

DeMarco files complaint with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, claims mistreatment



Former professor, Sal DeMarco, has claimed he was mistreated by university officials.
PHOTO BY JONATHAN GREEN

Officials say university to deny charges

MELANIE HACKWORTH
STAFF WRITER

Sal De Marco, a former speech pathology professor who was dismissed earlier this month, has filed a complaint against ECU with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

DeMarco, who was released from university employment due to charges of inappropriate and violent behavior, has filed for an investigation with the EEOC, claiming that

ECU treated him unfairly with regard to his illness, multiple sclerosis.

The EEOC is an offspring of the Americans with Disabilities Act, passed by the federal government. The EEOC represents disabled Americans who feel they have been unjustly treated due to their disability.

DeMarco claims that when he was diagnosed with MS in 1995, the university never reached out to him. According to De Marco, he was forced to deal with anonymous let-

ters condemning his actions.

As a professor in the allied sciences department, De Marco said he expected to be treated fairly.

"I was not able to defend myself. Imagine you're charged with a crime and never given a chance to defend yourself."

Sal DeMarco
Former speech pathology professor

"We're [allied sciences dept.] supposed to know how to deal with disabilities," De Marco said.

Another of De Marco's claims is that he was not given the opportunity to respond to the accusations.

"I was not able to defend

myself," De Marco said. "Imagine you're charged with a crime and never given a chance to defend yourself."

The EEOC responded to De Marco's charge in the same way that any case is handled. First, they had to determine if De Marco was covered by the EEOC.

Not everyone is covered by the EEOC, so not just anyone can go through this process. The person charging must have a physical problem that substantially limits a major life activity, like walking.

If the person does not have such a disability, either the employer must regard them as having one, or they must have a documented his-

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23 organizations
apply, 1 denied funds

WILLIAM LELIEVER
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association recently appropriated bi-annual funding to student organizations for the summer and fall semesters. This year's appropriation committee distributed \$38,206 to various organizations.

According to Alan Stancill, co-president of appropriations, in the current bi-annuals only 23 organizations applied for funding. Out of the 23 organizations, one, Milan, was denied funding.

Organizations who applied for funding this year received more money than those who applied to the appropriations committee in June of 1997.

"The main reason the individual groups got more money than they had in the past is that in the past we would have 47 groups turn in budget proposals asking for money and this semester we had only 23," Stancill said. "We get the same amount of money to give out regardless."

According to Lisa Smith, SGA treasurer, organizations are required to use this money by June 30. Returned money is put in the general fund balance.

"The total amount of money reverted back to SGA (this year was) \$37,288," Smith said.

According to Laura Sweet, pan-

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Environmental conservation group sponsors bike rally

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Proceeds benefit
Greenville Greenway

WILLIAM LELIEVER
STAFF WRITER

The University Environmental Conservation Organization (ECO) sponsored its fourth annual Earth Day bike rally last Sunday.

The proceeds of this event went to benefit the Greenville Greenway Organization. Features of the celebration included information booths, four bands and guest speaker Rick Dove, the Neuse River keeper.

The booths represented many organizations, such as the Tar and Pamlico River Foundation, groups concerned with poultry and the Greenville Parks and Recreation

Department. Bands that performed included Mean Little Girl, MORdeCAI, Deep Fuzz and Whitey.

The rally, whose motto was "the earth is riding on us," tried to stimulate student concerns for the environment.

"Every year we hope to educate people about the environment and most of them return the next year to hear more," said Sarah McConnell, president of ECO.

According to Lori Loyd, recycling chair, the ECO completed a survey on April 20 to help change the recycling processes of the dorms. There were 200 students who participated in the earth day event in an effort to get permanent recycling bins near



Sarah McConnell
President of ECO
FILE PHOTO

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Many bikers participated in the fourth annual Earth Day Bike Rally at the Town Commons in support of the Greenville Greenway.

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Recreation, Leisure Studies students volunteer for spinal injury camping trip

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NINA M. DRY
STAFF WRITER

The Recreation and Leisure Studies Students Society, along with Adaptive Recreation and Intramural Sports Enrichment Program (ARISE) and the Spinal Cord Injury Association of Eastern North Carolina, recently participat-



This year's camping trip was the third for the group.
COURTESY OF RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

ed in their third annual camping trip.

Both university students and residents of eastern North Carolina with spinal cord injuries participated in the trip.

"This trip was designed for people with disabilities so that they

can increase their leisure time and provide them with the opportunities they weren't aware of," said Candace Gray, volunteer and secretary of the Recreation and Leisure Studies Student Society.

Gray said that although this trip has been designed for people with spinal cord injuries, it is not exclusively for them.

"The trips that we sponsor are offered to all students as well as the residents of the eastern North Carolina with disabilities," Gray

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Pitt County ranks third in state for AIDS transmission

Mecklenburg first,
Wake second

JASON LEE
FOCUS WRITER

Of the sexually transmitted diseases, the most feared — and the most deadly — is AIDS.

The southeastern part of the United States, small towns and rural areas have the highest rate of HIV transmission. Pitt County rates third among North Carolina counties for rate of transmission, behind Mecklenburg and Wake Counties.

According to Barry Elmore, outreach coordinator for PICASO (Pitt County AIDS Service

Organization), one reason for this is the advanced medical establishments in each county.

"People who have been infected with the virus want to move into areas where they are close to major medical centers," Elmore said. "With the ECU medical school and Pitt County Memorial Hospital offering new advanced medicines here in Greenville, many of those infected with HIV come here to receive the treatments."

HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) is the virus that causes AIDS. Being infected with HIV does not mean a person has or will develop AIDS. AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) is a disease that breaks down the immune system of the body so that one will eventually not be able to fight off sickness.

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N.C. State, weather service research southern twisters

RALEIGH (AP) — Researchers at North Carolina State University and the National Weather Service are working on methods to identify characteristics of southern tornadoes to help train forecasters.

Overall crime rate down, follows five-year trend

RALEIGH (AP) — The overall crime rate in North Carolina declined by 1 percent in 1997 and the murder rate dropped 5 percentage points, continuing a five-year trend, Attorney General Mike Easley said Monday.

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Worker rescued after trench collapses

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Federal safety inspectors said a Connecticut construction worker is lucky to be alive after being buried up to his chin when a 14-foot deep sewer trench collapsed. Police, firefighters and co-worker Thomas Bonaiuto risked their own lives in a tense half-hour scramble Monday to dig out James Gibbons, 37, of New Britain, Conn.

First Lady Clinton to speak at University of Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — The University of Michigan was preparing today for an appearance by Hillary Rodham Clinton to help mark the culmination of the school's Year of the Humanities and Arts program.

Marmot stashes in ball-bearing shipment, bites hand that feeds him

CARLSTADT, New Jersey (AP) — A New Jersey company got something extra in a shipment of ball bearings from Japan: a furry little marmot.

The creature popped out of a box to Nachi America Corp. on Monday, police Sgt. Richard Berta said. The workers named the creature Hector after the man who opened the box. The groundhog-type animal had been inside the sealed container since it was shipped from Osaka three weeks ago, Berta said. The 15-pound (7-kilo) marmot ate a carrot and drank some water at the Bergen County Animal Shelter, then tried to attack shelter director Mary Ellen Stout. "I guess he's feeling better," Ms. Stout said.

Hector will be quarantined for 10 to 14 days, then released into the wild.

U.S. medicine, nutritional supplies flown to Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two Jordanian aircraft laden with U.S. humanitarian supplies arrived in Baghdad today in the first American airlift to Iraq since the 1990 Persian Gulf crisis over Kuwait.

The Dash-8 and Boeing 707 planes flew from Amman more than 28 hours behind schedule. The delay was caused by last-minute hitches that required the American volunteers to change planes and get Iraq's permission to fly. Guy Smith, a vice chairman at AmeriCares, said in the Jordanian capital that Iraq granted permission for the flight at midmorning.

Adult Student Association encourages non-traditional student involvement

Organization provides guidance, comfort

CAROLYN ROBBINS HYDE
STAFF WRITER

According to members of one organization on campus, age is no barrier to enjoying university life. The Adult Student Association has made it its mission to encourage involvement from non-traditional students who are balancing job, work and school.

"The Adult Student Association was established in the fall of 1993 to help adult and commuter students become more involved with university life," said Deborah J. Battle, graduate assistant for student development. "Our overall concern

is that all students feel comfortable and a part of the university."

Mary Embrey, an active member of the organization, said that most of the adult students she comes in contact with have many of the same concerns and worries.

