

Recent incident timely reminder of drug's danger

Former student found naked on sorority lawn

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A former ECU student overdosed on GHB and was found naked in front of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority

house, one month before possession laws are scheduled to change statewide. A police report stated that the victim overdosed on GHB while inside a night club at 511 Cortanche Street.

He was taken to Pitt County Memorial Hospital, where he was listed in fair condition late Thursday. This incident, along with many others, has North Carolina joining many other states in an effort to outlaw the dangerous drug GHB (gamma hydroxy butyric acid).

GHB, despite being what school officials call a very serious

drug and a danger to the school population, is completely legal to use.

On Dec. 1 the possession of GHB will become illegal. "It's very serious," said Associate Dean of Students Karen Boyd. "The minimum sanction [has been] the same minimum sanction as marijuana. We are now considering suspension from the university for the first-time (GHB) offenders."

The ECU Police Department says they do not have any criminal incidents on GHB at the university.

"Up until Dec. 1, it's not

illegal to possess it, so we wouldn't have any criminal incidents," said Johnny Umphlett, patrol commander of ECU Police Department. "I'm not saying it is not out there... I hear it's out there, but I don't know what the use is right now."

GHB is a clear, colorless liquid that causes hallucinations, an intense sexual desire and euphoria. It can lead to breathing problems, coma, seizures and even death.

"It's a clear liquid, it might be harder to identify, as opposed to someone having marijuana on their desk," Umphlett said.

"It also has the potential to

be used as a date rape drug," Boyd said. "It was Roofies at first, but GHB is rapidly becoming more popular."

It is hazards like these that have prompted North Carolina to team up with Georgia, Rhode Island and Florida this year to ban the possession of GHB.

California, Texas, Hawaii and Massachusetts have similar bills to be enforced.

"Rohypnol (roofies) has a 72-hour turnaround. GHB... is very difficult to identify, and you have to do it quickly," Boyd said. "The goal is, our students shouldn't be killing themselves."



A former student was found naked on the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority house's lawn, and treated for a GHB overdose.



AIDS Activist River Huston speaks to students in Mendenhall Student Center last Monday about safe sex, condom use and living with the disease.

AIDS activist: Condoms should be labeled erotic & fun

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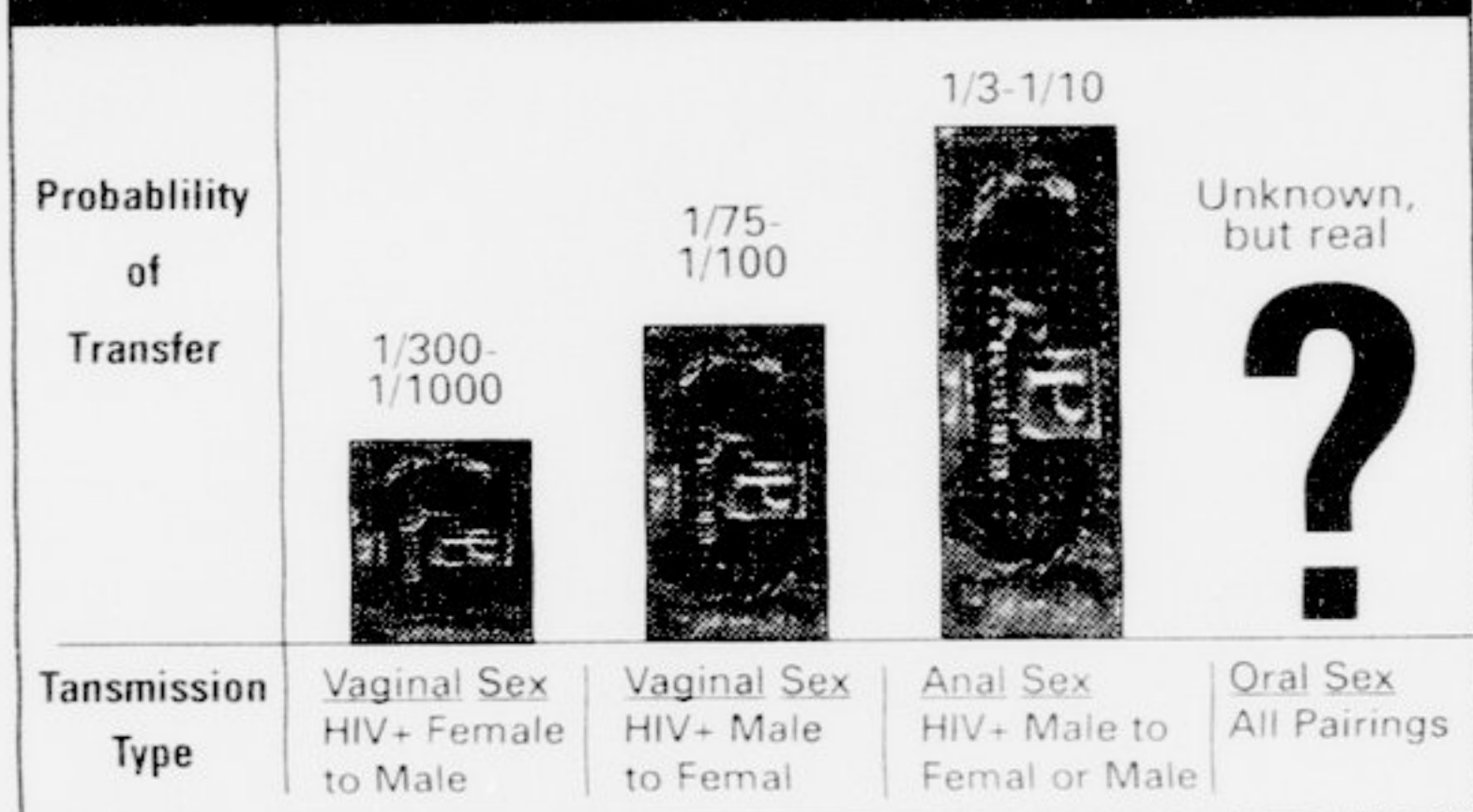
Sex—a lingering thought in almost every college student's mind was exploited by AIDS activist and speaker River Huston, who says condoms should be labeled erotic and fun because they make sex safe and therefore enjoyable.

Diagnosed with HIV in 1990, Huston said the truth is that AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases are not sexy. Unfortunately, Huston fears many college students believe condoms are not sexy either.

Speaking Monday, Nov. 10, on safe sex practices which prevent the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, Huston made several suggestions for making safe sex fun.

"How many times when you are a kid do you hear, hey, sex is so good, you are going to love it."

HIV Transmission Statistics



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Have you ever shared your sexual fantasies with your mother? "Hey ma, it's funny; I can get up in front of a room full of strangers and tell you how much I love to masturbate. I love sex, it's God's gift to the world. Unfortunately, people are so afraid of sex. We are a sexually wounded society," Huston said.

Huston is a published poet, professional musician and founder of the Woman's Wellness fund, a resource for women seeking treatments for the HIV infection.

Huston speaks about issues such as living with HIV, substance

Facts about AIDS

How Is AIDS Transmitted?
99% of all new infections in the past year have been attributed to the following things:

- Unprotected sex
- Sharing needles
- Mother to unborn child

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- Clotting injections (pre-1985), as required by hemophiliacs
- Blood transfusions 1/250,000
- Organ Transplants 1/100,000
- Blood to Open Wound (only one verified case)
- Tattoos/Body Piercing with dirty needles

HIV can't be transmitted through:

- Casual contact
- Sharing sheets
- Holding hands
- Kissing
- Giving blood
- Toilet seats
- Sharing food
- Insects

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Secret Service investigates student forgery

U.S. District Attorney dismisses charges

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A student, and resident of Scott Hall, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and forgery.

"Officers went to his dorm room (Scott Hall) because there was a marijuana odor in the hall," says Investigator Michael Jordan of the ECU Police Department. While inside the officers searched the room and found an 8.5x11 sheet of paper with a U.S. currency image printed on it. There were two \$5 bills, two \$10 bills, and a one sided sheet of twenties. Also found with the counterfeit bills were several different types of drug paraphernalia. In addition to being charged with marijuana possession, the student was charged with forgery.

Because the student was charged with forgery, the Secret Service was immediately involved. "Anything dealing with money is a federal offense," claims Jordan.

In cases like this, the student goes through a double judicial system of criminal justice as well as student court. This is a process that all students who are charged must go through.

"I can't speak for the secret service, but our officer charged him with forgery and the case was dismissed," claims Jordan. "The U.S. District Attorney will not prosecute the case, based on the amount of bills recovered."

"Normally if anyone gets caught (with marijuana), they get sent to both Dean Spicer and to court," says Captain Johnny Umphlett. "Pretty much anybody will get referred to court," says Umphlett.

If an officer notices something suspicious such as red dilated eyes, they will stop the student and ask him a couple of questions. If there is enough suspicion the officer will search the student.

"If you have rolling papers but no marijuana you will get referred to the dean's office. Then counseling will follow," says Umphlett. "If there is any evidence that will bring about a charge, then the student will be referred to court. There is no arrest made for simple possession of marijuana, which is 1/2 an oz. or less, but a state citation will be given and the student will have to go to court."

"Most marijuana charges are for simple possession," claims Umphlett. "But in any incident, the student will go to the dean, even if we forget to refer them to the dean's office, their office will pick up on it and call them in," says Umphlett.

