

## Lighting problems on campus pinpointed by Chancellor

### Another walk planned to take place in spring

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Chancellor Richard Eakin, in the company of various officials, recently walked around campus

pinpointing areas that lack sufficient lighting. Those present to walk were as follows: Ken Kisida, director of Facilities Services; Sergeant LaFrance Davis, crime prevention agent; Theresa Crocker, chief of ECU Police; Dean of Students Ron Speier; Tom Younce, assistant director of ECU Police; Leslie Pulley, secretary of SGA; and Chris Feathers, chief of staff of SGA. While many areas identified have little or no lighting, some of the

darkness was due to malfunctions in the lamps, temporary construction areas and burnt out bulbs. "I sent out work orders today to get the lights back in working order," Kisida said. Funding for this project comes from the repair and renovation budgets of student unions and similar organizations. Kisida said this summer when the west campus resident and freshman parking lots are paved, lighting will improve.

"Parking lots at Fifth and Reade (streets) are going to be paved and new lights will go up then," Kisida said. One of the darkest areas identified on campus is the mall on the north side of Joyner Library. "We have hired an engineer to come in and look at lights in the mall and suggest improvements," Kisida said. Kisida said the type of lighting to

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### Dark areas illuminated



## Mailboxes to provide link between students, SGA

### 6 locations selected as drop sites

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STAFF WRITER

The Student Welfare Committee is opening the floor for suggestions from students.

"Students can have a direct channel of information with the student government," said Andrew Riddle, co-chair of Student Welfare Committee.

Suggestion mailboxes will be put into the entrance of six main buildings on campus each with its own pen and scrap paper.

"There will be six (mail)boxes in all," Riddle said. "There will be one at the Wright Place, Mendenhall, Mingos Coliseum, Allied Health, one at Todd Dining Hall and one at Joyner Library."

Both the Student Welfare Committee and the Student Government Association need input from the students. Without it, they

feel there will be no improvement. "The essence of the whole thing is for students to be aware of what it is that the SGA can do for them," Riddle said.

Groups like these are responsible for things like adding more light to darker areas of campus or going to higher officials with ideas other students may bring to their attention that are aimed at improving life at ECU.

"I hope the students take advantage of these suggestion boxes so that everyone can have direct influence in their student government," Riddle said.

"These will not be the normal mailboxes that one would see in front of a private residence. They are to be decorated by students from the School of Art. Derek Cruz is the president of the painting guild for this project.

"It's great to have the art department spice up these boxes," Riddle said.

The mailboxes will be checked on a regular basis so that those concerns will be addressed at the next SGA meeting.

## Ramadan observed by Muslims on campus

### Month of fasting reinforces self-control

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Members of ECU's Muslim Student Association (MSA) will soon be celebrating Eid, the official end of the Muslim month of Ramadan.

"This is the holy month of Islam ... this is the month that we fast, it's called the month of Ramadan, and we fast from sunrise to sundown," MSA member Laila Farhad said.

During this month, Muslims not only do not eat during daylight hours, but also do not drink. They break their fast each day after sundown.

Observance of Ramadan is one of the requirements of the Islamic religion.

"For us, the significance of Ramadan ... we have a foundation of Islam, and there are five pillars, and one of those is fasting," member Moahad Dar said.

The other four pillars are Shahada, Salat, Zakat and Hajj.

The purposes of Ramadan include learning patience and self-control, proving faith and fostering empathy with those less fortunate.

"The reason behind this is to practice self-control, and to see how poor people feel when they're hungry, and there's no food around," member Rania Abdel-Rahman said.

"We're doing this to show our willingness to do what the word of God has told us," Dar said.

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Microsoft Internet Explorer

## What's Wrong With Exchange?

Problem-plagued Exchange users barrage Academic Computing with access problems, complaints

E-Mail alternatives available to students

AMBER TATUM  
STAFF WRITER

Many students are enjoying the Microsoft Exchange system — if they are lucky enough to actually get to the program. Campus officials have said the e-mail program is not the problem, rather the problem lies with the access. Since Christmas, students have found it virtually impossible to get to their Exchange accounts; a message saying either the server is down or the maximum number of users were connected to the server greeted many a user. Picture the Exchange program as a heart; if the web connection were an artery, it would be clogged with cholesterol as too many students get on-line at once. "Our issue is related to Microsoft and the ability to have students, faculty, staff, etc. use the web connector and Exchange in a simultaneous fashion," said Eric Marshburn, associate director for Academic Computing and Microcomputing Services. Students now have several ways to get into their e-mail. Four different ways of getting into the e-mail system exist such as the new POP, IMAP and LAN Student Exchange and the web connection which is known as the old VM version of e-mail. "Previously there were only two 'doorways' into Exchange: LAN client for faculty and staff and the web connection for students," Marshburn said. A limit of 500 users has been put on the web connection to try to deter people from choosing that alternative to Exchange. Meanwhile, ECU's CIS staff has developed other ways for students to use their e-mail. "The recommendation from Microsoft at the present time was to limit usage until we could determine how best to fix the problem," Marshburn said. Knowing the importance of e-mail being available to students caused CIS officials to work arduously on this problem. A LAN Student Exchange has been developed by ECU's Assistant Manager of Academic Computing, Barney Jernigan. "ECU has created something that no one has," Marshburn said. "We have had to be resourceful and something (LAN Student Exchange) has bloomed out of it. The floppy disk allows mobility that was not possible before. East Carolina, specifically a member of my staff, found a way to provide nomadic capability in the LAN client and found a way to install that in a public lab."

Students in Austin computer lab attempt to log on to Exchange. PHOTO BY JOCELYN FRIEDMAN

How to get around the problem areas  
Step by step procedure into Exchange

Path will get users to the new 'gateways' of Microsoft Exchange

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## New Pirate logo boosts merchandise sales

### PeeDee's popularity remains steady

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SENIOR WRITER

PeeDee isn't the only pirate in town. Officials at the Student Store say that since the Jan. 8 unveiling of merchandise displaying the tougher, sleeker, pirate logo, sales have been supportive of the new image. "The sales have been really good, we've been selling almost all the

new logo stuff we have," said Wanda A. Scarborough, director of the ECU Student Store. So far the new pirate design, reminiscent of a design the university used in the 1970's, has appeared mostly on apparel like shirts and caps. Sue Brown, merchandising manager for the Student Store, says response has been so favorable that the Student Store plans to order more items with the newly designed pirate such as glasses, drinking cups and decals. It is hoped that the new mascot's older roots will make it popular with alumni as well as current students. "We have heard so much from



A student checks out new merchandise. PHOTO BY CLAY BUCK

the students and the alumni that we were sure it would take off," Brown said.

However, some students are not so convinced of the gruff pirate's appeal.

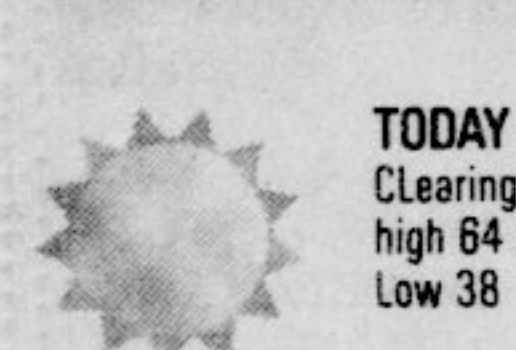
"I don't like it, it looks too rugged; it makes us look like we're mean," said Lisa Moorhead, a freshman chemistry major. "Everybody likes PeeDee because he's outgoing and he makes the football games fun."

Despite PeeDee's continued popularity, and the fact the he will still be the only mascot that will

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## The Five Pillars of Islam

Shahada	Salat	Ramadan	Zakat	Haji
Shahada is the pillar of Islam that is characterized by the personal declaration of faith, and the belief that Allah is the one and only God.	Prayer five times a day, during which Muslims face Mecca. The prayers are done in early morning (called Suhr), noon and the afternoon (after sunset (Maghrib), and night-time (Isha).	Ramadan is the month of fasting in which Muslims do not eat or drink from sunrise to sundown. Muslims break this fast each day after sundown.	Zakat is the pillar of Islam which calls for Muslims to give alms to the needy. Each year all Muslims are required to give 2.5 percent of their annual savings to those less fortunate.	Haji calls for a pilgrimage to Mecca, which all Muslims are required to undertake once in their lifetime, unless lack of funds makes the journey impossible.



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## across the state

**Cross found burned in school yard**

WAYNESVILLE (AP) — Police are investigating a cross-burning at Waynesville Middle School following incidents between white and black students.

A police officer discovered the cross on his way to work Sunday about 5:30 a.m. The cross was about five feet tall and planted on the school's front lawn near a flag pole, according to the police report.

The police report said school officials reported there were some incidents with some of the black and white students at the school. School principal Lynn Milner said Monday she had questioned students and was confident none of them were involved.

**Raleigh lawyer accused of stalking mayor**

RALEIGH (AP) — A female Raleigh lawyer is accused of stalking Mayor Tom Fetzter, allegedly turning up at his home and public appearances despite Fetzter admonishing her to stay away.

Raleigh police on Wednesday issued a warrant charging Valerie J. Daye, 40, of misdemeanor stalking. She previously had been charged with trespassing at Fetzter's home Wednesday, police said.

Fetzter declined to talk about the situation, but city spokeswoman Jayne Kirkpatrick said the situation doesn't involve Fetzter's duties as mayor.

It has to do with his being an attractive, single, middle-aged man, she said. Fetzter found Daye outside his home after a City Council meeting Tuesday night and again Wednesday morning, she said. City Manager Dempsey Benton, Police Chief Mitch Brown said Daye had shown up at Fetzter's house before and he had warned her to stay away.

Daye, who practices law alone in north Raleigh, reportedly has been an outspoken Fetzter supporter during his three terms as mayor and volunteered in his and other Republicans' campaigns.

**Clinton warned daughter early to expect attacks**

NEW YORK (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton said today that her daughter, Chelsea, was all right in the face of the scandal — having been forewarned from childhood to expect personal attacks on her father.

I really want to thank people for just letting her continue to be a freshman, Mrs. Clinton said on NBC's *Today*.

The Clintons' 17-year-old daughter is in her first year at Stanford University and has remained there since the furor erupted last week over allegations that President Clinton had a sexual relationship with a 24-year-old former White House intern, Monica Lewinsky.

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**Hillary Clinton hails UNICEF, ignores sex scandal**

NEW YORK (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton today blamed the sex scandal surrounding her husband on a vast right-wing conspiracy that has dogged them for years, saying, we've been accused of everything, including murder. The best thing to do in these cases is to be patient, take a deep breath and the truth will come out, she said on NBC's *Today* show. She described the allegations as "an effort to undo the results of two elections and said when all the facts are known some folks are going to have a lot to answer for."

The allusion to a murder accusation stems from the suicide of White House aide Vince Foster in July 1993. Extensive government investigations concluded he shot himself in a park outside Washington.

Mrs. Clinton spoke calmly but firmly in giving her most detailed response yet since allegations emerged explosively last week that the president had an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky and there was an attempt to cover it up.

**British Prime Minister calls Clinton to offer support**

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair called President Clinton today to express his support.

Blair told Clinton that he had been following events and that he was thinking of him, said the prime minister's spokesman, speaking on customary condition of anonymity.

Clinton has been accused of having a sexual relationship with a White House intern and then encouraging her to lie about it. He has firmly denied any impropriety.

During the 15-minute conversation, Clinton told the prime minister that they would be able to talk about it more next week, Blair's spokesman said. Blair plans to fly to Washington for three days of talks with Clinton. He is scheduled to depart Feb. 4 and return Feb. 7, accompanied by his wife, Cherie.

**Iraq says U.S. opposes political solution**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The United States is intent on a military strike against Iraq and does not want a diplomatic solution to the crisis over U.N. weapons inspections, an Iraqi government spokesman contended today.

The official's remarks, carried by the Iraqi News Agency, came hours before Russian envoy Viktor Posolavskiy arrived in Baghdad to try to negotiate an end to the standoff.

