



Briefs

Across The State

RALEIGH (AP) — On Monday, the second annual NC Child Health Report Card was issued by a coalition of health care and child advocacy groups. The report indicated the health of NC children has never been better.

The broadest indicator of children's health — the number of deaths among North Carolinians 18 and younger — shows the state has never been better. The 89 deaths per 100,000 children reported in 1995 was the lowest ever.

RALEIGH (AP) — President Clinton was endorsed by 40 North Carolina chief executives Monday.

"What's impressive to me, really, are the job creation numbers— 10.5 million new jobs in the nation and 315,000 here in North Carolina," said former Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan. The group of North Carolina supporters includes 2,500 business leaders, such as state Democratic party chairwoman Libba Evans and former party chairman Tom Hendrickson.

Across the Country

MILLTOWN, N.J. (AP) — Returning to the campaign trail after the first presidential debate, Bob Dole pressed his comeback quest Monday by insisting he's the candidate that voters can trust — and suggesting he might name some prospective Cabinet choices in advance, including retired General Colin Powell.

Dole tried to build on the momentum claimed from Sunday's showdown in Connecticut, although early polls suggested the debate had produced little movement in the race.

ST. MARKS, FL. (AP) — Tropical storm Josephine began lashing Florida's coast Monday night with 70 mph winds and high surf, spawning tornadoes and dumping up to 5 in. of rain across the state.

Pushing a storm surge of 6 to 9 feet at the peak of high tide, the storm's center was expected to strike land at midnight about 30 miles south of Tallahassee.

Around the World

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu refused to budge Monday from his demand for improved security for Jewish settlers in Hebron before Israel will honor its agreement to withdraw forces from the city.

The Israeli prime minister accuses the Palestinians of undermining the peace process by trying to pressure Israel with violence.

LISBURN, NORTHERN IRELAND (AP) — Bombers struck at the center of Northern Ireland's security Monday, detonating two car bombs inside the British army's headquarters and raising fears the provence could again become a battleground between the IRA and pro-British. Thirty-one people were wounded.

Vehicles trapped in lot during flood

Rainfall overflows parking areas

Angela Koenig
Staff Writer

Tuesday's rain turned several areas of the ECU campus into swimming pools of water.

The ECU Police Department reported flooding in the parking lot by Minges Coliseum and Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, the commuter lot at the bottom of College Hill and the commuter lot on Charles Blvd.

"The lot at the bottom of College Hill was the worst, especially the end on the east. The eastern end is the lowest and had several feet of water," Teresa Crocker, director of the ECU police department said.

"It looked like about three feet of water in the back low corner of the commuter lot. I'm judging that based on the water being about at windshield level on some of the cars in the back (northeast) corner," said Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities Dr. George Harrell.

The police department assisted

with directing traffic, starting stalled cars and getting students to cars in flooded areas during the rain.

Students whose automobiles suffered damage need to have the damage assessed by the police department as soon as possible.

"If a report is needed for insurance purposes they (students) will need to come to our department. If we're talking about damage to carpet in a car, they (students) would not want to wait a week to have us assess it," Crocker said.

Crocker also said that the university will not be liable for any damage caused to the cars because "flooding is considered an act of God."

"The university intends to pay for vehicles that were towed from the parking lots. While there were a number of cars that could not be towed prior to being submerged in the water, we did manage to save 70 vehicles from damage," said Layton Getsinger, associate vice chancellor for business affairs.

"Any students who had their textbooks damaged by the water in their vehicles can take them to the student store and we will replace the books if they are in stock. If the books are not



Photo by ELIZABETH DUCAN

Students who parked cars in the commuter lot on College Hill Drive never expected to return to a flooded lot and damaged vehicles. Seventy vehicles were saved from damages. Others were not as fortunate.

in stock, we will express order replacement books or refund the purchase price of the book(s)," Getsinger said.

There was very little damage to facilities on campus.

at the bookstore and a few other isolated incidents of roof leakage," Dr. Harrell said.



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Members of the Kappa Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. pose at a formal event.

Kappa Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Agenda for the month of October.

October 10th: After Game Jam at the Max Night Club; \$3 for students, \$5 for non-students, and \$1 for Greeks.

October 17th: Crimson and Creme Social "Health Forum," 7 - 9 p.m. Underground Room MSC.

October 24th: Crimson and Creme Social "Career Assessments" guest speaker: Elola Moore Underground Room, MSC, 7 - 9 p.m.

Sorority house models face lift



Photos by PARTICK IRELAN

The Delta Zeta sorority house opened this semester after being closed for a year due to structural and environmental damages.

Marina Henry
News Writer

to be met, such as termite treatment. In all, the reconstruction took over five months.

The newly refurbished Delta Zeta Sorority (DZ) house is now reopened. The DZ house was closed at the beginning of last year due to structural and environmental damages. The house had fallen into disrepair and had many environmental problems that needed correcting, including asbestos siding and lead paint on the outside.

Repair was delayed during the first part of the year due to environmental requirements which needed

"The national organization of the DZs closed the house and directed most of the reconstruction and refurbishment," said DZ President Jessica Theobald.

"They directed the whole thing, basically, but I got to make a few decisions on sleeping arrangements, beds and carpeting."

The national organization provided the funds for the renovations, which totaled about \$250,000. Win-

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When it rains...



Photos by ANN JIVIDEN

Alex Brown, Nick Lane, and Marc Crippen were among the many students who helped pull flooded vehicles from the commuter lot at the bottom of College Hill. The three students assisted until 5:00 Tues. evening. Charles Boulevard, in front of Minges, was closed due to flooding. A lone car in the Darryl's parking lot was trapped Tues. afternoon.

Campus celebrates Greek Week

Fraternities, sororities host myriad of events during festivities this week

Jennifer Barnes
Staff Writer

Fraternities and sororities across campus join forces this week during Greek Week to promote their organizations and to provide the ECU community with information about the Greek system.

The fraternities and sororities join together for a week of fun and togetherness Oct. 6-12. Last Sunday, an intramural rugby game for sororities followed by the Greek god contest, sponsored by Alpha Xi Delta started off the week long celebration. Monday, Phi Kappa Alpha sponsored the Greek goddess contest. Bill Burnette, president of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), was pleased with the outcome of the events.

"It was a great success," Burnette said.

Burnette said there was a mud football game on Wednesday at the Big

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CRIME SCENE

October 1

LARCENY - A staff member reported the larceny of a fire extinguisher from the first floor of Fletcher Hall.

LARCENY - A student reported the larceny of a compact disc player, compact disc case and several compact discs from his vehicle parked at Allied Health.

October 4

LARCENY - A student reported the larceny of the hood ornament from his vehicle. There was no visible damage to his vehicle.

LARCENY - A staff member reported the larceny of two frisbee golf goals from Harrington Field.

LARCENY - A student reported the larceny of her parking decal from her vehicle parked west of Greene Hall.

HARASSING TELEPHONE CALLS - A student reported receiving harassing telephone calls for approximately two weeks.

ASSAULT ON FEMALE - A student reported she was assaulted west of Student Publications by an intoxicated male. The suspect put his arm around the victim's waist and pulled her hair.

October 7

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT - A resident of Fletcher Hall reported the larceny of her vehicle. The victim parked her vehicle south of Fletcher Hall with the engine running for a few minutes. The vehicle was recovered by the Pitt County Sheriff's Department following a chase.

VICIOUS DOG - Several residents of Garrett Hall reported a vicious dog between Garrett Hall and Jenkins Art. Animal Control was notified to pick up the dog. The owner of the animal arrived and took control of the dog.

LARCENY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE - A resident of Fletcher Hall reported the breaking and entering of her vehicle while parked in the Third and Reade Streets parking lot, near Sub Station II. A cassette player and four speakers were taken from the vehicle.

LARCENY - A resident of Belk Hall reported the larceny of her bicycle from the rack west of Belk Hall.

LARCENY - A staff member reported the larceny of her purse from the Mailroom at Family Practice Center.

October 8

LARCENY - A resident of Fletcher Hall reported the larceny of her parking decal from her vehicle parked south of Garrett Hall.

Compiled by Amy L. Royster. Taken from official ECU police reports.

Freethinkers organize Alliance

Argues there is 'life without religion'

Sarah Wahlert
Contributing Writer

The Campus Freethought Alliance (CFA) will coordinate the activities of atheist, humanist, and skeptical student groups protecting the rights of non-believing students nationwide.

The group's founding statement, titled "A Declaration of Necessity" declares, "Our task is to demonstrate, by argument and practice, that it is possible to lead a good and meaningful life without religion. Ethics and morality can be based on rational ideals and humanistic values."

Besides being dedicated to the

promotion and enhancement of freethought, skepticism, secularism, non-theism and humanism, the "Declaration" also states as a goal, "to possibly aid in ameliorating the negative conditions of society at large."

"Student religious organizations exist on virtually all college and university campuses. Freethinkers often feel awkward, desperate, or isolated from their peers because of their lack of belief," Derek Araujo, President of the Campus Freethought Alliance said. "It

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— Derek Araujo, President of the Campus Freethought Alliance

is our hope that the alliance which advocates healthy skepticism and critical thinking, will serve as a supportive network for young freethinkers, providing them with the much-needed embracement of like-minded individuals."

Araujo also feels that the state of the world calls for the unification of non-believ-

ers. "It has been revealed [through polls] that religious fundamentalists play a large role in American politics, threatening the rights of freethinkers and religious minorities alike."

Working with *Free Inquiry*, the nation's largest circulation humanist magazine, the CFA plans to sponsor speaking tours of member campuses by distinguished humanists and skeptics, and is planning a 1997 national conference of student freethinkers.

The alliance will hold regular national meetings and congresses, to hold informational sessions on freethought to direct the focus of the Alliance as a whole. The first coordinating meeting will take place on the weekend of November 1. Its focus will be on "secularism and patriotism."

More information can be attained through the website address of the CFA, which is: <http://www.codesh.org/cfa>

Less hassle for commuting students

Educational opportunities open regionally

Amena Hassan
Staff Writer

This fall, the department for continuing education has started a new program for commuting students. The program has cut out the need for students to commute by opening other educational centers with partners across the eastern part of the state.

"The North Carolina Legislature chose East Carolina University as one of the four participants in the program," Diana M. Henshaw, director of the department said. "Many of the students who take advantage of the approved program cannot leave their jobs, homes, or children for extended periods to commute. To even drive a few hours is a hardship and adds the expense of gas and extra meals that could be made at home."

The four partners in the pro-

gram are Carteret and Craven Community Colleges, the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point (for easy accessibility to marines) and Havelock Middle School. The average age of the students is 34. Twenty-six percent are from the Department of Defense, 15 percent are minority students, and 70 percent are women.

Instructors from ECU, who are partially funded by grants, travel to the partner sites to instruct stu-

dents. Students learn information through instruction and also through the Internet. "Alongside face to face instruction, students are gaining the additional benefit of learning Internet technology" Henshaw said.

"In many cases, the students are young men and women who left college in the past but feel it is necessary to finish their degree, retrain, or upgrade training," Henshaw said. "Some have associate degrees at

community colleges but need to advance with a degree at ECU." According to a sampling of student comments from the Fall 1995 Carteret/Craven Partnership Program, students find traveling to Greenville would be extremely difficult; many appreciate the variety of degrees that are now being offered to them in the areas where they live.

John Connelly, one of the pro-

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dows were added to the meeting room, new curtains have been ordered and are expected to arrive soon, as well as three dining room tables to replace the tables that have been there since the house's original opening. The DZs can now house 22 girls comfortably. Most bedrooms can sleep four girls, and one bedroom can sleep six.

