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## Several residents deny knowledge of discrimination

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*Editor's Note: This is part two of an ongoing series on the suit brought against Player's Club.*

In contradiction to the recent suit brought against Player's Club, alleging that the apartment complex had followed discriminatory practices in leasing their apartments, several residents at the complex say they have no knowledge of such practices.

Emily Kiper has lived at the complex since last August and says that she has no proof of discrimination.

"I've never heard anything or seen anything," Kiper said.

Her roommates agreed with her assessment of the situation, adding that Player's Club obviously does rent to black applicants.

"There are quite a few black people that live here," Kiper said.

Derrick Mangum, a black resident of the complex, said that the only examples of racial prejudice he knew of were committed by other residents.

"I haven't seen any myself, but I know of tenants that have committed racial slurs

against other tenants. As far as the management goes, though, I don't know of any problems."

Mangum said.

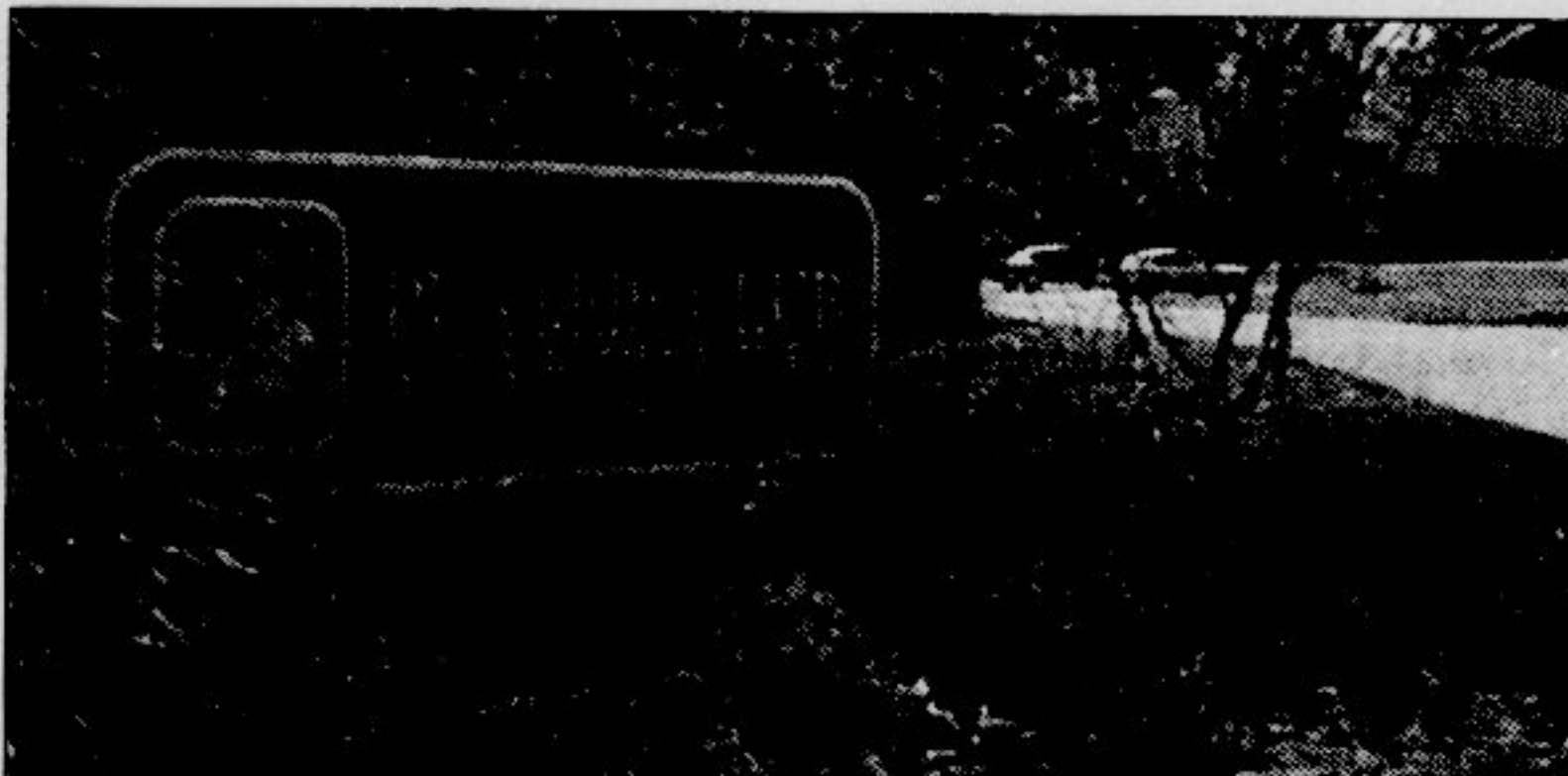
Mangum gave examples of the incidents he had heard of, such as a friend being subjected to racial slurs and beaten, or black residents who received "weird looks"

from other residents while out playing on the basketball court.

Mangum said that he himself had a good relationship with the management.

"I'm pretty good friends with Melissa and John," Mangum said, referring to a manager and member of the office staff.

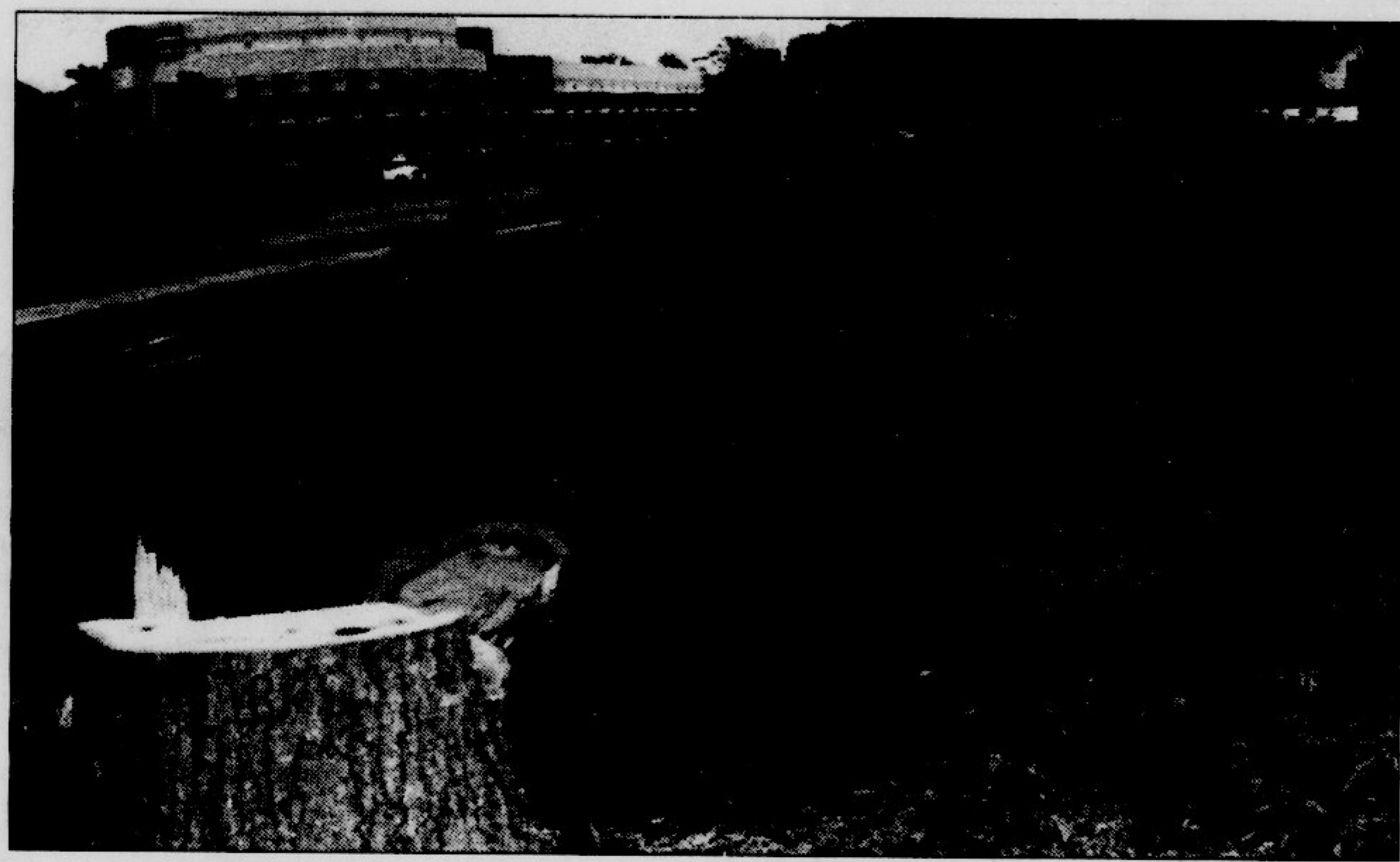
The suit, which was filed on May 2, was brought by former property manager Joni



Though a former employee of the apartment complex, located on Charles Blvd., says the management discriminated in their leasing practices, residents say that is not the case. The only discrimination seems to come from other residents, tenants say.

PHOTO BY MARGUERITE BENJAMIN

### TIMBER



Construction continues on the lot behind Mendenhall Student Center. The lot was demolished along with all the trees in order for it to be expanded toward 10th street and the new main entrance near Joyner Library.

PHOTO BY CHRIS GAYDOSE

## Meeting held to discuss additional funds to help improve parking

JEFF GENTRY  
SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES  
STAFF WRITER

A meeting was held Tuesday to discuss the possibility of an additional \$2.5 million being used to help improve parking on and around campus.

Some of this money will be borrowed from local lending institutions, while the rest of it is currently being held in reserve. This money will be used to finish current projects, such as the parking lot behind Mendenhall, and to pave the freshman lot at the Allied Health Building. It will also be used to pave the three Reade St. lots, as well as start a new parking lot where the old intramural fields are currently located.

"This is such a big business, we are not able to pay for these projects solely with parking revenue," said James Midgette, director of transportation services.

The current proposal calls for \$1.25 million to be borrowed from a bank. This proposal is similar to the one put forth and accepted to pave the bottom lots at Minges Coliseum a few years ago.

"We actually have about half a million dollars more in reserve, but we do not feel comfortable letting it dip below that for this project because it is emergency money. We decided to try and borrow the money to help keep student fees down," said Laxton Getsinger, associate vice chancellor of business affairs.

After the meeting today, the proposal for borrowing the additional \$1.25 million must be submitted to both the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors for approval, after

which the university will send requests for proposals to various banks. The university will then choose from which bank it wants to borrow the money. According to Getsinger, the university plans to pay back the loan over a five year period in payments of around \$321,000 with a 9 percent interest rate. This payment will come out of the revenue brought in from fines, fees and parking meters. Parking and Traffic Services currently collects an average of \$1.4-1.5 million a year in revenue, coming from fines, fees and meters, while operating costs run at about \$750,000 a year.

The new lots described in the proposal will be designed more for security and convenience. They will have more blue-light phones, as well as more lighting. Midgette commented that he plans for all current parking lots to be touched up to meet the same quality that these new lots will have.

## news briefs

across the state

### Health groups want to see fine print in any tobacco deal

WASHINGTON (AP) - The pending tobacco settlement could save lives, the American Cancer Society said Monday, but the group added it won't endorse a deal without reading the fine print to make sure it has adequate safeguards.

Proponents of the deal were encouraged by the response from the public health community, whose support is considered vital for the settlement to be approved by Congress.

Moore and attorneys general from four other states met with tobacco industry lawyers Monday to try to iron out the remaining sticking points in a settlement.

Some 34 states have sued the tobacco industry to recover Medicaid money spent treating sick smokers. Moore is leading negotiations to settle those suits with a multibillion-dollar megadeal that would set national tobacco policy. Among other things, tobacco firms would undergo strict advertising curbs and have to reduce youth smoking or pay stiff fines.

### UNC-CH chancellor sells school as people's university

CHAPEL HILL (AP) - If Michael Hooker ever decides to run for political office, he should have campaigning down pat.

The chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is doing everything but kissing babies in his marathon tour of the state's 100 counties. He is handing out pencils to school children, touring manufacturing plants, meeting farmers, going to NASCAR races and eating loads of barbecue.

Hooker's trip is an effort to counter the arrogant image — "hubris," he called it — that he noticed when he came to UNC-Chapel Hill as chancellor two years ago. He set out to restore the public's pride and feeling of ownership in the university.

Hooker casts himself as public servant, always making a point that part of his salary — and that of the faculty — comes from the paycheck of the factory worker in Mars Hill and the farmer in Franklin County. His message of accountability has struck a chord with legislators and folks who tend to see UNC-CH as an elitist, monolithic institution.

The trek, which so far has hit 78 of the state's 100 counties, seems to be paying off.

across the nation

### Government considers AIDS drugs as morning-after treatment

ATLANTA (AP) - After a night of sex, a woman and her AIDS-infected husband take his drugs together. Another man turns to his doctor for pills after his condom breaks during a one-night stand with an infected partner.

Some doctors are already prescribing such a morning-after treatment for people who fear they may have caught HIV after risky sex, health officials say. Now the government is mulling whether to give it the stamp of approval.

The idea is to give the drugs for a month to stop the AIDS virus cold - if it has invaded the body. But there's no proof that it works, and some doctors fear a government endorsement will be a license for careless sex.

AIDS experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are inviting doctors, state health officials and AIDS advocates to Atlanta in July to talk about the idea, and possibly make a recommendation, said Dr. Robert Janssen, director of the CDC's HIV/AIDS prevention division.

### Jurors learn of McVeigh's past - a model soldier, the class clown

DENVER (AP) - Timothy McVeigh was a lanky class clown dubbed "chicken" by his high school classmates. He was a top-notch soldier who helped save a comrade's life and was saddened by begging Iraqi children.

McVeigh was all of those things before he blew up the Oklahoma City federal building, according to friends and Army colleagues. He was charming at times, a young man who admired fairness. He loved strawberry Pop-Tarts.

Attorneys for the 29-year-old Gulf War veteran hope glimpses of McVeigh's less ominous past will spare him from execution for murder and conspiracy. He faces death or life in prison for the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people, the deadliest act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history.

Testimony in the penalty phase was to resume yesterday. Jurors could begin deliberations as early as today.

around the world

### New TV network could give powerful Moscow mayor a boost

MOSCOW (AP) - At a time when business tycoons have been buying up Russia's media, the newest television network is owned by the city of Moscow and is seen as a major asset for the capital's powerful mayor.

Center TV, the new network that debuted Monday, has a broadcast range limited to Moscow and nearby towns. But its directors hope it will develop a national reach that can compete with the leading networks, state-controlled ORT and privately owned NTV.

Center TV chief Anatoly Lysenko said that the network will launch cable programming next month and expand broadcasts to several large Russian cities by September.

The biggest beneficiary of the new network could be Yuri Luzhkov, Moscow's dynamic mayor, who is seen as a potential presidential candidate in 2000. He's expected to be featured prominently in the network's news broadcasts.

Luzhkov is wildly popular in the capital, winning 90 percent of the vote in last year's election. It's not clear what level of support, if any, he has outside Moscow. Many Russians who live outside the capital are resentful of power and wealth concentrated in Moscow.

## War buddies come to convicted bomber's defense

DENVER (AP) - Timothy McVeigh's fellow Gulf War fighters took the stand today in his bid to escape the death penalty, portraying the convicted Oklahoma City bomber as a compassionate "soldier's soldier."

Capt. Jesus Rodriguez, who commanded McVeigh at Fort Riley, Kan., said there were a lot of problems at the base, but "Sgt. McVeigh was not one of them."

"He was an outstanding soldier," Rodriguez said. "He did what he was told. He anticipated what had to be done, took pride in his work. He had a genuine care for how we looked in front of the company."

As a gunner on an armored fighting vehicle in the Persian Gulf War, McVeigh quickly learned that "if you stay alert, you stay

alive," and was right on target in firing on an enemy bunker, Rodriguez said.

Another Gulf War buddy, Bruce Williams, said McVeigh was "a great soldier" who kept high standards and took things seriously.

"I just assumed he would go and do great things," Williams said.

When he heard that McVeigh was arrested in the bombing, his reaction was "no, no way, couldn't be. I didn't see it. I didn't see it coming. He wasn't that kind of person."

The defense planned to call dozens of witnesses to try to humanize McVeigh and explain the FBI's deadly siege at Waco that fueled his rage against the government.

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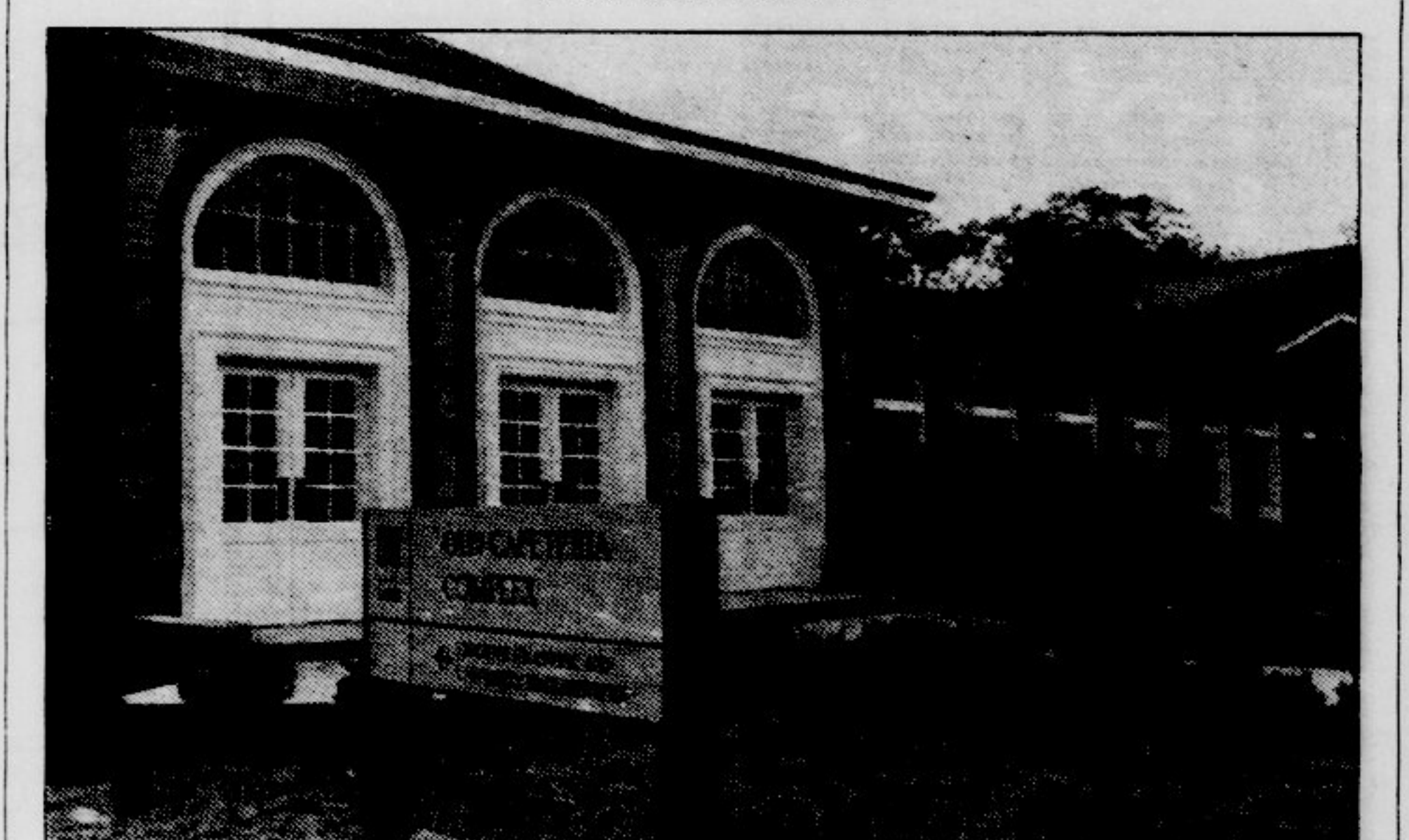
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### FINANCIAL AID



Some of the cosmetic changes already completed on campus include new signs like this one in front of the Financial Aid Office. This summer changes are scheduled for the older residence halls and some dining areas.

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# Campus Briefs

## Domestic violence topic of lecture

Dr. Peggy Goodman, an assistant professor of emergency medicine at the school, lectured on the topic "Social and Professional Challenges in the Fight Against Domestic Violence" on Monday, June 9. Goodman addressed domestic violence as a public health issue that is often unrecognized and unacknowledged by society. She pointed out stereotypes and other issues which impede recognition and intervention, as well as resources available in the community. The presentation was part of the "Perspectives" series, which is sponsored by the medical school's Department of Medical Humanities and the Brody Center of University Medical Center.

## Legislators' School begins Saturday

The Legislators' School for Youth Leadership Development begins Saturday on the campus of ECU. The first session runs through June 28 and is for junior high school students. The student participants are picked for their leadership potential. They will attend classes and participate in activities designed to enhance leadership development. The school was created by the N.C. General Assembly and is under the direction of the Rural Education Institute in the School of Education.

## ECU study reveals rapid entrepreneurial growth across rural North Carolina

Nearly 3,000 businesses in the state's rural areas have been identified as high-growth, innovative firms through ECU's North Carolina Entrepreneurial Rural Growth Study. These firms, on average, are more than 10 years old with approximately 60 employees and revenues of \$7.4 million (in 1995).

As a group, these firms are growing at an annual rate of 23 percent, with most growing at annual rates of more than 60 percent over the past five years, according to survey data.

## Incoming freshmen receive scholarships

Nineteen incoming students have been awarded University Scholar Awards, which will pay \$12,000 for four years of college study and is based on academic achievement and potential for leadership. They are: Alyson Hancock of Havel's Island, Mary Beinson of Annapolis, Tina Register of Vanceboro, Kevin Plythe of Conway, Marsha Harrell of Scotland Neck, Aary Jones of Greenville, Kyrle Dotson of Williamson, Sara Singleton of Washington, Chantene Wilson of Reidsville, Natalie Garrison of Charlotte, Chandra Martin of Washington, Amy Plankert of Winterville, Michaela Brown and Andro Frederick of Fayetteville, Andrea Coley of Goldsboro, Kristy Smith of Seven Springs, Christopher Komegay of Calypso, April Vestal of Clearmont and Melissa Hackworth of West Point.

These students will receive the Chancellor's Scholarship, which will pay \$20,000 over a four-year period and is considered the university's most prestigious. Those students are: They R. Miller of Winterville, Carol Elizabeth Overly of Arlington, Va. and Julianna Elizabeth Methven of Corning, N.Y.

## Correction

A picture accompanying the Timothy McVeigh verdict story in last week's TEC was mislabeled. TEC apologizes for the error.

The caption should have read, "Family members of victims of the Oklahoma bombing react to the verdict. McVeigh was found guilty on all charges. Sentencing began last week."

## Bomber

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By the end of the week, the same jury that convicted McVeigh in the April 19, 1995, blast that killed 168 people is expected to begin deliberating whether he should die by injection or be sentenced to life in prison.

Howard Thompson, now a New York City parking attendant, said he served with McVeigh and found him to be someone who was outspoken about current events, but never forced his views on others.

"He was a soldier's soldier," Thompson said. Thompson said he once went to McVeigh with problems he was having with an officer, and McVeigh advised him to try and work them out while appealing to a higher authority.

"I guess he doesn't like to see a person being oppressed," Thompson said.

McVeigh smiled as his former Army comrades testified on his behalf. He appeared to have received a new haircut cropped very short on the sides.

William Dilly, a prison guard from Barnsville, Ohio, said he also served with McVeigh and believed him to be "probably the best soldier" in his company.

Dilly said McVeigh had a camera with him, and took pictures of dead Iraqis on the battlefield.

"Him and ... Rodriguez were the only ones that got any pictures of any dead Iraqis," Dilly said.

