



Briefs

Across The State

ASHEVILLE (AP) — North Carolina's largest cities may have trouble meeting new standards if the Environmental Protection Agency tightens standards for two pervasive air pollutants, according to one state official.

The EPA will decide in the next few weeks whether to further crack down on the amounts of smog and other microscopic particles allowable in the air, the Asheville Citizen-Times reported today.

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Politics moved from the campaign trail to the church pew Sunday, as both sides sought to energize their faithful before today's election.

Evangelical churches across the state distributed thousands of Christian Coalition Voter Guides that attempted to put Republican candidates in a favorable light to many congregants.

Across The Country

NEW YORK (AP) — Confident that holding interest rates steady this year was the right move, the Federal Reserve will almost certainly keep the rates unchanged when it convenes on Nov. 13, The Wall Street Journal reported today.

The officials suggested that they may leave interest rates unchanged at current levels through the end of the year, the newspaper said.

Around The World

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt (AP) — Hours of diving in the murky Mediterranean and exhaustive mapping have revealed parts of the 2,000-year-old city where the love affair between Antony and Cleopatra took place.

French marine archaeologist Franck Goddio said Sunday he had found the ruins of the ancient court of Alexandria beneath 16 to 20 feet of water on the eastern side of Alexandria's old harbor.

KATMANDU, NEPAL (AP) — The unpredictable Himalayas claim the lives of dozens of mountaineers and adventurers every year. But Philip and Helen Fialkow weren't risk takers. They were just trekkers, hiking through the well-traveled low mountain forests when they were caught in a freak snowstorm.

Today, a Nepalese helicopter was bringing the bodies of Fialkow, dean of the University of Washington medical school, and his wife to Katmandu. They were dug out of the snow on Sunday.

Election Day '96 closes campaigning

Officials worry over voter turnout
Associated Press

RALEIGH (AP) — The last ads have been bought, the signs have been posted along roadsides, the direct mail has all been sent, and the candidates are down to their final stump speeches as voters go to the polls Tuesday.

Whether that speech is a triumphant anthem of victory or a tearful concession of defeat, depends, in many cases, on how many voters show up at the polls.

State elections officials said it was difficult to determine whether many voters will bother to cast their ballots.

"The historical average for presidential elections of registered voters from 1972 to 1992 is 65.9 percent," said Gary Bartlett, executive direc-

tor of the State Board of Elections. "The lowest point was in 1988, when it hit 62.1 percent. The top happened in 1984 and 1992, when there was 68.4 percent."

Bartlett said some of the interest in North Carolina's hurricane-shortened election season seemed to wane after polls showed President Clinton with a consistent, double-digit lead nationally over Republican Bob Dole and Democratic Gov. Jim Hunt with a hefty lead over Republican challenger Robin Hayes.

Bartlett said he was looking for an average turnout, but that opinion was not universally shared.

"Some folks are saying that instead of setting a new high, we could be lucky just to reach average," he said. "Some of my staff is saying the turnout may be in the high 50s."

Fiercely contested legislative, congressional or local races could

draw more voters to the polls in some areas.

Both parties are focusing on get-out-the-vote efforts Tuesday, phoning likely supporters and making sure they get to polling places.

Unofficial voter registration figures as of Oct. 11 show 54.33 percent of the state's 3.8 million voters registered as Democrats, while 33.76 percent are registered as Republicans. Unaffiliated voters account for 11.83 percent, with less than 1 percent registered with other parties.

White voters make up 77.49 percent of those registered, with blacks accounting for 18.75 percent of registered voters. Native Americans, Asians, other minorities and voters without a racial designation account for the remainder.

Low voter turnout historically has favored Republicans, but after their victories in 1994, they want to be sure their supporters do not take victories this year for granted.

"The one thing that concerns me is that I'm not sure we're seeing a lot of interest in terms of turning out

to vote," said Republican U.S. Rep. David Funderburk, a freshman lawmaker who is facing a strong challenge in the 2nd Congressional District from Democrat Bob Etheridge, the state school superintendent.

"The one thing we're worried about is showing them how important it is to get out and vote," Funderburk said. "Some people have in their minds that some of these races are already decided, like the presidential and gubernatorial races. We're trying to instill in them that legislative and congressional races are as important to them as the executive-branch elections."

Although the polls normally close at 7:30 p.m., state law allows local election boards to hold them open till 8:30 p.m. if there are voters waiting to cast their ballots at closing time.

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— David Funderburk, Republican U.S. Rep.

Four named Outstanding Alumni Award recipients

Honors presented during Homecoming festivities
Angela Koenig
Staff Writer

The ECU Alumni Association honored the four recipients of the 1996 Outstanding Alumni Awards during Homecoming festivities Saturday.

This year's recipients were Dr. Clay Burnett, the late Bertie Edwards Fearing, Jeanne Smith Piland and Brian Shul. They were honored in the parade, at the annual Homecoming Awards Luncheon and during half-time at the ECU-Arkansas State football game.

Outstanding Alumni Awards are given annually during Homecoming. Alumni, faculty and staff nominate individuals and the Alumni Association's board of directors select recipients who they feel have excelled in their professional

fields or in civic affairs.

"It is a testament to the recipients' achievements in their respective fields of endeavor. The honor and accolades that this award brings to those who receive it is but a token recognition of the honor they bring to their alma mater through their good works," Lisa Benton, president of the Alumni Association said.

Burnett graduated from ECU in 1977 and from the School of Medicine in 1984. He also played football while at ECU.

He studied heart transplantation at Houston's Texas Heart Institute for two years. He then served as chief of thoracic transplantation and taught in the department of surgery at ECU's School of Medicine.

Burnett is now a cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon in private practice in Savannah. He also serves as section head of the residency program for cardiothoracic surgery at Savannah's Memorial Medical Center and director of the Heart Institute there.

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Book Party honors published professors

Authors share select pieces of their work during occasion



Photo Courtesy of ECU NEWS BUREAU

(L to R) Bradley Dean, Ronald Hoag, Lillian Robinson, Peter Makuck, Gay Wilentz and Charles Sullivan gather at the book party and discuss the publishing of their latest works.

Jeff Gentry
News Writer

Six ECU English department members were honored Wednesday night at a book party held in their honor.

Bradley Dean, Ronald Hoag, Peter Makuck, Lillian Robinson, Charles Sullivan and Gay Wilentz were all honored by their peers Wednesday night. Each person read a selected piece from their works, which were available for people to look at as well as purchase.

Makuck, a professor at ECU, had *Shorelines* published this year. It is a collection of poems that deal with his different experiences on the North Carolina coast. Makuck, who is an avid deep-sea fisherman, has also published three other books of poetry.

"People always seem to want to know where poems come from, but they usually come from the raw material, or experiences of a person. This book is about the experience of the North Carolina coastline," Makuck

said.

Dean and Hoag co-authored a monograph on Henry Thoreau, a famous lecturer and author. It is called *Thoreau's Lectures Before Walden: An Annotated Calendar*.

"The purpose of this calendar, then, is to flesh out the record of Thoreau as a lecturer," Hoag said. To do this, the two spent a combined 15 years researching lectures given by Thoreau.

"I went to all kinds of places looking for stuff," Dean said. "We discovered four lectures that no one knew about. These paragraphs bring everything together." Walter Harding is the only other person to put together hard data on this subject, but his was only 10 pages long. After the publishing of the second part, Dean and Hoag's will be over 200 pages long. It is expected to be released as a separate book in the future.

Robinson is the compiler and editor of *Modern*

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Registrars work to simplify registration process

Scott Hopkins
Staff Writer

Fall semester is quickly coming to a close, and all students know that registration for spring is approaching. Registration will begin on November 11.

"Student schedule books are in departments for students to begin the registration process," Karen Bassetti, the assistant registrar, said.

ECU has been working on ways to streamline the registration process in order to help relieve the stress on the school's registrars and students. The registrar's office worked with the ECU mail service to deliver schedules to students mail boxes and they were placed in residence halls and individual departments.

"We are hoping to make registration more user friendly by increasing the students' access to registration terminals and literature," Bassetti said.

A few years ago, students at registration lines would have to wait for hours on end in order to get to a point in which they would not be able to get classes or a conflict of schedules would

call for them to sit and change their choices. The ECU registrar's office has worked out a faster way to facilitate the registration process.

"In order to speed up the registration process, we are opening terminals in all departments for students to access," Bassetti said. "This is the second year that we have been doing this and it has helped considerably in speeding up the registration process."

Senior students may have seen the registration process as a hit or miss system, but with the greater access to terminals there is also a greater or more equal access to classes.

"Since we opened up terminals in all of the departments last year, the line at the registrars office would fill Whichard's lobby at 8 a.m. when we opened, and the line would be down considerably by 8:30 a.m.," Bassetti said. "Students tend to spread out more, lowering the line wait time."

The registrar's office also realizes that registration days are hard on the staff, as they must deal with the flow of students. So the registrar's office has developed "registration spirit

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ECU Poetry Forum resumes this month

Marina Henry
Staff Writer

Local poets are invited to participate in the ECU Poetry Forum, a casual meeting of poets who recite and critique each other's works.

"The Forum is for anyone who wants to improve their poetry, not just get their ego stroked. The participants give good advice and con-

structive criticism," said ECU professor and Forum Director Peter Makuck.

Sessions occur the first and third Wednesday of each month, beginning Nov. 6. The meetings begin at 8 p.m. and are held in Room 248 of Mendenhall Student Center.

"Some people are just touching the water to see if they are interested in poetry, while others are trying to polish up their style," Makuck said.

Those who come often vary in levels of accomplishment, from beginning poets to those who have been published locally or nationally. However, sharing work is not required at the sessions. Anyone is invited to attend.

"The Forum is a place to let you know if you like poetry or not. The only requirement for participation is interest," Makuck said.

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CRIME SCENE

October 25

Disruptive Student - An officer reported that a student was creating a disturbance on the mall. The student was upset over what a man was preaching on the mall. The student was asked to leave the area.

Intimidation - A resident of Scott Hall reported that he was threatened by several members of an organization, of which he is also a member.

October 28

Larceny - A student reported the larceny of the license plate from her vehicle parked in the upper lot at Minges.

Breaking and Entering - A resident of Jones Hall reported the breaking and entering of his mailbox and the larceny of his mail in Jones Hall. Other mailboxes had been broken into in Jones Hall.

October 29

Larceny - A faculty member reported the larceny of a figurine from his office at the Brody Building.

