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Eight cars towed from University Exxon lot after Berlin Symphony performance

Off-campus parking for event patrons a concern

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Several ECU Performing Arts Series patrons coming out from viewing a concert of the Berlin Symphony received a great shock this weekend.

Patrons emerged from the concert to discover their cars had been towed away.

Thirty-eight out-of-town patrons parked in the parking lot of the University Exxon, located on Fifth Street, Saturday night, but only 30 cars remained at the end of the evening when the concert let out.

Jackie James, manager of the University Exxon, claimed that when he arrived at the Exxon station on Saturday night to place a car he had towed in the garage, he could not get into the store.

James claims that the cars were blocking the entrance he was trying to gain access to.

"I came to get in my place of business [University Exxon] and all the doors were blocked," James said.

At the time the incident took place, the Exxon was closed.

The store, however, offers a 24-hour wrecker service. This is the reason why James had arrived at the station.

All eight cars were towed to another Exxon station located on Greenville Boulevard, where the owners were to pick them up.

Posted in the lot of the Exxon are signs that read "Customer Parking Only: Towing Enforced." However, sources say that patrons of the Arts Series have parked in the lot before with full knowledge of James.

"Unregistered vehicles for a performance that the public will attend do not need a permit on the weekend"

Pat Gertz
Administrative Officer of Parking and Traffic Services

Out of the 38 cars, James only towed eight.

"I just removed what I had to to get in," he said.

Sources say the cars were towed at the owner's expense, which can cost anywhere from $25-$65 a car.

The university calls University Exxon for most of its towing needs.

James declined to comment when asked if he felt guilty about towing cars that were patronizing a university-sponsored event.

This incident has brought up questions regarding where non-registered patrons can park when they come to see events such as this one.

Pat Gertz, administrative officer of Parking and Traffic Services, indicated that on the weekend, parking is relatively unrestricted.

"Unregistered vehicles for a performance that the public will attend do not need a permit on the weekend," Gertz said.

Patrons may park in any unrestricted places that are available without penalty. Restricted places such as handicapped zones and fire zones are still off limits.

Gertz indicated that even on the weekdays, university parking officials are sometimes lenient.

"Normally, for a performance that the general public will attend, we will not ticket after 7 p.m.," Gertz stated.

Anyone attending a university performance or special event, whether it be a student or a non-student, should not, however, park in restricted off-campus lots.

Restricted parking lots include those owned by businesses off campus.

Elections Chair named

Smith must conduct election to fill vacant VP post

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The appointment of Robert Hamilton Smith was the topic of discussion at Monday's SGA meeting.

Smith did not attend the meeting, but, according to Scott Forbes, SGA president, Smith asserts he will be present at all future SGA and executive committee meetings.

Smith's first duty will be to conduct an election to fill the remainder of the vice presidential term vacated by Sean McManus.

Forbes and the SGA are actually against having an election, because the appointment will be for such a short time that it is a waste of money.

But they have to hold the election unless they change the constitution. They can't do this without a 20 percent vote by the student body, which is more than they get at presidential elections, according to Forbes.

Holding a vote for this would be expensive, and would not change the fact that an election must be held in the next three weeks, because there isn't enough time.

Forbes said Smith is well-qualified for this position. He is sports director for WZMB and has held several leadership positions on campus. Forbes said that from his presence at the interview, he appears to be good at delegating authority and working with others. He also lives on campus, which the committee saw as a positive quality.

Smith's duties will be to appoint committees to work the polls and set up new scanning positions for them.

With the new One Card system in place, the old process of marking off the numbers on the back of the student activity card to ensure no student votes more than once must be replaced. Now the cards will be scanned for this purpose.

Because of the need for electrical outlets, the polls will have to be inside. The SGA is hoping this will not decrease student participation even more. Smith will have to set the date for the new election within the next week to give candidates the mandatory two weeks to campaign. Smith said one of his first tasks will be to research the One Card system and find out how he can get more voter participation from the student body. Huggins wants him to do an expanded survey to determine what people would like to know about applicants for candidacy.

"I feel like I can touch on a diverse crowd [within] the student population and help find out what [it] wants from the student government and who [it] wants to put in it," Smith said.

His leadership background includes being president of his fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi and the Vice President of the district, and assistant chairman of parades for homecoming, as well as his managerial position at WZMB. He was not concerned about any time constraints on his part. "I wouldn't take on an obligation if I didn't think I could fill it."

As far as carrying the position past April, he said, "I would like to see how this is going to go...If I feel I'm not contributing, I will not try again in the fall, but if I feel [I am], I would love to [continue and even] branch out into other opportunities with student government."

B-GLAD celebrates PRIDE week

"Blue Jeans Day" slated for Friday, Feb. 27

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Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity (B-GLAD) kicked off Pride Week Monday to celebrate the fight against discrimination and their message of acceptance. Members and supporters of the group hope this will be the largest turnout in the event's three year history.

Jeffrey Gersh, the group's adviser, says Pride Week has always been well-supported by members of the group, but that attendance from those not directly involved has not been as constant.

"Attendance has been varied from the outside community; two years ago it was pretty good and last year it was pretty slim," Gersh said.

The organization, which has been chartered in its current form since 1994, said that this year, an attempt has been made to advertise the event well and plan programs that will be of interest not only those in the group, but to those curious about gay and lesbian issues.

Speakers from the university and the Pitt County AIDS Service Organization (PICASO) will present on topics such as lesbian health issues, the process of coming out and safer sex practices.

On Friday, which has been named "Blue Jeans Day," B-GLAD will feature the culmination of the week's events with a picnic on the front lawn of Mendenhall. B-GLAD members say everyone on campus is encouraged to wear blue jeans (or a swatch of denim fabric) as a symbol that they believe discrimination based on affectional orientation is wrong. Veronica Glass, the organization's president, said that though the concept of wearing blue jeans (a very commonly worn fabric) may not seem to stand out, a point is being made.

"The reason we use blue jeans day is it's not obvious who is gay or lesbian, and it represents that—it could be the person next to you," Glass said, adding that members of the group will show their pride in individual ways.

Glass said she thinks Pride Week will be well received by the university at large, and is not afraid of hostility toward the event.

"We want to have people know they are welcome to show up at these events, as well as anyone who is gay or lesbian and hasn't been to a B-GLAD meeting—[they should know] this is a safe place to come," Glass said.

Schedule of events for Pride Week

Today—Information table in front of Wright Place 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Denim swatches for Friday's "Blue Jeans Day" available.

Dr. Martha Wisbey to speak on the "Coming Out Process" at 7:30 p.m. in Mendenhall 221.

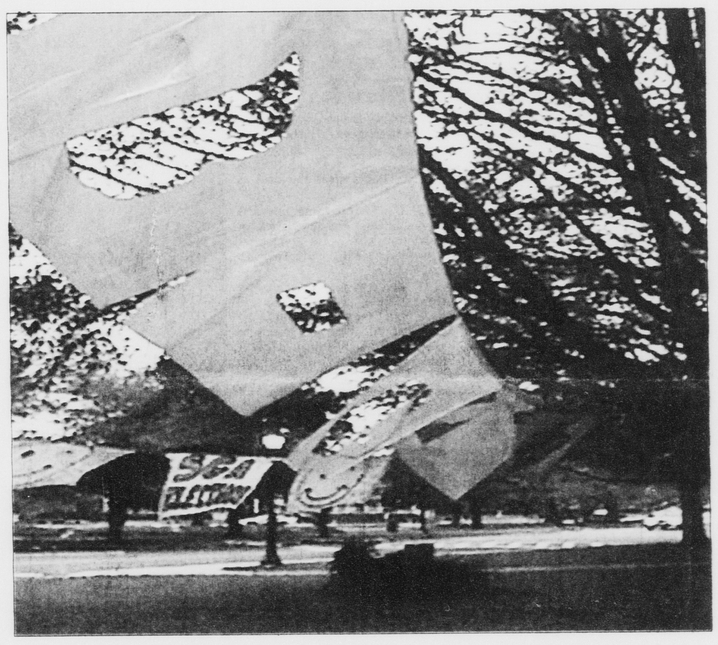
Wednesday—Barry Elmore from PICASO (Pitt County AIDS Service Organization) will speak and be available for questions regarding HIV/AIDS issues at 7:30 p.m. in Mendenhall 14.

Thursday—A member of the health education department will speak about lesbian health issues at 7:30 p.m. in General Classroom 2006.

Friday—"Blue Jeans Day." B-GLAD encourages anyone who believes it is not right to discriminate on the basis of affectional preference to wear blue jeans or a swatch of denim fabric.

A picnic will be held on the front lawn of Mendenhall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A celebration of pride



Banners representing B-GLAD's Pride Week hang in the mall area of campus. Activities are planned for the entire week, including the tradition of "Blue Jeans Day."

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UNC-System President Broad receives top honor

Molly Broad named one of top 84 higher level educators

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UNC-System President Molly Broad was recently honored by Change magazine as one of the top 84 higher-level educators in the country.

In the Jan/Feb issue of Change, the official magazine of the American Association for Higher Education, the results of a leadership poll from 1997 honored Molly Broad as one of the senior leaders within academia.

"This is a great university that became great because of leadership that has been provided to the university for over 200 years."

Molly Broad
UNC System President

The poll represented 11,000 educators at the higher level and tried to pinpoint how education has changed over the last 20 years. The poll is a follow-up to a story about significant educators published 20 years ago in Change. A conference held in September determined which of the nominees should receive honors.

The awards were broken up into four main areas: young leaders, senior leaders within academia, senior leaders outside of academia and persons with influence on higher education.

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Ten families evacuated near Cape Fear

WILLARD (AP)— Ten families in a mobile home park were evacuated here Thursday after flood waters from a tributary of the Northeast Cape Fear River inundated their properties.

First black woman elected student body president

CHAPEL HILL (AP) — Students at the nation's oldest public university have elected for the first time a black woman to be student body president. Reyna Walters is only the second woman to hold the top student office in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's 205-year history. Walters, 20, a junior from Greensboro, defeated Lacey Hawthorne by about 300 votes Wednesday.

across the nation

Delta College plans to drop music division

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) — Delta College is planning to phase out its music program over the next two years.

Paul C. Hill, chairman of the college's Humanities Division, said the decision was made because of low enrollment. Also, the number of music credit hours offered by the school has decreased over 42 percent in the last eight years. "I'm a musician. It breaks my heart," Hill told The Saginaw News recently.

Bus driver charged with raping two teens

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A bus driver was in jail Friday charged with sexually abusing two special education students.

Kevin Anderson, 29, of Louisville, was fired from his job driving a shuttle van for Atlantic Paratrans of Kentucky Inc., which contracts with the Transit Authority of River City to transport students.

around the world

Cuba, Russia to forge ahead with nuclear power plant

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Russia and Cuba will try to forge ahead in completing a nuclear power plant in the western Cuban province of Cienfuegos, officials of the two nations said Saturday.

The two countries scuttled plans to invite other countries to join in finishing the Juragua plant, about 185 miles (300 kilometers) southeast of Havana, because of opposition from the United States, Cuban officials said.

U.S. case against Saddam built on cumulative record of violations

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the core of President Bill Clinton's case for bombing Iraq are two charges: persistent violations of U.N. resolutions since the Gulf War ended in 1991 and growing worries about Saddam Hussein's ability to harm his neighbors.

Taken together, the United States is using these charges to cast the Iraqi president as a cheater whose defiance is making a mockery of the United Nations and as a bully who is a grave threat to the world.

Date rape drugs not thing of past

Two students find themselves in unexpected situation

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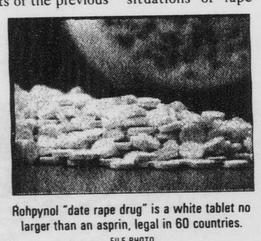
Many women think they are safe from being slipped date rape drugs, but as two ECU students discovered, it can happen to anyone.

"My friend and I were dancing with these guys and they bought us some drinks," Sugar said.

Soon after, both Sugar and her friend started feeling so strange that they left the club. Upon returning to their residence hall, Sugar said she began experiencing dizzy spells and hyperventilation attacks shortly after her friend went to sleep.