Later, Vicki Hodge, who grew up with McVeigh in Pendleton, N.Y., said she considered him her "second brother" and described him as "a clown, always a happy person."

In ninth grade, he was gangly, and was known as "Chicken

McVeigh" a reference to Chicken Nuggets. It was later shortened to "Chicken."

She said when other people tried to bother his friends, McVeigh tied their bicycles in the trees.

As a teen-ager, McVeigh became interested in guns. "My dad is interested in guns too," she said. "It's a natural thing."

She said he often talked about gun control and in 1989 wrote a letter to the editor on the subject.

"I think one of his biggest arguments was it's not the gun that kills the people, it's the person who pulls the trigger," she said.

The defense later intends to call McVeigh's father, William McVeigh, to discuss how his son always considered himself an underachiever. Other witnesses were expected to include former teachers and experts on Waco. McVeigh's lawyers acknowledge he believed the government murdered women and children at Waco, and was thus a threat to all.

To help them understand more about McVeigh, the defense has promised to put jurors in his boots, to read to them from the pages of his favorite magazine, Soldier of Fortune, and show them videotapes that validated his fear that something terrible happened at Waco.

The defense is trying to counter 2 1/2 days of emotional testimony by bombing survivors, rescuers and victims' relatives who took the stand in the prosecution's bid to make McVeigh pay with his life. Some jurors wept as the witnesses spoke of their lost loved ones and of their lingering pain.

"The defense will clearly focus on McVeigh's absence of criminal history and his military record and they'll hope that his family can speak as eloquently as the many victims of the blast," said Denver defense lawyer Scott Robinson. "But one doubts that."

# Crime Scene

May 26

Larceny-A student reported the larceny of his bicycle from west of Mendenhall.

May 27

Damage to Property-A staff member reported that a tractor trailer had damaged a parking sign in the 14th Street Berkeley Dr. parking lot. The vehicle was located and stopped and the driver was issued a state citation.

Request Officer-A faculty member at the Brody Building reported having problems with her ex-husband. The co-worker was informed on how to obtain a domestic violence order and a restraining order.

Attempted Larceny-A faculty member reported the lock to a storage vault had been broken. It appeared that person(s) unknown attempted to take a 35 inch television. The incident occurred in the Fletcher Music Building.

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After his recent interview on VH-1 declaring him the "Rock & Roll President", President Clinton may have made some new fans among the viewers of the music video cable channel, but he sparked the criticism of House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

According to Gingrich, Clinton as well as endorsed drug use by not speaking against it during the program. In a letter sent to the White House and various news organizations, Gingrich said to Clinton: "Silence sends a message ... that drug use isn't that big a deal."

Gingrich's concerns and comments pointed out the fact that there was no mention of drug abuse on the VH-1 special. Once again, Snooty-Newty might have jumped the gun with his accusations.

A representative of the White House, Mike McCurry, in response to Gingrich's letter, said there was no need for Clinton to address drug abuse during that program. Unlike MTV, VH-1 is targeted toward an older, more mature audience of "post Second World War baby boom generation not prone to drug abuse." According to McCurry, Clinton was simply speaking to the audience he thought was listening.

The President has done his share of speaking out against drug abuse. Just last month at a forum on drug abuse held by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Clinton spoke sharply against the fashion industry's use of the allure of heroin in its sales pitch. Clinton said he was concerned that the industry's use of "gaunt looking models who appear to be in a stupor" has made the idea of being on drugs (heroin in particular) seem glamorous and cool. White House representatives said Clinton's disdain toward the fashion industry came after the death of David Sorrenti, a 20-year-old fashion designer whose work often captured a "heroin look." Sorrenti himself died of a drug overdose.

So we can clearly see the President's efforts to speak out against drug abuse, and we are quite sure had he been addressing MTV viewers on last Wednesday night and not the older VH-1 audience, he would have taken an appropriate stand against drugs.

OPINION Columnist

Maria DIBUDDO Four-year degree isn't enough

I thought a four-year degree would do it for me. Boy, am I surprised! It just is not enough.

A young person can do a lot with a four-year degree, but for an older traditional alumni, such as myself, it is more difficult. Add a disability to age and it gets even harder to find employment that will pay the bills and leave just a little left over.

This is exactly the predicament that I find myself in, along with several others. Those numbers out there do not mean anything when nearly one third of each paycheck is deducted for tax purposes. A \$20,000 a year job gives take home pay that is just in the low teens. In order to bring home a salary in the low twenties, one must earn in the thirties.

Having raised a family and having been a mother and a homemaker for most of my adult life is not in one's favor when it comes to employment. Those years are just a big zero. At least that is how potential employers look at it.

Every job I look at that can meet my basic expenses of a car payment, rent, food, clothes and some entertainment requires a Masters degree and about one year of experience. I could move away, but my home is here. Giving up what I have here to go to some unknown and unex-

plored place is scary. Again, a younger person is not so timid and more adventurous. Maybe that is why it is one of the reasons that it is easier to get hired, in the first place, when you are a younger person.

In Brookfield, Wisconsin, there is a job for a copywriter. That is a long ways away. Moving expenses are not included, and it pays little.

President Clinton has a committee to help people like me. I even printed out a copy of it from the internet. Now I need to figure out how to get that committee to help me.

Offering a person a job that is not even going to cover his or her basic expenses is like offering no job. What good will that do if one's finances are not considered? I like to write. I love to write. I believe I can write about anything. If there happens to be a person reading this that can direct me to a job that pays good and requires writing and imagination and investigative skills, please let me know about it.

Most students are not aware of the amount of money it will take to finance a car, rent an apartment, or mortgage a home, buy food, gas, clothes, and have just a little for recreation and some to put into a savings account for a rainy day. Many corporate managers and others making big money are now

homeless. The average person is just two pay checks away from being homeless. This is because mortgage companies for homes, and loan companies for automobiles, and landlords who collect rent normally let a person get behind for a month. Let a person get two months behind and foreclosure, repossession, and eviction procedures start.

The younger graduate has a sort of security blanket, often times, in that their parents will bail them out if and when necessary. My parents are deceased. I, and a lot of others like me, have no security net to catch me if I should fall.

I have thought about a home based business. Maybe this will work for me. I like writing copy. Perhaps a small business loan to start up such an operation is the route I will take. I am undecided.

I could write columns for the newspaper. Perhaps my own column. Still I would need to get a good salary to do this. Even employment in the federal government does not pay much, but with a master's degree, one can start out in the forties.

So look ahead, plan and consider all your options before you mindlessly take a job. Know exactly where you are going and how you are going to get there.



OPINION Columnist

William S. COCHRAN Mechanics, profession of disrepair

I thought auto mechanics were the lowest on the pond ecological chain (next in line to picaresque opinion columnists, of course). I mean, is there a more helpless or angrier feeling than standing at the counter of Meineke, Firestone, etc. as the mechanic with a grimy, disdainful contempt for you (the Non-Grimy) tells you your pipes have crystallized and it's gonna cost \$150 or whatever?

I mean, at least with doctors there's a sincerity (and the worry of malpractice) that makes hospital experiences tolerable. But with mechanics, it seems a bitter acceptance that getting gipped is part of getting the car fixed. Even worse, you just hope they haven't done something inside the engine that's

gonna cost you a few hundred bucks down the road (pun blatantly intended).

Well, I've found an acrid solace. There is a profession that openly disregards honest workmanship more than mechanics: TV and stereo repairmen. Here is a group of guys who charge 20 bucks before they even look at your TV and keep the money. Even if you decide not to pay the near-retail price they charge to fix the thing.

What is it with fixing things that constitutes such overt disregard for honesty? Is it the fact that Mr. Fix-It thinks they'd rather pay outrageous repair fees than just throw the TV, stereo, car, or whatever away?

I say we, the consumers, fight

back, banning together to collect all those old appliances (like that 72 waffle iron or the electric orange juice maker) and start sending them in to crooked repairmen. We'll flood them with old appliances, send them by the box-loads, a virtual deluge of crappy appliances. We'll be like the Israelites leading the Egyptians into the Red Sea. We'll lure them in with broken toasters, black-and-white TVs, and microwaves that still have dials. Then we'll drown them in 206s and mtrv phones and 8-track players. It'll be freedom from oppression. Freedom from robbery. Freedom from scammers and deceit and, oh yes, it definitely needed a new electric retention spring. Freedom!!!

OPINION Columnist

Mary WEBB Students don't brake for (campus) safety

Students are busy people. We hurry to class, we hurry to eat, we hurry to get our leisure time. Maybe that is what explains a daily occurrence on 10th Street.

Throughout the day and especially in the morning, you see groups of laughing and chatting students congregated at the bottom of the Hill, waiting for the green light to cross over into campus grounds. But then there some who are not so patient. A few minutes is much too long for these students to hang around at the side of the road. No sir — they are in a hurry and they must cross NOW.

So, with traffic rushing from all directions, these students swagger out on the road, glaring down motorists who dare to beep their horns. In a dangerous car and mouse game they walk a few steps, then stop, continuing the process until the mission is accomplished. Cars pass a few inches away. Others jam on their breaks, tires squealing as they desperately try to avoid hitting these dimwits.

Okay, many of us have done the same thing at some time in our lives. I know that I have... but not on a continuous basis. A couple of these students informed me that only "incredible bores" wait for the green light before crossing. I guess that's the majority of us. However, even one injury or death due to this impatience (or ignorance) is too many.

On campus pedestrians have the right of way at intersections

and crossings. Unfortunately, I have witnessed both students and faculty, not to mention ECU employees who race around the grounds as if they are on their own private race tracks. A few weeks ago, I saw a blind student with his cane extended in front of him, stand opposite The Croatan for a good ten minutes, while all types of motorists hurriedly zoomed past. Besides the obvious callousness of the situation, I wondered about the more dangerous aspects of it.

I have always taken my mortality and good health for granted. Not anymore. Now I pay attention to simple stuff like this and wait — like an "incredible bore" — for the green light. Hey, I'm in no big hurry to get injured. Or to die.

OPINION Columnist

Jeff BERGMAN Good neighbors don't sue

Neighbors, we all have them: we all must deal with them. Your neighbor might live above or below, right next door or a few miles down the road. Some neighbors are nice, while others can be down right nasty. The nice neighbors invite you over for a barbecue, a couple of beers or just to watch a good movie. The bad neighbors play their music loud all the time, complain about everything or they sue you.

Bob Ramey, a city council member who represents the fourth district, which includes Toler, Belk, Jones, Aycock and Scott residence halls, has decided to take his neighbor to court. Ramey has taken it upon himself to throw another case onto the overburdened back of the American judicial system. Ramey installed some sky lights this past August. Ramey's neighbor, Stella Terpenning, has a tree whose limbs extend some 60 feet over his property. Ramey had to have known about the tree before he had

the sky lights installed. Perhaps he would have us believe the tree grew 60 feet in a matter of months.

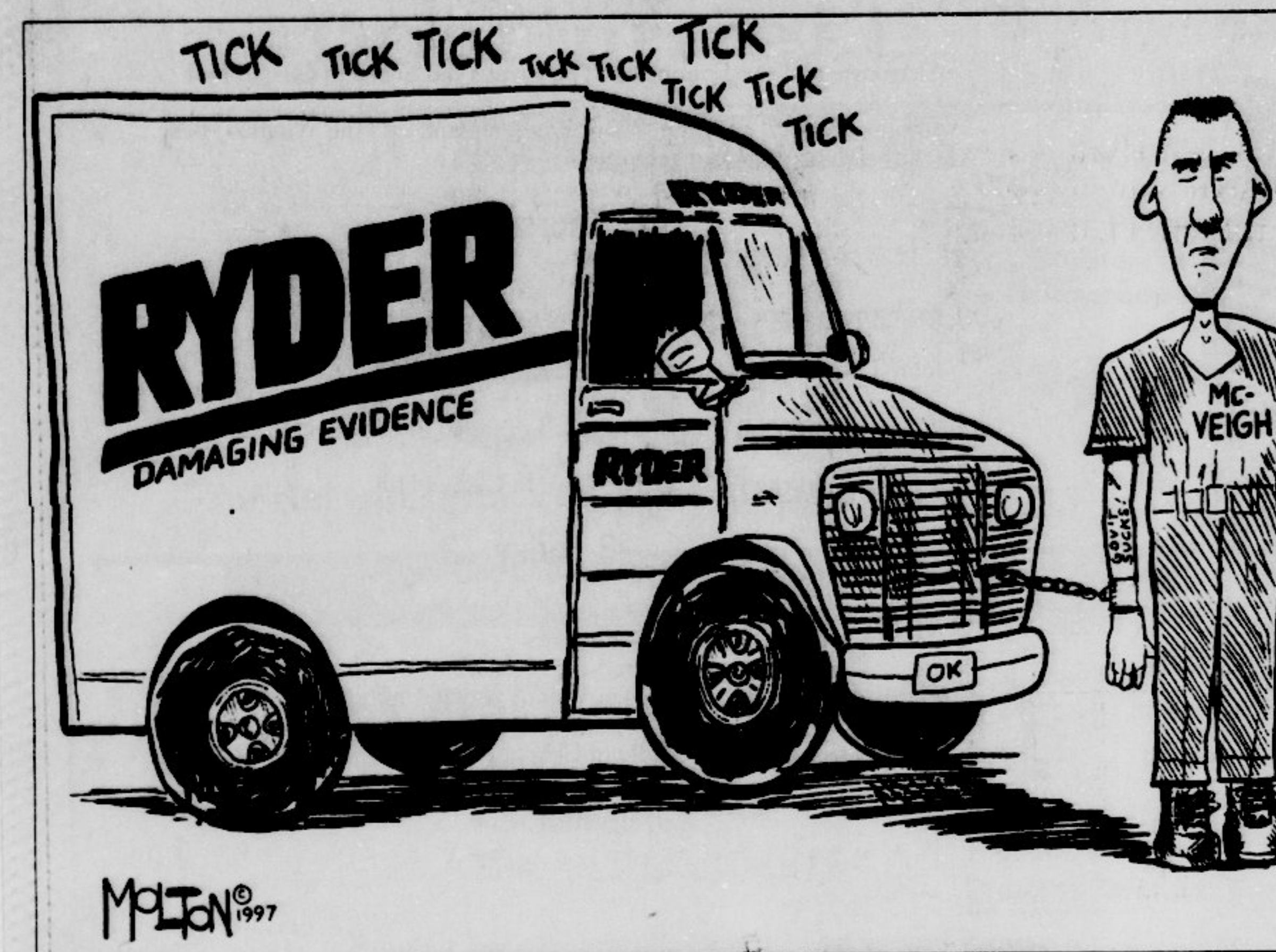
Ramey has the legal right to cut the tree limbs. The problem is that Ramey or whoever is going to cut the limbs has to climb the tree. Terpenning does not want anyone to climb the tree, for fear of hurting the tree. The person climbing the tree will most likely use tree spikes, which could hurt the tree.

Even if Terpenning were to allow someone to climb the tree, the person doing the cutting has to go onto Terpenning's property. Terpenning does not want anyone who is cutting the limbs of the tree to come onto her property. She has a very good reason as to why she will not allow anyone on her property. She is afraid of being sued for liability if the person doing the cutting were to fall out of the tree and injure themselves. I do not know why Terpenning would think her neighbor would sue her for liability. Maybe this fear of litigation stems from Ramey's current law

suit and his threat of one a couple of years ago.

It would seem the tree limbs are not the only problem Mr. Ramey has with his neighbor's pine tree. A couple of years ago Ramey threatened to sue his neighbor because of the tree roots that were growing onto his property. It appears that Terpenning's fear of litigation is justified.

Bob Ramey has said he has tried to be a good neighbor. Call me old fashioned but I do not think suing your 70-year-old widowed neighbor for a \$100 is being a good neighbor. Ramey also says he was trying to protect his property. Protect his property, does Mr. Ramey feel that the tree threatens him? Maybe Ramey has seen the movie Poltergeist one too many times. Or perhaps he just has a vendetta against trees, sort of the anti-Arbor day person. Whatever his reasons, I am pretty sure a city council member has better things to do than pursue a frivolous lawsuit against neighbors.



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**Richard**

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energetic moment that perfectly exemplifies the passion Pacino and his crew share for the bard and their film. *Richard* is more than simply an exercise in interpretation. It is passion captured on celluloid. Many may think it silly for adults to become so emotional over a simple play, but it is emotion that allows great things to be created. When there are so many forgettable films filled with forgettable performances floating around the cinema sewage system, it is extremely refreshing and inspiring to watch a group of professionals put forth so much time and energy into a work with more regard for quality

than financial return.

Pacino expertly manages to make his film artistic without being snobby about it. He more than offers something for everyone. Mainstream movie fans will be delighted with the star-studded cameos *Richard* offers, including such famous actors as Kenneth Branagh, Kevin Kline, Alec Baldwin, and Winona Ryder; film scholars will applaud Pacino's use of cinema verité and expressionistic editing; historians will acknowledge references to how the play reflects the culture and ideology of a particular historical moment; and educators will appreciate the film's efforts to explain such literary concepts as iambic pentameter.

Pacino may not have known what he was doing while filming *Looking For Richard* (he constantly makes jokes about being clueless as to what to do next), but the finished product is an amazing and completely absorbing work that greatly deserves a long life for future generations to learn from and enjoy. Whether or not Shakespeare would approve of Pacino's passion is left for others to debate. As far as I am concerned, *Looking For Richard* is a rare example of a film that has much to say and give, and an even rarer example of a film that feeds the viewer's brain.

Stayed tuned next week as we once again indulge in brain candy with some form of a Hollywood blockbuster. I don't know what it will be, but chances are it'll have lots of explosions, plenty of witty one-liners, three or more screenwriters and a couple of overpaid actors. Gee, I think I've already seen that movie.

**Showtime**

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Glenmont Popes, Smooch and Ubang Stomp at Local 506 in Chapel Hill.

Jim Smith and his Tall Buildings at The Cave in Chapel Hill.

Delbert McClinton at Town Point Park in Norfolk, Va.

John Michael Montgomery and Kevin Sharp at Harbor Park in Norfolk, Va.

**14 Saturday**

Col. Bruce Hampton and The Fji Mariners at Peasant's.

Nothingface, Stuck Mojo, and Tree at The Mission in Raleigh.

The Jumpstarts with Innocent Nixon at The Car's Cradle in Chapel Hill.

Mumblefish, Disciples of Agriculture and Fine Tops at Local 506 in Chapel Hill.

Wayne Kramer at The Lizard and Snake in Chapel Hill.

Joe Bell and his Stringing Blades at The Cave in Chapel Hill.

The Beach Boys and Chicago at the Virginia Beach Amphitheater in Virginia Beach, Va.

Leo Korte at the 24th Street Stage in Virginia Beach, Va.

**15 Sunday**

Friend Side Monkey and Ivanovich at the Cat's Cradle in Carboro.

**16 Monday**

Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefer Band at Walnut Creek Amphitheatre in Raleigh.

Stuart Hoyle at The Cave in Chapel Hill.

Ape Foot Groove and Disco Biscuits at The Lizard and Snake in Chapel Hill.

Papas Fritas and The Hang Ups at Local 506 in Chapel Hill.

**17 Tuesday**

Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefer Band at Walnut Creek Amphitheatre in Raleigh.

NC Songwriters Alliance at The Cave in Chapel Hill.

Roadside Monument, Arvin and Another 7 Fold at Local 506 in Chapel Hill.

No Doubt, Weezer and the Lunachicks at the Virginia Beach Amphitheater in Virginia Beach, Va.


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# fast break

## Malone gets redemption, Stockton gets Jazz the victory

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** - Karl Malone has redemption. John Stockton has Utah even with the mighty Chicago Bulls in the NBA Finals. Given a chance to relieve his nightmare at the foul line in Game 1, Malone made two free throws with 18 seconds to play to help the Jazz to a 78-73 victory Sunday night, squaring the best-of-7 series at two games apiece. Stockton did the rest - shooting, stealing and, of course, passing Utah to a 9-0 run over the last 1 1/2 minutes. Utah can move within one win of its first NBA title with a victory Wednesday night in the Delta Center, where the Jazz are 48-3 this season - with 23 straight wins - and 10-0 in the playoffs. The Bulls haven't been shooting, stealing and, of course, passing Jordan to lead Chicago past Portland for the second of his four championships. "It's stunning for us," Chicago's Luc Longley said, "and all that means is that we will come out in the next game and do it again. It's a three-game series now." The dramatic scenario Sunday night was the kind of thing that usually must be invented by scribes. With 18 seconds remaining and Utah leading 75-73, Malone was fouled. Everyone flashed back to Game 1 in Chicago, when Malone missed two free throws in the final seconds, allowing Jordan to win the game with a jumper at the buzzer.

## ACC referees believe they must attend Barakat's camp for assignments

**RALEIGH (AP)** - Atlantic Coast Conference referees say they have their own version of pay to play: to get lucrative game assignments they must pay to attend summer camps owned or operated by the league's supervisor of basketball officials. That supervisor, Fred Barakat, decides how many games referees work and determines how much money they make. Referees say that not only must they pay to attend Barakat's for-profit summer instructional camps, some also agree to work without pay as supervisors at the camp to make certain the good assignments keep coming. "I've always felt it was a conflict of interest," said Rusty Herring of Durham, a former ACC official who now referees in the Big East and Southeastern conferences. Herring, who left the ACC in 1993, said he worked at several of Barakat's camps because he thought that if he did not, Barakat would not assign him a full schedule of games. "I was not paid," Herring said. "It was an understood thing that you had to work the camps to receive a schedule." Barakat, who was paid \$100,000 by the ACC in 1996, also is paid to find and assign basketball referees for two other leagues: the Big South Conference and the Colonial Athletic Association, which includes East Carolina University and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

## Shocked by assault during game, American ump in Japan quits

**TOKYO (AP)** - Working as the only American professional baseball umpire in Japan, Mike DiMuro expected some squabbles over strike zones and balk calls. But when a batter poked him on the chest at home plate, and hordes of angry players surrounded him in the middle of a game, he'd had enough. After a meeting with the head of Japan's Central League, which had invited him to teach correct officiating, DiMuro said Monday he was packing his bags and going home. "I hope that if anything comes out of this, what comes out is that no physical assaults will be tolerated on umpires and they will be able to do their job safely," the 29-year-old Triple A umpire said. Japan is one of the most crime-free and nonviolent countries in the world. But the immensely popular sport of baseball is frequently marred by macho brawls, although they rarely result in serious injuries. The critical difference highlighted by DiMuro's experience is how little respect umpires get in Japan. Umpires waddling in the face of disgruntled managers and players are part of the sport here.

## Hollar leads after first day

**MOREHEAD CITY (AP)** - Adrian Hollar of Newport jumped to the top of the leader board Monday when he weighed in a 431-pound blue marlin on the first day of the Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament. Hollar, the tournament winner in 1995, is the captain of the Sea Striker, the third and final boat to weigh in a blue marlin. Only 44 of the 179 boats in the field elected to fish the first day because rough weather conditions were forecast offshore. Harvey Shifter IV of Mantoo on the Outer Limits grabbed the initial lead after weighing in a 312-pound blue marlin. Michael Warren of Hastings on the Hastings Blue brought in a 401-pound blue marlin. First place for a competitor entered in all blue marlin divisions is worth \$366,725.

## Richmond lands Colonial Athletic Association hoops tourney for 10 years

**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)** - Richmond will be home to the Colonial Athletic Association basketball tournament for the next 10 years under an agreement that is expected to be signed this week. The agreement also could bring many of the conference's other spring championships to Richmond as contracts with other cities expire and as local facilities become available. City Manager Robert C. Bobb said Monday he and CAA Commissioner Tom Yeager have an agreement in concept. Some of the details have to be worked out, but Bobb said he expects to sign a contract quickly. "This is a huge, huge beginning," Bobb said. The CAA is a Division I league with nine members, including six from Virginia. League members include American, East Carolina, George Mason, James Madison, North Carolina-Wilmington, Old Dominion, Richmond, Virginia Commonwealth and William and Mary. Yeager said Richmond has been "very aggressive" in seeking tournaments in addition to basketball. Such possibilities in future years include golf and baseball.