Unauthorized use of conveyance - A contractor on campus reported that an employee borrowed the company truck and did not return it to the job site. The contractor drew warrants on the employee for unauthorized use of a conveyance.

October 26

Possession of drug paraphernalia - A resident of Belk Hall was issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia that was found in his room.

October 30

Attempted breaking and entering a vehicle - A resident of Belk Hall reported that unknown persons attempted to break into his vehicle with a coat hanger. The vehicle was parked south of Belk Hall.

October 31

Failure to appear - A non-student of Greenville was arrested for failure to appear after being stopped in the Second and Reade Streets parking lot.

November 1

Property Damage - An officer discovered a damaged vehicle in the Reade Street parking lot. The owner was contacted.

Property Damage - A student reported damage to the rear wheel of her bike, which was parked at the bike rack east of Garrett Hall.

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

Student Stores provide scholarship funds

\$200,000 presented for benefit of students

Jennifer Barnes
Staff Writer

Monday morning two checks, totaling \$200,000, were presented to the university from ECU Student Stores, for the purpose of giving scholarships to students.

The checks were presented by the Director of ECU Student

Stores, Wanda Scarborough, and staff from the ECU Student Stores, along with Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Richard Brown and Associate Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Layton Getsinger. They were received by Chancellor Richard Eakin, Athletic Director Mike Hamrick and others.

Scarborough said that the money would be given through two checks to be used for separate scholarship purposes.

"Twenty-five thousand dollars is given to the women athletes, and \$175,000 to the General Scholarship Fund," Scarborough said.

Scarborough said that with the

help of the students, checks like these are given to ECU every year.

"Through the support of the students, we were able to give approximately 3 percent of the total sales today," Scarborough said. "We're glad that we're able to give this amount of money back to the students."

The ECU Student Stores and Vending Operations are self-supporting services owned and operated by the university; they do not receive any state funding or student fees. Even though they depend completely on receipts to cover the many costs, such as merchandise, operating expenses and capital expenses and reserves, Scarborough said that all profits acquired from the sale of merchandise

are given back to the students through rebates, scholarships and other means of contributions.

"We try to give back to every student the profits that we make," Scarborough said.

Since 1989, more than \$1,450,000 in scholarships have been supported by the ECU Student Stores operations.

Scarborough said that the organization is not concerned with the amount of money they make for themselves, but how much they make for the students.

"We're here to serve the students and the needs of the students," Scarborough said. "We're not here to form a money making enterprise."

Student driver dies suddenly

Staff Reports

After a birthday dinner with fellow drivers, 44-year-old accounting major Murphy Tilton died from a massive stroke.

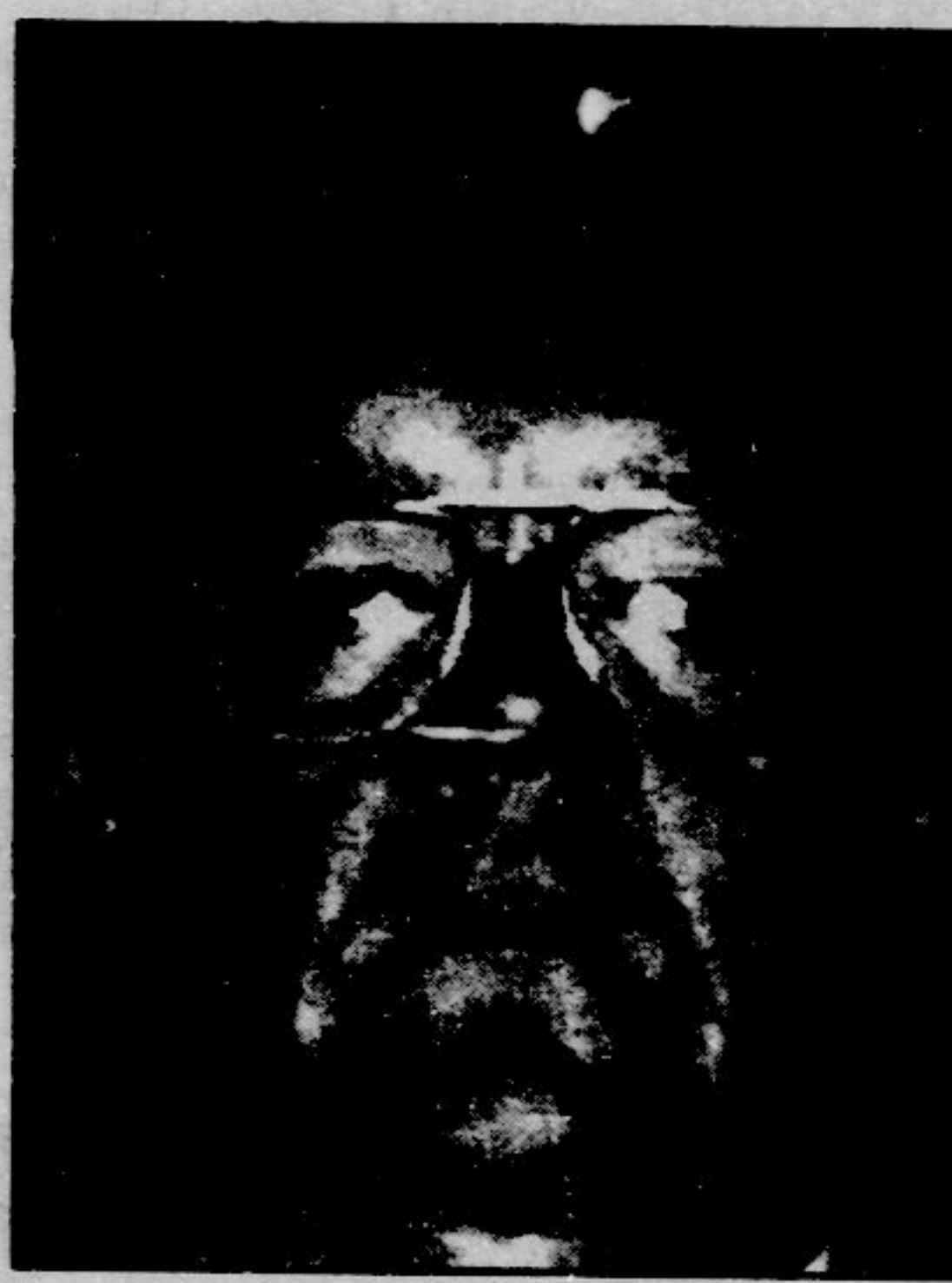
Tilton, originally from Swansboro transferred to ECU two years ago after attending Coastal Carolina Community College. According to Transit Manager Carl Grunden, Tilton drove for ECU the past two years. He recorded over a million professional miles.

Grunden told TEC that Tilton left the birthday dinner around 8:30 p.m. A few minutes after arriving home, he suffered a massive stroke and brain hemorrhaging. Tilton passed away at 1:00 a.m. Saturday.

"Murphy did what he wanted to do," Grunden said. "He was a

joyful guy who got along with everyone. He was known for handling tense situations calmly."

Although the transit system operated during Tilton's wake and funeral services, arrangements were made for employees to attend. Grunden said this was what Tilton would have wanted.



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Big Bop Nouveau

Maynard Ferguson and his Big Bop Nouveau Band are coming to the Wright Auditorium on **Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m.** as part of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series. Student tickets are \$7 in advance at the Central Ticket Office. All tickets are \$15 at the door.

Sneak Preview

Ransom (R) **Tuesday, Nov. 5** in Hendrix Theatre. Tickets are free and can be picked up on the day of the movie at the Information Desk.

Get Carded

Stop by the Multi-Purpose Room to get your ECU I.D. on **Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.** Be sure to bring your activity sticker and driver's license.

TRAVEL TO JAPAN

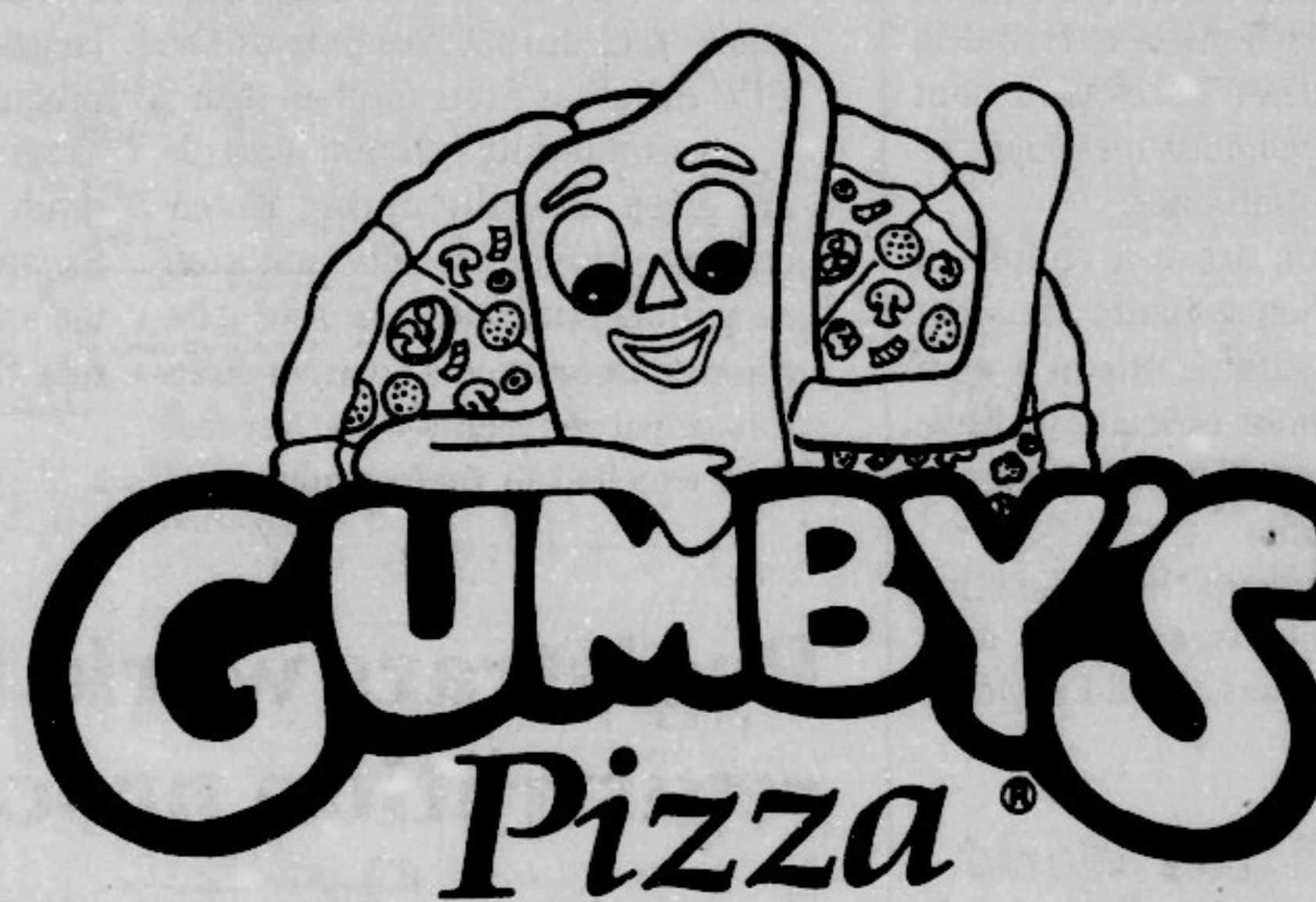
See *A Journey in Japan* on **Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 4:30 and 7 p.m.** in Hendrix Theatre. An all-you-can-eat theme dinner is served at 6 p.m. for \$12. Film tickets are free with ECU I.D. at the Central Ticket Office. Dinner tickets must be reserved with meal cards, cash, check or credit card.

