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Commencement rights denied to summer school graduates

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SPECIAL GUIDANCE ISSUES

Terry Best will not be at commencement May 10. When he passes his last three courses in summer school he will have completed a masters in accounting, but he must wait until Dec. 13 before he can wear the cap and gown and find his name in the program.

For the past five years C.C. Rowe, director of Commencement, has sent a letter to advisers restating the standing policy that only those students who have completed all of their course work are permitted to participate in the activities, but he has always received no response. This year he sent his message

through e-mail on Mar. 14, insisting that this time the policy will not be overlooked, and he intends to keep his promise.

That's why Best was shocked when he heard from a Student Stores employee that he could not wear his cap and gown to the commencement exercises even though he had already paid his \$25 graduation fee.

"It doesn't make sense to tell us less than two months before graduation," Best said.

Rowe said that he sent the message in March to call attention to the situation.

"Commencement was not on their minds in September," Rowe said. "Any time you've got a change there's always a little turmoil. People need to understand what graduation is intended to be." Graduation is intended, he explained, for only the roughly 2300 names on the list, each of whom received a letter detail-

ing the rules and schedule of the event.

In the past, students who have only needed one or two courses have been overlooked, but gradually more have taken advantage of the leniency until some graduates still lack full summer school course loads. At one point a student participated in the exercises three times without graduating because of failed courses.

Some of the students have called Rowe's office to complain that their names are not included on the program. After this alerted him to the problem, he began to see other complications involved. If the weather is fair, the occasion will take place in Dowdy-Ricklen Stadium, but in the event of inclement weather commencement will be split into morning and afternoon shifts and held in Minges Coliseum, which can hold far less than the

13,000 people expected to attend each session if the summer school students are included.

Conceivably, in this situation, parents of the summer school students could come early and take seats from the parents of actual graduates.

"I envision this happening and I have no defense," Rowe said.

"I agree with the reasons but if the policy were to be changed, it should have been done in the fall and we should have been given prior notification," Terry said.

The business school has expressed interest in allowing him to participate in its own commencement events. He can still get his cap and gown if he shows the employees at the student store his receipt from paying graduation fees, but they are not giving them out again until Apr. 9.

Rowe said that at the last fall graduation, which he created for students in a similar situation, the attendance was low due to the absence of summer school graduates. He hopes the new policy will make the fall commencement a bigger event. He would like to improve on commencement further by making a full weekend of it, as some universities already do, having the individual schools pass out diplomas on the spot at their own commencement ceremonies. Currently, the registrar's office mails them to the graduates.

Terry would have to pay his graduation fee eventually, but he looks on it as a \$25 interest free loan for a year, multiplied by the number of students who paid it before the Jan. 22 deadline. Unfortunately this is the year all of those students got hit with the reality of a policy that is finally being enforced.

Second annual bone marrow typing held

Daughter of ECU employee seeks a match

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HEALTH/ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
STAFF WRITER

On Monday ECU students had the opportunity to have their bone marrow typed as part of the second annual marrow-thon.

The ECU American Marketing Association held the event for ECU employee Marlene Anderson's daughter, Cornelia, and other people in North Carolina who need a marrow match. Cornelia is a 17-year-old high school senior who plans to attend ECU when she graduates. She has aplastic anemia, a fatal blood disease in which the bone marrow is not producing what it needs.

Last year's event did not find a match for Cornelia, although the event broke a N.C. record and tissue typed 753 people in one day.

According to Ona Bishop, the bone marrow recruiter for the apheresis and bone marrow recruitment department of the American Red Cross, tissue typing involves having four tablespoons of blood drawn from donors. The donor is then entered into the national bone marrow bank.

The chances of an ill person finding a match are one in 20,000, and this can be even greater depending on ethnic background.

"It only takes one person," Anderson said.

If the donor matches with a recipient, the donor is admitted to the hospital for one night to have the bone marrow removed. The donor does receive anesthesia and remains asleep while the bone marrow is removed from the upper area of the hip.

"[The doctors] can only take seven percent of a person's bone marrow and that is enough to save someone's life," Bishop said.

This procedure is paid for by the recipient or the recipient's insurance company, not the donor.

Although donors do not have to donate their bone marrow if they are a match, Bishop strongly encourages only people who are willing to continue with the process to be typed.

"You never have to give, but I would think that if they got through the process and were a match that they would want to continue," Bishop said.

"Think about how devastating that would be to someone to know that they got a match but the match would not donate," Anderson said.

Although this year's event was free for African Americans, there was a charge for other students due to a lack of sponsorship to defray the cost. The \$19 fee is less than the \$45 fee normally paid by donors for tissue typing.

"When you really think about it, \$45 or \$19 is not a lot of money to save someone's life," Anderson said.

Anderson is grateful for all the support she has received from ECU and the community.

"Even though the turnout was not as great as last year I'm still grateful for the people who did come out," Anderson said. "I would like to thank the school for the use of Mendenhall."

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SGA Candidates prepare for debate

Presidential hopefuls to face off

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SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES
STAFF WRITER

With Student Government Association (SGA) elections nearing, candidates for president of SGA will begin their race for office with a debate tomorrow night.

Cliff Webster and Scott Forbes will meet to discuss the issues relevant to the campaign in Mendenhall Student Center at 8 p.m.

Webster has served on many different committees at ECU, and has also worked in the sports information department and is a liaison to Appalachian State University. He has also served on the Appeals Committee and served as the sophomore class president.

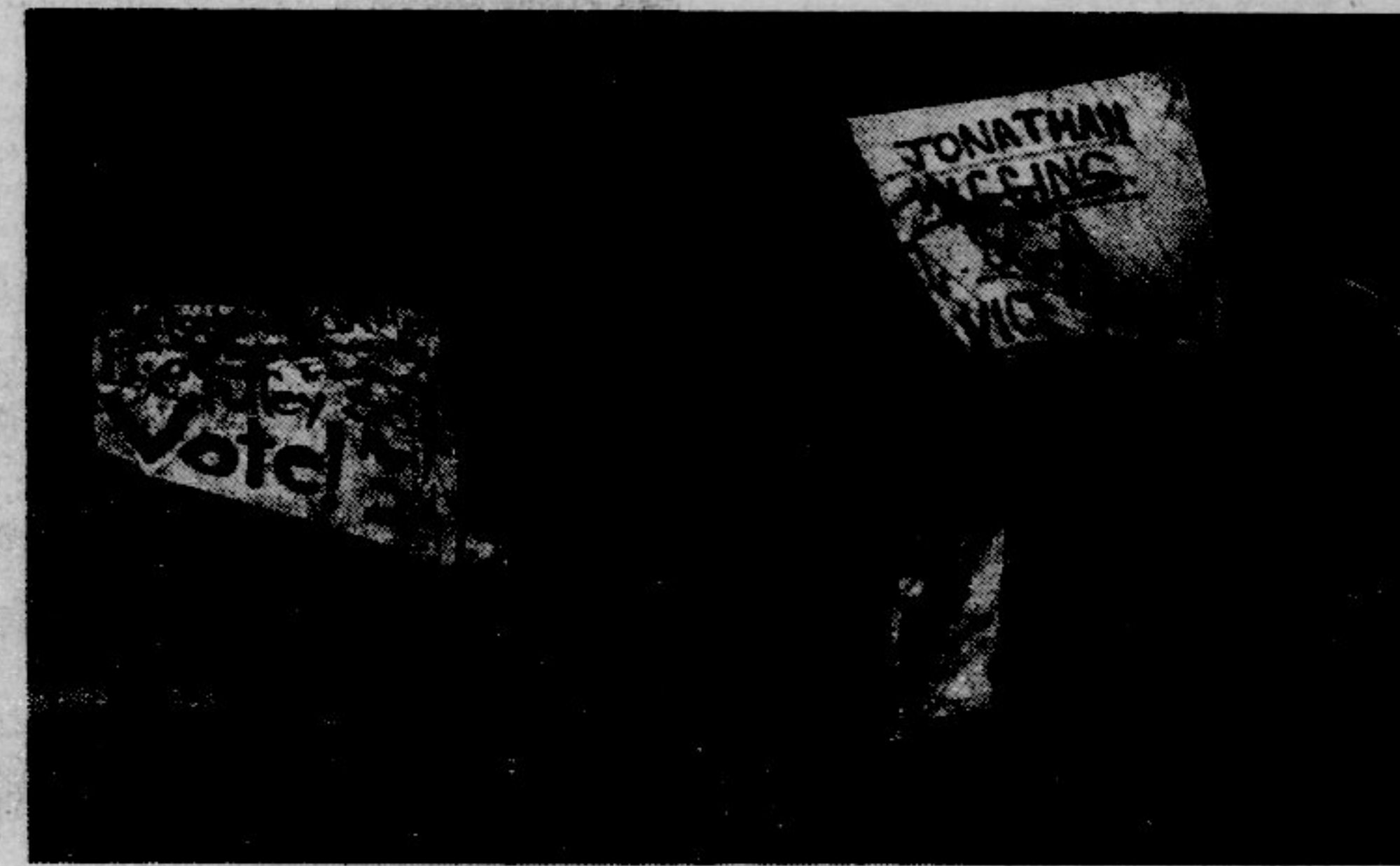
Forbes is the former Public Defender and current Attorney General of the Honor Board. He said he decided to run after being approached by various Greek and non-Greek organizations late last year.

Webster and Forbes both agree that one of the main goals this year should be making parking less of a chore for students who live both on and off campus.

"Parking on campus is just terrible. Getting a parking deck started on campus is one of my main goals if I'm elected," Webster said.

"Parking is a big problem," Forbes said. "I support what they are doing, but there are roughly 20,000 students on campus and only 6,793 spaces to park. A parking deck would be great, and I think it is inevitable. And we can afford this. We took in \$1.46 million dollars in parking and traffic services last year, with \$446,000 of that coming from fines alone. The University of

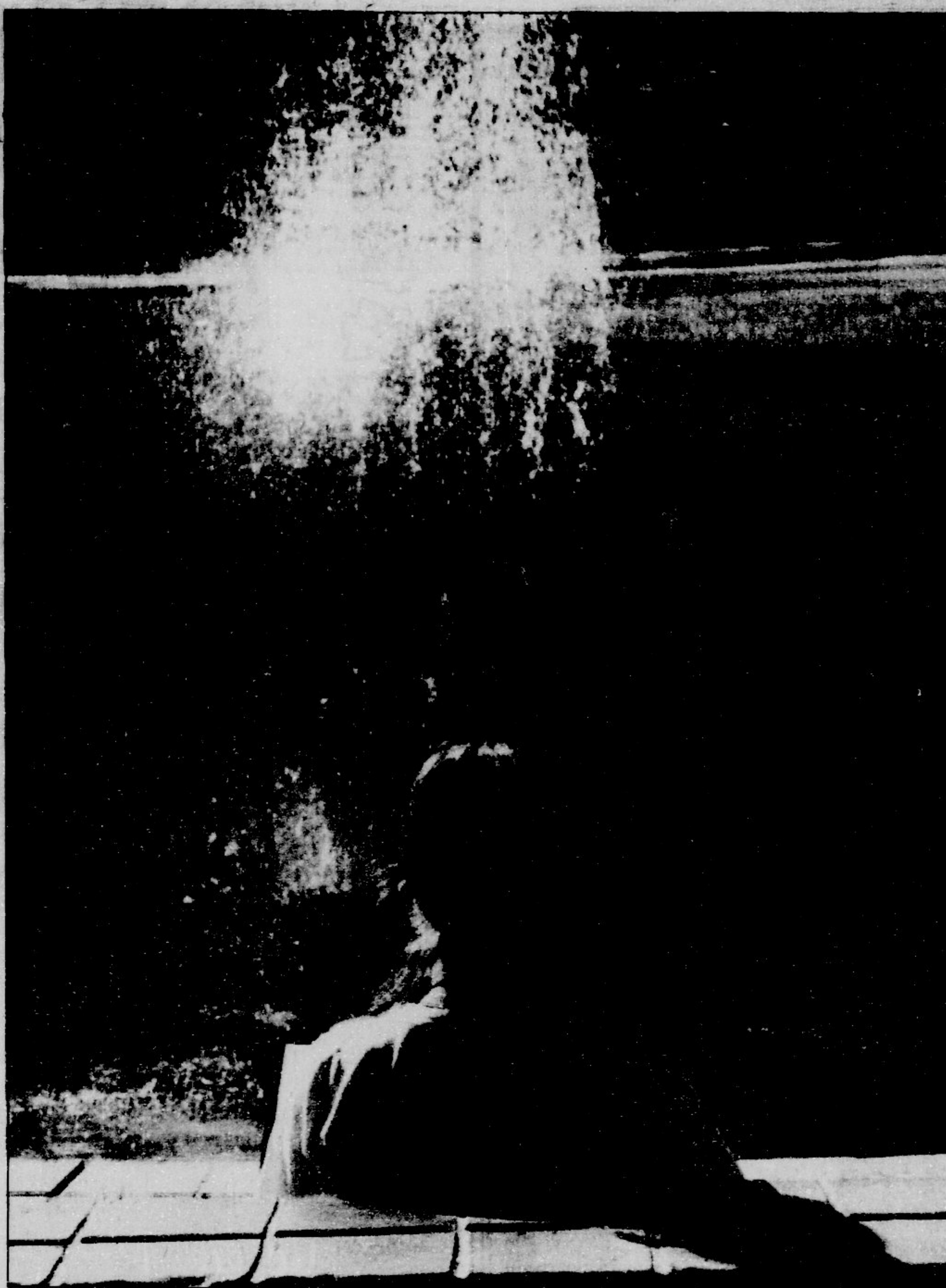
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Banners waving on the wall are evidence that SGA elections are underway. Tomorrow night there will be a debate between the two presidential candidates in Mendenhall at 8:00 p.m.

PHOTO BY MARGUERITE BENJAMIN

BETTER THAN A CLASSROOM



Sarah Ewert, a senior nursing major, enjoyed studying in front of the fountain in Wright Circle Monday afternoon.

PHOTO BY DAVID FACH

Halogen lamps create safety concern

Students encouraged to be cautious of fires

BECKY ALLEY
HOUSING AND CONSUMMATION SERVICES ISSUES
STAFF WRITER

When ECU students return to campus in the fall, there will be a new addition to the list of things not to bring to campus — halogen lamps.

With the recent string of fires caused by halogen lamps, ECU has been prompted to take action to ensure the safety of students in on-campus housing.