The next morning Sugar said her friend awoke in a paralyzed state, unable to move or recall any of the events of the previous night. Both women believe the date rape drug called Rohypnol was slipped in their drinks.



Rohypnol "date rape drug" is a white tablet no larger than an asprin, legal in 60 countries.
FILE PHOTO

Rohypnol, also known as the "date rape drug," are white tablets no larger than an aspirin that are manufactured in Mexico by Hoffman-La Roche Inc., a large pharmaceutical company. Although they are not available legally in prescription form in the United States, they are legal in about 60 countries as a treatment for insomnia.

Rohypnol originally had no color, taste or smell, so it was easy for someone to slip it into another's drink. But this has changed.

"On Oct. 16, 1997, it was announced by the North Carolina Allegiance Against Sexual Assault that Rohypnol was no longer colorless," said Tracy Scott, a Pitt County rape victim's advocate for the Real Crisis Center. "If dissolved in a drink, the drug will give off a blue tint. Even in dark drinks, it will give off a murky color."

According to Heather Zophy, a health educator at the Student Health Center, the effects of the drug will be felt about 15 minutes after it has been ingested and will reach their peak in two hours. Side effects will persist for an additional six to eight hours.

"Symptoms caused by this drug can be intensified in the presence of alcohol, such as blackouts and amnesia," Zophy said.

According to the Metro Toronto Research Group on Drug Use, other symptoms include decreased blood pressure, drowsiness, confusion, dizziness, difficulty speaking and moving and simultaneously feeling extremely hot and extremely cold. It also can cause aggressive tendencies even though it is normally a sedative.

Rohypnol has been gaining popularity with high school and college students because of the fact that it's a "hangover-free" high and they are relatively cheap, ranging in price of 50 cents to $3. However, it does have detrimental effects.

"Since 1987, there have been 2,638 documented cases of Rohypnol seizures in the United States due to the consumption of too many of these pills," Scott said.

Another drug out on the market similar to Rohypnol is Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB), better known as liquid ecstacy.

"GHB can be used in situations of rape because it causes a comatose effect to its victims," Zophy said. "After taking GHB, the person usually cannot remember the events that took place six to eight hours after the drug is ingested."

GHB has the same odorless and colorless characteristics of Rohypnol, but has a somewhat salty taste. The symptoms are also similar.

If, for any reason, someone thinks that he or she is developing symptoms from GHB or Rohypnol, there are places to seek help. Student Health Services offers testing for both drugs. Since traces of Rohypnol or GHB can be detected in one's urine up to 72 hours after consumption, urine drug screening can be done at Health Services to find traces of the drug. Weekend hours of 9 a.m. to noon are available. Pitt Memorial Hospital will administer blood and toxicology tests to screen the system for the drug.

Zophy said one of the most important things anyone can do is make certain to give their physician all of the information possible.

"It's important to tell the health care provider all that has happened to them so that we can take the measures needed to get them the help they need," Zophy said.

THE FACTS ON ROHYPNOL, THE "DATE RAPE" DRUG

— Rohypnol, a sedative-type drug which is illegal in this country, is said to be ten times the strength of Valium.

— Rohypnol is produced by the Mexican—based Pharmaceuticals company Roche Inc. and is marketed in Europe, South America, and Asia. — Rohypnol was first reported in the U.S. in the early 1990's.

—1,000 cases of illegal possession of Rohypnol in 13 states have been reported by the DEA (U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration).

— The DEA is currently trying to get Rohypnol reclassified as a drug with no medical purposes like heroin or LSD. It is currently in the same class of drugs as marijuana.

— Nicknames for Rohypnol include rophies, ropies, ruffies, roche, R2, Mexican Valium, rib and rope.

— The average cost for one pill is between $2 and $4.

— The drug can be used as an enhancer for low-quality heroin, in combination with cocaine to moderate the effects of a binge, or as an "alcohol extender".

— Rohypnol is physically addictive.

— Though one is not likely to overdose on Rohypnol alone, when combined with alcohol or other drugs it can be lethal.

— Rohypnol is chiefly used by high school and college students, and is reportedly given to women to facilitate sexual conquest

President

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Broad received recognition in the area of senior leaders within academia.

Broad began her leadership of the UNC-system last August and is already making waves. She has dedicated herself to looking at how learning is changing in order to change the schools appropriately. Since she took over, she has made improvements in the roll of affirmative action in the admissions process as well as other areas.

When asked about her leadership of the system, Broad said, "This is a great university that became great because of leadership that has been provided to the university for over 200 years." Broad has only been president of the UNC-System for about six months, but hopes to make many changes and improvements, especially in areas such as diversity.

In response to receiving the honor, Broad simply said, "It came as a surprise to me, a very pleasing surprise."

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Economic conditions best in 30 years

Macro-picture of conditions excellent

JENNY VICKERS
STAFF WRITER

Presently, economic conditions in the U.S. are the best they have been in 30 years, yet economists can not explain why or how long this will last.

Some economists believe there are several possible reasons for the good economy: low inflation, growing productivity rate and thus, a natural fall in the rate of unemployment.

"The Federal Reserve Board has done a good job keeping the inflation level low," said Dr. Philip Rothman, assistant professor in ECU's economic department.

Rothman believes a high level of productivity growth contributes to a good economy.

"Productivity growth is roughly how much output we get given a certain amount of input," Rothman said. "It is the most important determinant, over the long run, of economic standards of living. It seems to be increasing a good deal. Without a doubt, that unambiguously would make things better off."

Many economists have investigated productivity rates, and no one knows for certain why they have increased.

"I would say it's finally focusing on prices lowering," said Dr.Randall Parker, associate professor in ECU's economic department. "Economic growth stems from having a stable price level, but I can't demonstrate that formally. It's better to have good times with no explanations than bad times with no explanations."

Basically, if productivity growth combines with non-inflationary growth then the unemployment rate goes down. The economy, based on average rates, appears to be good; but certainly not everyone is enjoying that fact. Some Americans are losing their jobs and are blaming it on downsizing in companies or foreign competition.

Parker believes downsizing isn't caused by the economic conditions, but rather by mechanization and technology development.

"Machines are now replacing labor," Parker said. "The fact of the matter is a lot of people are downsized by the textile industry, not because of foreign competition, but because of overgrowth in the 70's and 80's. The textile industry in North Carolina has remained competitive because of the mechanization that's going on."

Rothman believes this issue has been over-emphasized.

"It's sad for anyone to lose a job," Rothman said. "The downsizing occurring isn't historically precedented or terribly unique. There are always examples of people who end up with a dead-end job, and I don't mean to diminish that."

Parker said the North Carolina state economy is incredibly healthy.

"A very high fraction of the work force was employed in agriculture at the turn of the century," Parker said. "Today, it's only about two percent and falling, and we're still producing a lot of food. The triangle has an unemployment rate of less than two percent."

Presently, the economy is in its 84th month of continuous economic expansion. Despite this current trend, economists don't know how long this will last.

"At some point in the future it is safe to say there will be a recession: why, when, we don't know," Rothman said.

Parker believes the recession will most likely be mild, unless it is preceded by a run-up in inflation. He relates this fact to the post-World War II recessions that occurred after large bouts of inflation.

"If we don't have a large bout of inflation, then, from what we know since the second World War, it's unlikely to be a very bad recession," Parker said.

Two issues important in the economy today seem to be distribution of income and the spending of various entitlement programs, such as Medicare and social security.

"From a policy standpoint, a thorny issue is spending of the funding of various entitlement programs," Rothman said.

Parker said that the problem of distribution of income has a good, simple economic explanation.

"The educated are on an up-escalator, and the uneducated are on a down-escalator," Parker said. "It's all about how much you want to invest in yourself. If you have talent and skills you can make a lot of money in today's economy, and if you don't then you're looking at minimum wage and competition with third world countries for your job for the rest of your life. That's not much of a future."

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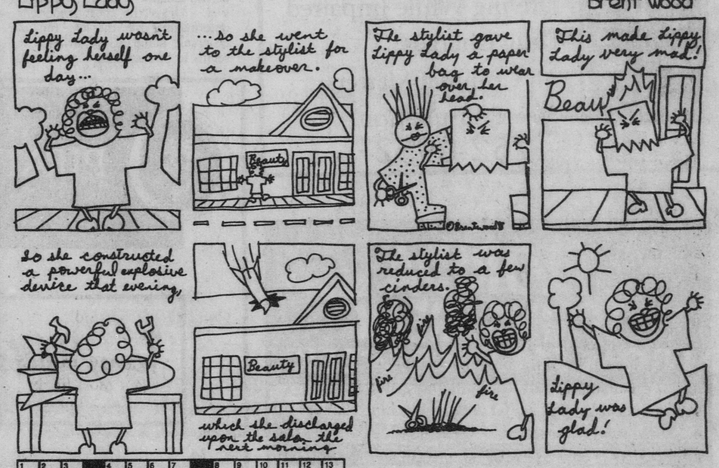

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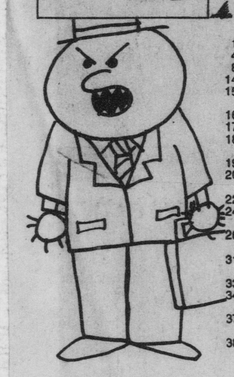

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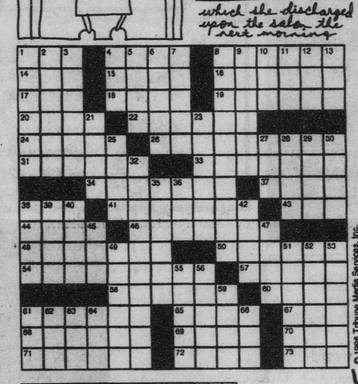

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our view

So why is it that humanity funds its heroes? Most ECU athletes receive full scholarships in exchange for their talents. This is not a bad thing. Nobody is upset that sports are loved far and wide by an incredible majority of humans, and certainly nobody besmirches the indisputable fact that this university's athletic department brings in a heap of its budget from athletic events. There are only questions now as to where the money for the athletic scholarships comes from. Are they appropriated by student fees? Are they donated by alumni and enthusiasts, are they earned from the ticket and concession sales at the events? Could the scholarships be raised from a combination of these sources? These answers would be nice to have. As for now, we're left to wonder just what it is about being an athlete that warrants a free ride through school.

Many students at this university work outside of class for the benefit of their departments and, to some degree, the university. Most of these students, who, like the athletes, work long and hard at their extracurricular endeavors as well as their regular assignments, but do not receive any compensation from their departments. There are scholarship programs and external grant resources that non-athletic students can apply for, but these usually pay a limited amount of money for a one-time situation, and rarely involve paying a student's tuition in exchange for his or her pursuit of knowledge.

It would be nice if the university recognized some of the students besides athletes who invest great amounts of time and energy into projects for the university. But most likely, such an occurrence is a pipe dream. Nothing is necessarily wrong with the apparent facet of humanity to celebrate its athletes and celebrities more than its artists and intellectuals. As long as there have been two humans around capable of beating each other up, there have been others there who have wanted to watch. We love action, adventure, danger, pain, violence, shock, drama... All those sensual thingies that shake us into realization like pinpricks in our sides. Athletics are fun. Everybody loves watching the 500-pound quarterback plow into some other quarter-ton fellow, busting teeth loose, jarring vertebrae, cracking ribs, straining muscles causing pain, making us who watch cringe and bury our faces, peek through our fingers and pick our jaws up from off our knees.

TEC does not want to generalize, but the indefinite size of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in comparison with the collective sizes of the Wright Auditorium, the Speight Auditorium, McGinnis Auditorium, Fletcher Music Center's recital hall, and the Gray Art Gallery implies that we humans tend to value sports over other forms of entertainment and enlightenment. It is no real wonder, understanding society's priorities, why athletes generally receive a free ride through college in exchange for their talents. The real wonder lies deeper in why we humans even regard athletes as highly as we do. Why do we relish physical prowess over intellectual capacity? This is not to assume or imply that athletics do not involve intelligence and mental involvement, rather to observe that athletics are much more likely to be regarded as a physical event than a mental one.