## TRIVIAtime

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# Ironwood ideal for all golfers

AMANDA ROSS  
SPORTS EDITOR

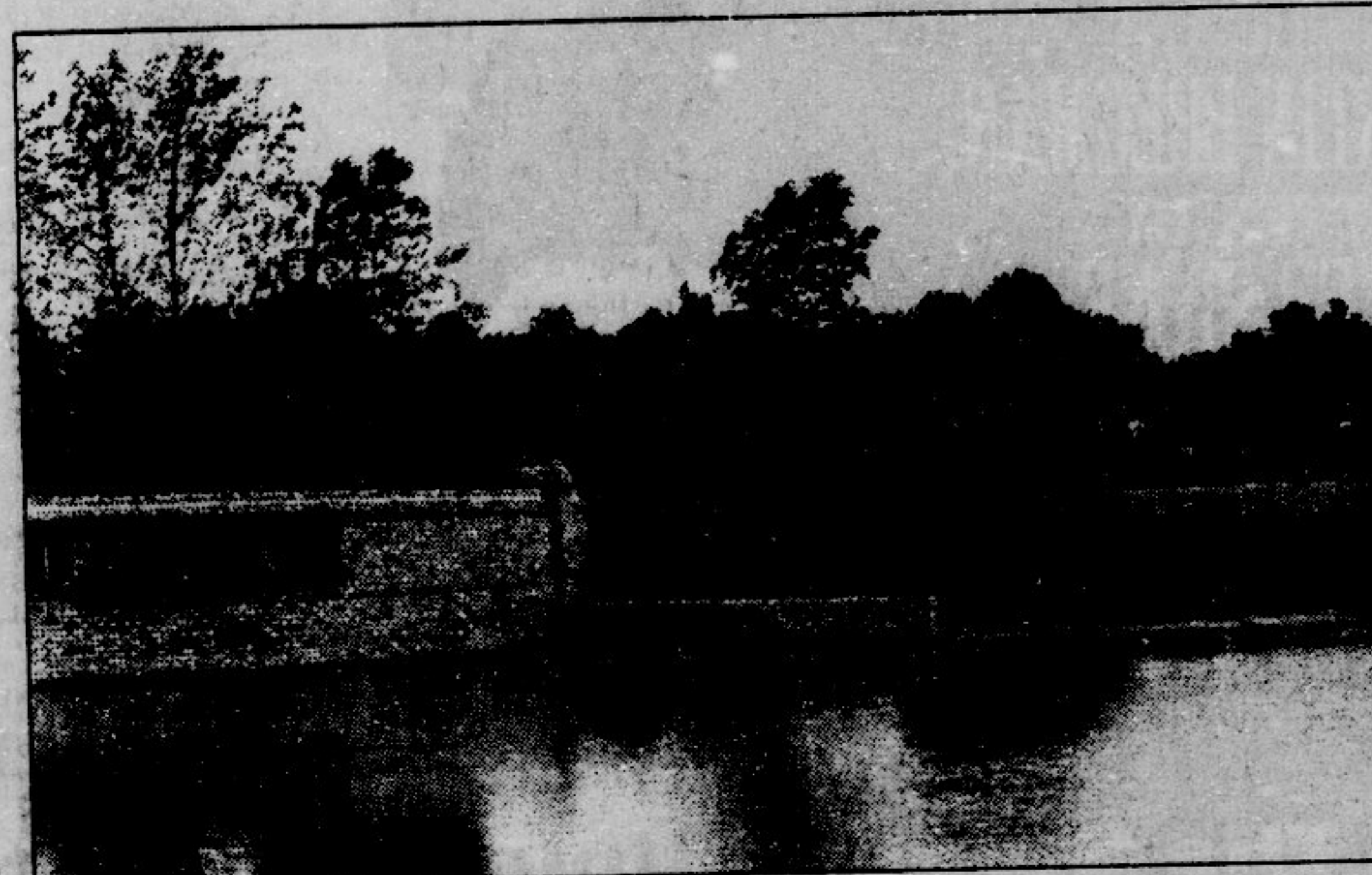
This is the first of a series of articles in which we will profile golf courses around the area that are open to public use.

One of the newest golf courses to hit this area is Ironwood Golf and Country Club, which opened on May 1, 1996. This is a private club, but they do allow daily play to non-members. What makes this course unique is the fact it was designed by professional golfer Lee Trevino and is the first Trevino signature course east of the Mississippi. John LaMonica, who has been the club pro since the first day of business, says this course is very member friendly and offers each level of golfer a different challenge.

"It's a good challenge from the back tees for the real good golfer, but yet it's not so tough that the average golfer could get beat up," LaMonica said. The course was cut from the wooded landscape for the back nine holes and farm land for the front nine, which makes the layout more open on the front and less on the back. LaMonica said when Trevino last visited the course he asked that someone be put between some of the holes on the front nine and currently that is exactly what the grounds crew is working on. But they won't plant too many, since homes are being built around the entire golf course, which will help break up some of that openness. With the difference in landscape between the front and back holes, LaMonica says golfers get a different feel for their surroundings.

"You get two different looks," LaMonica said. "You get the look of the links look along with a nice wooded look." The lush green fairways are complemented with greens made of a new crested bent grass, which is more heat tolerant for the hot North Carolina summers. This type of grass also allows the greens to be firmer which helps the ball stick. LaMonica, who also worked as a club pro at Brook Valley (Greenville) for eight years, says this is one of the better designs he has seen. "I thing with the piece of property they had, they've done a great job," LaMonica said. "It's similar to Brook Valley because you never get tired of playing it. Here you get different challenges." To play at Ironwood, proper attire is required and that consists of shirts that have collars. Ironwood also does not allow steel spikes, only soft spikes. This is a format many golf courses are changing to because the soft spikes don't tear up the greens as badly. During the summer, play will cost \$35 for 18 holes and a cart on Mondays through Thursdays. The remaining three days, the cost is \$39. Ironwood isn't just a golf course, as it offers many amenities, even to the non-golfer. Christine's, which is a highly reputable restaurant at the Hilton in Greenville, has opened up another restaurant called Christine's at Ironwood.

Dining for dinner is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, with a Sunday brunch and for lunch Tuesday through Friday. The golf shop, which offers everything from shirts to balls to clubs, has a polished look and is beautiful in design. LaMonica says the cabinets came from Oregon and were made specially for this pro shop. If you're not too sure about your golf swing, LaMonica does offer golf lessons during the week, Tuesday through Sunday. He says usually his lessons last about 45 minutes and the cost is 30 dollars per session and during the year he runs specials in which a golfer can receive four lessons for the price of three and he is very flexible on times. Group lessons are also given. Looking at this course you can see the precision put into every hole. This course is perfect for the golfer looking for the ultimate challenge or the casual golfer looking for a little relaxation. For more information about this course, LaMonica can be reached at 752-4653.



(above) Ironwood's entrance immediately shows the beauty of this course from the beginning. This course was designed by pro golfer Lee Trevino. (left) Darin Gibbs from Tennessee enjoys a round of golf. PHOTO BY PATRICK HELLAR

# Irates come up short in tournament

AMANDA ROSS  
SPORTS EDITOR

After missing the cut to the nationals last season, the men's Ultimate Frisbee Team headed to California last week with the intention of bringing

home the national title. The Irates, who took the title in 1994 and '95, came up short this year in their quest and finished third in the tournament behind champion University of California-Santa Barbara and runner-up Stanford. They finish with year 30-6. During Friday play they defeated Cornell 17-7 and Oberlin, Ohio, 17-5. The next day they beat Madison 16-14 and LSU 17-9 and then lost to

Santa Barbara 6-17. In semi-final action, the Irates lost to Stanford 8-17. Tim Dorn, a three year player, said the eventual champ, Santa Barbara, was an overall sound team. "Santa Barbara was just phenomenal," Dorn said. "They deserved to win."

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# Overton leaves as accomplished coach

ANTHONY STANFILL  
SENIOR WRITER

The winningest coach in East Carolina baseball history, Gary Overton, submitted his resignation

Monday, June 2 after 13 years as head coach. The announcement came out publicly Tuesday, June 3, but Overton when asked about his retirement this week said "he isn't saying anything on the record." Overton will officially vacate his post at the end of the month. In 13 seasons as head coach, Overton compiled a 427-237-1 record. But Overton's roots have been

planted at ECU since the late 1960's as a student. He then went on to be an assistant coach in the 1970's and head coach beginning in 1984. Overton became an assistant in 1977, while teaching as a member of the ECU physical education department.

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# Track teams run to successful year

KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Even though the men's and women's track teams have gone through a couple of obstacles this year, they managed to perform at a high level throughout the season. Bill Carson, coach of the ECU men's track team, said outside influences hampered the runners during some meets this year. "The weather was a major obstacle to endure this year," Carson said. It is difficult to run in cold temperatures when your lungs and muscles are hurting from the cool and

wet weather. Carson could only recall a couple of meets when the weather was decent. "There was only two meets that we competed in that were over 60 degrees," Carson said. Even though the ECU women's track team suffered a few injuries to some of their veterans, they managed to break 10 individual records and four school records. Charles "Choo" Justice, coach of the ECU women's track team, said the freshmen played a big part on this year's squad. "The freshmen exceeded our expectations for them and performed great," Justice said. Both Carson and Justice agree that this year has been a good year

for their individual teams. "This year gave us the chance to establish ourselves in the conference and in the NCAA," Justice said. Even the attitudes of the runners on the ECU women's track team changed this year. "My kids went from being excited just about making the NCAA tournament to expecting to go to the tournament every year," Justice said. The men's 4x400 meter relay team this year, (James Alexander, Darrick Ingram, Mike Miller and Damon Davis) did really well, finishing 53rd in the NCAA tournament last week. They finished in fifth place in the tournament. With the finish they earned All-American honors. "This year was a good year for us; we achieved a lot," Carson said. Both teams are looking to the future. Carson believes that his 4x400 relay team could finish in the top three at the NCAA tournament. He also wants to finish in the top 10 IC4A tournament, which has 101 east coast teams in it. Justice is looking into the immediate future, where he hopes to have some All-Americans on the team. (To be an All-American a runner must be rated in the top seven of their event.) "With the students coming back and the freshmen joining the team, we will might have a few All-Americans on our team," Justice said.

ECU, which will begin its first season as a football-playing member of Conference USA this fall, was selected as the league's preseason favorite by the sports information directors of CUSA during their annual meetings in Tampa, Fla.

ECU and Southern Miss each had 44 points, however, the Pirates garnered the top spot by virtue of receiving four first place votes, compared to two for the Golden Eagles.

Louisville was tabbed third with 31 points, just ahead of 1996 Liberty Bowl participant Houston who finished fourth with 29. Cincinnati was selected fifth in the poll followed by Memphis and Tulane.

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**Irates**

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When asked whether fatigue from traveling across the west coast had any influence on the team, Doran said it was the factor of their California opponents just being in better shape.

"We were competing in not as

good shape as the California teams," Doran said.

The weather was, however, a factor.

"It was murderously hot and they are used to it," Doran said. "They were in better shape and Santa Barbara was just a better team."

With many of the members of the team, Doran said that they will definitely look to be as successful as this year and possibly bring home the title.

"We'll definitely be contenders against next year," Doran said.

The regular season may be over, but summer league play will begin in the next few weeks. During the summer, according to Doran, the Irates compose themselves of four different teams and play each other. This is just like four different components of one team breaking up into four teams to play one another.

This is the perfect way to get introduced to Ultimate Frisbee and learn what it is all about. It is open to anyone who is interested in playing and is for both men and women.

For more information, interested persons can call Mike Wiegand at 551-1386 to find out more about the Irates.

**Overton**

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ECU has appeared in 11 NCAA tournaments with him on staff, including five with him as head coach. Those same teams won 10 conference championships in three different conferences, including the Southern Conference (1970, '74, '77), the ECAC-South (1982, '85), and their present conference, the Colonial Athletic Association (1987, '89, '90, '91-'93).

Overton was named CAA Coach of the Year, as well as the recipient of the 1991 Will Wynne Award given by the Raleigh Hot Stove League. The award is presented annually to the North Carolinian who contributed the most to baseball the previous year. Some of Overton's other accomplishments include the American Baseball Coaches Association naming him the East Region Coach of the Year in 1993. And in 1979, he served as head coach for the Greenville American Legion team, which won area and league championships.

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Overton isn't leaving ECU completely, though. He will continue to teach in the physical education department.

The Pirates haven't hired a new coach yet, but the school will be advertising in the NCAA News for a new head coach. Assistant Athletic Director Henry VanSant hopes to have a new coach named shortly after the middle of July.


One of the names that has popped up as a potential candidate is Billy Best, a former Pirate and coach, who is an assistant at N.C. State. Howard McCullough, who finished in 1976 at East Carolina, has also been mentioned as a candidate.

Mike Fox, the head coach of Division III school North Carolina Wesleyan, is another candidate. Fox just finished his 14th season at Wesleyan, including a fifth place finish in this year's College World Series. He has a 498-132-4 record and has guided the Bishops to the Division III Regionals for the 16th time in the last 17 years.

Others whose names have emerged as possible coaches include Roger Williams, a former ECU assistant now at Carolina; and Danny Price, the head coach at Florida International.

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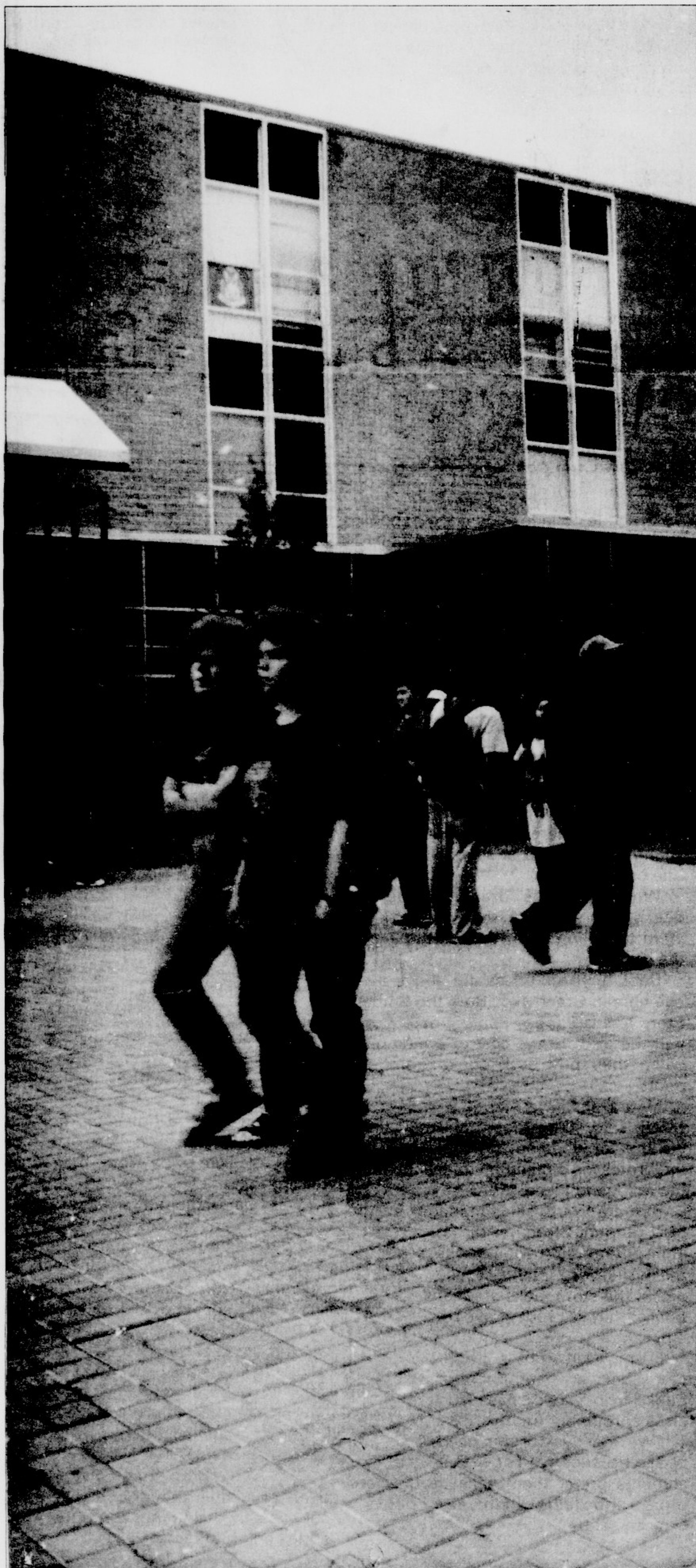
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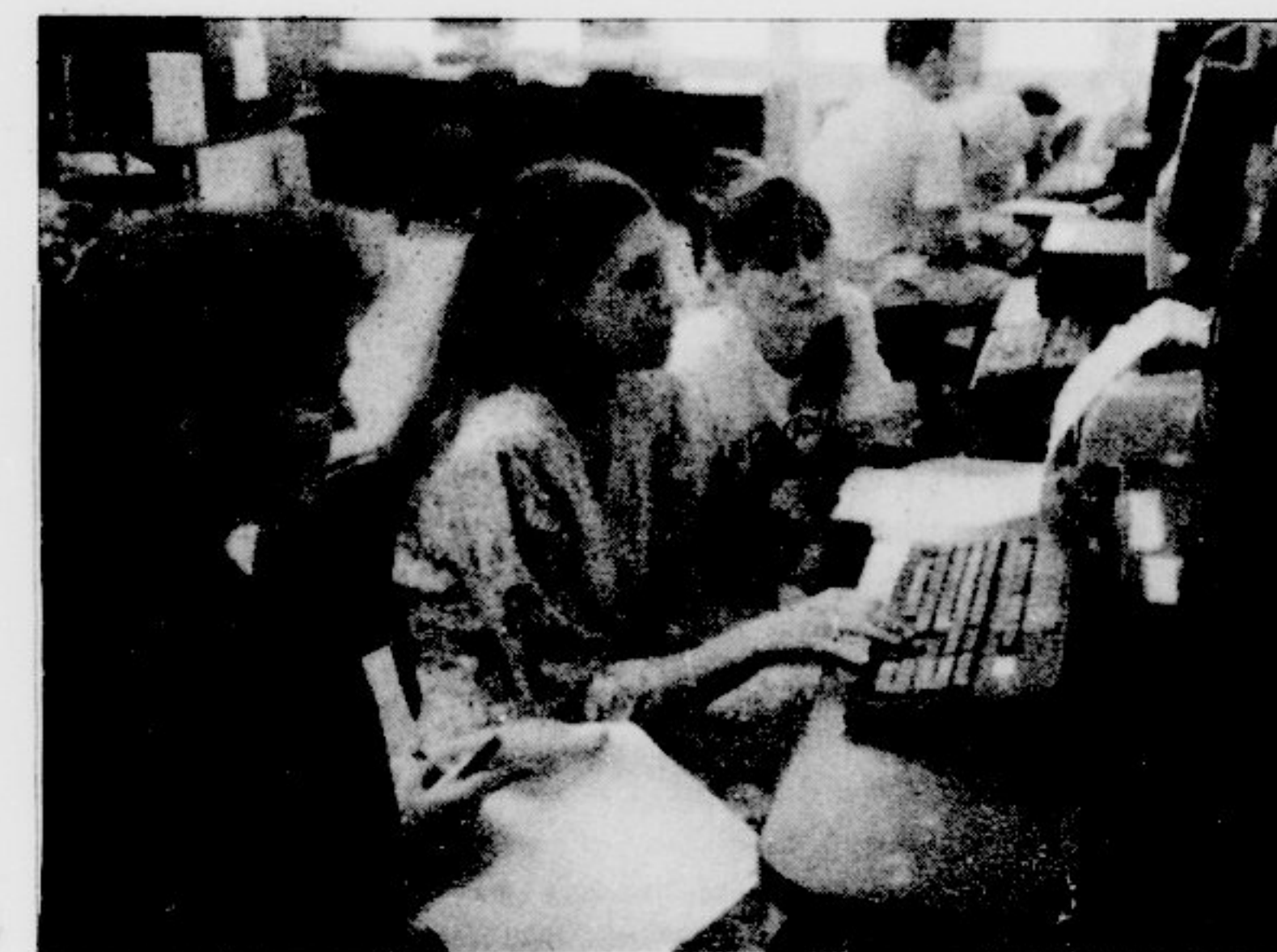
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# Orientation

Jacqueline D. Kellum  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With orientation starting up for another year, incoming freshmen need to be aware of what they need to do to make the most of it.

Beth Anne Pretty, director of orientation and First Year Experience, says orientation students should keep in mind that all of the planned sessions have a specific purpose in mind. These sessions might include an introduction to ECU's academic regulations, taking placement tests or watching slots depicting the potential problems of college life.

"We feel that all of the sessions are important, and that they should attend all of them because they're all there for a reason," Pretty said.

In addition to attending all the sessions, Pretty said, it is also important for students to come ready to actively participate.

"The most important thing I could say to them is to ask questions," Pretty said.

Orientation students should also remember to take advantage of the people resources offered them at orientation. The orientation assistants are upperclassmen who have been trained to help freshmen make their transition into college life as smooth as possible, and are there to help. And if there is no orientation session immediately available, there are usually other currently attending students who are willing to answer questions. "We've usually had comments that

most people are pretty nice around here," said former orientation assistant John Reeves.

While all sessions are important, there are a few in particular that could make the difference between a good start to a successful academic career or a disappointing freshman year, such as the session which introduces students to their prospective majors.

The placement tests in foreign languages, chemistry, mathematics and English let students know if they need to take any remedial courses or if they are eligible to place out of the first level of some classes.

Another extremely important session is the one at which IDs are made. An ID is a must-have for any college student. With it, students are eligible to participate in campus activities and take advantage of resources like the campus computer labs or the Student Rec Center.

Orientation students will get an introduction to the Rec Center on the first night of orientation, when from 9-11 p.m. they will get an opportunity to tour the new facility, participate in demo aerobics classes, see a martial arts demonstration, learn cheers from the ECU cheerleaders, and enjoy free food. This activity is a new one for Orientation this year.

"We're very excited, because the first night will be in the Rec Center, so that's very different," Pretty said.

Orientation students should keep in mind that orientation is there for them to learn about their new school and to enjoy, but it is up to them to take advantage of it.

## REGISTRATION THE WAY TO HAVE CLASS

Member Burgess  
News Editor

As freshmen at East Carolina University, students will be taking on many new responsibilities, one of which is registration.

"Students must learn to take responsibility and accountability for their academic future," said Beth Anne Pretty, director of orientation. "It is important for students to go to all of the sessions in orientation and ask questions, [because] now is the time to ask. A lot of students walk in thinking that someone is going to tell them what to take and this is not the case."

Registration is the responsibility of the student. Each student should keep in mind several factors that could prevent a smooth registration process.

One important thing for freshmen to remember is that if they are tagged they cannot register. Being tagged means that the student has an unpaid fee somewhere on campus. These fees could range from an overdue library book to an unpaid parking ticket.

"Students can check to see if they are tagged by looking at ECU's Web Site," Pretty said.

Students can find the Web Site at <http://www.ecu.edu>.

Another important thing for students to know is how many hours they need to take. In most cases, for students to receive financial aid and loans they have to be a full time student. A full time student is a student who is enrolled in at least twelve hours per semester.

Students must meet with their advisers, whose names are listed on each student's

schedule. Students must obtain their advisers' signature on the registration form that will be given to them by their adviser.

"The signature signifies that the student met with his or her advisor and yes, the classes he or she signed up for will work toward the major the student has chosen," Pretty said.

The best time for students to meet with their adviser is a week or two before registration. This is important because advisers are usually here and they are busy with their own classes.

"Don't wait until the last minute," Pretty said.