"The majority of the non-traditional students are carrying a heavy burden of balancing family, work and school," Embrey said. "Some have either quit their jobs in order to return to school or have to cut back on the hours worked, lessening their incomes while putting out additional necessary funds for their education. The decision to return to school was not an easy one to make, and if the ASA can help make their transition any less stressful, then the efforts will be worth it."

Any student age 24 and above is eligible to become a member.

"We strive to incorporate the non-traditional student within the general campus population," Battle said.

According to Battle there is a great need for an organization such as this to assist the adult students, especially those who have been out of school for a number of years, in feeling comfortable with their decision to get back into the mainstream of school.

Providing guidance in many different areas for the non-traditional students is among the many services offered by the ASA. Students seeking information about financial aid, housing (in and around the Greenville area), the availability of child care, and other services such as time management seminars, locations and advantages of on-campus dining facilities, transportation and parking information can

contact the ASA office for further information. Also offered through the ASA are study skills advice, recreational facilities available and the health services provided on campus.

"One of the programs that we are especially proud of is the Pinnacle Program, which is the non-traditional honor society," Battle said. "This society was chartered here at the university in October 1997. The first induction ceremony took place in December 1997. Forty-seven members were inducted."

The next induction will be held in December 1998.

The ASA has also adopted a mentor program this semester. This serves as a resource for students who have questions and do not know how to get answers.

DeMarco

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tory of such a disability.

In the actual process, De Marco had to fill out a charge questionnaire and be interviewed by an investigator. Then the EEOC made a charge in De Marco's favor against ECU.

According to regulations, the EEOC had to make the charge within 10 days. The people being charged then have a specified amount of time to respond.

ECU has received a charge from the EEOC regarding De Marco's claim. The university must respond with a position statement by May 18. The position statement will detail the university's claims and its supporting proof.

"When you write a position statement, you don't say simply,

'we deny that we discriminated,' we explain what did happen and the job related reasons for what decisions the university made," said Dr. Mary Ann Rose, assistant to the chancellor and university EEOC officer.

Rose said ECU goes along with all of the laws guarding against discrimination.

"We do comply with laws," Rose said.

Rose says the university will deny the charges by De Marco.

"We don't discriminate," Rose said.

Chancellor Eakin was unavailable for comment due to his attending the inauguration of UNC-System President, Molly Broad, at UNC-Chapel Hill.

TEC SGA

Mon, April 27 Meeting of Legislation Room 221 Mendenhall

- approved the 1998-99 funding packet
- two SGA logos were accepted for organization use
- sponsoring the extended hours of the library during exams
- Mr. Jennings introduced Josh Beardsley as the new attorney general
- bi-annual fundings were approved for the summer and spring
- According to the official minutes, Eric Rivenbark announced that he will be dancing naked at the Banquet on Thursday (Mr. Forbes will also be joining him)

LEGISLATOR'S SAY

"I am excited about the new attorney general, he was selected from very qualified pool of applicants. We are looking forward to meeting with him next year," said Eric Rivenbark, SGA president-elect.

Police Department names Horst employee of the month

Leading investigator of back pack bandit case

MELANIE HACKWORTH
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Police Department named Sgt. Joseph Horst as its spotlight employee of the month for April. Horst is a patrol sergeant for the B-Squad, a foot patrol officer and the residence hall liaison officer for Aycock Hall.

Horst, 26, supervises three to five men on his patrol shift. As a patrol officer, Horst travels across campus keeping the peace on foot or in a vehicle.

Horst came to ECU from San Diego, Calif., where his father is a lawyer with the attorney general's office.

"My whole family has been in law or law enforcement," Horst

said.

Horst attributes his desire to be in law enforcement to his family's involvement and his desire to help people.

"Officer Friendly," as the Aycock students call him, graduated from ECU's criminal justice department in 1993. Horst received an honorary membership in the Phi Sigma Phi national honor fraternity while at ECU.

Horst's most recently publicized case for the police is that of the "Back-Pack Bandit."

Police Captain John Umphlett said that Horst would even come in on his days off to work on this case.



Sgt. Joseph Horst, ECU Police
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"His was a tireless pursuit for the bad guy," Umphlett said.

Horst said investigating is part of what he loves about the job.

"I love being able to follow the leads and dig into the case I'm working on," Horst said.

Horst has followed the leads on the "Back-Pack Bandit" case and continues to investigate.

Horst was named the spotlight employee because of the work he does for the department.

"He got the award for his hard work and dedication to the students," Umphlett said.

"I feel honored that the department would choose to recognize the efforts I've made," Horst said.

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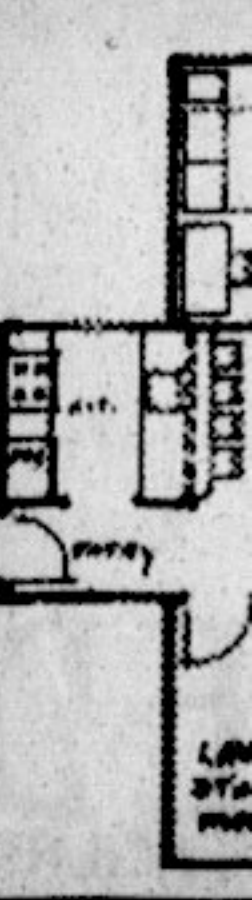
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T.K. JONES
STAFF WRITER

Robert Wheeler

Gov. Hunt has proposed a new child health insurance plan for the working, low income families. Do you think it will work?

This could be looked upon as preventative maintenance and good for public health — the more we live closer together, the more opportunity for outbreaks of diseases. It's the concerns Clinton raised in his health care package that we are trying to achieve. One thing I don't support is the Republican plan for health care; it shouldn't be a tax credit, but a gift. If Insurance Commissioner Jim Long is in charge it will work fine. If not, I think it will run the risk of becoming another bureaucracy.

What is your stance on the hog operations and your thoughts on hog waste pollution?

The city and the farmer need to come to a compromise. It's not like we're dumping hazardous waste, it's nitrogen. Simple chemistry could filter it



Robert Wheeler
House, District 9
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from the water. City and industry cause approximately 15 percent of the runoff. The rest is caused by agriculture. A sewage system should be built to filter the runoff, while an emergency resources fund is set aside and used if a problem occurs. The money needs to be there and readily available. Farmers aren't trying to pollute the environment and people aren't going to boycott bacon and pork, but we've got to provide a better balance between the two.

Do you foresee a working plan that can adequately protect the beleaguered tobacco farmer? We need to make a commitment: are we going to stand behind the farmer, or turn with the country? We need to realize that it's not the farmer that's causing the tobacco problems - they're just the suppliers of the raw material. ECU and the hospital were built by tobacco money. We owe it to him (the tobacco farmer) to stand behind him. The government makes \$22,000 on one acre of tobacco, while the farmer makes about \$1,800. That's about a 20-1 ratio. The farmer is at the mercy of the way people use his resources; it's the additives that they use to increase nicotine levels and flavors that are killing people, not tobacco.

The State Transportation budget projected a \$500 million cut for the Kinston Global Trans Park. What are your thoughts on this?

We've spent \$20 million trying to develop GTP. Now they are trying to cut us out of the picture by putting Federal Express in Greensboro. I'd like to see more research done on GTP's development. Highway 264 between Wilson and Greenville shows a lot of promise as a potential site to locate an air complex. This would form a quadrangle with Rocky Mount, Kinston, Greenville and Wilson, and absorb most of the growth. Would it benefit those who originally thought of putting it in Kinston? No. But we are talking about what will benefit the good of all.

Tobacco, infrastructure Floyd's top concern

T.K. JONES
STAFF WRITER

Emmett Floyd

Gov. Hunt has proposed a new child health insurance plan for the working, low income families. Do you think it will work?

The premise of the special session was to adopt a plan that would allow people who make more money than Medicare recipients to have their children covered, but not enough to financially afford health insurance. We have over 70,000 children who are without insurance. I'm disappointed that the session has taken five weeks and we still don't have a plan. I think Gov. Hunt has proposed a very good program and a balanced program, and I hope the house and senate will adopt some variation of it.

What is your stance on the hog operations and your thoughts on hog waste pollution?

I think we all are offended by the odor of hog operations as well as the pollution that's generated by them. We need to utilize our scientific abilities to minimize the odor that occurs as well as find ways to better treat hog waste. There's an incredible amount of water wasted - sent to lagoons or sprayed on fields. I think we have enough expertise that we can minimize the amount of waste produced and find new effective



Emmett Floyd
House, District 9
FILE PHOTO

ways of dispersment of that waste.