Trying to run a sorority without a house presented many challenges and problems for the DZs. Their pledge number dropped and it was difficult to carry on the business aspects of the sorority.

Organizing meetings, keeping in touch about sorority business and running the business part as a whole was difficult as a whole without the house," Theobald said. "When the treasurer lives in an apartment and you need to purchase something for the sorority, you have to run over to the apartment to get a check."

The morale of the DZs was not affected by the construction, however. Although the sisters had to live apart, they gathered weekly to watch "Friends," and held meetings in their president's apartment.

"It is easier to run a sorority from a house, but as far as the sisterhood and being with each other goes, being without the house did not change our unity, but instead brought us closer together. We grew stronger due to the extra effort required to stay a sorority without a house," said Theobald.

Their number of pledges has increased this year, and, united with the girls from before, have become a very motivated and dedicated group.

The pledges that we got when we didn't have the house showed the girl's true dedication to the sorority as a whole. We were at a disadvantage with the other sororities. The new pledges are just as dedicated to

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"Skylar"

the DZs," Theobald said. The sorority's dedication as a whole during their reconstruction period prompted the Panhellenic association of ECU to give them the dedication award.

Throughout the year, they had to use a fraternity house for rush, pledge number dropped, but they remained very active. Their spirit and dedication merited the award," said Stefanie Hipple, the Panhellenic president.

The DZs are proud of their organization and the award given in honor of their dedication to each other and their sorority.

"I feel that it meant a lot to us that the Panhellenic Association realized the fact that we worked so hard to stay together. The fact that they recognized that says a lot for our Panhellenic organization."

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Splash driving range. "They hose down the field and it makes it really fun," Burnette said. "Delta Chi is sponsoring it."

According to John Mazanez, from Phi Kappa Tau, the football game will be followed by a late-night at Kappa Sigma.

On Thursday, there will be an all Greek tailgate at 4:30, sponsored by Kappa Alpha, and afterward, a late-night at Sigma Phi Epsilon. Friday night a band party is scheduled for the fraternities and sororities. The band Far Too Jones will be playing at the event sponsored by Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Tau and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

The week ends Saturday with the Greek Olympics. Pi Kappa Phi will be sponsoring the final event.

Besides being fun, Burnette said there is a more serious side of the week.

"Greek Week is about celebrating the Greek system as a whole," Burnette said. "It is about unity and

togetherness."

Burnette hopes that this week will enlighten many people as to what the real basis of the Greeks is.

"We want to show the campus what the Greek system is really about," Burnette said.

Burnette realizes that so many people have the wrong idea about Greek fraternities and sororities. "Most people think that all we do is party, but that is not the case," Burnette said. "We participate in a variety of events, like fundraisers and many other things."

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gram coordinators and advisors, admires the determination he encounters in his students. "It's a great group of students who are motivated yet have very complicated lives shuffling different aspects of their lives together. Our mission is to bring the university to the students." Connelly also says he learns important things from his students. "I know anything is possible when I see students jug-

gling with and moving various shifts. Recently I talked to a lady who runs a day-care center during the day, goes home and takes care of two children, helps them with their homework and begins her studying when they sleep, around 9 at night," Connelly said.

For more information, contact the department of continuing education on the first floor of the Erwin Building.

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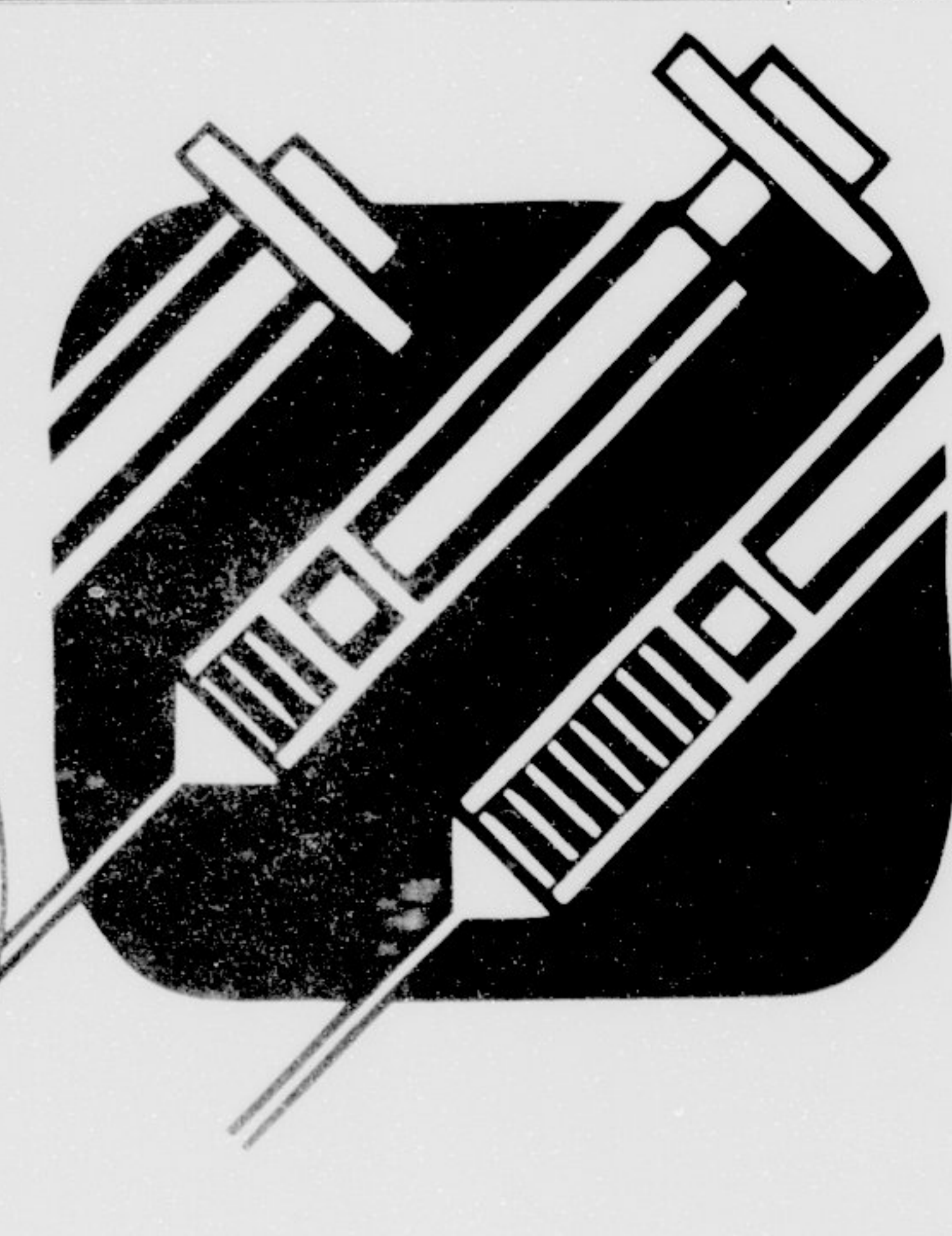
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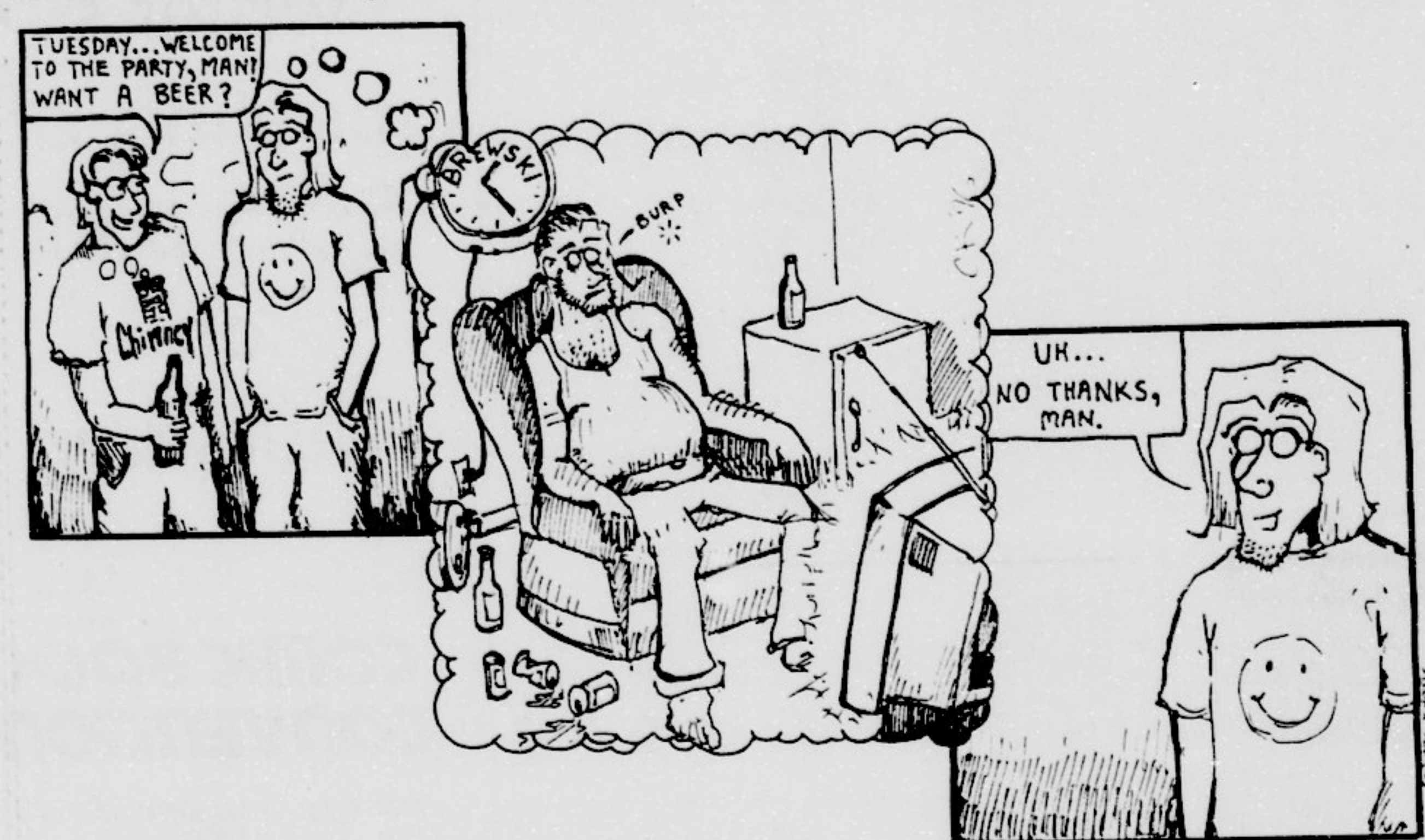
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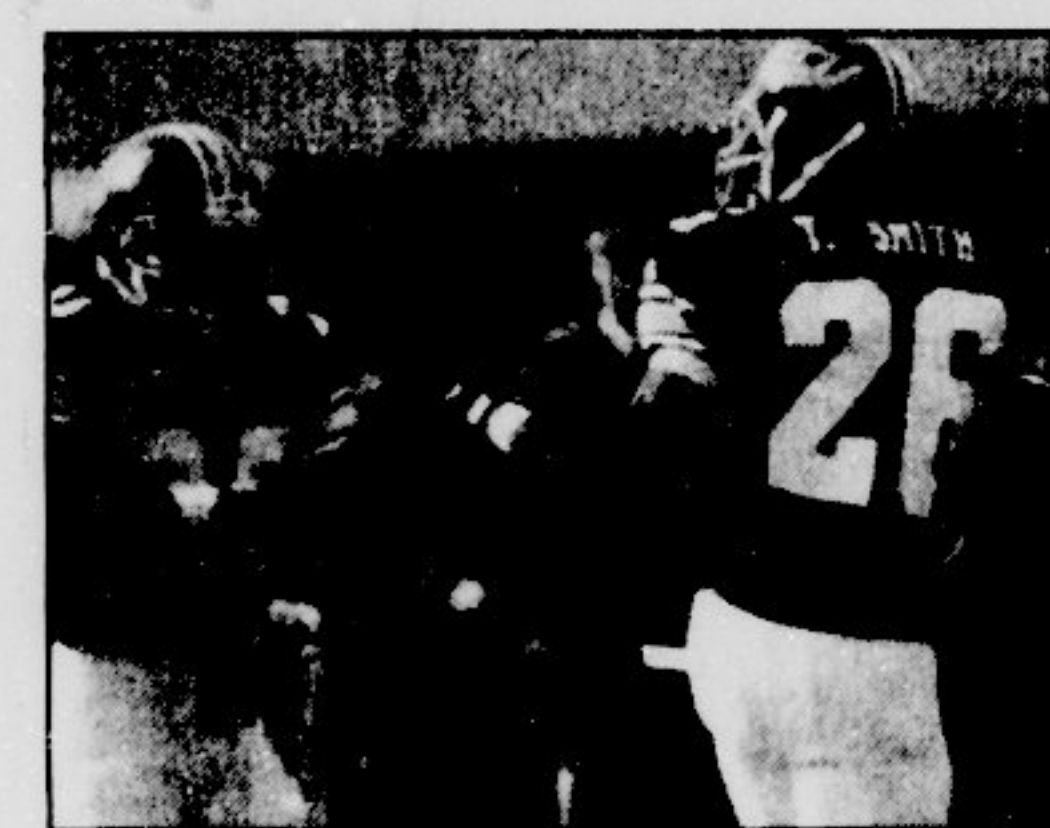
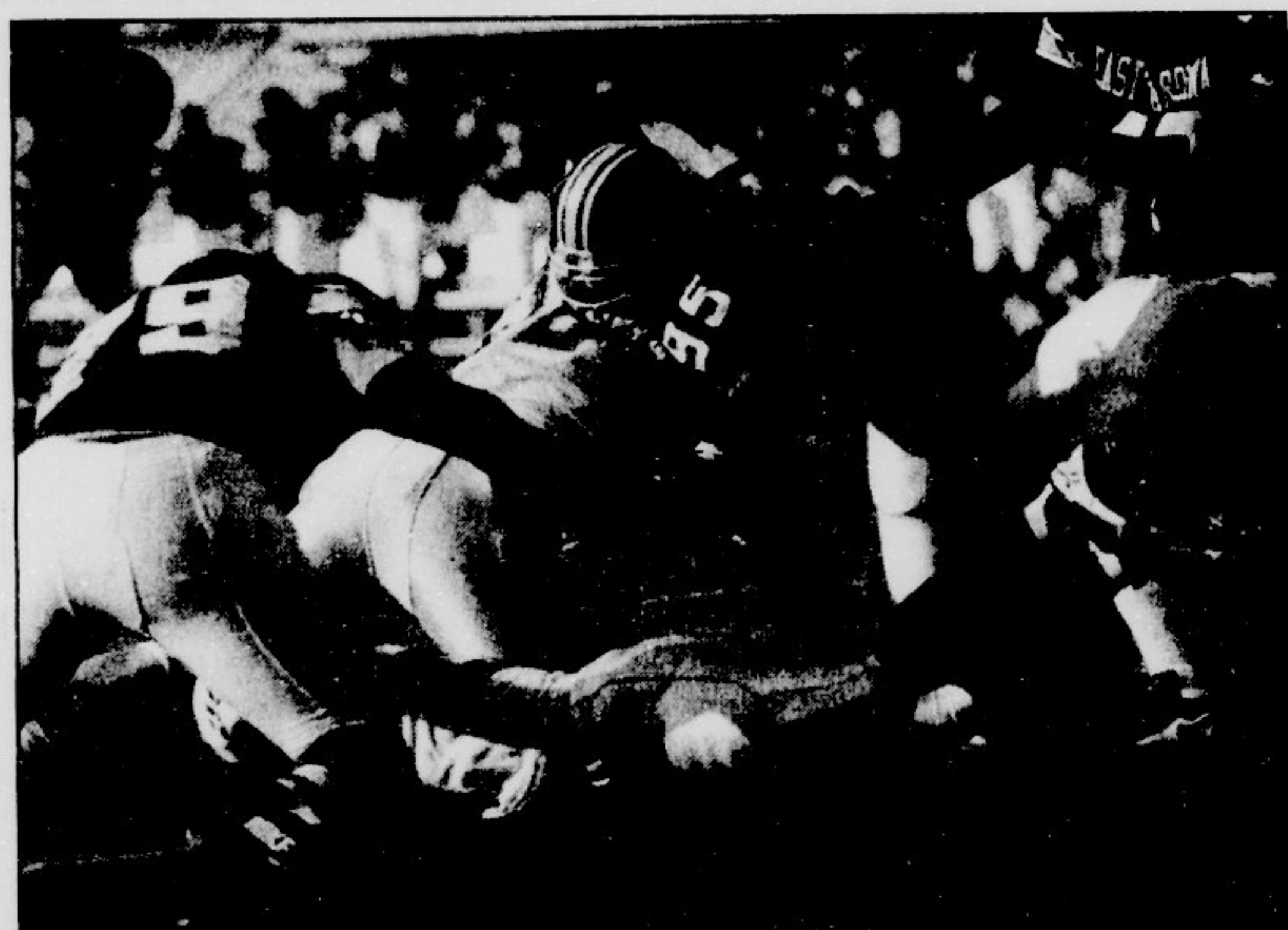