Crossing the Iraqi border by road from Jordan, Posolavskiy said he was on an urgent mission to find a way out of such a situation through political and diplomatic means.

## New, non-traditional honor society created

### Organization recognizes adult, non-traditional students

JENNY VICKERS STAFF WRITER

Pinnacle, ECU's newest non-traditional honor society, had its inaugural induction recently. The society exists in over 125 institutions nationwide and represents a diversity of active and accomplished students. Lucy Wright, coordinator of Adult Student Services for ECU and Pinnacle's adviser, addressed the group of student at the induction.

"Most of the members are employed, many have children and a majority of them commute," Wright said. "They are an interesting group, and the age span is wide. It's amazing what they do."

This honor society organization

began in April of 1989, and offers adult and other non-traditional students opportunities they weren't receiving in the traditional honorary societies represented on the nation's campuses. It developed in response to the fact that no older students have ever been accepted for membership in the traditional honor societies. This honor society aims to give recognition to them. ECU received their charter on Oct. 30, 1997.

The Peak, a newsletter of Pinnacle, stated that: "Pinnacle chapters start up babysitting cooperatives and food purchasing co-ops, improve parking and class scheduling times, create carpools, kiddie pools, and 'after schools'."

The newsletter also spoke about the diversity of honorees,

which they believe is quite amazing. The group consists of a variety of different figures: a retired police chief, professional clown, a magician, retired teacher, single mothers and fathers and even an 83-year-old senior studying literature. Most range in age from 25 to 52, and the average age is 33.

Students must qualify as adult or non-traditional students, must be at least 25 years of age, have senior status, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, have been involved in at least three campus and/or community activities, demonstrate leadership, persistence, and future promise and maintain the highest ethical standards.

Students are screened by a selection committee comprised of adult and non-traditional students, faculty and administrators. Induction of new members takes

place twice a year.

"This group of students volunteers countless hours to a total of 144 campus and community organizations," Wright said. "The average student is busy, but you add the amount of additional service to that, and the fact that they are very successful shows they are a highly motivated population. The average grades of adult students are much higher than traditional students."

Debra Baker, assistant director in Career Services at ECU, and Marion Sykes, senior associate director for Undergraduate Admissions, both spoke at the induction and have made enormous contributions to adult students at ECU.

Wright said ECU picked the Pinnacle due to the fact that it required volunteer service, and it was reasonably priced.

Wright feels that Pinnacle is a real support for adult students.

All of them balance an incredible number of demands on their time and energy, demands such as study, work, family, leadership roles and volunteer service," Wright said.

## Greenville police arrest two on drug charges

### Recently illegalized GHB among substances seized

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Greenville police made two arrests last week, seizing several weapons and illegal drugs. One of the drugs was the so-called "date-rape" drug, GHB (gamma-hydroxybutyrate).

"That was a pretty common sized drug bust," said arresting officer T.S. McInerney of the Greenville police department. "The only unusual thing was the GHB. That just became illegal in this state as of Dec. 1."

Arrest reports show that Edward Thomas Maul, 30, and Paul Jeffrey Temple, 29, were both arrested on Jan. 14 at their place of residence on David Drive.

Both were charged with possession with intent to sell marijuana, maintaining a dwelling for drug activity, possession with intent to sell methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Temple was also charged with possession with

intent to sell gamma hydroxybutyrate.

According to McInerney, there were also weapons seized at the site of the arrest.

"With Greenville, anytime we recover drugs, we usually find guns," McInerney said. "They go hand in hand."

While the arrests occurred off-campus, they still have a potential impact on the student population and its accessibility to drugs.

"Anytime you've got someone in town producing a lot of drugs ... it's going to have an impact on the campus environment," said Johnnie Umphlet, captain of ECU police.

"The use of illegal substances is a very serious problem across the country ... we are not immune to that," said Associate Dean of Students Karen Boyd. "Anytime a supplier is taken off the streets, it's a positive thing."

Both Boyd and McInerney confirmed that they had seen evidence of GHB use among students.

"There has been some (GHB) use, we have had students hospitalized for it," Boyd said.

"My unit is tactical patrol, and we assist the bike patrol downtown, and we see a good number of people passing out from (GHB) use," McInerney said.

According to Health Educator Heather Zophy of the Student Health Center, GHB has medicinal uses.

"It's a central nervous system depressant," Zophy said. "It's used as an anesthetic and in the treatment of narcolepsy and alcoholism."

Possibly because GHB has some valid medical uses, and only in the past couple of years has begun to be used recreationally, it has only recently been declared an illegal drug.

"I think up until Dec. 1, GHB was a drug you could find in some health-food stores," said Sergeant Clifton Weatherington of the Greenville Police Special Investigation Unit. "It had not

really been a problem until just recently."

The effects of GHB may include drowsiness, loss of motor coordination, impaired judgment, dizziness, confusion, vomiting, seizures, and possibly unconsciousness. All of these effects are intensified when GHB is combined with alcohol.

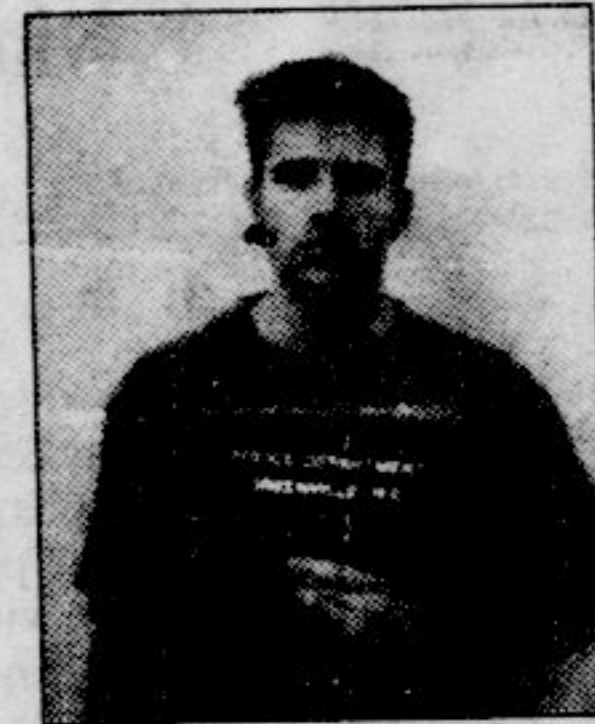
It is the unconsciousness which helps GHB create a potential date-rape situation.

"You can slip it into someone's drink ... it causes an alcohol effect, like a hangover-free high," Zophy said.

Unlike another potential date-rape drug, rohypnol (or "roofies"), which is almost always slipped into a victim's drink without his or her knowledge, GHB is sometimes taken intentionally.

"I think it (drug use) is both side's responsibility," Boyd said. "It's not just the dealer, it's the user."

Maul was contacted by TEC shortly after the arrest, but said that he needed to seek the advice of his attorney before commenting. Further calls revealed that the phone number shared by Maul and Temple had been disconnected.



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## across the nation

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Decisions have not been finalized yet about what means to go about in distributing this new program.

Nomadic means that students can create address books or other significant features on Exchange and transfer it to a floppy disk.

After the information is on the disk, it can be taken to any public or personal terminal. This way students may take their valuable information wherever it has to go.

"We started installing LAN clients in the (public) labs last week," Marshburn said.

Student Life volunteers helped install the new program in the labs

all over campus.

IMAP seems to be the best choice in getting into Exchange. It offers many features that POP does not have like calendars and global address books.

"Folders exist in IMAP: POP only has an in-box," Marshburn said. "IMAP has everything POP has only more enhanced."

IMAP stands for Internet access mail protocol while POP is the acronym for post office protocol.

"IMAP is very reliable and provides the best gateway," Marshburn said.

Microsoft Exchange was originally installed in March 1997 and upgraded over the most recent Christmas holiday.

"One of the features that made Microsoft Exchange the better choice at that time was that it had this unique feature which provided Internet access with access to the e-mail system," Marshburn said.

"ECU is the first in the nation to have this product installed."

One may read this and ask themselves why ECU even changed e-mail programs when the old VM apparently worked just fine.

"Why should ECU be stuck in the dark ages when there is all this new technology?" Marshburn said. "This decision involved the university community."

"We installed it (Exchange) because it has more facility and more functionality," said Blake Price, director of Computer Information Services.

The old VM version for e-mail will stay in operating order as a different way to get into Exchange.

"There is no reason to take the old VM program out of operation until we have a reliable and stable alternative for people to use," Marshburn said.

Seminars are scheduled for Monday, Feb. 2 at the Aycock

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Observance of Ramadan also places restrictions on conjugal relations and other aspects of behavior.

"You should not fight, argue, raise your voice or do any bad things," Dar said.

The month of Ramadan is observed at a slightly different time each year as determined by a lunar calendar. Each year, the beginning date of Ramadan moves back ten days from the start date of the year before, and eventually works its way through the entire year.

Observing Ramadan during summer months can be a bit more

difficult, Abdel-Rahman said, because of the long days and the heat.

At the end of Ramadan, the month's fast is broken with a celebration called Eid, which involves the entire Islamic community. The breaking of the fast at the end of each day is a smaller affair to be conducted with one's family.

MSA also initiated a project with Muslim children in the area during Ramadan.

Muslim children are not required to participate in the fasting until they reach puberty. Some parents, according to Abdel-Rahman, encourage their children to attempt fasting for a few days at a time, to prepare them for the time when they will have to fast for the entire month.

"Ramadan is a very special

month for children," Abdel-Rahman said. "Some of them fast for the whole month. So we try to reward them for that, just to say we're proud of them."

This project was meant to not only reward the children for fasting, but also to give them their own holiday, not shared by their Christian counterparts.

"We made gift packs for the children ... because I think Muslim children feel left out at Christmas," Farhadi said.

MSA was organized to provide a support system for the Muslim minority at ECU, and also to encourage better understanding among the general campus population about Muslims and Islam.

"We wanted to have a religious support group for the Muslims of ECU," Farhadi said.

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## English Dept. lecturer receives grant for doctorate completion

Grant program in danger of cancellation

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STAFF WRITER

Reginald Watson, a lecturer in ECU's English department, is one of two recipients awarded this year for the UNC Doctoral Program.

The program, which awards the recipients a year off from teaching with a full lecturer's salary, is helpful for Watson this year; however, it doesn't seem promising for others. The program might be next in line on the chopping block.

The UNC Doctoral Program aims to provide students with the time needed to finish a PhD. Thanks to the program, Watson is finishing his PhD in four years versus the six or seven years it usually requires to finish.

Watson is grateful to the state for the program, and he said he feels blessed; however, he said it's still tough to focus on what he's doing while at the same time trying to balance family and professional responsibilities.

After the recipients finish their dissertations they are required to teach two years within the UNC system.

"That's what you have to give them back," Watson said. "Keep in mind the money you receive is not extra money, it's the normal salary

you get for teaching. The only difference now is that I'm getting paid to do work on my doctoral degree."

Over the years the program's numbers have gradually been decreasing. The program, which began in 1980, was initially awarding 15 or 16 grants a year compared to two awarded this year.

"That's a signal to me that next year there might only be one awarded, or there might not be any," Watson said. "I fear that this program might be cut."

Watson feels this program increases the number of PhD holders at predominantly non-doctoral black schools. He says the state claims the numbers are decreasing because there is less funding; however, he feels this is not the true reason.

"In the years that the numbers have been cut you can see that there has been a surplus, not a deficit," Watson said.

Molly Broad, UNC president, aims to do a review of all the race-based programs in the state.

"Basically, on the surface people are saying the program is not race based; it is not affirmative action,"

*"It's hard for ECU and other institutions in this state to gain and retain quality minority faculty because they're not willing to promote or put their money where their mouth is."*

Reginald Watson  
lecturer in ECU's English department

Watson said. "But if you look at the figures you can see that African-Americans are first on the list of receiving awards, white women were second, then Asian-Americans, and so on."