"We have not banned halogen lamps or created any rules against them. Right now we are just encouraging people to be very careful with them and not place anything flammable near them," Inez Fridley, associate director for facility management in university housing said.

Students are going to be strongly encouraged not to bring them to campus next semester, Fridley said.

"Students won't be in trouble for having them, but they will be told they really don't need them and shouldn't bring them. We are suggesting that any light a student brings to campus use no more than a 150 watt bulb."

Halogen lights have been directly implicated in at least 30 fires this year. The most dangerous and popular lamps are the open-ended or torchiere style lamps.

This style lamp leaves the bulb exposed to anything that may fall across the top of the light. A standard halogen bulb is from 300-500 watts and can reach temperatures up to 1200 degrees Fahrenheit. That is approximately four times hotter than a standard 75 watt light bulb.

W R A L - N e w s recently aired a report showing a demonstration by the Charlotte Fire Department where a tee-shirt was placed against a 500 watt halogen light bulb and caught on

Halogen lamps have been identified as the cause of several fires. Faculty encourages students to use extreme caution when using the lights.
PHOTO BY MARGUERITE BENJAMIN

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news briefs

across the state

Escort services may need police OK soon

CHARLOTTE (AP) - Police want an ordinance that will make it more difficult for escort agencies to advertise in the yellow pages. Such a law, scheduled for a vote tonight before the Charlotte City Council, would police combat prostitution and other crimes that often accompany the escort industry, officials say.

More than 100 escort agencies are listed in Charlotte's 1996 yellow pages. BelSouth allows the ads because the agencies have city business licenses, said spokesman Curt Peters.

The proposed ordinance, scheduled for a vote at tonight's Charlotte City Council meeting, would force escort agency owners to register for a permit with the police department. Applicants would have to give police proof of identity, Social Security number and a legitimate business address in addition to registering each employee.

Police would check the information before issuing the permit. The agency owner would have to show the police permit when applying for a city business license.

Negotiators down to final week on redistricting, as expected

RALEIGH (AP) - House and Senate negotiators have wrestled for two months over how to redraw the state's congressional districts, but with a week to go before a federal deadline, no agreement is in place.

Nobody, including the negotiators, is surprised. By a week from Tuesday, legislators have to submit new boundaries for the state's 12 congressional districts to a panel of three federal judges. If they cannot reach an agreement by the deadline, the judges will redraw the districts themselves.

It is uncertain whether the judges would take into account the wishes of the state's incumbent congressmen, six Democrats and six Republicans.

Two dead, two more injured after robbery at McDonald's

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Two McDonald's employees were found shot to death early today and two others critically wounded in an apparent robbery attempt.

An officer responding to a 911 call just after midnight found the McDonald's in suburban Hermitage closed and locked. She broke a window and found the four victims inside. Metro Police spokesman Don Aaron said. Robert Allen Sewell, 23, of Old Hickory and Ronald Santiago, 27, of Hermitage were found shot to death, police said.

Jose Alfredo Ramirez Gonzalez, 30, appeared to have been stabbed and underwent surgery. Both he and Andrea Brown, 17, who was shot, were in critical condition this morning at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, spokesman John Houser said.

Police believe it was Gonzalez who called 911 and was speaking in Spanish, but the operator didn't understand him. He was found near the telephone.

Police said money appeared to have been taken from the restaurant, but investigators refused to specify how much. The restaurant had closed at 11 p.m.

No arrests have been made.

medical briefs

Shop at Food Lion today to support Easter Seals

Today is the last day to buy food at Food Lion stores and have proceeds benefit the Easter Seals Society of N.C.

"Easter Seals makes a difference for the disabled in N.C. every day, and Food Lion is proud to be a catalyst for the generosity of our customers and our communities," said Tom Smith, president and CEO of Food Lion in a press release.

For the sixth consecutive year Food Lion stores and food manufacturers and brokers across N.C. have helped raise money for the organization. This year's effort will raise more than \$1 million for the organization making the Shop and Care promotion the largest fundraising promotion for a state Easter Seals affiliate in the country.

To participate in the Shop and Care promotion consumers must purchase some of the 257 products identified as supporting Easter Seals. Easter Seals is a non-profit organization which has been helping children and adults with disabilities since 1945.

Blood slated for today

Lambda Chi Alpha will be sponsoring a blood drive today at Mendenhall Student Center from noon to 6 p.m.

"[Donating] really is the gift that keeps on giving," said SGA Treasurer and member of Lambda Chi Alpha Jonathan Phillips.

Recently ECU's blood donations have decreased.

"There is a shortage of blood in N.C.," Phillips said. "Usually East Carolina is really good about giving blood donations."

The goal of each blood drive is to collect 75 pints of blood.

Students may donate if it has been at least 45 days since their last donation. Students who have had tattoos or body piercings may not donate for one year after this activity.

Environmental Health Club to hold raffle

The UBE Book Store and the Environmental Health Club (EHC) are collaborating to raffle off three prizes to be awarded May 9. The prizes will be gift certificates to UBE to be used toward the purchase of textbooks, school supplies, or merchandise. First prize will be \$250, 2nd prize will be \$150 and 3rd prize will be \$100. These will be redeemable at UBE through Sept. 15, 1997.

Individual members of the EHC will begin selling tickets on April 1. There will also be sales on several days in front of Mendenhall Student Center and in front of UBE. The tickets will be \$2 each and the number of tickets is limited. The drawing will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 9 in front of Mendenhall Student Center. Winners will be posted at UBE and at Mendenhall.

There are plans in the making to offer additional raffles in the future, both with UBE and hopefully with ECU Student Stores. Students should look for future announcements for the back to school raffle.

In the next TEC:

- How federal regulations concerning the "morning after pill" will affect student health
- SGA election updates
- Will ECU Greek organizations go alcohol-free?
- How alleged sexual harassment has affected campus recently.

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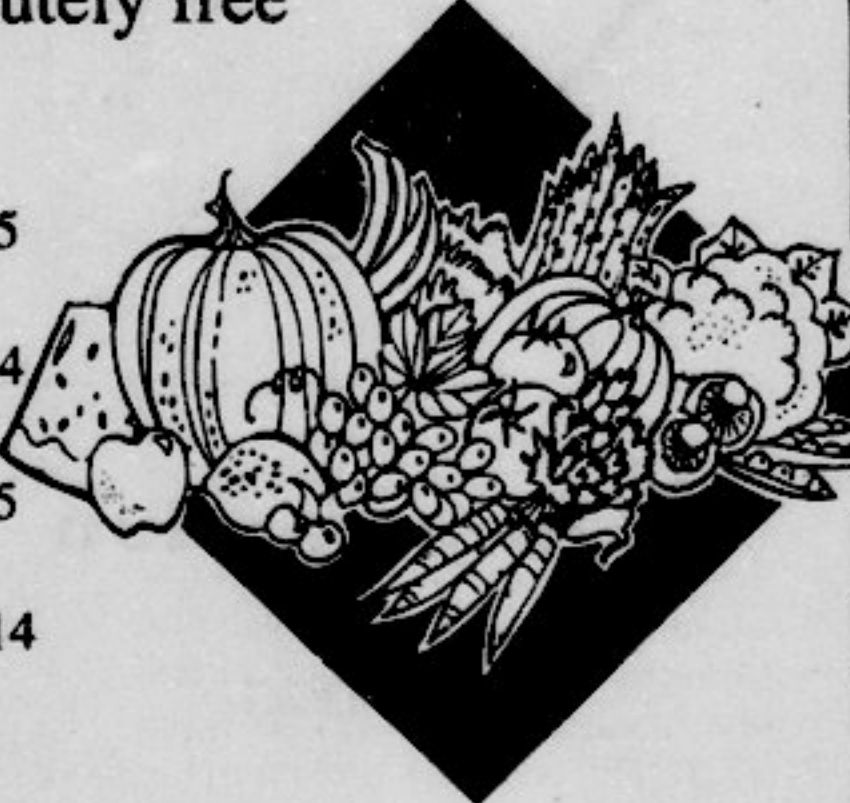
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Alabama recently constructed a parking deck that cost about \$6800 per space. The only problem is that it would take three to three-and-a-half years to build it."

Another issue which both Forbes and Webster are expected to agree upon is extending hours in the library, and the computer labs open on campus.

"I think it is a travesty that there is not a 24-hour lab open on campus," Forbes said. "We don't have enough terminals for everyone to use and a lot of non-traditional students have to work during the day." There are issues which either the candidates disagree on or are not both addressing, Webster said that one of his issues which Forbes has not addressed is his desire to have 24-hour visitation in a few of the dorms.

"We see this popping up all over the UNC system, and no one else seems to be having a problem with it. I think ECU can handle having one or two dorms with 24-hour visitation," Webster said.

Another issue which Webster said will be central in his campaign is his suggestion to eliminate the bill which allows for the tuition and books of several members of SGA to be paid with student fees.

"It's time for a change," Webster said. "The students deserve someone who is working for them. I feel that the pay which they receive is compensation enough for the job which they do. Remember, these are students and other students should not pay their tuition."

Forbes also would like to see more metered spaces on campus, as well as printing the minutes of SGA meetings in *TEC*.

"A lot of the students don't know what's going on on campus, and rather than put out a newsletter informing students of what is going on, I propose to run a quarter page ad in the newspaper to print the minutes of the weekly meetings," Forbes said. "And that's beneficial because it puts money back into a student organization."

To hear a full list of both candidates' ideas and plans for ECU's future, attend the debate being held Wednesday night in the Great Room at Mendenhall. It is free to the public and scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

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fire in one minute and 30 seconds.

Captain Michael Branch, Greenville fire marshal, said there have been no reported incidents of halogen lights causing fires in or around the Greenville area.

"The majority of the halogen light fires have started because curtains or drapes were near the lamp or something was placed over the light to dim it," Branch said.

To avoid the risk of fire, halogen lights should be placed away from any flammable material. Do not place any combustible material, including paper or cardboard, over the light. Also, make sure the light is not left on unattended.

Branch also suggested that the light should be placed on a stable, flat surface where it is not in danger of being tipped or knocked over.

"If your lamp has a dimmer switch, you should operate it on a lower setting than normal and always keep an eye on it," Branch said.

N.C. State, Purdue University, Dartmouth College and Brown University are just a few of the colleges who have already banned the use of halogen lights in on-campus housing.

ECU is not currently planning to ban student use of halogen lights, but Fridley said if the need arises, they will be banned.

Several local businesses say they have not seen a decline in halogen light sales yet but they have noticed that manufacturers are starting to put warnings on the boxes.

"As long as the lights have a glass cover or glass plate over the top they will be allowed," Fridley said. "The desk lamp style lights are safe too. We just want to educate people about the dangerous ones to avoid

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and King's Bar-B-Q and Harris Tetter for all the food."

A similar event was also held in Harrisburg, NC on behalf of NASCAR owner Rick Hendrick, who is also seeking a bone marrow match.

Last year's event won AMA's Best International Project of the Year award among similar associations as well as two other awards. The AMA does marketing for medical events and services.

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ourview

The violent deaths of Tupac Shakur and Christopher Wallace (a.k.a. Biggie Smalls or Notorious B.I.G.) have sent America into controversy over gangsta rap. These prominent and vocal performers were both gunned down in drive-by shootings within the last year.

Most of the controversy over gangsta rap centers around the question of what purpose it serves. Is it violent for the sake of being violent, or is there more to it? Of course, as with any hot debate, there is more to the picture.

First of all, who owns the record companies? Sure, Death Row Records and a few other labels are run by minorities, but for the most part the record industry itself (the major labels, the distribution of merchandise, etc.) is run by upper-class white guys. What do these guys know about rap?

Well, one thing they know is that it makes money. Big money. And that seems to be the motivating factor behind the direction in which rap is heading. With more and more money being spent on developing and promoting gangsta rap performers, and more and more gangsta rap records being sold each year, the chances are likely that gangsta rap is here to stay (and will possibly dominate).

Is this such a bad thing? Gangsta rappers have legitimate reasons for speaking out, and their voices need to be heard. One of the reasons that they have gained so much recognition is because they are not afraid to talk about issues of race, economy, prejudice and injustice that, until fairly recently, were often ignored. They're angry, they're loud, and audiences usually listen to angry, loud people.

But we've got to look beyond the gangsta rappers and their audience to see the people at the top, the people who benefit the most. The record industry continues to encourage gangsta rappers to be harder, tougher, meaner and more violent. They know that street credibility for gangsta rappers (usually bought with blood) equals good record sales. The more vicious the public persona, the faster the money will flow in.

What effect does this have? Well, two prominent performers are dead. If things continue as they are, it seems that more are guaranteed to die. The voices of gangsta rap may be silenced by greed. The responsibility is in the hands of the record industry.



OPINION Columnist

Marie DIBODUO

Four year degree vital for non-trads too

Going back to school when you are older, or what is typically termed as "non-traditional student" is difficult. At age 25 one is considered a non-traditional student. It is out of the flow of the normal order of American life's undertakings.

Just walking around campus and sitting in class is difficult when your age is closer to that of the instructors' than to the students'. It feels awkward and unnatural. Although this feeling of uneasiness is ever-present with the older student, it is a small when compared to other hurdles that the non-traditional-student must overcome.

Often times, the older student has a family of his/her own. If it is hard getting yourself up and ready for class, just imagine having to get children up and get their breakfast, driving them to school or making sure they board the schoolbus. Only after considering all these factors can you begin to prepare yourself for school.

We older students often dream of stumbling out of bed, leaving it unmade and going of the cafeteria where someone else has prepared breakfast for us. Older students who are parents never get the weekends

off. It is a never-ending routine of schoolwork and caring for the children.

When I first started out on my four-year-degree, I not only had a child to tend to school, but an infant still in diapers to care for in addition to working 30 hours per week. I had to get up in the middle of the night to care for my son when he would cry and need me.

Lack of sleep was an everyday occurrence for me. Occasionally the sitter could not come. I had to make a choice between missing classes or taking my youngest child to a day care. I was uncomfortable taking my son to school with me.

Top all this off with a learning disability that means I would have to study longer and harder than the average student and you have more than a full load. The stress is extreme: Add court and custody battles, a physical illness draining my energy level, mood and overall ability to function, and you have an almost impossible task of completing your degree.

The one quality I do possess is persistence. I would not give up. I kept trying no matter what.