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across the state

Child riding on mother's lap dies when airbag inflates

RANLLO, N.C. (AP) — A 3-year-old girl riding in a car on her mother's lap was killed during a collision that set off the vehicle's airbags, police said.

Katelynn Marie Self died of a head injury and a broken neck, the Gaston County medical examiner, Dr. Bruce Plitt, ruled Saturday. Police said they believed the airbags contributed to the injuries.

Since 1993, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has blamed the deaths of 45 children on airbags.

Nike gear stolen from UNC

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — The day Nike representatives tried to assuage University of North Carolina anti-Nike student activists, someone else swiped \$1,840 worth of Nike gear.

Ten pairs of Nike shoes and 12 letter jackets disappeared from the storage room at Woollen Gym early Thursday, campus police said.

Nike reps met on campus Thursday with activists who object to working conditions at Southeast Asian shoe factories where Nikes are made. They told the activists they address problems whenever they become aware of them.

across the nation

Cocaine charges dropped after sex investigation

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Cocaine charges will be dropped against a Columbia man because an investigator slept with the defendant's mother, a prosecutor said.

Richland County Sheriff's Deputy Kenneth McCaster admitted to a yearlong relationship with the mother of 23-year-old Elgwick Tatum, Barney Giese said. Tatum had been charged with buying cocaine in July 1995.

The main evidence against Tatum was a statement made to McCaster, which the deputy did not write down.

Giese said McCaster admitted talking to Tatum's mother about the case.

Dummy on tracks halts freight train

HANOVER, Md. (AP) — A dummy with a pumpkin for a head and a stuffed shirt and pants for a body stopped a CSX freight train for two hours Saturday night, Howard County fire officials said.

The train's conductor contacted police fearing he had struck a pedestrian, but a subsequent search found nothing more than the dummy, said Capt. Michael Baker, a Howard County fire spokesman.

around the world

Russian accuses Iranian of trying to buy missile technology

MOSCOW (AP) — An Iranian arrested in Moscow was trying to buy missile technology from Russian experts, security services say.

The arrest comes on the heels of an attempt by the U.S. Congress to punish Russian companies suspected of providing ballistic missile technology to Iran. Russia insists it is allowing no such trade.

The Iranian suspect was caught while trying to buy top-secret information, Russian news agencies said Friday, citing security services.

Twenty bodies wash up on Thai beaches

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — The bodies of 19 men and one woman washed up on southern Thai beaches, apparent victims of Tropical Storm Linda, the Bangkok Post reported today.

Eakin elected president of higher education group

Association provides support for state colleges

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Dr. Richard Eakin, chancellor of ECU, has been elected president of the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities (NCACU).

NCACU has been in existence in the state of North Carolina for a long time. The association provides support of higher education of the state to work for goals. NCACU brings together the president, chief executive officers and academic officers of community, public and private colleges of the university and the state.

"I'm delighted to have the opportunity to assume leadership with this association," Eakin said. Eakin will serve a one-year term as head of the organization. He had served as president-elect until he took the place of Dr. Douglass Orr, president of Warren Wilson College.

"My responsibility as president will be to conduct the meetings of the board of the association, arranging the annual meetings of the association and coordinating the affairs for the next year," Eakin said.

Previously as president-elect, he helped to plan the program of NCACU's annual meeting held recently in Asheville. As President, Eakin will host the association's annual meeting next year to be held in Greenville.

NCACU, representing public, private and community colleges, involves all of higher education. "It is involved in sponsoring studies of the issues of importance to higher education," Eakin said. "Recently we have sponsored several studies of financial aid and educated the importance to students as they seek an education."

USA Today sales provide scholarship for students

Three cents tax, two cents scholarship

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Six percent sales tax on 50 cents does not add up to 55 cents. Anyone who happens to buy newspapers at any of the student dining places may have noticed that the stand price on USA Today has increased five cents—that's three cents for tax and two cents unexplained.

The price increase is being used for a good cause.

"We worked out a deal with USA Today where we would buy papers from them and they would give a scholarship," said Fred Bissinger, resident district manager for Aramark at ECU.

Bissinger says the extra two cents students pay go toward an annual \$2000 scholarship to be given to the hospitality management program at this university. All those pennies

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Forgery

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Last year someone was arrested for possession of over seven ounces. That was considered a felony possession with intent to sell. Most of it was wrapped in individual bags. Cases such as these are rare on the ECU campus.

"On average we charge people about twice a week," says Umphlett. "Some weeks have three or four cases and some have none. Sometimes it is three or four in a night."

Throughout the last year, the ECU Police Department had 86 cases involving marijuana.

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(plus whatever money it takes from USA Today to add up to the promised \$2000) will either go to aid the department or to help individual hospitality management students pay for tuition and books.

"We just felt we needed to give something back," said Bissinger, adding that in the last eight years 75 percent of the managers Aramark hires for campus dining come from ECU's management program. Student managers are also often found in the ranks of the hospitality management department.

The scholarship program is new this year, and was added primarily because USA Today needed to give the university an incentive to continue vending their publication at ECU.

So far sales have not been as high as hoped.

"They really wanted to do it... they pursued me to do it here... I told them I wanted something out of it since I wasn't making any money off of it," Bissinger said.

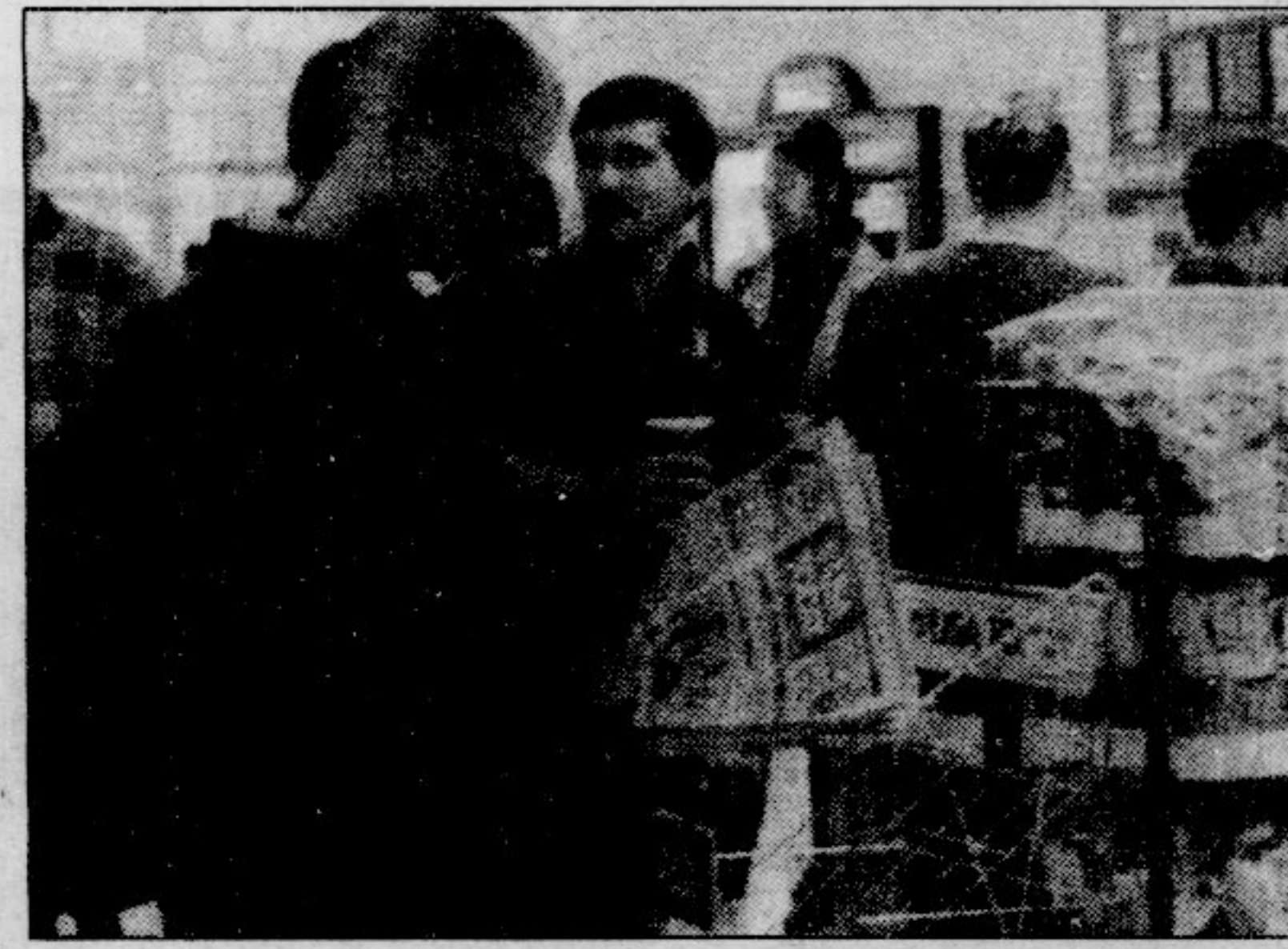
Bissinger says he has high hopes for the program; however, its continuance depends on support from those who might buy the paper here at ECU rather than elsewhere.

"The only thing I get out of it financially is that it might get someone [who is buying a paper] to stay in my unit and buy food. But as far as financial gains—there aren't any," Bissinger said.