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The purpose of the Forum is to provide a place for students and local poets to receive instruction and positive feedback from peers, and to give new poetry a sounding board. Those who wish to participate are asked to bring about seven copies

of each work presented for critiquing. "We have a very fluid group at our meetings. It is very relaxed. Poetry gets passed around and good feedback is given for each," Makuck said.

The Forum has had many talented and well-known poets come to share their works and advice at the meetings. These include: National Book Award winner, the late William Stafford; Lucille Clifton, nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for her African-American poetry; and Pulitzer Prize winners Louis Simpson and Carolyn Kizer.

"The Forum has been sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) at ECU for 20 years now. I am looking forward to having many more speakers here that I believe will benefit the students," Makuck said.

The Poetry Forum was founded in 1966 by Vernon Ward. Makuck replaced Ward after his retirement from the English staff in 1976. Poetry submitted at the Forum can be published in the national literary magazine, *Tar River Poetry*.

"When I took over the Forum

and its magazine in 1976, I was asked to take the local magazine, then called *Tar River Poets*, and nationalize it, so the name was changed to imply that the works were compiled near the Tar River, but were not limited exclusively to the artists of the Tar River area," Makuck said.

Since then, contributions have been printed from Canada and Scandinavia. Volume 34 of *Tar River Poetry*, available at ECU Student Stores soon after Thanksgiving, will include contributions from Japan.

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ies. Wilentz edited and also wrote an introduction for *Salome of the Tenements* originally by Anzia Yezierska. This is part of a series, *Radical Writers Reconsidered*, which reprints books that were no longer published due to the radical nature of the author.

"She was basically a Jewish im-

migrant writer who pre-dated Woody Allen," Wilentz said. Wilentz has also published another book entitled *Binding Cultures: Black Women Writers in Africa and Diaspora*.

Sullivan's *The Mabinogi* is a collection of medieval Celtic and Welsh essays having to do with the Mabinogi, which was a specific

piece of folklore in that time.

"This particular piece of literature is as important as Beowulf or the Iliad, and it comes from about the same stage of cultural development," Sullivan said. Sullivan, who is a professor of folklore and mythology, has been involved in four previous books, and is currently lecturing in Wales.

Transportation To Polls Provided

Vote Vans will be patrolling campus all day today offering students and faculty rides to polling places. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Students can get a ride by:

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Fearing served on the English faculty from 1975 until her death last year. From 1990 to 1992, she served as acting chair of the department.

She established the Department of English Excellence in Teaching Award anonymously in 1991, an award which has since been renamed in her honor. The department became the international center for Henry David Thoreau studies and the center for N.C. literature studies under her guidance.

She was also the founding direc-

tor of the Chancellor's Forum. This is an annual event which brings regional, state and national leaders together to improve conditions in eastern N.C.

Piland received her bachelor's and master's degrees in 1968 and 1969 and then moved on to the world of opera as a mezzo-soprano.

She has sung with the New York and Washington opera companies and flew in from Europe to accept her award.

She credits ECU and her former voice professor, Gladys White, for laying the foundation upon which she

has built her career.

Shul spent 20 years as an Air Force pilot after graduating from ECU in 1970. He served during Vietnam and flew on more than 200 missions. He also flew an assortment of advanced military spacecraft, including the SR-71 Blackbird. This is one of the highest-flying, fastest aircrafts in the world.

Since his retirement in 1990, he has written five books on military aircraft and owns a photography studio in California. He received the Golden Georgi Award for one of these books.

"Our four honorees this year come from divergent backgrounds—arts, academia, medicine, the military—but they all have one thing in common. They each chose not to be satisfied with the status quo. To simply be good enough is, for them, just not enough. Each has been driven by a desire to do and be the best they possibly can," Benton said.

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program, which was designed to increase the morale of the staff during the high stress period of registration," Bassetti said. "We are going to do a daily event for the staff, such as a raffle, a buffet and other exciting things."

ECU registration begins on Nov. 11 and goes until Nov. 15. Each department at ECU will have terminals allocated for students of their departments to use.

"We recommend that the students talk to their advisers early this week, so that they will have the registration forms and special permissions taken care of for registration," Bassetti said. "The less that the student has to run around during registration, the easier it will be on them and the staff involved."

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Henry Alderidge Promised in his 1994 Campaign to "Camp out on the steps of the State Legislature" for ECU in '94.

Yet after his election he tried to drastically cut ECU's budget two years in a row.

The first cut Alderidge proposed would have eliminated sixty two faculty and staff positions.

Why? Because he was offended over a safe sex ad ran in The EAST CAROLINIAN.

Alderidge backed cuts graduate fellowships and teaching assistantships and a tuition hike in 1995.

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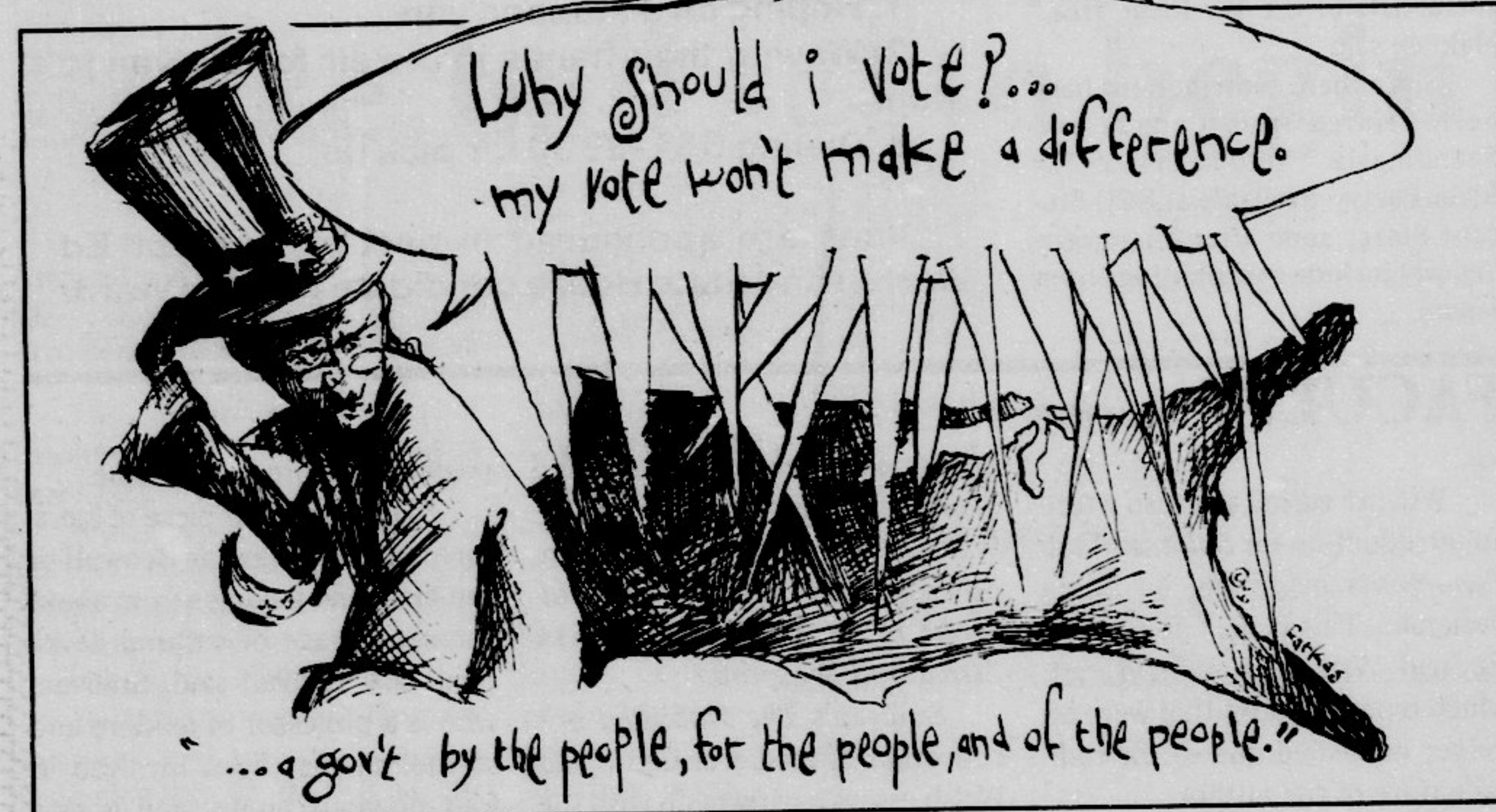
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OPINION

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Helms is still the best choice

Well, the verdict is in! Right here on our campus a very controversial question has been answered. This question has led to much controversy in political and marketing arenas. There have been thousands upon thousands of dollars spent to prove or disprove the answers to this question. The question: Does Harvey Gantt support same sex marriages? The verdict: Harvey Gantt does not support same sex marriage. In his own words, "If you are asking me if I would vote for same sex marriage the answer is no." Also he stated "marriage is an act between a man and a woman." When asked why he believed that way, he stated, "Because of my culture, I wasn't raised that way."

So this is good. Finally, I agree with a candidate from the Democratic party. Now it befalls me as a writer to write against this man that, just today, I heard speak and shook his hand. You know what I am not going to. I am just going to make some vital points about Mr. Gantt and Mr. Helms.