Watson applied three years in a row for the program, and was nominated twice by Chancellor Eakin for it.

"I think I have been very lucky and blessed," Watson said. "It is due largely from the support from this institution, Chancellor Eakin, Don Palumbo and finally from the state. But, at the same time it has not solved all of the problems of a PhD program."

After teaching his required two years at a UNC system school, he is unsure if he will continue to teach in North Carolina. Although he believes the UNC system would like him to commit to teaching in the state for as long as possible, he plans to go elsewhere after his two years are up. He believes that until the state starts to pay what teachers deserve, nothing will change.

"It's hard for ECU and other institutions in this state to gain and retain quality minority faculty

because they're not willing to promote or put their money where their mouth is," Watson said.

He gives credit to the effort of College of Arts and Sciences Dean W. Keats Sparrow has put into recruiting minorities; however, he feels that Greenville has to work a little more.

"I will not stay the rest of my life in a state that has yet to pay university instructors the money they deserve," Watson said. "We are 44th or 45th in the country in terms of paying teachers."

Watson presently is working on his dissertation, which addresses how the mulatto has been represented in 19th and 20th century. His work is a six-chapter book he hopes will be finished in May. In August he will return as a lecturer at ECU, and he wishes to get promoted and earn tenure track as an assistant professor.

Regardless of the attempt to increase diversity and education in the UNC system, with such programs like the UNC Doctoral Program, Watson feels they could do better.

"I think they should, one, continue to give extra money, two, offer it to more people, and three, not cut the program," Watson said. "This would provide incentive for people to work on their PhD. This program is about the closest to helping minorities that I've seen

## crime scene

January 20, 1998

**Possession of Controlled Substances** — A staff member reported the smell of burning marijuana coming from a room in Aycock Hall. Marijuana and a capsule of white powder were seized. The student was issued a CAT and state citation. Further charges are possible.

stereo similar to hers. Once she arrived to her room she found the stereo and several compact discs missing. The suspect was stopped at Christenbury Gym where he gave a false name. The suspect, a non-student resident of Greenville, had been previously banned from campus. He was arrested and incarcerated at the Pitt County Detention Center.

January 22, 1998

**Possession of Weapon and Marijuana** — After an anonymous report of marijuana in Belk Hall a search was conducted and marijuana and brass knuckles were seized.

**Suspicious Person** — An officer observed a subject looking in vehicles in the Substation parking lot. The subject was banned from campus.

January 21, 1998

**B&E of Motor Vehicle** — A non-student was arrested after an officer observed him breaking into a vehicle in the 2nd and Reade Freshman Lot.

**Suspicious Person** — An officer observed a subject carrying a bike with an ECU decal across the Reade Street parking lot. Upon stopping the subject, ownership of the bicycle was not confirmed. The subject had been previously banned from campus and Greenville Police had three outstanding warrants. Greenville Police arrested the subject. The bicycle was seized until the owner can be contacted.

**Felonious Breaking & Entering & Larceny** — A resident of Aycock Hall reported that while returning to her room, she passed a person carrying a

## campus briefs

African Studies

Baby book

A professor at ECU has insights about freedom of the press in Nigeria and will offer his views in an African Studies Colloquium at 3:30 p.m. in Room 221 of Mendenhall Student Center. Dr. Festus Eribo, a professor in the Department of Communications, will report on the condition of Nigeria's repressed and poorly paid journalists who he describes as "some of the bravest and most resilient men and women" in modern Africa. Eribo is a native of Nigeria and has studied in the former Soviet Union.

Dr. Charles Snow, a professor in the School of Human Environmental Sciences, will autograph copies of his newly revised textbook, *Infant Development*, published by Prentice Hall, at 4 to 6 p.m. reception in the Van Landingham Room of the Rivers Building on Jan. 29. Snow is a nationally noted specialist in child development and design of day care for young children.

Pirate Logo  
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appear at games, it seems that the new pirate is taking his place in the hearts of ECU fans, and the sassy little guy will have to move over a bit. Though he will still

appear on some adult clothing, both Brown and Scarborough say that PeeDee will become increasingly targeted at a younger audience, and will be found mostly on children's wear.

"I think a lot of people were afraid he would be dismissed, but PeeDee definitely has a purpose on this campus," Brown said.

Those at the Student Store are hopeful people who have some paraphernalia with the older logos will want to purchase at least some items with the tougher image.

"I think people will want something with the new logo on it even if they don't particularly want to wear it," Brown said.

In the future the new pirate

may prove to be mostly a marketing tool for the university and its fans. For now PeeDee will still be making people laugh at the football and basketball games and the grim revamped pirate will hold reign over the merchandising realm.

Light Problems  
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be used at other dark spots on campus, has not yet been decided. There are many things to investigate before an estimate of the time this project will take can

be given. The same is true for funding.

A suggestion made by Chancellor Eakin to take another walk in the spring was mentioned.

The leaf cover then will surely shadow some of these new lights; other alternatives will have to light campus up despite the new, spring leaf coverage.

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## ourview

The Student Government Association is gearing up to try out a new experiment to increase student involvement with SGA. The SGA will soon be placing mailboxes in designated spots across campus for the pure intent to have students on campus submit suggestions and ideas to our campus leaders.

These mailboxes are intended to give the student body a voice and, with a lot of luck, a very loud voice that will assist the SGA in some way, shape, form or size. The SGA is here to speak for the student body and in order for them to be able to execute this task successfully, they must know what the student body wants.

In the past the student body has stood back and watched the SGA without saying a word, but would later complain about the SGA's actions as if they had taken an active role in preventing the outcome. The student body had an excuse for their actions, but they no longer will. These mailboxes will be spread across campus and will be convenient for all students to use.

In addition to the SGA mailboxes, there will soon be a campaign labeled "Think 5000." This campaign is designed to increase the amount of students voting in SGA elections. What happened to the good of days when students were excited about being involved in campus organizations and taking a role in organizations. Those days have apparently long passed us by and the students now sit back without a care in the world, especially what goes on in student government.

The most important part of this university is the students and what happens to the students. It is time to stand up and have a voice. The SGA is interested in hearing from all students about any issue that is on your mind. No thought or idea is too small or unimportant. The students have the power to make a change and the process is going to be a whole lot easier with the use of these mailboxes.

Think about what you want to say and think hard, but don't think to long the SGA is ready now to take your thoughts and your ideas and put them into action. You can make it happen.

### OPINION Columnist

Britt HONEYCUTT

#### To be beautiful...or not to be beautiful



Beautiful Girls... for some reason, ECU seems to be endowed with more than its fair share of this particular sect of female-dom... I only have one question: Where do these women come from? Are they born this way or do they really have to work at it?

We have all seen them. They are hard to miss: long and leggy, with all that hair — the kind that is normally found only in Pantene commercials. They are in the gym in outfits that would be an embarrassment to humanity were it not body crammed into them

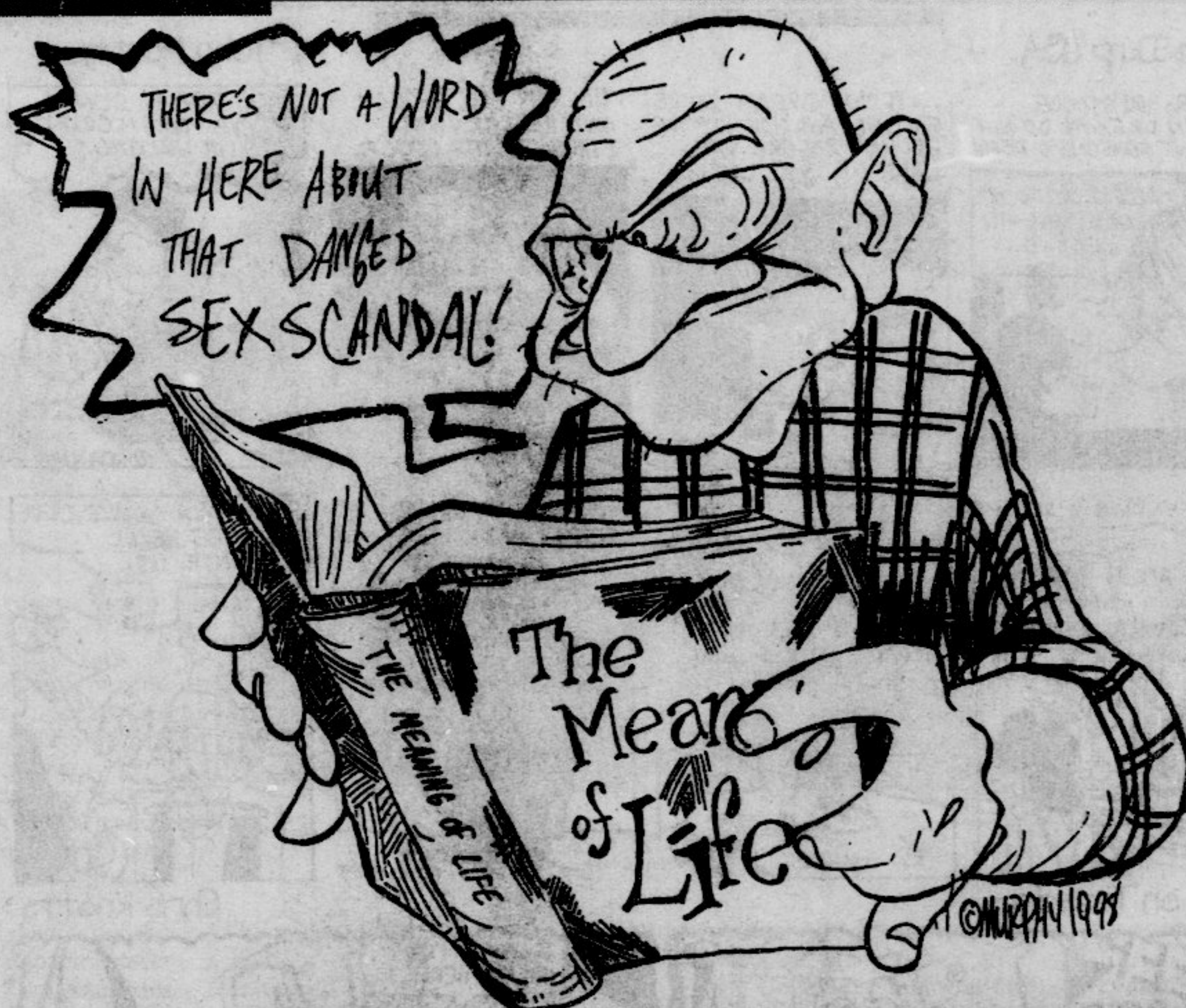
instead of theirs. They are Beautiful Girls, and for some reason, ECU seems to be endowed with more than its fair share of this particular sect of female-dom. Don't get me wrong, I don't have 11 fingers or a hump growing out of my back or anything. But the Ford modeling agency isn't exactly beating down my door. And I am not jealous (well, maybe just a little jealous). I only have one question: Where do these women come from? Are they born this way or do they really have to work at it? Granted, when these creatures are spotted, they are usually at the gym, jogging or doing something cute and sporty during which they never really sweat, they just get those darling little beads of perspiration across their foreheads. But I speak from personal experience: I have worn my Abs of Steel tape to a thin ribbon trying to get that stomach, and I have come to the conclusion that I was genetically predetermined to have a bit of a Buddha.

I often wonder what the upkeep of beautiful nuns. If you factor in the tanning bed visits, the hair and nails (done once every four weeks, of

course), a year-round health club membership and all the clothes to show it off in, then I am very glad that I don't have to bear the burden of being beautiful; I would go broke. This, however, is not applicable to those to whom beauty came naturally. These people merely had the good fortune of being born just as the good looks fairy was passing through.

Another observation is that they appear to travel in flocks. This is one theory explaining their overwhelming presence here. Greenville must be a mecca for the beautiful. Was that in the brochure? I must have overlooked that page. Maybe there is a special department in admissions designated to letting in the average-looking just so that students don't suffer from shock upon entering the real world.