Students should also keep in mind that the classes they sign up for at registration partially determine the success of their college career. Even if the registration process runs smoothly there can still be some problems.

"Students should look at the big picture, balance the time consuming classes with the less time consuming classes," Pretty said.

The classes that a student registers for should be related in some way to the major they have chosen. If the student hasn't chosen their major then they should be taking classes that will help them decide what major they would like.

"These students should visit the Counseling Center located in Wright 316. They will lead the student in the career development process," Pretty said.

Registration can be one of the single most important things that a student does. Pretty said it is very important that the student knows how to read the catalog and can make wise decisions affecting their schedule.

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To the Class of 2001 and Parents:

Welcome to East Carolina University. This is surely an exciting moment in your life as you begin your orientation to the university. Be assured that the faculty and staff are committed to making your transition to university life as pleasant as possible. During the orientation period you undoubtedly will have questions. Please know that we welcome your questions and will strive to answer them.

East Carolina is engaged in one of the greatest building programs in its history. You will have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of the state-of-the-art Joyner Library, the Student Recreation Center, the new Wright Plaza, and the campus-wide fiber-optic network. Todd Dining Hall, and Williams Arena in Ringes Coliseum are recent additions to our campus and will add greatly to your enjoyment of campus life. We have over \$150 million in projects which are recently completed, under construction, or in the design phase.

We are busy this summer planning for your arrival in August. There is an air of excitement as we anticipate your arrival and the full slate of campus activities which will greet you. You should plan to be challenged academically and nurtured in the development of the full range of your talents and skills. East Carolina University is a great place; we're pleased that you have decided to be one of us.

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## How to manage the books — bucks — combos

Booky Alley

HOUSING AND CATERING SERVICES  
NEWS

STAFF WRITER

Going to college adds many expenses to your budget, not the least of which is the cost of buying books. In fact, you should estimate that your books for a year in college will cost between \$500 and \$700!

Many colleges only offer their students the option of buying their books from the student store. Here at ECU, students are lucky enough to have two choices in where they buy their books.

ECU students get to choose buying their books from the ECU Student Store or the University Book Exchange (U.B.E.).

By having competing bookstores, the book prices here at ECU tend to be slightly lower than at schools with only one book store.

While students dread buying the books each semester, they also look forward to selling them back at the end of the semester.

Book buyback prices are above average here in Greenville. Both the Student Store and U.B.E. pay approximately one-half the price of the cost of a new book when they buy back books from students.

Matt Duncan, textbook manager for U.B.E., said, "The most important thing we look for when buying books back is if the professor is planning to use the book the following semester."

Barbara Ward, sales manager for the ECU Student Store, said that after determining what books the professors intend to use again, the store looks at what books they already have in stock.

From that point, both stores decide what number of books to buy back based on class enrollment figures.

"We mostly look for used books because we know that students prefer them because they are more affordable than new books," Duncan said.

**"The most important thing we look for when buying books back is if the professor is planning to use the book the following semester."**

Matt Duncan  
TEXTBOOK MANAGER  
FOR U.B.E.

Eric Williamson, a senior in economics, browses for books in the Student Store  
PHOTO BY AMANDA PROCTOR

U.B.E. and the ECU Student Store also buy books back for wholesale book companies that deal with other colleges across the nation.

"Books our wholesale company wants are bought back here at U.B.E. at the wholesale price from the student throughout the year," Duncan said.

Ward said students are always at an advantage to buy used books because they are cheaper to begin with and you get more of the original cost back when you sell them at the end of the semester.

Both the ECU Student Store and U.B.E. make every effort to provide the best and cheapest books for ECU students.

Both stores also competitively price their other goods like school supplies, ECU clothing, computer accessories and gift items.

# PARKING

## THE GREAT ECU ADVENTURE

**Jeff Gentry**  
SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES  
STAFF WRITER

Freshmen attending ECU in the fall will find that they are attending the only major state supported university that allows freshman to have a car on campus.

This year's incoming freshmen will have two available lots in which to park. These are located on 2nd and Reade and at the Allied Health Building. The freshman lot at 3rd and Reade is being converted to a residential lot because of complaints by residents that there has not been enough parking to accommodate them.

These lots are not located directly on campus, but Director of Transportation Services Jim Midgette does not think that this is a major problem.

"I think that the transit system here at ECU is great. There shouldn't be any problem with freshmen getting back and forth to their cars," Midgette said.

Midgette also says that while he sympathizes with students having to ride the bus, he also realizes that they are not the only ones who have to do it.

"Students are not the only ones whose cars are displaced. Staff also experience these problems with losing their lots to commuters and residents, so some of them also have to ride buses," Midgette said. However, parking illegally is definitely not the way to try and beat the system.

"One thing I want to make clear is that you have to have a parking permit or day pass to park on campus. If you park on campus without one of these, you will get a ticket. We don't want students to feel we are being unfair, but those that do pay for permits deserve to have a parking space," Midgette said.

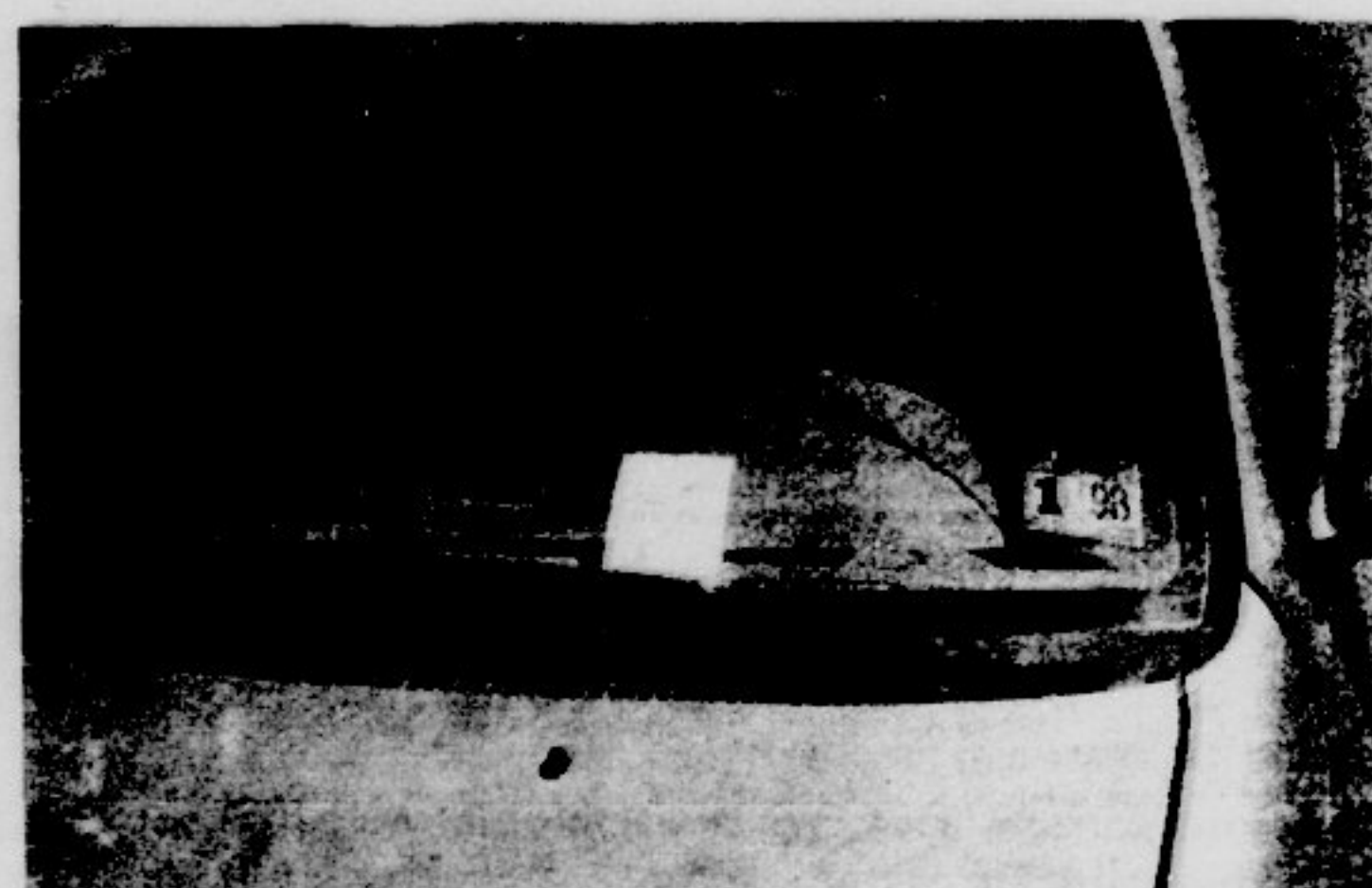
The freshman lot at Allied Health is currently scheduled for a makeover. This will include paving the lot, as well as installing blue light phones and improving lighting for security reasons. This type of lot is being called a prototype of what all of the ECU parking lots will look like in two to three years. Extra patrols have also been added this year, with

the main additions coming in the evenings at the Reade St. parking lots.

"We have received some calls from parents who were upset at the fact that their children were returning to school on the weekends and not able to find a parking space because all of the lots were full of unregistered vehicles. The added patrols have really helped to cut down on this problem," Midgette said.

As for the rumors of a parking deck being built on campus, Midgette said that while it is on the horizon, he isn't sure how long it will be before it is started.

"No question, we will have a parking deck, maybe one on East campus and one on West Campus. But right now we feel that our immediate needs are being met with the surface parking," Midgette said. One of the biggest reasons is the cost of a parking deck as opposed to surface lots. According to national averages, a surface parking lot costs around \$950 per space, while a parking deck costs around \$10,000 per space.



You might end up with a ticketed car if you park in the wrong place, so be careful.  
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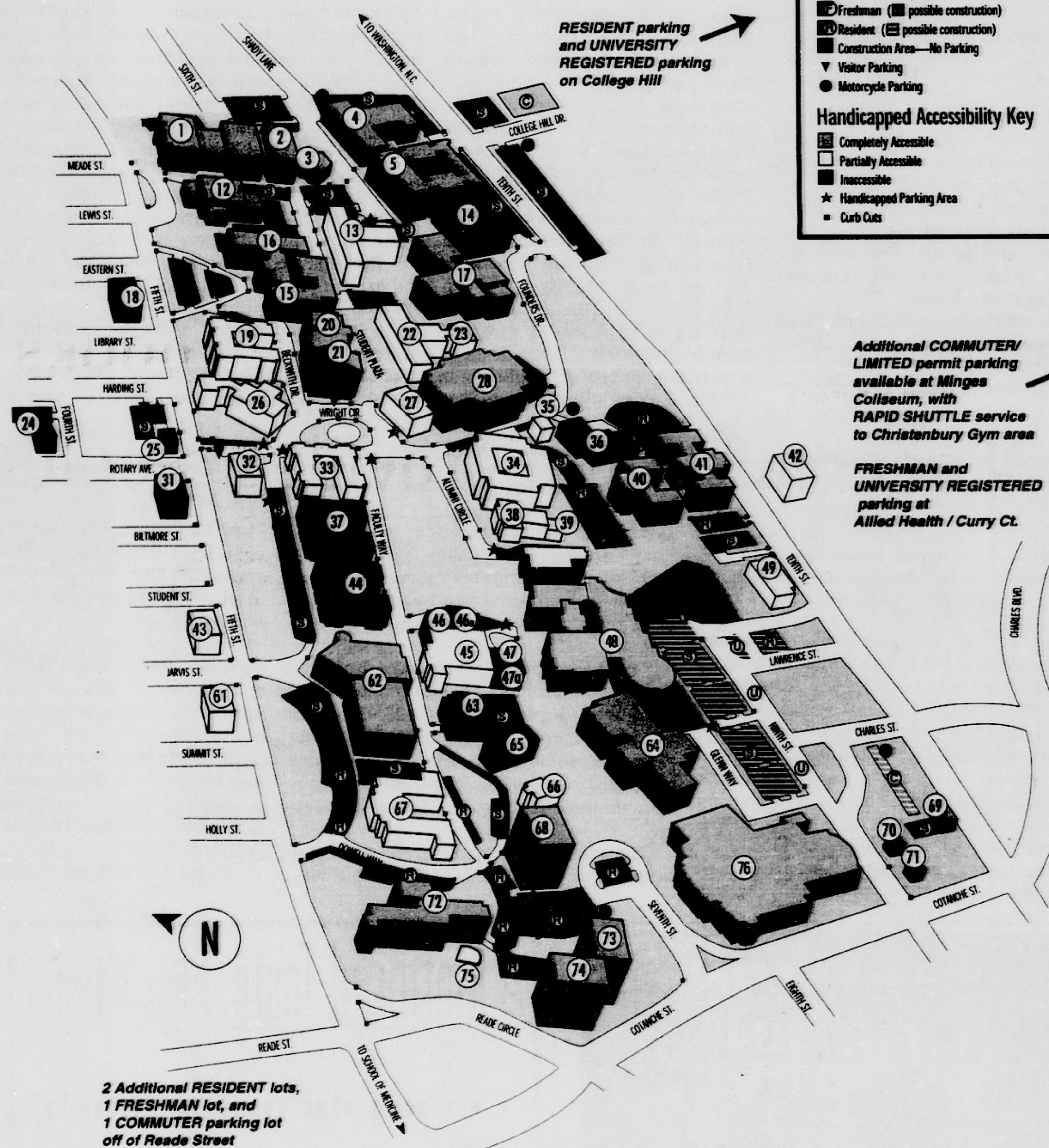
Freshman parking permits are \$96 for the academic year.



Freshmen who are registered with the university are allowed to park in residential, commuter, and university registered spaces after 4:00 p.m. on Fridays and until 11:00 p.m. on Sundays.



After a student acquires 32 semester hours, they are allowed to move up to residential stickers, which allow them to park at or near their dorms. If you have any questions, call Parking and Traffic Services at 328-6294.



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13. Austin Building	42. Family Therapy Clinic	76. Student Recreation Center
14. Christenbury Memorial Gymnasium	43. Career Services Office	
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21. Wright Auditorium	48. Joyner Library	
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# Financial aid — balancing the college buck

Becky Alley

HOUSING AND CONSUMMATION SERVICES  
ISSUES  
STAFF WRITER

Many students think of college as an unattainable goal because they cannot afford it. In fact, the number one reason people do not go to college is because they cannot afford it financially. In reality there are several options for people who need financial aid to go to college.

With the use of federal and state funds, along with contributions from ECU friends and alumni, ECU makes every effort to help students obtain aid to pay for their education.

Every student has access and eligibility for some type of financial aid. There are three main types of financial assistance available to qualified students: gift aid (scholarships and grants), long-term educational loans and part time employment (work-study program).

The primary goal of these financial aid programs is to provide assistance to students who, without aid, would not be able to obtain or continue their education. Therefore, most of the funds are awarded on the basis of financial need. However, there is assistance for talented students based on merit rather than financial need.

The ECU Office of Financial Aid is located on central campus near Joyner Library in the Old Cafeteria Building. Information on assistance of various types can be obtained there.

ECU participates in six federal aid programs which are need based: Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Perkins Loan, Nursing Student Loan, Work-Study Program and Stafford Student Loan Program.

In addition to those programs, ECU offers other types of assistance provided by state and university funds and private contributions. Some of them are: need-based scholarships, merit scholarships, departmental scholarships and the

Minority Presence grant program.

The Office of Student Financial Aid also provides information on outside scholarships and aid from private organizations.

After receiving financial aid, there are three requirements that a student must meet in order to continue receiving aid.

The three components of the financial aid satisfactory academic progress requirements are: acceptable cumulative GPA, average number of credits earned and graduation time limitation requirement.

The requirements vary for second degree students and graduate students receiving financial assistance.

Academic records of students



The Financial Aid Office is located in the Old Cafeteria Building around the corner from the post office.  
PHOTO BY PATRICK IRLAN

receiving aid are reviewed on an annual basis and students who fail to meet the requirements are allowed to appeal the loss of financial aid.

To obtain more information on financial aid, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 919-328-6610.

## ECU transit . . . the only way to travel

Karla Jones  
ORIENTATION AND GENERAL COLLEGE ISSUES  
STAFF WRITER

The East Carolina Transit Authority provides transit service to ECU students, faculty and staff. They provide timely service to, from and around East Carolina's campus, even to the off campus areas, and several shopping service areas. Taking the bus does not cost any fare.

There are five different main routes serving off-campus areas. All lines run twice an hour at thirty minute intervals.

The Purple Line goes around many of the apartment areas, Mendenhall, Christenbury and Umstead Hall. The Silver goes to Tenth street, Christenbury and University Condominiums, among many other apartments.

The Gold bus during the week goes to Mendenhall Student Center, College Hill, Harris Teeter, Mingas Coliseum and a few more places. On the weekends, the Gold bus takes students to places such as Target, Walmart, and the Plaza Mall. The Brown and Red lines travel to many apartments from Mendenhall.

A bus schedule is available, so people can see the times and

places each bus goes. It is very helpful to have a schedule if you plan on riding the transit at any time. The brochure provides a map showing where each stop is. It also lists the service areas. The time the bus is expected to arrive at each place is published also.

"It is very convenient if you need to go to Walmart on a Saturday," said Emmanuelle Quenum.

"There is no better way than the transit, unless you feel like walking," said Dwight Elliot.

"It is a good means of transportation when you do not have a car" said Damian Brewington.

The ECU operates during the

academic year, beginning the first day of class of each semester and summer session. Service areas are reduced during the summer. The transit does not run on holidays, reading days or during school breaks.

The guidelines and policies for the ECU are outlined in the Clue Book. For more information concerning the transit, call 328-4724. Schedules should be available in the Mendenhall Student Center, in the Parking and Traffic Services and on the buses.

Chris Hasting  
waits for riders  
in front of  
Christenbury.  
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## Ledonia Wright provides a cultural experience

Karla Jones  
ORIENTATION AND GENERAL COLLEGE ISSUES  
STAFF WRITER

The Ledonia Wright African-American Cultural Center at East Carolina University was opened in the fall of 1995. The center is named for a professor who founded and advised the first African-American student organization at East Carolina University. The center is to serve as a facility for research and educational programming and as a repository for the university's collection of African-American art.

The center was designed to provide an educational, social and cultural support

system for African-American students at East Carolina. Its mission is to increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of African-American history and culture through the development of programs.

The Ledonia Wright African-American Cultural Center has had a lot of interesting programs throughout the 1996-97 school year. In January of 1997, Martin Luther King was remembered with a performance by the ECU gospel choir and with Attorney Bernadine Bellance as the featured speaker.

The center had many more programs during Black History Month in February.

They had many different programs, such as a speaker who specialized in tracing ancestral roots. There was a Brother to Brother rap session and a lecture from Dr. Michael Dyon.

Minority visitation day on March 22 was a great success. There was a large turnout of minority students in attendance. On April 17 the Heritage Fest was held outside of the Bloxton House. A lot of minorities came out to hear the music and eat up the free food that was prepared. Art displays were set up inside the building and there was a performance outside by the ECU gospel choir.

"Every minority student needs to go to

the Ledonia Wright Center, to learn more about activities for minorities on campus," said Ayana Smalls.

The center is located in the Bloxton House. The center has a newspaper reading room stocked with African-American newspapers from across the nation. It has a main lounge and reception area, two conference rooms, and an art gallery where African-American art is on display. Work by East Carolina students featured throughout the center. The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Office hours during the academic year are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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# They want to pump you up

**Jacqueline D. Kellum**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

If you are a freshman just entering college and not sure about what path you plan to take for the next four years, or are simply up for a challenging new experience, the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps may be what you are looking for to add some direction and definition to your college experience.

Captain Thomas Cooke, who teaches the freshman ROTC class, wants to make sure freshmen know about all the various advantages that the ROTC can give them. He believes that many freshmen are frightened away from considering ROTC as a class option because of many misconceptions of the Army, resulting mostly from films that present military service in an unflattering light, and the misconception that if you sign up for Army ROTC, you are obligated to perform years of military service.

"There is no obligation to the military as a freshman," he clarifies. "As a freshman, it's a two-credit hour class. You don't have to buy anything, everything is provided for you."

The freshman ROTC classes meet

for one hour a week in class, and for a two hour lab once a week. If students do a semester of ROTC and decide they don't like it, they don't have to sign up for the class the next semester.

However, if they decide that the military has something for them, they will be part of a group that will give them a kind of training and discipline they would not find anywhere else on campus, and possibly make lifelong friends. They also are available to compete for scholarships.

"We can help people get through school, because there's a lot of money there," he said, and added, "it'll pay for your full tuition, \$450 for books a year, and a \$150 (a month) stipend. Freshmen can compete for a three-year scholarship just after their first semester."

A minimum 2.5 GPA and at least an 850 SAT is required to be considered for Army ROTC scholarships. If a student accepts a scholarship, then there are obligations that come along with it, requiring a certain amount of time spent in military service.

The ROTC can also be a valuable asset to incoming freshmen in helping to settle in. Cooke said that all ROTC freshmen are assigned a sponsor, who will be a sophomore, junior, or senior ROTC member. The sponsor will show their freshman around campus, help with registration if necessary, and answer any questions that might come up.

"I would say that the students learn more from each other than from us," Cooke said of the sponsor system.

After the initial settling in period, there are many activities available to ROTC students, some of which are training related and others purely social.

"We do a lot of adventure training. We do rappelling, we're taking a ski trip, and we also do weekend exercises. We do those (weekend exercises) about once a month."

Cooke said that the social activities might include such events as picnics, tailgate parties at football games, and a formal dinner held once a semester.

There is also a chance for interested ROTC members to compete in their own sport. The competition usually takes place in September or October.

"We have a varsity sport, which most people don't know, called Ranger Challenge," Cooke said. "It's a series of military events like physical fitness, marksmanship, and land navigation. They cross a river with a rope bridge, and they do a 10 kilometer march."

After completing their four years of ROTC in college, those who choose to make a career out of the military will not necessarily be spending all their time on rifle drills and outdoor marches. There are many other jobs in the military covering a variety of disciplines.

"For every guy shooting a rifle, there's ten people behind him," Cooke said, citing the people at desks and driving the transports as



(above) Army ROTC Cadet John Long looks for "the enemy" during a weekend training exercise at Fort Bragg, NC.  
(below) An ECU cadet fires a machine gun during a weekend exercise at Fort Bragg. Photos courtesy of ECU ROTC.



examples. "It's amazing the things you can do. You can be a lawyer, a dentist, or anything. It's really very diverse."

For the female students who might consider the ROTC but are inclined to think of it being for men only, the ROTC has as many opportunities for them as for any one else.

"It's not broken down—you're male, you're female. Everyone gets the same training, and is held to the same standards," Cooke said. "[The percentage of women] is about 20 percent, which is really not as much as we'd like."

Cooke says the ROTC has so much to offer incoming freshmen—discipline, motivation, and physical fitness, among other things. And for those who choose it, a military career after college can be equally as rewarding. Some choose to put in a few years to pay back the scholarships that helped them through school, and during their enlistment can receive training that prepares them well for finding a job when they get out.

"We can offer you a job, and you do something worthwhile for four years, and you have a resume that's two or three pages long," Cooke said.

For students who definitely want to sign up for Army ROTC their first semester, the class is Military Science (MLSC) 1001. There are two sections, with section one meeting on Tuesdays 9-10 and section two on Tuesday 11-12. The lab portion of the class is MLSC 1011 and meets on Wednesdays 3-5.

For anyone who would like more information about ROTC before deciding, there will be an information session at 8:30 and 3:00 on day two of orientation in Cooke's office, located in Rawl 344.