The End Zone

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With the bye last week, the Pirates have had plenty of time to prepare for a Southern Miss team that almost sent them home with a loss last season. But a 29-yard field goal by Chad Holcomb as time expired gave the Pirates a 36-34 victory and a trip to Memphis. (L) Offensive and defensive players have practiced to gear up for the Eagles tough defense. (R) The band will entertain with pre-game and half-time shows. (Bottom) Fans of all ages enjoy football Saturday at Dowdy-Ficklen.



Photos by CHRIS GAYDOSH

Fast Facts

Location - Hattisburg, Miss.
Founded - 1910
Enrollment - 13,000
Head Coach - Jeff Bower
Nickname - Golden Eagles
Colors - Black & Gold
Stadium - M.M. Roberts
Conference - USA
Conference - USA
Current Record 4-1
ECU vs USM
 USM leads series 15-6
 1995- ECU 36
 USM 34
Notes: Last year ECU pulled out the victory, on a 29-yard field goal by Chad Holcomb, as time expired.



Photos by CHRIS GAYDOSH

Prognosticators

Amanda Ross
TEC Sports Editor

"Pirates shoot down Eagles on national television."
 ECU 24
 USM 21

Dill Dillard
TEC Asst. Sports Editor

"Pirate 'D' shuts down sputtering USM 'O'"
 ECU 31
 USM 13

Brian Bailey
WNCT-TV Sportscaster

"Crandell connects with Scott Richards for three touchdown passes."
 ECU 24
 USM 13

Brandon Waddell
TEC Editor-in-Chief

"Nichols and Harley have career games on ESPN."
 ECU 24
 USM 14

Dr. Richard R. Eakin
ECU Chancellor

"The Pirate passing offense gets in gear."
 ECU 21
 USM 14

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Rivals battle for win, respect

Brian Paiz
End Zone Writer

RESPECT!

In the 1960's Aretha Franklin was singing about it. In the 1980's, Rodney Dangerfield felt that he wasn't getting any. Now it's 1996, and there are two college football teams that are striving for it — ECU and Southern Mississippi.

These two programs are not unfamiliar with each other as they get ready to battle Thursday night in front of a national television audience on ESPN 2. This series has had some of the most memorable games in re-

cent memory, and on Thursday night buckle up because as we like to say in the south "this one's going to be a barn burner."

The Golden Knights bring a 4-1 record into Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, with impressive wins on the road over Georgia and Louisville, and USM Head Coach Jeff Bower knows his team can only get better.

"I don't think we are anywhere close to what we can be yet," Bower said. "I think we can be much better."

Coach Steve Logan knows to watch out for a Southern Miss. team that doesn't pass up any opportunities.

"They're just an opportunistic bunch," Logan said. "That's really the way they've

always been down there." USM quarterback Heath Graham has struggled this season, so Bower looks to be making a move to sophomore Lee Roberts. Roberts has only attempted two passes all season, and has no yardage to show for, but Bower said he had no choice in making the change.

"We have to be better offensively and we can't wait until something bad happens and then say we should have done something a week ago," Bower said. "We have to make some changes. We have to address that right now because this is the time that you do it."

Bower is very impressed with the Pirates this season, and he knows that ECU will be

gunning for a win Thursday night, which would probably bolster them into the Top 25.

"East Carolina is a very good football team," Bower said. "I think they are a top 25 team. They are 3-1 coming into the game, and are very scary offensively."

As much as the offense has struggled for USM, the defense and special teams have made up for it. The Golden Knight defense is fourth in the country against the run, allowing just 60.8 yards per run, and USM's special teams accounted for most of the scoring in the Louisville game. These are two phases of the Golden Knight attack that ECU Logan knows that Bower will be looking for Thursday.

A player Bower knows his Golden Knight

defense will be looking for is Pirate sophomore running back Scott Harley.

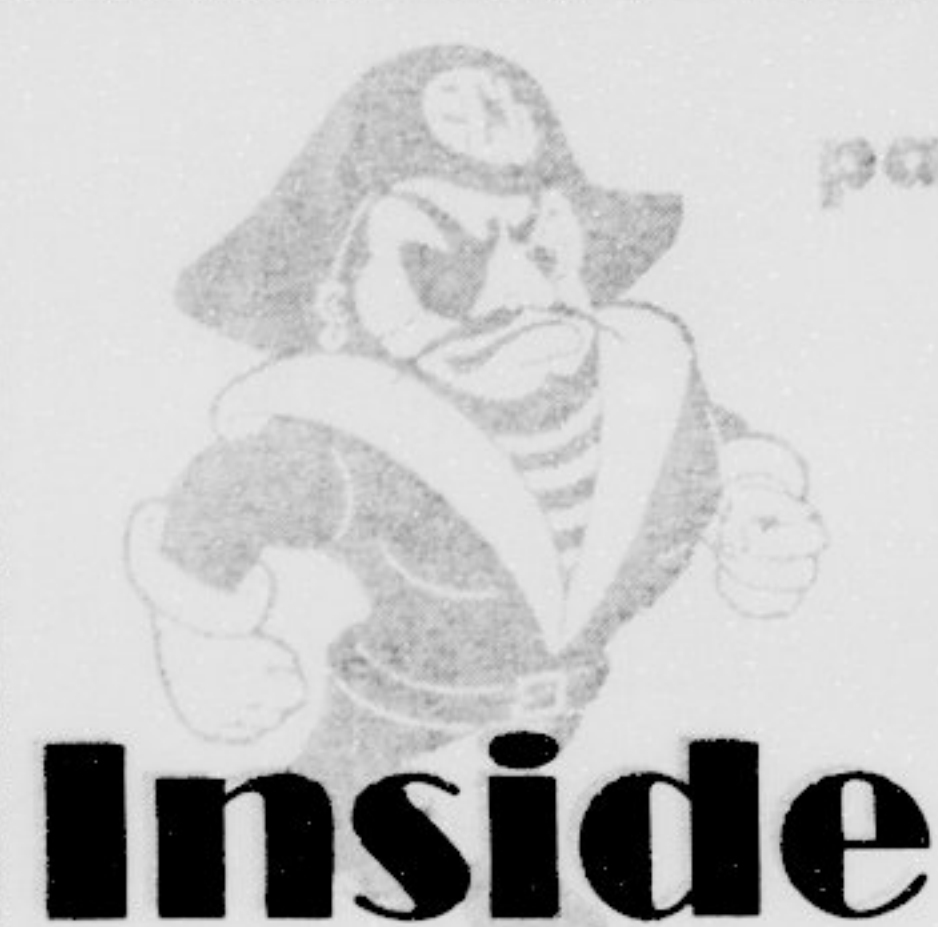
Look for ECU to keep the ball in the air equally as much on the ground.