Bissinger plans to meet with Dean Grove on Monday to work out the details of exactly who is eligible to receive assistance from the scholarship.

—the department as a whole, or students.

"I'm going to go in for the students who continue the hospitality department. The students need it more for books and tuition," Bissinger said. "Buy USA Today and support the scholarship."



Asa Elbring, picks up a USA Today paper at the Wright Place, a purchase that will benefit many students. PHOTO BY MARTHA PEACOCK

AIDS

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abuse and sexuality.

"I am an AIDS activist. I became an AIDS activist because I am also a person living with AIDS. It makes it hard to talk about sex and sexuality. For me to give a lecture on sexually positive attitudes, people find it almost criminal. Someone that has AIDS or HIV still likes sex. I have gotten into a lot of trouble for that; I was actually arrested in New Jersey for a condom demonstration," Huston said.

Huston suggested that in order to find an appropriate form of protection, an individual must be comfortable with their own sexuality.

"You need to feel comfortable with whatever turns you on, and if you are ashamed you need to work

through that. When I was 14, I was raped by six men, beaten up and thrown in a ditch. It was a very public event. No one leashed out for me because I was drinking and had passed out. Replaying the rape scene got me off. I was really ashamed, but it was my way of coping," Huston said.

Since humans are already sexual people by nature, loving our bodies is only the first step to become the sexual beings we already are. So, we need to be sexy with condoms, dental dams, and toys.

"Stop looking at condoms and saying 'I hate them, I hate them, I hate them.' Look at them as erotic and fun," said Huston.

Huston also said abstinence does not necessarily have to mean celibacy.

"Abstinence is not celibacy. Abstinence is not the absence of all sexuality, abstinence of sexual activity, abstinence of intercourse, abstinence of unsafe activity, I love

that, Huston said. "Alright, well, I am not driving without my seatbelt on. Let's rock," Huston said.

It has been 12 years since Huston developed HIV, and now she has AIDS. She thought her sex life was over, but now she has a partner who is HIV negative.

"If you find abstinence from a spiritual place it is a wonderful thing. I told myself that I was going to hold out," Huston said. "If you find abstinence in fear and guilt you are hurting yourself," Huston said.

Huston is hoping most of her words will not fall on deaf ears. J. Marshall, assistant director of student activities, said the show was amazing.

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our view

We at The East Carolinian realize that tobacco pays many bills in this area, but tobacco can kill; in fact it does on a daily basis. Many smokers die each year from a smoking-related illness. On Thursday, we encourage smokers to take part in the annual Great Smokeout. The American Cancer Society organized the annual event in 1977 when smokers were encouraged to quit for one day to prove they could do it.

More Americans try to quit on this day every year than on any other day of the year. And, after all, it is only one day. It's just 24 hours.

Just to help the smokers out there prepare, here are some tips from the American Cancer Society. Ask yourself three questions: How much do I smoke? Why do I smoke? What will be my most difficult hurdle in quitting? After asking yourself these three questions, ask yourself which you want most: to smoke or to stop.

After a little soul-searching, choose a method of quitting. Cold turkey is most successful, so Thursday would be a good target day. If you can't go cold turkey, start the effort.

One way to make sure you go cold turkey is to get rid of the cigarettes. Give your cigarettes to your roommate, your significant other or a friend. Tell everyone you're quitting for the day and not to give you a smoke no matter how much you beg for one. Find something else to do during your smoke break; buy a drink or a snack. Getting rid of the cigarettes is more of a challenge because if you get rid of the matches or the lighter, the temptation of the cigarettes is still there; you can always find matches or a lighter.

If you decide to reduce rather than quit for a day, make getting a cigarette a challenge; smoke with your left hand if you're right handed, put a rubber band around the pack, change to a brand you don't like for a day. Don't buy a case; buy one pack and then don't buy anymore.

We at TEC are simply saying smoking is bad, not tobacco. We encourage you to take the challenge; quit for a day. Don't be a wimp; you can do it, smokers. It's only for a day, you can go back to it Friday—if you want to.

OPINION Columnist

William Stacey COCHRAN

Diplomacy best when dealing with Iraq



If military force is necessary, the United States should act swiftly and strongly but should only do so with the acknowledgment of the UN... For the time being, it seems diplomacy may be the most effective means to resolving the situation in Iraq.

Just how much is too much? Saddam Hussein has once again defied the United Nations council in his forcing out of U.S. inspection officials. He has successfully upset the UN by dividing the United States from the other members of the council.

Many experts say it was a smart move by Saddam because it effectively whipsaws the United States between Iraq's provocation and a UN council that many feel would not back the United States in using military force to reestablish dominance in the Gulf. Other members of the UN council say the United States is blowing Saddam's behavior out of proportion.

It seems that even neighboring countries have decided that Hussein is not so much a threat, as they did six years ago. Saudi Arabia and Jordan have been less than helpful in coordinating diplomacy to deal with Iraq. Even the French and Russians seem lethargic with the U.S. inspectors being forced out of Iraq.

It is as though the UN council has decided it is not a UN problem so much as a US problem. And for time being, it seems the United States is on their own. The only problem is that it is a UN problem as well as a U.S. problem.

The word from the White House is that Saddam's behavior is "unacceptable," which was a vague way of denouncing Hussein's failure to comply. It is apparent to many that US was caught with their pants

down and certainly Baghdad is reveling in their perturbation of the US.

It is important that President Clinton draw a clear line in coordinating a coalition with the UN council. The White House must focus their attention on the keeping the UN together when dealing with Iraq or any non-UN country.

What has happened is that Iraq has divided the United States and the UN like a bratty child between two irremediable parents.

If military force is necessary, the United States should act swiftly and strongly but should only do so with the acknowledgment of the UN. Because if the United States does resort to weaponry, and does it on their own, this will only divide the UN council further.

For the time being, it seems diplomacy may be the most effective means to resolving the situation in Iraq. However, if Iraq fires on U.S. spy planes (as they have threatened to do) or if they disperse other UN inspectors, which seems imminent, the United States must work with the UN in using military force.

LETTER to the Editor

Columnist Day has much to learn

I have just read Jeff Day's editorial "Greeks Have Much to Learn." I find it hard to believe that he has treated this subject with the same closed mindedness that Greeks have been accused of. Perhaps Jeff is the one who has much to learn.

Although the incidents he describes are deplorable, they in no way reflect the actions of Greeks in general. Mr. Day has no personal knowledge of whether the people described were, in fact, members of fraternities and sororities or just simply a group of people drinking. Perhaps some of them were Greek and some of them were not, but do you really know for sure?

Notwithstanding this, bad apples

exist in every group, race, religion, and culture. It is plainly asinine to judge an entire group by the actions of a few. I am a member of a fraternity that I joined as an undergraduate at Georgia Tech.

Although I speak in ignorance about ECU's Greek system, the Greek organizations at Georgia Tech were ranked in several categories, including philanthropy and academics. I personally spent several hours building a house for a family through Habitat for Humanity.

I can also say that were it not for my fraternity brothers and their support I never would have been able to complete my undergraduate

degree. For an outsider to criticize a group that they have plainly made no attempt to understand is ridiculous.

Furthermore, the analysis of the classified ads was unbelievable. Gratitude can be a show of respect and good manners. I wonder how Mr. Day would feel if that high powered, over-critical microscope were pointed in his direction.

From the art of generalization to the criticism of others, Jeff Day has a lot to learn.

Sean Nemeth
MBA Graduate Student

To write in plain, vigorous language, one has to think fearlessly, and if one thinks fearlessly, one cannot be politically orthodox.

— George Orwell

OPINION Columnist

Jeff BERGMAN

Milk: it really does a body bad



Next time you go to throw back a nice cold glass of milk, just think about how much pus is contained in the glass. Or maybe you should consider exactly what these hormones are doing to you or your children.

Wipe that milk mustache off your face. Do you know what is in your heavily promoted beverage?

rBGH is a genetically engineered growth hormone for cattle that dairy farmers use to increase milk production. If you listen to the Food and Drug Administration, as a lot of people do, you will hear the usual rhetoric that recombinant bovine growth hormone (rBGH), "is the same as naturally occurring bovine growth hormone (BGH)." Some scientists feel that rBGH can stimulate an allergic reaction in a portion of the populace. The FDA says this possibility is insignificant and has, so far, refused to conduct tests into the allergic reaction idea.

So a small scale experiment with the usual control and experimental groups is not being done. Perhaps the FDA feels that the current nationwide experiment on unwitting participants, us, the American public, is study enough.

Other scientific research has found that the BGH use increases the levels of Insulin-like Growth Factor #1 (IGF-1). IGF-1 is naturally-occurring growth factor that occurs in both humans and cows. The problem lies in the what IGF-1 can do. The hormone is a cancer accelerator and is associated with both breast cancer and tumors. As Dr. Samuel Epstein of the University of Illinois says, "We think it [rBGH] plays a significant role in breast cancer."

The research that rBGH plays a role in breast cancer should be of concern to all. The milk industry is heavily promoting milk, which they claim is good for women to help prevent osteoporosis—even though milk is not good for women or anyone beyond a young age to drink, but that is another column.

Of course the FDA has no conflict of interest in concerns to rBGH, which is produced by the company Monsanto. It is purely by coincidence that Mike Taylor is a close deputy to David Kessler head of the FDA. Taylor was once employed as chief outside counsel for Monsanto. The coincidences seem to be coming out of the woodwork. Taylor is also cousin to Tipper "The Music Labeler" Gore, wife of Vice President Al "I'll take money from anybody" Gore.