Going to school full time, straight through, for four consistent years in a row was not possible for me. Sometimes, I had to go part time and even skip a whole semester occasionally.

Why would anyone go through all this just to get a degree?

If most work available out there is beyond reach because of the needed physical strength needed to do the job, then the only answer for someone who wants employment is education.

I concluded a long time ago the more education one has, the better chance the person has at employment. The pay will be higher and the hours will be more reasonable. The work will certainly be less physically demanding.

I am proud to announce that I am graduating this May.

I am sure it is always more difficult to go back to school later in life than it is when you are first out of high school.

Unless you have a very special talent or technical expertise, a four year degree is vital. That is unless, of course, you would prefer to use your strength and body to earn a living.

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Donald Raymond Wheatley
Greenville resident

Can't we all get along?

To the Editor,
I am writing in response to Acrian Heath's article, which appeared in the March 20 issue of The East Carolinian. First, I want to clearly state this letter was not written in support of Mr. White's personal beliefs, nor was this letter written in support of Acrian Heath's personal beliefs. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, so now, I will express mine.
In regard to the Rodney King incident, Los Angeles policemen involved in the brutal beating exhibited a rage that held no regard for humanity. Each police officer involved in the incident should have been relieved of his/her duties permanently. As far as your accusation

of the Klan being involved, Ms. Heath, I wish you would inform me when the Klan formed in Los Angeles, a city whose population is more ethnically diverse than any city in America, and a city located well over 2,000 miles away from where the Civil Rights Movement first occurred. The ECU Housekeeping incident was indeed shameful. Not only should Mr. Nichols publicly apologize, he should also lose his job.
But to say blacks are always looked upon as "evil" or "wrong" is an extremely biased statement, many of my closest friends are black, and I have never looked upon them as evil. No matter the color of our skin, Ms. Heath, someone else can perceive us all as wrong or evil, being

ashamed of one's own color, whether white, black, Indian or Hispanic is unfortunate, but if you haven't noticed, the news is built on tragedy, crime and controversy, not on skin color. Incidents like these grab attention and make headlines. Unfortunately, many of these incidents are beyond our own control.
In closing, I feel sorry for Mr. White and Ms. Heath. Where racism is concerned, their beliefs are on opposite ends of the spectrum. For our world to unite, we all must put aside our negative views and live as one.
Stephen Moody
Graduate student
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Undergrad art exhibited in Gray Gallery

ANDY TURNER
SENIOR WRITER

The best of the best of student art will be recognized tomorrow night at an awards ceremony and gala reception, kicking off the annual ECU School of Art Undergraduate Exhibition.

The ceremony and reception, sponsored by the Art Enthusiasts of ECU, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Wellington B. Gray Art Gallery inside of the Jenkins Art Building.

This year's exhibition, which runs through April 19, features 260 works. These works were selected from submissions from more than 600 undergraduate students. The show will feature works from various curriculum areas including art foundations, ceramics, communication arts, drawing, fabric design, metal design, new technologies, painting, printmaking, sculpture, textile design, weaving design and wood design.

Gil Leebrock, director of the Gray Art Gallery, said the exhibition always provides an excellent showcase of student artwork, and this year is no different.

"We're very proud of our students and their accomplishments," Leebrock said. "The work is always outstanding in all the different areas."

Mark Sloan, director of the Halsey Gallery at the College of Charleston, will select the awards for this year's exhibition. Sloan is a former assistant director of the Cameron Gallery in San Francisco and former director of the North Carolina Center for the Arts' Fine Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public.

ECU's School of Art, the only state university accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, features the largest studio art program in North Carolina.

Recipients of the Taylor Supply Award will also be recognized at the reception. The Taylor Supply Award, to be presented by Professor Ron Graziani, is given to deserving graduate students who have submitted portfolios. The graduate art exhibition will open April 28 and continue through May 23.

Those who attend the exhibition will not be disappointed for lack of diversity, Leebrock said.

"The work across the disciplines has great diversity in their approach to problem solving," he explained. "It exemplifies a fresh, creative approach."

The Jenkins Fine Arts Center is located off of 5th Street and Jarvis Street. The Gray Art Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The hours are extended to 8 p.m. on Thursdays.

For more information about the exhibition or other gallery events, call 328-6336.

English dept. hosts North Carolina scholars

DALE WILLIAMSON
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Two active North Carolina scholars will be showcasing their latest research this week, courtesy of the English department.

On Wednesday, March 26, C.W. Sullivan III, an ECU professor of

English, will delve into Celtic mythology and legend and its impact on our modern culture in a talk entitled "Celtic Myth and Legend: Things Your Mother Should Have Told You." The lecture will be in the General Classroom Building, Room 1028, at 4 p.m. A reception will follow in the English Faculty Lounge of the GCB, Room 2136.

The very next day, March 27, brings Dr. Karla F.C. Holloway, the director of the African and African-American Studies Program at Duke University. Dr. Holloway's talk, entitled "Passed On: African-American Mourning Stories," promises to be original and enlightening. Focusing on death within the African-American community, Dr. Holloway will examine African-American

mourning through cultural rituals and ceremonies. Dr. Holloway's lecture is sponsored in conjunction with the programs in Women's Studies and Ethnic Studies and will be held in GCB, Room 2014 at 4 p.m. A reception will follow in GCB, Room 2136.

For further information, contact Dr. Lillian Robinson at 328-6681.

movie review

Greenville shows good independent film?

JAY MYERS
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Greenville theaters are not known for their taste in cinematic fare. Sure, we get all of the mainstream blockbusters, but chances of actually finding a good film in that lot are about the same as winning the lotto. Mostly, film fans are left to scouring local video stores for items of interest. And unless you've got the money to pile into a home theater system, it's not going to come anywhere near the experience of seeing a film in a theater (although some home theater systems are probably better than the screens at the Plaza, Carolina East and Buccaner theaters).

That's why it amazed me to see that *Sling Blade* had opened in town. The film originally appeared nationwide in November of 1996, so we're four months late receiving it. The most likely reason we got the film at all is that it has been nominated for several major Oscars. This is an ongoing trend for Greenville theater. We didn't receive *Schindler's List* or *Il Postino* (The Postman) until after they had both received nominations (in fact, *Il Postino* was over a year late arriving in Greenville). And I haven't even mentioned the quality films like *Trainspotting*, *Fargo* or *The English Patient* (that movie, ever get played here). For a city that likes to think of itself as the up-and-coming cultural mecca of eastern North Carolina, we sure do have a ways to go. But I guess it's better that we got *Sling Blade* late than never.

I wholeheartedly recommend this film to each and every person who is reading this article. Billy Bob Thornton has created a masterpiece.

For me, as a Southerner, this film res-

onates with cultural truth, something that most films about the South severely lack. (Probably because most of them are written by non-Southerners. Case in point, *Prince of Tides*, a wonderful novel whose film version was completely botched by a non-Southern director and star.)

Thornton, who also wrote and directed the film, stars as Karl Childers, a 39-year-old, mentally handicapped man who committed an atrocious act when he was 12 and was sent to the state mental hospital (the "nervous hospital," as Karl calls it) to be cured. When the film starts, he has been cured and is being set free.

Life on the outside is an open, interesting and somewhat frightening experience for the gravelly-voiced, man-of-few-words Karl, but he soon finds his own way. When he begins to interact with other people is when we see the genius of Thornton open up.

Karl returns to his hometown that he left when he was 12 years old and quickly finds a friend in 12 year old Frank, played by Lucas Black. Frank and Karl hit it off immediately and the film centers much around the relationship between these two characters. However, I don't want to go into too much detail. The film's plot is too beautiful and too engrossing for me to go into without spoiling the experience of seeing it. Suffice it to say that friendship and the sanctity of childhood are two major themes in the film.

Sling Blade is good for the small parts, as well as the whole. In the details of life that Thornton gathered to put into this film, he seems to have left nothing out. I became totally enveloped in the world that Thornton created on the screen. The dialogue was riveting - at times funny, at others inspiring and most often gripping with its emotion. The characters that Thornton creates to deliver these lines are also vivid and interesting and are played by some unusual personalities. Country superstar Dwight Yoakam, *There's*



Frank and Karl's touching friendship is central to *Sling Blade's* beauty. PHOTOS BY PATRICK HIGGAN

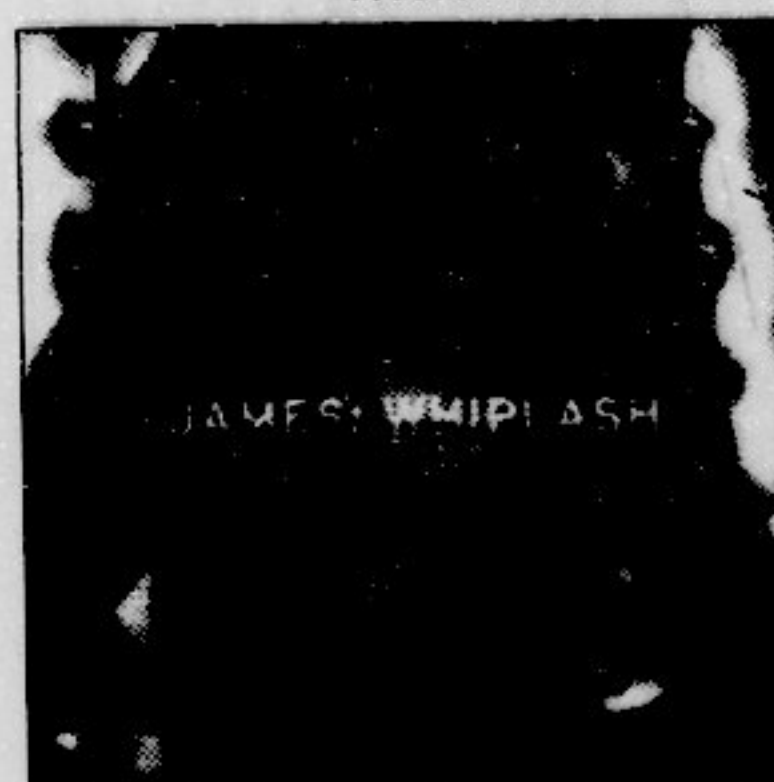
Company star John Ritter, Col. Bruce Hampton of the band Aquarium Rescue Unit, film director Jim Jarmusch and extreme character actor Robert Duvall all appear in roles in the film. And all of them are distinctly different, unlike the many stereotypical roles that are open in Hollywood today.

Thornton, who for 16 years has tried to make it in

Hollywood, has really come into his own with this film. His understated performance as Karl is truly captivating. It is impossible to take your eyes off of him when he's on the screen.

Sling Blade is a marvel of directing, acting and writing. Go see it while you can, because who knows when we will see another film this good in Greenville.

CD reviews



James Whiplash



Over the Rhine
Good Dog, Bad Dog:
The Home Recordings

Wasn't Oasis enough? I guess you could say I'm no fan of British pop, and to say I dislike Oasis would be the understatement of the year. But, just when you think the American public has gotten their British longings satisfied, here comes James from across the big pond.

James (which, by the way, is composed of six guys none of whom are named James) has actually been around since 1983, but they never reached much ground in the U.S. until 1994 with their album *Lead*. That album actually did respectably in the U.S. market, and the single by the same name exploded across the radio, carrying the boys in the hand a spot on the bill of Woodstock '94. There, in the rain, playing between Live and The Cranberries, is where they started laying down ideas for a new album.

Of course, a lot can happen in three years. One day in late 1994, the band hit rock bottom. They were informed they owed five years of back taxes, and founding member Larry Gort would no longer tour with them. But, the band stuck their ground and forged on.

So, what do we, the record-buying public, get for their hard work and devotion? We get short-changed. *Whiplash* is at best a decent album, at worst a CD worthy enough to only be a coaster on a coffee table. Of course, personal opinion will decide which side you lean towards, but I personally found a new coaster.

The CD starts off on a good foot with "Tomorrow." This is best described as reminiscent of Oasis only without the attitude. Really strong, driving acoustic guitars and drums with swooping electric guitar slides for effect make "Tomorrow" a dose of Brit pop that will get anybody tapping their foot. "Lost A Friend" and "Waltzing Along" are also both decent songs, although not as good as "Tomorrow." "Lost A Friend" explores the hypnotic and corrupting factions of television. A little more in depth than Bruce Springsteen's "57 Channels (and Nothing On)," "Lost A Friend" stands well as a song and a statement. "Waltzing Along" uses hypnotizing guitar loops and staggered vocal melodies to create a sound that invades your mind and releases you whether you want it to or not. "She's A Star" does pretty much the same thing, only not as well.

This brings us to the fatal downward spiral of the CD. For some reason, after four songs James decides to become an industrial/techno band. "Greenpeace" and "Go To The Bank" both combine rave-type techno with a Nine Inch Nails sort of industrial sound, even down to the vocals. The

There's nothing quite like standing on a foot-wide window ledge in the heart of downtown Chicago watching passersby while listening to quiet music turned up loudly. The speakers are very tiny, the sublime piano gets distorted just a bit, and the melancholy beauty of the female lead singer's voice takes power over the lives of the people walking by on the street. When the Chopin-like piano intro fades a bit to accommodate her voice singing, "What a beautiful piece of heartache this has all turned out to be," the heartache of each person on the sidewalk below becomes apparent.

Chicago is cold, very cold in March, and though the room is warm, breath on the window fogs it anyway. The fog seems like a part of the music. Only the most beautiful music can do this, envelop the environment, absorb the world into itself. Beautiful music changes the way the world is seen.

That's just "Latter Days," the first song on Over the Rhine's new album *Good Dog, Bad Dog*, released on their own label, Imaginary Records. It's been almost two years since the Cincinnati quartet's last album, *Ezer*. That album was just like its namesake: very feminine, yet dark and spontaneous, almost primitive in its wash of electric guitars and muddy blues.

Good Dog, Bad Dog is quiet, like the river Eve must have found after being ejected from the Garden. The title suggests the simplified version of the Lutheran doctrine of total depravity that circulates Sunday school classes: "There's a good dog and a bad dog inside each of us, and we must choose to make the good dog win." Of course, no one ever tells how to make the good dog win, and that is where this album sits, with its eyes toward heaven and its feet in the mud. Eve remembering life before the apple.

Good Dog, Bad Dog is a collection of tunes that harken Linford Dreyer describes in the liner notes as a "barbed mess of songs which had been outlined after dark in my third story bedroom." The band had plans to record the album earlier until they unexpectedly parted ways with IRS Records, their label at that time.