Do you foresee a working plan that can adequately protect the beleaguered tobacco farmer?

Pitt County is the largest flu-cured tobacco producing county in the largest flu-cured producing state in the largest country that produces flu-cured tobacco in the world. I think we have to recognize the economic importance of tobacco and find ways to help farmers offset their loss. It may mean to provide farmers with opportunities to grow more of other crops. Tobacco is an important industry to eastern North Carolina. The loss of it without some offsetting economic development would be catastrophic to this area.

The State Transportation budget projected a \$500 million cut for the Kinston Global Trans Park. What are your thoughts on this?

We have to be willing to invest in the infrastructure if we are to create GTP from the vision that it is to the reality that it might become. I was disappointed when Federal Express didn't choose to relocate in GTP. My belief is, had we had the infrastructure - the roads and runway extensions - in place they would have chosen us. I think a loss of that particular project, along with these additional funds, is causing a serious question of the continued future of GTP. I don't see how it can continue to survive without any major tenants or improvements in access to highways.

In light of several scandals on the Board of Transportation, such as members resigning because of suspected illegal influence, should a different way of selecting board members be considered?

The people who are appointed are appointed from districts. They are expected historically to look after people in their district and that's the system we have today. It makes a lot more sense in terms of the suggestions that have been circulated to minimize the size of the board, as well as have other points of view and other areas of expertise.

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Republican plan creates fairness, credits

T.K. JONES
STAFF WRITER

Marvin "Henry" Aldridge

Gov. Hunt has proposed a new child health insurance plan for the working, low income families. Do you think it will work?

First let me say, we all support providing healthcare for children. In fact, House Republicans have a better plan that reflects fairness, accountability and personal responsibility. We must be fair. The Administration's plan just creates another group of government dependent people. We must be careful that we do not substitute personal responsibility with new government programs. Our plan is centered around fairness. It is fair to the uninsured children we are trying to help and it is fair to hardworking North Carolinians who are already providing health insurance for their children. Our plan has tax credits; the Administration's plan doesn't.

What is your stance on the hog operations and your thoughts on hog waste pollution?



Henry Aldridge
House, District 9
FILE PHOTO

Hog pollution is a problem. We must make certain that we distinguish between farmers that abide by the law and those that pollute. I always believe that government should stay out of the way until there is a problem, and I believe we have reached that level. Government should help solve the problem, not create the problem. We should limit growth of these hog factories that produce more waste than can be properly handled. At the same time, we should not burden the small hog operator who is working hard to raise a family and make a living.

Do you foresee a working plan that can adequately protect the beleaguered tobacco farmer?

Tobacco has helped build eastern North Carolina. Even though it is a federal issue, I will do all I can to fight for the tobacco farmer. We cannot allow the tobacco farmer to join the extinct species list.

The State Transportation budget projected a \$500 million cut for the Kinston Global Trans Park. What are your thoughts on this?

That figure seems mighty high. I continue to support the Global Trans Park and hope that one day in the near future, eastern North Carolina will begin to reap the benefits.

In light of several scandals on the Board of Transportation, such as members resigning because of suspected illegal influence, should a different way of selecting board members be considered?

There are many proposals being floated around. I believe we may want to reduce the board a little - currently there are 26 members - and have General Assembly confirmation. The current system works pretty well. The bottom line is the governor appointed a few questionable people and they made bad decisions. I don't favor dismantling the board and turning over all the power to the bureaucrats. Pitt County deserves a seat at the table.

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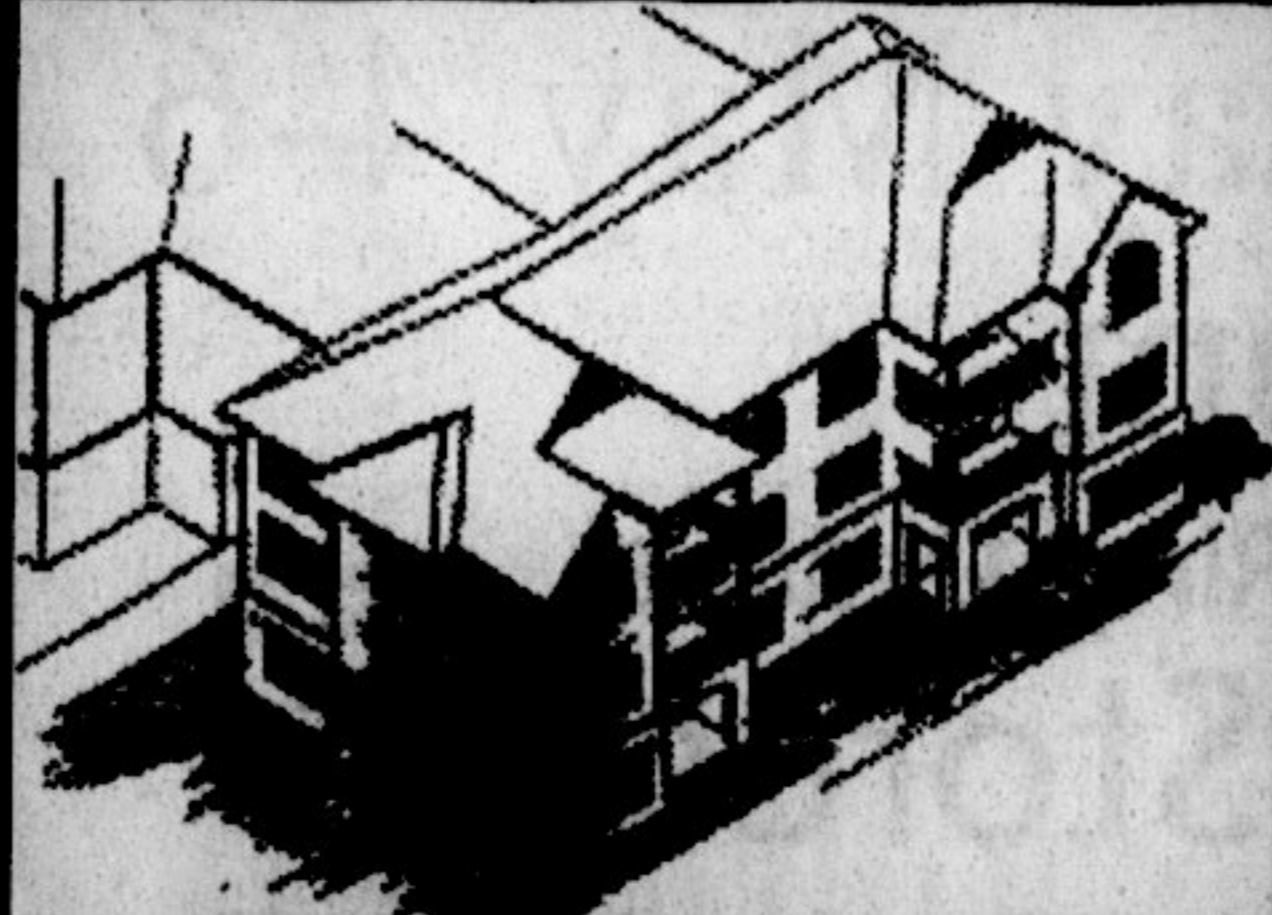
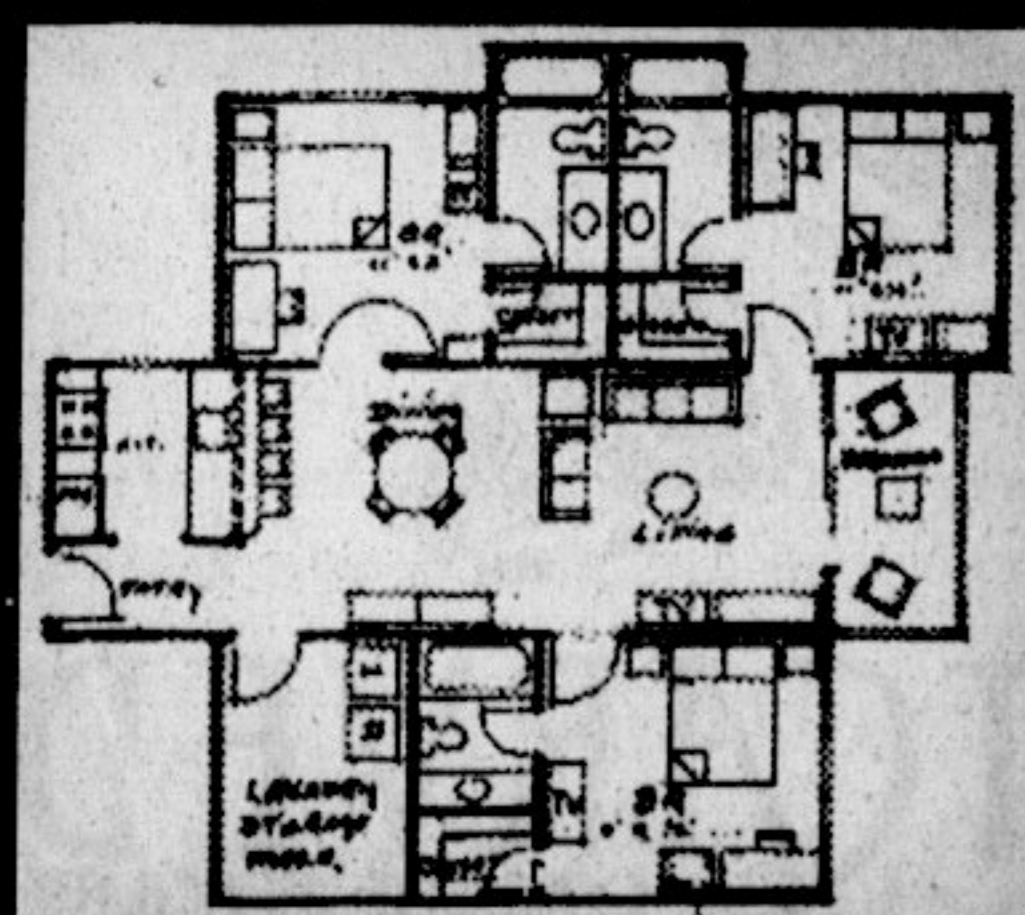
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hellenic adviser, organizations spend their money on the necessities throughout the year. Panhellenic is planning to spend their money on rush, educational speakers and office supplies.