Now we all know that Jesse Helms is not the patron saint of education. However he is not evil incarnate either. In fact in 1990 he authored a bill that if passed would have blocked a \$25 million pay off to a liberal fringe lobby. This money was taken out of a \$200 million proposal to fund adult literacy programs that was proposed under then President Bush's vision 2000 program. Jesse wouldn't allow the \$25 million pay off and blocked it.

Helms is anything but tactful. He is extreme, unpolished, and at times rude, but you know where he stands. Contrary to popular belief Helms has done some very productive things. For instance, he authored s 1357, a bill

Steve Higdon
Opinion Columnist

You may love him or hate him, but Jesse will do what he says

which made it law to allow seniors to choose their own doctors under Medicare. This bill passed and had great bipartisan support: in fact, there was only one vote difference between the number of Democrats (40) and the number of Republicans (39). He even joined with ultra-liberal Diane Feinstein from California in a 1995 resolution on foreign policy. Helms is afraid of none, it seems. One resolution he authored in 1995 would have taken control of research for medical funding away from Congress and given it to individuals in those business.

Character seems to be the lost issue in this election. However, if you call character standing up for what you believe, Jesse Helms has a lot of it. You may love him or hate him but Jesse will do what he says. This election has seen millions of dollars in negative advertisements against Republican candidates. One of the biggest contributors was the AFL-CIO. Even they recognize Jesse's character. Chris Scott, director of N.C.'s AFL-CIO says, "He is willing to stand

up and say 'screw you,' not only to the other party, but to leaders of his own party."

Jesse doesn't care to sling mud. Unless you have been under a rock, you have saw the many advertisements on television about Helms and Gantt. One thing that makes me particularly angry is the Medicare issue. REPUBLICANS HAVE NOT VOTED TO DECREASE MEDICARE! They have, however, voted for smaller increases than the Democrats have proposed. Smaller increases doesn't mean cutting. Really, this has been my main contention with the left for a while now. Why must they continually try to scare people into voting for them?

Quite frankly, if Harvey Gantt would do everything that he told us he would do in his speech on Tuesday, I would vote for him. He preached increasing Pell grants, and making student loans more accessible. He spoke of hard work and dedication and was quite inspiring.

He said that he did not support same sex marriages. Wait, didn't he say that "I can offer no objections to same sex marriage?" Well yes, but he probably will keep these other campaign promises and not flip flop like he did on this issue, right. Sure, I mean Democrats have a fine record on keeping their promises like Bill Clinton on taxes, well bad example. Well maybe like Al Gore's stance on pro-life, I forgot he changed that after he was nominated V.P. Clinton said he would have the highest ethics of any president and he well, going on. Harvey Gantt's stance on gay marriage oh, yeah, that's changed too. However there is no reason to think that Democrats won't do what they say. Just that they don't usually do what they say.

Letters to the Editor

Lack of spirit, not problem

To the Editor,
Once again I have taken it upon myself to respond to an argument made in *TEC*. This time, however, I would like to show my support, rather than my disapproval. I have to say that I greatly appreciate Patrick Ware's article (Oct. 31) in which he addresses the state of "apathy" in this country. I have been involved in politics for several years, but I have not yet cast a vote for anyone. I have found

much truth to Mr. Ware's statement that there is no such thing as an honest politician. During my years as a Republican, I have always supported issues, not people. Our political representatives are either too outdated in their mode of thinking or too corrupt and caught in the system to be of any use. I throw up my hands in despair at the shoddy state of our "great" nation.

I agree with Mr. Ware that the

problems in this country result, not from a lack of spirit, but from the present inability to alter this political system that we are used to.

So again, I thank Mr. Ware for his article, which speaks art, not against politics in general, but against the society which employs them—a society based on pretense and false promises.
Spring S. Kelligrath
Sophomore
Undeclared major

Apathy equals ignorance

To the Editor,
I am appalled at the column "Don't Rock The Vote," written by Patrick Ware in Thursday's edition of *TEC*. I can't believe the attitude that he expresses as to why he doesn't vote. It is the epitome of the ignorance that abounds among many citizens in this country. Why should he assume that a candidate isn't worthy of his vote if they do not come to his door to tell him why he should vote for them? Has it ever occurred to Mr. Ware that a candidate shouldn't have to go door to door to beg for people to vote? A candidate should be able to depend on the citizens of this country to uphold their civic duty and American right, and vote on election day, although not necessarily for them.
I also do not understand Mr.

Ware's attitude towards MTV's effort to get people to the polls on election day. Certainly we do not all agree on MTV and their image as it is portrayed in society, but the truth remains that people watch MTV, and whether we like it or not, MTV is an icon in our society. I applaud MTV's efforts to get out the vote. I hardly think that any bus that is hopped on as a result of an effort to support our constitution and our American rights is "stupid."

It is not important whether MTV cares if we vote or not, if their efforts are financially motivated, as I'm sure they are. It is a matter of what our responsibilities and duties are as citizens of this great nation. I wonder if he didn't have the right to vote, would he be the one fighting for the

right to voice his opinion about who runs this country?

Knowing Mr. Ware as I do, I am shocked that he views his privilege of living in a democracy as something of a spectator sport. I question why he doesn't focus as much importance on this issue as he does the other issues that he has so passionately expressed in his columns. If Mr. Ware cannot support any of the candidates running for office, for whatever reason, then maybe he should consider how the issues affect him and his future, and cast his vote in support of an issue and not a candidate. At least then he would have a right to voice his opinion on whether a candidate was worthy of his vote.
Ashley Ratliff
ECU graduate



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Election '96

Dueling Columnists

Editor's note: These two columns are the final ones in the series of political issues columns. TEC's goal has been to give the student body information relevant to today's elections. Go out and vote today.

Larry Freeman
Opinion Columnist

Call 551-6900, and you will have a van pick you up, allow you to vote, and give you a ride back to your residence hall.

Here's the day that I've been waiting for, and for many of you, it's the day that you've been dreading. "Oh God, is someone gonna, like, call me and bother me today?"

"I don't have the time to vote."
"What does my vote matter?"
"I don't like either candidate."
I can just hear comments like that reverberating throughout the ECU campus. What I'm telling you is that there is no excuse for you not to vote. For those of you that don't want to be "bothered" or say you don't have the time, answer me this question. Do you have 10 minutes out of your day to do something that thousands of people have died for? That's right, it only takes 10 minutes. Ten minutes to do something that isn't only your privilege, but your duty.

I can also hear freshmen students and other dorm residents saying that it's too much trouble to drive to the polls. Absolutely not. Listen to me, all you have to do is call 551-6900. Did you hear me? Call 551-6900, and you will have a van pick you up, allow you to vote, and give you a ride back to your residence hall. These vans will be driving up and down the hill, throughout central campus. All you have to do is wave your arms in the air, and it will take you to your poll. Of course, you can drive there on your own, too, but don't forget to take a friend. Call your friends, needle your neighbors, and bug your roommates. Make sure that they go out and vote.

I've made my suggestions to you. I think that students do not want financial aid cut, want their school improved, and want to get a job when they graduate. With that in mind, on the state level, I urge you to vote "W" for Ward and Warren. That's Senator Ed Warren, someone who has been there for ECU, ensuring that we get our medical school, our new library, and yes, our right to play NCSU and UNC here in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The other "W" is Charles Ward, State House candidate who wants to defeat Henry Aldridge, the guy who sacked ECU's budget two years in a row and said that "women who are raped ... cannot get pregnant." Even Republicans agree that he's way too extreme.

In the Senate race, I obviously endorse Harvey Gantt. You may have heard the guy last week, and his positive message of better education, hope, growth and opportunity. The race is said to be a statistical dead heat. Folks, if we go out and vote, we can send Jesse Helms home after 24 years. It can happen, and it will happen, if we go out and vote. Just imagine North Carolina without the lingering embarrassment of Jesse Helms, and imagine how optimistic we'll feel as Senator Gantt heads off to Washington to fight for us! Presidentially, is there really any question? It's not that Senator Dole is old, but his ideas are old. He is a good man, but he is from a time gone by. We must keep going forward, and it is under President Clinton, and our brilliant Governor Jim Hunt that we will succeed in doing that.

For the first time, we have a woman running for County Commissioner, Mrs. Edith Warren. You can elect a true friend of ECU to the U.S. Congress. George Parrott, and send that puppet, Walter Jones home!

Friends, the bottom line is that you need to vote. Please, take 10 minutes out of your day today, and no matter who you vote for, please do it.

I've enjoyed writing these columns with my friend, Steve Higdon. Thank you for reading them. It's been fun. If I was wrong, and Senator Helms won, then you are going to see the most disappointed opinion columnist in the world. If he lost, then there's a keg party at my house tonight—See you there!

Steve Higdon
Opinion Columnist

Republicans look at everyday as the 4th of July. Democrats look at everyday as April 15th.

Today is the day that America will choose its next President. With this election, America will also make a decision against two ideologies. However, the vision of this decision has been intentionally blurred by Bill Clinton. I say this because Bill Clinton has methodically crafted an image of himself as a moderate almost a conservative, over the last year. President Clinton, as well as most liberals, know that they cannot be reelected if they appear too liberal. If you do not believe this assumption, look at the policies of Bill Clinton before the 1994 election. He was simply too liberal and because of it the Republicans won their largest victory in over 40 years.

Bill Clinton rightly took the blame for the smashing defeat of the Democrats in 1994. This election was not so much a rejection of the Democrats and acceptance of the Republicans as it was a referendum on Bill Clinton's blatantly liberal near socialist policies. Realizing an imminent defeat in 1996, Clinton has changed, at least that is what he wants you to think. From 1994 until now the President has taken a hard turn right. He has convinced the populace that he is a moderate. Still he leaves room for speculation. With the signing of the welfare reform bill, he made the statement that they could change it later. What else will he change when there is no election to win?

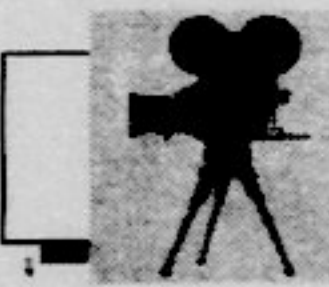
Bill Clinton is the chameleon of presidents. He is a pollster, a man that changes his stated opinion with each new poll. It is doubtful that his true opinion has changed though. In 1993 he fought for gay rights in the military; there was a tremendous political backlash. Today he says he against same sex marriage. He denounced President Bush for raising taxes then did the same himself. He called Bush's policy of retiring Haitian immigrants inhumane then issued an order stating the policy remain the same. He said he wouldn't have \$5,000 a plate fund-raisers so he has \$10,000 a plate fund-raisers. He even sells visits to the White House for upwards of \$100,000. He talks tough on drugs but admits to using them himself. Even when his wife is seen posing with a drug dealer and it is proven that the drug dealer donated \$20,000 to his campaign no one seems to care. Only after the initiation of legal action did the Democratic National Committee release campaign funding information.