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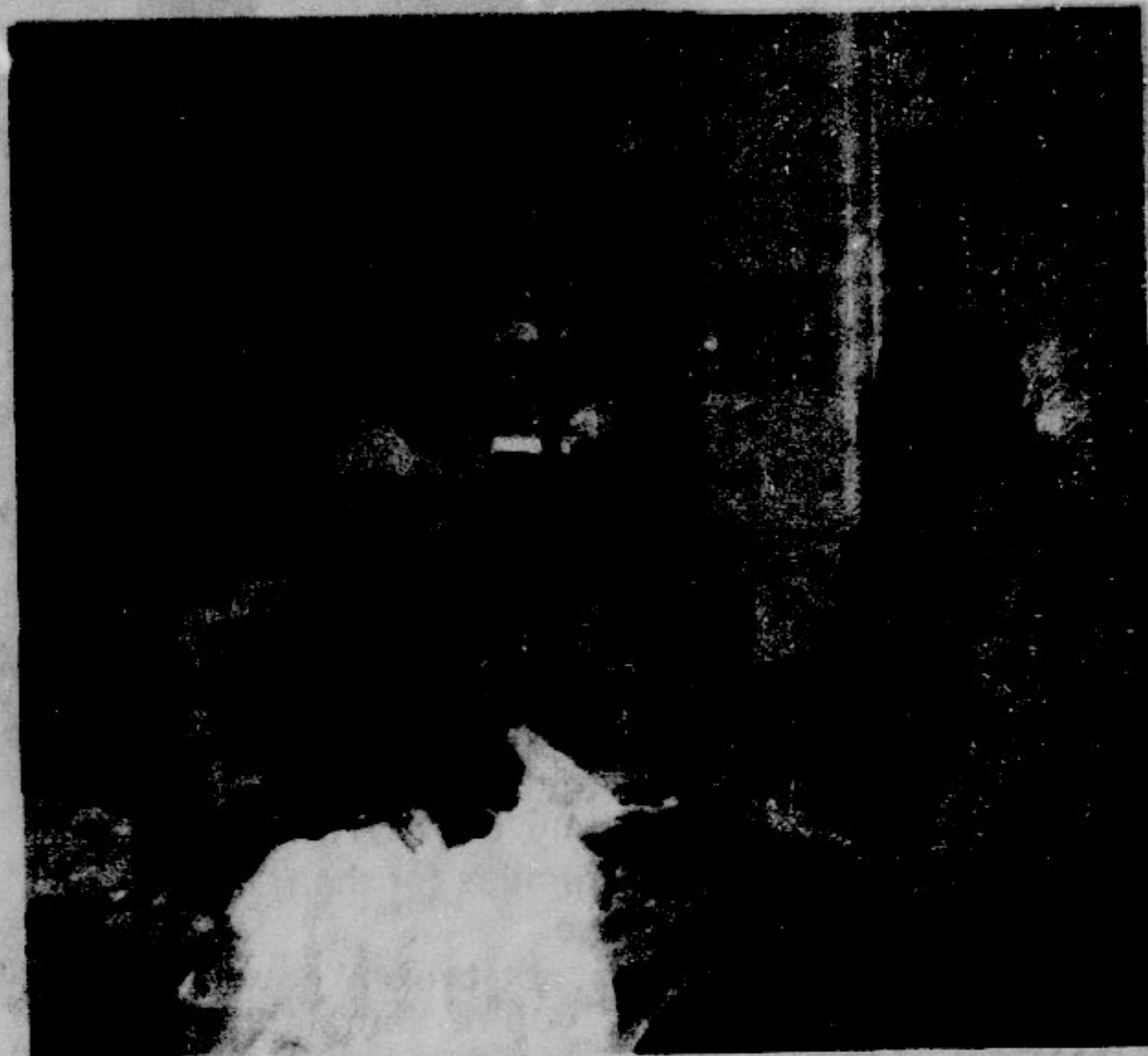
## Services offered promote healthier living

**Angela Koenig**  
HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES  
STAFF WRITER

One of the most feared aspects of college is the "freshman 15." College students are united in their hatred of the weight gain that strikes first year students.

There are several ways to maintain or begin leading a healthy lifestyle while at ECU beyond the doors of the Student Health Center and the Rec Center's aerobic rooms.

Now that parents are no longer near to make sure students eat balanced meals, students often feel the need to eat pizza and french fries



everyday.

Campus Nutritionist Laura Hartung emphasizes that while what you eat is important, how much you eat is especially crucial.

"The amount and frequency is what's important. You should watch portions even more than what food you're eating," Hartung said. "Even pizza can be fattening if you eat six cups of it as a meal. Think about hunger versus what looks good."

This does not mean that food pyramids should be discounted. Hartung encourages students to include a source of vitamins A and C a day when eating. Vitamin A sources include cantaloupe and other foods with orange or green color, such as baked sweet potatoes. According to

Hartung, these foods contain anti-oxidants which help prevent heart disease and cancers.

Vitamin C sources include oranges and other fruits, as well as green peppers, broccoli and kiwi.

"The best way to start eating right is to start with breakfast," Hartung said. "Studies show that children who don't eat breakfast actually have higher cholesterol than children to do eat breakfast."

According to Hartung, breakfast and lunch are so important because the body's metabolism is the quickest in the first 12 hours of the day. People should eat the bulk of their calories by 2 to 3 p.m.

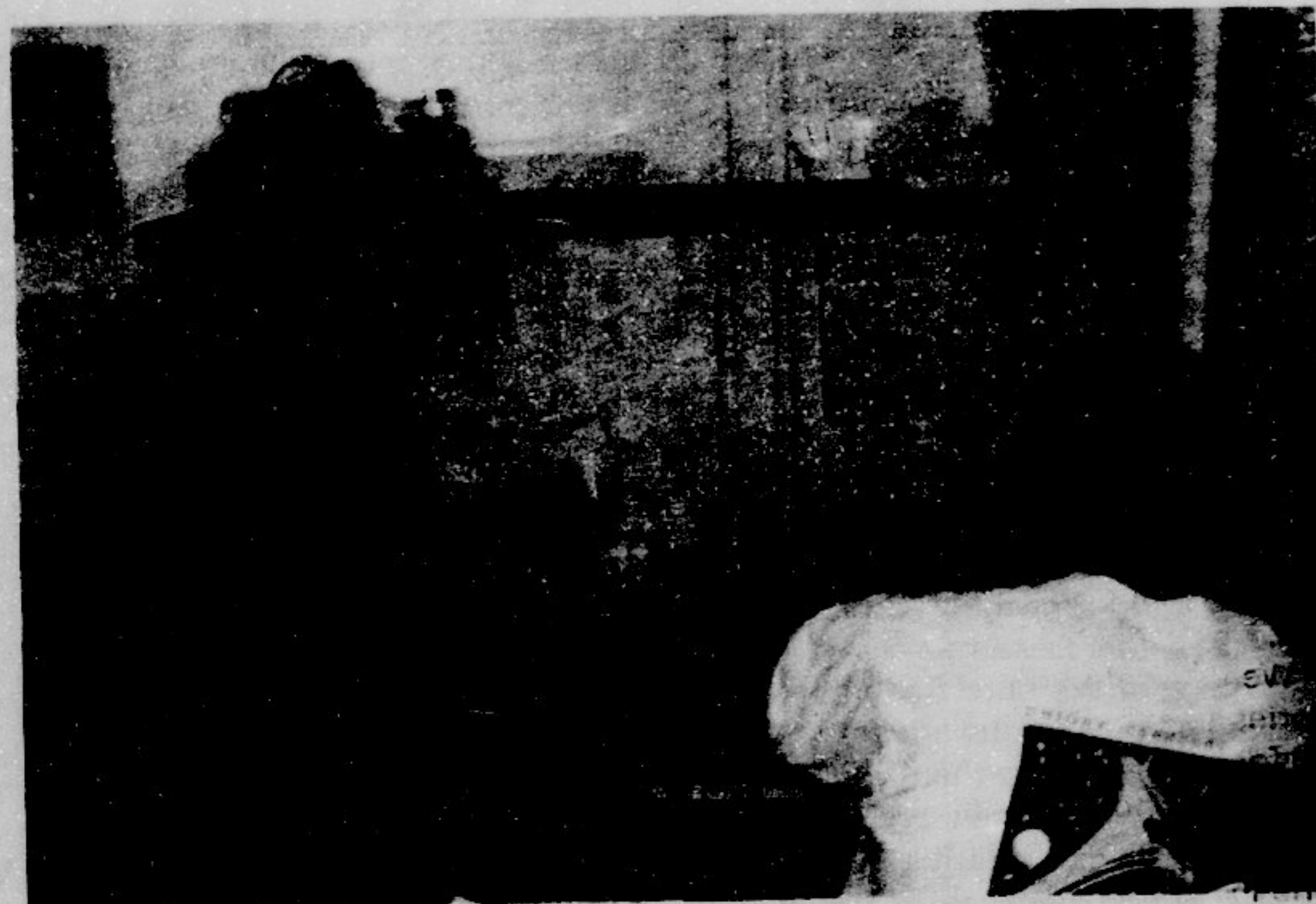
"Women especially tend to save their calories until dinner time and then eat a big dinner. This is really not good for you because at this time your body's metabolism is much slower," Hartung said.

"Freshman do gain weight and it's because they're late at night, consuming alcoholic beverages and are not getting as much exercise as they should," Hartung said.

To help students eat healthier, "What's Cooking," a monthly newsletter, is distributed through campus dining locations. It includes low-fat recipes as well as nutritional information. Campus Dining Services also has a Treat Yourself Right entree and food line.

Hartung is available for individual nutrition counseling for people who have special dietary needs, such as diabetes or anorexia and for people who want help losing fat. She also does programs in residence halls and can be found in the cafeterias at lunchtime talking to students.

Hartung will be teaching a new class next year for students who want to learn how live healthier lives. "Eat Right, Live Right" will cover topics



(above) RN Gina Berry takes Lamont Winslow's blood pressure at the Student Health Center. (below left) Students check into the Student Health Center.

PHOTO BY PATRICK IRELAN

ranging from how nutrition affects health to low fat cooking.

The class is being funded by a \$5000 grant and is offered from 5:15-7:45 p.m. on Wednesdays for three credits.

One of the many services offered at the Rec Center is a full fitness assessment. For a \$10 fee for students and members participants can undergo a series of tests which will assess their physical fitness ability.

The test includes a nine to 12 minute stationary bike ride measuring heart rate and blood pressure and measures of flexibility, muscular endurance and muscular strength.

"One of the best things about it is that we help interpret the results and make suggestions about what exercises would be beneficial to the student so they can reach their fitness goal," Director of Fitness Kari Brown said.

Interested students need to call the Rec Center to make an appointment.

The Rec Center does offer many other opportunities for fitness, and through the Adventure Program students can take weekend canoeing, hiking and backpacking trips. Walking routes are currently being developed which will begin and end at the Rec Center.

The Office of Health Promotion and Well-Being provides up-to-date information on a wide range of health top-

ics ranging from alcohol and other drugs to sexuality. Brochures, pamphlets, videos and books are available for class reports, projects or personal use.

Information is also available through the office's homepage. The site provides links to webpages concerning some health issues.

This office also offers programs by residence halls, campus organizations and classes. Program topics include sexually transmitted diseases, healthy eating, safer sunning and sexual assault.

Director Donna Walsh encourages students to lead healthier lives and wants students to realize now is the time to do so.

"Whenever you're dealing with transition it's a good time to build in healthier habits. So if you've always wanted to exercise build it in now," Walsh said. "If you build in healthy habits now, it won't be as difficult later on to change your old habits."

"You should have a healthier and happier college career and you can show potential employer that you're a wise investment," Walsh said.

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# It's your new so-called college life

**Jennifer Leggett**  
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It was a 97-degree day in the middle of August. My parents were helping me move into my room in Clement Hall and were probably as happy to get me out of their house as I was to go. I was usually relieved when they left, and later that night, as I inspected the premises and roamed that hall in search of new friends, I remember thinking that dorm life might not be so bad.

Well... I definitely have lots of good stories to tell. But I have never regretted for one second living in a residence hall. It has been an education all in its own right, and even though some of the time I was miserable, most of the time living in the dorm was pretty cool.

Just think, as freshmen, most of you are away from home for the first time. Maybe you are scared or a little worried, and that is okay. But, with so much freedom, after the first night or two, you won't even remember why you were worried in the first place.

What could be better than living on a hall with 32 or so people, staying up late, going downtown, dodging calls from your mother, exposing your hall-mates to your exquisite music choices (just don't be mad when they return

the favor), and ordering pizza at two in the morning? When you live in the dorm, the world is yours. No one is screaming at you to mow the lawn or eat broccoli. Your mom isn't yelling at you to turn the stereo down a few decibels. And you don't have to wash your dishes until they are so rank you can't stand them.

On the down side to all this, you have to do your own laundry, eating at Mendenhall pales in comparison to a home cooked meal (even if that home cooked meal is a TV dinner), and when you are worshipping the porcelain god after a night of heavy drinking at the Elbo, just pray you are lucky enough to have a roommate who will hold your head.

Speaking of roommates, roommates can be a great thing. In fact, my best friend was my roommate at orientation. But from my experience, ECU Housing is not known for matches made in heaven. There is only one section on the housing application where you get to make any decision about who you spend the next two semesters with — the "smoking" or "non-smoking" box. Wow! What a scientific approach to placing strangers together who have to live in a nine by 12 room for two semesters. Shouldn't ECU Housing at least ask for your music preferences or a zodiac sign?

But no matter how uncomfortable things may be, having an automatic friend such as a roommate makes things a little easier. So what if they eat all your Jell-O out of the mini fridge or borrow your favorite jeans without asking? You can feel confident you will always have someone to eat with in the dining hall.

There is so much about life in a residence hall that could never be squeezed into this piece. You will just have to have your own experiences and wade through this first year in the dorm the best you can. Just be sure that if you are living without air conditioning, bring lots of fans because it will be practically unlivable until October. Also, try and follow the rules. You know... no overnight guests of the opposite sex, no drinking in your room unless you are twenty-one, no more

than six people in your room at a time, blah, blah, blah.

Your RA will give you the rest of the rules and it is best to stay in good graces with your RA. Some of you will have a great time living on campus. Some of you will end up wanting to live in your car rather than see your roommate's face again. At least when it is all over, you will have some great stories to tell and in five years it won't matter if your roommate boiled your goldfish or scratched your \$25 Rage Against the Machine import.



Ashleen Sutfin (left) and Melanie M. Stine, both juniors in communication, relax in their Cotten Hall room.  
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## Cheap fun can be found all around town

**David Cloughley**  
STAFF WRITER

"I strike at my change jar in disbelief. All copper, no silver. What's going on today? I'm broke with nothing to do."

"What's up, Dave? Come on, Johnny's voice from outside my window. 'Up for a round o' golf, 'my man?'"

"Yeah. Let me get my discs." It's gonna be a day of frisbee-golf at ECU's disc-golf course for me; just one of the many cheap or free things to do in this lovely town of Greenville.

Being college students, we often find ourselves broke or poor and in need of stuff to do that doesn't cost a lot of money. ECU offers many affordable things for

entertainment — frisbee-golf is just one of them.

Throughout the campus there are other things for entertainment for summertime students such as the Student Recreation Center, which provides indoor and outdoor pools, basketball courts, a rock climbing wall and a very nice fitness center. All you need to get into the Rec Center is a valid ECU ID.

There is the Outdoor Adventure Facility, where, for minimal fees, students can rent canoeing or camping equipment and other stuff for summertime fun. Student Rec Services has sporting equipment such as frisbees for disc-golf, golf clubs, basketballs, softball, etc. These things can all be obtained by leaving your student ID until you

return the item.

Mendenhall Student Center has pool tables and a bowling alley that are kinda cheap. The student center shows free movies in Hendrix Theatre during the fall and spring semesters. During the summer, the movies will be shown in the Fleming Hall courtyard. Make sure you bring a chair or a blanket.

There are free bands on Wednesday nights at The Bean Bag on Jarvis Street. If there are enough people interested, The Bean Bag has open-mic poetry readings on Thursday.

Around town there are several city parks that are good for walks or bike-riding, and the Jaycee Park has skateboard ramps. The Town Commons on First Street is a great place to relax.

Then there is the Greenville Museum of Art, located on South Evans Street. It keeps regular hours and sometimes hosts special exhibits.

For cheap movie watching, the \$1.50 theatre downtown isn't a bad deal. People-watching downtown can prove to be rather interesting, also.

Look around campus for fliers; there are usually announcements of events posted all around campus. This is where you can find out about plays, bands, art shows, readings, etc., going on around town and at school.

So go out and do something. It doesn't take much, if any, money in this town to have fun. Remember to be safe though by taking friends — they aren't hard to make around here, either.



Strike it cheap at the Mendenhall bowling alley. It doesn't cost much, and you get to wear funny shoes. What more do you want?  
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# What's this place they call downtown?

## "Tailgating"

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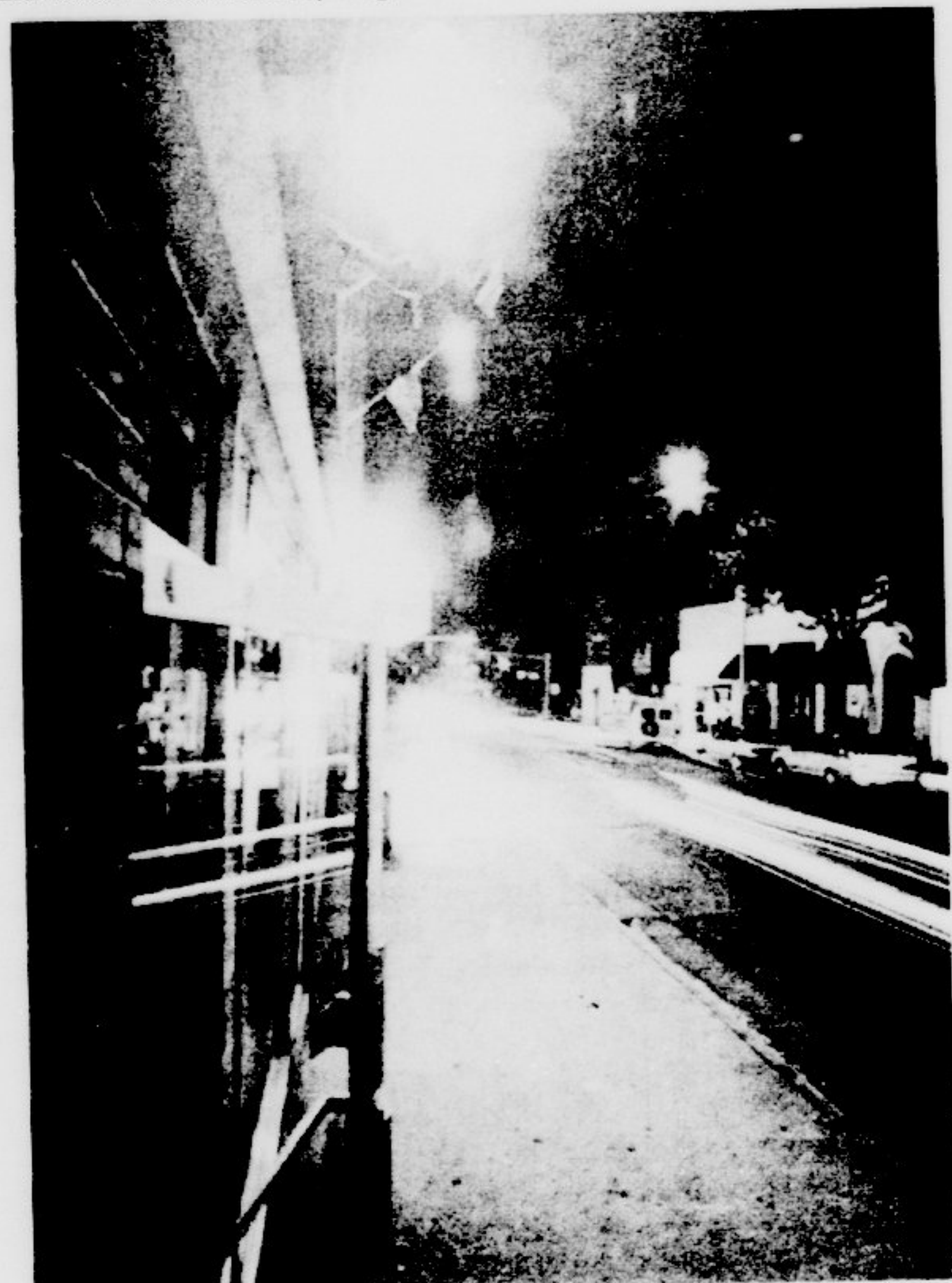
Do you hear it calling you? Come, dance with me. Listen to my music. Partake of my many beverages. Spend your money.

Downtown Greenville — it is a place of legend, infamous or otherwise. It beckons forth the newly matriculated to enter the bars and clubs that have certainly contributed to ECU's "party school" reputation. You've heard the stories. You have visions of tanked boys and girls flinging and flopping against one another. You wanna fling. You wanna flop.

The first thing you may wonder: Where the hell is downtown? It's located near the end of campus where Clement and White resident halls are. If you can make it to the corner of 5th Street and Cotanche Street, you'll be smack dab in the middle of all the bars. Now what?

Hopefully, the following summaries of downtown establishments will give you some idea as to where you want to go. Nearly all of the bars admit persons 18 years and older; however, they all strictly enforce the minimum drinking age. Snicker, snicker. Well, most of them do.

**The Attic:** I'm starting with one of the two oldest establishments. If a fairly big band comes to town, more than likely they will be playing at The Attic. The Ramones, Drivin' and Cryin' and R.E.M. have all played there in the past. Hootie and the Blowfish and the Dave Matthews Band played at The Attic all the time for like \$5 before they became huge rock stars. Also, there's Comedy Zone on Wednesday nights.



(Above) Are you ready to conquer downtown? Here's Fifth St. outside Firehouse Tavern towards the Cellar. (Top right) Here's the other end of Fifth street outside SportsPad toward BW3.  
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**The Elbo:** The second of the veteran downtown bars, The Elbo is often the first place freshmen head. There's plenty of dancing, drinking and "hooking up" among the mostly young crowd.

**BW3:** If you want some really good and really hot hot wings, this is the place. There's no cover charge, so it's often packed, especially on the weekends. You can hang out and play the trivia game. It also has a patio, where local bands play every so often.

**La Vista:** Many people still call this place Milano's, so don't be confused. La Vista always has a good number of food and drink specials. The patio is great, especially when the weather is nice.

**Underwater Cafe:** Underwater is a laid back place to relax and hang out with friends and have a few beers. It attracts a slightly older crowd; small (often acoustic) bands play many nights.

**Peasant's:** It's heaven to the roots rock crowd. If you like Phish and the Grateful Dead, this is your thing. Bands play several nights each week. Peasant's also has a pretty big patio.

**Alfredo's/Alfredo's II:** Alfredo's is the perfect place to grab some pizza after a long night — cheap and pretty good. Alfredo's II has a diverse crowd and pool tables.

**Sports Pad/Splash/Sharkey's:** This place is huge. It has like a million pool tables, and there's also air hockey and video games. If you want to dance, go to the Splash side. If you want to relax a little, go to Sharkey's, where acoustic musicians are often featured.

**The Percolator Coffee House:** Coffee is another liquid refreshment

that you will more than likely learn to love during your college days. All kinds of interesting folks can be found at the Percolator. It has open mic nights and poetry reading sometimes. Just remember to not drink of the dreaded decaf. Decaf is evil.

**Boli's:** Boli's has great calzones. It's a very well-lit place, good for watching games on the TV or whatever else pops in front of you.

**Pantana Bob's:** There's lots of flipping and flopping here. Dance the night away if you want at Pantana Bob's. The age of the crowd varies.

**Firehouse Tavern:** The newest joint downtown, the Firehouse Tavern bills itself as Greenville's Ultimate Sports bar. If you need to get your sports kick, go there. However, beware on the weekends; it's plenty packed, and you may have hard time finding a seat to watch the big monster truck rally on ESPN2.

**Cheap Shot O'Malley's:** Cheap Shot's is another laid back kind of place. If you just want to hang with your friends, go or something.