So, it still wouldn't hurt for the rest of us who work just as hard as an athlete to get some recognition for what we do. It wouldn't disservice us or the university at all to receive some form of compensation for the time and energy we spend researching our unique endeavors that, in the long run, contribute to humanity's improvement just as do athletics. No complaints were meant by this statement, really. TEC simply asks the readers to consider these observations.

OPINION Columnist

Britt HONEYCUTT

Respect non-smokers' rights

Have a little respect for the people around you. Although it may not seem like it, there are people around who do not smoke.

So, smoking is in style now. I have a scarce handful of friends who don't do it, and everywhere I look someone is firing up. And I don't care.

I think that smoking cigarettes is as much a fad as celebrities smoking cigars, disco and Vanilla Ice. Bell bottoms are in one year and out the next, and so it goes with cigarettes. So I, never having been one to fall victim to a trend, have never had the urge to develop a serious smoking habit. Sure, I tried to be cool in middle school with all my friends hiding behind someone's house with a single stolen cigarette of her mother's. We'd pass it around and nobody ever actually inhaled, but we sure did feel cool. After I learned to inhale much later in life and discovered that tobacco and my delicate system disagree on several key issues, such as whether to keep down my lunch, I decided that the tobacco industry would have to find another target for its underage smoking campaign.

But this is neither here nor there. The real issue at hand is problem smokers.

By this I do not mean people who smoke truckloads of cigarettes daily and become disgusting, hairy monsters when denied the soothing burn for more than 20 minutes. I'm talking about the really obnoxious ones. The ones who insist on exercising their right to blow their stinky carcinogens directly into my path of travel in otherwise healthy places.

Say, for instance, when I'm walking to class. I'm just strolling along, enjoying a rare sunny Greenville day, admiring the butt of a football player in front of me, when suddenly, I am confronted by an ethereal gray cloud. Upon drawing in a breath (which is essential to life on this planet), I realize that I have just been thrust into the midst of a thundercloud of second-hand smoke. After the initial unpleasantness subsides, I take a look around and try to discern the culprit. Then I see a small, lighted stick swinging from the fingers of some thoughtless stranger. How people can walk and smoke simultaneously boggles my mind anyway. I have difficulty walking and chewing gum.

I personally do not care who smokes. I recognize that everyone has a right to do as he or she pleases. You can smoke until your teeth turn black and you spontaneously combust; I don't give a flying fig. However, I refuse to be drug down into the fiery pit of a cancerous hell with you. The absolute rudest thing a smoker can do to a nonsmoker is blow smoke directly into the nonsmoker's face. It is worse than rude. It is a horrible and nasty thing to do, and hell holds a special place for these people. It is located directly beneath the toilets.

Lately smokers have been forced out of their natural habitat. In California it is now illegal to smoke in a bar or restaurant. This is due largely to the disproportionate number of inconsiderate smokers versus thoughtful ones.

Have a little respect for the people around you. Although it may not seem like it, there are people around who do not smoke. If you're in a car with one of these ephemeral creatures, roll down a window. If you're walking on campus, watch where you blow your smoke. Greenville smokers have it much better than most. You can smoke in the mall here, of all things. Don't abuse a privilege like that.

The moral of the story here is that if smokers will respect nonsmokers, then they will gain a lot more ground than by doing the opposite. We can all be friends! So wave your little tubes of joy with care, and watch what a happy world ours becomes.

OPINION Columnist

Jeff BERGMAN

If you do the crime, do the time

It is a sad day when a woman claims she was violated and people accuse her of lying for personal gain. What gain? She goes to trial and is treated like a whore.

You are right; you are exactly right. The chances of the two fraternity boys recently accused of sexual assault actually being convicted of rape are slim to none.

First let us assume that the victim is, as the letter to the editor implies, lying. I am willing to buy this argument. She might be one of the two percent of women who file false rape charges (those who either admit the charges are false or later recant their story).

Some even say the two percent is inflamed. It is believed that either the small minority recant their testimony because of a second and third assault, or they are, in fact, lying.

The second assault stems form the police handling of the case. I will admit the police have gotten better at investigating rape claims. In the past the police had a tendency to treat the victims of rape as criminals.

The third assault comes from the trial. What person would not want to go through the humiliation of a trial? Subject yourself to a trial, take the witness stand and watch more mudslinging being heaped upon you than the average Presidential election. A nice defense attorney will try their best to drag out every sexual experience you have ever had.

Everything from your first sexual experience, to a one night stand you might have had three years ago; every little thing you might have done will try to be introduced into the court. Who among us can say they have a clean record?

If the accuser is lying what is she trying to gain? These boys are not rich football players. In all likelihood money might not be her concern for these claims. Perhaps another reason, aside from justice, exists.

Revenge; it must be revenge. Possibly, she was mad at them for spurning her. So, she decides to file rape charges and not being able to remember anything. Some make the wrong claim that one-fourth of rape charges are made falsely, and part of the reasoning is revenge. The women making the claims for purposes of revenge are not very bright.

Subjecting yourself to an often-lengthy and dirty trial is a high price to pay for revenge. Other ways of getting revenge are easier and less emotionally traumatizing. I will refer you to any of George Hayduke's books on revenge.

Now we assume she is telling the truth. The chances for conviction are small. They said/she said is what the trial will end up being. Unless a witness comes forth and we know how close friends are about keeping secrets, conviction is unlikely.

It is a sad day when a woman claims she was violated and people accuse her of lying for personal gain. What gain? She goes to trial and is treated like a whore.

Some people would rather believe this woman instigated sex with the two boys, than the claim she was assaulted. It is likely, these people would rather call a woman a liar than admit a problem exists within society.

If she is telling the truth the boys will see jail time. The guilty party always goes to jail; right, O.J.?

OPINION Columnist

Keith COOPER

Clayton role model for community

Too often, "movers and shakers" in the African-American community do not get the recognition they deserve. One African-American who has been in the forefront of the struggle is Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton...

According to the incumbents in February, Black History Month, has been set aside to recognize the achievements of many giants and pioneers in the civil rights arena. Too often, "movers and shakers" in the African-American community do not get the recognition they deserve. One African-American who has been in the forefront of the struggle is Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton, First Congressional District Representative for the State of North Carolina. Although her accomplishments for the African-American community are commendable, she is truly a hard-working, commitment-driven leader for all members of her district.

A native of Savannah, Georgia, Eva Clayton made history in 1992 when she became the first African-American woman to represent the State of North Carolina. She was also the first African-American to represent North Carolina in the U.S. House of Representatives in 100 years. Of course, George White (black) represented North Carolina in the House until he left office under intimidation and pressure in 1901. Incidentally, he was elected under the Fusionist Party, an organization of white Populists and black Republicans. Additionally, Clayton was elected President of the Democratic Freshman Class, the first woman ever to hold the office. Moreover, Congressional staff members named Clayton the "Most Influential Newcomer" to the 103rd Congress.

Clayton is a strong advocate for economic development, rural health, a decent minimum wage rather than a poverty wage, vocational training, reducing teen pregnancy, small farmers and small businesses, and a host of other causes. She has been on the right side of issues geared towards advancing the social welfare of the poor, indigent, the elderly, and others at an economic or social disadvantage in the First Congressional District and the nation.

Clayton does not forget the persevering citizens of her district. She holds regular forums where she discusses issues fundamental to moving the district forward as the new millennium approaches. When she came to Congress in 1992, the budget deficit was $290 billion. With Clayton's assistance in voting for the balanced budget bill and numerous Democratic initiatives, the budget deficit was reduced to $23 billion. Remember, this enormous deficit was fueled by Reaganomics and "supply-side" economics.

Clayton, former member of the Warren County Board of Commissioners where she served as chairperson from 1982-1990, is a champion of causes for bettering the plight of the poor and middle class. When, in Wilson, N.C., Governor Bill Clinton, in 1992, asked voters to support Clayton, I knew that she was an agent of change and social progress. When I shook hands with Clinton and Clayton that year, I knew that, after twelve years of Reagan and Bush, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

"Never let anyone keep you contained and never let anyone keep your voice silent."

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., politician, 1971

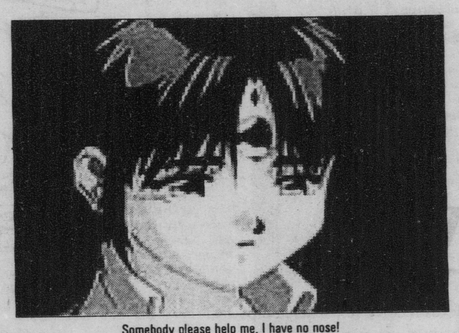
New student club watches Japanamation

MICCAH SMITH
SENIOR WRITER

When most people think of anime, or Japanese animation, they envision some big-breasted girl whose lips don't quite move along to the English words coming out of her mouth, getting it on with guys dressed in plastic space-suits or various creatures of the underworld.

Maybe they also think of *Sailor Moon*, whose hackneyed plot pits a schoolgirl against X-number of criminals per week with no relief in sight.

But this is a misrepresentation of what anime is really about, and ECU's S.A.G.A. (School of Anything-Goes Anime), is a relatively new club dedicated to introducing students to real anime, as both an art form and a source of high-quality, imaginative entertainment.



Somebody please help me, I have no nose!
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"There's a lot of Japanese Animation out there. It's not all giant robots...really busty women...demons that want to take over the earth. There's a lot of good stuff out there that does have a plot," says Andre Germain, secretary/treasurer of S.A.G.A.

Problem is, most American viewers aren't used to following a plotline unless it comes to soap operas, and those tend to last way too long. An anime plot typically lasts for 26 episodes, long enough for one season on the air.

During that time, characters get a chance to develop and the story stays fresh and interesting. Japanese viewers don't have to keep watching the same characters do the same things over and over, the way we do with American animation.

Run away! Run away!
PHOTO COURTESY OF MICCAH SMITH

Anime is not limited to just science-fiction or fantasy. Comedy, shows for different age-groups and even serious dramatic movies have found outlets in anime. "It's not a genre in itself; it's a medium," says Robbie Procious, committee chairperson.

According to Andre, "Most of the stuff on (Japanese) TV has been published in one form or another." Manga, or weekly issues of several comic books sold together in one volume, often spawns spin-off anime series which follow the plots of the books.

The club watches one or two episodes of various series every week until the end of the series, usually around the end of the semester. Its officers are always on

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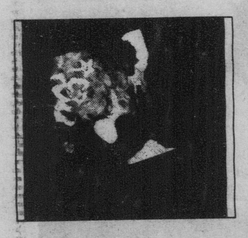

Claire Holley
Night Air
9 OUT OF 10

JOHN DAVIS

It's a shame that female musicians like Paula Cole and Celine Dion keep getting nominated for Grammys when there are talented, brilliant women out there like Claire Holley. Folks talk a lot about how well Dion can sing, even though all she really does is warble out arpeggios and tremolos that have nothing to do with the content (what little there is) of her songs.

If they knew what good singing was, they'd be listening to Holley, who has the vocal range and flexibility of Jewel, the finesse of Patsy Cline and the smoothness of Lyle Lovett. Her voice drips honey; it's better than milk; it's smoother than that so-called "milk chocolate" advertisers show rivers of in Hershey's commercials.

In other words, folks, Claire Holley can sing. But don't expect any fancy-schmancy vocal acrobatics or show-off high notes. Leonardo Da Vinci once remarked that the sign of a master artist was knowing when not to paint, and Holley never over-sings. When she has to, she creeps on up into the high notes or she slurs notes to throw in some twang, but only when she has to. Most of the time she just lets her voice sparkle like the shimmery rainwater you see in early 90's romance movies.

Not that Holley's just a pretty voice. No sir. The lady is also a darn good songwriter, much better than the aforementioned Cole, much better than Jewel, or any random contemporary I can think of at the moment. It's refreshingly free of politics or feel-good psychology. Her lyrics are filled with the poetry of normal human life, the clumsy romances and golden moments of tiny triumph that everyday folks feel.

Combine that with soothing, sometimes spooky guitar pickin and crisp, smooth and haunting melodies and you have quite an impressive package. *Night Air* doesn't sound like the average home-made record. Recorded in Chicago and Carborro, the album is beautiful as a hymn and honest as a child.