Monsanto's own data, or at least the data they release, shows that cows treated with rBGH have a "79 percent increase in mastitis (udder infections) and a resulting 19 percent increase in somatic cells (pus in milk)."

A warning label is included with Posilac, the brand name for rBGH. The label states, "use of Posilac has been associated with increases in somatic cell counts [pus]. Studies

indicated that cows injected with Posilac had increased numbers of enlarged hocks and lesions (e.g. laceration, enlargements, calluses) of the knees."

That might not be a milk mustache; it could be a nice pus mustache. Got pus?

The four companies that stand to make money from the rBGH are Monsanto, Eli Lilly, Upjohn and American Cyanamid. Monsanto, Eli Lilly and Upjohn are all convicted corporate felons. Some of the charges leveled against the three include, but are not limited to, "deadly toxic gas cloud releases, consumer pharmaceutical products that kill people and produce birth defects" and failure to inform Federal officials of testing results, indicating fatalities connected to their products."

And I am supposed to trust Monsanto when they tell me rBGH is safe. Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me.

Next time you go to throw back a nice cold glass of milk, just think about how much pus is contained in the glass. Or maybe you should consider exactly what these hormones are doing to you or your children. Now, I am not for the outlawing of the rBGH, but I am for labeling of any product, milk, cheese, etc. that contains rBGH. If the company labels the chemical mixture that cows are injected with, why is the final product not labeled?

And, of course, you all know the answer by now. (Well, if you have read any of my previous articles.) The answer is money. Given the choice, people will not buy milk that has been altered through hormones. Given the correct information, people also want the milk labeled, as they should.

LETTER to the Editor

Radford, alumni receive harsh treatment

Most everyone who was raised in the South remembers the stories of how it used to be in rural towns. Oh, you remember how police beat people, and how elections were corrupt, the stories of how police always were found to be in the right no matter what they did. So was the way in the old south back then.

Here at ECU, according to the school's attorney, it is proper procedure for the police to use pepper spray on patrons. Here at ECU, it is all right to drag people

from their crying children; if they mysteriously fall down steps while in police custody, that is fine. Here at ECU, a flag is just cause for police to use force and for patrons to receive the full fury of Barney Fife, i.e. William C. Peebles. It will come as no great shock that Peebles is still in good standing with ECU, guiltless and in good standing. ECU finds an ECU police officer to be correct in his decisions. Does anyone see a conflict of interests here?

We do not need this kind of incompetent and irrational behavior

on the part of our campus police department. This mentality of the bully cop is not welcome or appreciated by the students. Furthermore, I feel Michael Radford should reconsider suing the university. Radford should send a message to the administration that this sort of behavior will not be tolerated. He should use the money for a scholarship fund. I can see it now: "The Radford College Fund, a free flag and a check to every recipient."

Steve Higdon
English

LETTER to the Editor

Require English 1100; do away with 1200

This letter is in response to the articles on English requirements on Nov. 11. I thought both articles were written well and they both had their own legibilities. I think that students should be required to take English 1100, but not necessarily English 1200.

This is where I agree with Mr. Cochran; if you know your major, take three credits of writing intensive courses that deals with it specifically. If a student definitely knows where they are headed, I see no reason for another basic course in English.

This does, however, pose a large problem. I mean, how many freshman and sophomores actually

are dead-set on a major? Also those credits could be lost if a student switched majors along the way. That is where I agree with Ms. Mehle.

I have the concerns with other General Education requirements from Mr. Cochran's view. Take for instance the criminal justice major. When is Math 1065 used as a law enforcement officer? I challenge any police officer to give me an example. I would love to know why I am taking it, except for the analytical benefits.

Another area would be science. Most law enforcement officers are not going to use them in their careers. Now biology and maybe even chemistry, might play

a role, but enough to require eight credits?

That is already 11 credits that they could fill with criminal justice electives that will strengthen knowledge in the specialization chosen. Would we prefer overall knowledge above supreme knowledge of profession?

Of course there are some G.E. requirements that are perfect for criminal justice, but the others pose problems and questions. They seem to be requirements that a lot of students do not understand. I am one of them.

Matt Malone
Sophomore
Criminal Justice

Do it for ECU

Or for a portable CD player, whichever floats your boat.

The administration has said they're looking for a new university symbol, something other than PeeDee Pirate.

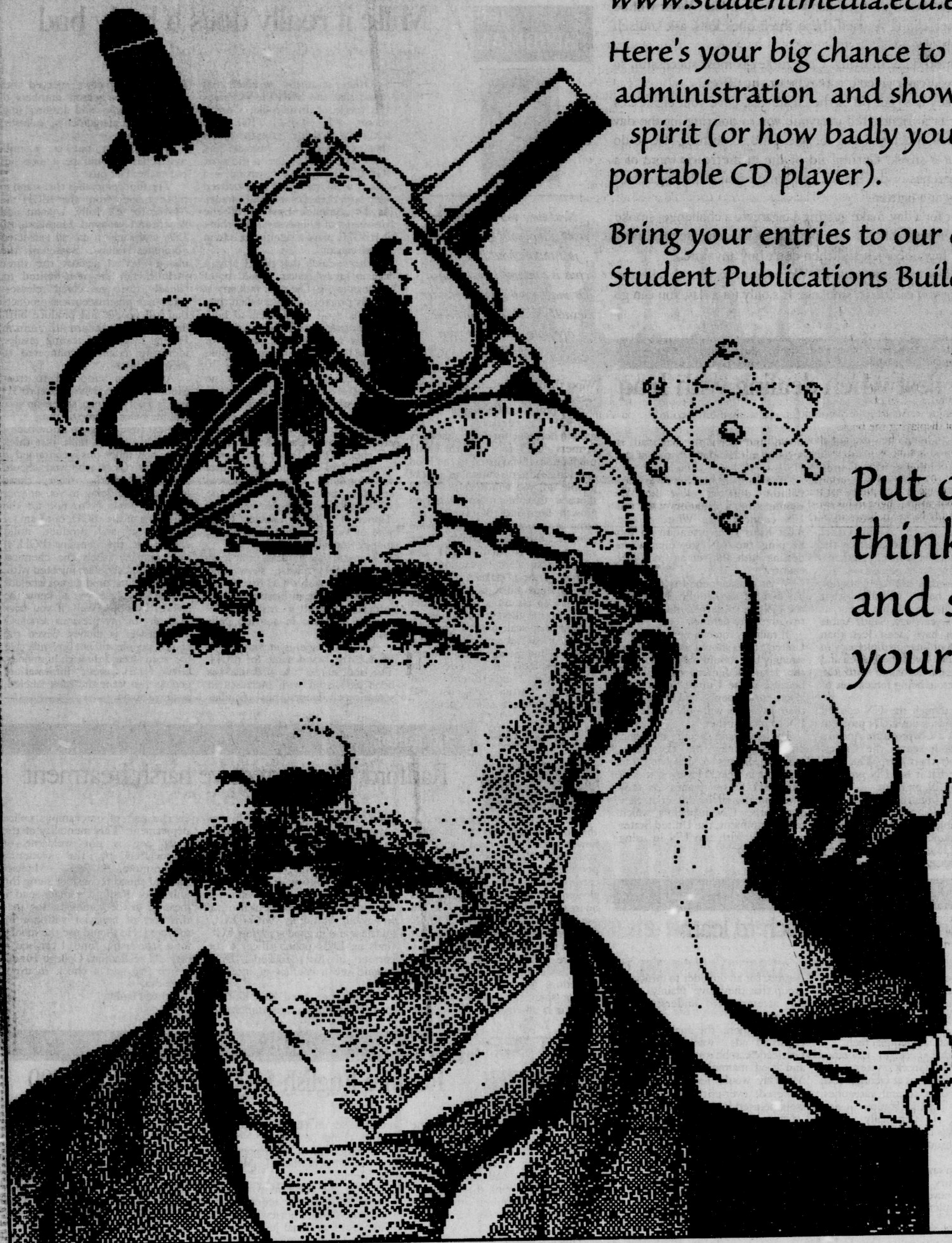
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CD review

Zoomer Maximum Plastic 8 OUT OF 10

CALEB ROSE STAFF WRITER

Pink Floyd fans fidget when they hear the words "psychedelic," "stratospheric," and "sonic." This fidgeting may commence if they stumble upon this fellow who calls himself Zoomer. He has been labeled as one of those "sonic art freaks" who creates music that pays homage to T-Rex, Brian Eno, and the Jesus and Mary Chain. All of the above terms were used to describe Zoomer with the release of his Pinch Hit Records debut album, the creation of which was funded by his girlfriend's Visa card. Hence, the name, Maximum Plastic.

After giving the disc a whirl, fidgeting may give way to disappointment, possibly even disgust. The "psychedelia" is quite different from what many folks may be used to. Zoomer comes off as this crazy '70s pimp guy who looked like the bleached spawn of Lenny Kravitz and Syd Barrett. He was born in the swamp country of Louisiana and it was thought that he was using drugs as early as the fourth grade. He does admit that he didn't begin to use drugs until after high school and his music clearly reflects that fact. Zoomer's personality is heavily reflected in his music. His counselor once stated: "This young man has traits of a sociopath and an eccentric artist. He seems to be equal parts genius and zombie."