**Wrong Way Corrigan's:** Corrigan's features a lot of blues and blues rock bands on the weekends. The crowd is generally older; there are a lot of non-students.

**The Cellar:** The Cellar is another place you can shake it. It features three different rooms, one playing rock, one country and one dance. The crowd is normally a little older than the Elbo



**Hurrah Harry's:** Hurrah Harry's is an interesting place. The laid back atmosphere complements the place, which always seem kind of dark and garage-like, a good thing. They also have pool tables.

**Omar's:** Omar's has very good Greek food. They also have a good selection of microbrews.

**Happy's Pool Room:** Happy's is timeless. If you want a good taste of Eastern Carolina life, go to Happy's. It's a great place to play pool, and you gotta love the Pabst Blue Ribbon Beverage Center sign that adorns the wall.

**Chico's:** Chico's has great Mexican food. Make sure you try the Hungry Pirate sometime. If you are under 21, you won't be able to get in later on in the night.

So, I hope this helps you somehow. Downtown Greenville can be a blast, and it can be dull as hell. There are a lot of other places to go in Greenville that are totally different from the downtown scene. Explore, be creative. But remember, the boogie man is alive and well, and he lives in Greenville. Be safe.

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# I'd rather just watch a movie or buy a CD

**Dale Williamson**  
Senior Writer

Since the summer is upon us once again and you find yourself firmly planted in Greenville, the Emerald City of the South, the beach is just a few hours away, but you can't always afford the time to make such a journey. What do you do for fun?

Well, Greenville may not exactly be a thriving metropolis like New York or L.A., it still has its fair share of entertainment and escapism. So, for all you movie, music and book freaks, here's the two-minute tour of the Piedmont.

Since I arrogantly pride myself on being an "expert" in the world of film, let's start our tour with the local movie scene. At the moment, Greenville has five theaters, although a 12-screen multiplex complete with a state-of-the-art THX sound system is reported to soon be built. But that will be then; this is now.

The Carolina East Cinema is the "classiest" theater in town, especially since it recently installed a DTS sound system in a couple of its screens. Aside from that worthy feature, the Carolina East has the distinction of being the only Greenville theater with four screens. The screens themselves aren't much to brag about (none of the local screens are), but they still offer the more pleasant viewing experience.

The main advantage Carolina East has is its lobby, which is more spacious and conveniently constructed. Once inside the theater, one has easy access to the individual theaters, located in four sectioned-off corners of the lobby. Sectioning off the theaters is essential because it allows traffic leaving one showing to exit without crashing into those waiting to get in. The other local theaters have a big problem with traffic flow simply because the theaters and the lobby are not arranged in a rational manner.

The other key to the success of Carolina East is the fact that the snack bar is smartly located in the center of the lobby, as opposed to the rear. This not only allows lines to form around the snack bar without bothering those who simply want to skip food and see the movie, it also allows the employees to serve as many customers as possible as quickly as possible, thereby making the wait for food short.

But the Carolina East is not perfect, and like the Carolina East the other theaters also suffer problems. The Buccaneer, which tends to have wider screens than the Carolina East, has its snack bar in the center of the lobby, but the lobby still leaves much to be desired because it isn't built to hold a large, sell-out crowd.

The Park, Greenville's only \$1.50 theater, handles itself nicely. Since the Park only has one screen, there isn't much of a problem with traffic flow. While the theater itself isn't great, the Park, for its price, is pretty satisfying. The main complaint with the Park centers around the movies it typically decides to show, but I won't deal with that issue now.

The worst of the bunch is without a doubt the Plaza. Not only is this theater simply ugly, it is also illogically constructed. The lobby is too small for a three-screen theater, thereby causing serious crowding problems; the snack bar is located in the rear of the lobby, thereby causing more crowding problems; and the individual theaters are awkwardly situated down narrow halls, thereby causing even

more crowding problems. Oh, by the way, the screens and the projectors here equate poor cinema. When I finally saw *Schindler's List* at the Plaza, I distinctly heard the projector cranking the reel around. The Plaza almost makes a movie trip to Raleigh worth the effort.

There is one final option open only to ECU students and faculty and their friends: the Student Union's Hendrix Theatre located in Mendenhall, the one theater not monopolized by the same man. This, in many ways, is Greenville's best cinematic choice. Its screen is large and does maintain the aspect-ratio of widescreen cinema. The seating area is spacious, allowing for a rather large sell-out crowd, which can get rowdy at times, depending on what movie is showing.

Hendrix has several advantages over the other local theaters. For starters, all films can be seen for free, which makes Hendrix the best choice for your buck. Also, Hendrix, unlike the Carmike chain, will once in a while slip in higher quality film selections.

However, if your taste buds lean more towards the art house features, then you better dig into the local video market, which is quite strong. There are more video stores in this town than you can shake some type of thin, wooden object at. Greenville has the

standard video options like Blockbuster and Hollywood Video, but the place to get your more risqué cinema is East Coast Music and Video. Here, one can find a wide assortment of mainstream and alternative

films. And, oh yeah, they have lots and lots of new and used music for sale.

Speaking of music, Greenville is also a hot place to increase your CD collection. Believe it or not, Greenville offers some of the finest selections in CD's anywhere in this state. Within one single block, there are two primo music stores, CD Alley and Skully's. While both are fine stores, my personal preference slants towards CD Alley, which has almost become an institution at ECU. If you can't find it at or get it from CD Alley, you don't need it.

But, of course, ECU students aren't simply here to dance and slam to the best in music. They are here to broaden their minds. Here's a novel idea: read a book. Greenville's rapid growth has resulted in a book surge, thanks to such major book chains as Barnes & Noble and Waldenbooks.

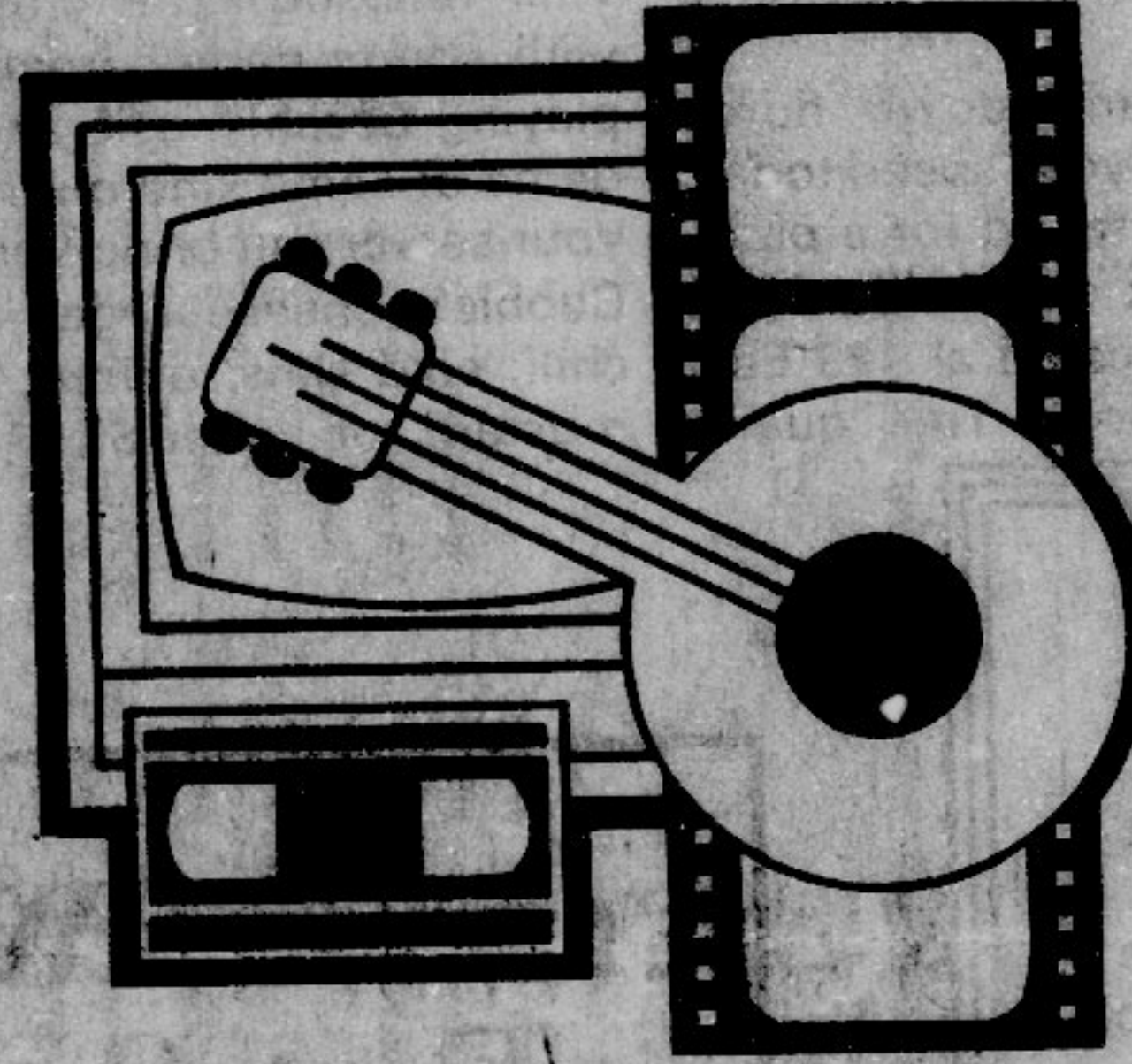
But if corporate chains aren't your thing, there are several independent book stores around. The Book Warehouse constantly has deals on new books, while many used goodies can be found at such spots as the Book Worm and the Book Potato.

If your brain thirsts for something with more visual flair, then dive into Greenville's lucrative comic book market. Comic fans need not fear because Greenville (thankfully) supports two excellent comic shops, each with its own personality. Heroes Are Here Too is located right downtown, so it is the most convenient of the two. But that is not all this store has going for it. If you want your superhero stuff, including trading cards, this shop and its uncannily friendly service does not disappoint. Everything from Captain America to Cerebus, heroes are indeed here.

If your tastes are more, let's say, alternative, hop and skip a few blocks down to Nostalgia Newsstand, located off Dickinson Avenue. If you thought comic books were just for kids, step into this colorful and sometimes unsettling corner of the world. Nostalgia has heroes and much, much more.

Okay, that was more than a two-minute tour, but you get the point. Maybe Greenville isn't Charlotte or Raleigh, but it's also not a watery hole in the ground. Like anything, Greenville is what you make of it. If you're new to town and you want this strange land to become more familiar and develop into your new home, then get out and brave your new world.

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## You don't have to go broke to eat

Carolyn Weakland  
STAFF WRITER

Coming to a new town, especially one as colorful as Greenville can require some getting used to. If you're anything like me, you like to eat good food, be surrounded by good friends, and not have this experience tear to deeply into your pocket. Where might you find such a balance of life's little pleasures?

Well, good cheap food I think I can help you with, but as far as friends, you'll have to be on your own. Now, I'd like to caution — well, more like remind you — that these places are for cheap, good food, in a cool atmosphere — right? Well, sometimes many of the so-called more colorful people in this town also know these deals too, so please do not be shocked by any peculiar actions you may be exposed to. Whether you're in the mood for down home cookin' or a burrito, there's a place and a price for just about every taste imaginable.

Longing for grandma's cooking? You might want to check out **Venters Grill**, (752-2767) located on Mumford Road. This restaurant converted from a double-wide trailer will not let you walk away hungry. Upon arrival, there's a sign posted clearly stating no profanity. Take this sign seriously; they will throw you out if you get too rowdy. You can seat yourself at any of the picnic tables and read the daily specials on the chalk board posted on the wall—there are no tangible menus. You are served on paper plates and

eat with plastic utensils—very cost efficient, don't you think? Hopefully, you like tea because it's the only tasty beverage served there aside from water. However, if you are impartial to tea, there is a soda machine right outside the trailer for your convenience. A typical lunch will run you about \$3-\$4 bucks and you can choose from barbecued turkey, yams and corn on the cob to meatloaf, cabbage and rutabagas. Your plate will be full until you are, so bring an appetite.

If you're looking for a meal that doesn't require a nap after completion, perhaps you want to check out some of the restaurants located downtown on Fifth Street. **Chico's** Mexican restaurant located at 521 Cotanche Street (757-1666) has developed a lunch special in honor of the starving ECU student. Dining in its authentically decorated atmosphere, the Hungry Pirate is a treat for all. This burrito is stuffed with beef, beans, rice, lettuce, sour cream, special Mexican sauce and cheese. Did I mention complementary chips and salsa come with every meal — unlimited amounts? However, be warned, the salsa is homemade and can get a bit hot at times. All together this massive meal will run you about \$3.95 and if you are still hungry after this, I'll be surprised. I usually ask for a doggy bag.

O.K. Mexican and down home cookin' aren't quite your speed today. You're more in the mood for a pizza. You ought to check out **Boli's Fifth Street Pizzeria** located at 123 East Fifth Street (752-Boli). This quaint

relaxing feel-good pizzeria has a taste and a price for everyone. Aside from daily lunch specials, you can get a large salad and a slice of pizza bread for under \$4 bucks. Boli's also takes pizza to a new level, serving its famous Greek pizza made with oil instead of tomato sauce and topped with spinach, tomatoes and eta cheese — they are addictive. They also serve strombolies, stuffed with

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Say today you're just in the mood for a hot dog and some fries. **Cubbie's**, 501 South Evans Street, (752-6497) has earned the reputation of serving the best burger in town. This relaxing little stop, decorated with sports paraphernalia, is usually playing beach music and showing a game of some kind on the tube. Here your server can bring you the famous Cubbie's cheeseburger topped with chili, cole slaw, onions, catsup, and mustard for under \$2.50 — it's a big



When your parents come down for visits ask them to take you back (above). Parents (right) may be more attuned to a student's budget.  
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burger. A hot dog will run you a buck and so will fries or hush puppies. It's a great place for a fast filling lunch.

All in all, these places are what it's at for good food, in a cool place that doesn't put a strain in your pocket. Be warned, most of these hot spots can become addictive. I can personally attest to that. Don't be surprised if you find yourself becoming a local at more than one of these watering' holes. Did I mention the colorful people of Greenville yet? Well, regularly visiting any of these spots will acquaint you with some of them and may make you some new friends.

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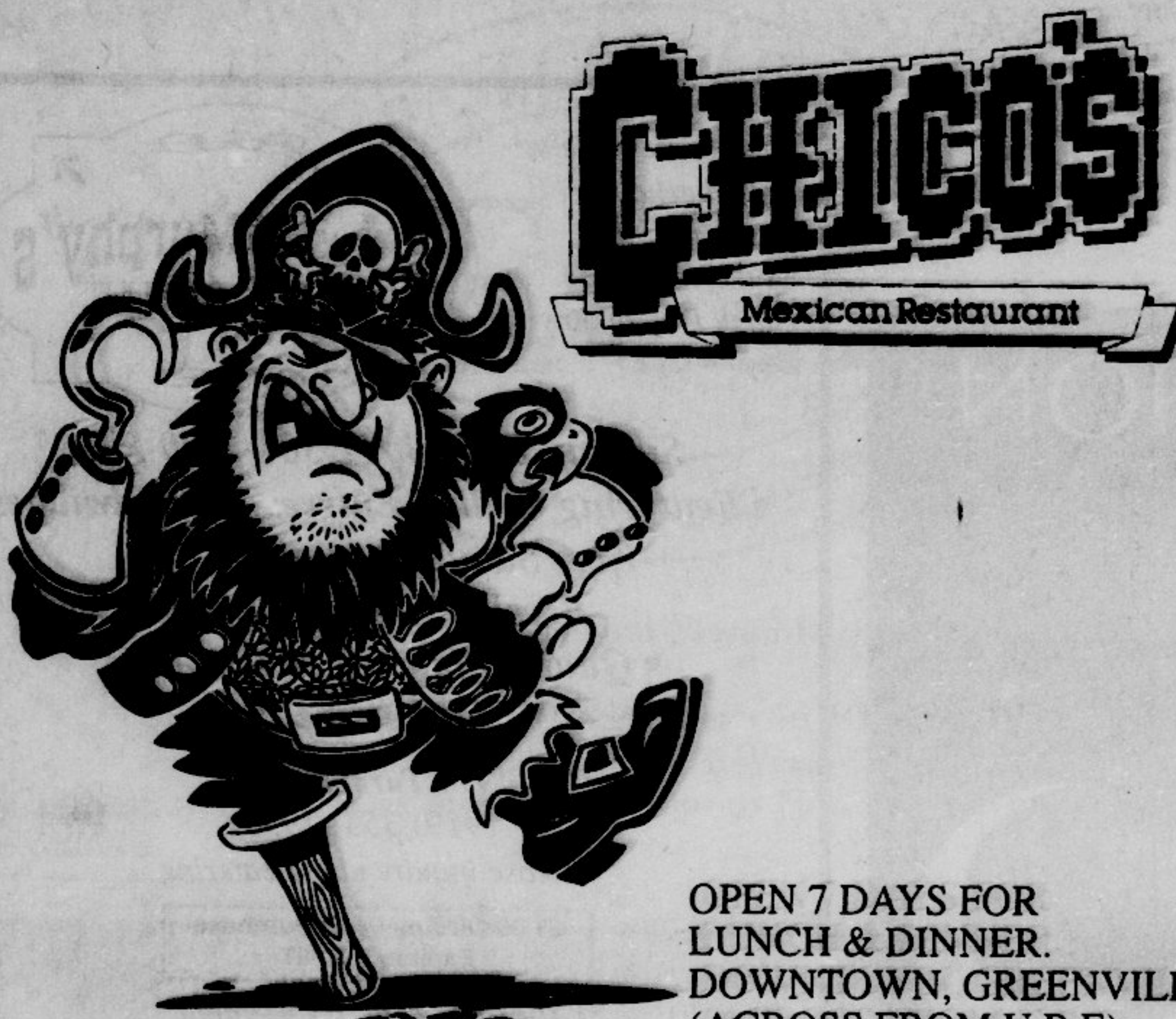
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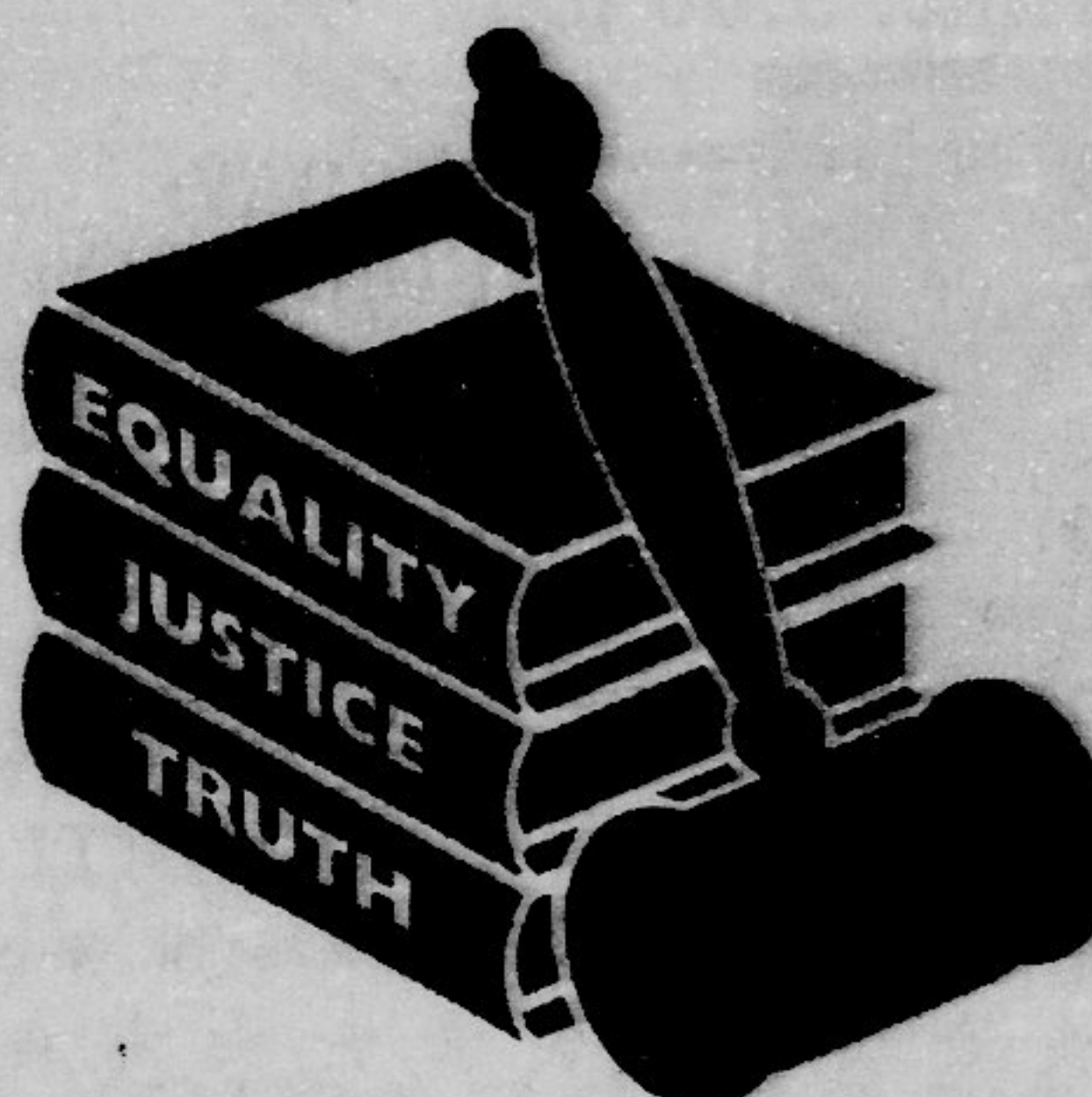


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## What does greek life offer freshmen?

Jacqueline D. Kellum  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Among the many decisions facing freshmen is whether or not to join a Greek organization.

For the many who may be uncertain, three leaders of the Greek organizations here at ECU urge freshmen to give it a chance and try to move past any stereotypes they may have of Greek life.

TEC spoke with Chris Rey, president of the ECU chapter of the National Panhellenic Council, which includes all African-American Greek organizations, Chris Arline, president of the ECU chapter of the Inter-Fraternity Council, or men's fraternities, and Tera Stutzman, rush director for the ECU chapter of the National Panhellenic Conference, which includes women's sororities.

Many incoming freshmen may have the perception that the primary function of Greek organizations is to have parties, but these three leaders say they also do community service, provide personal and academic support and participate heavily in other campus activities.

"We do a lot of things that a lot of

people don't see. We have those food drives, and charity events, and all those things that represent Greek life. That's really why we were founded, to do more in the community," Rey said.

Other freshmen might believe that being in a Greek organization costs too much, and only upper-class students are Greeks. In fact, all three Greek leaders agreed that most of their members receive financial aid and work jobs, and pay their own dues.

"I pay for my dues, I work to pay for those; the vast majority of my fraternity brothers are all on financial aid, and they work jobs," Arline said.

Rey, Arline and Stutzman all pointed out the advantages of having a strong support system at the start of a college career, one which can provide advice on how to adjust to college life and other issues.

"If you go Greek, it's like a home away from home. You have 50 to 100 people in your organization that are around you and helping out any way they can," Stutzman said.

These three leaders agreed that deciding whether or not to join a Greek

organization is an individual decision, one which should be considered carefully, with all of the pros and cons in mind. Freshmen should remember that there is a time commitment that comes with joining a fraternity or sorority.

"It does put a slight time constraint on you, but, by the same token, you learn to manage your time right from the beginning, and that's very important," Arline said.

To counteract the potential negative effects on grades caused by the time commitment, many Greek organizations have regulations on study time, and place a high emphasis on academics first and Greek life second.

"We have required study hours that the pledges have to attend, just to make sure their grades aren't suffering," Stutzman said.