"I don't think it's going to be who can throw the best, it's going to be who can run the ball better," Logan said.

Harley, who has rushed for 638 yards in the '96 campaign knows how important this game is to ECU's season.

"I think we've got a good enough game plan this week that we can go in there and pick at them all game," Harley said.

The game will begin at 8:05 p.m. tonight. Fans are encouraged to get in the stands at least 30 minutes before the game to fill the stadium for the pre-game show on ESPN.



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If you want to be on national television, get to the stadium early

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Larry Shannon strives for better performances each game

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Look for the latest up-to-date stats on both teams



Thursday.

October 10, 1996

8:05 p.m. on ESPN 2

Events organized for fans enjoyment

Amanda Ross
End Zone Editor

This week's nationally televised game is going to begin with a bang — literally. The hype surrounding the game that will be on ESPN 2, has been surfacing all season. Officials are planning special events to take place during the game, to ensure that the excitement lasts from the beginning to the end.

This is only the third nationally televised game from Greenville, and will be the only college football game on television tonight. This game will not only promote the football team, but it will benefit fans and the city of Greenville.

Lee Workman, Assistant Athletic Director for Sales and Promotions is gearing up for the major event.

"Certainly any time we can get the opportunity to put our best foot forward to a national audience it will benefit the students," Workman said. "When they graduate the name recognition is out there for them."

Athletic officials are urging fans to get to the stadium at least 30 minutes before the kick-off. At 7:30 p.m. ESPN will hold their pre-game show and it is vital that when the cameras pan around to the stands that they be full of cheering ECU fans.

"A lot of folks may never get to the campus and this may be the only time they get to form an image of East Carolina," Workman said. "When they turn on the tube Thursday night and see a full house, they'll say, whoa that's a big time place. But if they turn it on to see a half empty stadium with no enthusiasm, their impression is just not there."

To start the show, the football team will enter amidst a huge cloud of smoke with fireworks going off.

"We've got a special entrance planned for Thursday night," Workman said. "We've got some fireworks, smoke and music blaring over the PA."

Some significant officials in the world of football will be in attendance for the game also.

The vice-president of programming on ESPN, will be here to watch his first game in Greenville and another newcomer will be in attendance. Michael Silve the commissioner for Conference USA will witness, in person, the Pirate football team in Dowdy-Ficklen. The director of the Liberty Bowl will also make the game.

Fans are encouraged to make banners to put up around the stadium to show school spirit. Banners must support ECU and must

be approved by Workman by calling him at 328-4530.

Half-time festivities will include recognition of the men and women who helped to get people in this and surrounding areas back on their feet after Hurricanes Bertha and Fran. Fans are also asked to bring non-perishable foods to the game and drop them off at boxes located at each gate.

"After the hurricanes came through, we wanted to do something in some small way for

those people who got us back up and going," Workman said.

This game is sure to be a lavish affair and fans are encouraged to show spirit any way they can. A lot of planning has been put into Thursday's game and it is sure to be a game no one will forget.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Workman said. "Something a little different than we have ever done before."

TIPS FOR THURSDAY'S TELEVISED GAME

Bring non-perishable food and drop them off at boxes located at each gate to help replenish the food banks

Get to the stands early to watch the special entrance planned for the football team

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Sincerely,

Steve Logan

Head Football Coach
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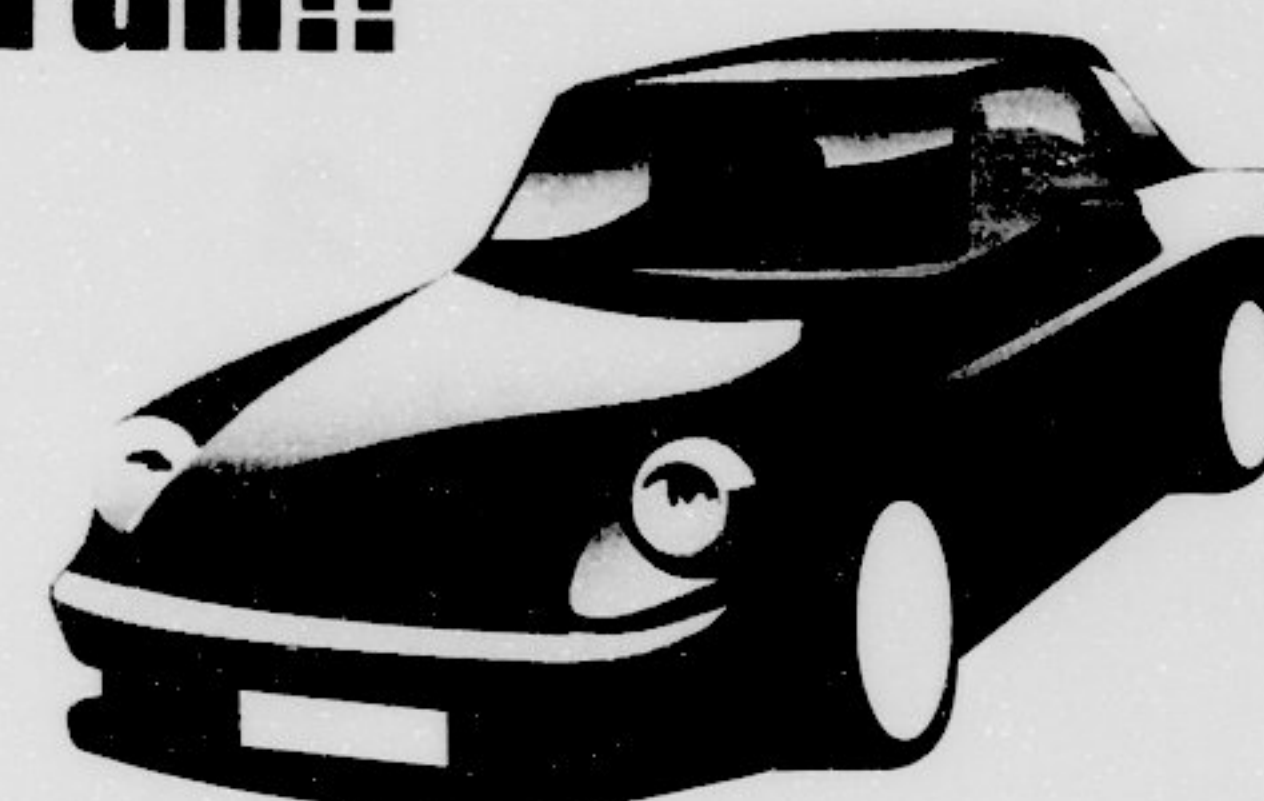
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Shannon leaps to new heights

Dill Dillard
End Zone Writer

In recent years, with the success of former Pirate Jeff Blake and the current Buc signal caller Marcus Crandell, ECU's football program has been often referred to as "Quarterback U."

Now as any football fan know, behind great quarterbacks are great receivers on the other end of great pass plays. Junior split end Larry Shannon has been on the receiving end of more than his share of passes from Crandell.

At 6'6", 205 pounds, Shannon gives any quarterback an impressive target, not to mention his ability to leap up to get the ball. Shannon has broken a team record for the highest vertical leap for a wide receiver at ECU with a leap of 38 inches. With his frame and ability, along with excellent speed, Shannon gives a quarterback the freedom to put the ball up in the air and let him go get it.

After being red-shirted in his freshman year in '93, Shannon saw action in every contest in the '94 campaign. The Starke, Fla. native opened eyes by coming in and registering 17 catches for 226 yards along with his team leading six touchdown grabs.

Most of his touchdown receptions came off what has now become Shannon's signature pattern, the "fade."

"Well, it's a pattern where I can utilize my height and I can just go up and get the ball," Shannon said.

After a fantastic freshman year, Shannon followed it up by improving the very next season by grabbing 24 catches for 346 yards and five touchdowns.

"Ever since I got here, Coach Logan has worked with me on going up and getting the ball, using all of my abilities, and it has been something we've been able to take advantage of," Shannon said. "It always seems to be there."

It is no secret that when the Bucs are in striking distance, that a lob from Crandell to Shannon is a serious threat in the back corner of the end zone. Of course with a weapon like Shannon, most teams keyed in on the big 80 on his jersey which somewhat took away the fade.

The only problem for Pirate opponents is that this guy can go deep as well as pull down the red zone jump ball from a shorter defensive back. In his two years as a Pirate, Shannon has averaged 14 yards a catch, and was remembered by most Pirate fans as the receiver that pulled down the 67 yard touchdown pass during the first ECU

offensive play of the West Virginia game.

"Most guys I face are shorter than me, which gives me an advantage and gives Marcus a bigger target," Shannon said. "Most DB's probably think I'm slower because of my height which also catches them off guard."

This season, Shannon has kept the ball rolling, leading the Pirate receivers with 14 grabs for 188 yards along with three touchdowns. Even as a junior, Shannon has been recognized for possible post season accolades.

Earlier this season, Shannon was selected as one of 21 receivers put on the "Watch List" for the Biletnikoff award given at the end of every season to the best of college football's receivers.

"It's an honor to be recognized, but it's not going to affect me, I'm just going to go out and do my job the best I can," Shannon said.

The "Watch List" will be narrowed down to 10 semifinalists later this month, and the winner will be announced in December.

Split End, Larry Shannon breaks a tackle against a Tulsa defender last year. This season the Biletnikoff Award nominee, leads the team in receiving with 263 yards.