Camping

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said. Eighteen volunteers and 12 participants went to the Croatan National Forest to enjoy a weekend of bird watching, volleyball, adaptive kayaking and adaptive canoeing.

"We used a foam type of material to adapt the canoes and kayaks for each person's needs," Gray said.

Gray said all of the activities were open throughout the entire weekend; there wasn't a set itinerary.

"This weekend is for the participants," Gray said. "They get to decide what they want to do and when they want to do it."

Before the plans took effect, the Recreation and Leisure Studies Student Society held fund raisers for the trip.

"We contacted local businesses asking for monetary donations and miscellaneous camping material," Gray said.

The Pre-professional Health Alliance is planning to send representatives to national conferences.

"I was really happy with appropriations, this is the first semester in a long time that the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) has asked for this much money," said Micah Retzlaff, IFC President. "We are going to use it to implement new programming ideas in the fall, for not only the Greek system but the entire student population as a whole."

Many people participated to make the camping trip happen. Sunrise Medical, The Upper Crust Bakery, Andy's Cheese Steaks & Cheeseburgers and Lowes all donated supplies or money. The Adventure Program, which is run through the Student Recreation Center, also provided some supplies.

"The Adventure Program donated several tents, sleeping bags, two kayaks, three canoes and other camping supplies," Gray said.

Gray said she found this opportunity very beneficial and a great addition to what she is learning in her major.

"Having the hands-on experience working with the people complements what we learn in class," Gray said. "It gives me the chance to demonstrate the knowledge that I learn in class."

"When Candace mentioned it, it sounded as if it would be fun," said Sheri Smith, a therapeutic recreation major and vice president of the Recreation and Leisure Studies Student Society. "I really wanted to get involved."



Candace Gray FILE PHOTO

AIDS

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While there have been several breakthroughs in medication for AIDS, the biggest area for advancement has been prevention.

"The biggest weapon in prevention has been education," Elmore said.

Elmore also pointed out that transmission of the virus among the homosexual population has declined, while the rate of transmission among heterosexuals has increased.

"There is a 28 percent increase among males and a 23 percent increase among females," Elmore said. "Of the new cases reported, 25 percent have been those 21 and younger and 50 percent have been those 25 and younger."

AIDS is the leading cause of death for Americans age 25-44.

Many of the people in this age group contracted the virus while in

college. It takes the body five to 12 weeks and sometimes longer to develop HIV antibodies. This "window" allows for the virus to be spread without knowledge.

HIV can be spread through unprotected vaginal, anal and oral sex, sharing needles and childbirth. Symptoms of the virus include: fatigue, excess weight loss, fever and night sweats, frequent diarrhea, white spots in the mouth, swollen glands, dry cough and skin blotches. Women may have additional symptoms of chronic vaginal yeast infections and persistent PID (pelvic inflammatory disease).

If a person feels he or she is at risk, then he or she needs to get tested. Early detection allows for sooner treatment. HIV testing is available at the Pitt County Health Department located at 201 Government Circle.

While there is no cure for AIDS, there are many medicines that slow the infection process.

"I don't think we'll ever see a cure," Elmore said. "Hopefully we'll have a vaccine in a few years. That's the best we can hope for."

Rally

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The organization is requesting three bins on college hill, central campus and west campus.

"I would like to recycle and keep the environment green, but since there are no bins or services available, it seems impossible," said George Becerra, ECU student. "I think the bike rally is a great place to learn more about the environ-

ment and how to help it."

According to Dove, one of the biggest problems with our rivers is pollution. The pollution is mainly caused by hog waste and the nitrogen it causes. More than 80 percent of the nitrogen produced by hogs goes into the environment, which can upset the natural balance. To prevent this from happening, the hog waste can be used as an organic fertilizer instead of the inorganic fertilizer that is used today.

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Our View

People around the world last week held a demonstration to call attention to a place we often forget about: Earth — you know, your home. Earth Day, began in 1970 by Gaylord Nelson, has achieved its original intention of raised awareness about environmental concerns, and it has let the political establishment know that something had to be done to control environmental problems. All the problems, of course, have not been remedied, but the grassroots efforts of Earth Day organizers have been tremendously beneficial.

Earth Day, however, is not just about pointing out what's wrong with Earth. It's about recognizing what's right. Greenville, your temporary home on earth, has a lot that's right. This time of year, particularly, we can soak in the Emerald City's offerings and observe what is indeed right.

Greenville has more to offer than the well-groomed greens of golf courses or the manicured shrubs of shopping malls. The Town Common off of First Street is close to campus and offers plenty of room to do whatever you want to do. You can throw Frisbees or footballs; you can walk along the edge and look out the Tar River or you can just lie on the grass, relaxing and staring up at the sky.

The Greenway is another place to get away for a while from traffic and smoky downtown bars. It can be accessed from the commuter parking lot off of Tenth Street. It's a place where walkers and runners can go and observe the beauty of nature, instead of smoke from an old pickup truck.

Especially after exams, you may want a place where you can relax. Maybe getting tanked downtown isn't what you had in mind. Hop on your bike or in your car and ride out to the country sometime. Greenville's got a lot of it. The open country is a perfect place to reclaim the solitude you often lose on campus.

There are plenty of other places around town where you can be a part of what Earth Day celebrates. Like any relationship, however, you have to respect and take care of it. Earth does its part for you. It provides endless opportunities for wonder and pleasure. It's up to you to be a good partner - year round.

LETTER to the editor

Candidate responds to column

On Thursday, April 10, Jeff Bergman wrote an editorial criticizing me — Ed Carter, former mayor of Greenville — for the city's handling of the Halloween riots during my tenure as mayor. I would like to personally thank Bergman for the column. Although it contained many misstatements of the facts, it did give me due credit for riding East Carolina and the city of Greenville of a problem that had been a menace to the community for many years prior to my administration.

People from various parts of the United States were coming to Greenville on Halloween to enjoy a few dissident student in attacking law enforcement personnel and innocent citizens. Being an effective mayor and leader, I duly informed all troublemakers that, for the first time, decisive action would

be taken to deal with this idiotic behavior. As a result of the action taken under my leadership in 1988, a number of persons were arrested and no such problems have existed since this incident. Civic and student leaders are now able to proactively circumvent problems relating to the Halloween celebration. This is due solely to the effective and decisive handling of the 1988 incident.

I will not dignify Bergman's many outrageous allegations, but the allegation that I have a problem with college students exemplifies just how far Bergman went in an attempt to be sensational. I am the only candidate running for the 6th District Senate seat who has been a college student. The incumbent, Bob Martin, who he supports, has not attended college, nor does he possess a college degree; neither

does the Republican opponent, Henry Williams.