So they piled into Linford's apartment and recorded the album there instead. (If you listen closely, you can hear kitchen sounds behind the music.) The result is probably their most powerful work to date. Reminiscent at times of R.E.M.'s powerful *Automatic for the People*, or the Innocence Mission's *Blue Good Dog, Bad Dog* surges with deep, still emotion that swells to fill



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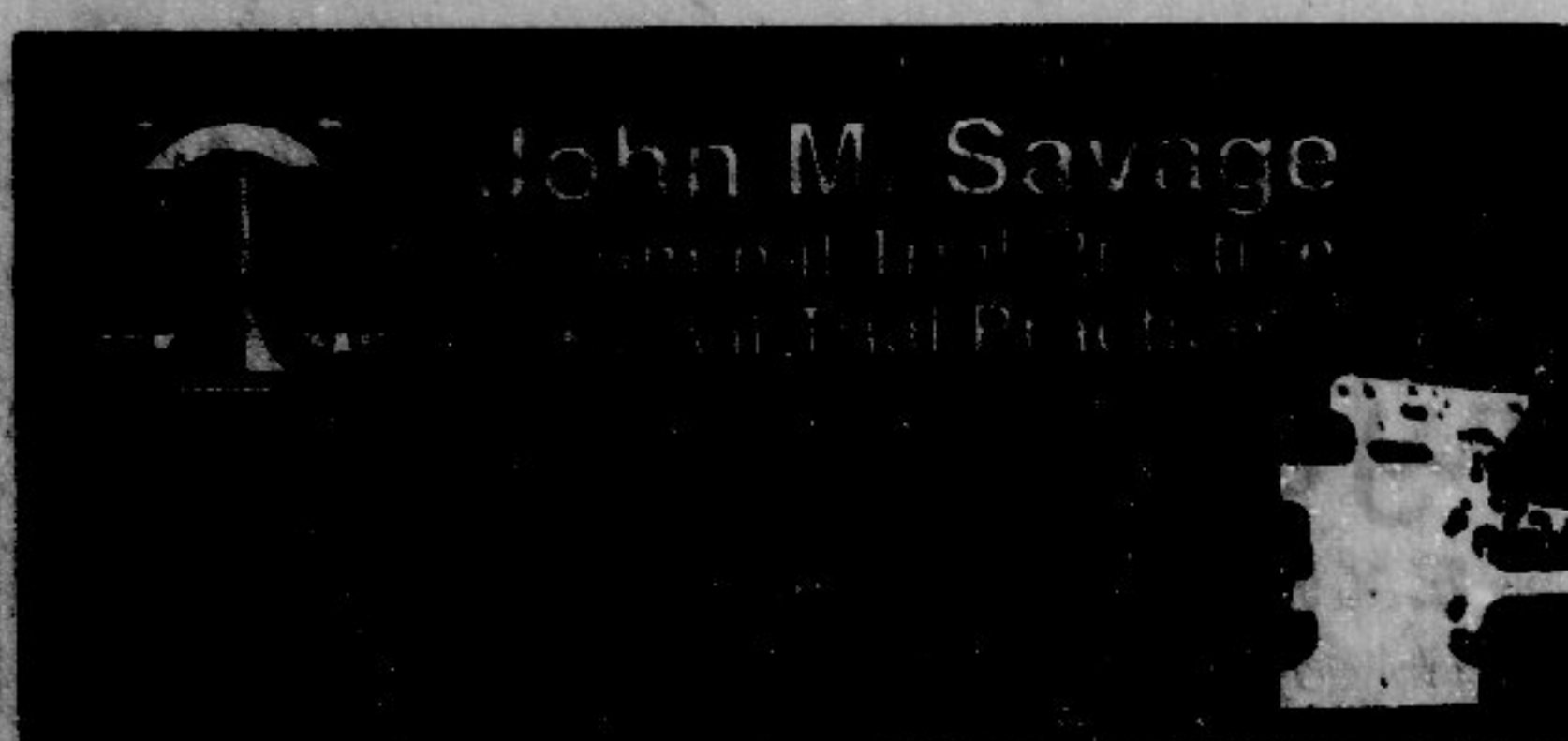
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movie review

Jedi makes a lukewarm return to theaters

DALE WILLIAMSON
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

By now, many people are probably sick and tired of hearing about Star Wars. When George Lucas released his space trilogy, moviegoers flocked to the theaters and the media wrote story after story about the phenomenon.

While all the initial hoopla has died down a bit, Star Wars is still hot at the theaters. The first two films of the trilogy (which includes Star Wars and The Empire Strikes Back) are still making money at movie theaters across the nation, and the latest re-edition to the craze landed the number one spot at the box office on its re-opening weekend. Despite the fact that most fans and critics insist that the final part of Lucas' trilogy is the weakest, *Return of the Jedi* has once again pulled in the crowds eager to experience a blast from the past on the big screen one more time.

Like the other reissued films, *Jedi* has been "reworked" by Lucas and his creative team at Industrial Lights and Magic in an effort to make the

movies as good as they possibly can be.

As huge a Star Wars fan I am, I must say that the only way to make *Jedi* as good as it possibly can be is to simply rewrite the entire film, but that's me.

Jedi is the weakest link in the SW chain for many reasons. First of all, the film is simply too cute for its own good. While the first two movies were fun, they also had a darker edge to them that made them more than child's play. Unfortunately, Lucas decided to play it safe the third time around, and eliminate those dark edges. It's been said a million times before by better critics than myself, but the Ewoks (which, if you don't know, are teddy bears that our heroes team up with to defeat the evil galactic Empire) ruin the film. They are too cute, too silly, too commercial, too stupid and too fake to add anything to the Star Wars epic.

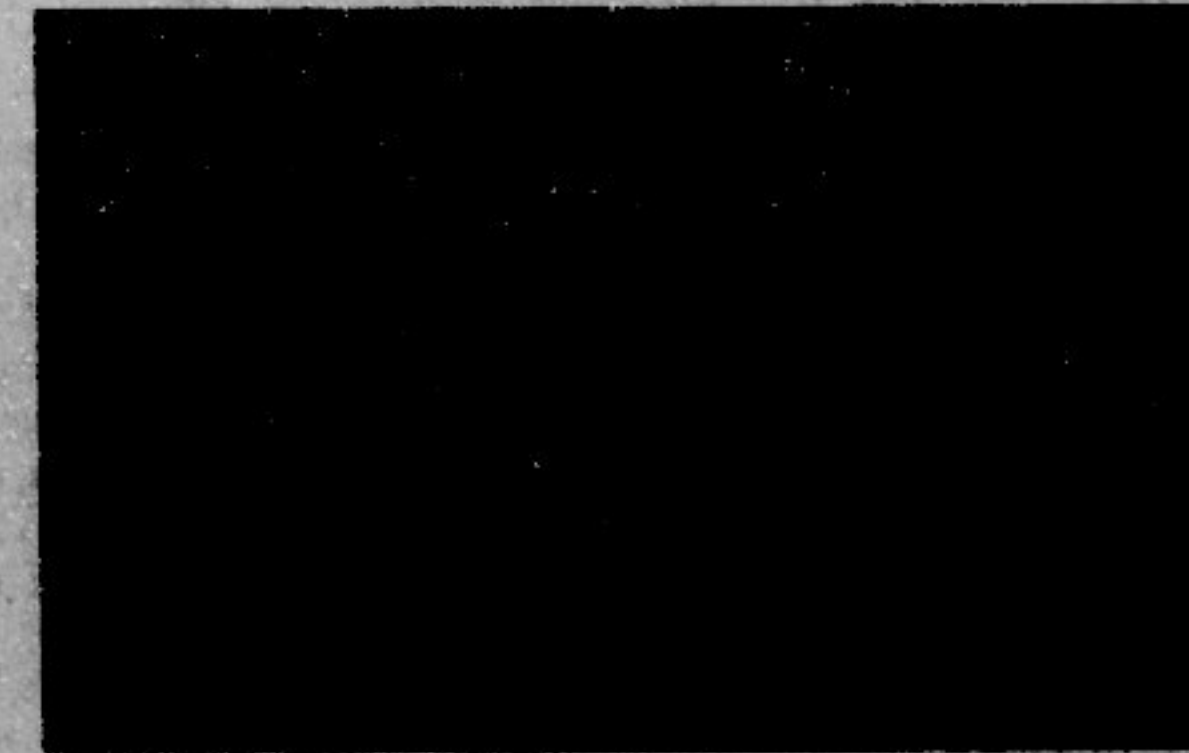
But the problems with *Jedi* can not all be blamed on midgets in fuzzy costumes. Disappointments abound. The scores, for instance, all seem to have their minds on other things. Harrison Ford gives an almost embarrassing portrayal of his roguish character, Han Solo. Instead of imbuing Solo with the magnetic wit that has made

him one of the series' most popular characters, Ford results to playing goofy comic relief with overdone body gestures and quirky facial expressions.

Ford shouldn't be blamed, though. His character is completely underwritten and left with nothing to do. In fact, most of the major players in the series are pushed to the side so the central storyline, which centers around Luke Skywalker's final confrontation with Darth Vader and the evil Emperor, can be wrapped up.

Making matters slightly worse is the fact that most of the added footage that, according to Lucas, improves *Jedi* only makes the film worse. A scene in Jabba the Hutt's palace featuring a bizarre, otherworldly pop band has always been severely lacking. Using state-of-the-art computer technology, Lucas and company have revamped the scene with new creatures and new music. In a nutshell, the new creatures are more cartoonish than creative and the music sounds too much like earth-bound top-40 pop to be taken seriously.

As for all you Boba Fett fans out



This newly added scene, featuring three out-of-the-world dancing girls, is just one of the problems with *Return of the Jedi*. Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox.

there, you should be disgusted to know that there is more of him in *Jedi* now. Thanks to computer bit mapping, you can see Boba Fett hanging out in the background of Jabba's palace and hitting on women. Additions like this really flesh out such an intriguing character. The bad

Lucas didn't let my Billy Dee Williams donning a Cok 45 Mel Liquor while explaining to Jabba the benefits of using the psychic hot line. As disappointing as *Jedi* is, and despite all the ranting I've done in, I can't say that it is a terrible film. There is much to like and admire about Lucas' concluding chapter, especially when compared to other modern science fiction films. A scene involving a flying motorcycle chases through a dense forest is still just as thrilling as it was in 1983, and the final space battle is so amazingly complex and well-planned that it makes the climax of *Independence Day* tank and boring. The ambient and special effects of *Jedi*, just like all the other films in the trilogy, demand to be seen on the big screen, thus making this film well worth the money and time to at least catch as a matinee.

Admittedly, *Jedi* works well for a mainstream audience that doesn't view it in relation to the other Star Wars films. However, for those of us who see the three films as one long film divided into three chapters, *Jedi* just doesn't fit neatly in the rest of the puzzle.

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Epsilon.

THANK YOU HICKORY HAMS, Han-
tony and Dr. Schneider for sponsoring us in
the walkathon last Saturday. It was greatly
appreciated. Love Alpha Delta Pi.

SEA KAYAKING DAY TRIP: Wiling-
ton, NC: join us for a day of kayaking in
Wilmington on April 12. Be sure to register
by 6:00pm on April 4 in the SRC main of-
fice.

EGU LAW SOCIETY - Our next meet-
ing will be held on Monday, March 31st at
5:15 pm in Bagdadi room 130. We will have
a guest speaker and discuss the re-schedu-
ling of our volunteer project. The society is
open to all majors.

PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
STUDENTS advising. Early registration
for summer and fall semesters will be Wed-
nesday March 26, 1997 from 5:30-7:30 in
room 203 of the Bell Building. Other advis-
ing hours will be posted in the department.

17TH ANNUAL FIESTA BIATH-
LON for Special Olympics. April 28th at
1:30 pm, Bicycle Post downtown. For more
information, call 756-3301 or 757-3616.

OPEN REGISTRATION-CHILD
WIM lessons: sign-up your child for swim
lessons Mar 24-28 from 9:00-6:00pm in the
SRC main office.

WED., MARCH 19: BCU Home Ensem-
ble, Mary Burroughs, Director; AJ Fletcher
Recital Hall, 9:00pm Wed., March 19 -
Graduate Recital, Kathleen Burnesky,
voice, AJ Fletcher Recital Hall, 7:00pm
Thurs., March 20 - Premier Performance of
Works by BCU Composers, Mark Taggart,
Director, AJ Fletcher Recital Hall, 8:00 pm
Fri., March 21 - Jazz at Night, Camille V.
Dandridge, Director, The Great Room,
Mendenhall Student Center, Room 244,
8:00 pm Mon., March 21 - Contemporary
Stephan Stohmann, soprano, AJ Fletcher
Recital Hall, 7:00pm Tues., March 25 -
Jazz Recital, Jason Richard, guitar, AJ
Fletcher Recital Hall, 9:00 pm Wed., March
26 - Concert Choir, Brent Wesson, Conduc-
tor, Mendenhall Student Center, Room 244,
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formation, call BCU-6851 or the 24-hour
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GAMMA BETA PHI WILL have
a meeting March 25 at 6:00 pm in Spiritus
Auditorium in Jenkins Art Building to elect
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ADVISORY COUNCIL: THE
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cies as at-large representatives on the Ad-
visory Council. These individuals may be
students, faculty, or staff and should submit
an application to David Gaskins at 128 Re-
creation Center. Applications may be ob-
tained from the main office at the SRC.