From the opening seconds of the first track, "Tickets to Mexico," a heavy Mudhoney tinge is noticeable in the music characterized by the fuzzy guitars

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Bottle Rockets 24 Hours A Day 8 OUT OF 10

ANDY TURNER LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Brian Henneman and the Bottle Rockets are similar to Paul Newman's character in *Nobody's Fool*. The New played Sully, an aging, tough-as-toughskins laborer who took no guff, yet deep-down was as sensitive as they come, torn and frayed from a life that hadn't gone exactly as he had intended.

On *24 Hours a Day*, produced by Eric "Roscoe" Ambel, the Sam Phillips of y'allerna-twang, the Bottle Rockets show the same sort of duality, with blue-collar ditties that are just as often funny as they are heartbreaking. A similar effect was achieved with their 1994 album, *The Brooklyn Side*. "\$1,000 Car" had you rolling and "Queen of the World" had you dropping tears in your Old Milwaukee. While doesn't have as many high points as that album, it certainly has its moments.

"Smokin' 100's Alone" showcases Henneman at his best as a songwriter, as a storyteller. The

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Letters from Heaven

JOHN DAVIS ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Do miracles really happen? For people of faith all over the world, the idea of miraculous healing of diseases is a central part of their beliefs. The art of medicine is nearly as old as belief in the supernatural, and as mankind learns more about the mysteries of the human body, the achievements of medicine increase in scope and ability. Both theologians and doctors often wonder at the questions of miracles and healing.

Andy Farkas, who is neither theologian nor doctor, but a student here at ECU, has spent the past year and a half asking these questions. Farkas, an art major concentrating in printmaking, is preparing to graduate, and as a part of his course requirements, is assembling a senior exhibition of his work. This work is a Japanese accordion-style folio of prints based on sketches Farkas drew of people and situations at Pitt Memorial Hospital.

Titled *Saints in a House of Healing*, the work focuses on patients in certain situations accompanied by the patron saints of those situations. Each "story" in the book features a copper etching of a situation and a poem-letter addressed from the saint to the patient. Farkas has constructed thirteen books, an artist's proof and then twelve others for the twelve disciples of Christ.

Farkas is excited about his project, especially since his original idea was not quite so involved. "I originally just wanted to do a series of prints of surgeries," he said.

At first, he met with obstacles even getting into the operating room. He began by contacting the hospital's medical illustrator, who got him into the cadaver lab, where he spent a while sketching cadavers. After a few months of this, he was put in touch with Dr. Walter Pories, former head of surgery at the hospital and currently a professor of surgery and biochemistry.

He began to accompany Pories on his rounds. "Dr. Pories dressed me up in a lab coat so I wouldn't make the patients feel skittish," Farkas had to obtain permission from any of the patients he wanted to draw. But he liked going on rounds. "That was probably my favorite part, going on rounds with the doctors, visiting patients, even more so than the operating room."

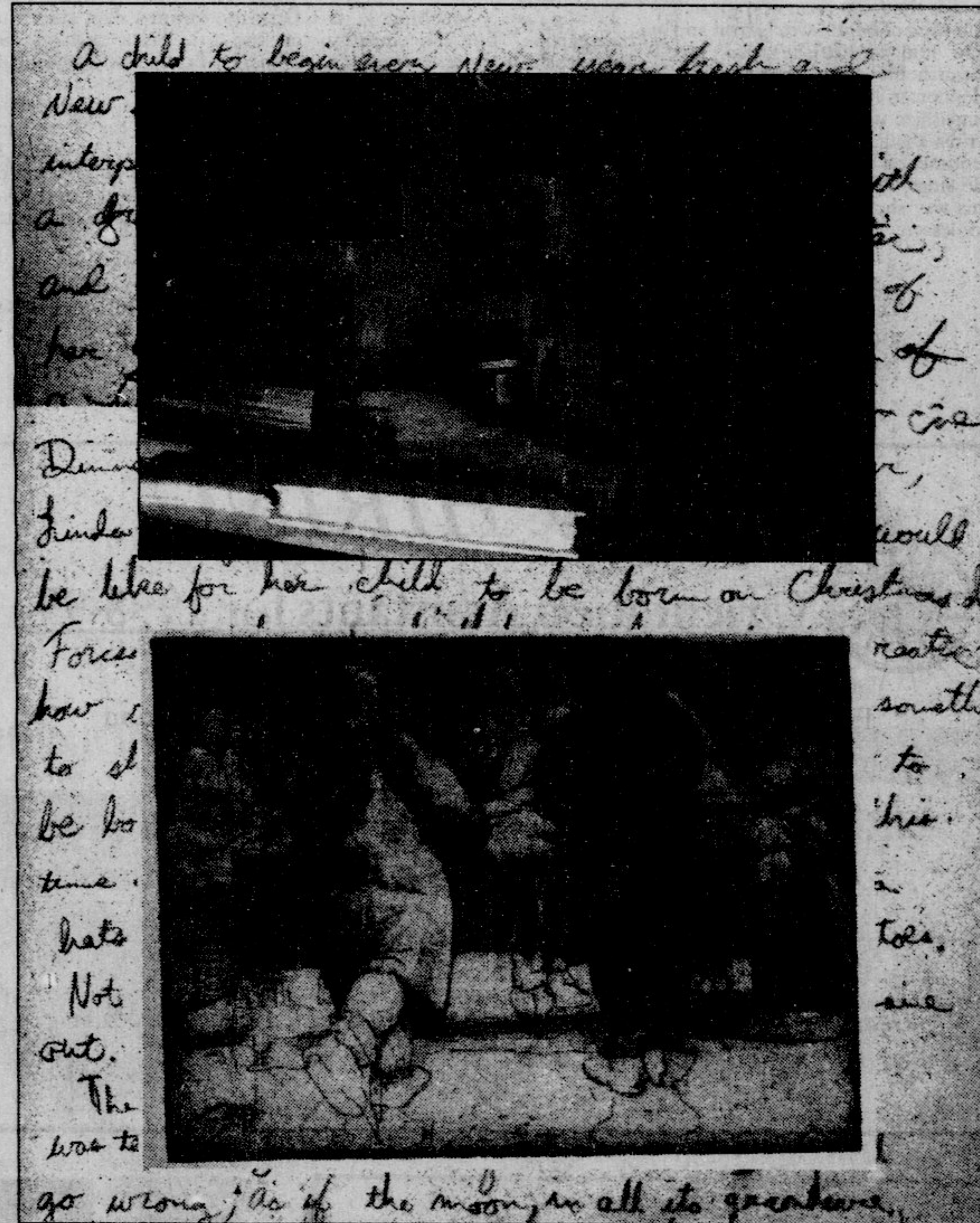
But he did get into the operating room. It was during all this that he realized he wanted to do more than make a few pictures. He struck on the idea of making a book. "I didn't know if I wanted to tell a story or just have a book of illustrations. I was talking to Dr. Ehlbeck (Farkas's printmaking professor) and he suggested that a print I'd made reminded him of St. Anthony."

From there the idea grew. Farkas went to the library and read countless reference books about saints and the lives of the saints. He began to see connections between the saints and certain situations he'd encountered at the hospital. He came up with the idea of writing letters from each saint to each patient, and *Saints in a House of Healing* was born.

When he talks about his book, Farkas's eyes light up with inspiration. The experience at the hospital has filled him with stories. For each print and letter, Farkas has his own emotional experience. If you let him, he'll tell you the story of each one, of the person behind the face in the engraving. One of the most personal prints is the one for St. Dymphna, the patron saint of mental illness, which features a print of Farkas's grandfather while in the midst of battling Alzheimer's disease.

Now, as he is putting the final touches on the original thirteen books, he is also talking to an editor and a publisher about the possibility of producing the book in a less expensive format so that more people can enjoy it. An art gallery in Raleigh is already interested in the possibility of displaying the book.

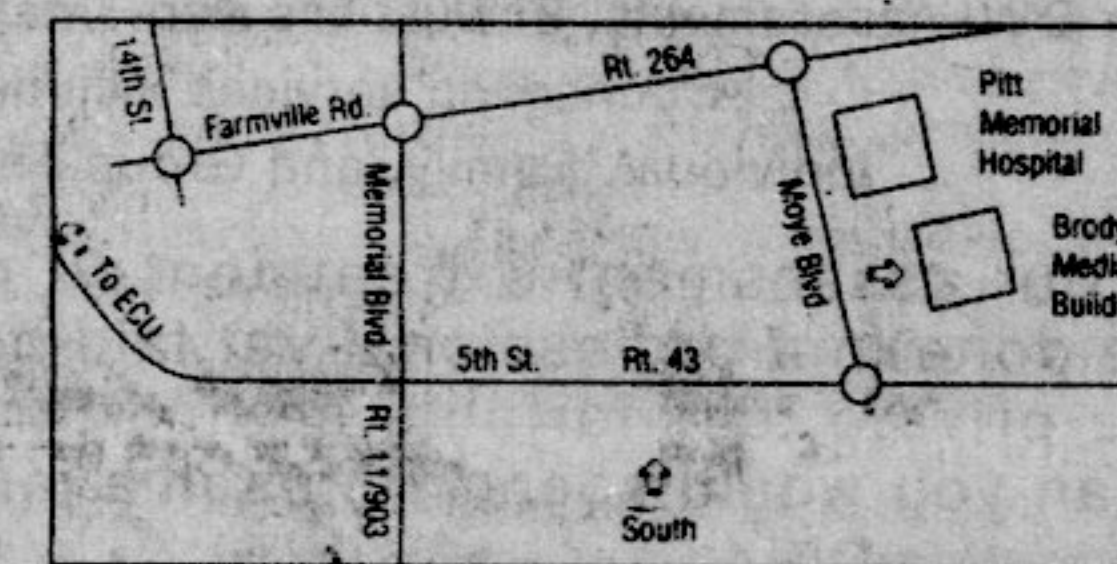
Though he's excited about the future, right now he's still a student, and his time is filled with preparations for graduation and for his senior exhibition which will be held at the Brody Medical Building, and is open to the public. He is awed by the opportunities he's been given and the strange and inspirational things he's learned from all of this. When you look at that light in his eyes, you can tell that, whenever the saints are, Andy Farkas believes in miracles.