A more widely supported theory (and I am among those supporters) claims that ECU holds an actual portal to another dimension located in the women's locker room of the Rec Center — a dimension free from gravity, bad hair and cellulite — where all can wear spandex and halter tops, and cheesecake has only three calories a slice...



### OPINION Columnist

Marville SULLIVAN

#### Don't judge Clinton without facts

Concerning the recent allegations against the president, it is my opinion that the American people should not rush to judgment as the media is doing.

Almost every form of media is filled with — if not overcome by — President Clinton's newest scandal. The most recent allegation against Clinton and the possible consequence thereof cannot be ignored. It is not too often when a U.S. President's removal from office is seriously considered.

Before I continue, I want to state that I am neither a Democrat, nor am I a Clinton supporter in any way, shape, or form — quite to the contrary, in fact. The issues I would like to address are based on non-partisan ideals and concepts guided by historical and constitutional principles and common sense. Concerning the recent allegations against the president, it is my opinion that the American people should not rush to judgment as the

media is doing. My aim in this column is not to criticize or evaluate the morals of Clinton or the moral duties of any sitting president but rather to highlight a few points everyone should take into consideration before drawing any conclusion regarding this matter.

First, most of the facts of this scandal have been sensationalized by a media in attempt to bring readers, viewers, and hence, money. The media can't be sure definite facts will draw a crowd, but they do know sensational details will. The real issues in this case are mere footnotes to tabloid based stories in newspapers and on television. No one cares if the Lewinsky tapes were legally recorded, logically motivated — or that they even contain truth!

Second, Monica Lewinsky denied, under oath, her relations with the President. Then, she said changed her story...and she changed it again. What makes any reasonable person believe this time she'll tell the truth? Of course if she is granted immunity she'll "confess." Lewinsky stands to make lots of money. If she denies the affair now, her fame and hopes of financial rewards will vastly diminish. She has a lot to lose if she denies the affair.

Third, the role the "independent" council has taken in this matter is very questionable. How in the world does Kenneth Starr (head of the council) have the right to grant or promise Lewinsky immunity? In fact, why is he or the council involved in this issue at all? Starr's job is solely Whitewater

period. He has definitely overstepped his boundaries.

Fourth, we as Americans cannot ignore the domestic and international effects this case is having. Guilty or not, Clinton is still our president, and in accordance, he still has a very important job to do. Iraq is a loose cannon, the pope is in Cuba, the Pacific Rim economy is going down the drain, and analysts are telling us the quality and quantity of social security and education in this country are diminishing rapidly. The U.S. needs to be "on the ball" at home and abroad. Our nation's well-being is hindered because of the massive coverage and focus of this scandal.

Of course, if the president committed a crime, he should be punished, but the country shouldn't have to suffer either way. Finally, we are never going to really know what happened beyond a reasonable doubt. Should any president of the United States be impeached and removed for a he said/she said story? If Clinton is removed, it not only effects the presidential institution now but also in years to come. Once again, I'm not trying to pass moral or legal judgment. I just think the public should examine the media's sensationalism of the story, the credibility and motivations of Lewinsky, the questionable role the independent council and Kenneth Starr are assuming, the international and domestic effects, and then come to grips with the likely possibility "the world may never know" the whole truth — period.

"To be a journalist, ethics must be a part of you — not a page in a book or framed parchment on a wall."

Gerald M. Sass, *The Freedom Forum*, 1984

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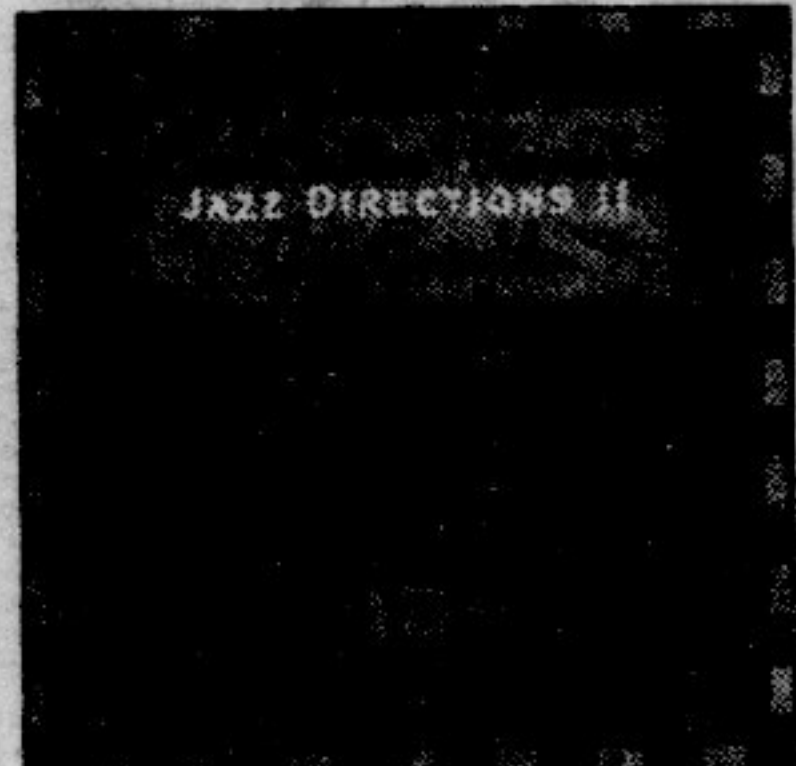


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CD review



Jazz Directions II 9 OUT OF 10 JOHN DAVIS ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

It's hard to say anything bad about the ECU Jazz Ensemble. Just about the only way you could not like them would be if you just didn't like jazz. And even then, their live performances, filled with vitality and emotion just might win you over anyway.

Jazz Directions II, the second recording of the Jazz Ensemble, features live and studio cuts recorded over the past three years. Quite a few of the musicians on this album, (such as Vaughn Ambrose, Peter Lamb, Mitch Butler, Joe Phillips, Robbie Robinson to name a few) are still in the Jazz Ensemble, and still perform here.

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NIGHT TIME IS THE RIGHT TIME

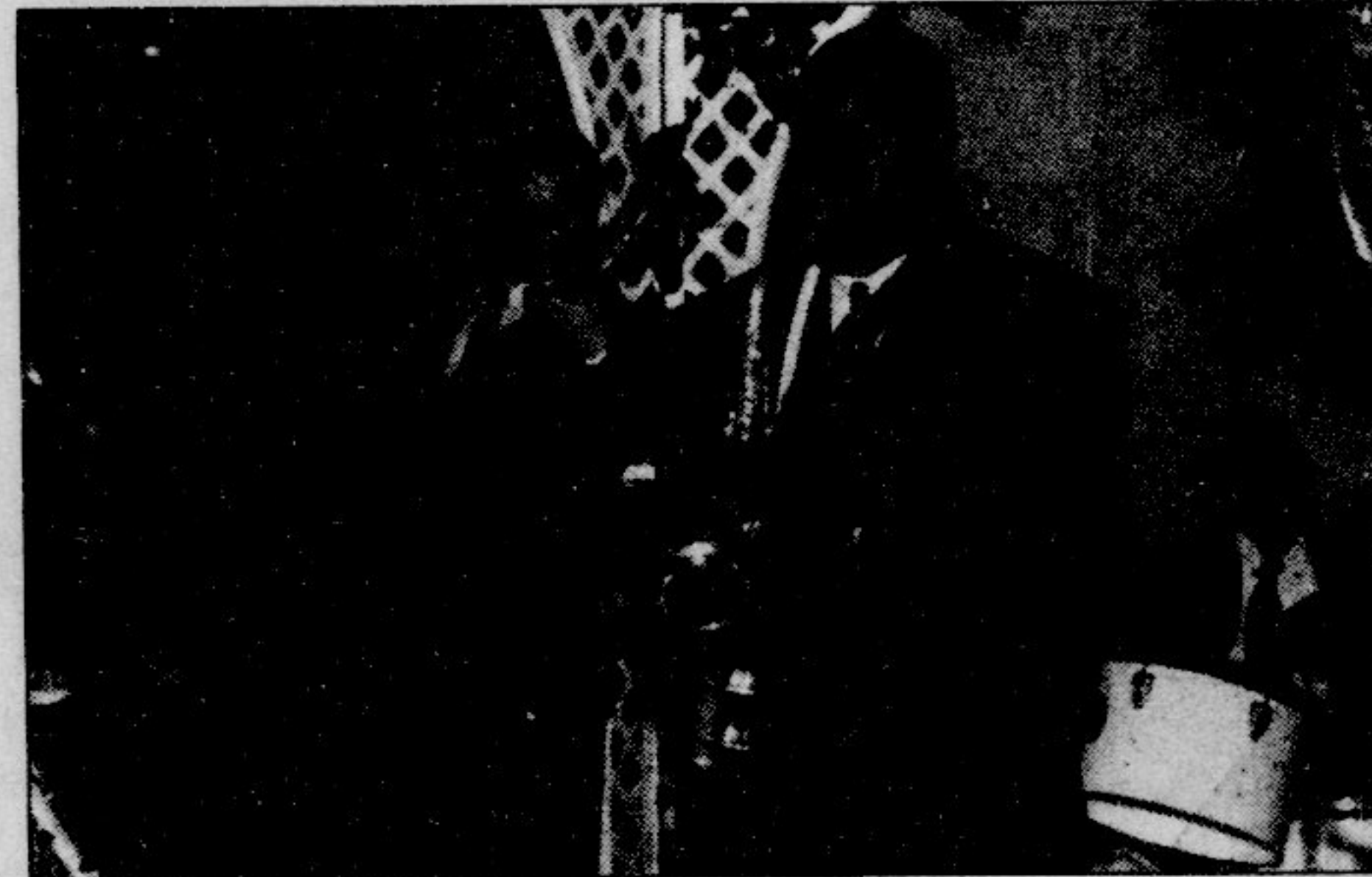
ECU's Jazz Ensemble delivers the goods on Friday night

MICHAEL SMITH SENIOR WRITER

All That Jazz The Jazz Ensemble will be performing in a number of other shows and events this semester, including

Friday night kicks off this semester's Mendenhall Jazz at Night series, and there's no reason to believe that any momentum has been lost over semester break. Dashiell, keyboardist and director of the Ensemble, is looking forward to a semester full of concerts and myriad opportunities to showcase the talents of his students and fellow members of the ECU School of Music faculty.

If you've never seen the award-winning ECU Jazz Ensemble perform live, it's not for lack of effort or talent on their part. This semester the School of Music's department of jazz studies, headed up by Carroll Dashiell, is, once again, busting its butt to bring you, the student, top-quality entertainment for free. Friday night kicks off this semester's Mendenhall Jazz at Night series, and there's no reason to believe that any momentum has been lost over semester break.



Jazz Ensemble blows it. PHOTO COURTESY OF JAZZ ENSEMBLE

"The music gets the attention. It's not like a club or bar. The audience is there to listen to it."

Because no two artists, or groups of artists, will perform the same song the same way, combos are important to keeping the mood interesting and giving new life to old favorites.

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ECU jazzers play Perc

Members of the Percolor Ensemble were caught on camera Thursday when the jazz group, Blue 7, rolled in and set up. The band, which is comprised of ECU jazz students and members of the Jazz Ensemble, played for nearly three hours, entertaining the Percolor customers and just having a good old time.

Drummer Fred Odell put his trap set on an oriental rug just before nine p.m. Not too long after that, the rest of the band strolled in, casually set up and shortly after 9 p.m. they began to play. The band was tight and right on the money, and the atmosphere was intimate and cozy.

Blue 7 features Odell on drums, Peter Lamb on alto sax, George Knost on bass, Joe Phillips on guitar and Robbie Robinson on trombone. The five-piece played for about an hour, and then were surprised by other jazz students who showed up to jam with them.