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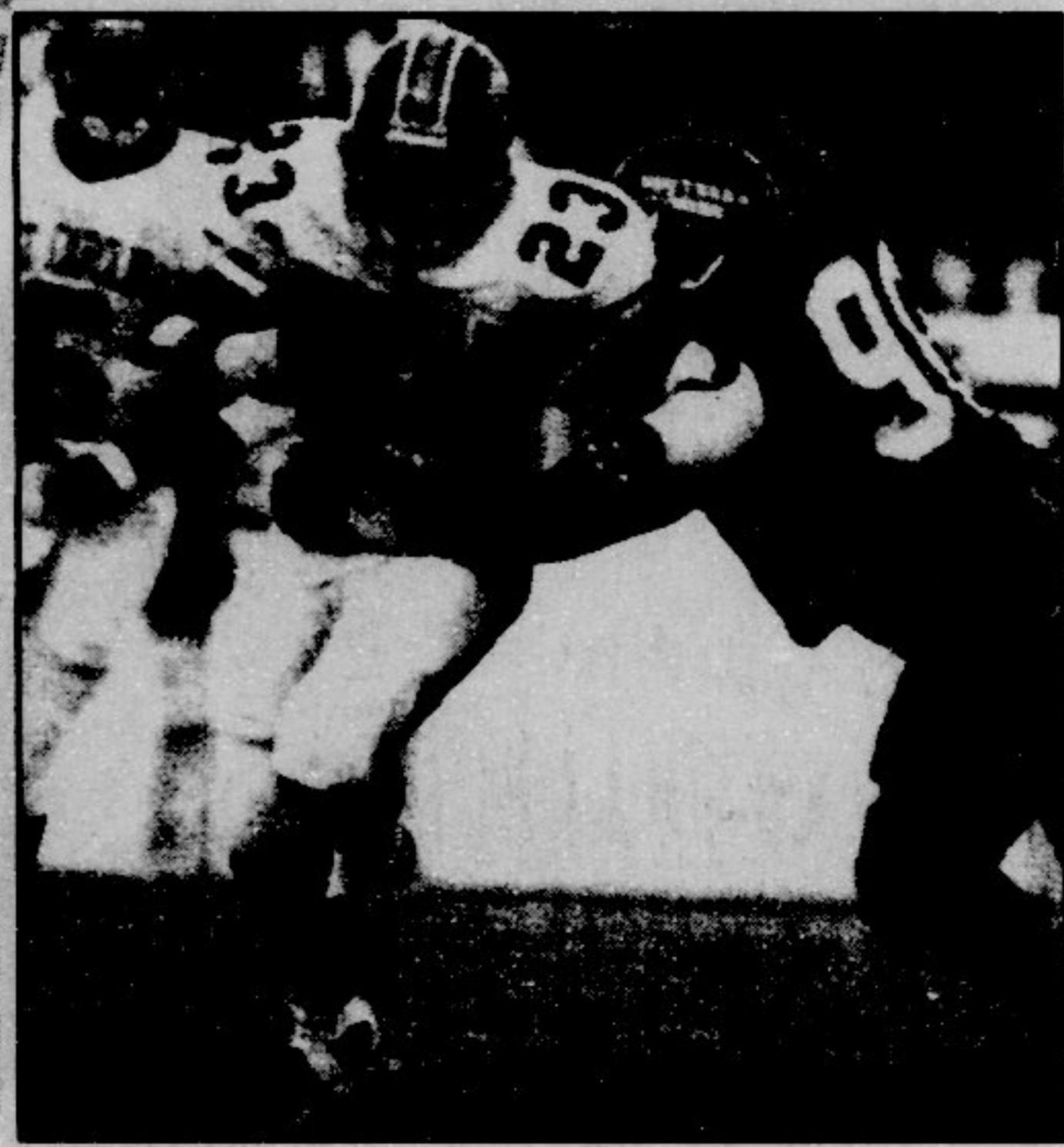
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 (L) Last season Jerris McPhail rushed for 88 yards against USM. This year Scott Harley will take to the ground. (R) Running back Eric Booth, comes into Dowdy-Ficklen ranked sixth in the nation on kickoff returns. For '96 he has 398 rushing yards.

Southern Mississippi by the numbers

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- 10 — The number of times Southern Miss and ECU have squared off in Greenville. The Golden Eagles hold an 8-2 series lead in those games
- 19 — The number of seniors on the 1996 Southern Miss football squad
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OPINION

Thursday

Our View

Remember to bring canned goods to the stadium so the food banks can be replenished.

Are you pumped? We are definitely ready. When ECU hosts Southern Mississippi tonight on ESPN 2, it will be only the third time a game has been nationally televised from Dowdy-Ficklen.

If ever fan support was needed it is now. The pre-game show will start about 20 minutes before the game and the cameras will pan around the stadium showing the crowd. If we don't have the stands full before the game, it will look pathetic.

ESPN is so sure we will have a good showing of fans, they made the ECU/Miami game their prime-time game on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. Now we wouldn't want to disappoint them; would we?

Some big-time officials are going to be at this game and the more fans we have, the better recognition we will have. The vice president of programming for ESPN will be in attendance as well as the commissioner of Conference USA and the director of the Liberty Bowl.

This is a big game as far as the bowl berth goes since ECU has participated in the Liberty Bowl for the past two years. Officials not only make their bowl selections based on the team record, but also the crowd support.

During the game, special events have been organized to ensure that the game is a blast. When the Pirates take the field, look up in the sky and you'll think it's July 4th. That's right; fireworks will be blasting off along with smoke when ECU makes their entrance.

During half time, the heroes of the two hurricanes will be recognized for their hard work and determination for getting us back where we are today.

Before you go to the game, be sure to stop by the grocery store to pick up non-perishable food to put in boxes that will be located at every gate. Since the hurricanes, the food banks have been depleted and it is vital that they be replenished.

This is our chance to show the entire country what ECU football is all about. The team and coaches have been asking for respect from the football world and its fans and now is the time.

This game is going to lead to bigger and better deals. It's already landed us a prime-time spot next week against Miami. It doesn't get any better than this.

The siren will blare across the PA to signal that game time is near. At that time we hope you'll pack up the food, head to the stadium and fill every seat.

So far student ticket pick-up has been successful. Now we just need to make sure that when the cameras start rolling, the fans are there to show their spirit.

Just think, this may be one of your only chances to get on national television. So when the game starts tonight, wear your purple and gold, show the country your ECU pride.

Take another look at domestic violence

This month marks the anniversary of O.J. Simpson being found not guilty in the murders of Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman. During the Simpson trial and the media circus that surrounded it, the subject of domestic violence was brought into the spotlight. Domestic violence tears at the very fabric of family and is an extremely troubling issue.

Women's advocate groups are to be commended for their efforts to end spousal abuse. However, as with any cause, an extremely liberal view can prove detrimental to one's efforts. Columnist John Leo points to an important study of domestic abuse. The study began in 1975 and was most recently updated in 1992. In the May 13, 1996 issue of *U.S. News and World Report* Leo states that, due in large part to the efforts of women's organizations, husband abuse toward wives has declined since 1975. During that same time though, spousal abuse toward husbands has remained static. As a result, instances of wives assaulting husbands are now higher than husbands abusing wives.

Ironically, under mandatory arrest laws, states are now seeing more wives arrested for petty assaults than husbands. By focusing on one side

Steve Higdon

Opinion Columnist

So, ladies, think twice before you slap your boyfriend; under liberal legislation you may be the one arrested.

of the issue and demonizing men, Leo maintains that far left groups have missed a prime opportunity to lower all domestic abuse cases. Also, in typical liberal fashion, arrest laws that were supposedly meant to help women are now getting them arrested. So ladies think twice before you slap your boyfriend, under liberal legislation you may be the one arrested.

This is not to say that women's abuse is to be trivialized; it is a very legitimate issue. Instances of husband to wife violence are much more violent. Women are much more likely to be seriously injured or killed in a

domestic violence incident. The time has come for solid reform that protects the rights of women and children rather than penalizing victims.

It is good to know that people are working to stop such violence. Ann H. Barnhill is such a person. Mrs. Barnhill is a trial lawyer specializing in domestic violence and family law. Since 1979 Mrs. Barnhill has fought for the rights of abused women here in Pitt County.

With sexual harassment and domestic violence so prevalent in society Mrs. Barnhill is a bright light on the horizon. In an unprecedented move Ann Barnhill is running for election to the district court bench in Pitt County. She is the first woman to ever file for election for this position in Pitt County's history. If elected Mrs. Barnhill will be the first woman and the first Republican to be elected to this position. In the true Republican tradition she will fight for individual rights, this time the rights of battered women. Help to show that Pitt County is a progressive community with the interests of women and family at heart. Lets help to break Pitt County's "Good Ol' Boy" network with the election of Ann H. Barnhill to District Court Judge.



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Vote pro-choice in '96

I cannot think of an issue that engenders more disagreement, more anger, more screaming and yelling. It's something that most politicians usually try not to touch with a ten-foot pole. But it's a topic that is on the minds of many, and it's something that we are going to tackle this week.

With all of my other liberal articles, I guess you don't have to be a rocket scientist to guess where I stand on this issue. I believe that no man or woman has the right to dictate what another woman can or cannot do with her body. It's true that most Democrats share my view and most Republicans are pro-life.

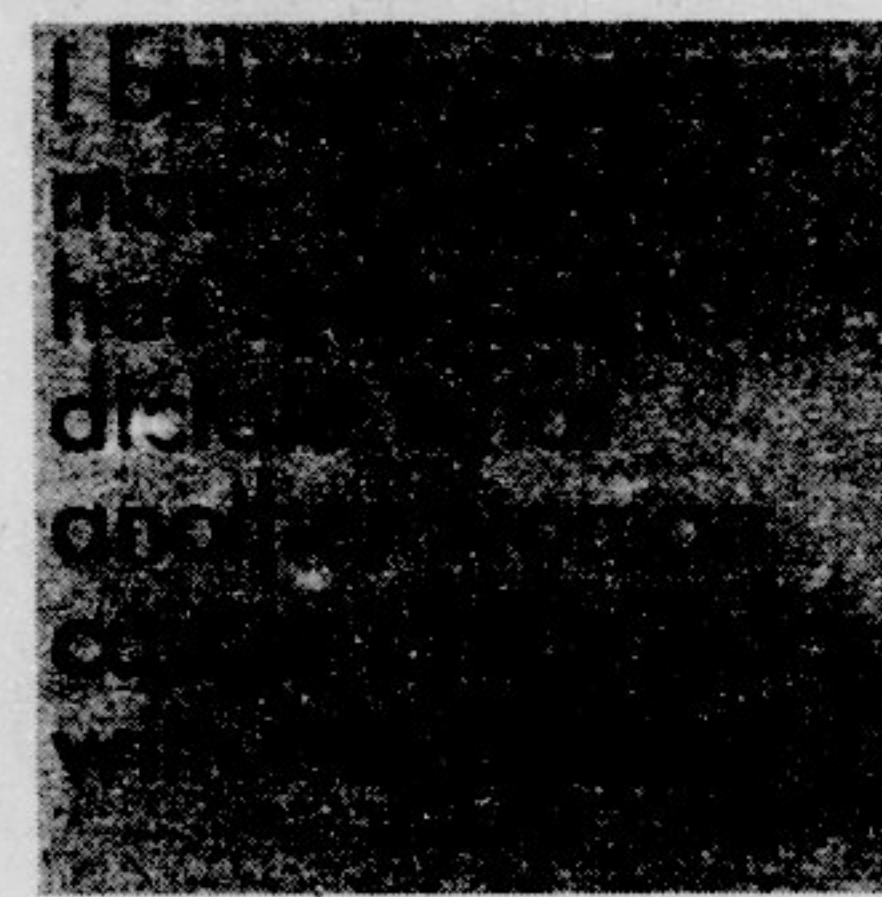
Let me say one thing: I highly respect the conscientious decision for someone not to have an abortion. I respect people who do not agree with the procedure; and I respect families who feel abortion is wrong. What I do not respect is individuals on the pro-life side who want to mandate what a woman can and cannot do with her own body.

Here's an important distinction to make. I'm not pro-abortion. I don't know anyone who is. What I am, and what a majority of Americans are, is pro-choice. That is, all we want is the ability for women to make the choice themselves, with their family and their God. If people are against abortion, then they have every right to decline to have one; and that's fine.

The Republican party platform states that they support a constitutional amendment banning all abortions. That means if a woman is raped, she would not have the

Larry Freeman

Opinion Columnist



right to terminate that forced pregnancy. If a woman is a victim of incest, she would not have the right to terminate that pregnancy. If a woman's life was in danger, she would not have the right to save her life. If a woman's child were to be severely deformed, she would not have the right to save that child from a life of torture and pain.