Andy Farkas puts the finishing touches on his project (top) the print from the St. Pantalon page (bottom) PHOTO BY JOHN DAVIS, ARTWORK BY ANDY FARKAS

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moviereview

Starship Troopers is more redundant than revisionary

DALE WILLIAMSON SENIOR WRITER 8 OUT OF 10

Paul Verhoven's latest job at the sci-fi genre, *Starship Troopers*, is being hailed by many critics as an ingenious, biting satire that disguises itself as an ultra-violent futuristic action flick where Earth goes to war with a planet of giant bugs. As a rookie film critic, I acknowledge Verhoven as a satirist and I can see the social pokes his latest film dishes out. I also acknowledge that his film is meant to be more fun than serious. Still, despite all the greatness it does exhibit, *Starship Troopers* ultimately feels a bit empty.

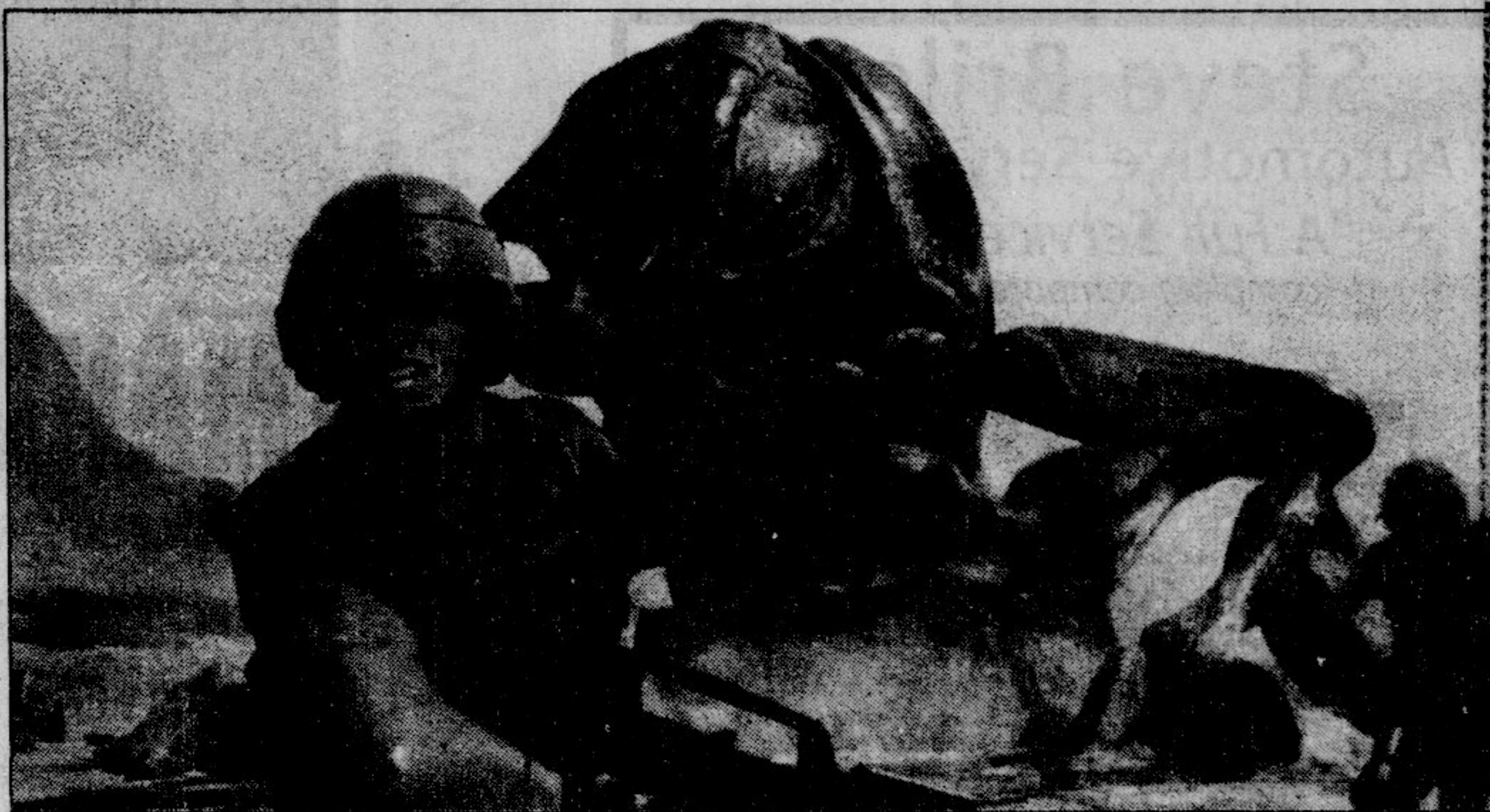
Basing their story on Robert A. Heinlein's classic novel of the same name, Verhoven and scriptwriter Ed Neumeier toy around with and, in a sly way, make fun of the patriotic war films that dominated American theaters in the '40s and '50s. Set in the distant future, the plot follows a group of young, idealistic high school students who follow their dreams and hearts and join an elite military organization known as the Federation. While most of this teen gang enthusiastically throw themselves to the Federation, Johnny, our lead hero played by Casper Van Dien, does so for the wrong reasons. He goes against his parents wishes to pursue another career and joins the Federation infantry (his math scores are way too low for anything else) hoping to impress and stay in contact with his high school love, Carmen (played by Denise Richards), whose test scores and abilities have allowed her to be a pilot.

The first hour of the film is spent developing these very clichéd

characters in very clichéd ways, but that seems to be part of Verhoven's joke. He sets things up to be a campy *Saved By The Bell* episode, something very safe, wholesome and American. Despite the cheesy nature of the first half, it works because the second half is nothing but a horrifying blood bath. Once the giant bugs appear, literally hundreds of humans are impaled, torn apart, bit in half, burned to death and simply dismembered. Verhoven is not known for holding back, and he definitely cuts loose here.

A staple of anti-war films is to depict an optimistic and ideal world (usually small-town America) that is shattered once the reality and violence of war sets in. This is exactly the formula such protest films as *Born on the Fourth of July* used. Despite Verhoven's insistence that *Starship Troopers* does not take an anti-war stance, it's a grisly depiction of war (this is, without a doubt, one of the most violent films I have ever seen) and its satiric take on patriotism sure seem to be making some kind of point.

Technically, Verhoven is in top form here. The special effects are superb, some of the best the big screen has been graced with in a



Das a big bug...quick! Get the Raid!!!! PHOTO COURTESY OF TRISTAR

long time. The satire is evident, and the film does touch upon some larger issues, such as unnecessary military aggression and sexual equality within the military. *Starship Troopers* is a film unlike any other. But then again, it isn't.

One of the main problems with Verhoven's extravaganzas is that, not only is it a bit too excessive at points, but it also feels redundant. Verhoven seems to be borrowing from so many sources, including himself, that it's hard to escape the feeling of "been there, done that," despite the groundbreaking special effects and record body count.

In this day and age of cinema, one could argue that most, if not all,

films are simply older stories being retold with bigger budgets, and that is true for the most part. But the ones that stand out are those that take a genre to another level, those that somehow add more substance to older ideas. *Starship Troopers* is a good film, but it ultimately doesn't offer anything new.

If you want satire, rent Terry Gilliam's *Brazil*; if you want anti-war films, watch Oliver Stone's *Platoon* or Stanley Kubrick's *Panics of Glory*; if you want science fiction action complete with space marines and alien bugs, James Cameron's *Aliens* is the better choice; if you want a better Verhoven flick with a more

focused satiric edge, *Robocop* is still tops.

Leaving *Starship Troopers*, I felt like I usually do leaving the state fair. You know the feeling — you're bloated with an excess of junk food like mustard-dipped corn dogs, caramel-glazed apples and sugar-coated dough. You may have had fun, but you're not exactly nourished. For a more substantial meal, check out some of the films mentioned above. However, if you just want to indulge in one of the most intense pieces of brain candy ever created, then *Starship Troopers* will definitely fill you up.

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song is about a woman who got sick and tired of her do-wrong man and told him to hit the road, but nevertheless she misses him. Henneman has a special ability to empathize with the characters he writes about without being overly sentimental or wretchedly cheesy. He sings, "Every time it ends up this way she swears she's learned her lesson/ This time is he coming

back/she's getting tired of guessing/ Then she looks at his dirty laundry down the hall/ where's he at? Why doesn't he call?" By the time the song is over, you're on the side of this solitary smoker and you hope her man does right by her.