ALL GENERAL COLLEGE STUD-
ENTS are invited to make an appointment
with the Department of Communication Sci-
ences and Disorders and have Mr. Robert
Mazzilli or Mrs. Mena Downes as their advisor are
to meet on Wednesday, March 28 at 5:00 pm in
Bowerman C-103. Advising for early registra-
tion will take place at that time. Please pre-
pare a tentative class schedule before the
meeting. Freshmen, bring "Taking Charge
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BEGINNER CLIMBER: PILOT
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Registration Terminal Locations



School or Dept.	Location	Hours Open	# of Terminals at site
School of Allied Health	Ann 1/CSDI Office	8:00-12:00	1
Total - 6	310 EHL/BIOS	8:00-10:00/2:00-4:00	1
	306 OCCT Office	8:00-12:00	1
	Ann 3/PTHE Office	8:00-12:00/2:00-4:00	1
	308 CLSC/HIMA	8:00-12:00/2:00-4:00	1
	312 RENB Office	8:00-10:00/2:00-4:00	1
School of Art	Jenkins Fine Arts Center	8:00-12:00/1:00-3:00	2
Total - 3	BW Senior Gallery		1
	Jenkins Fine Arts Center	8:00-12:00/1:00-3:00	1
School of Business	GCB 3209	8:00-3:00	1
Total - 6	GCB 3411	8:00-3:00	1
	GCB 3413	8:00-5:00	1
	GCB 3422	8:00-5:00	1
	GCB 3105	8:00-4:45	1
	GCB 3203	8:00-5:00	1
School of Education	Spotlight 102A	8:00-12:00/1:00-4:00	1
Total - 10	Spotlight 109	8:00-12:00/1:00-4:00	1
	Spotlight 134	8:00-12:00/1:00-4:00	1
	Spotlight 137	8:00-12:00/1:00-4:00	1
	Spotlight 203	8:00-12:00/1:00-4:00	2
	Spotlight 230	8:00-12:00/1:00-4:00	1
	GCB 2318	8:00-4:00	1
	Flanagan 357	8:00-4:00	1
	Joyner 215	8:00-4:00	1
School of Health/ Human Performance	MC 171	8:00-12:00/2:00-4:00	1
Total - 4	MC 177	8:00-12:00/2:00-4:00	1
	MC 174	8:00-10:00/2:00-4:00	1
	Christenbury 203	8:00-1:00/2:00-5:00	1
School of HESC	HESC 130	8:00-4:00	2
Total - 2			
School of Ind. & Tech.	Flanagan 103	8:00-11:00/1:00-4:00	1
Total - 7	Flanagan 105	8:00-11:00/1:00-4:00	1
	Rawl 328	8:00-12:00/1:00-3:00	1
	Rawl 327	8:00-12:00/1:00-3:00	1
	Rawl 346	8:00-5:00	1
	Rawl Ann. 139	8:00-12:00/1:00-4:00	1
	Wright Ann. 307	8:00-11:00/1:00-4:30	1
School of Music	Fletcher 102	8:00-12:00/3:00-5:00	1
Total - 3	Fletcher 119	Spec. Permission/Problems	1
	Fletcher 134	8:00-12:00/3:00-5:00	1
School of Social Work	Ragsdale 102	8:00-12:00/2:00-4:00	1
Total - 2	Ragsdale 134	8:00-12:00/2:00-4:00	1
School of Nursing	Rivers 108	8:00-12:00/2:00-4:00	3
Total - 5	Rivers 119	8:00-12:00/2:00-4:00	1
	Rivers 157	8:00-12:00/2:00-4:00	1
Anthropology	Brewster A214	8:00-12:00/2:00-4:00	1
Total - 1			
Biology	BH-106	8:00-11:30/2:00-4:30	3
Total - 4	BH-108E	8:00-11:30/2:00-4:30	1
Chemistry	Flanagan 204	8:00-11:30/1:00-4:00	1
Total - 1			
Communications	Erwin 113	8:00-11:00/2:00-4:00	1
Total - 1			
Economics	Brewster A429	8:00-12:00/3:00-4:00	1
Total - 1			
English	GCB 2201	8:00-12:00/1:00-4:00	3
Total - 3			
Foreign Language	FL Reception Area	8:00-12:00/2:00-4:00	1
Total - 2	GCB 3324	8:00-12:00/2:00-4:00	1
Geography	Brewster A227	8:00-2:00	1
Total - 2	Brewster A229	8:00-12:00/2:00-5:00	1
Geology	Graham 101	8:00-11:00/1:30-4:30	1
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fast break

North Carolina, Arizona set up rematch at Final Four

(AP)—North Carolina and Arizona, which met in their season opener, will play a rematch at the Final Four.

The top-seeded Hoops beat sixth-seeded Louisville 97-74 Sunday in the East Regional to advance to their 13th Final Four. Fourth-seeded Arizona recovered after blowing a big lead and edged No. 10 Providence 96-92 in overtime at the Southeast Regional to reach its third Final Four in nine years.

Shannon Williams scored 22 points for North Carolina (28-6), which will play Arizona (23-9) in the national semifinals Saturday in Indianapolis. The Wildcats beat the Tar Heels 83-72 in the Hall of Fame Tipoff Classic on Nov. 22.

North Carolina, which has won 16 straight, turned around its season following an 0-3 start in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"This was a great feeling to cut down these nets after the way we started the ACC season," forward Antawn Jamison said. "We came together as a team and we all got ourselves back on track. It shows how hard we worked and that hard work pays off."

Arizona, which finished fifth in the Pac-10 with an inexperienced lineup, squandered a 10-point deficit in the final 3 1/2 minutes of regulation before rebounding to beat Providence. Miles Simon scored 30 points for the Wildcats, who knocked off top-ranked Kansas in the previous round.

"Certainly, this was not expected," said coach Lute Olson, whose team began the season with four new starters and has no seniors in the playing rotation. "Everybody's saying, 'That's great, they're going to be pretty good.' Well, they are going to be pretty good."

The teams met for their rematch on Saturday in defending national champion Kentucky (34-4) vs. Wisconsin (31-3). The semifinal winners will play for the championship on Monday night.

Starting's reflection: Lipinski mirrors Kwan of two years ago

(AP)—Switzerland (AP) - Before Tara Lipinski, there was Michelle Kwan.

Were the 14-year-old Kwan of two years ago to be superimposed on the 14-year-old Lipinski of today, the similarities would be remarkable: clean, consistent jumps, well-rehearsed routines, flawless starts.

For all that, 16-year-old Kwan, displaying a maturity matching her technical skills, wasn't quite able to match Lipinski's unflinching confidence to repeat her 1985 world title. She finished second.

Lipinski, master of her 4-foot-6 and 75-pound frame, hit the magic seven-point jump and landed it and reached for a sophistication beyond her years, to become the younger woman to win the world figure skating title.

Lipinski's coach, Tamara Moskatel, is one month younger than Boris Henke when she won the title of 10 world titles in 1927 - and it's still a record change for anyone to hope for.

The International Skating Union this year raised the age limit for international championships to 15, but Lipinski was grandfathered in by her participation in this year's world.

But Lipinski's leap from 15th in 1986 to women's champion was beyond her own imagination.

Hingis beats Williams at Lipton

(AP)—Miami (AP) - Martina Hingis beat the first-class player and then the world No. 1, Jennifer Williams, 6-4, 6-2 in the Lipton International Tennis Center on Sunday.

The match, the first between the two talented teen-agers, may have been the start of a rivalry.

Hingis will become the youngest No. 1 player ever when the new rankings are released March 31. She'll replace Steffi Graf, who has been No. 1 a record 274 weeks.

Williams, who beat Jennifer Capriati on Saturday night, will climb to about 100th in the new rankings. The California native has played in just 11 pro tournaments.

After leading 3-0, Williams won only two points in the next three games. She pulled about 4-5, but thought that was the sum six games to take control of the match.

Hingis improved to 22-0 this year. In her first play back, Philadelphia overpowered Wayne Ferreira 6-3, 6-3 to reach the fourth round.

Practice pays off for Mickelson at Bay Hill

(AP)—Orlando, Fla. (AP) - Phil Mickelson practiced on the putting green until dark on the eve of the final round and then came in Sunday pulling away from the pack with a 10-hole eagle to win the Bay Hill Invitational.

Mickelson rolled in a 46-foot eagle putt from the fringe on No. 12, the key hole of his 7-under-par 65 that gave him a three-stroke victory over Stuart Appleby.

Mickelson finished at 16-under 272. He earned \$270,000 for his 10th PGA Tour victory, along with the gray blazer and Scottish-style sword that comes with winning Arnold Palmer's tournament.

"Going into today I was trying to think that this was Annie's tournament and what would he do?" Mickelson said. "He'd put on a charge, so that's what I tried to do."

Mickelson's cool confidence during a decisive four-hole stretch - three putts and the eagle - didn't look anything like the ducking style Palmer displayed during his paroled charges.

In fact, Mickelson didn't even look like he would be the one to make a charge when the final round began with 17 players within five shots of leader Greg Norman.

Cloudy, calm conditions took a lot of the bite out of Bay Hill Club and allowed for low scoring, but Mickelson went out in 1-under 35 and was three strokes off the lead until a birdie putt from about 10 feet on No. 11.

Then he hit two drivers to get to the fringe of the 570-yard 12th hole. His tee shot on the left edge and dropped in to give him a share of the lead with Appleby, Payne Stewart and Ureco.



Ultimate member Fuller Reeves looks for an open man in a scuffle against Yale. PHOTO BY FRANK HEAL

sports

Football team takes field in spring practice

AMANDA ROSS
SPORTS EDITOR

The first football game of the season may be over six months away, but already the football team is gearing up for the fall game.

Spring practice began last week, and with it came some new concerns for Head Coach Steve Logan. His biggest concern is the offensive line.

"The whole mission will be to create an offensive line," Logan said. "That will be basically the concentration at the beginning, middle and end. We only have one returning starter among the offensive linemen (center Danny Moore) and there is also no experience the rest of the way."

But this kind of rebuilding is nothing new to Logan. He compares the problems they are facing in this spring practice to the 1994 season.

"This is 1994 all over again where we really didn't have the line and the line-backers ready to play," Logan said. "But we just threw them out there and made them play. Probably what is going to happen is that we will be real slow starting and, hopefully by midseason, we will improve to the point of being functional. I'm afraid we're going to take our lumps early because we're just going to have too many guys out there making too many mistakes."

Logan isn't necessarily concerned with the talent he will be working with to rebuild the line. He says the talent is there; it just has to be developed.

"We've got talent. We just have to coach. We've got to show the kids a thousand different things in a short period of time. I'd be very anxious if I didn't think we had the talent, but we've got some talented young men; they just have to find out who to hit."

One real Logan can't breathe a little easier about is the quarterback position. After Marcus Cassell went down with a season-ending knee injury in the seventh game of the season, junior Dan Gonzalez got the starting nod. Gonzalez was thrust into the quarterback position and averaged 284 yards per game in four starts, and went 3-1 in those starts.

It was an unfortunate injury for Cassell, but it allowed Gonzalez to get some experience for his starting role this year as a senior.

"If he hadn't played last year that would be a real anxious area," Logan said. "Danny Gonzalez has proved he can win games for us as the quarterback position and that's a comfort. It's kind of one of those left-handed blessings which came our way with Marcus's injury and Danny was able to get some experience."

Offensively the Pirates will be returning two NCAA leaders with Scott Harley and Larry Shannon.

Harley, a junior, is the nation's leading returning rusher since Iowa State's Troy Davis and Texas Tech's Byron Hantsped declared themselves eligible for the NFL draft. Last season Harley averaged 158.6 yards per game and gained 1,745 yards and scored 14 touchdowns. Against N.C. State, Harley rushed for 351 yards which ranks as the ninth best single game performance in NCAA history and the best ever by a sophomore.

"It's going to be interesting to see how Scott Harley responds to see if last year was a flash in the pan or if he is going to be a consistent performer," Logan said.

Shannon caught 39 passes last season for 834 yards and was the national leader in '96 in yards per reception with 21.4 per catch. Shannon already holds the ECU record for touchdown catches with 20 in just three years.

This season also marks the inaugural seasons as a member of Conference USA. ECU is no stranger to playing teams in C-USA, but this season they will get a chance to play for a conference championship. The last time the Pirates won a conference championship was in 1977, the last year ECU was in the Southern Conference before becoming a major Division I independent.

Logan doesn't want his players to forget about the non-conference games since they are equally important.

"What I don't want it to do is make it where the kids say, 'Well that's not a conference game, that's not important.' I want every game to still be important like we've always done. Winning the conference - that's going to be our theme but I want to make sure every Saturday is a big deal to us."

Being affiliated with C-USA will also allow Logan to talk with quality players who might not have otherwise been interested in playing football for ECU.

"One of my good friends in this profession is Frank Beamer at Virginia Tech which joined the Big East recently. He told me about the number of times he's able to get into, and their program has changed dramatically. I want we'll start to get into more living rooms of players who wouldn't have been interested in us before. If you have perseverance, that's the greatest quality. And East Carolina has that quality."

Women storm to another conference victory

MIKE DANISKA
SENIOR WRITER

The ECU women's tennis team continued to shine Sunday as they blew past George Mason 5-1. The Lady Pirates, who were playing a rare home game on the weekend, jumped out to a quick lead and never looked back.

"We did very good," junior co-captain Maria Eck said. "It was our second consecutive win, so this is a good start for us."

This was the Lady Pirates' fourth consecutive dual match victory and improved their record to 8-4 overall and 2-0 in CAA play.

Sophomore Anne Svec led the charge with a 6-2, 6-4 decision over her opponent.

"Anne is doing a great job for us at No. 1 singles," Coach Jimmie Holt said. "Junior Rachael Cohen suffered ECU's only setback, losing a tough match 6-4, 6-4."

"Rachael just got off to a slow start," Holt said. "If she gets off to a strong start, she will be hard to beat."

Eck and her fellow co-captain, senior Holly Gordon, both had to slug it out for three sets before they captured wins. Eck came back from a 4-6 setback and won the next two sets 6-0, 6-2.

"I played well, but I lost the first set," Eck said. "I killed the girl in the next two sets, but it took a while though."

Gordon's win was even more dramatic, and sent the message that no opponent should ever count these Pirates out. Gordon pulled out a close first set 7-5, but then filtered along the second set 4-6.

"I had the match of my life," Gordon said. "By the time I started the third set, all of the other matches were done. I was so nervous because the third set was so tight."

She then managed to come back from down 3-1 in the deciding set to capture a 6-4 nail biter.

"When it was 3-4 in the third set Coach Holt told me that if I won the game, that I would win the match," Gordon said. "My opponent was very good and consistent, but I had more experience than her."

Because of Gordon's victory, the Lady Pirates captured the team win and will have a five set play double against the Pirates.

"This win was great for her (Gordon) and for the team," Holt said. "The girls are a lot of confidence."

Sophomore Gina Macdonald's performance was impressive, 6-2, 6-3 while fellow sophomore Catherine Higgins bounced past her opponent 6-2, 6-1. But it was winning close, three set matches that made all of the difference in the world.

"It is important for us to win three sets," Eck said.

One of the reasons for the Lady Pirates' success in winning these close matches has been that they are in great physical condition.