ECU, North Carolina's third largest university, ranks 13th out of the 16 UNC campuses in terms of the N.C. General Assembly's appropriations per student. North Carolina's teacher pay is at the bottom 10 percent in the nation; thousands of jobs are lost in our district each year; my opponent has been in elected office for 46 years; and the General Assembly has experienced budget surpluses during the past six years — none of these problems were addressed. I contend it is not only time for a change, but that Bergman, his colleagues and friends should start now in supporting my candidacy so as to ensure that I am sent to Raleigh.

Ed Carter
Candidate, N.C. Senate

OPINION Columnist

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Politics touches everyone's life



Politics is not just about Republicans, Democrats, elections, etc. The realm of politics dictates almost every facet of life.

Politics. This word, to many college students incites a yawn or apathetic glare. It really seems that the general populace is very ignorant of politics and policy issues — and what is worse — no one seems to care. This is a definite problem. It may not seem like a crisis, but in

fact, an unaware public is one of the chief ills of our society today.

Politics is not just about Republicans, Democrats, elections, etc. The realm of politics dictates almost every facet of life. People who feel that politics is beneath them or that it is not relevant to their lives are truly disillusioned souls.

Since everything we do is touched by politics in some way, shape, or form, it is the individual's responsibility as a voter and as a citizen to get to get clued in to what is going on. That does not mean you have to read *The Wall Street Journal* everyday; it means at least know the names of our state's two senators and have some idea of their political views.

Political Science (POLS 1010) should be a specific requirement for the general college curriculum. I think if the state deems it essential to take Math 1065 and a science lab for graduation, surely passing a general course in government should be necessary (and would

not be the unmitigated hell of the former two classes — no offense to my lab and math teachers). When you have your diploma and you hit the pavement, a basic knowledge of governmental structure will be of enormous use. Even if you don't graduate and end up selling drugs to the people that did (just kidding), sooner or later politics (and maybe a comprehensive legal knowledge) will become a great asset in your life.

Admittedly, "public apathy" does lately seem to be the worn out phrase of the day and its undertones are a tad bit preachy, but that is because it is so important. The benefits of political knowledge (or the disadvantages in the lack thereof) cannot be fully and thoroughly realized until some effort is made to be in-the-know. Contrary to the popular belief around here, being a meat head will not lead to a very fulfilling life. So make a little effort—read the paper, watch the news, take POLS 1010 — anything. Do something.



dueling columnists

Should Fifth Street be divided to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?



Amy L.
Royster:

NO



William
Stacey
Cochran:

YES

This is a no-lose situation for a good rhetorician. You can claim that you're supporting MLK while subtly slighting this achievement to honor him at the same time — just say more should be done than changing a section of Fifth Street. Just discredit this accomplishment by claiming that the naming of a section of Fifth Street after MLK isolates the black community living in that area. The problem is that line of argument is subtly racist (even arguably so).

"Racism comes in an infinite number of shades — from outright hatred to subtle pickings by newspaper reporters. This latest issue has uncovered sentiments that (to be perfectly honest) I'm not surprised exist, but which I can't help frowning upon. And no matter how I write this, you will have the comfort of dismissing what I say as either self-righteous or scoffing at it indifferently, saying I'm simply misguided or wrong.

But the fact of the matter is 2,000 Greenville residents, most of whom were black, signed a petition which precipitated town council's decision to change the section of East Fifth Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

On January 18 several hundred black residents gathered in frigid and icy conditions to walk along the section of Fifth Street that is to be changed. Two white people were there.

Reporters have slightly referred to the change as a "crusade," and have said the "white community ... stood tall and helped support the issue." Yes, two white people showed up at the original march.

People have said that more should be done, that just changing one section of a street isn't enough, that it will further isolate the black community that comprises the majority of residents along that section of Fifth Street. People have said that changing the Town Common's name would be a more fitting honor for Martin Luther King Jr. People have given dozens of legitimate reasons why changing a small section of East Fifth Street is not appropriate or right. Unfortunately, most of those people are white, and they simply don't want to applaud this achievement.

The black community proudly supports the change, and yes, would certainly like to see more done to honor the civil rights leader. And hopefully with the support of the "white community" which "stood tall" more will be done. This is the first step Greenville has taken to honor King and hopefully more will follow.

In a city that honors its confederate dead with a statue that gazes nobly and oh so judiciously down from our courthouse, I'm surprised even a section of Fifth Street was changed. Maybe all of us who feel that changing a section of Fifth Street isn't enough will support the black community in the next endeavor to honor their leaders and remember their heritage. We're all in this together.

But don't knock this first change with rationalized legitimacy. Honoring MLK is a good thing. It's good. Let's quit bickering and finding reasons why it's not appropriate and applaud this achievement. Let's not overshadow the accomplishment by finding reasons why this change is inappropriate, why it will cause hassles, why it shouldn't be done because it isn't enough of a memorial, why there's better places to honor MLK — let's stop bickering about it and simply say thank you, MLK, for making our world a better place to live in today. We're all in this together, so let's show it.

It astonishes me that anyone feels it is a fitting tribute to divide a street in half (a division which happens to fall on racial lines) and give only a portion of it in honor of a man who gave his life for racial equality and desegregation.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was murdered because he promoted racial equality through non-violent means. He was murdered because a non-tolerant assassin wanted to quiet his words of peace. He was murdered because he had attracted an international following of thousands who took comfort in his words and turned toward him for leadership. King was not a black hero. He was a hero for everyone. He was a hero for the black population, who were segregated and given second class rights, as well as a hero for white who wanted segregation and racism eliminated. His words set a precedence for peaceful yet persistent change for other groups of people in this country around the world. Today, in Greenville, King should be a hero for people on both the black end of Fifth Street and the white end.

The fact alone that Fifth Street itself is so polarized is a testament that the societal issues which King addressed more than 30 years ago still persist. The government may not support segregation any longer but people still make conscious decisions about who to live and who to associate with on the basis of race. I went to high school in Greenville and I have a fond affection for the people of this town outside of the campus community. However, I also know first hand that racism is very much alive. It's amazing what some people will say when they are in a group of all white or all black people. Some people mistakenly assume that if they are in the company of all whites no one will particularly object if they make racist comments like, "the bad end of Fifth Street" or "across the rail road tracks."

Fifth Street, like many other streets and residential areas of cities across the country, is divided. Perhaps, this is why other cities have named large boulevards and thoroughfares after King. It seems unfitting somehow to divide a street or to select a portion of a street which is associated, however unfortunately, with any specific population.

A mother stood up at the city council meeting and said she had tried to explain to her young daughter what King stood for and why he was an important man, worthy of the honor of having a street named after him. After the mother explained to her daughter about King's life and the civil rights movement, the daughter turned to her mother and asked her why he only got half a street. As the daughter grows older and hears racist remarks about areas like West Fifth Street and learns that many people still keep very close social circles, she will know why the street was divided. College aged students don't often think past graduation and career, but the day is coming when we too will have a child born into this world pure, without any knowledge of racist attitudes or traditions. Citizens of Greenville, including ECU's students, have a responsibility not to carry forward the racist divisions which exist today. We have an obligation to broaden our social circles and object to racist remarks, especially when they're made inside the quiet walls of a homogeneous group.

I think King would have wanted a street, any street, named for him which ran past a house filled with white people, a house filled with black people, a house filled with both white and black people, government buildings, a public university, a private Catholic school, black-owned businesses and white-owned businesses. King does not deserve a street named in his honor simply because every other city already has one or because it is an easy political decision to make. Driving down the road and seeing the sign labeled Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Drive will never remind me of the tremendous contributions of a great leader or of how the civil rights movement effects me today. Instead, it will always remind me of how divided my town is and of how far we all still have to go.

Write a letter to the Editor!

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The East Carolinian

Thursday, April 30, 1998

Lake Trip USA

THE FINALE OF THIS COLLEGE EXPERIENCE PROVOKES THE QUESTION: WHAT THE HECK DID IT ALL MEAN?

WE HAD THE EXPERIENCE, BUT MINIMIZED THE MEANING!

OH STOP IT ALREADY!

T.S. ELIOT! I QUOTED HIM! I'M AWESOME!