"Keeper of the Crows," a driving, inspiring tune with a scratchy, hopeful melody is just one of the tender snapshots of wishful, broken people in everyday life. Others, like "Gold Instead of Steel," are sassy, swinging love songs.

"Mary Visits Elizabeth" retells the Biblical story of Christ's mother (that would be Mary for all you Catholically challenged) visiting John the Baptist's mother (that would have to be Elizabeth then, wouldn't it?) in a modern context.

"Smoke" puts on the disguise of burning incense filling the room with it's heady sweet smell. Sometimes sacrifce, sometimes perfume, the "little stick of incense" burns away slow but true just like this album, which keeps on with it's fragrant and spiritual emotions steadily right up to the quiet and cool "Night Air."

Not since Emmylou Harris has there been a female songwriter with such ability. Like Harris, Holley beautifully and honestly wraps the stumbling victories of "just folks" in the cocoon of her music, giving them energy and reason to spread their wings and fly.

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concertreviews

Cravin' Melon debuts new bassist

PAT REID
SENIOR WRITER

Greenville's adopted sons, Cravin' Melon, returned to The Attic Saturday night, but something was different. The music was a non-stop set of Cravin' classics and new tunes, the crowd was the usual pit of swaying, singing people, but some of the faces had changed, with one in particular drawing the most attention. Earlier this month Cravin' Melon announced a change-up in their personnel. Road manager Dixon Lee who, over time, had become the fifth and unofficial member of the band had left to pursue different goals. Even more noticeable to fans though, was the absence of bassist J.J. Bowers.

It seems that earlier this month Bowers decided his time in the band had drawn to an end. After months of discussion, he and the band parted ways to allow him to spend more time with his wife and two-year-old daughter. Fortunately, he had discussed this with the band enough that a replacement had already been considered.

Saturday's show at The Attic marked the second show for new bassist, Rob Cray. Cray stepped into a situation of intense pressure with his first two shows being at Raleigh's Lake Boone Country Club and The Attic, two of the band's most popular spots. Despite any pressure he may have felt on the inside, Cray stepped up to the challenge and remained cool as he filled the shoes left by Bowers without a gliche.

After playing guitar for Doolittle, Cray switched to bass in the bands Evan and Jerrard and Lost Paradise out of Raleigh. Playing with these bands, he got to know the guys in Cravin' Melon and the chemistry just seemed to work enough that when Bowers left, Cray was the first choice for a replacement.

This chemistry was instantly noticeable as the band seemed at ease and in their groove at the opening of the show Saturday. As the television screen in front of the stage lifted and guitarist Jimbo Chapman started the intro to "Hey Sister," a feeling of ease and relaxation radiated from the stage.

As the show progressed, Cray never sank back into the shadows, but rather walked around, interacted with the fans and never seemed to play the part of new guy. Early on it was easily seen that this was not a case of the three original members and the new guy, but rather this was a collective unit from beginning to end.

Still, the songs themselves remained the main focus as the band mixed the show up with brand new songs and songs from deep in the band's five year past. Included in this mix were extended versions of "Blossom" that included a new

Cravin' Melon look for thier new bassist, Rob Cray in a dark alleyway.
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Treading Evans good and loud

MICCAH SMITH
SENIOR WRITER

Treading Evans played at Pantana Bob's Thursday night, but unforeseeable technical difficulties put a sudden end to the performance. Action Figures opened the show, with their own special blend of catchy rock tunes featuring an acoustic lead guitar.

Whitey followed their act with a groovy cover of The Stones' "Sympathy for the Devil," as well as some heavy original songs. Eddie White churned out some album-quality lead guitar licks backed by a very tight band, including the world's most earnest-looking drummer.

One song, a rap reminiscent of Rage Against the Machine's, worked the crowd into such a frenzied state that a brawl broke out. Some guy was sharing his beer with the sky and some other guy didn't appreciate getting rained on by it, and the rest is history. The dance floor was summarily coated with an undetermined fermented substance which didn't make for good traction.

None of this, however, could stop the sorority babes from grouping together in full force in anticipation of the headliner, Treading Evans. I knew from the moment the band stepped on stage that something "different" would occur; just what, I didn't know.

With pulsating red lights, lots of smoke and scary Gwar-esque guitar sounds, they introduced themselves. Derek is the lead singer and also plays rhythm guitar; Nick plays lead guitar and does backup vocals; Marshall is the drummer and Neil (from Action Figures) was on bass that night.

Suddenly, and with more smoke, the band launched into a coma-inducing angst anthem (or at least I assume it was, since I couldn't understand the lyrics). The beat was tribal and driving, capable of pounding all thought out of the mind and, in the case of the sorority chicks, replacing it with an urge to dance a sort of Cure shuffle with various Dead-head arm movements thrown in.

Marshall was clearly in control of the show, issuing encouraging phrases to the crowd ("G-Town is in da hooouuuse!") and ripping off his shirt with much gusto.

Most of the original audience was driven from the floor by the sheer waves of sound emanating from the stage, but, as the saying goes, "What doesn't kill you only makes you stronger," and had they stayed, they might have appreciated Nick's effortless guitar solos, which infused Treading Evans' bombastic style with color and interest.

Derek broke a string and, after pleading fruitlessly with the crowd for another guitar, spent several minutes restringing his guitar while the rest of the band struck up a mostly-instrumental number.

Whereas most of the band's other songs were influenced by the likes of Tool and other assorted metal bands, this song, which kept perpetuating itself, reminded me of the two unhappy hours I spent at a Widespread Panic concert last summer.

Fortunately, once Derek was back onstage everything got back to normal for a few minutes until problems with the sound system forced the show into early retirement.

Treading Evans puts on a good loud show, but the band could be a bit tighter. The music is not so melodic and the lyrics aren't really audible, but the songs are, on the whole, appealing to humanity's darker, animal nature. Hopefully, the next time Treading Evans

Local bands play to benefit Real Crises Center

CALEB ROSE
STAFF WRITER

The Attic housed a widely diverse group of musicians Thursday, February 19 when bands from near and far gathered together to perform at the ninth annual Rock For Real concert hosted by the Real Crisis Center of Greenville. The Real Crisis Center is a hotline that can be called for those who need to talk to someone about suicide, rape or any other life crisis. All proceeds from the Rock For Real concert went to the Real Crisis Center.

The evening began with an open mic session that allowed young bands to perform and hope to catch a few ears in the process. The opening group consisted of three guys playing three acoustic guitars. Things were pretty laid back throughout their set which consisted of some original and some cover songs.

At this point, there was hardly an audience, rather there were only a handful of people at the Attic. One of the guys commented, "We dont have a name yet but I think we are going to call ourselves MCI because we have a lot of friends and family in the audience."

The handful-sized crowd did get a few surprises from this group when MCI did renditions of Bob Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower." However, their version was the same arrangement that the Dave Matthews Band made famous. The other delight was an acoustic performance of the Kiss hit, "I Wanna Rock 'n' Roll All Night." Despite only being in the process of starting a band, these fellas did a real good job.

Following the opening act was Matt Holder, a solo singer/guitarist who played a set of cover songs because he said it is cool to do. By this time, the crowd had grown to a little more than a few and they were very receptive of the choice of songs Matt Holder played. He played John Mellancamp's "Jack and Diane," which had the crowd singing along. In the middle of Holders set, he invited two friends up on stage and let them perform one of their own compositions.

Hey look mom, no hands! Melanie Sparks headlined Rock for Real.
PHOTO COURTESY OF MELANIE SPARKS

The next band are a bunch of low-down dirty thieves because they definitely stole the show. Javier and the Cabana Boys stepped onto the stage, all eight of them, and proceeded to deliver wild, old school ska sounds that raised heads and dropped jaws. They opened with an instrumental that allowed all of the members to shine in their own way.

Javier and the Cabana Boys consist of guitar, bass and drums to supply the rhythm and a brass section with a trumpet, alto sax, tenor sax, and last but not least a rough-voiced singer who added some mouth percussion sounds during the instrumental song.

The band apologetically mentioned that Javier was not in attendance this evening and that they had a fill-in on bass for the duration of the night. Fill-in or not, this band was tight. They delivered seven songs including two covers, one being Symrip's Reggae tune "Skinhead Girl," and "Gangsters" by the Specials. The stage presence of this group was very loose and you could tell that these guys were having a lot of fun doing what they do.

Kevin, the guitarist, mentioned that hours and hours of practice is what enables them to perform with such comfort. Speaking of comfort, it was quite humorous to see the band in the corner of the Attic helping each other prepare their outfits, adjust suspenders and add the final grooming touches to themselves before they had their fun. It was apparent that the were

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Remembering the last hurrah of the space race

back-n-the day

Watching the space shuttle in the 80's

JOHN DAVIS
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

This is the coulmn where we focus on the stuff we miss and the stuff you missed. We will examine the books, albums, television shows (and spacecraft) we feel deserve further exploration. The stuff we dug back in the day....

It was sometime during quiet time, when we were supposed to be reading the latest adventures of Dick and Jane. Ms. Longo turned on the old Zenith on the media cart. For a second, I thought we were going to see the President on TV again but it wasn't Mr. Carter, it was Cape Canaveral, Florida.

There was a funny airplane-looking thing attached to three big old rockets. The funny-looking airplane thing was the Space Shuttle *Columbia*. The network announet was rambling on about some aspect or another concerning space flight the whole time we were waiting for the dang thing to take off. We'd seen Star Wars. We knew what spaceships were for.

After what seemed like most of quiet time and a good bit of math time too, the countdown began and the announcer quit blabbering on about nothing. The rockets started spewing forth smoke and flame, the scaffolding fell away and the Space Shuttle shot off into the Florida sky real quick-like.

And we all got Space Shuttle fever. We drew the space shuttle in our notebooks with those big old log-sized pencils. We made space shuttles of Legos or Erector sets. We pretended we were space walking to fix the broken tv satellite so that Tommy's dad could get his pay tv.

I think the whole country had Space Shuttle fever for a while. I remember Space Shuttle t-shirts, lunchboxes, coloring books, magazines, toys. The Air and Space Museum got the bug and stocked the museum cram full of Space Shuttle exhibits and paraphernalia.

Not long after the flight of the first shuttle, NASA instituted the physical embodiment of every kid's dream: Space Camp. At Space Camp, you all but became an astronaut. You got to work in exact replicas of Mission Control or the Shuttle. You got to go through the astronaut training. The high point of the camp was a "mission" in the mock shuttle.

Of course, yours truly never got to go to space camp, but hey, I know kids who did. And there was that Space Camp movie called Space Camp. The fever didn't last long though. In the mid-80's, NASA began their famous program to include a schoolteacher on the Shuttle. This didn't come to fruition until January 28, 1986, when the *Challenger* was due to take off. By this time, when the TV came on during class, I was busy drawing pictures of the *X-Men* or *Star Trek*. Some kids and I had contests to see who could come up with a better redesign for the Starship *Enterprise*. (Paramount ended up winning that contest with their *Enterprise* in *Star Trek, the Next Generation*, which premiered that Fall on an upstart network called FOX.) I was busy putting the finishing touches on the saucer section of my Enterprise, which featured bigger phaser rays than the wussy ones on the old ship.

So I didn't see the explosion. I heard the gasps of the nerdy kids who were watching the broadcast. I looked up to see the cloud and shrapnel spiraling to the ocean. Naturally, the bigger phasers on my *Enterprise* were not so important all of a sudden.

I did get to see the explosion eventually, over and over again in replay on every news show for the next week. I think that was the end of the final lap of the Space Race. Russia was pretty much out of the picture anyway, and in a few years, the Berlin Wall would fall and Being Better Than The Communists wouldn't matter anymore. But the real end was that explosion. The awe and thrill of knowing that we sent people into space was replaced by that feeling you get when your favorite team comes down off a winning streak.

The jokes started up. "Why did NASA switch to Sprite?"

"I dunno, why?"

"They couldn't keep seven up."

Now we have that bucket of bolts, Space Station MIR. We have the Hubble telescope, which can't see better than Milhouse without his glasses. We have half-hearted talk about visiting Mars. These days, for a while anyway, anything we do won't seem as wonderful as the times when we sent men to the moon, when we designed a spacecraft we used more than once, when the Stars and Stripes were painted on the onliest Space Shuttles in the whole wide world.