The Clinton administration has had ethical and legal problems that would make Richard Nixon hide his face in shame. At any other time in American history this man would have been defeated by a sound margin. Still he enjoys a broad lead over the morally solid Dole. The reasons are clear Bill Clinton is much more likable and charismatic than Dole. The primary reason however is that this President has successfully stolen many conservative ideals and is using them to his advantage. This is deception of the worst kind.

The ironic thing is that many of his so called accomplishments were actually work of the Republican Congress. At the Democratic Convention he took credit for nearly all the initiatives that were passed in the "Contract with America." This congress has been painfully misrepresented. The Republican-controlled Congress did not cut Medicare, or school lunches they voted for smaller increases. What the congress did do was raise our Pell grants and give Bill Clinton line item veto power. This legislation should show which party has the country at heart. Through twelve years of Republican administrations, the Democrats refused to allow the line item veto. This congress gave Clinton that power because it is good for the country.

We should go out and vote Republican today if for no other reason than the fact that the Democrats believe that we are so ignorant that we can not manage our own income. Republicans want you to keep what you earn. Really, aside from character one of the basic differences is this. Republicans look at every day as the 4th of July, Democrats look at everyday as April 15th. No matter your affiliation you should go vote today. People have died for us to have this most sacred of all rights of citizenship. People like Bob Dole fought so that we could have this privilege. The least we can do is to make the effort to get out and let our voice be heard. Remember, when you vote, the party that has made positive changes in this decade and remember the party whose President jumped on the bandwagon.

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Movie Review

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Romeo & Juliet gives Shakespeare new style



Dale Williamson
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

The highly anticipated contemporary update of William Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet* has finally hit theaters, and the critical reaction seems to be split. While many view this '90s translation of the classic play as a shameful bastardization of Shakespeare's work, others see it as a dazzling piece of vision and style. I am of the latter group.

Whenever one even attempts to do Shakespeare, the stakes are immediately raised because everyone has certain expectations on how Shakespeare can and should be done. Within the last few years, Kenneth Branagh has established himself as an accomplished thespian through his faithful film adaptations of such Shakespearean plays as *Henry V* and *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Romeo and Juliet does stay faithful to Shakespeare's text (or at least most of it), but it dares to be



Photo Courtesy of 20th Century Fox

Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes play the leading roles in a new version of "the most popular love story of all time."

different by placing Shakespeare's language within a modern setting. Fair Verona is now the cluttered and chaotic Verona Beach in Miami. Here, the sword has been replaced with the gun. Shakespeare's chorus has been transformed into a news anchor on television, and the warring families of our "star-crossed lovers" have taken on the guise of the mafia. In truth, the Shakespearean stage has become a military zone where police helicopters constantly hover above in a desperate attempt to keep the peace.

The man responsible for this

'90s take on "the most popular love story of all time" is Australian director Baz Luhrmann (who also cowrote the screenplay with Craig Pearce). Luhrmann's decision to not do a straight-forward take on the play seems natural and justified since so many other filmmakers are trying to capture Shakespeare on film as he was meant to be. (Very soon, Branagh will release a four-hour adaptation of *Hamlet*, which is supposed to be one of the most faithful and complete film versions

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Band Review

Shag and Everything filled Attic last week

Derek T. Hall
Senior Writer

'Twas a good week for the Attic. It all started off on Tuesday night when funk musicians Shag took the stage. With a seven member band and an array of funk and jazz tunes, the band showed sheer confidence.

Although the crowd was small, the band jammed out all night. Don't forget, this is the band that Boots Collins, formerly of Parliament Funkadelic, produces. From the vocalist who looked like Paul Stanley and Lenny Kravitz at the same time (minus the guitar) to the hard-to-see Oasis keyboard player, every member in their own way had an undefinably unique stage presence.

Shag proved to be one of the most entertaining acts I have seen in a long time. You can tell that they draw big crowds in their hometown. I'd love to see them here again, with a bigger crowd of course.

By the end of the week, the Attic had once again packed the house. The night was Saturday, the band was Everything. It was the most impressive show they have done at the Attic in a long time.

The band, led by Craig Honeycutt (vocalist extraordinaire), was tighter than ever. One thing I did notice was the band's ability to accent their material much differently than what you might hear on a disc. I don't know about you, but when I see a live show I don't want to hear the CD played for me. This band has never sounded the same way twice. Everything is a very intense band and the members interact so closely that they seem like family.

As the night wore on, I noticed how much enterprise this band is gaining. From stickers to websites to T-shirts, the band has it all. People really could relate to the band's sound. They come out every night and put on a great show, going on at eleven and off at two.

The best thing about all of this is having a venue with the right equipment and atmosphere to enjoy.



Photos Courtesy of The Attic

The always popular band Everything (above) and Shag (below), the new protégés of P-Funkmeister Boots Collins, visited Greenville's own hot nightspot, the Attic, last week.

Luckily for Greenville, the Attic has been around for some time. It started 25 years ago and has held some of the most entertaining acts imaginable. From the Supremes to Hootie and the Blowfish, the Attic provides a sense of entertainment that somehow fits into every Emerald Citizen's life.

The bands Shag and Everything don't quite relate at all, but at the same time they're just alike. They dance and they play. They laugh and they scream. It's a place where you find who you really are. It's a place in every one of our homes. It's the Attic, a place where we can go just to get away. Relax, and enjoy the scene.



There is nothing more useless than screaming at a wall. It's just spittle and bricks, bricks and spittle. However, if you put enough voices together, that wall might just be blown over. So join in another futile attempt to change the status quo and listen to a "Scream at the Wall."

Jay Myers
Lifestyle Editor

Being the day that it is, I'd like to say a little bit about voting in this country. We as Americans are a very privileged group in that we have the right to put who we want in office. Or do we?

At the national level, we have a little something called the electoral college which allows the populace of the United States to vote for who will occupy the office of president and vice-president. This long-lasting tradition first began at a time when there was no electricity, and consequently no network of global communication. No popular vote could be taken because there was no way to quickly, safely, and honestly gather a consensus opinion from the entire nation.

In addition to the complications that a consensus vote presented, the government also had

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Book Review

Byzantium takes on epic proportions

John Davis
Staff Writer

Nobody writes epics anymore. There are some very good reasons for this, one being that most people don't read serious poetry. If you could get to the heart of what an epic is — a continent-spanning adventure rooted in actual historical events — and write one in prose, then you might come up with something like *Byzantium*.

Written by Stephen Lawhead, a respected Celtic scholar and fantasy writer, *Byzantium* delves into new territory for Lawhead: that of historical fiction. While his retelling of the Arthurian myth borders on being historical fiction (he left out all of the sorcery and the knights in shining armor and portrayed Arthur and Merlin as king and priest of a powerful Welsh kingdom, which is very close to the historical account of Arthur), this new novel is the real thing. Lawhead has, at least for the moment, left the Otherworld for this world.

Historical fiction can get boring or clichéd, especially fiction about the Medieval period. This is mostly because the average writer has no idea how vastly different the Medieval world view was. The writers of this type of prose also seem to want to fill the pages of their books up with magic and witches and the like. Lawhead is above all of this, and he understands what he is writing about, which gives him an edge.

The story centers around Aidan, an Irish monk at the monastery of Kells. Aidan is chosen to participate in a pilgrimage to Byzantium, to deliver the Book of Kells to the Emperor Basil. (The Book of Kells is a collection of illuminated Scripture verses. Completed by the Irish monks at Kells, Iona, and Lindisfarne, it is considered by scholars to be the penultimate achievement in Celtic art.) The pilgrimage also has a hidden agenda, involving monks from Britain and Gaul.

The pilgrimage gets waylaid, and Aidan's adventures begin with an encounter with the Danish Sea Wolves. Thrust into the affairs of kings and emperors, Aidan is forced to put his faith to the test, and he becomes disillusioned. He carries around with him the burden of a vision he has seen: a vision of his own death. Separated from his friends, Aidan must come to terms with his loss of faith and somehow get the Book to the Emperor.

One of the best things about Lawhead's treatment of this story is that while he is fictionalizing the



account, he remains true to the mindset of the times. He also maintains a sense of humor, something hard to do in a work that could be so "serious." (Four Danish warships attempt to invade Constantinople, for example.)

While the *Pendragon Cycle* is probably Lawhead's first major work, *Byzantium* is definitely his best to date. His storytelling skills have vastly improved, and his char-

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Turn those blah winter blues into spring fever

(AP)—Have you spent the winter as a couch potato? Do you need help turning your winter blues into spring fever? If you are one of the many Americans who feel lethargic, fatigued and an overall desire to hibernate in the cold weather months, you may need an extra boost to give you the spring spirit.

You are certainly not alone. According to researchers at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook, between 10 and 33 percent of Americans suffer to some degree from a problem called Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) or winter sadness.

Studies conducted by researchers of chronobiology (the study of biological rhythms) show that people's moods are directly influenced by seasonal changes and that some people become sluggish and down in the dumps as the winter days get shorter. Though evidence points to hormonal changes (since women are four times as susceptible as men to this problem, according to a study conducted by the American Psychological Association), it's not totally clear why the human body reacts this way. But some theorize that there's a correlation between humans and animals as far as their winter hibernation instincts go.

The good news is that there are

very simple ways to beat the winter blahs and jump into spring. Whether you have hibernation symptoms or just want an extra edge, the following tips can help get you energized, feeling healthy and in the mood to make the most of any season.

• Light Up Your Life — If you don't have the patience to wait for mother nature to finally end the short days of winter, it's time to fool her. Bright-light therapy or phototherapy is often used to treat people with more serious cases of SAD. But anyone can benefit. Exposing yourself to bright fluorescent or incandescent light for two sittings equaling 30 to 60 minutes a day can trick your body into thinking the days are longer. Many people report feeling better within three or four days.

• Avoid Energy Busters — Many foods can actually drain your body's energy and make you feel lethargic. Dairy and wheat are the primary culprits. Dairy products contain tryptophan, a natural sedative, and milk and wheat are both highly allergenic. Fatigue, often accompanied by depression, is a typical allergic response.