WE KEEP OUR HEADS ABOVE THE WATER WE KNOW THAT SOMEDAY WE WILL FLY AWAY WITH ALL THE WONDER OF BIRDS. - THE INNOCENCE MISSION

Clive, Moe, Malory, Murphy

Seventeen Days in May Rich Cornwell

This week's strip is entitled: "Learn From Rich"

With only two strips left I felt it was my moral obligation to impart some of the wisdom I have accumulated over my past 5 years at ECU. This week I'm listing 5 Do's and Don'ts for all ECU students that should be clipped out and placed somewhere visible for future reference. No, there aren't any creepy drawings this week and technically this probably isn't even a comic strip, but follow Do's and Don'ts and you can slip by with out-par work.

5 things ECU students MUST Do:

- 1) Eat at Vendors and be sure to clean your plate because they keep a shotgun behind the counter.
- 2) Save your Papa John's boxes and impress your friends when the stack reaches the ceiling.
- 3) When living in the dorms, penny-lock your friends into their rooms. If you don't know the technique give me a call.
- 4) Change majors at least twice and make ECU the best 5 or 6 years of your life.
- 5) Room with people who hold powerful positions with the newspaper so you can snake your way in, even with no talent!

5 things to Don't do:

- 1) Don't ever take more than 15 hrs of classes, any more than that will begin to interfere with what you really came to ECU for.
- 2) Don't drink so much Bacardi 151 that you pass out in a dorm shower for approximately \$10 worth of just too much damn water.
- 3) Don't fill up a garbage can with water during an intense dorm floor water fight; that's just too much damn water.
- 4) Don't be that one guy who goes to Parker's Barbecue and doesn't want to get family style. You will be asked to move and sit by yourself at another table.
- 5) No matter how good of an idea it sounds like at the time, DON'T get PEE-DEE the Pirde holding a beer tattooed on your arm, trust me.

Hi, I'm Rich the co-creator and artist for 17 Days. This week's installment will be the last and I'd like to use this space to thank a few people. Thanks to Jason for coming up with the basic idea and being too lazy to do anything about it. Thanks to Andy for his advice and knowledge especially in the beginning. And thanks to Murphy for giving my stuff a chance. Special thanks to all the readers who offered encouragement, especially when I wondered if anybody actually read the comics page. To all those I have insulted or offended I'd also like to say thanks because what's life if you can't piss off a few people from time to time.

I guess this is the time when I tell you what happens in the future with my characters, but since I don't really have any characters I'll just tell you what happens to me. I team up with 3 of the most powerful men in all of the world: O.J. Simpson, Louis Farrakhan and Don King. We go around fighting crime and solving mysteries I imagine O.J.'s shock when he discovers the real murderer was a Heisman Trophy winner at USC who later went on to have a 2,000 yard season for the Buffalo Bills!

Everyday Life By Mike Litwin

EVERYDAY LIFE

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TWENTY YEARS... TOO OLD TO BE A KID, TOO YOUNG TO BE AN ADULT... I FEEL LIKE I'VE MISSED OUT ON SO MUCH AS A TEENAGER. I'VE NEVER PLAYED ON A TEAM, NEVER GOTTEN DRUNK, HALF THE PEOPLE I GRADUATED WITH ARE ENGAGED AND I'M STILL TRYING TO FIND GIRLFRIEND NUMBER TWO... I MUST BE ABNORMAL...

WHOA! IT'S JESUS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, DUDE!

BEHOLD MY GLORY!... POOF!

I'VE COME TO CONSOLE YOU IN YOUR TIME OF ANGUISH.

UN... JESUS! WHY ARE YOU WEARING RAUNDEL? DON'T THEY HAVE SOME KIND OF DRESS CODE IN HEAVEN?

MICHEL, YOU SHOULDN'T FOCUS SO MUCH ON THE NEGATIVE PART OF YOUR BIRTHDAY... YOU'RE ONLY AS OLD AS YOU FEEL. THE WHOLE WORLD IS OUT THERE FOR YOU! IT COULD BE AWESOME... AT LEAST YOUR BIRTHDAY ISN'T ON A HOLIDAY.

BOTTOM LINE IS, IF YOU DON'T QUIT YOUR WHINING, I'M GONNA HAVE TO SEEK SOME RETRIBUTION ON YOUR ASS. YOU DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'VE HAD TO ROCK AROUND FOR ALL ETERNITY. JUST SHUT UP AND ENJOY YOUR LIFE FOR QUICE!

I JUST GOT TOLD OFF BY JESUS...

I MUST BE GETTING A LITTLE DELIRIOUS IN MY OLD AGE...

HAI PR, I'M THE SON OF GOD. I'LL WEAR WHATEVER I FEEL LIKE.

BOTTOM LINE IT FOR ME, JESUS.

CYBER BUNNY - EPISODE 23 - GARDNER/SANTOS

NOW THAT I'M, WE MUST GO STOP THE VILLAIN WHO REALLY... UNGH KILLED ME

BUT IF WASN'T ME, THEN WHO WAS IT?

OH NO! IT'S THE GREATEST VILLAIN OF THEM ALL!... THE END OF THE SEMESTER

WHO DID KILL CYBER BUNNY?

...JOHN MURPHY?

...OR SOMEONE NEW??

FIND OUT NEXT SEMESTER ON AN ALL NEW EPISODE OF CYBER BUNNY!

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...BOB SAGET?

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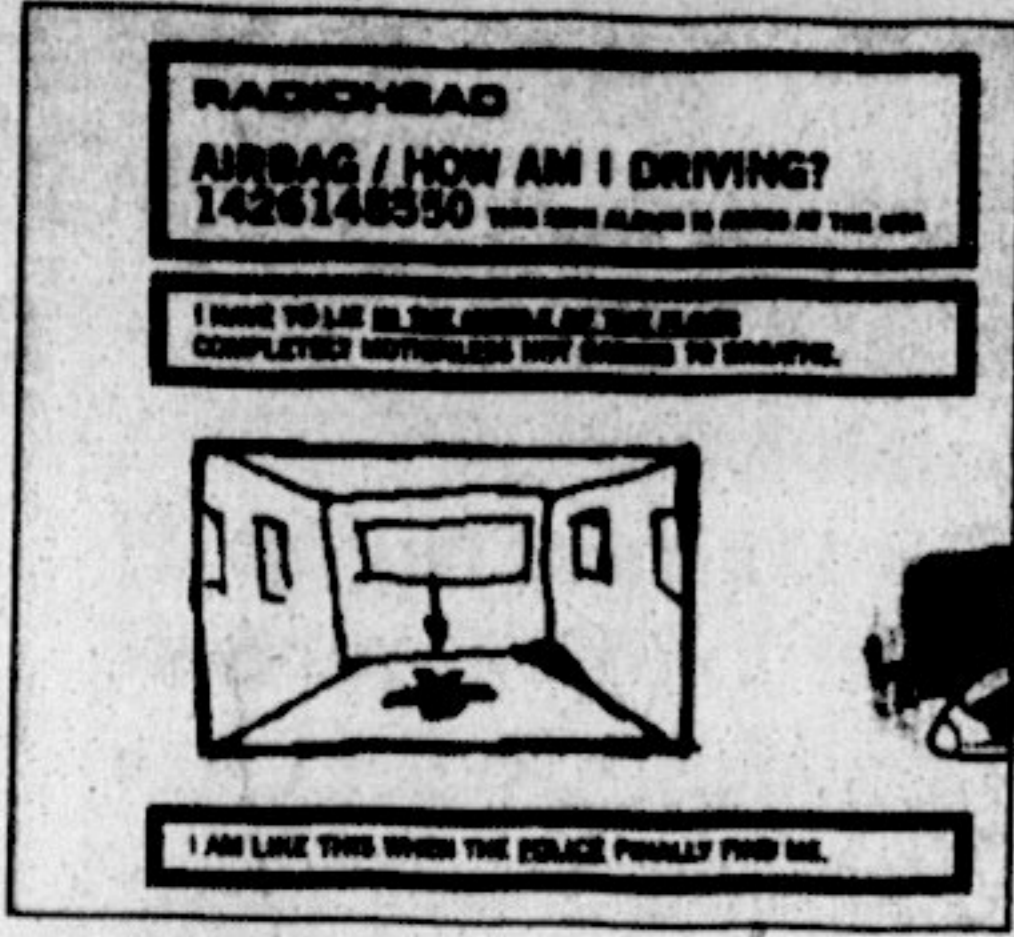
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CD reviews



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Airbag/How am I driving?

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JOHN DAVIS

ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Radiohead might not be as paranoid as their music and CD packages suggest. If they aren't, it's all right; their paranoia seems perfectly genuine and well-placed. Where Irish preach-rockers U2 have tried to poke fun at the market and technology cultures that dominate the West, Radiohead just come out and admit they're scared as hell.