3,2,1- blast off!
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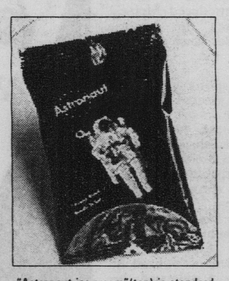

"Astronaut ice-cream" (top) is standard fare at Space Camp. Models of the Space Shuttle (bottom) still abound even today.
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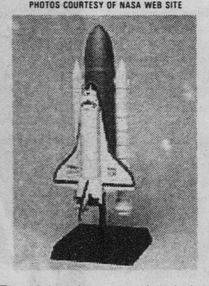

Japanimation

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the lookout for new and interesting series, often special-ordering from Japan.

S.A.G.A. also plans to visit "Katsucon," an anime convention in Virginia, and "Anamazement" in Raleigh this spring. Conventions like these are great places to find the best and newest series from Japan, or just to round out an incomplete collection."We just want to show stuff that would interest people...stuff that you can't buy (or) that's harder for people to get ahold of," explains Andre.

Boy, I sure could use a comb.
PHOTO COURTESY OF MICCAH SMITH

S.A.G.A., which held its first meeting in fall of '96, has a membership of 30 or 40 people, both students and non-students from the Pitt County area. Special shows in the past year included a presentation of "X" in Speight Auditorium, "Macross Plus" in Hendrix Theater and last semester's 30-hour Anime Festival in Speight Auditorium.

The club meets from 7-10 p.m. on Wednesday night, with locations to be announced on a weekly basis. For more information, visit the S.A.G.A. website at www.ecu.edu/org/saga/ or mail Andre at amg0416@mail.ecu.edu.

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Real Crisis

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all about style, and they definitely had it.

That marked the end of the open mic portion of the show. The opening act of the main event was a group that hailed all the way from Wilson, called Peeknuckle. Wow! These guys literally hopped onto the stage, picked up their instruments and exploded. There was an iota of oddness about the bassist/singer who was dressed in an EMT uniform and could easily pass as a character on ER.

Peeknuckle's first song, "Heavy Metal Magazine" basically encompassed the gist of their sound: heavy! The band consisted of a singer/bassist, two guitars, drums, and a saxophone?!? Imagine Helmet and Morphine played on a stereo simultaneously. That gives you an idea of Peeknuckle's sound.

They were extremely tight and highly original. There was a heavy Morphine influence within the group. In some songs, they tamed the guitars and switched from an alto to a baritone saxophone and proceeded to play slow, dark songs with a melodic groove. They delivered a set full of original material and to close it, there were pyrotechnic flashes and a trashing of the drum kit. They ended with a bang.

Following Peeknuckle, as the crowd stood agape, came Nameless. Once set up, Nameless brought the crowd to the front of the stage and delivered the funk. Nameless produced the widest variety of music for the evening including funk-rock, rock meshed with hip hop in a 311 style, and straight forward rock n roll.

Nameless was clearly the crowd favorite when they won listeners hearts by covering Pearl Jam's "Yellow Ledbetter". They performed a lot of new material that can be found on their second album, due out this April.

In between songs, the bassist decreed that the audience join him by raising their glasses and/or bottles in a toast to the Real Crisis Center.

With the crowd in an almost blissful state, they proceeded to rock through a few more tunes allowing the crowd to sing and jump around to some 311 covers and a hyped-up version of "Brown Eyed Girl," by Van Morrison. After delivering almost an hour of music, Nameless closed with "What I Got," paying homage to Sublime thus closing their set and making way for Melanie Sparks.

Usually the headlining artist at a concert yields the highest fan turnout. This was not the case for the Melanie Sparks Band. The rowdy crowd that supported Nameless disappointingly diminished to a weary group of Thursday night down-townees.

Despite the lack of fan support, Melanie Sparks walked onto the stage with high spirits. Before the band commenced, Steve Bivans of the Greenville Musicians Guild, who was doing the duty of MC for the evening, introduced Melanie Sparks as being the greatest songwriter around, which elicited a blush from the Greenville songwriter.

With high spirits prevailing, Melanie Sparks greeted the small crowd and began.

The three piece, fueled by a jazzy style chicka-chicka guitar, a fretless bass and drums opened a can of jazz/funk/rock and continued throughout the remainder of the evening.

The highlight was a slow, jazzy version of "Theme from Pink Panther" that expressed the versatility and talent of this band. At one point, Melanie addressed the crowd by saying, "If you are not dancin', you should be, and if we suck, then you are not drunk enough."

This was a golden opportunity for everyone to see the great variety of musical talent and styles in the Greenville area musicians. Hopefully plans for a tenth annual Rock For Real will soon be revealed.

Melon

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guitar interlude, "Come Undone" with an audience sing-a-long part and "Land of Oz" that now includes a medley verse of Men at Work's "Down Under."

The band also informed the crowd that they have been given the go ahead to record a new album for Mercury Records. In the year since the release of *Red Clay Harvest* ,the band has written over 30 songs and are anxious to get back into the studio. In the meantime, the band will record shows starting with March 10's Myrtle Beach show. The best of the next five or six shows will be released as a live album to tide fans over until the planned January release of their new studio album.

To help get fans ready for the future the band played new songs like the heartfelt "Southbound" and the upbeat, true story of "My Ex-Stepmother is Gay." This also gave the band a chance to judge audience reaction to the new material. After the show, the band was open to feedback about the new songs, in obvious anticipation of a new record.

In all, Saturday's show seemed to be more of a reaffirming show than just another tour stop. The band left feeling renewed and happy with the personnel changes, as well as pleased with the reception of the new material. The fans left knowing that the future of Cravin' Melon was safe and in good hands. Rob Cray won over skeptics and the music won over everybody.

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Men close regular season with loss to UNCW

Seahawk offense takes game from Pirates, 84-74

STEVE LOSEY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball team lost their final regular season game to UNC- Wilmington on Saturday. Several members of the Pirates turned in stellar performances, some with scores in the double digits; however, these efforts were not enough to hold back the driving Seahawk offense.

"Defensively, we could have done better," Dink Peters said.

Peters finished the game with 10 points and three field goals Saturday while shooting four out of eight attempted free throws. Six of those attempts came in the second half. Toward the end of the game, the Seahawk's defense found themselves facing repeated drives from Peters, and efforts to stop him resulted in shots from the free throw line.

The Pirates started the game strong. Although the Seahawks won the tipoff and proceeded to score five points within the first minutes of the game, ECU quickly caught up. The score was very close and the lead jumped back and forth between the two teams.

The Pirates kept up with the Seahawks for much of the first half, but by the time the first half closed, UNC-W had extended its lead to eight, leading the Pirates 45-37.

"The first half was evenly played," Head Coach Joe Dooley said. "We both shot 57 percent."

In the second half, the Seahawks never let the Pirates regain the lead. Despite excellent shots from the Pirates on the offensive side by sophomore Garrett Blackwelder and senior Othello Meadows, they could do little more than keep up with the Seahawks. At several points in the second half, the Pirates were able to tie the game but never took the lead away.

"There was more participation," Peters said. "Everybody went through a spurt for three or four minutes. That was the difference [from the last UNC-W game]."

"We played much better than we did during the last UNC-W game," Dooley said. "It wasn't even comparable. I'm happy with some aspects, but not others. We competed at a very high level, we got good shots . . . but we turned the ball over at inopportune times."

At the end of the game with only seconds left to recover a 10 point Seahawk lead, the Pirates struggled to get final shots to the hoop. The Seahawks picked up their final points of the game at the free throw line to increase their win to a 10-point margin, 84-74.

This week, ECU will close their season as they compete in the CAA tournament in Richmond. The tournament begins Wednesday and goes until Sunday.

"I feel very excited about the CAA tournament," Peters said. "Everything's behind us now, and it's anybody's tournament. We have been playing better as a team, which will help us going in."

"We've played a lot better in the last 10 games," Dooley said. "We're playing at a much higher level than we were a month ago, or even two weeks ago."

The Pirate defense attempts to block a UNCW shooter in Saturday's game, which was the last to be played in the regular season for both teams.
PHOTO BY STEVE LOSEY

ECU vs. UNCW Statistics

	2pt	3pt	FT	TP
Othello Meadows	1	3	4	15
Raphael Edwards	5	0	4	14
Dink Peters	3	0	4	10
Alico Dunk	1	1	0	5
Tony Parham	1	1	6	11
Neil Punt	0	0	1	1
Steven Branch	0	0	0	0
Vinston Sharpe	0	0	0	0
Garrett Blackwelder	2	3	3	16
Alphons van Ierland	1	0	0	2

Swimmers set new records at CAA tournament

Women capture second place, men come in third

DAMON STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 17, ECU's swim teams traveled to Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Va. for the CAA championships.

After a rocky start on Thursday, the ECU women grabbed second place in the CAA, finishing behind conference rival UNC-Wilmington. The women nearly pulled off the impossible by coming back from fifth place to claim second over the course of the tournament. UNC-W won with a score of 589.5 while ECU closely followed with 563 points.

The women's team was led by sophomore Hollie Butler in the 200-meter

freestyle. Butler set a new varsity record in the preliminaries with a time nearly one-half second faster than the previous best set back in 1995.

Also stepping up was freshman Brooke Wise, who finished fifth in the 200-meter butterfly as she broke yet another ECU varsity record.

"The freshmen class swam big," Head Coach Rick Kobe said.

Freshmen Alicia Harris moved into second on the all-time top 10 list as she broke an ECU freshman record by finishing fourth overall in the 100-meter breaststroke, and second in the 200-meter breaststroke.

"For Alicia Harris, her freshman record is really big, because the person whose time she beat went on to be ranked seventh in the country in that event later in her career," Kobe said.

Closely trailing Harris in the 200 was ECU freshman Samantha Perry, who finished third with ECU's third-fastest time ever.

Other top finishers for the women's team were Amanda Atkinson, who finished seventh in the 100 backstroke, Sandra Ossman, who placed fifth in the 100 butterfly and Kim Field, who took seventh in the 400 individual medley.

"Both the men and women who set school records for us had just awesome swims," Kobe said. "To set a record in a program as established as ours is incredible."

The men's team finished third in the CAA with 441 points and many new school records were set. By the end of the competition the Pirates had held back William & Mary and placed third by a slim 13 points. Old Dominion stepped over five-time defending champion James Madison to grab the 1998 title.

"The guys finished a solid third and swam very well," Kobe said. "We set many ECU records and are very pleased with their performances."

ECU junior Paul Pinther qualified for first place in the finals by setting a new varsity record in the 100 backstroke. Pinther went on to place sixth with a time of 52.11. Senior Jim Broughal also finished third in the 100 butterfly and set a new school record with a time of 49.90. Other top performances from ECU's men were posted by Patrick Kesler and Brandon Tilley, who took fifth and sixth in the 100 breaststroke, respectively.

On the final day of competition, the Pirates were led by Jarett Martin, who swam ECU's third fastest time ever in the 200 fly and placed fifth in his competition. Tilley also placed by snagging seventh in the 200 breaststroke, as well as Broughal who took seventh in the 100 freestyle. Broughal's time was only .07 seconds away from Hall of Famer John Tudor.

"We've had another great swimming season and we will continue to recruit with hopes of continuing our swimming tradition," Kobe said.

The championship draws the season to a close as the ECU swimming program continues to make its mark in the history of the CAA.

The men's swimming team came in third place at the conference championship this weekend, while the women took second behind UNCW.
FILE PHOTO

PIRATE SWIMMERS MAKING THEIR MARK IN ECU HISTORY

Name	Record Set	Event	Time
B. Wise	Varsity	200 fly	2:07.17
H. Butler	Varsity	200 free	1:53.60
A. Harris	Freshman	100 breast	1:05.79
P. Pinther	Varsity	100 b.stroke	51.89
J. Broughal	Varsity	100 fly	49.40

Lady Pirates fall to Old Dominion

SCOTT ROSE
SENIOR WRITER

Old Dominion's women's basketball team came to Greenville to play the Lady Pirates in search of their 16th conference win of the season. With the 75-36 victory they ended the regular season with a perfect 16-0 conference record.