They also pointed out that Greek life



Todd Jones, Jason Taylor, Brendon, Matt Gullu, Brandon Wingate at Sig Ep house.  
PHOTO BY JONATHAN GREEN

gives students a chance to grow as individuals, as well as learn how to function as a team.

"It's about friendship. It's about making ties and doing things to better yourself as a person. Greek life is a learning experience, because you learn a lot about yourself," Rey said.

For interested freshmen, the Greek organizations will be in room 244 of Mendenhall Student Center at 5:15 on the first day of each orientation session.



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(left) Dr. Jim Westmoreland helps Heather Austin look for a job using the Internet.  
(right) Westmoreland helps Austin and Christina Junter search for job opportunities in the Employee Information Room of Career Services.  
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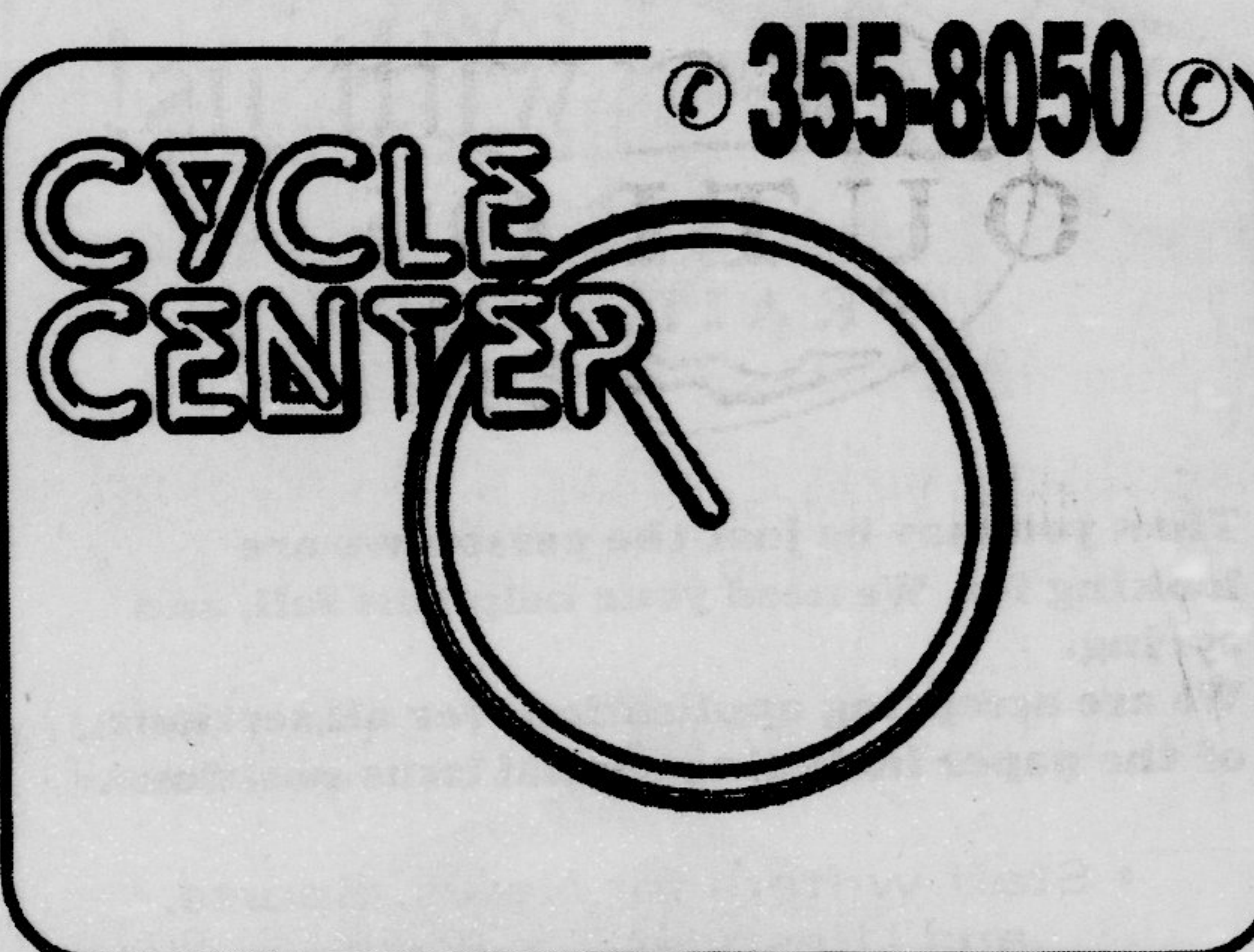
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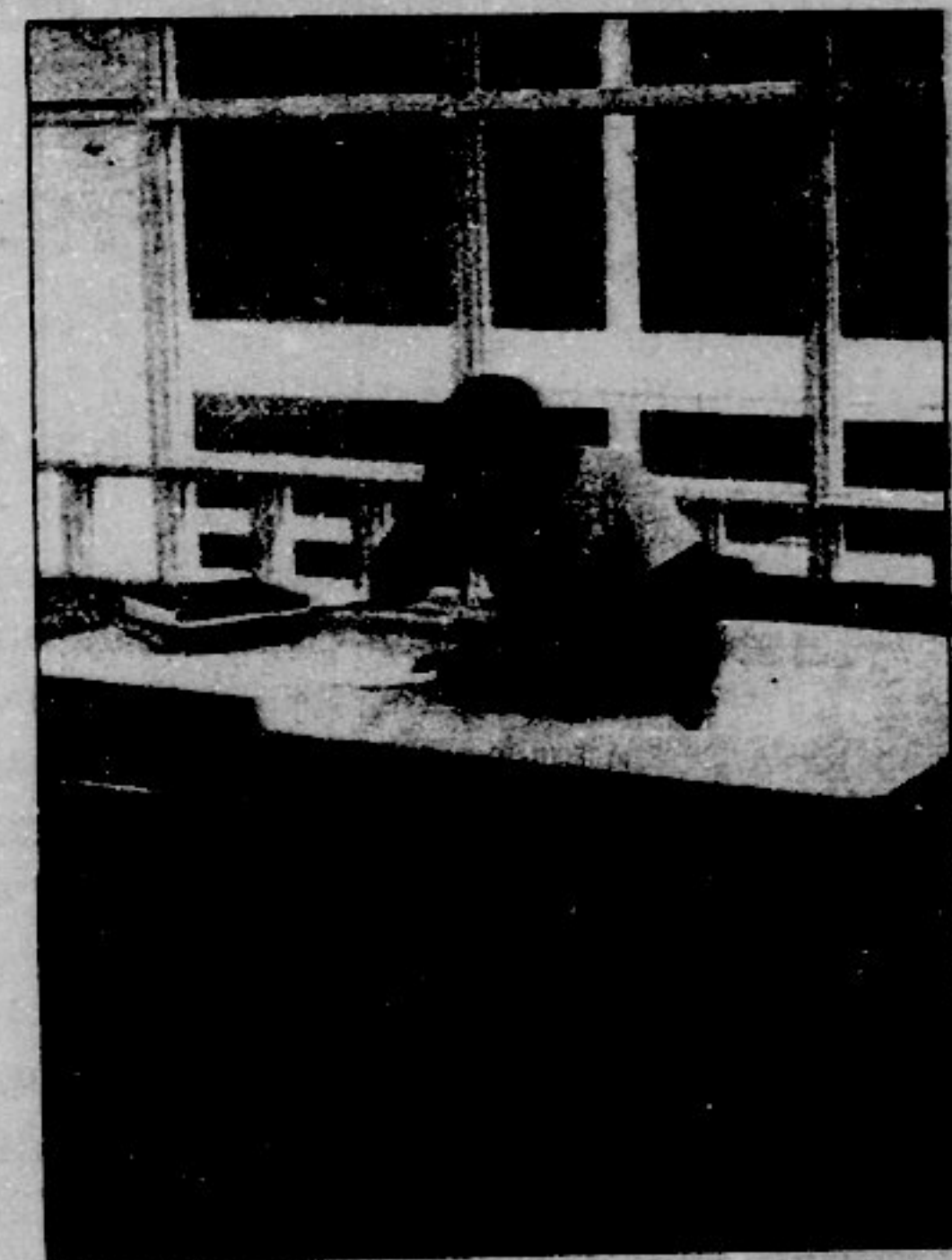


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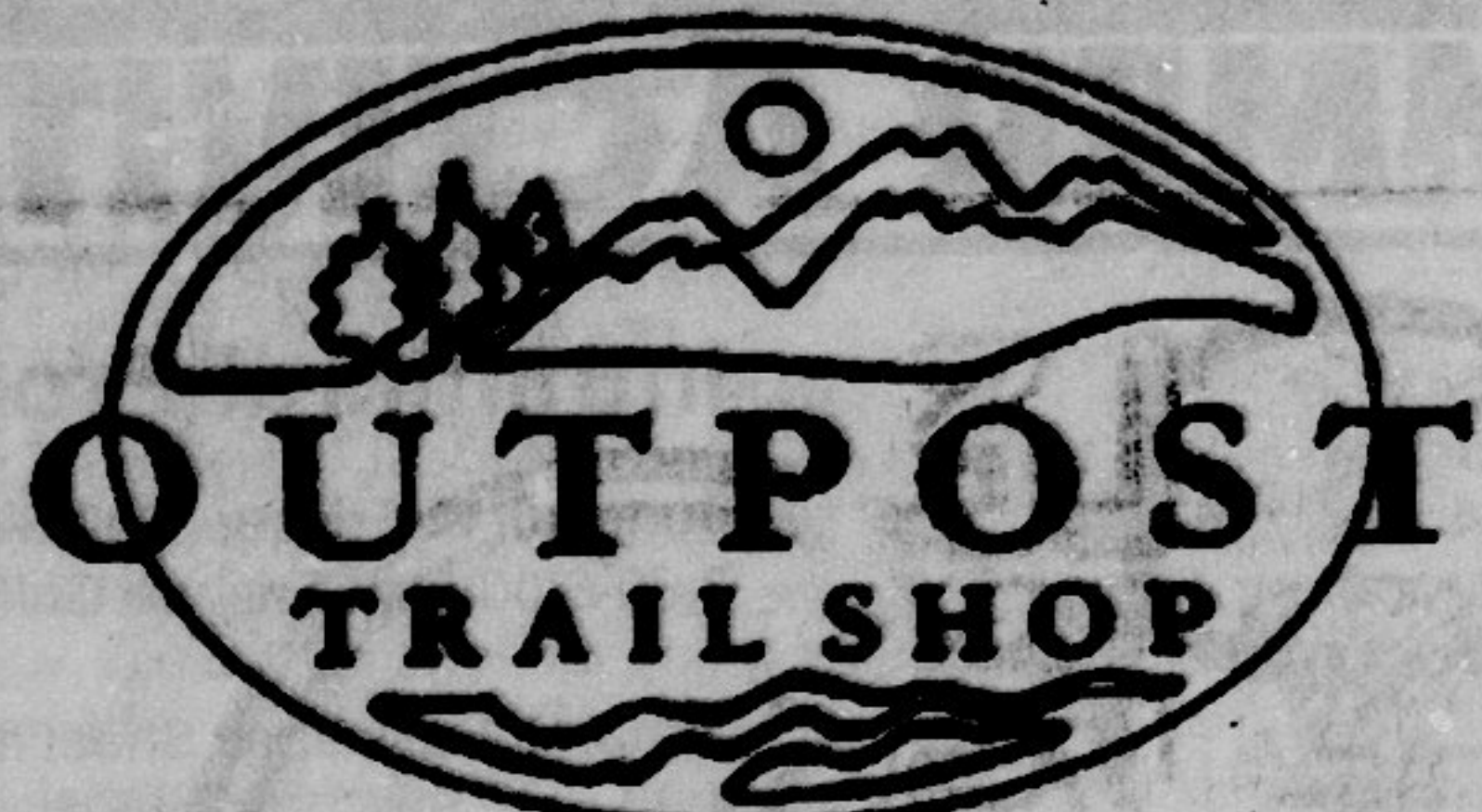
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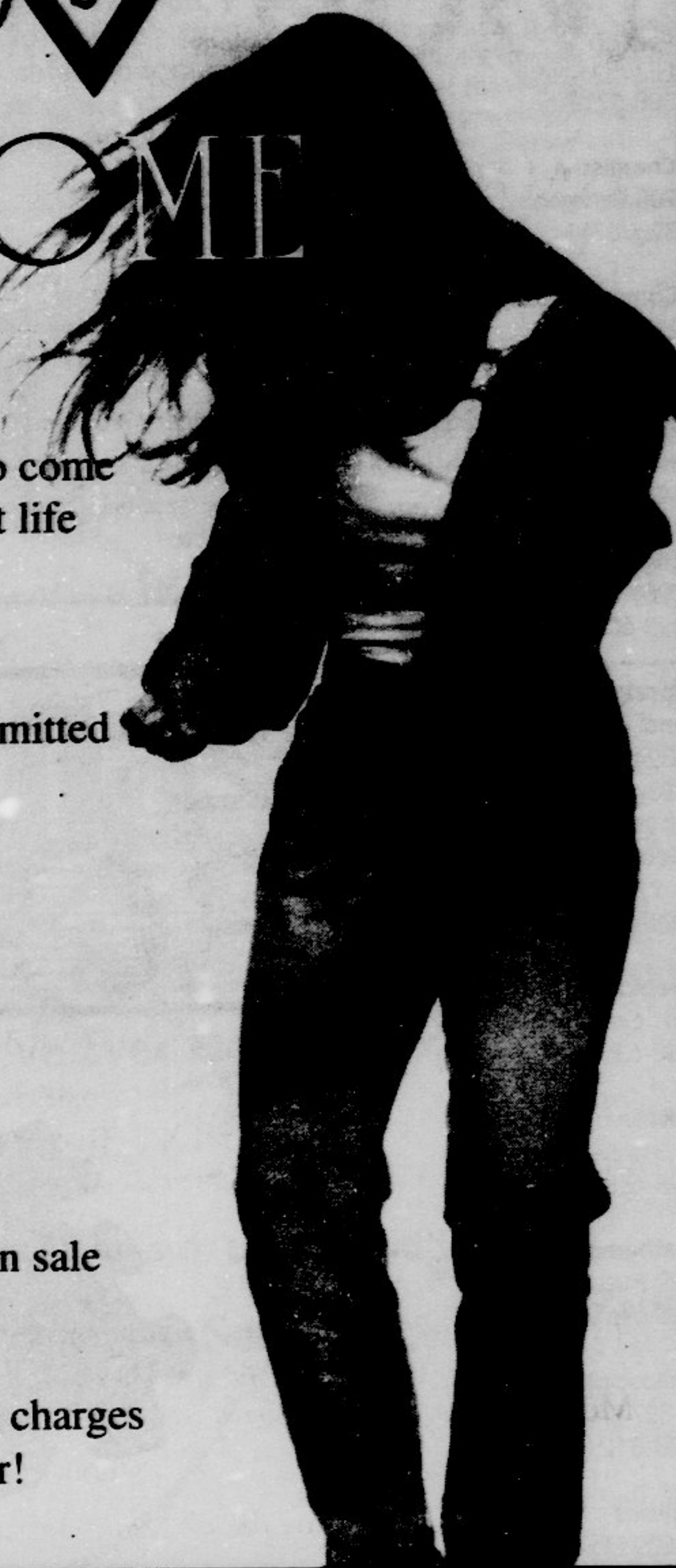
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# Chancellor reviews success of ECU athletics

Amanda Rose  
Sports Editor

Since 1987, Chancellor Richard Eakin has seen the ups and downs of ECU athletics. In recent years there have been more ups than downs with all sports at ECU.

Whether it's from football to track to softball to basketball, both men's and women's athletics continue to dominate in every contest.

The dominant, most visual sport at ECU is football. The Pirates have continued to excel with each and every game and each year are gaining more national television exposure on ESPN and ESPN2.

"The Pirate football team the past several years has been very successful," Eakin said. "Tracing back to the Bill Lewis era (1989-1991) and the East Carolina victory over North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl, in what was the best year we've had in recent history through today."

That success has resulted in ECU becoming a new member of Conference USA. This season will mark the inaugural season of conference play. ECU has been an independent football team since the end of the 1976 season when they were a part of the Southern Conference.

"We will be playing in Conference USA as a full member this year and for the first time that membership carries with it a number of advantages to our university," Eakin said. "First of all, it makes scheduling a lot easier. Secondly, it provides us with an opportunity year in and year out to play in bowl games."

ECU was extended an invitation to play in the Liberty Bowl, while it was still an independent team in 1994 and lost to Illinois 0-30. However, the next year they came back and avenged that loss with a 19-13 triumph over Stanford in the Liberty Bowl. Last season they weren't invited. With the affiliation of Conference USA, they will have a chance to compete for a conference championship and the Liberty Bowl victory year in and year out.

Eakin believes the head football coaches at ECU have done an efficient

job building up the program and bringing in gifted athletes on and off the field.

"We have had such great success under coaches Lewis and (Steve) Logan," Eakin said. "They both have been ideally suited to the times here at the university. They have brought to our university athletes who are first rate citizens of the community, who have demonstrated that they are good students."

But football isn't the only thing on these athletes' minds; academics has been a major emphasis with the team and that has been demonstrated with the team being recognized by the College Football Association. For the past several years, ECU has been on the honor roll of universities in which 70 percent or more of the football players have graduated.

"That I think is something that's very important to say about our football team."

One of the main interests for fans and players is the renewed rivalry with N.C. State. Not since 1987 have these teams played a regular season game and ECU came out on top 32-14. Last season these teams battled it out in the Carolina Panthers Stadium and ECU again came out on top 50-28.

"I am delighted that the series has been resumed and, as you know, we played the first of those resumed series last year in Charlotte," Eakin said. "That was a wonderful experience for East Carolina people. We are anxious to continue that relationship and hope that of the friends and supporters of East Carolina continue to exhibit the fine sportsmanship they have shown in recent years in connection with this contest."

An upper deck that will add an additional 3,000 seats to Dowdy-Ficklen is currently being constructed and it is important that all students attend the games and fill every seat.

"There are two things I would ask of the new students arriving on campus this summer and fall and that is they would come to the football game early so they can come for the opening festivities and kickoff and also to stay right on through the game," Eakin said.

The ECU football team has sur-

prised many opponents and come through late in the game, but the students' stands were virtually empty, so no one was there to cheer the Pirates on to victory in the last remaining moments.

"Coach Logan is often fond of saying that we are a team that is geared to winning on the last play of the game and while that may sound like a cliché, I have seen it happen so many times that I have become a believer in that," Eakin said.

Not only has the football endured great success recently, but so have several other sports around campus. The track team had outstanding spring meets, placing several runners and relay teams in the number one position at meets around the country. The women's swim team won its third Colonial Athletic Association championship, while the softball team finished second in the Big South Conference. The men's and women's basketball teams experienced great success with the Lady Pirates playing in the CAA championship game.

"We are showing considerable improvement in these sports that are typically played in the CAA," Eakin said. "Women's softball was simply stunning in terms of its success the way they represented East Carolina. Our men's and women's basketball teams are showing very important growth and development with the leadership of coaches (Joe) Dooley and (Anne) Donovan."

The success of women's sports at ECU continues to excel as many more of the teams are bringing home conference titles or are closely in the hunt to bring home the title.

"Women's sports at East Carolina have prospered in recent years," Eakin said. "It's largely due to bringing together a very fine cadre of coaches, but it's also because of the efforts of the athletic administration. By that I mean the athletic directors, both Dave Hart (now at Florida State) and Mike Hamrick (current AD) have been dedicated to making improvements in women's athletics."

ECU athletics is on the rise and is only going up year by year. All you new students are entering at a wonderful time in ECU sports, and you



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## Intramural sports offer variety

Kevin Brown  
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Going to college is a new experience for everybody. You get a chance to get away from your parents, and you finally get your independence.

Of course we all know how much freshmen study, but when you do find some free time to relax and unwind you can do it at the new Rec Center, located on west campus. This brand new multi-million dollar complex offers something for everyone: a climbing wall, basketball and volleyball courts, an indoor/outdoor pool, a weight room with various equipment for every fitness level and much more.

Also done through the Rec Center is the intramural sport program, in which a lot of what they have to offer is played right in the Rec Center. They also offer activities that are played on the intramural fields.

There are so many different sports for every athlete. One can step on the gridiron and play flag football or hoop it up in a three-on-three basketball game. If that's not your speed, they offer volleyball, singles tennis and doubles golf (this game allows you to have a partner).

For the athletes who like fast sports, they offer soccer and racquetball. They even offer kickball, badminton and squash, which is like racquetball but with four opposite walls. Finally, they offer a cross country run and a climbing contest, in which you climb a 20 foot wall specially built for climbing. Whatever your interest, ECU offers many sports to satisfy them.

If you're just playing the sport

for fun or for serious competition, the ECU intramural program tries to satisfy both interests. They offer two skill levels that an individual can compete in. They offer gold for the advanced athlete, and purple for the person who just wants to have some fun.

The gold level is more set for the very competitive person, and the purple is for the exact opposite. The ECU intramural program also offers a chance to get together with your friends and compete in a tournament, or to compete in a few individual sports, like the climbing contest.

If intramural sports isn't your thing, try the Adventures program. In this one can spend a weekend whitewater rafting or just relax on a camping trip. Whatever the trip, one can just get away from school and all of your other problems and just enjoy yourself.

There is a small fee for the Adventures programs, but, according to David Gaskins, director of intramural activities, the Adventures programs at ECU offer a lot for a reasonable price.

"ECU does not try to make a profit," Gaskins said. "The rates that they give to the students are cheaper than the ones if they were to go out on their own and take the trip themselves."

The program gives one a minimum and maximum set of expenses that a student would have to pay on the trip.

"Intramural sports provides a student an opportunity to get out of the classroom," Gaskins said.

In a sense, that is all the intramural program and the Adventures program tries to do at ECU. They try to give the student a chance to play in an organized

One of the more popular intramural sports is flag football, played in the fall semester.

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# Athletic Director sees bright future for ECU sports

**Amanda Ross**  
Sports Editor

Recently I sat down with Athletic Director Mike Hamrick, who was appointed in 1995, and asked him questions regarding the outlook of ECU athletics and the success of the sports programs at ECU.

**TEC:** ECU Athletics has really been on the rise. What is the biggest change you have seen since your arrival?

**Hamrick:** I think probably the level of support we're receiving. It keeps increasing each year. The visibility and respect our program is starting to receive right now. I think that has been a big change in the short time, to our softball teams to our track teams to our basketball teams clear out to our 8-3 football team.

**TEC:** How important is it that the fans, especially the freshmen, fill the stands for every football game in the fall?

**Hamrick:** First of all, we have a great schedule this year, a great home schedule. Students have excellent seats, and it is a very, very exciting atmosphere around the football game. I'll be quite honest with you, our student support here has been very good compared to other athletics directors at their schools that I talk with. Everyone is struggling to get students to come to their athletic events. You know sometimes we don't have as many here as we would like to; on given days our students have been very, very supportive of our foot-

ball program and our athletic program in whole. I think it's important that students are here, because students set the tone for the atmosphere that is in the stadium, I mean the enthusiasm and their showing up and we can't look across that stadium and see empty seats and now that we're going to add an additional 8,000 seats it's even more important that our students fill up some of those seats.

**TEC:** Talk about the national television exposure ECU has gotten the past few years and the exposure ECU hopes to get this year.

**Hamrick:** The Cincinnati game will be Thursday night (Nov. 13) on ESPN. It's very important that we have that stadium full because this football program is exposing this entire university and the students that are here, the people that work here, the alumni, and we want the whole nation to see a full stadium, an enthusiastic stadium. And, Amanda, the number one reason why ESPN likes to do our games here from Thursday night is the enthusiasm and a lot of that comes from our students. I think it is important for our students to fill that stadium for not only that game but all the television exposure games that we get.