This E.P. could be yet another marketing ploy by Capitol Records, since Radiohead's last album, *O.K. Computer*, transformed the band from a struggling Brit-rock group into the Pink Floyd and U2 of the '90s. Radiohead certainly act as if it's a marketing ploy, since the front cover of the E.P. declares "this mini album is aimed at the U.S.A." Like Capitol Records has a big, big weapon aimed at our great nation, and they hope to subjugate us all.

The CD package comes complete with a faux questionnaire asking bitterly ironic questions such as, "And how do you see yourself in fifty year's time?" There's a quote from the *Noam Chomsky Reader* in the back and there are random terrifying accounts of the anomic of modern technomarketing culture posted on various pages along with graphs and charts that seem to have important information.

The music is as beautifully cryptic as the packaging. One might think that b-sides and new recordings would be sub-par compared with the mystical songs of *O.K. Computer*, but quite the contrary, the stuff is gorgeous. Even the watery Eno-esque instrumental "Meeting in the Aisle" is exceptional. It brings to mind some of the more striking instrumentals on R.E.M. albums, such as "New Orleans Instrumental 1."

"Pearly" is a rip-a-hole in your brain lo-fi number that captures the rawest aspects of Radiohead. Thom Yorke's growly, whiney vocals are far from the too-beautiful-to-be-true fridge-buzz of their early '90s hit "Creep."

"A Reminder" and "Polythene (Parts 1&2)" both have stong elements of *O.K. Computer* in them. Both have the power and urgency of the songs on *O.K. Computer*. Melatonin and Palo Alto are strong rockers a la The Bends, or perhaps *O.K. Computer*'s "Electioneering."

If Radiohead keep making b-side collections this good, the only truly frightening thing will be the grandiosity of their next full-length record. Let's hope they aim that one at the U.S.A., too. I'll take a bullet for Thom Yorke any day.

Dick Nixon

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Dick Tracy

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Dick Van Dyke

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BAREFOOT ON THE MALL TODAY

Diverse lineup promises to entertain

ANDY TURNER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Break out the Icy Hot for your ass, 'cause it's liable to be sore before the sun goes down tonight. However, the soreness won't be from sitting on it. It'll be from shakin' it all around at Barefoot on the Mall as this year's lineup of bands are known to set butts to wigglin'.

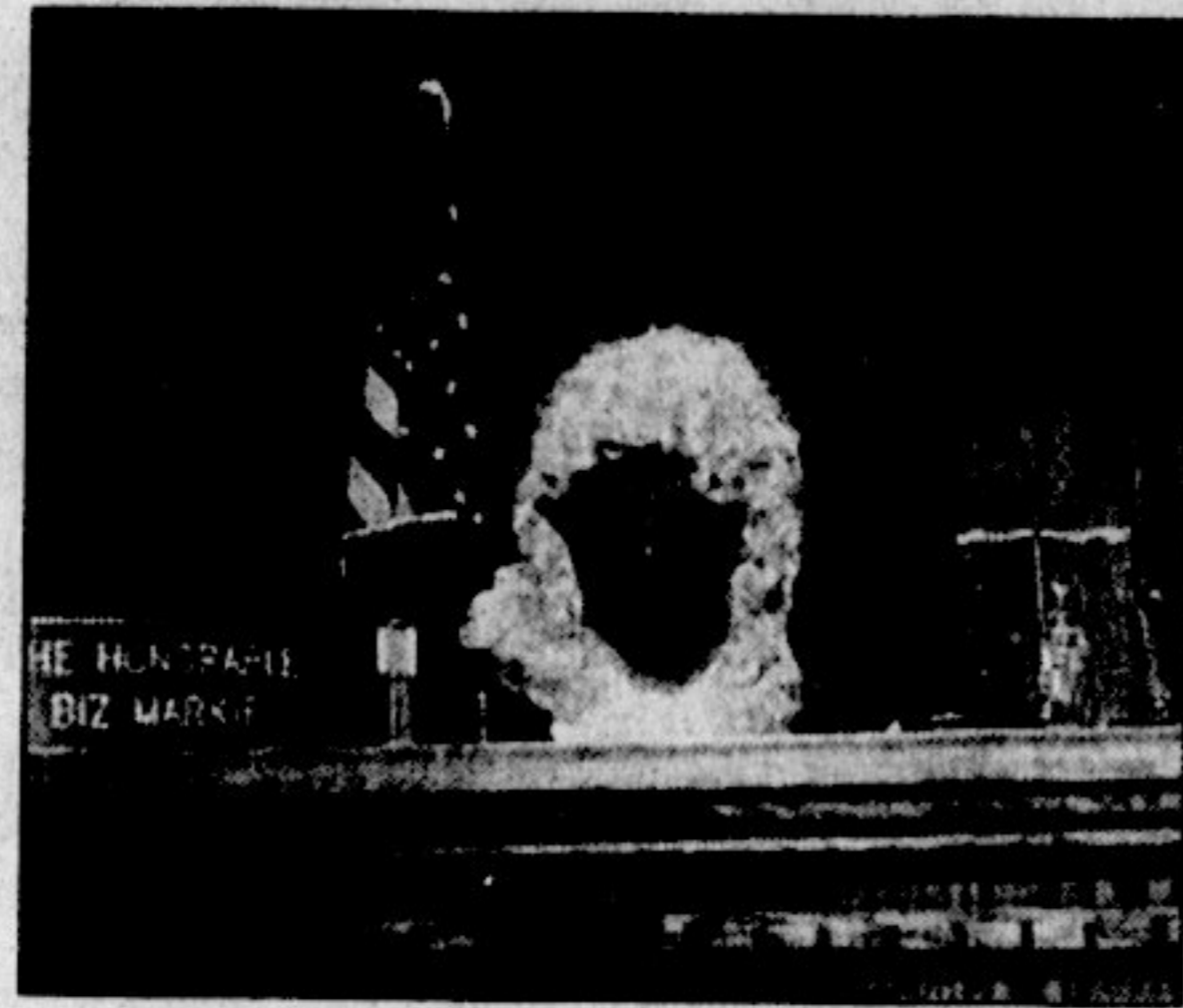
Winners of the Battle of the Bands, the Cashmere Jungle Lords are a Richmond-based band that specialize in what they call "western surf jungle rock."

The band released *Southern Barber Supply* last year, bringing them back to the Emerald

City to promote the album. The Lords had been absent from the Greenville "scene" since the days of New Deli. They've performed frequently in town since the release of the album, packing them in down at Peasant's.

While at times the Cashmere Jungle Lords can seem to be a tad too tame, they're certainly worthy openers for Barefoot and will likely put on a pleasing show.

Tame is something the Blue Rags are not. The Asheville rag and rollers wildly pay their respect to the music of the past with a frantic approach that seems to prevent feet from standing still. They're sort of like N. R. B. Q. accept a little less quirky. (The legendary Q once recorded a song with wrasslin' manager Captain Lou Albano.)



The "Diabolical" Biz Markie
PHOTO COURTESY OF BIZ MARKIE'S GOIN' OFF



The Blue Rags: (L to R) Aaron Wood, Scott Sharpe, Jacob Hollifield, Bill Reynolds & Mike Rhodes
PHOTO COURTESY OF SUB POP

The "Diabolical" Biz Markie is perhaps best known for the 1989 hit "Just a Friend," which featured Biz wailing, gloriously off-key. He's also



Southern Culture on the Skids: (L to R) Rick Miller, Mary Huff and Dave Hartman
PHOTO COURTESY OF GEFEN RECORDS

known for his earlier hits "Nobody Beats the Biz" and "The Vapors."

Biz got in a legal tangle with singer-songwriter Gilbert Sullivan over samples used for the song "Alone Again" off his 1991 album *I Need a Haircut*. The incident hurt his career and prevented the

album from being released, until recently (without "Alone Again").

Mr. Markie, a fan of old lunchboxes, old video games and old television shows, is known for live shows. What else would you expect from a man with a song called "Pickin' Boogers"?

Southern Culture on the Skids headline Barefoot. Hillbillies from Chapel Hill, S.C.O.T.S. play songs about Mexican wrestlers, chicken, red clay biscuits, banana pudding and dirt track dates.