By the end of the evening, a good 15 musicians, all students, were in on the jam, playing devastating solos and having some great fun. The crowd was into the music, and the whole scene was swinging to the sounds. Blue 7 is a relatively new group, but they hope to do more surprise gigs at the Percolor and elsewhere. They performed just about a week before the Jazz at Night show in Mendenhall, which gave them a chance to loosen up and give the audience a taste of what's to come on Friday.



The Lox Money, Power, and Respect

5 OUT OF 10 MAURICE BLUE STAFF WRITER

One of the first questions that you may have thought of when this group was first presented may be, "What is a lox?" The group presents the word as an anagram, short for Living Off Experience. But now that that's out of the way, let's get down to business.

The group collectively known as The Lox; Jay, Styles and Sheek released their album, Money, Power, and Respect, a little earlier this month. After hearing the group perform on Puff Daddy's No Way Out, Mase's Harlem World and Mariah Carey's single "Honey," word around the area was that the album would not be worth buying. But as the saying goes, "To each their own."

This group from Yonkers, New York actually put together a decent album. Despite what the consumers may say about them, Puffy has an eye for talent, and he probably saw something that not many others were able to see.

The best songs on the album are the ones that include outside performers, such as the track "Money, Power, and Respect," which features Junior M.A.F.I.A.s DMX and the queen bee herself, Lil' Kim. Though Kim only performs the intro and the chorus for the song, she provides the crowning touch on this hardcore jam by lending a harder edge than DMX and The Lox can provide. Another sweet track is "Let's Start Love Over" (which on the CD is titled "Let's Start Rap Over") featuring Carl Thomas. The group tells the story of the evolution of society from the days of street ball and having love for each other to the

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Madman creator does well with no-budget film, Astroesque



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MARK BRETT SENIOR WRITER

Mike Allred could be considered something of a Renaissance man. Long a successful writer and artist in the comic book field, the creator of Madman Comics has now branched out to become a screenwriter, director, actor, musician and singer with his feature-film debut, Astroesque.

Just released on video, Astroesque is hardly a big-budget blockbuster like other comics-related movies I could name. Allred made the film with virtually no budget at all, in fact, he used one \$499 Russian camera, a digital recorder and a whole bunch of friends willing to work cheap. This kind of ground-level filmmaking leads to some clumsy edits and clumsier acting, but Astroesque has a certain undeniable charm. Even during its more groan-inducing moments, I couldn't help but like it.

The plot concerns a space man (played by Allred himself) who comes to Earth to witness the rebirth of the Son of God, but instead runs afoul of a bunch of redneck survivalists. That's right, it's pseudo-religious sci-fi action! The irony, thankfully, isn't lost on the film. Without being too heavy-handed, Allred turns the unnamed alien (called "The Original" on the box) into a gun-toting Christ figure, quietly



Pseudo-religious sci-fi action at its best. PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE ALLRED

distressed with his inability to live in peace. Not so distressed, however, that he can't fight back. Much of the final third of the film is taken up with a running gun battle between the alien and his survivalist enemies. Leaping from rooftops with a gun in each hand, Allred gives the impression that he'd be right at home in a John Woo action piece. Not that Astroesque is that dynamic; though he gives it a good try, there's only so much Allred can do with just one camera.

When our alien hero isn't busy shooting or running, things slow down and turn metaphysical as we deal with his strange relationship with regular guy Brad (Matthew Brundage). Through flashback and prophetic vision, we get the impression that Brad and the alien are destined to work together, but, unfortunately, not much comes of their friendship. Brad perhaps grows up a bit, gets shot and briefly ponders the nature of God, but all this doesn't actually have incredible impact on his life. Other than the blood loss, he doesn't seem much changed at the film's end.

This vagueness is Astroesque's biggest flaw. I think Allred was going for artistic restraint, and considering the limited ability of his actors, that was probably a good idea. But with its heavy metaphysical aspects, the film needs solidly grounded characters for support. Without them, it tends to collapse under the weight of its own flashback-happy plot structure. Still, it is nice to see someone taking chances. Though its reach far exceeds its grasp at times, Astroesque is a pretty good small film. It's even impressive in places, considering how very low the budget was. Some of the action sequences are quite stylish, and Allred obviously has a good visual sense. The soundtrack, provided by Allred's band Gear, is a bit intrusive in places, but interesting.

And, just to round out his renaissance man profile, Allred's also not a bad actor. He at least has a certain strange screen presence, courtesy of his dark good looks and ability to play different moods. He seems just as comfortable in the double-gun-blazing John Woo scenes as he does in the more brooding Jim-Jarmusch-inspired sequences. Of course, in the midst of all the stiff performances in this film, he may look better than he

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ramblin on

This is not a rant. The goal: to write complete sentences and hopefully to make some sort of point. Just another ass with an opinion...

Look on the bright side of sex scandal

ANDY TURNER LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Presidential sex scandal got you down? Worried that our faithful leader's inability to keep to himself what lurks between those pasty white, Big Mac thighs, waiting like a prize at the bottom of a box of pornographic Cracker Jacks, may

cause the United States of America to lose its prestige and position as leader of the free world? Does shame sit heavy in your stomach like a triple-cheese double-bean burrito? Worry not.

Prestige? I got five words: Wayne Newton, United States citizen. Leader of the free world? Who needs the worries? Shame, chmate. What you should really be thinking about is what you can get out of this scandal. And I'm not talking about standing in front of the White House and selling T-shirts that say "Clinton, the president after Bush." No, what this scandal really allows us as Americans is the ability to get away with absolutely anything we want. Think about it. CNN has its scandal erection flaring up like the Washington Monument. Sammy



I feel your boob. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE REAL DEAL

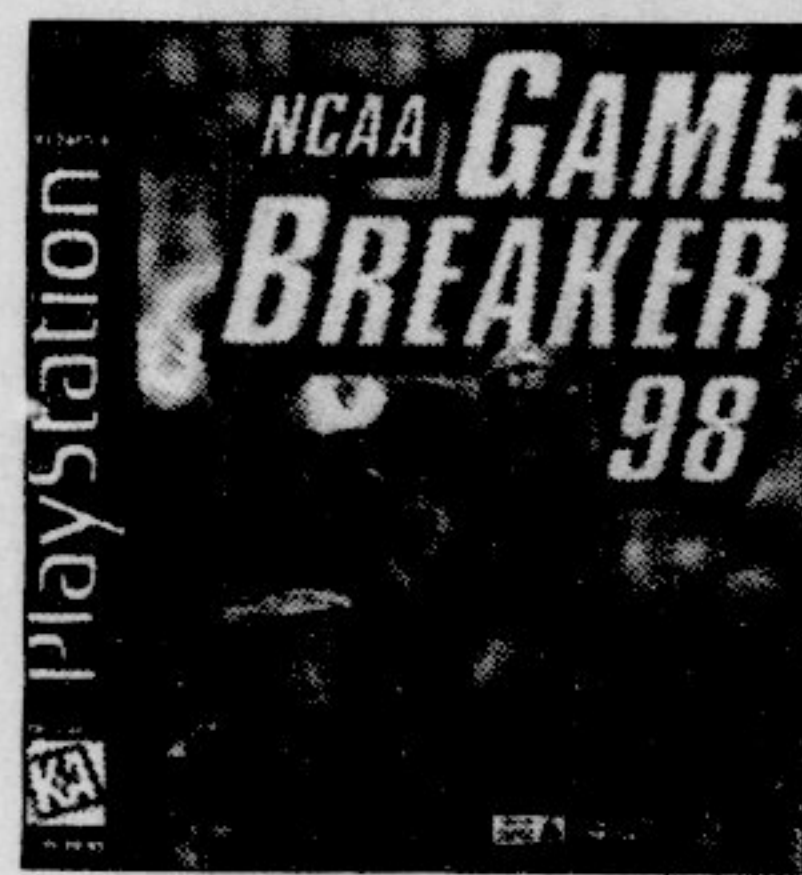
Donaldson can't stop panting. The front pages of newspapers across the country are covered with incredible insight into the scandal, like how back in junior high Monica Lewinsky use to be called the "Really Big Easy" and how Clinton claims he couldn't have had sex with Lewinsky because he's spent all of his free time lately bathing Janet Reno.

No other stories matter. We don't care. I give you, as an example, America's Sweetheart, the Unabomber. Last week, he pleaded guilty to bombing the hell out of everyone and liking it a lot. Did we notice? Nope, we were all envisioning Kenneth Star saying, "I give you exhibit A, your honor, M i s s Lewinsky's fingerprints, lifted from the President's penis while he was napping."

So, if no one cares about bomb boy, do you think anyone is going to care about any indiscretions you may make? Celebrities, listen up. If you've been meaning to go on a three-week heroin binge, then urinate on yourself and Vicki Lawrence at the premiere of the film version of Mama's Family, now is the best time to do it. Get that

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## NCAA Gamebreaker '98 better than average



He fears no video game or ham sandwich. He is...



### COUCH BOY

#### Video Game Review

#### NCAA Game breaker '98

7 OUT OF 10

RICH CORNWELL  
STAFF WRITER

NCAA Gamebreaker '98 for the Playstation is Sony's latest attempt at college football. Gamebreaker has almost all of the Division I college teams to choose from, including our own ECU Pirates.

Gamebreaker's graphics are fairly average, but each team's stadium is rendered to look like the real thing. The only thing missing from Ficklen was the forever unfinished upper deck.

Like in most college games, player's names cannot be used and we are left with only numbers and positions. Fortunately, players' numbers match up with the real guys, but when are these college games going to give us the option of naming the players ourselves? How many people know that #11 QB for Duke is fifth year senior Dave Green?

Aside from this oversight, the player attributes are close to their real life counterparts. Peyton Manning and Ryan Leaf are

consistently the best quarterbacks on the game and Charles Woodson has unbelievable speed and quickness. Unfortunately, Marshall was left off the game so Randy Moss will not see his video game debut until next year's NFL titles.

The stats are Gamebreaker's strength with the top 100 players being listed in passing, rushing, receiving, sacks, tackles, interceptions, kick returns, punt returns and kicking. The only bad part is that if you don't know players' numbers and positions, you won't know what the leader's real names are.

The season report option is a good feature which includes a Top 25 that is updated each week, a player-awards feature that lists the contenders for such awards as the Heisman, running back of the year, Davey O'Brien National QB, receiver of the year, Bronko Nagurski award, lineman of the year and the Jim Thorpe award. At the end of the season, a first and second team All-American lineup is chosen comprised of the best players in the simulated season.

Another great feature is the ability to play a season that will end in Bowl games or a tournament. Imagine, actually being able to determine a true national champion. The NCAA could learn something from this

after the Nebraska-Michigan debacle of this year. If you are a die hard traditionalist, then most of the big bowl games are included along with a Gold, Silver and Bronze Bowl for the top teams.

Gamebreaker offers two types of game controls referred to as beginner and advanced. The beginner controls are similar to a Madden type game while the advanced controls are designed for only the die hard player looking for a challenge.

In advanced mode, there are 12 different moves you can do when running, including a double spin move if you can remember that L2 & circle initiates it. Stick with the beginner controls if you care about your sanity and the well being of your game system.

Total control passing is another advanced feature which has more practical use. This feature allows you to under or overthrow a ball or throw a lob or a bullet pass. This feature comes in handy when you get a feel for the game.

Overall, NCAA Gamebreaker '98 is a better than average football title that could take some getting used to if you are used to Madden style game play. The features are fairly complete, including an option to create players if you feel the need.

Since this game is made by Playstation's in-house company, Sony, they should have access to the latest technology to take advantage of the Playstation's fullest capabilities. There are some improvements that could be made, such as smoother game play and a player name feature, but that's what Gamebreaker '98 is for.

#### Ones that got

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actually is. Still, he is a high point: *Astroesque* seems much more interesting when Mike Allred is on the screen.

For fans of Allred's comics work, there is another level of enjoyment.