Sugar and caffeine are also likely offenders. The initial rush of energy produced by sugar is typically followed by a drop in blood sugar, which can make you feel tired. Coffee and other foods containing caffeine, such as soft drinks, tea and chocolate, can actually make you more anxious and irritable, disturb your sleep patterns and overstimulate you to the point of greater exhaustion. In addition, sugar and caffeine deplete B-complex vitamins, which help convert food into en-

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Lady Liberty soon wearing a thong?

(AP)—Most Americans have heard of the Goodyear Blimp. But what about McYellowstone National Park, or perhaps "The Grand Canyon Brought To You By Bob's Backhoes"? Believe it or not, such sponsorship may soon be common.

Congress is considering and, by the time you read this, may have passed legislation that would allow corporations to sponsor the National Park System for marketing purposes. This commercialization of our parks is a symptom of their troubles.

The parks need over \$8 billion for campground and road repairs, wildlife protection, law enforcement, and fireside chats. This problem exists because Congress has repeatedly shortchanged the National Park Service and now we need to pay up. The national parks need money, but some believe that corporate sponsorship amounts to selling the parks' souls.

In the past, many private citizens and corporations have made donations without expecting to own a piece of the parks in return.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the nation's most popular memorial, was built entirely with private donations. The Statue of Liberty was refurbished by private funds. The Washington Monument is about to be repaired with the help of \$1 million from one retailer. In early 1996, the Georgia Pacific Corp. donated \$184,500 for national park repairs and improvements.

None of these donors expected to own the very spirit of our national treasures in exchange for their generosity. We should continue to encourage private citizens and corporations to support the parks out of simple generosity, not thinly veiled greed. And we must continue to remind our elected officials that the parks deserve their support.

Even the most optimistic supporters of corporate sponsorship admit that selling the national park system's image would pay for less than two percent of the national parks' needs. And if Congress acts according to its usual pattern, it will then cut park funding by an equal amount and the parks will gain nothing.

Before we find the Statue of Liberty sporting a thong bikini and Mount Rushmore's heads of state donning designer sunglasses, we should carefully consider the consequences of our actions.

To learn more about the threats facing our parks and what you can do to fight them, contact the National Parks and Conservation Association. For a free guide to planning a park visit, call 1-800-NAT-PARK or e-mail POPNPC@aol.com, or write POP3, NPCA, 1776 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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Energizing Supplements—If you are among the many people who don't always eat a balanced diet, there are several dietary supplements that can give you an extra boost. For instance, supplements that include the major B-complex vitamins and are also high in antioxidants—particularly vitamins C, E and beta carotene are effective. Vitamin B12 is especially critical for boosting energy and for DNA production. It also helps prevent anemia, which can decrease the oxygen levels to the brain. A common food supplement recommended by many physicians is desiccated liver, which furnishes B12 and iron, among a host of other nutrients essential to generating more energy and stamina.

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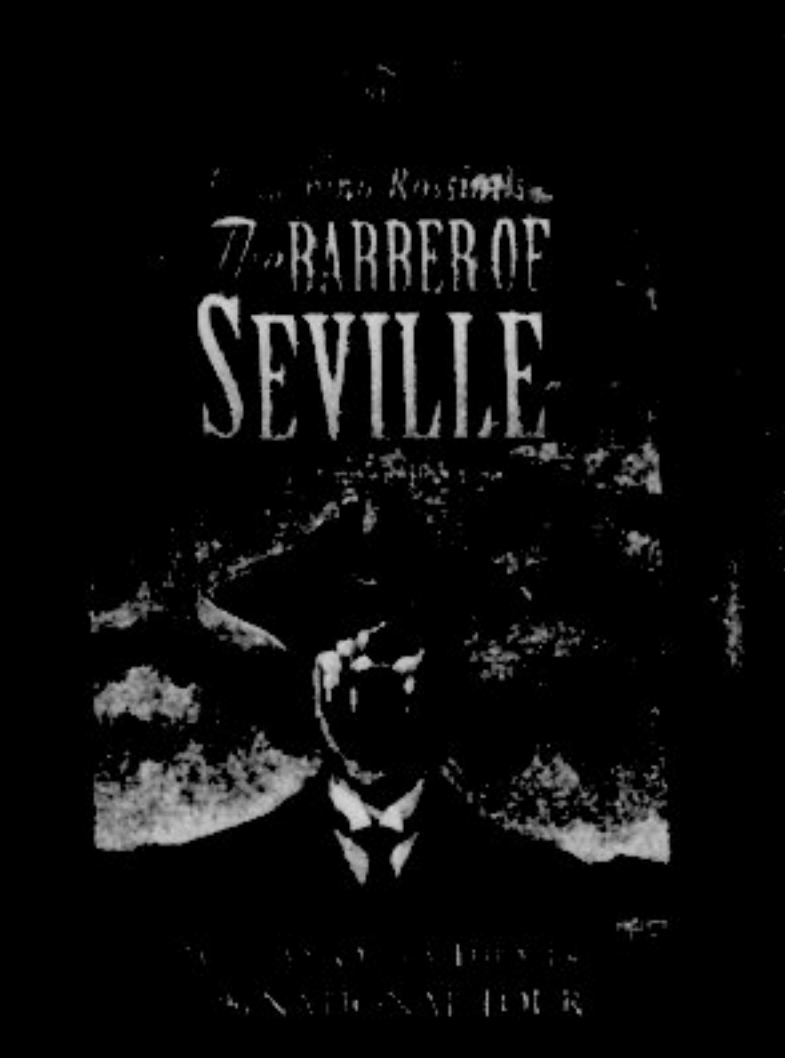
acterization and style are superb. His command of the English language borders on the poetic at times, and he writes with a delightfully Medieval voice.

Aidan is an ideal hero; not since Umberto Eco's *The Name of the Rose* has a monk been such a dramatic and heroic figure. Lawhead writes this adventure story without resorting to the common clichés of other adventure stories, and along the way he presents a very concise and delving look at the issue of lost faith.

In *Byzantium*, Lawhead has surpassed himself and written a powerful work of fiction. Without alienating his fans, Lawhead has shifted into new territory and opened himself up to the possibility of a much larger audience. *Byzantium* is a well written piece of art, intriguing to the mind of the scholar, probing to the soul of the faithful, and entertaining to read.

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TRIVIA Answers

Answers to Thursday's trivia questions.

1. *Terror in Haunted House* was filmed in PsychoRama—a medium that sent subliminal messages to the brain, causing you to cringe in fear and not know why. For this, the film was banned for 20 years.
2. In Peter Jackson's *Dead Alive*, it was the Rat-Monkey that caused the world to go haywire.
3. In the film *Horror Hotel*, witchcraft professor Christopher Lee sent one of his students to the Raven's Inn, which was run by a never-dying witch named Elizabeth.

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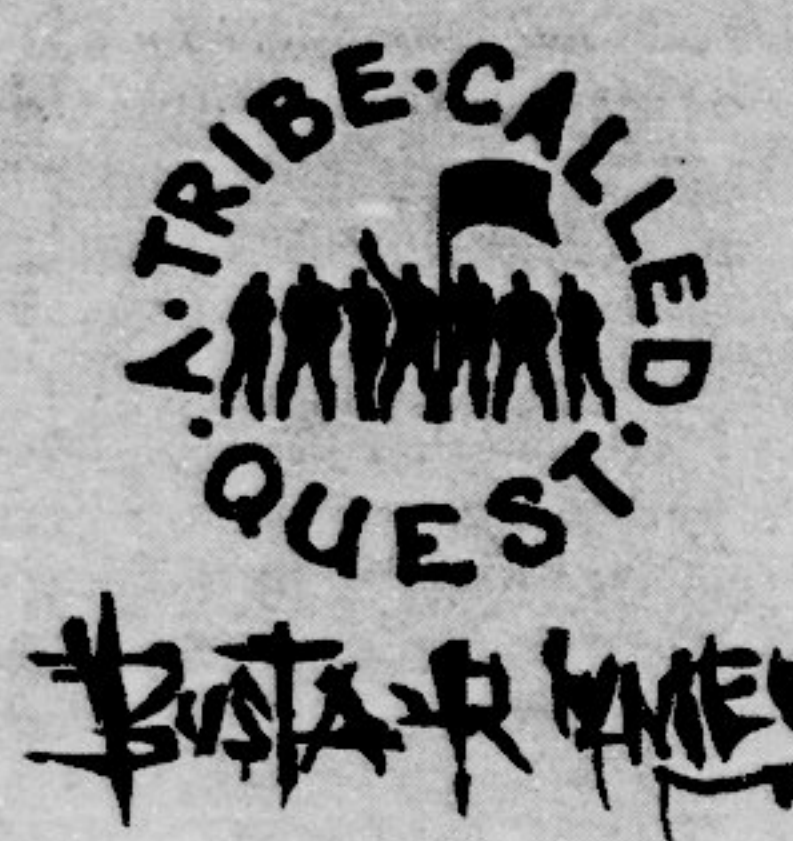
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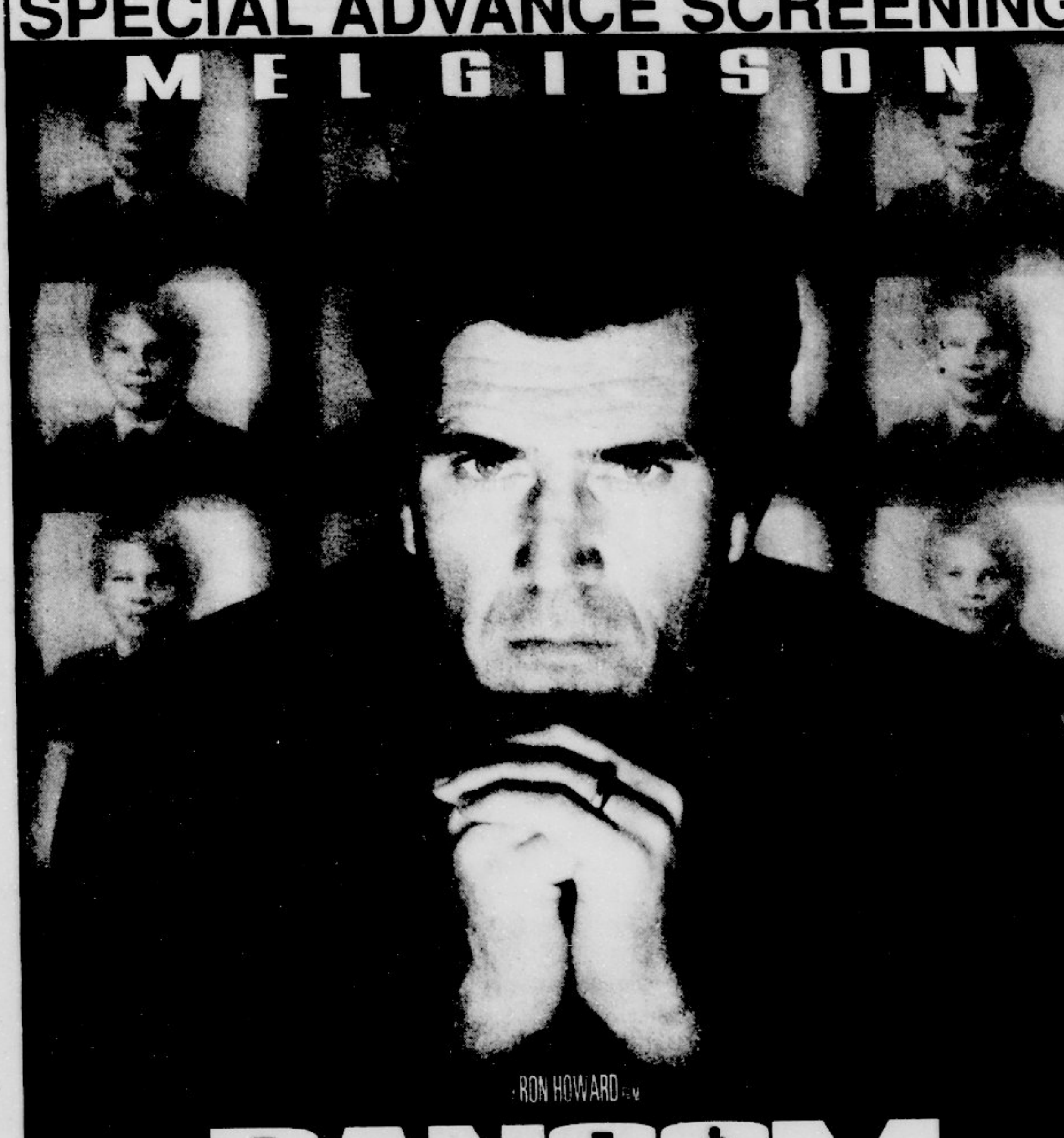
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of the play ever done.)
Luhmann's take on Shakespeare is more in line with Francis Ford Coppola's conception of *Bram Stoker's Dracula* or Kenneth Branagh's vision of *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*. Like those films, Luhrmann's creation is a revisionist take of a classic text. Since we already know the story of *Romeo & Juliet*, the presentation of the story is what interests us, and it's Luhrmann's presentation that is either going to have audiences praising this film or laughing at it.
Predictably enough, critics are already calling Luhrmann's film the MTV version of Shakespeare, and to a large extent they are not wrong. Luhrmann's visual style is filled with quick edits, flashing photography, and hip-hop sounds from contemporary musical acts. The characters even speak with American accents. But, ironically enough, it works. Only occasionally do the slick direc-