Just as touching is "Indianapolis," but the empathy this provokes is harder earned. It's about being broke down, both your car and yourself. The chorus proclaims, "Can't go west/ Can't go east/ stuck in Indianapolis with a fuel pump that is deceased," all the while the Rockers roar. The band brings it down low with Henneman lamenting, "Right now

my future's in the hands of the boys down at Firestone/ stuck in Indianapolis feelin' all alone." No woman, no car, just a greasy guy named Earl.

But the Bottle Rockers are no one-man show. Tom Parr (guitar), Tom Ray (bass) and Mark Ortmann (drums) show their stuff on the title track and on "Slo Toms," a Bottle Rockers hangout that "ain't much of nothin'."

Other standouts on the album include "Turn For the Worse" and "Perfect Far Away." At times, *24 Hours a Day* does drag a bit on songs like "Dohack Joe" and "One of You," but all in all, it's well worth your time and heart.

Zoomer

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and poppy riffs. There are some cool little tricks that he does in this track such as during the line "she's going up and she's going down," the guitar chords rise and fall in key respectively. As the disc spins merrily forward, there is a greater emphasis on the keyboards and saxophone playing done by Jon Lovelock (if that is not the epitome of a 70's pimp name, then let us all be damned). Most of the "psychedelia" lies within the maneuvers of the keyboard, adding trippy sound effects that are intended to propel the mind into various parts of the universe.

There is also certainly a Beck influence. Our pal Zoomer is not as

talented as Beck, but if Beck had his own little category of crazy trip-hop, retro-pop rock music, then Zoomer would be in the same bin. Zoomer thinks on the same level as Beck when he wants to get the most out of his music and make it unusually interesting to the ear as well. Also, Zoomer is one with Beck when it comes to the odd choice of lyrics that accompany the obscure music. Zoomer parallels this oddity with such deranged lyrics as "and the hand played on, like a rolling stone, with a gangster mouth, singing angel songs." The highlight of the album rests within the track "Looking 4 Something." It is an extremely poppy song with some pretty hopeless lyrics: "I've been looking for something, it ain't looking for me, I've been looking for something, nothing's all I see." The guitar track in this song would make any

rhythmless fool do the Cabbage Patch with John Travolta and not think twice about it.

The general feel of this album is like a 70's-style apartment. There are about 50 people too many in the apartment and a big disco ball in the center of the room hanging from the ceiling. All of the people look like characters from *Welcome Back Kotter* and are all totally grooving to this album. With the trippy keyboard sounds and the sorta-Rolling Stones-esque guitar riffing accompanied by the saxophone, a very retro style album is born. A touch of Pink Floyd is revealed at the close of the album when we hear a man leaving a message on an answering machine (which hints at their es displayed on *The Wall*). After hearing *Maximum Plastic* a number of times, it does have potential to grow on you.

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Football Team prepares for NC State

AMANDA ROSS
SPORTS EDITOR

It's the match up fans have waited for all season — the Pirates versus the Wolfpack.

ECU has been on a roll lately, winning their last four games. ECU beat Cincinnati 14-7 on ESPN last week, breaking their 0-3 Thursday night streak. With a win this week over N.C. State, ECU (5-5, 4-2) could complete their fourth straight winning season. The Wolfpack (5-5, 3-5) is coming off a 31-24 victory over Virginia on Saturday.

Last year, the Pirates handed State their heads on a platter, with a 50-29 romp in Charlotte at Ericsson Stadium. Running back Scott Harley sent the Wolfpack home with their tails between their legs when he set an NCAA record for most rushing yards (351) by a sophomore but you can take last year's game and throw it out the window. The players play down the rivalry and just see it as another game, but for the seniors, it would mean a lot to end this season a winning note.

"We have a four game winning streak going for us," senior defensive back Fabian "Snoop" Wallace said. "We have a winning season for the seniors, which I'm part of, so it's definitely going to be personal."

Hindered by ankle injuries all season, senior split end Larry Shannon, who wasn't expected to play Thursday night, but still did, said he wouldn't miss this game for anything. Despite not being completely healed, Shannon will

give it his best shot this Saturday. "This is my last game ever in an ECU uniform," Shannon said. "Just like last week, nothing is going to hold me out; this week is going to be the same thing. I might not be 100 percent but I'm going to be effective and I'm going to go out and make some plays and help my team try to win the game."

Head Coach Steve Logan is preparing his defense for a tough N.C. State offensive that likes to run the option. Logan isn't sugar coating his advice to his defense.

"The first thing we've got to do is contain their offensive people," Logan said. "In the mean time our offense has got to run the option; that I think it would be foolish of me to talk to our defense about keeping them out of the end zone. We're not going to do that; Florida State didn't do that."

Logan's concentration will be trying to contain the Wolfpack on offense while jump starting ECU's own offense. "What we've got to do is control the damage," Logan said. "In the mean time our offense has got to score. We can't run up and down the football field like we did Thursday night and not score. We have to get up and down the football field and put the ball in the end zone because I believe North Carolina State is going to do that."

State has put the ball in the end zone 36 times, 18 each in the air and on the ground. The Pirates have 21 touchdowns; six on the ground and 15 in the air.

This will be the 21st meeting between the schools with State holding the edge 12-8 in the series. Kick off is set for 1 p.m. this Saturday.



(Top) The Barcats tried unsuccessfully to get in the endzone during their last possession in the game to try to tie the Pirates. The ECU defense stopped the drive and the Pirates held on for the win. (Bottom, right) Fans love ESPN and there were plenty of signs and crazy fans that got on national TV. ECU finally won a Thursday night game, previously going 0-3. (Bottom, left) Dan Gonzalez, Jason Nichols, and Larry Shannon watch as the defense holds Cincinnati to one touchdown Thursday night on ESPN. The Pirates won 14-7 and play their final game this Saturday against N.C. State.

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Congratulations

ECU swept the offensive and defensive Conference USA players of the week for their performance Thursday night against Cincinnati. Congratulations to these players.



Offense
Dan Gonzalez, QB
Gonzalez threw for 338 yards and established ECU single game records for pass attempts (62) and completions (37) against Cincinnati. He connected on a five-yard touchdown pass to Marcellus Harris as Gonzalez went over 300 yard mark in passing for the second straight week to earn Offensive Player of the Week honors a consecutive time.



Defense
Jeff Kerr, LB
Kerr was in on a C-USA season high 23 tackles and played a major role in the Pirates holding the conference's leading rusher team to just 152 yards on the ground. Kerr, who leads ECU with 151 tackles on the season, also added a pass breakup in the win.



Last week's results

- ECU 14, Cincinnati 7
- Memphis 21, Louisville 20
- Southern Miss 33, Houston 0
- Mississippi 41, Tulane 24

This week's games

- ECU at NC State
- Tulane at Houston
- Southern Miss at Memphis

Regular season ends while tourney play begins

Volleyball team seeded sixth in CAA tourney match on Friday

PAUL KAPLAN
STAFF WRITER

The ECU women's volleyball team ended their regular season play with a triumphant win over the out-matched Wofford Terriers. The Pirates won in three matches, 15-5, 15-12, and finished the final match 15-5 with a final spike by junior Kristen Warner.

"They really did not match well against us; we handled them pretty well," Head Coach Kim Walker said.

In the second match, after Warner went down with an ankle injury, Walker was forced to shuffle the lineup around a little bit and move some of the women into positions they weren't comfortable playing.

"It was nerve-racking; the rotation got messed when Kristen went out, but we stuck it out and got the win. I normally play outside hitter, and I had to step up and play setter," freshman Cintra Claro said after the win over Wofford.

Claro finished the game with eight kills, and led the team with eight digs and four service aces.

"Cintra did a real nice job for us; she stepped in and maintained things and got us through that

(second) set," Walker said. The Pirates have now won four of their last five games, with their latest loss coming in four games 15-2, 3-15, 15-10, 15-7 last Wednesday to 30-6 Campbell University. "We played flat against them (Campbell). We need to focus again and maintain that competitive focus," Walker said.

Claro led the Pirates in that match with 13 kills, seven digs, and three blocks. Liz Hall, who was back for only her second game since an absence with Mononucleosis, added eight kills, five digs, and three blocks. Junior Kristen Warner contributed 38 assists giving her 1,074 this season, which ranks her fourth all-time.

This Friday at 4:30 p.m. at George Mason University, the Pirates will go head to head against James Madison University. The Pirates are the sixth seed going into the tournament and JMU goes in as the third seed. This will be the third matchup between ECU and JMU this year. JMU took the first contest in only three games, during which ECU only scored 11 points in all three games. But in the more recent match on Nov. 8, the Pirates won in a tough come from behind victory in five games to win the match.

"I think this win says a lot about what this team can do. All year we have been down and we haven't given up. I told them not to give up, play hard and (winning) will take care of itself," Coach Walker said after their victory over JMU.

"I can't wait for JMU this Friday; this week will go really slow because



Freshman LuCinda Mason leaps for the ball during the Lady Pirate win over Wofford this weekend. The regular season is over for ECU as they play JMU in the conference tournament on Friday. ECU is seeded sixth while JMU is seeded third.

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of the excitement," Claro said. Our second JMU game was our best game of the season, we played as a team, and we all believed in each other." The Pirates are finally all healthy, after a long season in which the Pirates saw two starters forced off the court, Liz Hall with

Mononucleosis, and Kari Koening with a broken arm. They are finally healthy and ready for the playoffs this weekend.