All of his trademark obsessions with goofy sci-fi, discordant pacing, weird philosophy and severe facial injury are present here. Nobody eats an eyeball, a la the early *Madman Comics*, but someone does get their cheek bitten off, and there's a ruptured nostril or two as well. Unfortunately, the most charming aspect of Allred's comics work, his sense of humor, is sorely lacking here. This is one somber film, and

the few attempts at humor don't come off very well.

Overall, though, *Astroesque* is a good piece of no-budget filmmaking. If you can overlook some of the obvious flaws caused by lack of money, it's quite an experience. It can be difficult to sit through in places, however, so be warned. If you thought *Jackie Brown* was slow, you'll probably want to sit this one out.

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syringe out and get ready to par-tay. Maybe you're a gay celebrity and you want to come out of the closet so that you and your lover can show your love to the world, but you don't want to get blacklisted and not be able to get a

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**Jazz Ensemble**  
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The musicians rarely have any idea about what pieces they will be performing, and with what combo, until the sound check the day of the performance. This kind of arrangement leaves little room for rehearsal, but a lot of room for spontaneity. "You can't think about it too much," Callie mused. "You just tell you that jazz is the first original

"The [combo] format is...centered on the individuals," said Joe. "That's an important thing about jazz that you don't find in other music." Mitch Butler, trombonist, enjoys being able to "expose the listener to straight-ahead jazz." He thinks it's important that people at least give jazz a chance, even if they find that they don't particularly like it. "This is American music," he declared. "It's unique; it doesn't copy anything." Like Butler, any of the cats will tell you that jazz is the first original

American art form. This will be the first Jazz at Night since the release of the Ensemble's new CD entitled *Jazz Directions 2-1997*, which features guest artists Bob Mintzer on saxophone and vocalist Vanessa Rubin. It will be available for order or purchase at the show. Tickets will be required for admission, and any student with a valid student ID can pick one up at the central ticket office. Admission for non-students is now \$2.50 and can be purchased there as well or at the door.

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Almost all of the songs on this album are standards; the play list is heavy with big band and swing numbers. There are four Duke Ellington numbers and a Count Basie song. In all of these, the Ensemble is in top notch form. "Caravan," with Robbie Robinson's sublime trombone solo and Jesus Nieves' brilliant percussion licks, is especially good. Then there's the funky "Dangerous Precedent." Ed Combs' guitar work is excellent

and again, Jesus Nieves delivers some out-of-sight percussion. All of the live tracks are beyond words really. Knowing these cats attend ECU actually puts some school spirit into the old heart. It gives a guy something to be proud of. One of the few modern pieces on the record is "New Rochelle," which Bob Mintzer of the Yellowjackets wrote for the Ensemble. This recording featured here is actually the premiere performance of the song, which is a treat in and of itself, but as an added bonus, faculty member Paul Tardiff lays down a cool, clean piano solo that

is oh so tasty. Of the studio cuts, Count Basie's "April in Paris" shows the Ensemble in top form. "Moonlight in Vermont" is a hoppin' little dish served hot with a fiery sax solo straight from the sax chef himself, Vaughn Ambrose. The album closes out with two Ellington songs, "Cottontail," which again features Tardiff, as well as some outstanding solos by the students, and a smooth vocal number, "In a Sentimental Mood." Jazz Direction II is a veritable triumph for Dashell and crew, all of whom showcase their talent and love of jazz brilliantly on this record. Definitely a must-have for

**LOX**  
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days of playa' hatin,' jealousy and shootouts. Carl Thomas provides a mellow overtone to the song singing the chorus, which adds nicely to a sentimental song. These are just a couple of examples of what's good about The Lox. But the fleas come with the dog. The group's first single, "If You Think I'm Jiggs," was a bad choice to be the song to promote the album. The chorus itself, which is a rip-off of Rod Stewart's "If You Think I'm Sexy," is enough to turn you off without having to listen to the song, which doesn't

follow the style of a Bad Boy party jam. Maybe if you're forced to hear it enough times, you'll be desensitized to it. Otherwise, flip past the track. But there's a track worse than that entitled "Get This Money." Everything about the song sucks, whether it is the lyrics, which sounds like a bad freestyle, or the beat, which is too slow for the style of flow. Overall, *Money, Power, and Respect* isn't a terrible CD; the group just needs fine-tuning. Sometimes, the group sounds like they forgot the words and came up with something, anything, to avoid embarrassment. If they perfect their style (better lyrics and a smoother flow), they'll be able to take the music world by storm if they release a second album. But

as for this album, which has some good tracks, some bad tracks, some cool interludes, yet another installment of the Mad Rapper series and a dedication to the late Bad Boy blue chipper, Notorious B.I.G. it is worth buying. But before you shell out full price for it, check the used racks first.

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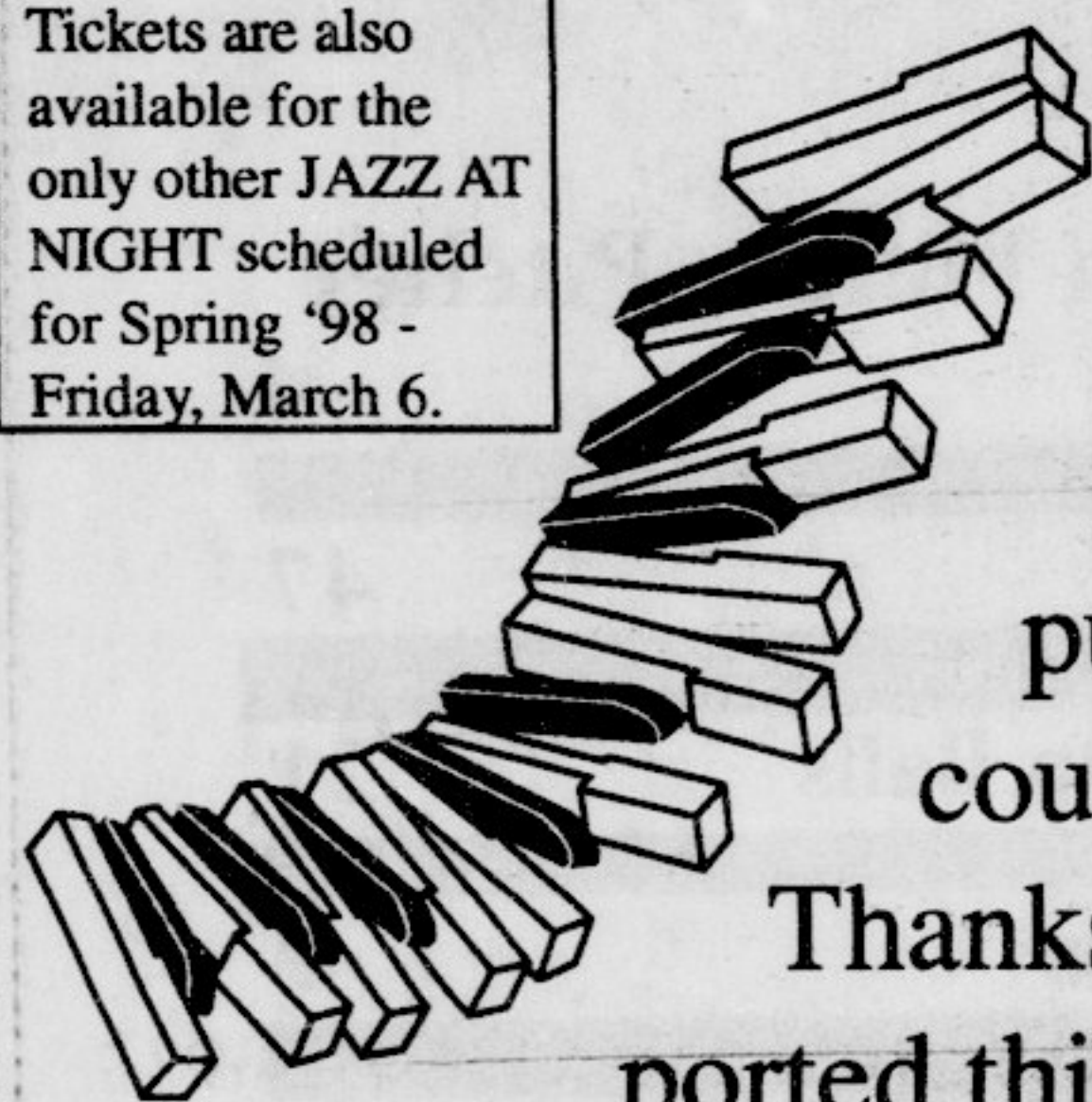


Due to the increasing popularity of these events, a ticketing procedure has been implemented, effective with the Friday, January 30 performance in the Mendenhall Great Room at 8:00 p.m.

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## Special talent waivers help athletic program

Opportunities provided for those denied admission

JASON THURINGER  
STAFF WRITER

So you want to be a Pirate? You've got tons of talent, but your high school GPA and SAT scores just don't add up to the sum of a letter of acceptance. What do you do? A special talent waiver is the answer for many ECU students.

"There is a special admissions process for individuals with special talents," said Dr. Tom Powell, director of admissions.

That special admissions process includes a special talent waiver. Students who apply to ECU but are denied acceptance at first try are eligible. Not all applicants go through this process and it is not exclusively by the athletic department.

"If the orchestra needs an oboe player, ten it is my job to help that oboe player get into ECU," Powell said.

The special talent waiver is for applicants who have special talents, usually in music, art, theater, dance or sports, above those of the average applicant. To be admitted on a special talent waiver, a faculty member must petition for admission to the Dean, who will then forward the request to Dr. Powell.

Athletes petitioned in must still meet the standards set forth by the NCAA, conference and university before they are eligible to participate in their sport.

This can be such a complicated procedure that the athletic department has a full-time staff person to ensure that all athletes stay within the eligibility requirements.

Once a student is accepted on the waiver he or she is assigned to the academic transition program (ATP).

"ATP is a program designed to give students who have had poor academic performance in high school a solid base for success in college," said Gene Owens, ATP director.

The one-year program consists of tutorials, supplemental instruction, the writing center and other academic support. These services are available to all ECU students who seek them. A student without a waiver may be admitted to the ATP.

"Many of the 250 to 300 ATP slots are students who had weak SAT or ACT scores, but still have shown an ability to perform in high school," Owens said.

Getting accepted into ECU does not automatically mean that a

student will graduate with a degree. IPEDS (Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data System), a division of the Federal Department of Education, allows for six academic years to complete a four-year degree to be considered for on-time graduation.

With 2,338 first time freshman students enrolling in academic year 1991 and 1,125 of those receiving degrees from ECU in academic year 1996 or earlier, ECU's most recent graduation rate is 48.1 percent. These figures do not account for students who transfer to and graduate from other universities. Using the same time period, athletes who received athletic-based financial aid had a graduation rate of 58.3 percent.

### Did they graduate on time?

Number of players on each team that received athletic based financial aid, and how many of those graduated on time

<b>Football</b> 17 received aid 9 graduated on time; 8 not on time
<b>Women's basketball</b> 2 received aid 2 graduated on time
<b>Men's basketball</b> None received aid
<b>Baseball</b> 10 received aid 3 graduated on time; 7 not on time
<b>CC &amp; Track</b>
<b>Men</b> 2 received aid 2 didn't graduate on time
<b>Women</b> 3 received aid 3 graduated on time
<b>All Other Sports</b>
<b>Men</b> 9 received aid 7 graduated on time; 2 not on time
<b>Women</b> 5 received aid 4 graduated on time; 1 not on time
<b>Totals</b>
<b>Men</b> 38 received aid 19 graduated on time; 19 not on time
<b>Women</b> 10 received aid 9 graduated on time; 1 not on time
<b>combined total</b> 48 received aid 28 graduated on time; 20 not on time

## Basketball spirits lifted with CAA conference win

Men down Old Dominion Monarchs

TRACY M. LAUBACH  
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball team hosted Old Dominion University Wednesday in a battle that sent the Monarchs home with a disappointing conference loss.