"Our trainer, Jack Midgren, has been working really hard with the girls," Holt said. "Not too many teams that play work harder than we do. I realize, and the girls realize, that a large part of our success has been due to the conditioning."

The Lady Pirates will get to test their hard work this Saturday in a home contest against UNC-Greensboro at 2:30 p.m.

GOING FOR A BIRDIE



Scott Leonard takes advantage of the warm weather and plays his golf. PHOTO BY GARY WOOD

Disappointing weekend for ECU golf team

ANTHONY STANFILL
STAFF WRITER

The ECU golf team didn't get the finish they had hoped to get this weekend when they hosted the Pepsi/Broadford Creek Classic.

The poor performance left the Pirates and Head Coach Kevin Williams disappointed, especially since they were on their home course.

"I wasn't expecting to win the whole thing, but I was surprised we did so bad on our home course," Williams said. "To be honest with you, it was probably our worst tournament of the year."

Williams expressed, like he has all year long, his concern for the team's lack of consistency. Usually the Pirates get good, consistent play out of their top three players, and not as consistent play from the four and five spots. Williams was bothered that this time, nobody was consistent.

"We're not good enough for any of our top three players to play bad, and when they do, we can't cover them," Williams said. "We're just not getting good scores out of the four and five spots."

Max Miller and Kevin Miller were the Pirates' best performers. M. Miller finished tied for 41st, and shot 77-70-78 over the three rounds. K. Miller finished tied for 46th, shooting a 74-78-74. K. Miller was only one stroke away from M. Miller's score. The other Pirate finishes were Stephen Satterly who finished tied for 54th, Daniel Griffin tied for 64th and Shane Robinson tied for 70th.

Williams, for the first time in the spring, played three freshmen in this tournament. He said he doesn't regret his decision, and they had nothing to do with the team's loss. Williams said missing Richie Creech in the line-up probably had something to do with the team's performance.

"Not having Creech in the line-up is what hurt," Williams said. "Even though he hasn't been playing well, he's a leader. Anyone you don't have one of your leaders in the line-up, I think it can hurt."

The Pirates' next tournament is the Furman Spring Intercollegiate at Furman University's Golf Course in Greenville, S.C. They'll be there Mar. 28-30. Williams hasn't decided yet, which five Pirates are going to represent ECU.

"I told the team that we played so bad that everybody has to qualify for the Furman tournament," Williams said.

Usually the three lowest scores from the previous tournament automatically earn a spot. This week all nine of the Pirates will be playing for a spot. Williams is hoping this will motivate his players to play better at Furman than they did at Broadford Creek.

Virginia Commonwealth completed a three game sweep of the Pirates this weekend in Richmond. The Pirates took the first two games 3-2 and 4-1 on Saturday and 14-6 on Sunday. In the 3-2 loss, Tim Flaherty hit his 10th home run of the season for the Pirates. Flaherty was again a focus on Sunday getting three hits, while Steve Salazar slugged his fifth home of the season, but it wasn't enough as the Pirates dropped to 3-3 in the CAA and 14-14 overall.

The ECU softball team lost in the second round of the Winthrop Invitational at Winthrop University losing to Illinois-Chicago, 3-8, on Sunday. Saturday the Lady Pirates defeated Eastern Illinois 9-1 and Kent State 4-2. The highlight of the first game was when Isamette Polonius hit a homer to break the ECU record for most home runs in single season by hitting her sixth of the season. Polonius hit a two-run homer in the first inning to surpass Lisa Corpey, who previously held the record with five. Polonius is now only five home runs from tying Corpey's mark for home runs in a career with 11. During Friday's action ECU beat Eastern Illinois 3-2 in eight innings and lost to UNC-Chapel Hill 0-1. The Lady Pirates now begin a three game home stand against Big South rival Maryland-Baltimore County. The first game is scheduled to begin today at 2 p.m.

ECU freshman sprinter Raheba Barrow highlighted the Lady Pirates' performance on Saturday capturing first-place honors in three sprint events: the 100 meters, 200 meters and the 4x100 meter relay. In this their initial meet of the outdoor season, the Lady Pirates had a total of six first-place finishes.

In the 4x100 meter relay the Pirate team of Barrow, Kai Eason, Nikki Goins, and Carmen Weldon was victorious in 46.80.

In the 100-meter dash, ECU swept the first, second, and third place finishes. Barrow opened to first place in 12.10, followed by Eason in 12.46 and Goins in 12.67.

In the 200 meters, Barrow won in 24.78, with fellow freshman Weldon taking second in 28.96. In the 400-meter dash, ECU senior Cindy Symanski placed third and in the hurdles, sophomore Missy Johnson took second place. It was Johnson's first race of the year since returning from an injury.

In the field events, the Lady Pirates also had three first place finishes. Senior Lane Wilson won the long jump with a distance of 21-0 1/4 with fellow Pirate Leana Audeing taking third place. Wilson also was victorious in the triple jump winning with 38-6 1/4.

In the shot put, ECU junior Michelle Clayton outdistanced the competition with a throw of 42-9. Clayton also placed second in the Discus with 133-0.

In men's competition, freshman sprinter James Alexander captured first place honors in the 400-meter dash the 4x100 meter relay and second place in the 200 meters.

ECU's full squad competed in the 15 team meet, its second outdoor competition of the season, with most of the Pirates running in at least two or three events. In total, the Pirates sprinted to first place finishes in the 4x100 meter relay, the 100 meters, 200 meters, and the 40 meters.

In the 400-meter dash, Alexander was victorious in a time of 47.64, while Dwight Henry and Brian Johnson finished fourth and fifth respectively in 48.80 and 49.02.

ECU's "B" team of Alexander, Johnson, Chris Rey and Derrick Ingram won the 4x100 meter relay in

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Name the American League team to lead in triples and placed last in home runs last season?

The Minnesota Twins had with 47 triples but were last with 118

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40.71. It was the "B" team's second consecutive victory, after winning last weekend at the Seahawk Invitational in 41.01.

In the 200 meters the Pirates swept first through fifth place honors. Ingram won in 21.31 followed closely by Alexander, Bevan Foster, Rey and Titus Haygood.
 In the 100 meters, the Pirates dominated also taking first five place finishes. Sophomore Vaughn Monroe sprinted to victory in 10.79. Foster took second while Marcus Gladden, Rey, and Haygood placed third, fourth and fifth respectively.

BRANDER

The baseball team will host the Citadel today at 3 p.m. at Harrington Field while the softball team hosts Maryland-Baltimore County in a double-header at 2 p.m. at the softball field. Tomorrow the baseball team will host Duke at 3 p.m. and the softball team will host Ohio in another double header beginning at 2 p.m.

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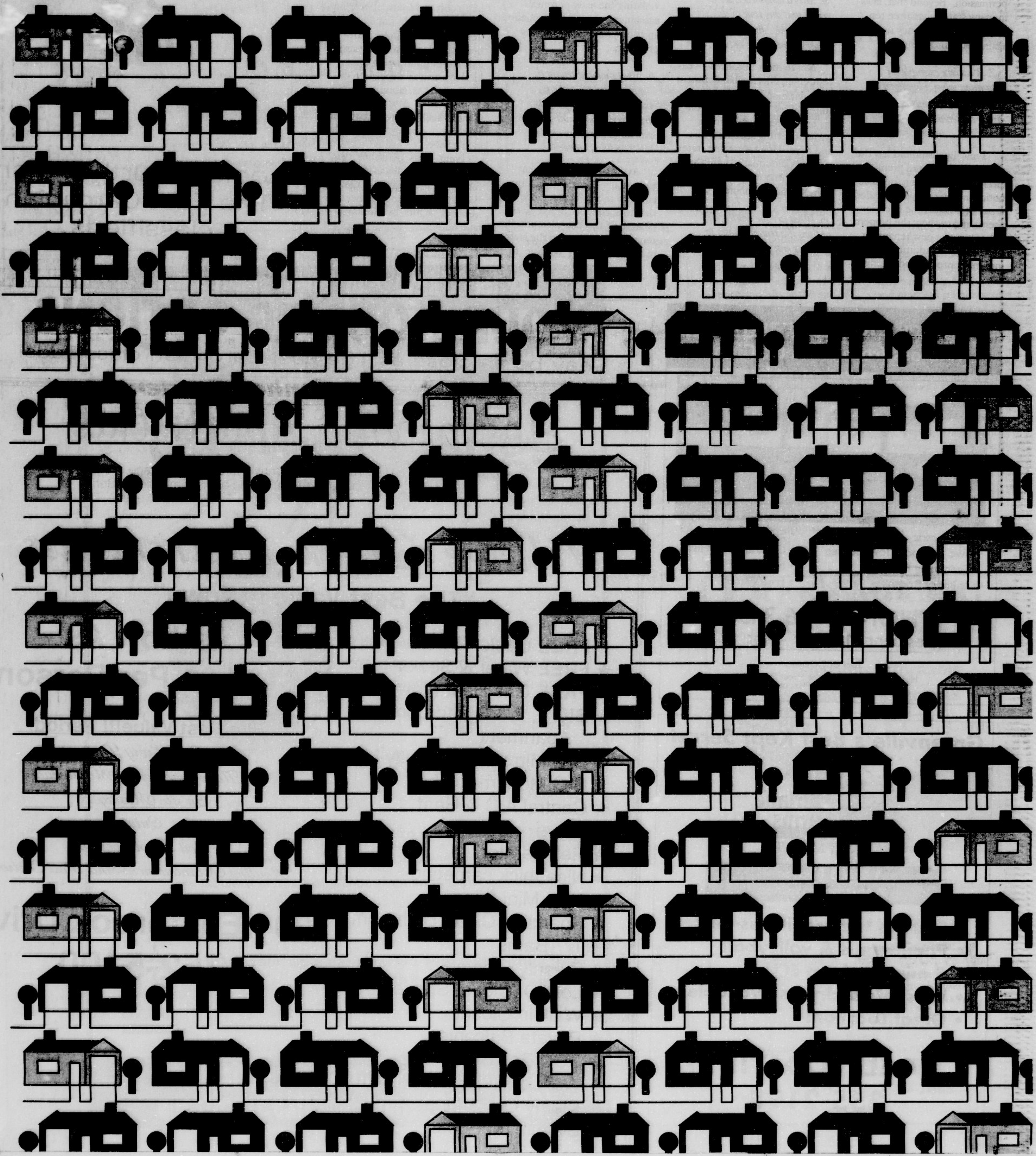
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Housing Guide

A look at housing on campus
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When a landlord can enter your property

A landlord doesn't always have an absolute right to enter your apartment without permission.

BY HOLD PRESS EDITING

There are answers to frequently asked questions on a landlord's right to enter.

Q1. Does my landlord have the right to enter my apartment whenever he or she wants?

It depends on the state. In all states, a landlord or manager may enter rented premises while the tenant is living there without advance notice in the case of emergency, such as a fire or serious water leak.

And, of course, a landlord may enter when a tenant gives permission. Beyond that, laws in every state guarantee tenants some minimum privacy rights against landlord intrusions.

Q2. What are examples of situations when a landlord may enter a tenant's apartment without reasonable notice?

Typically, a landlord has the right to enter a tenant's apartment without reasonable notice in order to make an emergency repair (or assess the need for one) and to show the property to prospective new tenants or purchasers. In addition, a landlord may enter rented premises

in instances of abandonment (that is, when the tenant moves out without notifying the landlord) or by court order. A landlord may not enter just to check up on the tenant.

Q3. Assuming it is not an emergency, but the landlord has a valid reason to enter—for example, to make repairs—what kind of notice is required?

States typically require landlords to provide a specific amount of notice (usually 24 hours) before entering a rental unit.

In some states, such as California, landlords must provide a reasonable amount of notice, legally presumed to be 24 hours. Landlords can usually enter on shorter notice if it is impracticable to provide the required amount of notice.

Q4. May a landlord enter a rental unit any time of day, as long as he's given the required amount of notice?

No. In most instances—except emergencies, abandonment and invasion by tenants—states allow a landlord to enter only at reasonable times, without setting specific hours and days. However, some states, such as California, require that landlords may enter only during normal business hours.

Q5. What are the landlord's options if a tenant refuses to allow entry even when a

landlord has given adequate notice and has a valid reason to enter?

A landlord should not force entry except when there is a true emergency, such as a fire or gas leak. However, if a tenant is repeatedly unreasonable in denying the landlord access, the landlord can legally enter anyway, during reasonable times, provided he does so in a peaceful manner. However, in no case should the landlord enter if the tenant is present and saying "stay out."

If a landlord has a serious conflict over access with an otherwise satisfactory tenant, a sensible first step is to meet with the tenant to see if the problem can be resolved. Often, neighborhood mediation programs will, for a low cost, help work out an agreement.

If those attempts at compromise don't work, a landlord can usually evict the tenant for violating the lease or rental agreement, assuming it contains an appropriate right-of-entry provision.

Q6. What should a tenant do if a landlord repeatedly violates her privacy rights by entering the rental unit with no good reason and/or advance notice?

As a first step, the tenant will usually first meet with the landlord to ask for assurance that this conduct won't be repeated. If this doesn't work, the tenant (depending on the laws of her state) may be able to

simply move out, claiming that the landlord's repeated violation of her privacy amounts to a "constructive eviction." Finally, if the landlord's conduct seriously interferes with the tenant's peace of mind, the tenant may have grounds for a successful lawsuit, asking for damages. Typically, a tenant will file suit in small claims court without a lawyer. For details on small claims court procedures and the maximum amount for which someone can sue, see *Everybody's Guide to Small Claims Court* (National or California Edition), by Ralph Warner (Nolo Press).

Q7. How can I find out the specific laws on privacy in my state?

Find your state's statutes at a law library or large public library.

If possible, look for the larger annotated version which will also contain brief notes as to key court decisions. Look in the index under Landlord-Tenant and then for the sub-heading Privacy. You may also be able to get information from a local apartment association or tenants' rights group.

Your state Attorney General's Office or Consumer Protection Agency can also provide advice.

Nolo Press publishes two books on the subject for California: *The Landlord's Law Book*, by Brown and Warner and *Tenant's Rights*, by Moskowitz and Warner.

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How to get neighbors to turn down the loud noise

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It's 2 in the morning. You're lying in bed trying to sleep because you have a big meeting tomorrow morning. You feel a pounding sensation in your head.