torial choices distract from the overall feel of the film - a scene featuring Pete Postlethwaite, who plays Father Laurence, superimposed on a blue screen effect is more goofy than grand. Despite a few distracting slips, Luhrmann's quirky, disjointed style (which he used to outstanding effect in the Australian hit *Strictly Ballroom*) is so engrossing and exciting that hopefully teenagers will develop a renewed interest in what Shakespeare has to offer.
Still, Luhrmann does not simply rely on his pulsating visuals to carry the film. He knows when to pull back and allow his actors to do their job.
Overall, the cast is wonderful, but not in the traditional manner. John Leguizamo's trigger happy Tybalt and Harold Perrineau's cross-dressing Mercutio both stand out as hateful enemies of one another; Paul Sorvino, though a background figure through much of the film, is a menacing threat as Juliet's father; and Postlethwaite effectively humanizes Father Laurence, a religious man who desperately attempts to help our fated lovers.
That brings us to the central players in this production - Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes, two of the most photogenic and talented young actors working

in film today. Both are naturals for their respective roles, although it does take DiCaprio a little longer to settle into the Shakespearean tongue. However, once Romeo and Juliet share the screen, the two actors imbue their characters with such passion and innocent desire that the film's dreadful conclusion leaves a gaping sense of loss.
Films of the '90s have prided themselves on being over-the-top, in-your-face, don't-give-a-damn escapist journeys. Filmmakers like Robert Rodriguez, Quentin Tarantino and even Oliver Stone have legitimized much of the flashy style we witness in contemporary filmmaking. Luhrmann, following this trend in movies, does not shy away from going ballistic with his source. Whether or not the public accepts this particular production will be determined within the next few weeks.
If nothing else, Luhrmann has at least made Shakespeare hip once again.

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certain prejudices against the voting public.
It was commonly felt amongst our elected officials that the average white man (remember only white men voted) was too ignorant to make a thoughtful and insightful decision about the office of the presidency. This choice was left instead to certain enlightened individuals who were thought to possess the required intelligence needed for this kind of complicated decision-making. These men were known as the electoral college.
Granted there were certainly problems in the past that made it impossible for any kind of popular vote to be taken. I believe that.
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It's time for a change in this outdated, anachronistic process we have for electing our highest officials. In modern times, where talking to people a world away is as simple as hitting a button, taking a consensus vote of the populace should be easy.
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SPORTS

First half surge proves key to win

Basketball set to begin

Amanda Ross
Sports Editor

The ushering in of cold weather means the ushering in of basketball.

It may be early November, but the ECU men's and women's basketball teams have been practicing and scrimmaging in anticipation of the start of the 96-97 season.

Both teams have scrimmages this week, with the regular season beginning Nov. 23. On that day the men will travel to Fairfield, Conn. to play Fairfield while the women will head to Boone, N.C. to match up against Appalachian State.

The first home games of the season will be a doubleheader on Wednesday Dec. 4.

During the annual CAA media day, the men were ranked third and the women fifth. This is the highest the men have ever been ranked preseason.

Last season Joe Dooley led his team to a tie for fourth place in final conference standings with an 8-

8 record, while Anne Donovan guided her Lady Pirates to a seventh place finish, going 6-10.

Dooley said his newcomers will definitely see playing time, but at this point he doesn't know how much.

"The new kids are definitely in our plans but how much we get out of them especially early is still to be seen," Dooley said.

The newcomers to this year's squad are Neil Punt, Garrett Blackwelder, Raphael Edwards, Alphon van Ierland, Dink Peters and Alico Dunk. Dunk was on last year's team but was red-shirted after transferring from the University of Tennessee.

Dooley said he will look to his older newcomers as the biggest contributors.

"We're expecting the biggest contributor to be Alico, along with Dink and Raphael just because they are older," Dooley said.

"Alphon, Neil and Garrett are all kids we figure into our plans, but to what extent we don't know right now."

Returning members of this year's squad are Othello Meadows, Don Douglas, Tony Parham, Morris Grooms,

Lawrence Thomas, Tim Basham and Jonathan Kerner.

Dooley said his veterans have progressed nicely since last season.

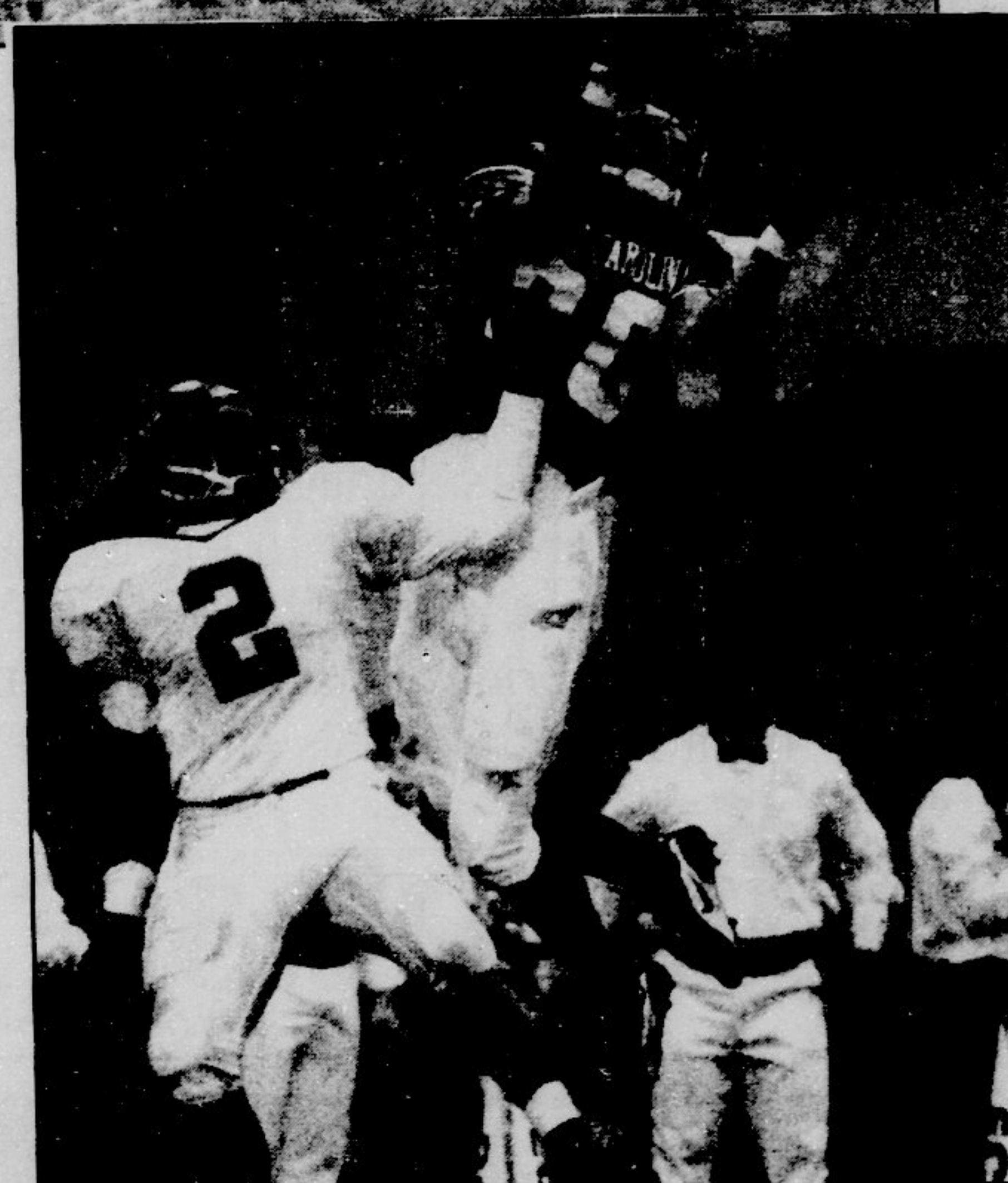
"Those kids have done a great job leading so far," Dooley said.