I know that many will disagree with my previous statements and I welcome that. Our country is built on the fact that reasonable men and women can disagree. However, I get really tired of pro-lifers who claim that we who disagree are Godless; that they have a mandate on morality. First of all, most of the people who are screaming and fussing are on the pro-life side. I drove by a pro-life rally in Raleigh the other day, proudly displaying my Clinton/Gore bumper sticker. Well, besides all of those offensive "Abortion Kills Children" signs, some of those people gave me the meanest

looks, and one of them gave me the finger. What kind of morality is that?

I hate to bring this up as well, but sometimes pro-life arguments are somewhat intellectually lacking. I read the Reflector the other day, and instead of seeing a letter to the editor where the writer expressed his disagreements with President Clinton on the abortion issue, the writer called Clinton a "baby killer" and proceeded to deem him "Willie Scissorhands." Feeble words from a feeble mind. Also, speaking of morals, I haven't heard of pro-choice people acting violently. What I have heard is of several doctors who have been killed by pro-life extremists, who try to use the issue to justify murdering someone. Make no mistake, there are many good, honest people on the pro-life side (I know several of them). However, I'm saying there are some real morons on the other side, plain and simple.

Well, this wasn't the easiest of columns to write, but remember the point: Disagreement on the issues is fine, but restricting freedom is the greatest evil of all. In a perfect world, we would all be pro-choice. There would not be a minority of people who sought to deny women their reproductive freedom. There would be reasonable people disagreeing on which choice to make, whether or not to have a first-trimester abortion. But this isn't a perfect world, and for many days to come, you'll see the best, and worst, that the pro-life movement has to offer.

Letters to the Editor

Students need flood relief

To the Editor,

As I drove past the commuter lot on the hill Tuesday afternoon, a thought occurred to me. I would like to offer a solution to the problem of the legislative bill paying SGA Executives' tuition, books, and fees. As stated by Miss Nix, the SGA Executive officers are the "highest leaders on campus." Along with that position should go not only the highest level of accountability but also the highest level of concern for the welfare of their

constituency.

Perhaps, as a move in the right direction, the SGA legislature should propose a new bill that would instead use that money to aid the dozens of victims of the flood in the commuter lot at the bottom of the hill. I am sure that there were many people who lost textbooks and other essentials, not to mention the damage to their cars. I believe that those students who have unwittingly been spending their hard-earned money so that SGA executive

officers can have a free ride on the system would appreciate knowing exactly how concerned their elected officials are about their situation in this time of need.

This is just a friendly reminder to pay attention to your representatives and decide for yourself how genuine their concern is for you, the student.

Lucy Goodwin
Senior
Biology

LIFE style



Violin virtuoso to play tonight

Jay Myers
Lifestyle Editor

10 Thursday

Mission: Impossible at 8 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre through Oct. 12.

NC Symphony Pitt County Concert Series presents Leila Josefowicz, violin, at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

One Step Beyond with Frog Legs at the Attic.

ECU Jazz Faculty at Staccato Cafe.

Bobby Messano at Wrong Way Corrigan's.

Grinch at Peasant's Cafe.

The Hollow, a play by Jim Macak, runs through Oct. 12 at the N.C. Museum of Art in Raleigh.

Leo Kottke at the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro.

11 Friday

Jazz at Night at 8 p.m. in Mendenhall Great Room.

School of Art Lecture with Gabriel P. Weisburg at 3 p.m. in Speight Auditorium.

Agents of Good Roots at the Attic.

Henry Acrobat at Peasant's Cafe.

The Last Resort Band at Wrong Way Corrigan's.

Richard Thompson Band at the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro.

12 Saturday

Aids Memorial Quilt day trip to Washington D.C. Bus leaves Mendenhall at 6 a.m. and leaves D.C. at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. Only 45 seats are available. Call 1-800-ECU-ARTS or 328-4788 for reservations.

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Big Stoner Creek at Peasant's Cafe.

Big Bertha at Wrong Way Corrigan's.

Widespread Panic with Leftover Salmon, Vertical Horizon and Backsliders at Walnut Creek in Raleigh.

Nikki Meets the Hibachi at the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro.

Jessamine, Labradford at the Lizard & Snake Cafe in Chapel Hill.

13 Sunday

Mari Kodama, organ, at 2 p.m. in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Alyen Bail at the Attic.

Greenville Comic Con from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ramada Inn. Admission is free.

Mothers Against Jesse in Congress (MAJIC) Benefit with Steve Earle at the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro.

14 Monday

"Music of Beethoven and Poulenc" at 8 p.m. in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

15 Tuesday

Always... Patsy Cline at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

Velcro Pygmies at the Attic.

Almighty Senators at Peasant's Cafe.

Some people's careers start when they leave college. Others begin before they ever reach college. And there are tons of people out there who have never found their niche, who are still searching.

Yet, who would ever think of beginning a career at the tender young age of ten? Leila Josefowicz would, that's who.

Josefowicz is a virtuoso violinist from Los Angeles who began her musical studies in 1980, when she was three. In 1987, her career as a professional musician began when she dazzled the world by performing on the NBC television special, "America's Tribute to Bob Hope."

In 1994, at the age of 17, she received the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant and had performances at Carnegie Hall and the Academy of St. Martin. Besides these stellar accomplishments, her career has also included performances with the London Symphony Orchestra, a tour of Japan, and appearances with many major orchestras in the United States. Josefowicz has even released an album of the Tchaikovsky and Sibelius concertos on the Phillips Classics label. And

she's only 19.

Well, tonight at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium, this young violinist will kick off the 15th anniversary Pitt County concert season for the North Carolina Symphony. Josefowicz will perform Beethoven's "Concerto in D major for Violin and Orchestra." Maestro Gerhardt Zimmerman will lead the orchestra in Mozart's "Symphony No. 34" and in *Sinfonia* by contemporary American composer Oily Wilson.

After the concert tonight, Josefowicz plans to do a return tour of Japan, make her concert debut in Australia and tour Europe, as well as continue her studies at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Needless to say, she may not be returning to North Carolina for a while, so do yourself a favor and catch her now before she gets too old to play anymore. Just kidding.

Concert series tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and senior citizens, and \$15 for children under the age of 12 and are available by calling 355-0858. Single tickets are also available through the ECU Central Ticket Office at 328-4788 and are \$17 for adults, \$15 for students and senior citizens, and \$10 for children under the age of 12. And, as always, tickets will be available at the door tonight.



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Although spared from Bertha and Fran for the most part, Tropical Storm Josephine did manage to drown some sorrows in Greenville on Tuesday. Badly hit were the commuter lot near College Hill (above top and right) and a valley near Christenbury Gym (above left).

Movie Review

That Thing Hanks does



Photo Courtesy of 20th Century Fox

Tom Hanks (center) leads a cast of relative unknowns to stardom in his movie directorial debut, *That Thing You Do*.



Dale Williamson
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

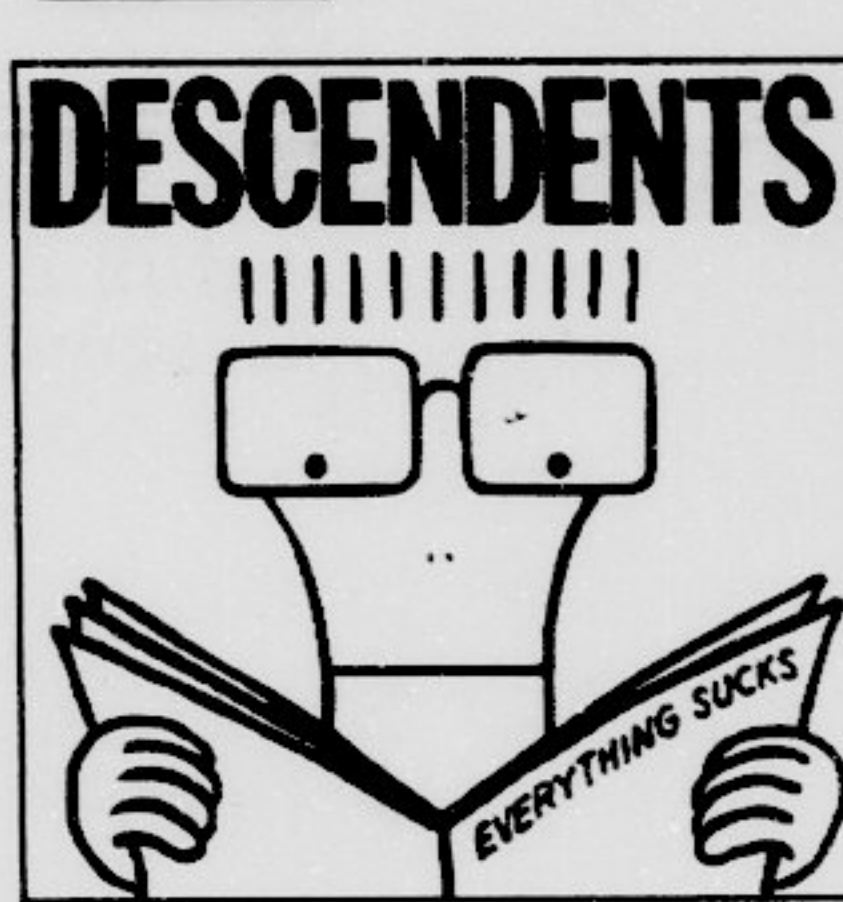
Many contemporary pop musicians should be able to identify with Tom Hanks' first plunge as a writer and director. His film, *That Thing You Do*, centers around the rise and fall of a one-hit wonder band, appropriately

named The Wonders, and it perfectly illustrates how the business aspect of the music industry cares nothing for artistic integrity.

Even though a story about a struggling band who makes it big to only fall by the end is not exactly the most original concept, Hanks puts such a snappy, innocent spin on the whole film that the story markedly becomes his. The result, *That Thing You Do*, while not very intellectually challenging, is as fun, snappy and pure as any song from the early days of rock 'n' roll.

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CD Reviews



Descendents
Everything Sucks



Andy Turner
Staff Writer

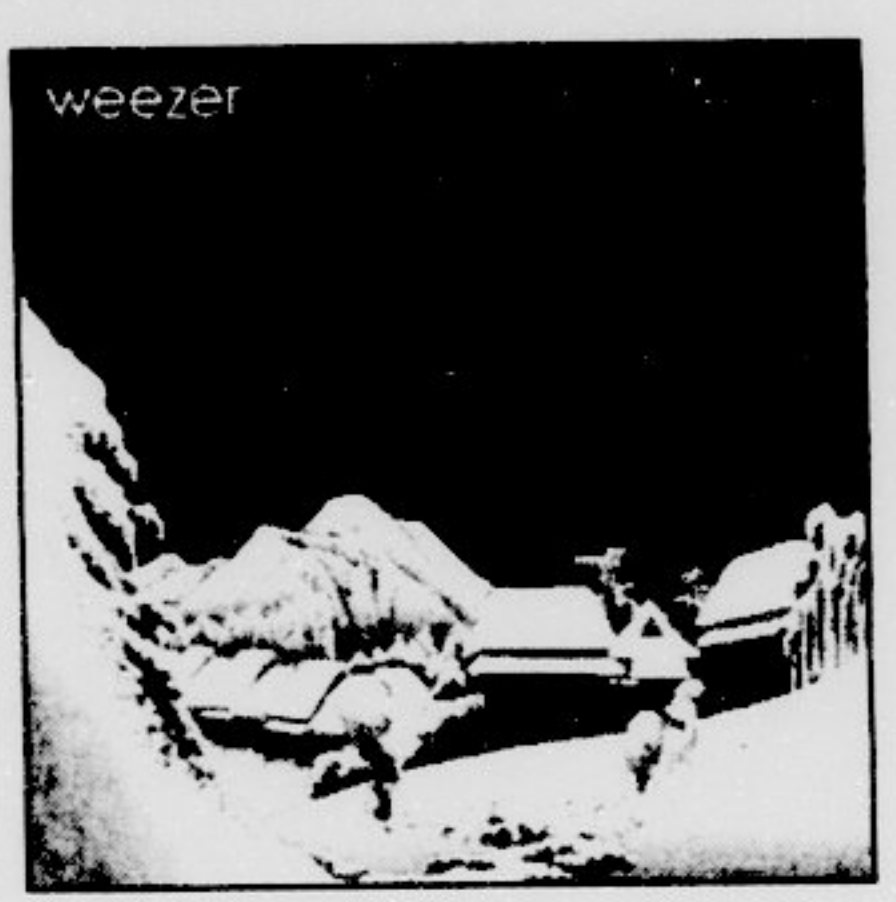
Sweet, jaded 16. I often rode around at night in my friend's truck. (He drove because he had the cassette player). We drove out behind the grocery store where we both worked as bagboys. There was a long stretch of road out there that was all dirt and gravel - the land of doughnuts. Spinning round and round with the truck, we kept the windows open, dirt kicked up in the air, and all the while, the radio played loudly - really loudly. It was doughnut music - the Replacements, Black Flag, the Dead Kennedys, Angry Samoans, and, of course, the Descendents.

