sanders has given up one of his sports.

For further information on the Softball program, please contact David Caskins at Recreational Services at 328-6387.

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