"Timmy has been with the program for four years and knows what to

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Top- It was a cold and wet day for the game, as 24,000 fans braved the weather to watch the Pirates. Right- Larry Shannon leaps above his opponent in anticipation of the ball. Shannon ended the day with six receptions for 138 yards, including a 35-yard touchdown pass.



Photos by CHRIS GAYDOSH

Amanda Ross
Sports Editor

It was a slow start for the Pirates, but a second quarter surge gave ECU the momentum they needed to produce a 34-16 win over Arkansas State.

ECU had a slow first quarter but did manage to get on the board first with a 1-yard run from Scott Harley. ASU came back in the first quarter with a field goal that gave ECU a 7-3 lead.

"We were a little bit slow getting started and I tried to coach against it as hard as I could," Coach Steve Logan said. "These weeks off and this stop and go schedule we've had made it a little bit difficult."

The second quarter was the turning point of the game. The Indians scored a touchdown to take the lead 10-7. That's when the Pirates got down to business.

Buck Collins caught a 2-yard

pass from Marcus Crandell to go up 14-10. Harley added another running touchdown four minutes later to post an 11-point lead. Then with 51 seconds left, Larry Shannon took a 35-yard pass to end the half with ECU leading 28-10.

Collins has proven to be a versatile member of this team, playing on both sides of the ball. As far as a preference between defense and offense, Collins says as long as he plays, it doesn't matter what side he is on.

"I just want to be on the field and help my team win," Collins said.

Toward the end of the first half, Crandell took a hit from an ASU defender that would sit him out for the remainder of the game.

He suffered a medial strain in his left knee. Logan is unsure whether Crandell will be back for the Virginia Tech game. Crandell said he and Logan have discussed whether he will be back and said a

decision won't be made until Saturday.

"That's what we're looking at," Crandell said. "It's a day-to-day thing and we're just going to wait and see what happens."

If that is the case, then backup Dan Gonzalez will fill his void like he did on Saturday.

Gonzalez came in and completed nine of 18 passes for 74 yards. Logan was pleased with Gonzalez's performance, considering he hasn't recorded much playing time.

"I was pleased with the way Danny handled," Logan said. "It takes him a little while to get warmed up. That's the first meaningful experience he's had and I thought he did well."

ECU would not score another touchdown, but in the third and fourth quarters Chad Holcomb booted two field goals that made it

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Women's soccer team gears up for CAA championship finals

Jon Lauterer
Staff writer

The Colonial Athletic Association Tournament is just around the corner, and the ECU women's soccer team is ready to go.

Head Coach Neil Roberts is feeling good about this past season. The team is 7-1-1, and are looking to make their mark in the conference tournament.

"We got off to a great start this year," Roberts said. "We haven't been very consistent though. We've ridden the roller coaster up and down."

ECU was hoping to notch a victory against American University on Saturday, their last regular game before the tournament, but came up short 2-0 in Washington, D.C.

The American game was tight all through the first half, but the Eagles outlasted the Pirates in the second half and came away with the win.

The Pirates were outshot 19 to

four in a 90 minute span. ECU's freshman goalkeeper Amy Horton recorded 10 saves.

"We did a nice job of holding

them off in the first half," Roberts said. "We are just having a hard time getting quality scoring chances right now. We certainly know what we need to work on going into the CAA Tourney."

"The tournament is especially exciting this year because the winner receives an automatic bid to the national tournament. ECU will enter the tournament in sixth place.

"There are many freshmen who stood out this season. To name a few: Dana Durbin, defender; Jill Davis, defender; Stacie Gause leads in scor-

ing; Karen Blake, high scorer; Sheila Best, transfer from Brevard."

For Roberts he is pleased with the way his team has been coming along.

"The big picture is I am very pleased with the way this team has developed. If you look at our final scores, we lost five games by only one point."

The Pirates have had a few days to prepare for the start of the tournament but their opponent has yet to be determined. ECU will match up

against either UNC-Wilmington or the University of Richmond.

The CAA conference tournament will begin Wednesday, Nov. 6 and last until Sunday, Nov. 10, when a winner will be announced.

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Volleyball team falls at tournament

Sean R. O'Brien
Staff writer

The ECU women's volleyball team continued to struggle this past weekend with three losses in a tournament held at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

ECU opened the weekend on Nov. 1 against Navy in which the Lady Pirates lost in four matches against a tough Navy squad. ECU got off to a slow start in the first game losing 6-11. The second game ECU showed some improvement losing 11-15. The lady netters continued to rally in the third game winning 15-13. The team lost the fourth game 15-7. Jennifer Harris led the Pirates in kills against Navy with 16.

The team (ECU) would only see things get worse as the weekend continued. The lady Bucs lost to Lehigh in three straight sets 8-15, 9-15, and 11-15. Shannon Kaess led ECU in kills against Lehigh with eight. Kari Koenning registered a team high 17 digs in ECU's losses.

ECU Head Coach Kim Walker seemed somewhat puzzled by the team's play early on.

"I thought the team played poorly the first two matches," Walker said. "We continue to lose ball control in the first set and that hurts us."

ECU would try to secure at least one victory in the tournament against rival UNC-Wilmington, but the Seahawks proved to be too strong for ECU. ECU came out on fire against UNC-W in the first game winning 16-14.

The flames would burn out quickly however in the second game, as ECU lost 15-9 and would continue to lose the final two games 15-9 and 15-6. Harris had another strong match against UNC-W and recorded a team high 13 kills. Kaess showed off her defensive talent with 19 digs, leading all scores for ECU.

ECU will face off against Colonial Athletic Conference foe James Madison on Friday Nov. 8. This is a team that Walker thinks ECU matches up against pretty well.

"I think we can compete with them (James Madison)," Walker said. "They're a good team and they're pretty consistent. They don't make a lot of mistakes, but we can play with them."

The match starts at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 at Minges. Students are admitted free.

Upcoming Events

Women's basketball vs. Croatia

7 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. Venezuelan National Team

7 p.m.



SPORTS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT



The men's and women's cross country championships were held this weekend at Lake Kristi. The ECU men's team finished third, which is their best finish ever. Jaime Mance placed in seventh place becoming the first ever Pirate runner to earn All-CAA honors. The women finished in seventh place with Kerri Hartling finishing 15th, the best ECU women finish of the day. William & Mary won both team titles while George Mason took the individual honors. The ECU team will have a week off before competing at the NCAA District III meet on Nov. 16 in Greenville, S.C.

The men's soccer team split two games this weekend losing to American 0-2 and beating The Citadel 5-2. The Pirates will travel to William & Mary on today before starting play in the CAA tournament on Nov. 13.

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expect. Jonathan, Morris and Donny have all been here." Since last season was Dooley's first as head coach, this year he believes his players have adjusted and know the game plan better than last year.

"It's a lot different than last year, because now they have played under me for a year. They've made the adjustment, I've made the adjustment. They'll hopefully be the good leaders we expect them to be."

Dooley pinpointed some of his team's weaknesses and strengths. "Adjusting to six new kids into the program isn't easy," Dooley said. "Early we are not going to have much familiarity."

As for strengths, he pinpointed team chemistry as an improvement. "I think team chemistry is better. We have hopefully addressed some of our depth needs in recruiting and familiarity. The guys are more familiar with me and I'm a little bit more familiar with them."

As for the Lady Pirates, they have added six new faces to the roster: Danielle Melvin, Crissy White, Melanie Gillem, Misty Horne, Ashanta Sellers and Nicole Mamula. Jen Cox will be playing this year after shirring last year, when she transferred from Vanderbilt University.

Returners include Justine Allpress, Tracey Kelley, Laurie Ashenfelder, Shay Hayes, Beth Jaynes and Mary Thorn. However Hayes recently had back surgery and is not expected to play this season.

The Lady Pirates will be without last year's three-year starting point guard Danielle Charlesworth. Donovan said it will be difficult to fill the void, but she is looking at many players to take the point.

"Coming into the season, I expect Nicole to have the forefront but I don't know anymore," Donovan said. "Mary Thorn has done so well in the off season."

Chrissy also has done well. Until Nov. 23 I can't possibly tell you." The Lady Pirates will have some added height this season. Cox is the tallest player at 6'5", but Donovan says they still come up short on height.

"We're still a small team," Donovan said. "The nice thing is Beth Jaynes grew three inches over the summer."

Donovan believes this team is different than what she worked with last year.

"We're in a whole different position than we were this time last year. Across the board, we have more talented players so it makes for practices to be much more competitive."



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34-10. ASU got onto the board one more time with a touchdown, but the two point attempt came up short and the Pirates recorded their fifth win of the season, 34-16.

The Pirates' streak of not allowing an opponent to score in the fourth quarter ended with this game. ECU has outscored their opponents this season 64-6 in the fourth quarter.

Linebacker B.J. Crane was disappointed to see the streak end. "We were really upset about that score in the fourth quarter," Crane said. "We take great pride in not allowing the other team to

score, and that hurts, but we won and you have to be excited about a win."

Harley put in another fine performance with 144 yards on the ground, which leaves him 10 yards short of 1000 yards for the season, with four games left.

Harley is delighted about his performance but said he isn't just performing for himself.

"I'm happy," Harley said. "I want to get it for the offensive linemen because they go through so much stuff and I want them to feel good about themselves."

Logan knows what kind of a

player he has in Harley.

"The kid has got a great set of eyes and he's got a tremendous amount of strength in his lower body," Logan said. "He has taken those two attributes and made himself into one of the better runners statistically."

The Pirates will prepare for the 25th ranked Hokies of Virginia Tech on Saturday in Blacksburg, Va. With a win, the 26th ranked Pirates could move into the AP Top 25.

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THE JOCKEY CLUB, GREENVILLE'S premier private club and catering facility, is now hiring experienced line cooks and banquet staff. Applications accepted Mondays through Fridays, 9am - 5pm or call for an appointment 830-8900.

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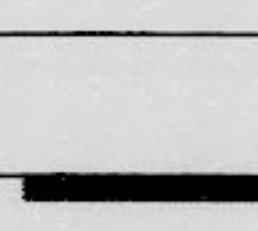
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