The Descendents' music was the perfect companion for parking lot mayhem and for cynical (with no idea why) 16-year-olds. The band sang about girls ("Silly Girl"), food ("I Like Food") and girls ("Sour Grapes"). Formed in 1978, the group transformed into All in 1987 with lead singer Milo Aukerman splitting and ex-Dag Nasty lead man Dave Smalley taking over. Smalley was the first of three lead singers All would retain. Descendents Bill Stevenson, Karl

Weezer fits into neither of these categories, falling in with the rarer sort of 20-something bands, such as *Pet Sounds*-era Beach Boys or *War-era* U2, that somehow have a maturity in songwriting and technical ability far beyond their years. Rivers Cuomo, Weezer's singer/songwriter and resident musical genius, can easily stand next to Brian Wilson in lyrical and melodic grace, and next to the Edge in musical ability. Weezer's infectious noise-pop is clever, fun and yet emotionally charged.

Drawing from such diverse influences as the aforementioned Beach Boys and '70s theater-rock like Kiss and Queen, as well as from classical literature and pop culture.

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Weezer
Pinkerton



John Davis
Staff Writer

Usually when a group of young college students get together to form a rock band the result is something either promising but not quite up to par (so that they have to wait five to ten years to come into their own) or something so mindless and inconsequential that the band gains instant but fleeting success.

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Student Spotlight



Photo by ELIZABETH DUNCAN
Name: Kwame Rigby
Dept.: Communications
Job: President, ECU Thespians of Diversity

Dale Williamson
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

Kwame Rigby is one ECU student who sees the good inherent within cultural awareness. Rigby is the president of the ECU Thespians of Diversity, an organization that strives to create cultural tolerance through the dramatic art form. Within the small community that the Thespians have created, Rigby has found a home for himself and his talents.

"I found out about [the Thespians] in 1993," Rigby said. "They were called the Black Thespians back then. I went with my brother, Olayta, and that's where I met Reginald Watson." Mr. Watson is a lecturer in the English department and the founder of the Thespians.

Being an undergraduate communications major, Rigby put his talents and his interests to good use for the Thespians. "I have been in charge of the music and bringing the sound systems to the programs. I also work at bringing in more actors."

Rigby sees the Thespians as a very worthwhile organization that has much more to offer the community than simply an evening's entertainment. "I get the feeling that we have a lot of talented people in the group," Rigby said. "Hopefully when we come fully together this semester, we can continue with our tutorials at the local schools and the boys' and girls' clubs."

These tutorials are voluntarily conducted by members of the Thespians of Diversity in an effort to encourage local school children in their educational pursuits. According to Rigby, the tutorials serve the community by "helping the students with the classes in which they are not doing their best. Most [of the students] are athletes, but I try to get other students involved."

Rigby was born in Goldsboro, but he has seen his share of the world. "I spent most of my life in Naples, Italy because my father was in the military."

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WEEKEND FILMS at Hendrix

Mission: Impossible

Tom Cruise and Brian DePalma both accomplished the seemingly impossible last summer when they transformed the hit '60s television series *Mission: Impossible* into a certified hit feature film. While the ads for this Cruise flick hyped the action in the film, *Mission: Impossible* turns out to be a spy story with more brains than brawn.

This is not to say that this story, involving a renegade group of spies fighting the system in an effort to clear their names of federal charges, does not have its share of action. The finale, while not quite as explosive as it could have been, does feature Cruise battling some badies on top of a speeding locomotive. However, the bulk of the film is more subtle, and more complex, than that.

Many critics complained about the plot being incomprehensible. Ignore those idiots. While *Mission: Impossible* is a film that warrants audience attention, the plot is more predictable than incomprehensible.

Some may grow bored with the movie's methodical pace, but others will delight in this thinking person's action thriller. The film's must-see scene features an incredible break-in at the Pentagon. While this scene has virtually no dialogue or sound effects, it proved to be just as exciting as any tornado in *Twister*, one blockbuster action film that showed no signs of intelligence.

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The opening credits wonderfully set up the mood for the entire film by playing a catchy pop '50s tune over a montage sequence of Tom Everett Scott (who eerily looks just like a young Tom Hanks) working in an appliance store. Ah, those were the days, filled with soda pop, ponytails and Studebakers. The times were young, innocent and pure.

Or so Hollywood, the source of all of my '50s knowledge, would like us to think. While Hanks captures the nostalgic idealism of the pre-Vietnam era, he still slips in hints of what the future holds for America. Scott's father, who runs a locally owned business, bemoans the fact that a super mart is open on Sundays. "I don't think I want to live in a country where a man has to work on Sundays to support his family," the hard-working father states.

But the focus of Hanks' film is the music, the '50s sound that symbolizes the supposed innocence of an era. Everyone is familiar with this sound. We hear it daily on the golden oldies station where the Beatles sing about the joys of holding a girl's hand. But anyone who listens between the lines of such lyrics will many times discover a less innocent interpretation of these joyous songs. Yes, even the '50s had a dark side.

However, instead of indulging in such dark territories, Hanks only touches upon them lightly and, instead, allows his film to ultimately be light, fun and, yes, innocent.

The Wonders, four guys who get national attention with their song "That Thing You Do," are a perfect metaphor for countless bands that have worked in the music industry. They are young, vibrant, cute and reckless. And they are a product for the recording studio to manipulate and drain.

The band's lead singer and main creative talent wants to make more records because it is the music he cares about. However, the band's manager (played perfectly by Hanks himself) wants to focus all energies on exploiting the Wonders' current hit as much as possible. The money is with the hit single, so the hit single is what gets all the attention. Current musical stars like Eddie Vedder and Billy Corrgan can probably identify with this dilemma.

Hanks could have easily made a "serious" film in which we witness the growing, inner conflicts within the band slowly eat away at its members until they just break apart from one another. We could have watched the creative pulse of the band withdraw into his music and himself to the point that the band no longer is a unit. We could have even stayed with the band as they and their music both lose their innocence because the times forced them to become more "experienced."

But all of that has been done before.

Instead, Hanks makes *That Thing You Do* more like *American Graffiti* than *The Doors*. And, admittedly, that decision seems to have been the right one. The film, like Hanks himself, has a natural pureness. The actors (mostly unknowns, with the exception of Hanks and the incredibly talented Liv Ullmann) are all effortlessly effective in their individual roles. The cinematography and editing (professionally accomplished by Tak Fujimoto and Richard Chew respectively) don't try to detract from the story with dazzling effects. Even the music (some of which was written and produced with the help of Hanks) carries such an uncontrived sound that one could easily picture the fresh-faced Beatles crooning such tunes.

After winning two Oscars in a row and starring in numerous box-office blockbusters, Hanks set himself up for disaster by writing and directing his own feature film. Not surprisingly, though, Hanks once again proves that he is not a one-hit wonder by creating a film worthy of his talents and his nice-guy image. While I do hope that Hanks sinks his teeth into some juicier, more controversial topics in the future, *That Thing You Do* is an appropriate starting point for a man who does his thing so well.

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Weezer have managed to outshine their 1994 debut in every way with their new record by creating a catchy yet intimate musical tapestry.

Titled *Pinkerton*, after the westerner in the play *Madame Butterfly* who falls in love with a Japanese beauty, the album centers around just this theme. There are several long-distance love songs on the album ("Across the Sea," "el Scorcho," "Butterfly"), and the cover art features a painting of a Japanese village, a black-on-black photo of a Japanese lady, and a map of Japan.

It's probably a safe guess to say that Cuomo (or someone else in the band) has fallen for a fan from Japan. The references are all over the album. Though all of these love references are plainly heart-on-the-sleeve, they are delivered with a sense of humor that only could have come from the composer of "Undone - The Sweater Song."

In "The Good Life," Cuomo declares, as if it is a life-and-death matter, that "I just need to admit that I want sugar in my tea / Hear me, hear me - I want sugar in my tea." (Eastern cultures use no sweetener in their tea.)

The clash of cultures is definitely an issue, but a resolvable one, or so Cuomo asserts in "el Scorcho," where he sings with gusto "I'm a lot like you, so please, hello, I'm waiting. / I think I'd be good for you, and you'd be good for me."

Some of the other songs, though not quite close to the central theme, still focus on unrequited love, sometimes in unexpected ways. "I'm dumb, she's lesbian," Cuomo laments in "Pink Triangle." What '90s male can't relate to that dilemma? "She looked so straight when she was on the dance floor, and oh-so sexy ..."

"Tired of Sex" is the realization of a male slut that there's more to

love than, well, than unrestrained sex.

The music on the album is still solidly Weezer, but noisier. Gone are the catchy, Cars-esque '80s keyboards. In their place are even catchier '90s guitar noodles and noises. The album opens up with a feedback-filled drum stomp that slides easily into the angst-filled first line of "Tired of Sex."

Cuomo's sense of musical composition is by no means gone, though. The guitar lines are still wonderfully attractive and hooky. The melodies are as fun and sing-alongable as ever. The chorus of "Falling For You" has got to be one of the best chorus melodies this decade. Dance music has rarely sounded this rock and roll, at least not since the '50s.

"Why Bother" is a perfect party song, in spite of the fact that the song is all about the fear of being hurt in a relationship. You still can't help but sing along and tap your feet as the song promotes relational suicide.

Cuomo's ability to contrast moody themes with catchy, fun music is topped only by the indomitable songwriting team of Lennon and McCartney. Weezer is tighter than before, tripping along complex polyrhythms and vocal harmonies, and they have improved from the repetitive strum pattern that was all over the first record. The overall musical canvas sounds less fuzzy and more gritty and groovy, pulling *Pinkerton* to heights that the first album could not reach.

It is a sad thing to note that this is Weezer's last album as Weezer. Rivers Cuomo will be finishing his college education (at Harvard) and band-mates Matt Sharp and Patrick Wilson have decided to develop their side project, The Rentals. But then again, it's kinda nice, knowing that an album as superb and sublime as *Pinkerton* will be Weezer's swan song.

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Alvarez and Steven Egerton remained on with All, releasing six albums, numerous EPs and a live album, *Trailblazer* (1989).

Now, nearly ten years later, Milo is back with Stevenson, Alvarez and Egerton, and the Descendents are once more with the release of *Everything Sucks* on Epitaph Records.