ODU, currently ranked as the nation's number three team, came out strong in rebounding both offensively and defensively, causing 25 turnovers, 17 of which came in the first half. ODU was led by All-American candidate Nyree Roberts and Aubrey Eblin, each with 20 points. The Lady Monarch's most valuable player, Ticha Penicheiro, was outstanding on the court, leading the team in rebounding, assists and steals. She was the only Lady Monarch to put in more than 30 minutes of play time, as she played for 32 minutes.

Penicheiro maintained control of the offensive and defensive tempo throughout the entire game, pushing the ball across the floor and finishing off plays with several no-look passes. Roberts dominated down low, shooting eight for 10 with six rebounds. The hot hand, however, belonged to Eblin, who shot seven of 11 and six of nine from behind the arc.

Although the loss was disappointing for the Lady Pirates, they played strong and with a lot of heart. The game was the last at home for seniors Jen Cox and Shay Hayes.

"ODU is a great team, but the way I looked at it was just like any other game that you have to play," Cox said. "We needed to play smart and we didn't."

Looking back at her years at ECU, Cox said there have been many ups and downs to remember as she closes her college career.

"The most disappointing moment of my career would have to be the fact that I was hurt for two years," Cox said. "The high point would have to be advancing to the conference finals last year. That was cool."

Coach Anne Donovan said the Lady Pirates played a much better game than they did in Norfolk earlier in the season.

"I'm pleased with the way we played," Donovan said. "We played hard, which is something we did not do in Norfolk. I was pleased with the execution."

Donovan went on to say that playing against a team ranked third in the country is always tough, but their momentum that helped them come out so strong.

"It wasn't the ranking that beat us, it was the personnel and the depth," Donovan said. "They have a lot of loaded guns and they were all firing today. I told my girls that there was no pressure and to go out and have fun."

With the regular season now over, tournament time is right around the corner. ECU's race for the title will begin on Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Richmond and will be played against the Tribe of William and Mary.

The last time these two teams played was on Feb. 13 in Williamsburg. ECU defeated the Tribe 66-59 and was led by Cox and Misty Horne, each with 17 points.

The winner against William and Mary in the first round will advance on to round two of the tournament to play conference leader Old Dominion.

Danielle Melvin goes for a two-point shot in Sunday's game at home.
PHOTO BY CLAY BUCK

Lady Pirates vs. ODU

	2pt	3pt	FT	TP
Shay Hayes	0	0	3	3
Danielle Melvin	6	0	3	15
Jen Cox	5	0	1	11
Tricia Peckham	0	0	0	0
Jennifer Moretz	0	0	0	0
Nikki Brown	0	0	1	1
Melanie Gillem	0	1	1	3
Charette Guthrie	1	0	0	2
Cecilia Shinn	0	0	0	0
Ann Murden	0	0	0	0
Beth Jaynes	0	0	0	0

Pirate baseball drops to 1-4 overall record

JASON THURINGER
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday the ECU baseball team traveled to Elon College to make up a game that was originally scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 17. Coming off two consecutive losses at Clemson, the Pirates were looking for a win with four games coming up within the week.

ECU had built a 3-0 lead early in the game on a solo home run by Billy Benson in the second inning and a two-RBI double by Steve Salargo in the third. Elon chipped away at that lead by scoring one run in the fifth and sixth innings and two runs in the bottom of the eighth.

"It was hard for us to lose the way that we did," Coach Keith LeClair said of the loss that dropped the Pirates record to 1-4.

The Pirates needed a little pickup heading into Saturday's home opener against the Radford Highlanders, and LeClair provided one. After his pre-game meeting with the umpires and opposing coach concluded, he slid headfirst into a huddle of his players waiting to take the field.

"It's not something I'd do everyday, but we needed a lift," LeClair said.

LeClair's momentum booster worked well, as ECU won the first game 7-1 and the second by a score of 8-4. The lift started early in the first game. Freshman John Williamson belted his first collegiate hit, a two-run home run in the second inning.

"I've been struggling and I was just trying to get a hit," Williamson said. The offense continued with ECU scoring three more runs in the third inning and two in the fifth. Williamson finished the game going 2-4 with four RBIs. Randy Rigsby also went 2-4 with two RBIs. Brooks Jernigan started the game for ECU and spread nine hits over seven innings, giving up one run in the fourth. Josh Busy and Kevyn Fulcher each pitched one inning of scoreless relief to preserve the victory for Jernigan, whose record is now 2-0.

The second game of the four game series started out different than the first. Radford jumped out to a lead of 3-0 after the third inning. The Pirates did not lose their composure though, and came storming back in the fourth and fifth innings. Shortstop Ryan Massimo led the charge by belting back-to-back home runs in those innings. In the fourth it was a three-run shot and in the fifth a two-run homer. Massimo finished this game 3-3 with five RBIs. Rigsby continued to have a hot bat and belted his first home run of the year. Bill Outlaw allowed six hits over six innings pitched and struck out five to earn the victory. Outlaw is 1-1 on the season. Fulcher came on again to pitch the last inning. Fulcher did not allow a hit in either of his appearances.

"It meant a lot to this team to win the way we did, coming back in the second game, especially after losing to Elon like we did," LeClair said.

The Pirates completed a four-game sweep of Radford by winning 10-6 and 6-2 on Sunday. In the opener Williamson, a

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Jason Howard steps up to bat for the Pirates during the Radford game this game.
PHOTO BY CLAY BUCK

Lady Pirates advance to final bracket of Triangle Classic

ECU prepares to host annual Lady Pirate Classic

TRAVIS BARKLEY
STAFF WRITER

The ECU softball team advanced to the championship bracket of the Triangle Classic this weekend in Raleigh before being eliminated on Sunday by Illinois-Chicago 6-2 in extra innings.

ECU advanced to the championship round as the number one seed in its pool by winning three of four in round robin play on Friday and Saturday.

The Lady Pirates earned a split on Friday, defeating Youngstown State 8-4 in nine innings, before falling to Marshall 2-0.

In the first game, ECU came back from a 3-0 deficit and won it in the ninth on a grand slam by sophomore shortstop Marnie Oursler. Senior right-hander Jami Bendle got the win to improve to 2-0. Bendle struck out four and gave up only five hits while pitching all nine innings.

The second game, ECU saw a strong pitching performance by freshman Lisa Paganini, who allowed only three hits while striking out 10 in the complete game loss. The Pirates recorded only two hits against Marshall pitcher Natasha Johnson.

On Saturday the Pirates shut out Eastern Kentucky 2-0 and then won a shoot-out with UNC-Charlotte 17-11.

Sophomore Denise Regan pitched a two-hit shutout for the Pirates in game one. Second baseman Keisha Shepperson scored on a RBI single by Isonette Polonius in the fourth and added an insurance run in the sixth on Oursler's solo homer.

Against UNC-Charlotte, the Pirates scored four runs in the first, second and sixth innings to pull away from the 49ers. Bendle got her third win in relief of Paganini.

On Sunday, the Pirates got another strong pitching performance from Reagan, who pitched five innings of shutout ball before giving up an unearned run in the sixth. The score was tied at one after the seventh inning, forcing extra play time. Illinois-Chicago scored five times in the eighth on just two hits to get the win.

"Right now we're looking at becoming more consistent defensively. We are giving the other teams too many chances with our defense"

Head Softball Coach Tracey Kee

Pirate Head Coach Tracy Kee said overall she was pleased with how the team played.

"Out of 25 teams, we were the only one from North Carolina to be playing on the final day," Kee said.

"We came together real well, especially for it being only our second time out," Oursler said.

For the tournament Oursler was 5-13 with two home runs.

"I was more patient at the plate and I'm starting to wait for my pitch," Oursler said.

Kee said the team still needs to improve in some areas, most notably defense.

"Right now we're looking at becoming more consistent defensively," Kee said. "We are giving the other teams too many chances with our defense."

The Pirates' first home game will be this weekend as ECU hosts the annual Bell South Mobility/Hampton Inn Pirate Classic.

"We're excited about playing at home," Oursler said. "We're tired of sleeping in hotels."

Kee said Pirate Classic should be extremely competitive.

"Anybody can win, and nobody will walk right through," Kee said.

ECU begins round robin play Friday against Delaware at 1 p.m. and Towson University at 3 p.m.

Batting Leaders

Player	Avg.	HR	RBI	R	SB
Isonette Polonius	.400	2	8	5	1
Jennifer Halpern	.364	1	9	3	0
Amy Hooks	.308	0	4	4	2
Marnie Oursler	[illegible]	2	6	7	0
Keisha Shepperson	.296	0	5	7	4

Pitching Leaders

Player	W-L	ERA	IP	APP	BB
Denise Reagan	1-2	1.24	17.0	3	2
Jami Bendle	3-0	2.49	19.2	3	4

From trash to grass: Nagano Olympics provide low points for special moments

NAGANO, Japan (AP)— Like an ill-wind disrupting a sunny day, for every special moment of Olympic glory in Nagano there was an incident one would rather forget.

One painful moment Hermann Maier would gladly wipe from his memory — his horrifying crash in the downhill that ended hopes of winning four gold medals.

Flying spreadeagled through the air for 30 meters (yards) before bobbing on his helmet and crashing through two fences, Maier seemed to escape injury only by a miracle. It didn't stop the Austrian from coming up with perhaps the most memorable Olympic line - "Not Lufthansa, but OK." He came back and won super-G and giant slalom. But he's still too shaken to look at videos of the crash.

Thirty meters (yards) is about twice the distance six chairs and a fire extinguisher were thrown from the fifth floor to a courtyard in the Olympic Village. This incident blamed on U.S. hockey players provided one of the ugliest moments of the games.

Following an embarrassing 4-1 loss to the underrated Czech Republic last Wednesday, some of the American professionals trashed apartments in the middle of the night.

Ten chairs were broken and three fire extinguishers were emptied. Some were thrown on a courtyard below. Fortunately, no athlete was hurt, but damage was estimated a dlrs 3,000.

Apologies all round hardly assuaged the organizers.

"I'm not happy. It's a very sad incident. It was a very dangerous incident," Ko Yamaguchi, a spokesman for the Nagano Olympic organizing committee.

"I feel sad for them. That's how they will be remembered," Anita DeFrantz, an IOC vice president from the United States, said of the players' behavior.

It wasn't the only Olympic trashing at the Nagano Games.

Austria's snowboarder Martin Freinademetz was kicked out of the Olympics after a drunken party at a team hotel damaged a dlrs 4,000 switchboard. "We had fun, something got broken," Freinademetz said.

For a rookie Olympic sport, snowboarding certainly had a rough baptism.

The biggest uproar of the Olympics came after a drug test detected small amounts of marijuana in Canadian

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switch hitter, continued strong by belting his second home run of the season. His first home run on Saturday was from the left side of the plate while his dinger on Sunday came while batting right-handed. He finished the game 3-3 with three RBIs.

Throughout the weekend, Williams racked up seven RBIs. Also having a good game at the plate for ECU was Antaine Jones and Salargo. Jones went 2-4 and Salargo was 2-4 with three RBIs. Chris Shaffer hit his first home run of the season to help get the Pirates to their highest run total so far this season. ECU pitchers struggled through the early innings giving up six runs in the fourth inning. Freshman Foye Minton came into the game in the fourth inning and shut the Highlanders down. In the 5 1/3 innings he pitched he allowed only two hits and no runs to pick up the win.

In the nightcap Brian Fields continued where Minton left off. Fields scattered six hits and two runs over seven innings to secure the win. He also struck out four hitters while improving his record to 1-2 for the season. This victory brought ECU's record to 5-4 on the year.

Salargo maintained his hot bat with a 2-3 performance at the plate with two RBIs. Salargo leads the Pirates with nine RBIs for the season. Additionally, Cliff Godwin had a two RBI double to help put the Pirates over the top.

ECU looks to extend their winning streak in a 2:30 p.m. game against UNC- Greensboro today at Harrington Field.