After coming up short in the last two conference games against Virginia Commonwealth and CAA rival UNC-Wilmington, the Pirates made the most of their open weekend and came back strong to down ODU 85-71.

Last year, the two schools split their regular season games, with each winning at home. Wednesday's contest marked the 36th meeting in the history of the series.

ECU was first to put points on the board with a layup by senior Dink Peters. Two three-pointers from Tony Parham and one more from freshman Vinny Sharpe, along with six out of eight good shots from the foul line gave the Pirates an eight point lead at the half, 31-24.

"We have been playing in practice as hard as we play in games, and it helped us tonight," Peters said.

Obello Meadows started the second half off on a strong note for the Pirates with a layup and a jump shot in the first minute of play.

The Monarchs added their first points of the second half when junior Mark Post scored in his third three-point field goal of the game at the 17 minute mark.

It wasn't long before Meadows took control of the ball once again to send in a three-pointer in return.

The Pirates caught on fire for the remainder of the game, shooting 82 percent from the foul line and 52 percent from the floor in the second period to claim a 85-

71 victory.

"It was a tough fight," Peters said. "We just wanted to win more and we were more determined. We stuck together as a team and we are going to keep sticking together as a team."

"We came out and played with a lot of emotion," Parham said. "We played smart, and that is something we have not been doing lately. Our focus was to play a full 40 minutes."

The only time in the entire game ODU held the lead was at the 7:09 mark in the first half, when Brian Dunlap sent in a three-pointer to gain a one point Monarch lead.

Thirty seconds later, Parham went to the line for two good shots to regain control and a lead to last for the rest of the game.

Parham led the Pirates with 22 points, while Sharpe, Raphael Edwards, and Meadows also scored in double digits with 15, 14, and 12 respectively.

Both Parham and Sharpe posted career and season highs with their performances, while J.J. McQueen put his first points ever on the board with a slam dunk in the final minute of the game.

Sharpe's highest point total was only seven prior to his performance against the Monarchs.

"I basically just took what the defense gave me," Sharpe said. "Whenever I was open I took a shot because the coach had me out on the court and I had to do my job."

Old Dominion's head coach Jeff Capel said his team did not respond as they are capable of.

"ECU was very aggressive offensively and we did defensively and we did not respond to that," Capel said.

"They were very physical and we seemed scared to get hit. We just were not aggressive at all taking the ball to the basket and getting to the free throw line."

ECU is now 7-0 this season when scoring 70 or more points, with such wins coming in from the games against St. Joseph's, Ferrum, Campbell, James Madison, Liberty, Richmond, and of course, Old Dominion.

With the win, the Pirates improved their record to 8-10; 3-5 in the CAA.

The Pirates will have a week-long break before their next game, Monday at home against George Mason. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.



Vinny Sharpe scored a career high and led his team with 15 points in Wednesday's victory over Old Dominion.

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## Pure Gold Dancers ranked ninth in the nation

Team prepares for upcoming competition

PAUL KAPLAN  
SENIOR WRITER

Basketball fans who do not run out to the concession stand at halftime for a soft pretzel and some mustard may have noticed the ECU Pure Gold Dancers. For those behind on dancing and cheering rankings, the Pure Gold Dancers are currently ranked ninth in the nation behind many big names schools like UNC, BYU and Cincinnati, just to name a few.

"We are ranked ninth in the nation, and not too many people realize that," Co-Captain Pam Hines said. "We really don't get much recognition."

The Pure Gold Dancers are led by Head Coach Amy Graham and Co-Captains Hines and Tia Tucker. The Pure Gold Dancers are by no means a group of

veterans; they are made up primarily of freshmen and sophomores.

"This is the strongest team we have had in a while," Graham said. "There is a high talent level and all the girls work well together; in practice things seem to move real fast, there are a lot of good performers."

Freshmen usually have trouble with practices and being on their own for the first time," Graham said. "But they have not had any trouble keeping their priorities straight."

The dance team, like all the other athletes on campus, have a strenuous practice schedule. Three days a week they have a weight workout and between four and six days a week they have a two hour night practice. This April the Pure Gold Dancers will be taking their show to Daytona, Florida and showing their stuff in front of the National Dance Association.



The Pure Gold Dancers practice four to six days a week for two hours each day.

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Competition.

"We are going to do really well this year at the competition, hopefully top five," Co-Captain Tia Tucker said.

The dancers are contenders for a top five ranking at the competition in April and they also volunteer their time with the Junior Pro Team. The Junior Pro Team is made up of 16 girls from seven years old to 15 years old.

"We coach them every other Sunday and teach them dancing techniques and also things like character development," Tucker said. "They are all really sweet and they really look up to us."

So next time you are at a home basketball game and the teams head to the locker room at halftime, stick around and take a look at the Pure Gold Dancers.



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## Seniors approach baseball season with confidence

Baseball's seniors expected to lead team

JAMES CAMP  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU baseball team is getting set to start their season with new Head Coach Keith LeClair. With several key players returning from last year, the Pirates hope to improve on a season that ranked them fifth in the CAA. Two players who hope to contribute to the improvement of the team are seniors Brian Fields and Randy Rigby.

Fields is a pitcher who grew up in Greenville and played baseball at Rose High School. He started playing ball around the age of eight because it was his favorite sport.

Over the years his interest in the sport continued to grow until he found himself playing year-round.

Fields started his college baseball career at NC State as a relief pitcher. He later



Brian Fields  
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Randy Rigby  
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### Brian Fields, Pitcher

Wins	4
Hits	47
Base On Balls	21
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## Athletic department answers questions about new logos

### Student reactions primarily positive

TRAVIS BARKLEY  
STAFF WRITER

When students returned to campus from Christmas break, many were surprised to learn that ECU had unveiled new logos and a bold new image.

While the reaction to the new designs has mainly been positive, there has been some confusion regarding the development of the new logos as well as the future of Pee Dee and the older markings.

"Pee Dee will still be the mascot at games, and the old designs will still be used," said Lee Workman, assistant athletic director and director of special events. "The new designs give the university a full series of marks

that tie together. They allow for a new marketing approach, and allow merchandisers to have more options and greater creativity."

When asked if students were ever considered to design the new logos, Workman said that students were consulted informally, but that the School of Art was never considered to design the logos.

Many students wanted to know why the logos were introduced while most students were out of town. Workman explained that the logos were unveiled to coincide with the start of conference basketball play at home. "We wanted to have it for the students as they were coming back," Workman said.

Although most of the students who were asked liked the new designs, nearly all agreed that Pee

Dee should be kept as well.

Graduate student Andrew DiGiovanni said he "wouldn't get rid of Pee Dee," but called the change "a step into the future." He also said that at first the logos "may appear unpopular, but given time they will seem more acceptable. Imagine what people thought of Pee Dee when he was introduced."

Senior chemistry major Chris Washburn wasn't thrilled about the new logos at first, but said, "Maybe it was a move we needed to make. Other schools in the state and around the country have changed, so I think it was a good move overall."

In addition to keeping Pee Dee, several students suggested using the wild, shirtless Pirate mascot of the early 1960's.

"He would definitely scare the opposition," DiGiovanni said.

### Baseball

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transferred to ECU because he wanted to start and also felt that ECU had a good program he could contribute to.

"I knew ECU had a solid program and I just wanted to come in and help out the team as much as I could," Fields said.

Academically, Fields is an economics major who hopes to further his career as an athlete as well as continue his education in graduate school. Last year he was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers and hopes to be picked up again this year by a professional team. For now, ECU baseball is what he is concentrating on.

"With the team we have

returning and the new coaching staff we should really be able to improve on last year," Fields said.

"Coach LeClair wants us to play an aggressive style of baseball emphasizing speed and execution. Once we get the pitcher rotation down after a couple of games we should be able to have a strong season."

Rigsby is another team leader hoping to do his part. In his third year as a starter, he will be posted at first base. An outfielder from Goldsboro, he started playing baseball at the age of eight with friends he grew up with. After attending Eastern Wayne High School, Rigsby decided to bring his talent to ECU.

"In high school I heard about the baseball tradition at ECU," Rigsby said. "I also felt I had a chance to play here and it was still pretty close to home."

Rigsby is a decision sciences

major. He too would like to continue playing baseball after college, but his primary goal is to finish school.

Rigsby is excited about the upcoming season under the direction of a new coaching staff led by Head Coach Keith LeClair.

"The new staff really brings in a change of attitude to the team that the players feel real good about," Rigsby said.

Rigsby feels he can contribute much to the team's success this season. "My biggest attributes are my hitting and my experience I have as a three year starter," Rigsby said.

Under the new coaching staff and with returning players like Fields and Rigsby, the baseball team can look to improve and bring the CAA championship title home to Greenville.

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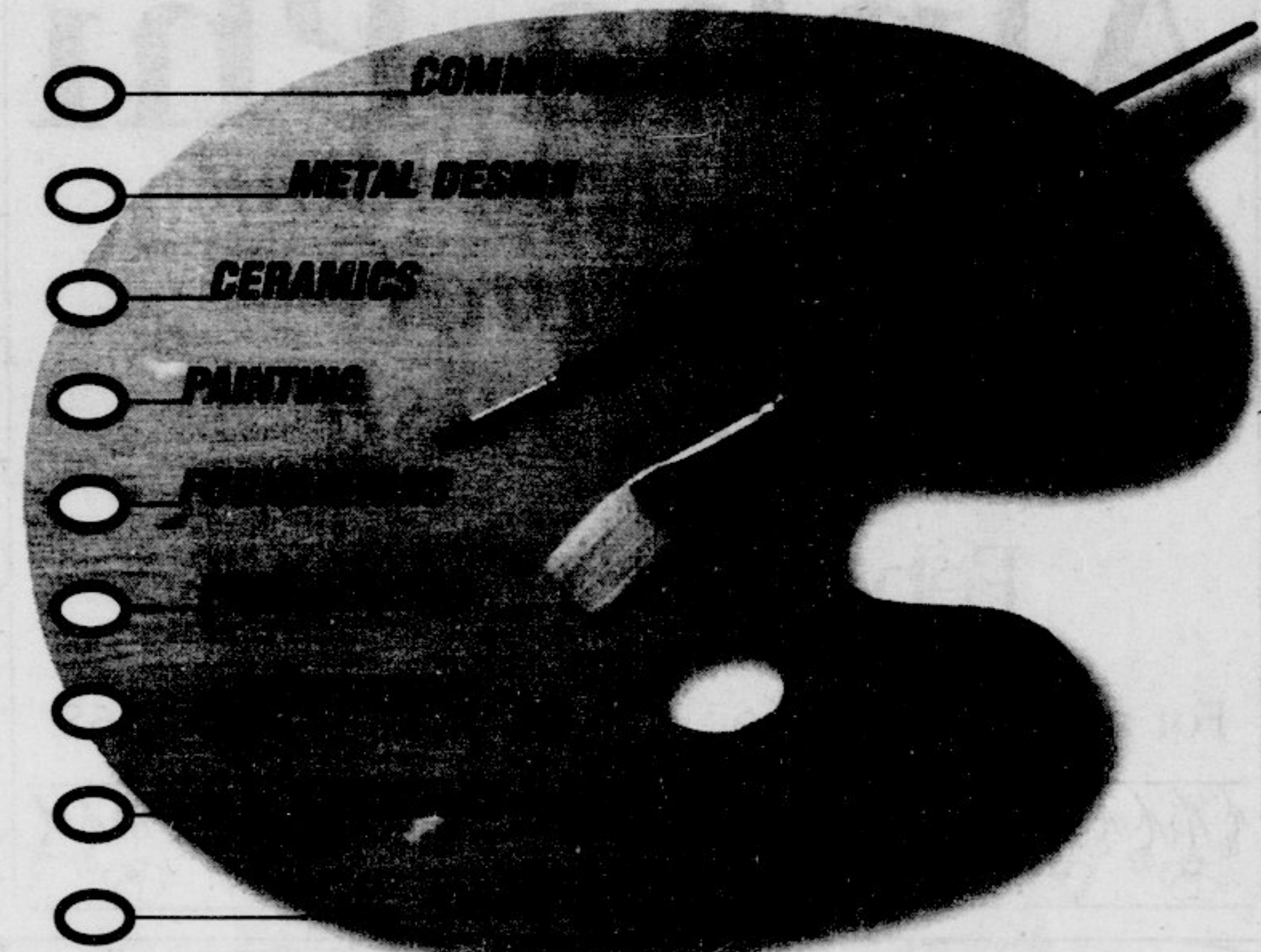
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If not come to one of the following Orientation/Registration Sessions:  
February 2 or 9, 1998 4:00 P.M.  
February 4, 1998 3:00 P.M.