ECU finished their regular season with a record of 16 wins and 18 losses over all and 4-8 in the CAA.

Swimmers lap up another victory

Non conference win adds to stellar records

STEVE LOSEY
SENIOR WRITER

The ECU men's and women's swimming teams left Davidson College in their wake on Saturday while they added another decisive victory to their already-impressive record. The men's team is 5-1 so far and the women's team is still undefeated with a record of 6-0.

"Both teams won handily," said Head Coach Rick Kobe. "As a matter of fact, both teams dominated."

On the men's team, Jim Broughal blew all the other swimmers away with his performance. He won each event he competed in, including the 200 freestyle (1:45.11), the 50 freestyle (21.67) and the 100 butterfly (50.90). Broughal was also on the 400 freestyle relay team, along with Lee Hutchens, Matt Jabs and Andy Byrnes. The 400 freestyle relay won in 3:12.72.

Other members of the Pirates had exceptional times that day. The 200 medley relay team won in 1:37.18 with Jacob Hartsell, Jarret Martin, Pat Kesler and Matt Jabs. Kesler went on to win the 100 breaststroke in 57.80. Brandon Tilley had a season best score in the 200 breaststroke (2:08.00).

Matt Jabs added to his two relay victories with a win in the 100 freestyle in 48.05. Ryan Baldwin had both a season and a career high score in the three-meter dive competition. His score of 251.00 was one that easily beat the other divers. Baldwin also won the one-meter dive with a score of 209.00. The men's team led Davidson throughout the meet and won with a score of 179-122.

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Hollie Butler helped the Pirates out with two victories, one in the 100 freestyle (54.26) and the other in the 200 freestyle (1:56.91). Cammy Crossen won the 100 butterfly in 58.55. Casey Sloan outswam all of the distance swimmers. She took the 500

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fast break

Bowling World Cup begins, Finland leading women

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Reija Lunden, a member of Finland's national bowling team, led the women's division after the first eight games Sunday of the 1997 AMF Bowling World Cup.

Lunden's 1,788 total pinfall included a 277 game, the highest single for women thus far. She was followed by Nicol Harvey, an English college student who felled 1,706 pins in the women's morning competition, and Malaysia's Shalin Zulkifli, with 1,703 pins. Zulkifli was the runner-up in the 1996 World Cup

in North Ireland.

The men bowl their first rounds of competition later Sunday at the International Bowling Center. Among the favorites are 1997 World Games champion Gery Verbruggen of Belgium and the 1988 World Cup champion Mohammed Khalifa al-Qubeisi of the United Arab Emirates.

A record 84 nations are participating in the annual competition. Qualifying continues through Tuesday, when both the 61-player women's field and the 72-player men's field are trimmed to the top 24 players.

to face archrival Gators

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — For the third time in less than a year, Florida State coach Bobby Bowden is getting ready for archrival Florida.

Last year, Bowden's second-ranked Seminoles (10-0) lost their bid for a national championship Jan. 2 when Florida handed them a 52-20 defeat in the Sugar Bowl only five weeks after Florida State's 24-21 victory in Tallahassee. Now it's back to Gainesville.

"Last year they came in here No. 1 and we beat 'em," Bowden said Sunday.

"This year we're going down

Seminole visit the swamp

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Cross country teams finish regional meet

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The ECU men's cross country team finished 20th, while the women's squad placed 22nd at the NCAA District III Regional meet, hosted by Furman University on Saturday.

Junior Jamie Mance (Wilmington, Del.) led the pace for the Pirates by running in 31:35 on the 10,000 meter course, finishing 27th overall. ECU's freshman tandem of Stuart Will

(Lilburn, Ga.) and Steve Arnold (Woodbridge, Va.) placed as the squad's No. 2 and No. 3 finishers. Will finished 78th in 32:41, while Arnold placed 131st in 33:51.

Sophomore Brian Beil (Stafford, Va.) placed 154th in 34:19, while junior Mike Marini (Wilmington, Del.) finished in 34:41 to place 166th.

ECU's women's team was led by sophomore Robin Bates (Winslow, Maine) who finished 91st in 19:27 on the 5,000 meter course. Senior Karen Reinhard (Burke, Va.) ran in 19:38 to finish 107th. Kerr Harting (Baysport, N.Y.), the Lady Pirates No. 1 runner, finished 133rd in 20:04.

Freshman Becky Testa (McDonald, Ohio) finished 139th in 20:17, while fellow freshman Fran Lattie (Lumberton, N.C.) placed 166th in 20:53.

"We had great weather, the course was good and our team gave a good effort today but did not perform well," said ECU women's cross country coach Charles "Choo" Justice. "It was a rebuilding year. We made a lot of progress this year and we will need to continue to make progress next year. If we can continue to make progress, we could finish in the top 10 at the NCAA Regionals next year," said Justice.

Swimming

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freestyle in 5:12.43 and the 1000 freestyle in 10:32.78. Casey Dodge

won the three-meter diving competition with a score of 263.00. The women's team ended the meet with 183 points to Davidson's 119.

"It was a long meet," Kobe said. "We had some extra events. We trained hard for the meet and lifted on Friday, so we had no rest. We're happy with our performance

and the intensity of the kids." The meet was the last home meet of the season. Their next meet is Nov. 20-22 at Chapel Hill for the Nike Cup Championship Invitational. The top 25 swimming teams in the country have been invited to Chapel Hill for the tournament, and the Pirates are more than ready to face them.

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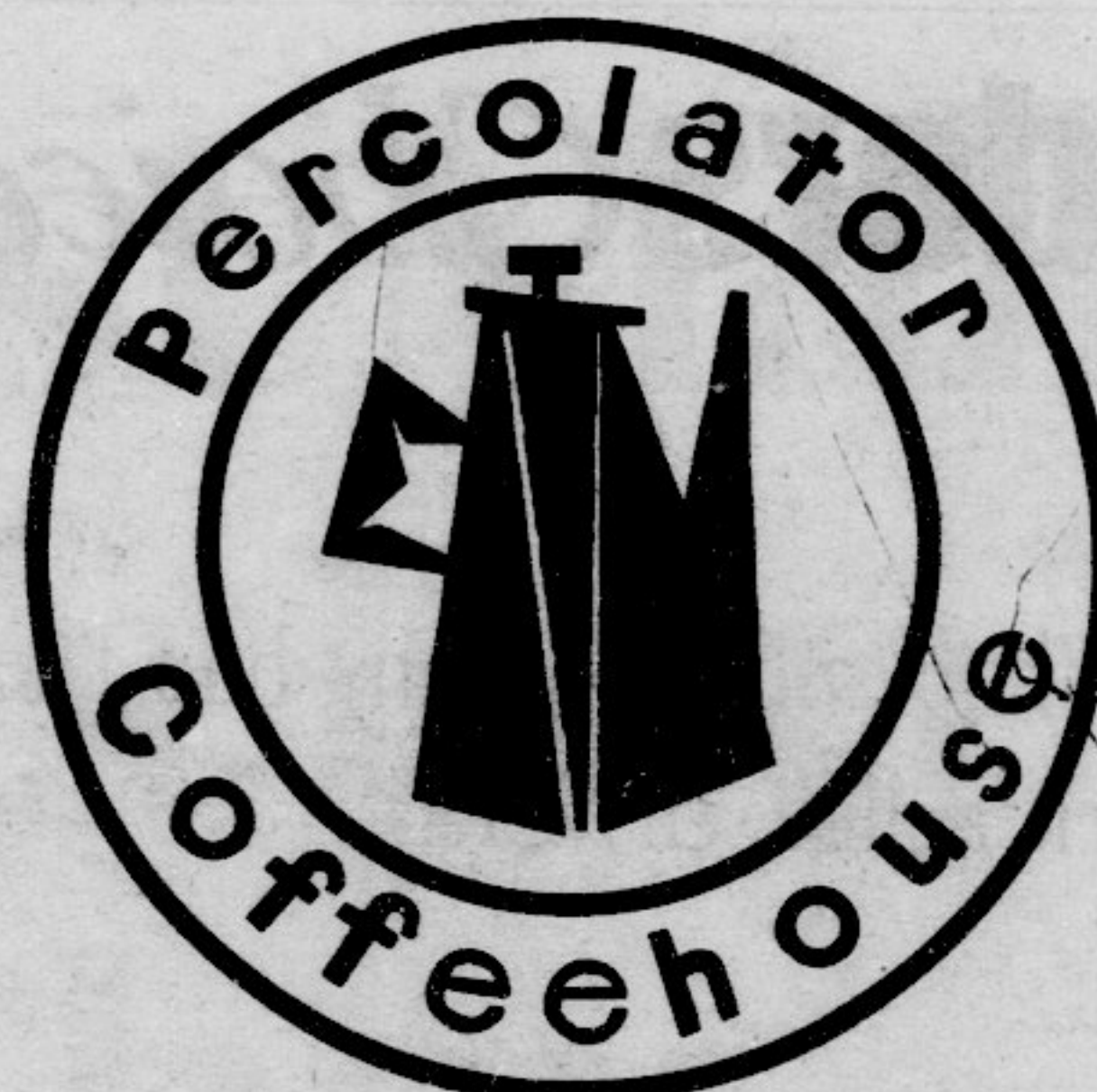
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