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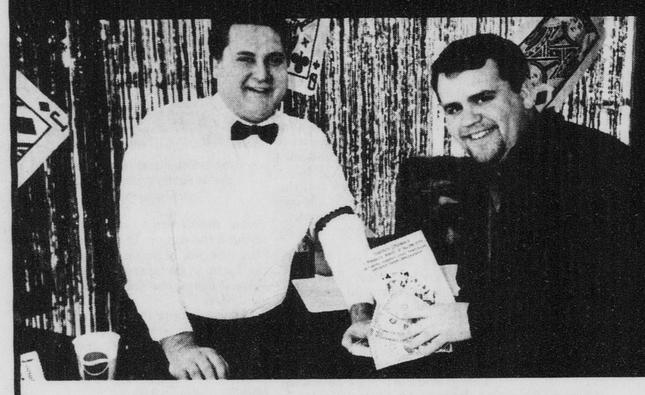

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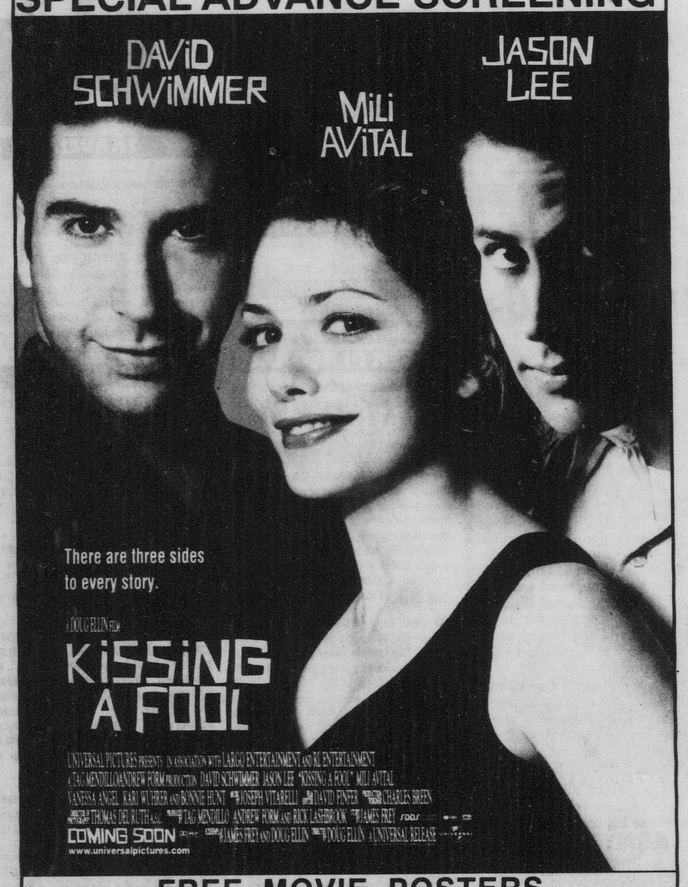

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snowboarder Ross Rebagliati, who had won the inaugural giant slalom event.

First, the International Olympic Committee decided to strip him of his medal. Canada appealed and it took an independent arbitration panel to make sure he retained his medal.

To cap it off, Japanese police took Rebagliati in for a long interrogation on the issue. Medal around his neck, he was let go.

Rebagliati said he hadn't smoked marijuana since April 1997 and must have inhaled second-hand smoke -an explanation that drew chuckles from some skeptics.

"I may have to wear a gas mask from now on," Rebagliati said afterwards, and offered to lead an anti-drug campaign.

Gas masks might have come in handy to several medal favorites who fell victim to the flu.

Germany lost figure skater Tanja Szewczenko, its leading hope for a medal.

Norway's Adne Sondral, the 1,500-meter speedskating withdrew before the 1,000. In all at least some 60 athletes fell victim to the flu-or said they did.

"I know a few athletes who said after failing to live up to expectations that it was because of the flu they got here in Nagano," said Atsushi Sugiyama, deputy director of the Olympic Village clinic.

With weather like this, a flu seemed unavoidable. It had been said well before the games - Nagano was no Lillehammer, with its perfect coat of snow and cold, crystal-clear days.

No Alpine skiing schedule has ever been so tormented as here. Lightning, fog, snow blizzards, rain— you name it, nature provided it, even a minor earthquake.

"I think to stage the Olympics here, it's really risky because everybody knew that Japanese weather is very unpredictable," Italy's Kristian Ghedina said, complaining about the barrage of delays.

"We are getting bored," he said.

Swedish hockey player Ulf Samuelsson would have enjoyed a chance to be bored with other athletes.

The defenseman was booted from the Olympics because he carried both Swedish and U.S. passports. "I'm Swedish to the depth of my soul," he said. Not good enough.

After the ouster, Swedish captain Calle Johansson said: "We're dedicating every game, every goal and every point to him." Sweden lost in the next match to archrival Finland.

National pride is also paramount in Japan and it seemed Tae Satoya was in for nothing but laurels after winning the freestyle moguls.

Then she failed to remove a baseball cap during a flag-raising ceremony, a serious breach of etiquette.

She left the cap on because she "was afraid that her hair was a mess." It turned the next few days in a mess for her.

Following complaints, Yushiro Yagi, head of Japan's delegation to the games said Satoya had been severely reprimanded. "We, as the people responsible for the team, deeply regret this matter and offer our apologies."

Nagano deserves gold medal for cleanliness, even though garbage remains

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — After two weeks of Olympic inundation, Nagano deserves a gold medal for cleanliness. Cigarette butts keep somehow finding their way into the proper receptacles, and spotting a litterbug can actually be a challenge.

But up in the mountains, one village has been overwhelmed by garbage —and is giving the overflow to one of its neighbors. Environmentalists, meanwhile, are waiting for the snow to melt before giving the games their stamp of approval.

As is the case with virtually every Winter Olympics, environmental concerns have been high in Nagano, which is ringed by some of the most rugged, pristine mountains in Japan.

Games officials, who are claiming environmental friendliness as a major goal, say their "Green Nagano" message has been heard.

Japanese cities tend to be relatively clean, but visitors to Nagano have been particularly impressed the past two weeks. Not only was the city transformed by the ubiquitous Olympic banners and signs, it also stayed virtually free of trash.

"Residents are cleaning up after themselves, and picking up litter that they happen to see," said Takeji Kurashima, who is in charge of food and sanitation for the organizing committee.

Kurashima said organizers have had no serious problems handling the garbage generated by the tens of thousands of athletes, journalists, sponsors and tourists who have flocked to this city of 360,000 for the games.

He said 726 tons of garbage have been collected at Olympic venues and facilities in Nagano city, an amount that is easily recycled, burned or buried in local landfills.

"You always plan for the worst so that you won't be overwhelmed," he said. "That hasn't happened."

But Kurashima said the influx of people to the alpine village of Hakuba, where several skiing and ski jumping events were held, proved too much for the local garbage facilities to handle.

"They have arranged with a nearby village to handle the overflow, which has been several tons a day," he said.

Environmental groups, meanwhile, say they are concerned by several more substantial issues posed by the Olympics.

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GREEK PERSONALS

ZETA... GOOD GAME ON Wednesday night! We had a great time playing basketball with such good sports! See you' in the playoffs! Love, the sisters of Alpha Phi

TO THE GENTLEMEN OF Kappa Alpha, crawling up and down the hall, it's a wonder we all did not fall, sittin' in the recliner going upside down, and then taking the social all the way downtown. Thanks for showing us such a good time. Hope to do it again soon. Love, the sisters and new members of Delta Zeta

TO THE BROTHERS OF Sigma Nu, thank you for a good time Thursday night! The dates were fun... and out honeymoon was even better! Love... the sisters of Alpha Phi

THANKS TO ALL OUR dates who attended Grab-A-Date on Saturday. We had a great time and hope you did too! Love, the sisters and pledges of Pi Delta

PI KAPPA ALPHA, THANKS for being our Adopt-A Fraternity last week. Wednesday night was a blast. The mind games were amazing. Can't wait until Thursday. Love, Zeta

PERFECT HOURS!!! AND GREAT Pay!!! What: Dependable and dedicated individual must possess a customer service attitude, commitment to quality and be computer literate. Where: Bowen Cleaners with starting wages at $6.00 per hour, benefits, and a chance to work with a great company. This is a part-time position, M-F, 3-7PM and occasionally on weekends. How: Applications can be obtained at the Bells Fork location from 2-5PM M-Th, and an interview will be arranged at this time.

KEEP UP THE GOOD work Pi Delta bowlers! You guys are doing great!! We love you, your sisters

GAMMA SIGMA SIGMA WOULD like to congratulate Beth D. and Juan H. on their engagement. Much love. Your Gamma Sigma Sigma sisters

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAMANTHA D. on her engagement to Michael B. Best wishes to you both. Love, your Gamma Sigma Sigma sisters

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW officers: Vice President of Education-Laura Husenita, Panhellenic Delegate-Aimee Whitfield, Public Relations-Leigh Hancock, corresponding Secretary-Catherine Anderson, Environmental Awareness: Heather Stancil. Love, your sisters and new members of Alpha Omicron Pi

CONGRATULATIONS HEATHER NEWMAN ON getting lavaliered by Aaron! Love, your sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi

CHI OMEGA, WE ARE so glad you are our sister sorority this semester. We can't wait to get together soon. Love, Zeta Tau Alpha

ALPHA OMICRON PI CONGRATULATES Jennifer Feldhaus, Bonnie Forsyth, Candace Jones, Colleen McCool, Erin Reddic, and Kristina Vincik on their pinning! Love, your Alpha Omicron Pi sisters

ALPHA DELTA PI, THANKS for a great social. Hope you ladies enjoyed yourselves. Love, Theta Chi

TRAVEL

SPRING BREAK/GRAD WEEK '98 Cheap rates! www.we-can.com/sand-trap - N. Myrtle Beach. 800-645-3618. Student representative needed!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WED., FEB. 25-JUNIOR Recital, Jeanette Price, flute, Susan Brown, flute, A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 7:00 p.m. Sat., Feb 28-Black History Month Concert, Carroll V. Dashiell Jr., Director, A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 8:00 PM Sun., March 1-East Carolina University Symphony Orchestra, Douglas Morrison, Conductor, Wright Auditorium, 3:00 PM Sun., March 1- Senior Recital, Amanda Glass, violin, A.J. Fletcher Recital hall, 6:00PM Mon., March 2-Graduate Recital, Lisa M. DeBaker, piano, A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 9:00 PM

THE NEWMAN CATHOLIC STUDENT Center wishes to announce special Ash Wednesday (Feb. 25.) masses with the distribution of ashes: 8AM at the Newman Center 12:00 noon in Room 244 of the Mendenhall Student Center and 5:30 PM at the Newman Center. The Newman Center is located at 953 E. 10th St., 2 houses from the Fletcher Music Building.

VISION 2000. PASTOR JAMES D. Corbett and Community Christian Church cordially invite you to a special "Vision 2000" service on Sunday, March 1st at 8:30 and 11:00AM. Nursery and child care services are available. Refreshments will be served. Come out and be a part of what God is doing at Community Christian Church located at 1104 North Memorial Drive in Greenville. For more information or transportation services, please call the church office at 752-5683

THE CHEMISTRY CLUB WILL be having a meeting on Wednesday Feb. 25th at 5PM in the Flanagan Conference Room. Members and non-members are welcome.

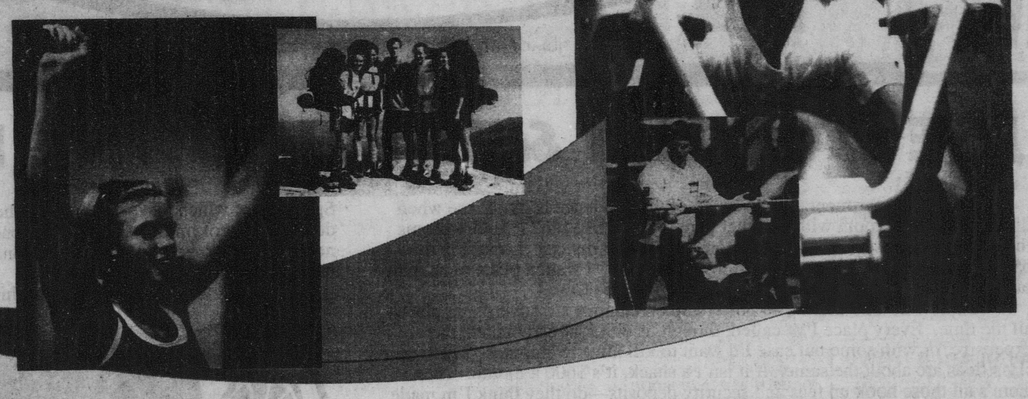
STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP Thursday from 3:30-5:00. The Center for Counseling and Student Development will be offering this program February 26th. If you are interested in this workshop, contact the Center at 328-6661.