At first, you think it's a headache. But then you realize that it's the funky disco beat blasting from your next-door neighbor's stereo, reverberating through your bedroom and rattling your windows.

Before you pound on the neighbor's door and yell something you'll regret, or, even worse, resign yourself to living with the noise, try some more constructive alternatives.



1. Talk to your neighbor

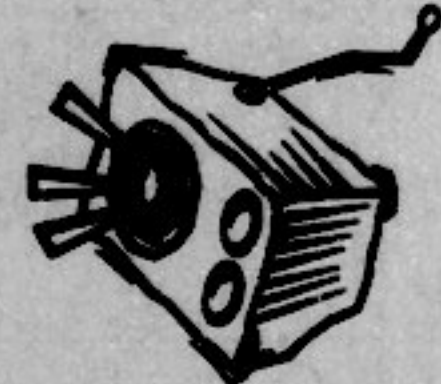
Your first step is to talk to your neighbor and try to resolve your differences in person. It's hard to believe, but sometimes neighbors are not aware that they are causing a disturbance. Even if you're ready to punch somebody's lights out, try a little sugar instead.

2. Get a copy of your local ordinance

Your next step is to get a copy of your local noise laws. Most cities and counties have ordinances that control the times, types and loudness of

noise. For example, many local ordinances prohibit unreasonable vehicle noise (like honking the car horn early every morning for a carpool) or dogs barking all night long every night. Noisy neighbors are in for a warning or even a fine.

You can look up your local ordinance at city hall or the public library. Make at least two copies of it, one for your neighbor and one for yourself.



3. Warn your neighbor in writing

If things don't improve, ask your neighbor again — this time in writing — to quiet down. Don't make threats, but state that if the situation doesn't improve you'll be forced to notify the authorities. Enclose a copy of the noise ordinance. Keep a copy of your letter; you'll need it if, as a last resort, you later sue your neighbor.

4. Suggest mediation

Most cities offer free or low-cost mediation services, which means they provide an impartial mediator who will sit down with you and your neighbor and try to help you resolve your differences.

Just call the mediation service; someone there will contact the neighbor and suggest mediation. (These people are very good at convincing others to give

mediation a chance.)



5. Call the police

If you have done all of the above and your neighbor has responded by turning up the volume, now is the time to call the police (or the Animal Control officer if the problem is a barking dog). Try to get the police to come while the noise is occurring.

Of course, you can call the police on a noisy neighbor the first time the music gets too loud for your taste. But the police will be more sympathetic to your situation if they see that you have tried to solve the problem on your own.



6. Sue for nuisance

If all else fails, you can get your neighbor's attention—and maybe some money—by suing in small claims court. You can sue your neighbor for nuisance if your neighbor's noise unreasonably interferes with your enjoyment of your property. In the lawsuit, you ask for money to compensate you for the interference with your right to peacefully enjoy your home.

Small claims court is easy and inexpensive, and you don't need a lawyer. You will need to show the following:

*There is excessive and disturbing noise.

*Your enjoyment of your property is diminished.

*You have asked the person to stop the noise (your letter should be enough to prove this).

To prove your case, you can use police reports, witnesses, recordings, your own testimony and the testimony of neighbors or other witnesses.



The amount you'll want to ask for will depend on how much the noise bothered you. Did you lose sleep? Were you unable to carry on your usual activities, such as reading, playing music or talking to friends?

Decide on a reasonable dollar amount per day, and multiply that figure by the number of days you've been seriously bothered. The amount of money you can ask for in small claims court is limited, between \$2,000 and \$5,000 in most states.

If you're in an apartment...

Noisy neighbors are always bad news. But when you share walls with the insensitive neighbor, the problem is especially vexing. The good news for renters is that, in addition to all your other options, you have built-in allies in the battle to keep your apartment livable: your lease or rental agreement and your landlord.

Remember the lease or rental agreement you signed? Chances are your neighbor signed one too. Standard leases

and rental agreements contain clauses that entitle you to "quiet enjoyment" of your home.



A neighbor who is blasting the stereo in an unreasonable manner is probably violating the lease or rental agreement and can be evicted for doing so.

If you warn your neighbor about the noise in writing and are sure that your lease entitles you to a reasonable amount of quiet, send a copy of the lease along with your letter. In your letter, tell the neighbor that the next complaint will be to the landlord or neighborhood association if the noise continues.

If warning your neighbor doesn't work, go to your landlord. Most tenants don't like to complain to the landlord or a manager about unreasonable noise or other nuisances because they are afraid of being branded as troublemakers. But other neighbors are probably bothered by the noise too.

Get together with them and complain to the landlord as a group. It's easier and you might get faster results. Most landlords don't want arguments between tenants and won't put up with tenants who cause trouble by ignoring signed lease or rental agreements. Your landlord will probably tell the noisy tenant to pipe down or face eviction.

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How to get along with your roommate

A successful relationship with your roommate begins with you! It's true. Having a good roommate is often as easy as simply being a good roommate.

Perhaps the best advice ever given to roommates can be summed up in just one word: communicate. Share your feelings, your habits, your attitudes, your ideas, your moods, and your backgrounds. Listen and learn!

Be open-minded about people who are from different backgrounds or who may look, think, or do things differently than you. You just might learn something new!

Remember that living in close quarters with a person you do not yet know is somewhat frightening and in some cases very challenging. You are presented with the opportunity to build a relationship based on mutual respect, appreciation for individual differences, and the commitment to discuss the day-to-day issues and problems that arise in any relationship.

There is no such thing as a "perfect roommate" or a roommate who is a carbon copy of you. Roommates are always different in some ways. Celebrate those differences, and don't forget that you don't have to be best friends in order to have a successful roommate relationship.

In order to reduce potential friction and unexpected (and disappointing) surprises, sit down with your roommate(s) during your first several days together and discuss some of the following issues:

- ✓ Your family...
- ✓ How you'd like to arrange the room...
- ✓ Your hometown...
- ✓ What property you're willing to share...
- ✓ Your high school activities...
- ✓ Your normal study habits...
- ✓ How much sleep you need...
- ✓ How neat/clean you'd like the room to be...

✓ Considerations when guests visit the room...

✓ Times when guests are not preferred...

✓ Your weekend activity preferences...

✓ Your interests and activities...

These are just starters. If you need more help, please see your Resident Advisor. While most roommates succeed in resolving their differences, there are times when some may need outside help.

If ever you feel yourself in an unacceptable position of not being able to study, sleep or get along with your roommate or others, let a residence hall staff member know immediately. If you live off campus, contact the Counseling Center for suggestions on how to deal with the problem.

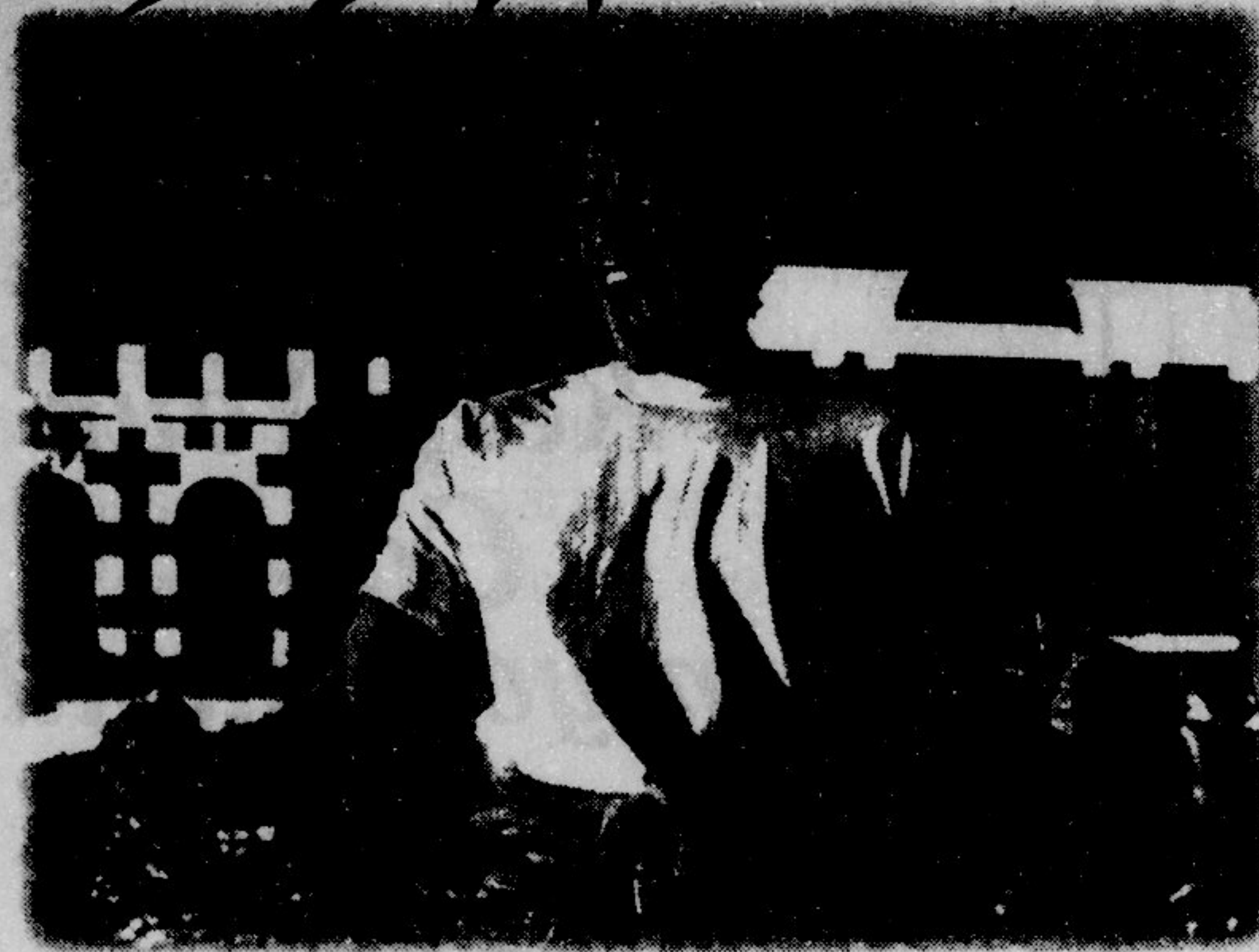
A successful relationship sometimes just hinges on using your head and not placing temptation in the way.

Here are some other tips:

- ✓ Always lock your residence hall room door when you are out of your room or sleeping.
- ✓ Keep all small items of value out of sight.
- ✓ Engrave your social security number on all personal belongings.
- ✓ Do not lend your room key to anyone!
- ✓ Do not prop open exterior residence hall doors.
- ✓ Ask questions!
- ✓ Avoid walking alone at night. Use the "buddy system."
- ✓ Use well-lighted and well-traveled routes. Don't walk through dark areas of campus alone.
- ✓ Be aware of what is going on around you.
- ✓ Familiarize yourself with emergency telephone numbers.

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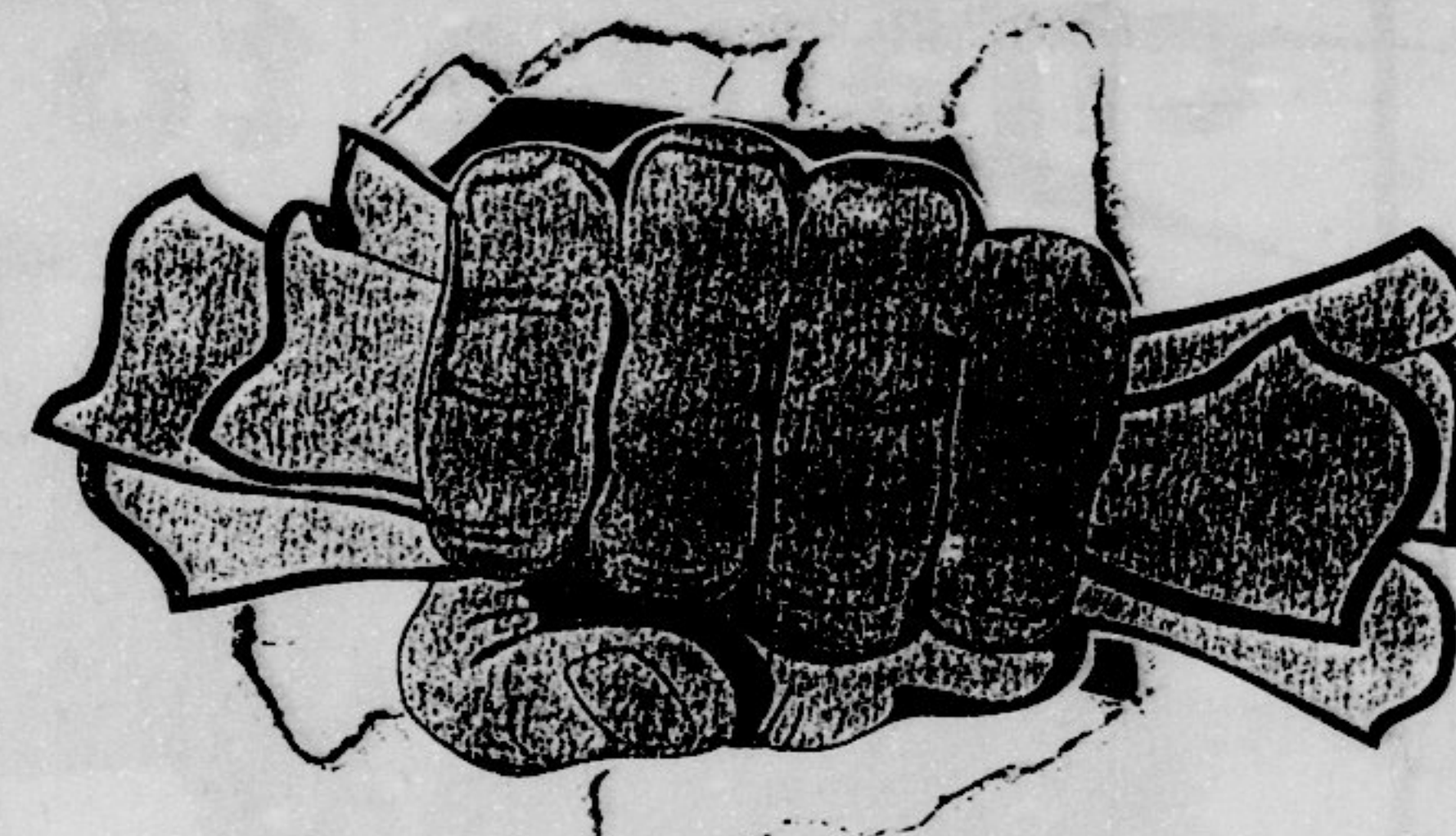


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Be careful in selecting off-campus rental housing

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If you'd like to live off-campus, it's a good idea to start your preliminary work at least one semester in advance. The folks who get the best deals are the ones who shop early.