For more information contact  
**Career Services**  
701 East Fifth Street East Carolina University, Greenville NC

The ECU Student Union Visual Arts Committee Presents

## ILLUMINA'98



### CALL FOR ENTRIES

Friday, February 6, 1998  
8:00 - 11:00 PM in Room 242 Mendenhall

Registration Packets Available at the Mendenhall Information Desk and Gray Gallery

\$8.00 Fee Per Entry - Limit 3 Entries Per Person  
Cash Prizes Totaling \$1,050 to be Awarded

### ILLUMINA'98 EXHIBITION

Monday, February 9 - Friday, March 6, 1998  
Mendenhall Gallery

### CLOSING RECEPTION & AWARDS PRESENTATION

Wednesday, March 4, 1998  
7:00 - 8:00 PM in Mendenhall Gallery



# fast break

## CBS' competitors try to resist being swept away by Olympics

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Consult CBS about its February sweeps plans and you get a triumphant one-word answer: Olympics!

The other networks may not have a sporting chance during this key ratings period used to help set local advertising rates. NBC's 1996 summer Olympics coverage gave it TV's seven most-watched shows for two weeks. But CBS' competitors aren't surrendering without a fight.

To counter Winter Olympic events such as figure skating, which tends to attract more female viewers, NBC is offering tough-guy films like *Under Siege 2* on Feb. 8 and *Crimson Tide* on Feb. 22. NBC will be home to five Olympics starting in 2000.

Third-place ABC offers a heavy schedule of specials and TV movies. There's a film produced by Oprah Winfrey and a show pairing the kid-five Muppets with Cindy Crawford and Tyra Banks.

Fox has an episode of *The X-Files* co-written by horrormeister Stephen King. CBS plans a sprinkling of sweeps programs following the Feb. 7-22 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. Cable channel TNT will offer 50 hours of Olympic coverage, mostly during weekday non-primetime hours.

## Broncos Merchandise selling well

DENVER (AP)—The Denver Broncos' Super Bowl victory is proving to be super for sales of the NFL team's merchandise, too.

Thousands of Broncos fans have snapped up T-shirts and caps that featured the words Super Bowl, champ and champions.

Gart Sports stores sold more than 100,000 T-shirts by midday Monday. People were waiting outside Sears stores when they opened Monday morning.

"It's unbelievable. The first place everyone went was to buy the shirts," said Cathy Zach,

manager of the Sears store in the Westland Center in Lakewood. The locker room T-shirt, which is identical to the one the Broncos players wore during interviews after the Super Bowl, cost \$22.95. It was the most popular apparel item among consumers, retailers say.

## Nike Tour Money Leaders

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Nike Tour money leaders through the South Florida Open, which ended Jan. 18: —Tm— Money 1. Eric Johnson — 2 \$41,738 2. Casey Martin — 2 \$40,500 3. Steve Lamontagne — 2 \$26,753 4. Chris Riley — 2 \$26,258 5. Jeff Julian — 2 \$19,148 6. Woody Austin — 2 \$18,221 7. Tommy Armour III — 1 \$14,813 7. Don Reese — 2 \$14,813 9. Tom Scherrer — 2 \$12,990 10. Pete Jordan — 1 \$12,000 10. Gary Koch — 1 \$12,000 12. Sean Murphy — 2 \$10,643 13. Jim Thorpe — 2 \$9,563 14. Deane Pappas — 1 \$9,000 15. Marco Gortana — 2 \$8,246 16. Brian Tennyson — 2 \$7,988 17. Charlie Byner — 2 \$7,875 17. Mike Small — 2 \$7,875 19. Dave Schreyer — 2 \$7,824 20. Ben Bates — 2 \$6,310 21. Joe Daley — 2 \$5,590 22. Greg Lesher — 2 \$5,272 23. Keith Ferrus — 1 \$5,063 24. Ivan Smith — 2 \$4,273 25. Tim Loustalot — 2 \$4,226 26. Bob Sowards — 2 \$4,148 27. Ryan Howison — 2 \$3,994 28. Jim Estes — 2 \$3,947 28. Greg Kraft — 2 \$3,947 28. Dennis Paulson — 2 \$3,947 28. Gary Rusnak — 2 \$3,947 32. Chris Couch — 2 \$3,578 33. Mike Brisley — 1 \$3,409 33. Joey Gullion — 1 \$3,409 35. Perry Moss — 2 \$3,234 35. Chris Sturtz — 2 \$3,234 37. John Kemohan — 2 \$2,869 38. Steve Hart — 2 \$2,858 39. Don Walworth — 2 \$2,813 40. Gary Nicklaus — 1 \$2,762 41. Tom R. Shaw — 2 \$2,734 42. Jimmy Johnston — 2 \$2,453 43. Brian Bateman — 2 \$2,382 44. Curt Byrum — 2 \$2,363 44. Paul Claxton — 2 \$2,363 44. Michael Walton — 1 \$2,363 47. Patrick Lee — 2 \$2,257 48. Robert Floyd — 2 \$2,156 49. Danny Briggs — commitment into a sale agreement or tell Green he could guarantee a new owner would retain him.


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While You Wait Free And Confidential Services and Peer Counseling  
**Carolina Pregnancy Center**  
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Spectacular ethnic and folk dance.  
Monday, February 2, 1998 8:00 pm Wright Auditorium  
Advance Student Tickets \$12  
Tickets at the door \$25



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919.328.4738 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS. Deaf/speech-impaired access 919.328.4735  
Student discount tickets available with ECU ID at the Central Ticket Office until 6pm on the day of the event, providing tickets remain. All tickets at the door are full-price.

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TUESDAY: Lingerie Night  
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If you can remember .85cent Molson night at Peasants then you owe your parents an apology...you've been here way to long. Oh yeah... It's back on Sundays along with Open mic night.  
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**Informal spring rush**  
on  
**Feb 3 - Feb 5 1998**  
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**it's On**  
RECREATIONAL SERVICES  
Informal Meeting  
Place  
Time  
Teams  
Come join a winning tradition  
• 1996 Nationally Ranked #1  
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Wow, this is taking so long here in the Library, if I could just take this page home, then I could get a lot more accomplished.

No one will even miss this page from the *Spelunker's Weekly*? I mean, how many *Spelunker's* are there on Campus?

Stolen Library Material

Oh No!! Someone has ripped out the page of *Spelunker's Weekly* that has the Spelunking events schedule on it!! Now we will have to cancel the Club's Trip. Since none of us get a subscription to the magazine and it's not in magazine stores, there is no way for us to get the information.

The Moral of the Story  
You never know what might be important to someone or to an organization. The library is here to serve every student on campus. Please respect that and do not steal, mutilate, or damage library property!

ECU Spelunking Club Meeting

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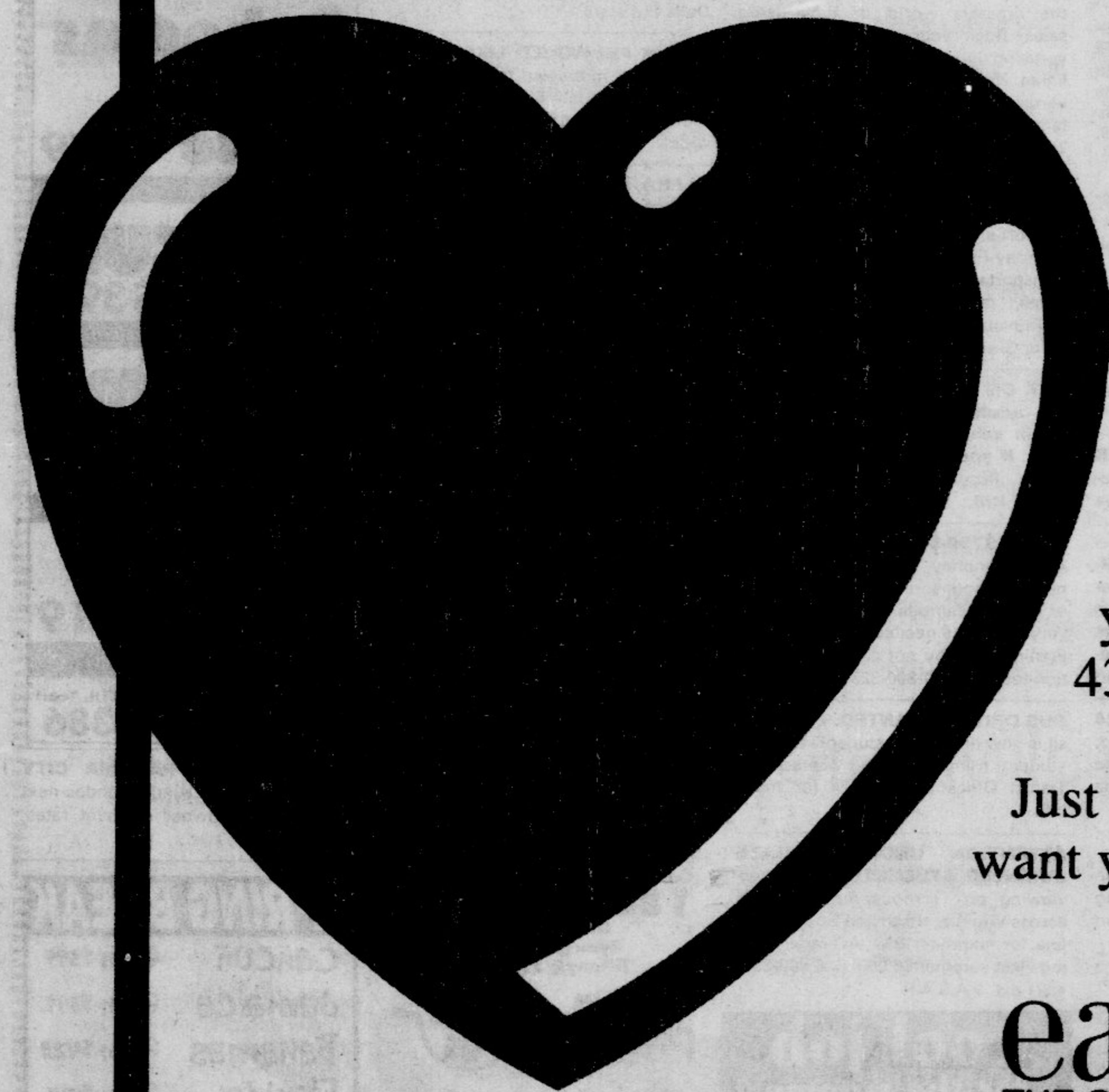
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**THE ECU STUDENT UNION PRESENTS, IN CONCERT**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1998, 8:00 PM**

**MINGES COLISEUM, EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY**

**FIONA APPLE**

**WITH SPECIAL GUEST: TO BE ANNOUNCED**

<b>STUDENTS</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>STARTING JAN. 26, 8:30 AM</b>
<b>GENERAL PUBLIC</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>	<b>STARTING FEB. 2, 8:30 AM</b>
<b>AT THE DOOR</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>DOORS OPENING AT 7:00 PM</b>

As a special student incentive, only ECU students will have a full week to purchase early-bird tickets for \$15.00 each (limit 2 per valid ECU ID). Plus, a floor-seat wristband will be given to the first 1800 early-bird ticket holders upon presentation of their tickets on the day of the show.

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