SENIORS! HAVING TROUBLE GETTING started on your job search? Just can't seem to find the tie or motivation and don't know where to look? A workshop on "Networking and Other Job Search Strategies" will be held in the Career Services building on Tue. Feb. 24 at 5:15PM. Margie Swartout, Assistant Director of Career Services, will help you identify the most productive job sources and learn the skill of networking.

A CULTURAL ARTS WORKSHOP will be held for individuals with physical disabilities on March 7th from 10AM to 3PM at Minges Coliseum on the campus of ECU. Check in begins at 9:30AM. A $5.00 donation is requested to cover the cost of art supplies. Lunch will be provided for those who preregister by Feb. 28, by calling Barbara at 816-4445. Sessions will include: Creative Writing, Music, Clay Work/Pottery, Improv/Games, Mouth/brush painting. Sponsored by Spinal Cord Injury Assoc. of Eastern NC, Independent Living Rehab Program, NC Assistive Technology Project, Adapted Recreation and Intramural Sports Enrichment Program

RECREATIONAL SERVICES

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY



im SPORTS

Intramural Sports

Date	Event	Time	Where
3/4	B-Ball 1-on-1 Entry Deadline	5 pm	SRC 128
3/9	NCAA B-Ball Pick-em Available	10 am	SRC 128
3/11	Softball Officials Meeting	9 am	SRC 202
3/24	Softball/Preview Reg. Meeting	5 pm	MSC 244

Adapted Recreation

Date	Event	Time	Where
3/5	Climbing Wall Workshop	7-9 pm	Climbing Wall
3/7	Cultural Arts Workshop	10 am-2 pm	Minges
3/8	Weight-Lifting Workshop	1:30-3 pm	SRC
3/23	1st of 5 Swim Lessons	6:30-7:30 pm	SRC

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Fitness

Date	Event	Time	Reg. by
3/2	Lifeguard Training Class II Begins	6:30-9:30 pm	2/27
3/9	Intermediate Tennis Registration	9am-5pm	3/9
3/16	Aerobics Session II Begins	8am-6pm	3/9
3/20	Aerobics Instructor Training Reg.	9am-5pm	3/16
3/23	Noon Track Attack	12:10-12:50pm	3/20
3/24	Yoga Session II Begins	5:15-6:30pm	3/9
3/24	Try Tai Chi	12:10-12:50pm	3/9

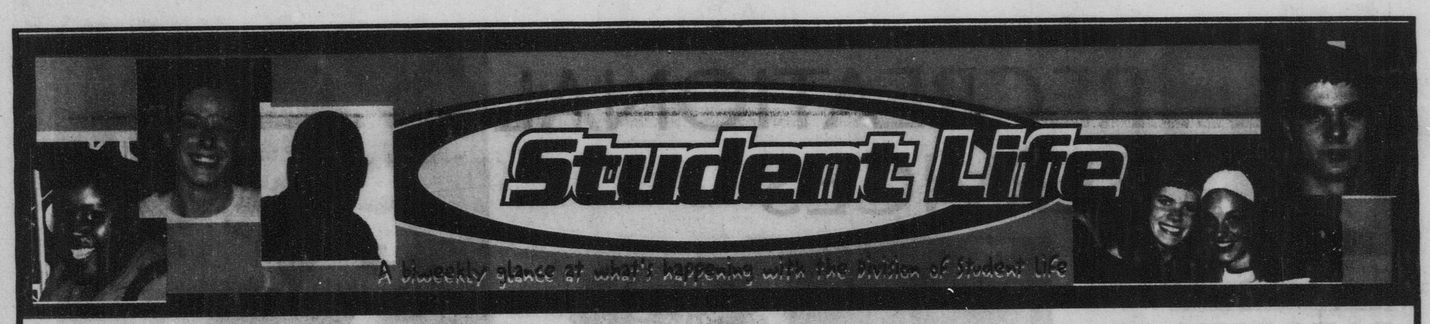
Adventure Programs

Date	Event	Reg. by
3/2	Outdoor Living Skills-Beach Camping Sem.	3/2
3/7	Skiing & Snowboarding-Wintergreen Day Trip #3	3/2
3/7	Environmental Education-NC Zoo	3/2
3/8	Hang Glide-Kitty Hawk Kites	3/2
3/8	Climbing-Pilot Mtn National Park	3/2
3/12	Climbing Seminars-Sport Climbing Clinic	3/12

Spring Break Trips-Register Now

3/14-3/22	Everglades Canoe Trip	3/2
3/14-3/22	Smoky Mountain National Park	3/2

The Edge



JOE STUDENT & THE HOUSING DILEMMA

I want an apartment. I am so sick of the residence halls. Since when did sharing a bathroom with 12 other people seem like fun? Laundry rooms the size of my closet and that cost more to use than my car. I want my own bathroom, my own washer & dryer, my own space. I want a place to cook my own food—no more mystery meat specials from the Cafe.

So how do I do that? The posters up on campus are advertising places all the time. Every place I've called, though, is either already taken, too expensive, or with some nut case I'd want to kill after 15 minutes. The classifieds are about the same. If it isn't a shack, it's $600 a month. Then there's all those hook up fees and security deposits—do they think I'm made of money?

Speaking of which, have you been to the grocery store lately? Since when does a gallon of milk cost two whole bucks? All I can afford to buy are ramen noodles. What ever happened to reasonable pricing? I'm a college student, for goodness sakes!

You know, maybe this campus thing isn't so bad. I know all my neighbors, and housekeeping keeps the toilet paper stocked and the showers clean. That's more than I can say for my buddy Brad's place—ugh! I don't have to scratch to pay rent each month, and I don't have to get up early to beat the a.m. traffic on 10th street.

When you think about it, the Cafe isn't all that bad either. It sure beats ramen noodles for a week straight. At least I get to choose what I WANT instead of just what I can AFFORD. And I never have to eat alone. I've always known at least one person in there.

When was that Housing deadline again? February 27th? I wonder if it's too late to see if Jeff's got his room signed up. Maybe he and I get that corner room over in Scott. I'd better get on the phone and find out. I'd hate to end up in an apartment.

SRC'S SIZZLING NEW PROGRAMS

Melt away that holiday weight gain with the help of Recreational Services new PERSONAL TRAINING program SRC members are eligible to receive one-on-one instruction to help establish healthy, obtainable fitness goals. TRAINERS are qualified to assist at each fitness level from beginner to advanced using multiple techniques (free weights aerobics, CYBEX, aqua, etc.). Personal Trainers are also skilled in keeping new participants motivated and helping advanced members to overcome plateaus. Packages are available For purchase in multiple sizes and price-ranges to help accommodate individual needs. Special introductory package is available For the month of FEBRUARY—4 sessions For $50 (savings of $14 off regular price).

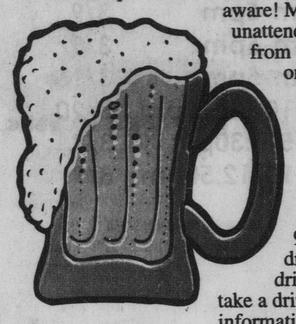
But why learn only how to help yourself look and feel better? Have you ever been envious of those lifeguards who get paid to lounge in the sun? Why not learn what the job is really all about? As part of the Spring Lifestyle Enhancement series, Session II of the American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification class will be offered March 2-April 3 at the SRC Indoor Pool. The $100 student cost covers books, material, equipment, and fees, and CPR is includes as part of the course. The course won't guarantee you a job at the beach, and you're not likely to get a call from the producers of Baywatch, but it will prepare you to make a difference in someone else's life. THAT is what Fitness and Lifestyle Enhancement are REALLY all about.

IS IT HIP TO SIP?

Have you all been watching Beverly Hills 90210? Or what about some of those day time soaps? It's all in the media, it's on college campuses and yeah- it's here at ECU. All the hype is about those "date rape drugs"—Rohypnol (roofies, R2, roaches) and gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB, liquid X, liquid esctasy). The drugs can be secretly slipped into someone's drink (that drink could even be soda or water). Or in some cases, people willfully take the drug to increase their alcohol-like effect. Whether it is your intent to be drugged or not—the consequences can be terrifying.

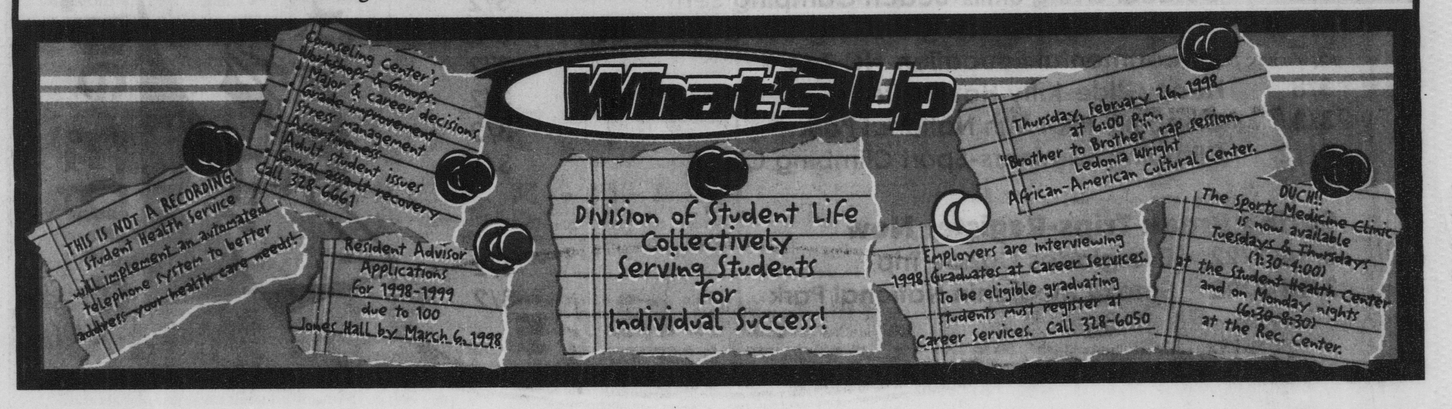
Along with other effects, these drugs both can cause memory lapse—you can blackout and wake up (like Valerie did on 90210), slip into a coma and maybe wake up or you can even die.

So the question is—what can we as students do? Well, we can be aware! Make sure that we don't leave beverages unattended at a party, a club, etc., don't take drinks from someone you don't know well and trust, only accept drinks from the bartender or server, be alert to the behaviors of your friends—anyone appearing disproportionately inebriated in the relation to the amount of alcohol they have consumed may be in danger. Spread the word to your friends and call Student Health Services (328-6841) or 911 if you believe someone has consumed a drug like this. So while you may be just drinking lemonade or cola—watch before you take a drink—it may not be HIP to SIP. For more information contact the Office of Health Promotion & Well-Being @ 6793 or Student Health @ 6794.



SPRING FEVER RISES IN CAREER SERVICES

The melt down is everywhere.
Spring is in the air.
The fever has Career Services
Doing many fairs.
Resumes, interviewing, choosing majors,
And defining career goals
Are just a few items for all students to do.
Melt not only those winter pounds
But work on the winter attitude too.
The message to students is
"Start early and perhaps there will be no panic for you."

Spring, particularly February and March, are busy months for Career Services. Recruiters are on campus. Career days are being held for the School of Industry and Technology, Decision Sciences, the School of Education, the English Department, the School of Social Work, and the Department of Criminal Justice.

Referrals, job listings and Job Guides too,
These three things are not all that we do.
You see the fever has hit us;
the action is hot.
The message is old
and the service non-stop.
Prepare for the future,
Work hard through and through
And a career will develop,
Especially for you.
A promise from Career Services
Dearly and true,
We will help in this process
Invented to aid you.