Many places ask present tenants to renew or commit to a July move by the end of March. Around Spring Break is traditionally the time when most places are rented on a written lease of one year to start the next August.

Your method of searching for future rental housing is as important as getting an early start.

The best way is clearly word-of-mouth. In fact, the landlord you want to deal with probably doesn't have to advertise in the paper. If you have transportation, it's a good idea to start cruising neighborhoods you like for "For Rent" signs. I once called an owner a half hour after seeing him put a sign in the yard, only to find that two families were ahead of me. The first callers got it.

Listings are a valuable source of information, but never as reliable a channel as friends or acquaintances with similar needs. Check all of the local and campus publications. Keep in mind however, that such sources in no way guarantee the place or the reputation of the owner.

The person who composes the list is only responsible for printing the words provided by the person placing the advertisement.

It is essential that you investigate your potential landlord's reputation. Once more, check with friends and fellow students with some rental housing experience. Local papers routinely run articles on the good, the bad, and the ugly in the world of rental housing.

You can also check with the local Better Business Bureau for any complaints filed with them.

A complaint or two shouldn't necessarily deter you. Maybe you'd agree with the landlord if you knew the whole story. It's the notorious repeaters we're

concerned with. When the rental client came to me with a serious "repair delay" problem in one near-campus complex, I believed his theory that his landlord is just collecting rent on the dive until it falls down and becomes a student parking lot. Pay special attention if complaints reoccur.

On the other hand, some folks don't have a realistic perspective on the frequency of repairs needed on older housing. Like old cars, such property is acquired because it's affordable, but each season brings new difficulties. Pay attention to the problems that people who own their own "starter homes" gripe about. You can expect similar headaches in rental housing.

What your lease promises is prompt and careful maintenance and repair. Just remember that lower rent is no bargain at all if the place is not kept up.

I'd also be wary of some Corporations and elaborate management systems. Both are perfectly legal ways of doing busi-

ness and could in fact be a sign of extra efficiency. Just be alert if it seems to be a one-man show, yet the paperwork includes a wife, son or corporation. It may be a method of "passing the buck" as to landlord responsibilities.

All rental housing must meet the city's housing code, which sets minimum sanitation and safety standards.

Keep two things in mind in this regard. First, the sanitation standards are the minimum. For instance the place might be safe but in no way energy efficient. Second, we are working very hard as a community to enforce these rules, but the city remains seriously understaffed.

Hundreds of students each year lose substantial amounts of sleep and money due to roommate conflicts. Therefore, no advice about choosing rental housing is complete without emphasizing care in selecting the person with whom you plan to share it.

Did you know that when two

of you sign a lease you are each guaranteeing that the full rent will be paid? All lease signers are liable together and as individuals. The owner can charge any of the persons who signed for all rents due, regardless of who moved out early or caused the damage. Unfortunately, it's usually the more responsible one who gets stuck with the bill.

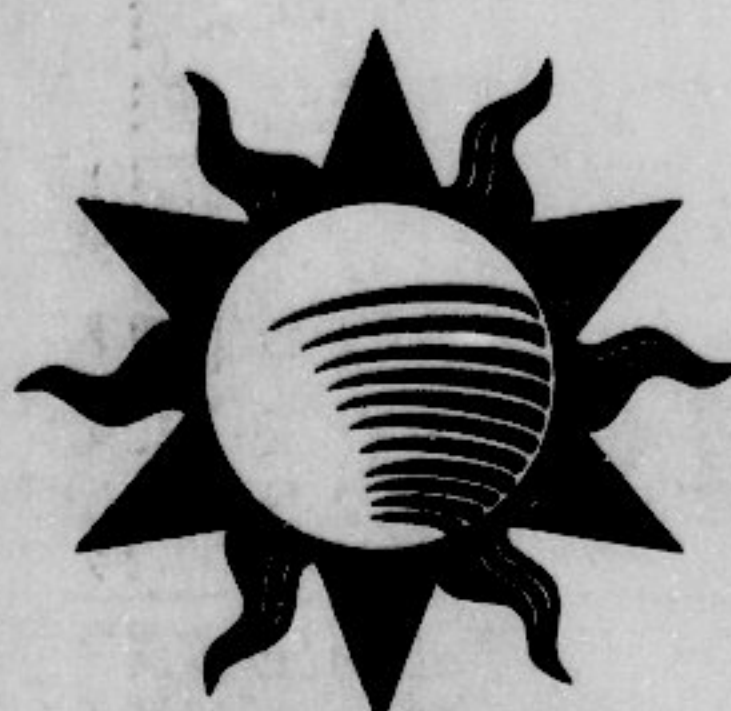
If you get caught in this type of mess use Small Claims Court. The problem is that it's often too late. Even if you win a judgment you may never collect what's owed to you.

In signing a lease to rent off campus housing you are entering into a binding, legally enforceable contract. Both sides have rights and responsibilities. Your landlord or landlady should be someone with whom you can communicate and can trust.

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Looking for an apartment? You might want to start now and there are things you should know. Many students start hunting for apartments for the fall as early as spring break.

In addition to luxuries like swimming pools, dishwashers

and microwaves there are other matters you should consider before signing a lease.

Check the apartment's construction, appliances, electrical outlets, lighting, window and door locks, and the general cleanliness and parking.

Are there laundry facilities available or close by is there grocery shopping or a bus stop?

All these things should be considered in addition to the general reputation of the landlord for making repairs in a timely manner and for returning security deposits at the end of the lease.

Once you decide on an apartment, you should carefully review the lease. Read it word for word. If you do not understand a provision or do not agree with it, have someone explain it or advise you how to rewrite it in terms agreeable to you and the landlord.

If the landlord makes promises regarding repairs that will be made before you move in or shortly thereafter, get those promises in writing, along with a date they will be completed.

If you have roommates, everybody should sign the lease.

Remember that the lease is a binding contract. If the term of the lease is for one year, you are bound to its terms for one year. Choose your roommates carefully. You could be paying their rent if they decide to move out.

Every roommate signing the lease is legally obligated for the full amount of the rent if another roommate fails to pay. Roommates should have a written agreement with each other, stating who pays what. If a utility is billed in your name, you are responsible for the entire bill and must ask reimbursement from your roommates.

Can you afford it? It is highly advisable to check your budget before signing the lease, not when you receive an eviction notice or a call from a debt collector.

If you have problems with your apartment, there are specific laws and/or ordinances that may provide help for you; however, there are specific requirements which you must follow in order to preserve your rights.

If a problem does arise, check out the local or state laws which may apply in the university or city library.

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"I overslept and wasn't in class last year when the Prize Patrol came looking for me. I lost out..."

—Sam the Snoozer

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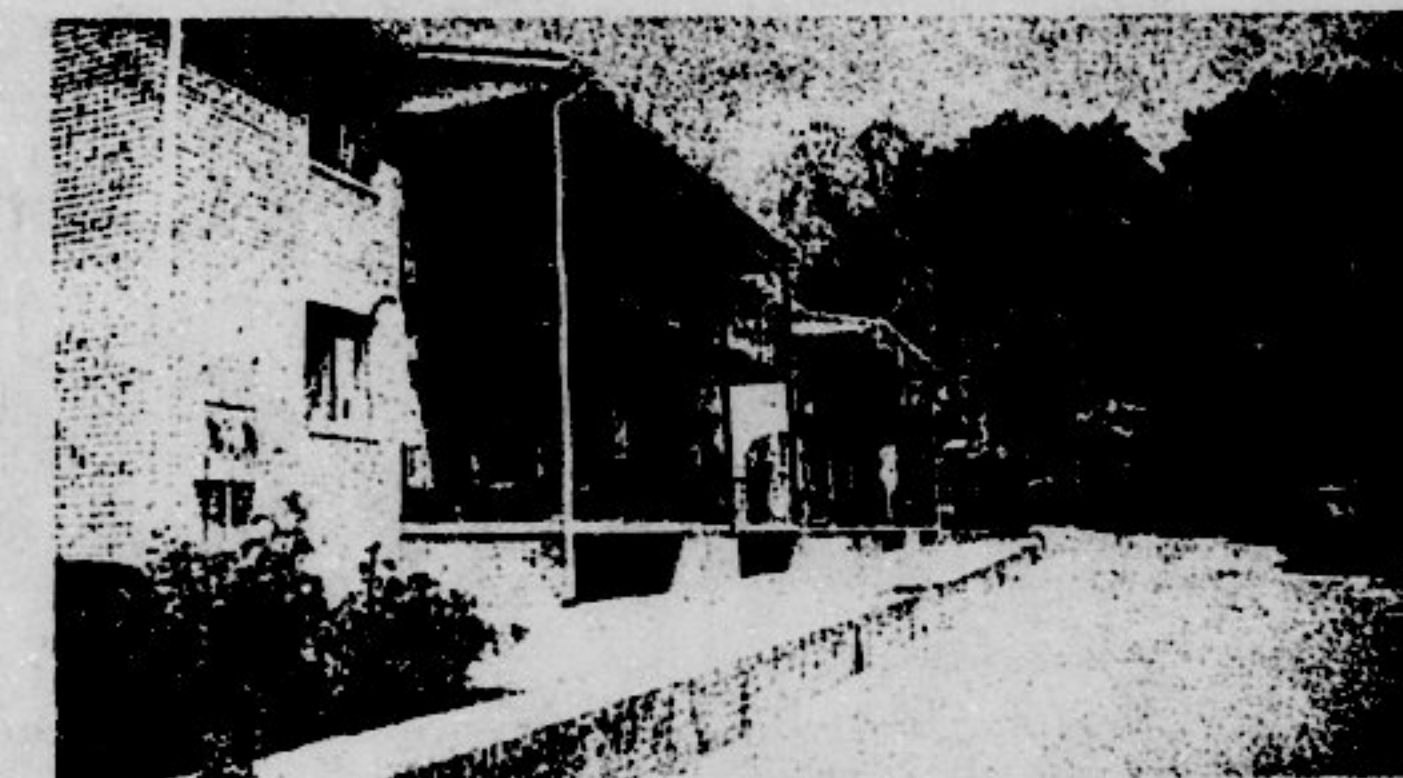
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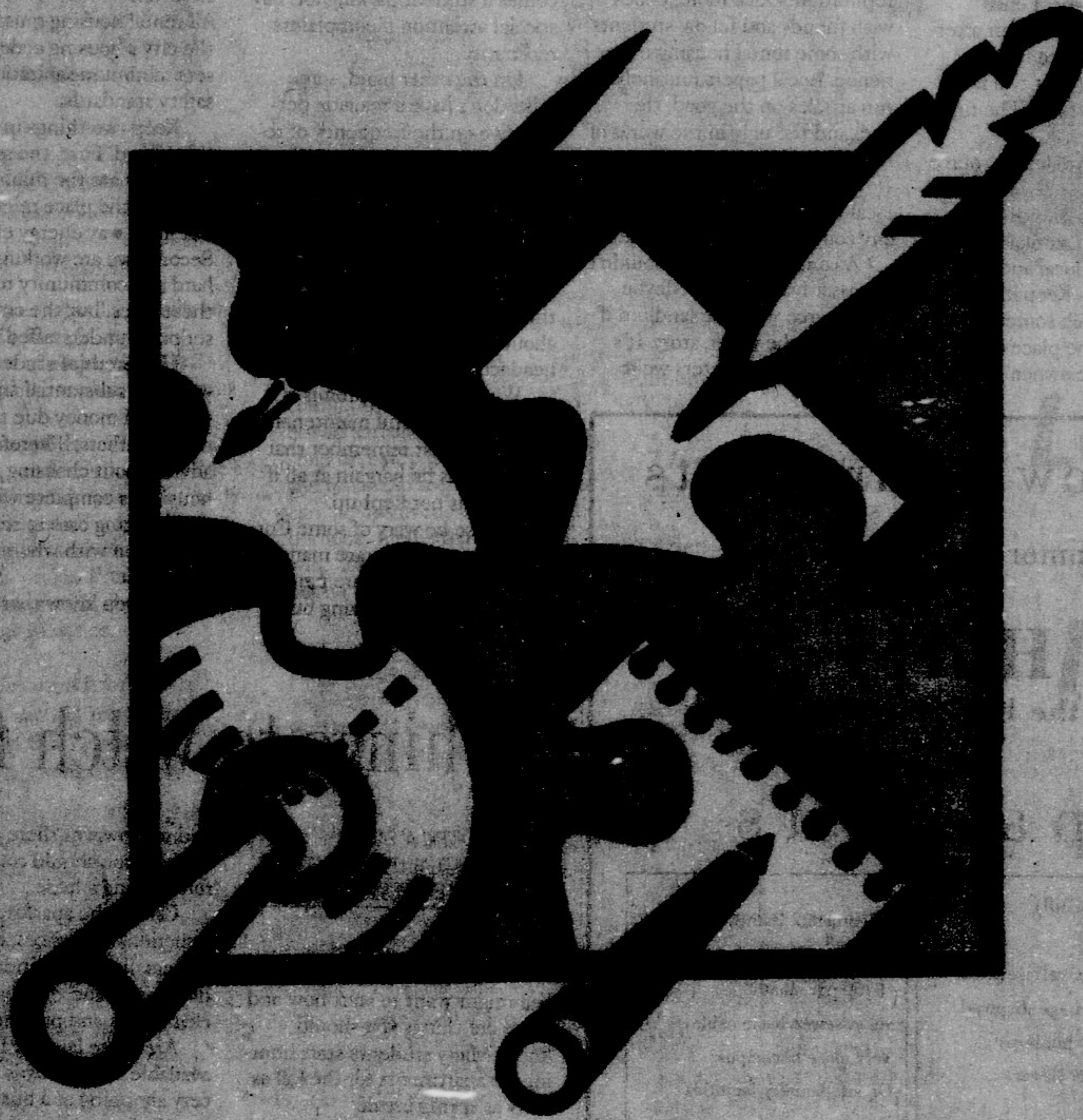


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