**TEC:** Talk about Conference USA and the impact it will have on ECU.

**Hamrick:** This will be the first time since 1976 that we'll be playing for a conference championship. Therefore, the Memphis, Southern Miss and Cincinnati games really mean something. We're playing now for a championship and we're playing for an opportunity to go to the Liberty Bowl,

with an automatic bid into the Liberty Bowl. We're tied into a bowl game now, whereas the last 20 years we have not been, so the conference is important to us. Every week we get to look at the conference standings and see where we are at and who's beating who and who plays who and I think it's just going to add an extra dimension to our football season.

**TEC:** The women's teams have experienced a greater amount of success recently. Can you talk about the women's programs and how they are rounding out the entire success of the athletics at ECU?

**Hamrick:** Well, that has been a priority for me since day one to have a well-rounded program. Our softball team won a school record of 49 games. Our women's track team finished second in the CAA. We have some outstanding athletes. I think our 4x100 meter relay team is one of the tops in the country. Michelle Clayton, one of our throwers, has qualified for the NCAA meet. Our women's swim team has won the Colonial the past two years since I've been here. Our entire program is getting better and better. We're not where we want to be by no means, but we're taking steps to improve our programs.

**TEC:** How are some of the smaller programs at ECU important to the athletic department?

**Hamrick:** They're important from the standpoint that we want a well-rounded program. There's only so much exposure that your program can get and, obviously, football is our high visibility sport. Football is our major

revenue sport and that gets the exposure, but that doesn't keep our other sports from doing well. As they do well, they will continue to get exposure.



Mike Hamrick

**TEC:** Coaches are very important to all sports and we have some great coaches here. What makes our coaching personnel so special?

**Hamrick:** The heart and soul of this program is the coaches. The coaches are the ones who do the recruiting. They're with the athletes day to day. They make the decisions on the field off the field, on and off the courts and I think for the most part we have a real good coaching staff that are committed and we just need to keep trying to provide them with resources so they can be successful.

**TEC:** Where do you see ECU athletics over the next few years?

**Hamrick:** Well, I'd like to think that from a conference standpoint that all of our sports are competing year in and year out for conference championship and competing for the post season bids and invitations that go along with those conference championships. We can see us in the NCAA tournaments and have some All-Americans and, at the same time, continue to have good quality student athletes in our program. That's where I'd like to see us and we're making small steps towards getting there.

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## Stadium expansion completion slated for September

**Anthony Stanfill**  
SENIOR WRITER

There's never been a better time to be an ECU Pirate football fan than this upcoming fall. This will be the Pirates' first year in Conference USA, as well as the first year in a larger Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Construction has been underway for months and the completion of the extra deck is expected by the season's home opener, according to Assistant Athletic Director Henry VanSant.

"The stadium is scheduled to be complete prior to the first game, which is September 13th," VanSant said. "On September 13th we will be opening and dedicating it [the deck] before the game versus Wake Forest."

The new addition will hold 8,000 more fans. The seats are for students and visitors, as well as reserve seats that will be sold. There is also going to be an upper concourse, which will have rest rooms, a concession stand and a souvenir shop.

Now that the stadium has increased its total capacity to 42,000, it will lure big name schools to play here. Freshmen will benefit the most from the new decks, as each year's schedule gets better and better.

"They are

[freshmen] going to be part of bigger crowds, more excitement and the possibility of bringing bigger teams," VanSant said. "In the next five years we'll have North Carolina, N.C. State, Duke, Wake Forest, Miami, Army and so on. Our future schedules are going to be greater than ever."

As always, tickets for students are free with a valid student ID. Students are also allowed one guest ticket that will cost \$12 for the first two games, and \$10 for the last two. Tickets can be picked up a week prior to the game at either the ticket office in Mendenhall Student Center or at the Athletic Ticket Office, located behind the stadium.

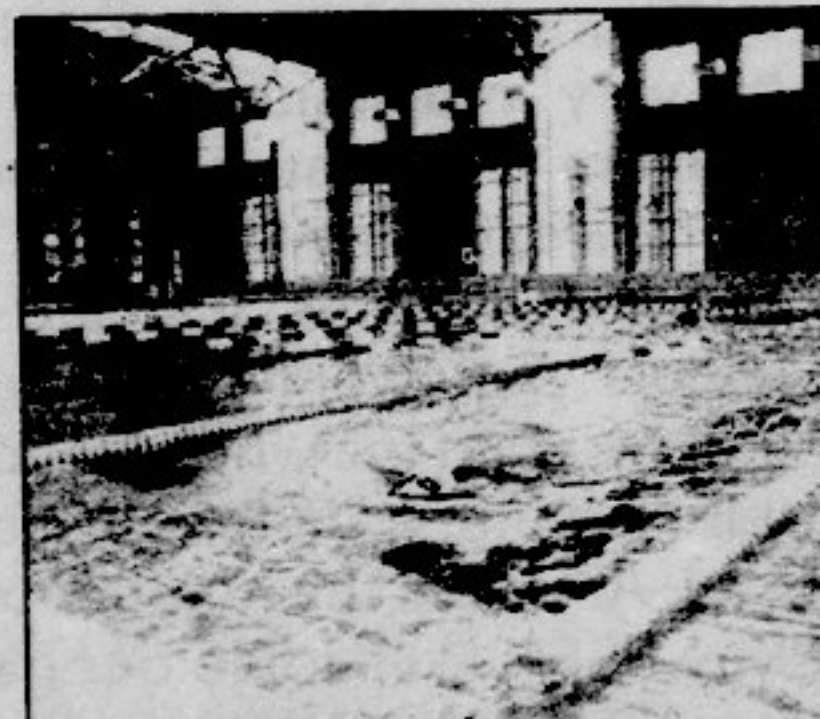
Students can pick up a copy of the team's schedule, with the specific games, dates and times, at the Student Store, UBE and Mendenhall. Students are also reminded that they must bring their student ID along with their tickets in order to get in.



Wake Forest is the home opener this season in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. By then the 8,000 additional seating capacity will be complete.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS GAYDOSH

### GET IN SHAPE AT THE REC CENTER



(clockwise from top) Scott Sassen and Scott Green play basketball on one of the six basketball courts. Brian Ashley and Allison Mack take advantage of the various weights in the weight room, while Stephanie Austin swims laps in the Olympic size pool. These are just a few of the activities the Rec Center offers.

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## Sorority Rush Fall 1997 Individually Unique • Together Complete

### Greek life at East Carolina University: A look at Sororities

Greek life at East Carolina University begins before the Fall semester with Fall Formal Rush. Usually a week before school, Rush is a time when the sorority members show you what they are all about. You will attend a series of parties and you will get your first taste of Greek life. After Rush you will begin to learn all about the sorority you just entered. You will learn everything from your national history and traditions to local chapter, traditions. You will interact with your new member class, as well as with the women who will one day be your sisters.

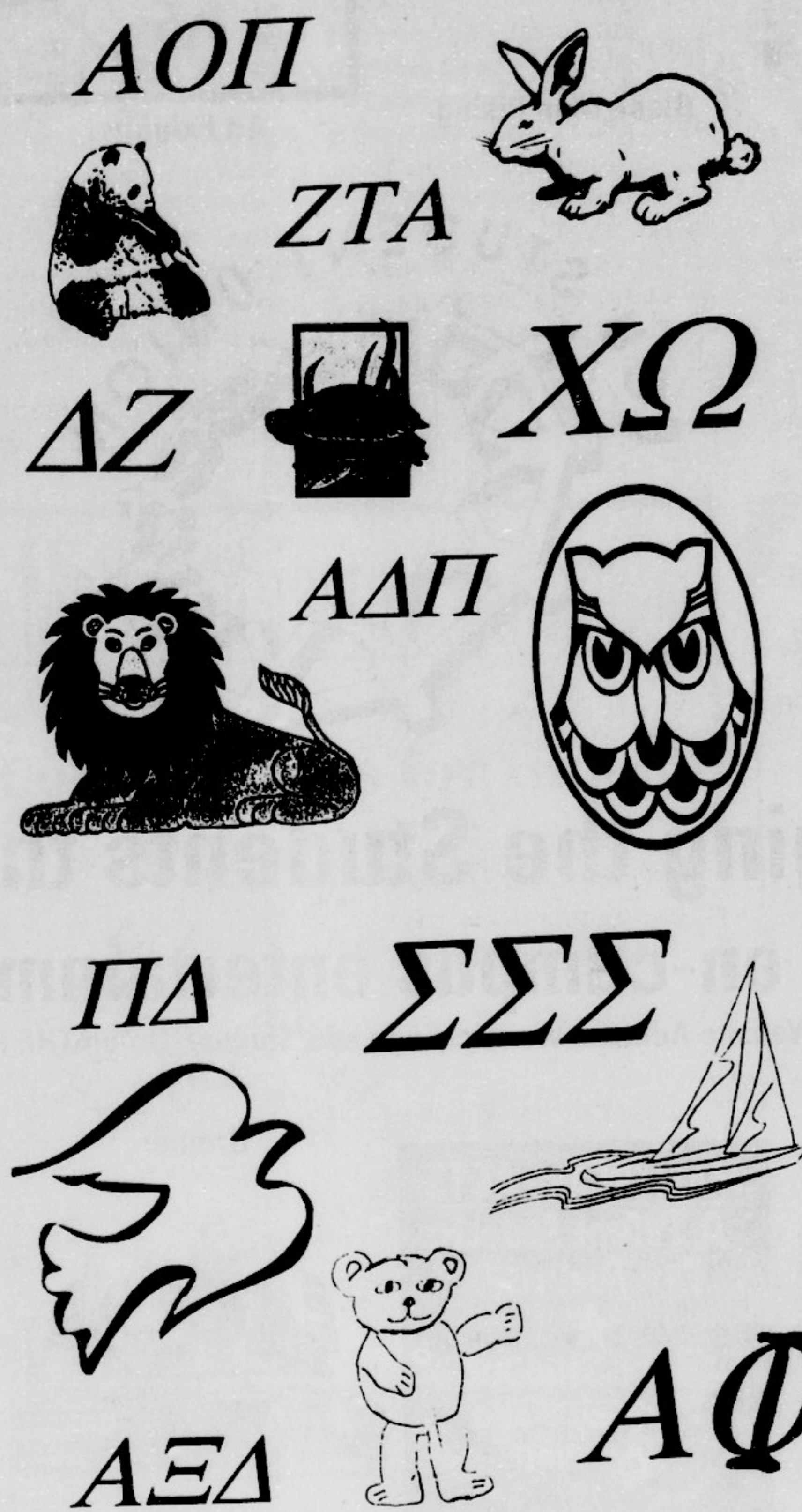
Activities for the year include formals, philanthropy projects, car washes, social, scholastic activities, sisterhood retreats, Greek Week, Panhellenic Sponsored Events as well as many, many more events.

For more information about rush and to receive an application you can call 919-328-4235 or write:

Panhellenic Council  
East Carolina University  
204 Whichard Building  
Greenville, NC 27858

And by the way there is an application right on this page.

SEE YOU IN THE FALL!!



### East Carolina University 1997 Rush Registration

Your registration must be accompanied with a check for \$30, non-refundable made to ECU Panhellenic Association. Rush dates are on Thurs. August 13th-17th. You must also supply eight (8) photos of yourself at the start of rush. Registration deadline is August 8, 1997. For questions call 919-328-4235.

Return to: East Carolina University  
204 Whichard Building  
Greenville, NC 27858

Last Name First Social Security #

Off Campus Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a Sorority affiliate in your family? Y N

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Student Pirate Club meets fans' needs

**Amenda Ross**  
*Sports Editor*

When you come back in August, there is one club you will want to make sure you join: the Student Pirate Club (SPC).

If you've never heard of the SPC, then you're missing out. This is the best way to get the latest scoop on ECU athletics and they offer exclusive privileges to members only.

Last season members had first pick on the N.C. State vs. ECU tickets in Charlotte. While many students camped out, the SPC members had their tickets in hand.

This season, since the big match-up is in Raleigh, ECU students are only allotted 1,000 tickets. Mark Wharton, who's in charge of the SPC, says currently they are working on a plan to make sure some SPC members get first pick again on the tickets. "We only have 1,000 tickets for the students for the N.C. State game on Nov. 22," Wharton said. "We are trying to develop with the athletic department to allot a amount of tickets, either 50 or 100, and allow Student Pirate Club members a lottery for them."

Wharton says the deal isn't done yet, but things are looking up.

"It's in the working stages but it's getting very positive reviews," Wharton said. For those lucky enough to

have tickets ahead of time, a bus trip is in the works for the ticket holders to get to Raleigh.

As was the case last season, all SPC members will get home football and basketball tickets before the start of each season in one bulk, unlike non-members, who must go on a game-by-game basis throughout the season.

During basketball season, the SPC has an annual bus trip to one away game to watch the men's team play and it looks like this season the trip will be to watch the Monarchs of Old Dominion. In the past it has been UNC-Wilmington.

Last season the SPC had its highest number of members with over 300. Wharton believes this season could be even better.

"We're looking for '97 to be a very good year just because of the excitement with the football schedule and the general excitement within the town of Greenville and the university," Wharton said.

Another project currently being worked on is having a cookout for members before the Southern Mississippi game.

"We are probably, before the Southern Miss game, going to have a cook-out for all members at Bunting Field, which would be covered tent catered by Outback Restaurant," Wharton said. "We would try to do similar with the basketball and baseball games."

For those who like to take charge, the SPC offers an execu-

tive board which helps make decisions in what is going to happen for the year ahead. This fall, the SPC will look to fill position for those interested in holding an office.

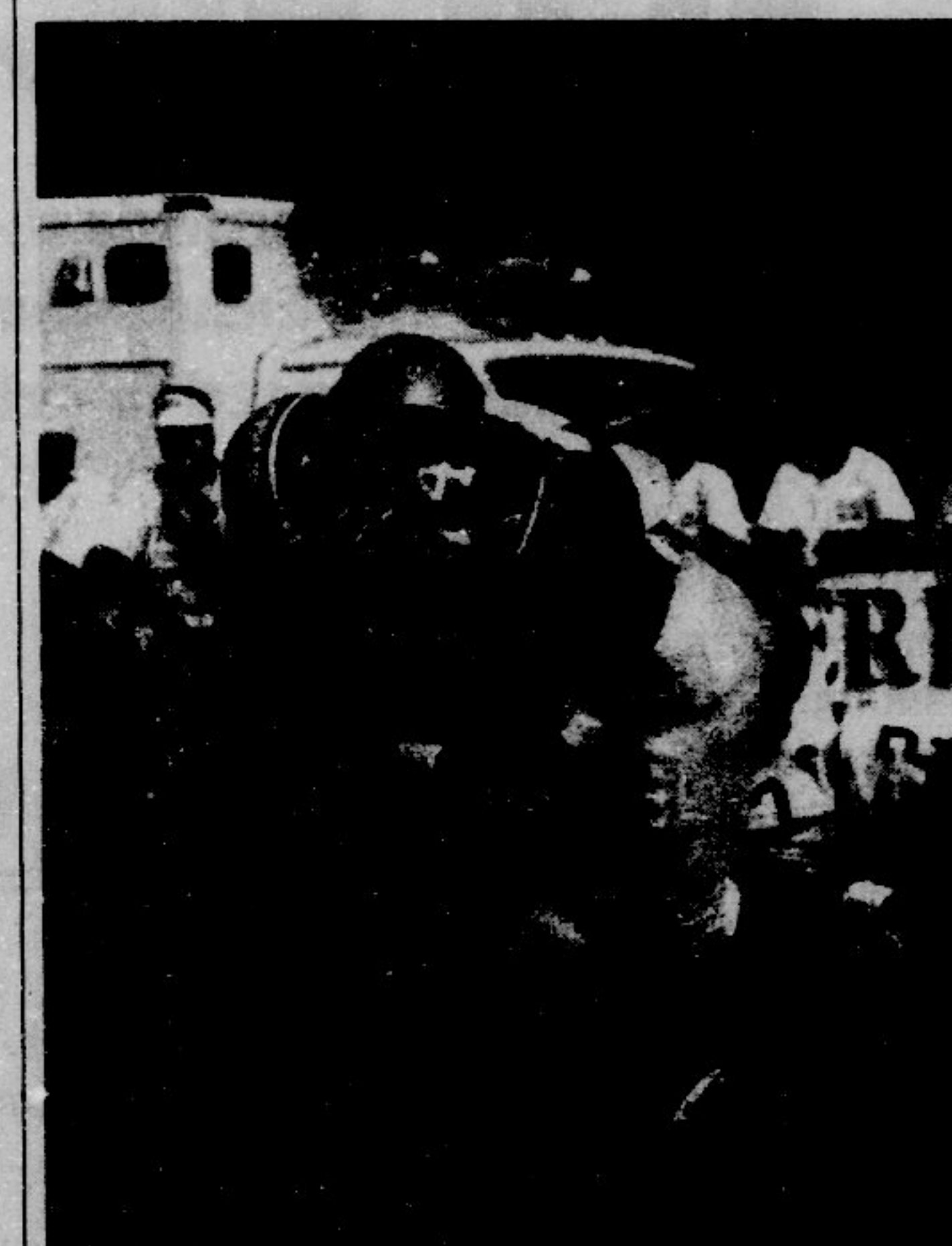
"They can be a voice from the athletic department to the students and have their cooperation," Wharton said. "We're really searching for a rebuilt board."

Now with all good things there is a cost involved, but you pay it once a year and your privileges run throughout the entire school year. It's just 25 dollars and for such a small price, you get an abundance of privileges. In fact, the money you put forth is matched and you actually are a 75 dollar member for one-third of the price. And you build up points during your college years if you continue through until you graduate. So it's a good idea to join as a freshman because you will have points built up by graduation which will put you ahead in the regular Pirate Club, as compared to those who don't join while in college.

Not only do you get benefits now, but you are building up for your post-college years which will allow you even more benefits.

If all this sounds intriguing, you can contact Wharton at 919-328-4540. You don't have to wait until you come back in August. Call now and he can set you up with all the great opportunities listed above.

OUTTA MY WAY!



Junior Scott Harley will return as the nations leading rusher and will look to continue his record breaking ways.  
FILE PHOTO

### 1997 ECU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Sept. 6	at West Virginia	Morgantown, W.Va.
Sept. 13	WAKE FOREST	GREENVILLE, N.C.
Sept. 20	SOUTH CAROLINA	GREENVILLE, N.C.
Oct. 4	at Syracuse	Syracuse, N.Y.
Oct. 11	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	GREENVILLE, N.C.
Oct. 18	at Tulane	New Orleans, La.
Oct. 25	MEMPHIS	GREENVILLE, N.C.
Nov. 1	at Louisville	Louisville, Ky.
Nov. 8	at Houston	Houston, Texas
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Nov. 22	at North Carolina State	Raleigh, N.C.

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## Need to know where to PARK?

Parking on the ECU campus is by permit only. Freshman parking for resident students is located near 3rd Street and at School of Allied Health off of Charles Blvd. Freshman commuters may park at Minges Coliseum and utilize the Rapid Shuttle Service.



## How do I REGISTER MY CAR?

You should be mailed a vehicle registration brochure. The early vehicle registration deadline is July 23. After July 23, registration must be made in person. Avoid the line, register in time!

Need assistance with a battery jump? Locked keys in your vehicle? Call us. We may be able to help.

Tune in to radio station AM 530 for current parking and event information.

**Parking & Transportation Services**  
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## Expecting MAIL?

Student mail is delivered Monday through Saturday to resident mailboxes by ECU Mail Services. ECU Mail Services provides a US Postal Service customer window for you to purchase stamps, mail packages and overnight express, buy money orders, and pick up packages sent to you via US mail. Mail Services is located just west of the mall, near the cupola. Questions? Call 328-6091.

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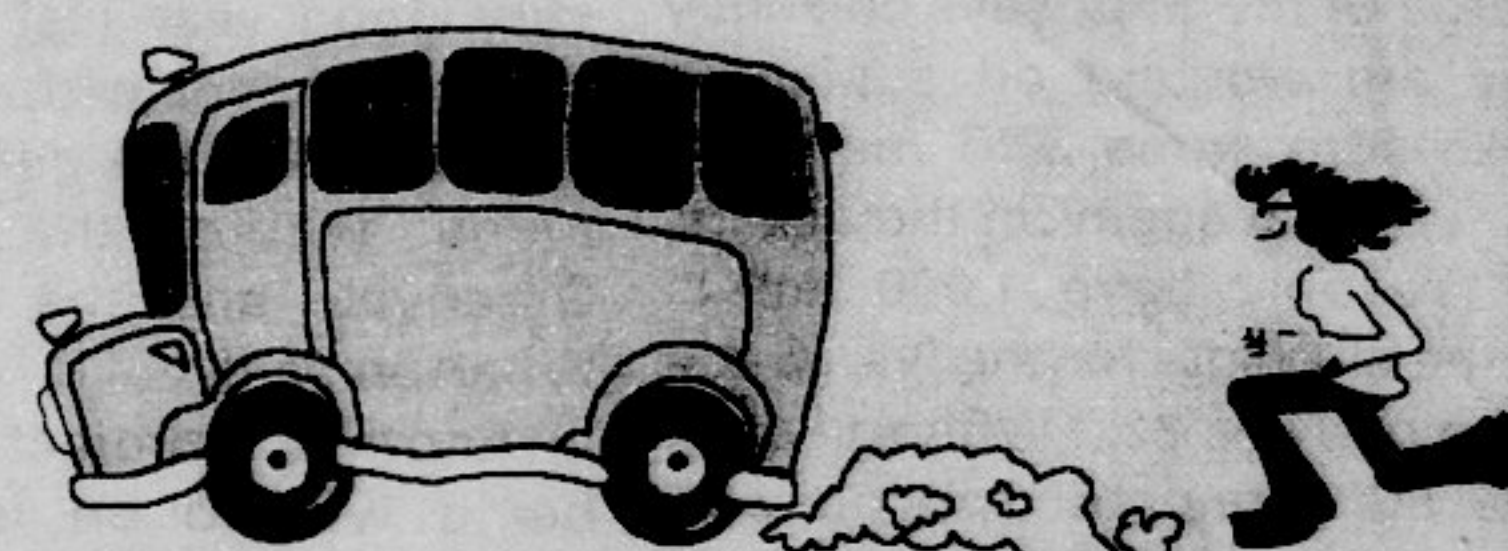
Call the ECU Police directly by using any blue light phone, or call 9-1-1 from any campus phone. ECU Police are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist you.



## Walking alone at night?

Dial 328-6787 or use a blue light phone to call for a Student Patrol Escort. They'll walk or drive you between buildings and/or parking lots!

## Need a RIDE?



ECU Transit operates a FRESHMAN SHUTTLE between campus and the Freshman parking lot at Allied Health; as well as PIRATE RIDE shuttle between campus buildings. There's also the RAPID SHUTTLE SERVICE for those parking at Minges Coliseum. Plus, there are bus routes all over Greenville! Call ECU-BUS1 for the latest information. Bus schedules are available in Mendenhall Student Center. (ECU Transit is a student run organization and is not a department of Business Services. We just thought you'd like to know more about it!)

## Need to COPY your class notes or term paper?

Self-service, card operated copiers are located in Joyner Library, some classroom buildings, and some residence halls.

Full service, RAPID COPY CENTERS are located in Joyner Library, as well as in the Printing & Publications Building and at the School of Medicine, Brody GE-101. Rapid Copy Joyner is open daily, including evening hours. Additional services such as full-color digital copies and color output, binding, typesetting, laminating, and faxing are also available through RAPID COPY.



## Have questions about the ECU 1 CARD?

The ECU 1 Card is in its early stages of implementation. Freshman should receive their 1Card during orientation. In the beginning, it will be used as the dining card, in vending machines and copiers, and for financial aid deferral to pay for books at Dowdy Student Stores. Questions? Call the 1 Card Office, located inside Dowdy Student Stores, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 328-2015. The ECU 1 Card is expected to be fully operational by Spring 1998.

## Need BOOKS? a COMPUTER? new SOFTWARE? some cool ECU CLOTHES? class SUPPLIES?

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