Do the Descendents still have what it takes to rule the parking lot and provide inspiration for the teenage art of "la doughnut?"

Start your engines. *Everything Sucks* features 15 fast and forever furious songs. Only one song eclipses the three-minute mark, and, in fact, eight songs don't even make it to two minutes. They still sing about girls ("Sick-O-Me"), girls ("She Loves Me") and food ("Coffee Mug").

Milo and the boys show on "Rotting Out" that they were jaded Californian basket cases when Billy Joe and Green Day were still dooking in their pants: "Shove all your problems under the rug / Then you wonder where the smell came from."

Nevertheless, if the Descendents indeed have as many problems of the female kind as *Everything Sucks* (and actually all of their albums) seems to

indicate, then it probably sets a record for the number of heartbreaks one band can suffer. In "I'm the One," Aukerman sings, "No one knows as good as me / We're just good friends / And you come to me for sympathy / You tell me that I'm not your type / But you still call me late at night / Every time he picks a fight / After all he's said and done." And in "Sick-O-Me," he sings again, "Relationships deteriorate / I've seen it from the start / Easy as it is to fall in love / It's easier to fall apart / I won't let it fall apart." The above-mentioned record-setting stress is especially evident in these two tracks.

My only complaint with the album is the widespread use of the word "suck." Not only do they say "This place sucks" in "This Place," but, actually, "Everything Sucks" today apparently.

The reformed Descendents, however, do not suck. They're older, just as happily angry, and, in fact, they seem to play even faster and harder than they did as young punks in the '80s. The songs are simple and filled with silly girls, but *Everything Sucks* remains perfect punk pop.

How do you like your doughnuts?

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1990, I moved back to the States. I graduated from Kinston High School and enrolled at ECU in '94.

While Rigby is unsure as to where the future may carry him, he does plan to keep working with the Thespians if he is able. But more than anything, he encourages other students to get in-

involved. "I encourage everyone who has any talents within them or anyone who wants to help to come by one of our meetings," Rigby states.

If anyone is interested in joining Rigby and the Thespians, please call 328-6684 for more information.

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SPORTS

Workers recognized for efforts during game

David Councilman
Staff Writer

The summer of 1996 will be one that many North Carolinians would soon like to forget. Two devastating hurricanes, Bertha and Fran, blew their fury through N.C. Many residents throughout N.C. lost everything they had, and many towns were hit tragically hard by wind, rain and tornadoes. What resulted from this was a major clean up effort, and hard work from many North Carolinians.

In typical North Carolina resilience, people from this great state pulled together and helped each other through this trying time.

Tonight at the ECU and Southern Mississippi game the "heroes" of these two hurricanes will be recognized as "The Heroes of the Hurricane."

"The idea came from the ECU athletic program and the goal was to recognize all the people who worked so hard to recover North Carolina, and also expose these people to Pirate football," ECU Athletic Director Mike Hamrick said.

In conjunction with the Emergency Management officials, ECU will distribute discount cards to personnel from the fire and rescue, Red Cross, National Guard, utilities, department of transportation, law enforcement and cable companies.

The card is good for one complimentary ticket and additional tickets will be at ten dollars a ticket. Personnel from 19 Eastern North Carolina counties, from Raleigh to all the eastern counties will receive these tickets.

"We wanted to bring tribute to the large number of individuals whose efforts have helped to rebuild, the many areas of the eastern part of our state which were affected by the hurricanes," Hamrick said.

The personnel, along with receiving the discount cards, will be honored at half time during a nationally televised game on ESPN2. As of right now, the athletic office does not know if these people will be shown on the nationally televised game.

"These organizations have demonstrated a commitment to do every-

thing they can to rebuild this area, and this is a small way of saying thanks to these dedicated individuals," Hamrick said.

So tonight Pirate fans, give these people a special ovation; they have invested a lot of sweat and tears in putting North Carolina back together again. Without the efforts of these individuals, N.C. might still be in shambles.

Remember, Pirates, as you are cheering the Bucs on loudly, for another home win and a possible spot in the Top 25 national rankings, that the special individuals being honored at half-time deserve your respect and admiration. Show them what the "Spirit of the East" is all about.

They may have helped clean up your town or helped one of your family members get through a very trying time. Without them, the football game being played tonight may not have been able to be played.



Pirate tunes

The band will show off their new uniforms tonight on national television. Here, the band entertains the crowd during half-time.

Photo by CHRIS GAYDOS

Runners gear up for meet

Women's cross country team heads to Auburn

Sean R. O'Brien
Staff Writer

ECU Women's cross-country team is expecting a good showing this weekend as they prepare to run in one of the biggest meets of the year at Auburn University.

The meet will host 40 schools and over 300 women runners this weekend, as the Pirates prepare to face the most challenging field of the year. This meet will bring in the top runners from across the southeast, mid-west, northeast and western states. Head Coach "Choo" Justice sees this meet as a way to evaluate the program and see where the teams runners need to be, as the Colonial Athletic Association's conference meet is fast approaching.

"We see this meet as way of seeing how we stack up against some of the best teams in the country," Justice said. "We're going to go into this meet and hope that we can improve on our individual times and to prepare for the CAA conference meet, that is the most important meet for us of the year."

The Lady Pirates will have to compete this weekend without their top runner from last year, Suzanne Bellamy. Bellamy has not been able to run in any of the meets that the team has competed in this year because of a recurring tendonitis problem. Running without Bellamy is a major setback to the team's overall performance because of her ability to run up front. She was named CAA rookie-of-the-year last year as a freshman, but Justice will be looking to other runners to step up in her absence.

"We're a middle-of-the-road type of team right now, we're not great, but we're not terrible either, but we're half speed without Suzanne in the lineup," Justice said. "We are looking for several of our runners to get the job done this weekend, particularly Kerri Hartling and Karen Reinhard." Reinhard, a junior from Burke, Va., knows how important it is for the

team to do well. She is one of the captains on this year's cross-country squad and understands the struggles that her team is going through without their top runner. She also hopes to improve on her individual time of 19:19 in the team's first meet of the season, in which she placed third.

"Having Suzanne out has hurt us quite a bit as a team," Reinhard said. "She is our strong leg on the team and with her out it really puts a dent in our overall conference record."

As for Reinhard's personal goals for the match, she only has one.

"I'm not getting too wrapped up in how I place, as much as I am concerned with my time," Reinhard said. "I would like to close in on 18 minutes if at all possible, which is where I need to be for the conference meet. As for the team as a whole, I hope we can close the gap between the top five teams in the conference."

The women's cross-country team will head off to the N.C. State Championship Oct. 19 following the Auburn meet this weekend. The CAA Championship will be held outside of Greenville this year at Lake Kristin on Nov. 2.



Staff Notes

Coming off a hard loss last week to Virginia Tech, the ECU Rugby team came back this week to destroy the University of South Carolina 50-0.

The scoring started early for ECU. Two minutes into the match, after three consecutive penalties against the Gamecocks, the Pirates were awarded their first of several tries for the day.

"We simply took advantage of their ignorance and our hustle," team President Todd Ward said.

ECU's offensive surges highlighted the match. Rookie Richie Cunningham had several long runs to the outside, scored one try and had one try called back. Cunningham was worried about his ability prior to the match, but stepped up and proved himself worthy of the A side start.

"We worked the outside all day," team Captain Mike Myers said. "Their defensive skills on the wing were poor at best, so we attacked it."

Myers had a solid day with three 30-meter-plus runs for tries and one penalty try. Eric Kunckle, Kendal Jones and the ECU pack all added to the scoring barrage.

"ECU owned their pack, with 600 plus pounds in the front row it's hard not to dominate," Jr. "Son of Satan" Manning said. "Stolen lineouts, eight man shoves and zealot-like defense really takes the heart out of a team and that's what we did... tore their hearts out."

In the second game of the day, ECU faced a determined USC "B" side. One long run to the outside and a penalty play from 15 meters out proved to be too much for the young ECU "B" side. USC couldn't convert the points after for either try and the score at half was 10-0.

The ECU team dug their heels in for the second half. Rookies Jamie, Brad Norris and "B" side all-star Kevin "Meatball" Sellars all had excellent efforts to include a game winning try from Sellars. The final score was 12-10.

These wins make ECU's match record to 2-1. The next contest for the Pirates will be Saturday at the Allied Health field against the Cape Fear Rugby Team.



Rec Services Update

Intramural soccer kicks off

David Gaskins
Rec Services

The 1996 intramural soccer season is set to kick off next week with registration meetings and team sign-ups leading to the opening of the season on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

The registration meeting will be conducted on Monday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center, Room 244. All team captains should plan on attending this meeting in order to obtain necessary information and paperwork for participation in the league. Unaffiliated players seeking a team should also attend the meeting for assistance in placement on a team. Team sign-ups will be conducted the following day on Tuesday, Oct. 15 in Christenbury Gym, Room 104-A from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Leagues will be offered in men's independent gold, men's independent purple, fraternity gold, fraternity purple, men's residence hall, women's independent/residence hall and sorority.

The gold level is designed for experienced players who wish to participate in a highly competitive atmosphere whereas purple leagues are designed for teams who are recreational or somewhat competitive but less advanced in skills and experience.

The various leagues offered are intended to provide a level of skill and competitiveness appropriate for anyone desiring to play. League times are available on a variety of days and times in order to accommodate the schedules of participating teams.

The soccer preview is a new program which will provide additional pre-season play opportunities for a limited number of teams in a jambo-ree format on Monday, Oct. 21 and Tuesday, Oct. 22.

More detailed information and sign-up guidelines for this program will be discussed at the soccer registration meeting.

Regular season play will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 23. All teams will play a four game regular season followed by a single elimination play-off within each of the respective divisions. Games will be held at the North Ficklen Stadium Intramural Fields.

In order to participate, teams should send a representative to the registration meeting, complete a roster/participation contract, and sign-up for a league the following day. Regulation teams are composed of a minimum of nine players but there is no roster limit. The offside rule is not in effect and slide tackles are not permitted. Participation is open to currently enrolled students and faculty/staff of ECU. The 1995 program was composed of 68 teams with the "Tappa Kegs" capturing the all-campus gold title. While Lerone Jenkins and a few other members of this team have been spotted around campus, there is considerable question as to whether this team will return to defend their title.

Oye Oyediran, a key member of last year's independent gold runner-up, "The Ruckus", is expected to lead a team in a challenge for the championship. Among the women, Christy Hamilton also returns with several team members from "The Krush" as they will be seeking a second consecutive women's title. However, rumor has it that Rahha Gil is building a powerhouse to unseat the defending champs.

In the purple league, Richard Boustead will be seeking to complete the season without drawing a single red or yellow card and Christian Mew continues in his attempt to win his first intramural contest.

The biggest news at this level revolves around the tremendous amount of free agent dollars being spent by Geoufrey Anderson of "My Damn Team!" to assemble a dynasty and shoot to the top of the standings.

While he has already recruited soccer superstars Brian Weingartz, Daniel Finn and David Adam, several players are presently restructuring their contracts in an effort to fit prized free agent Vu "Bicycle Kick" Donie under the salary cap.

For more information on the soccer program, please contact David Gaskins at rec services at 328-6387.

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ESPN announced that the ECU/Auburn game will be their prime-time game on Oct. 19. It will be the Pirates second consecutive appearance on national television with this week's coverage on ESPN 2 of the Southern Conference games. This is the first time in history as the prime-time Saturday game. The game will begin at 7 p.m.

Don't forget to bring non-perishable food to the game and drop off to the boxes located at each gate. The food banks of eastern North Carolina are depleted and this is an excellent opportunity to replenish them.

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