SEE BAREFOOT, PAGE 8

Blue Rags tear through music's past

Asheville natives do it their way

ANDY TURNER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

If you've heard Muddy Waters' frantic, soul-stomping Newport Folk Festival version of "I've Got My Mojo Workin' (But It Just Won't Work On You)," then you may have an idea of what the Blue Rags sound like. Plug Muddy full of amphetamines and sit him in a New Orleans brothel circa the '20s and the Rags could have durn well been his backup band.

The Asheville natives, who are appearing at Barefoot today, released their debut album, *Rag-N-Roll*, last fall to critical acclaim. The album overflows with high-energy testaments to the power of music, all kinds of music: blues, jazz, gospel, ragtime, country. Name it, the Blue Rags do it. Through 13 songs, the dance-happy drive of the album never subsides as the band tears through spirited originals and properly covers songs from sources as diverse as Leadbelly and Ira and George Gershwin.

Gloriously raw as it is, *Rag-N-Roll* still doesn't capture the real thing, the Blue Rags live. A Blue Rags show is a sweat-stained-arm-shakin'-ass-moving throw down, guaranteed to make punks and hippies alike slap their bee-hinds against one another.

"I think it's the honest approach to what we do," explains guitarist Scott Sharpe. "That transcends the differences into raw energy. We



play any kind of music that we feel like playing. We're not confined to any style."

Perhaps oddly enough to some, the Blue Rags are on Sub Pop Records, the *maison de grunge* of the early '90s. Greg Dulli, frontman for the Afghan Whigs (formerly on Sup Pop), recommended the Blue Rags to the label. Sharpe says the Rags fit right in at Sub Pop as their raw, straight-ahead approach redefines "what punk really is."

While the Blue Rags' sound certainly has '90s sensibilities, the music it celebrates is indeed from a different era. When prodded to cite any modern influences on the band, Sharpe asks if that means they still

rather limited knowledge of music's past. "Rag-N-Roll is definitely about life in the '90s," he says. "But it's rock-n-roll mixed with their great-grandfather's music."

The Blue Rags have taken their rag-n-roll across the country, playing everywhere east of the Mississippi and making it out west for some shows, including the recent South by Southwest Festival in Austin. The band plans to go into the studio in June to record a new album in New York. Then, they will head out west again for some shows.

But for today, you get to bear witness to the spirit of the Rags. You won't be sorry.

Service sorority aims to improve community

Gamma Sig does their part for Greenville

SHANNON MEEK
SENIOR WRITER

have to be living, before citing aging (yet still ass-kicking) Mississippi bluesman R. L. Burnside and a British techno band that samples blues riffs.

The album title, *Rag-N-Roll*, is itself a bit of a parody of the band's modern "rock-n-roll" bands formed in 1952 dedicated to this idealism of service. It is a non-discriminating, non-hazing organization. The ECU Gamma Sigma Sigmas, comprised of nearly 100 sisters, have committed their efforts to bring about positive change to the community.

Albert Schweitzer once said that "there is no higher religion than human service. To work for the common good is the greatest creed."

Perhaps the motto of the Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority, "Unity In Service," best epitomizes Albert Schweitzer's ideals.

The Gamma Sigma National Service Sorority was formed in 1952 dedicated to this idealism of service. It is a non-discriminating, non-hazing organization. The ECU Gamma Sigma Sigmas, comprised of nearly 100 sisters, have committed their efforts to bring about positive change to the community.

"It's a good feeling knowing you're doing good for the community. What's rewarding is seeing the smiles on the people you help," says Terese Messick, Gamma Sigma Sigma's newly elected membership vice-president.

This past weekend Gamma Sigma Sigma participated in Relay

for life, an event benefiting cancer patients. A total of 69 girls from their chapter, coupled with 12 sisters from UNCG, camped out and raised \$3,000 over a 24 hour period of time. A member from each team has to be on the track at every hour during the day.

Pledges of Gamma Sigma Sigma are required to do at least 15 hours of service coupled with five betterment points, which include things like retreats, dinners, cocktails and formals. Sisters are required to do 20 service hours and five betterment points.

The organizations Gamma Sigma Sigma have volunteered their time to in this year alone are:



Gamma Sig members participate in Relay for Life.
PHOTO BY HEATHER BURGESS

Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics, My Sister's Closet, Project Impact, Oak Haven, Tar River, Operation Sunshine, TEDI (for battered women) and Meals on Wheels.

During the holidays the sisters pay close attention to helping the unfortunate.

On Halloween they dressed in outlandish costumes and went trick or treating at the children's ward at PCMH Hospital. During Christmas they ran a Santa booth through Pitt Volunteer Action Center. During Easter they were Bunny Helpers for the Association of Retarded Citizens.

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It's SLOW TIME

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Versus at Cat's Cradle in
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Lake Trout plays Saturday at Peasant's.
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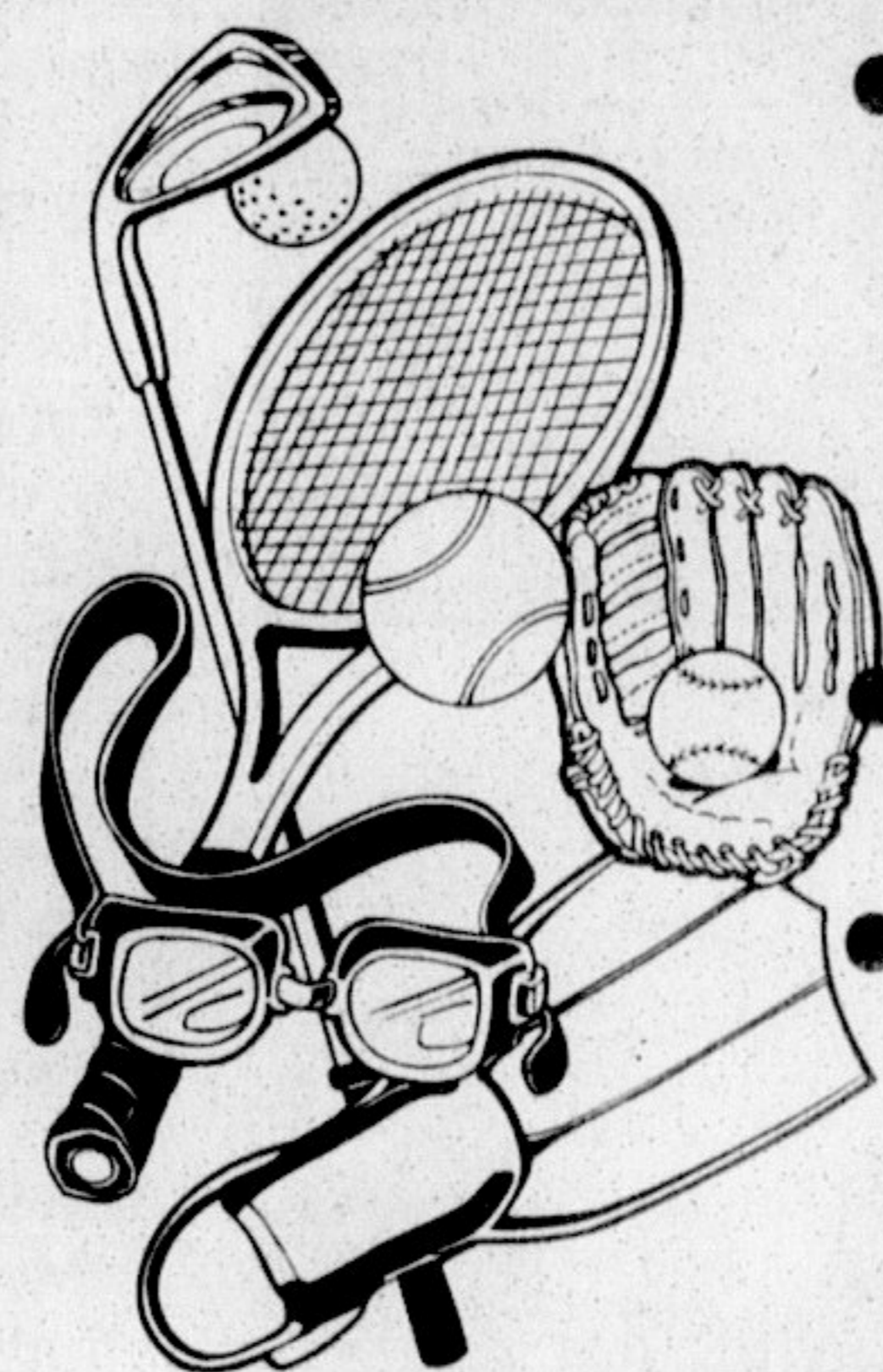
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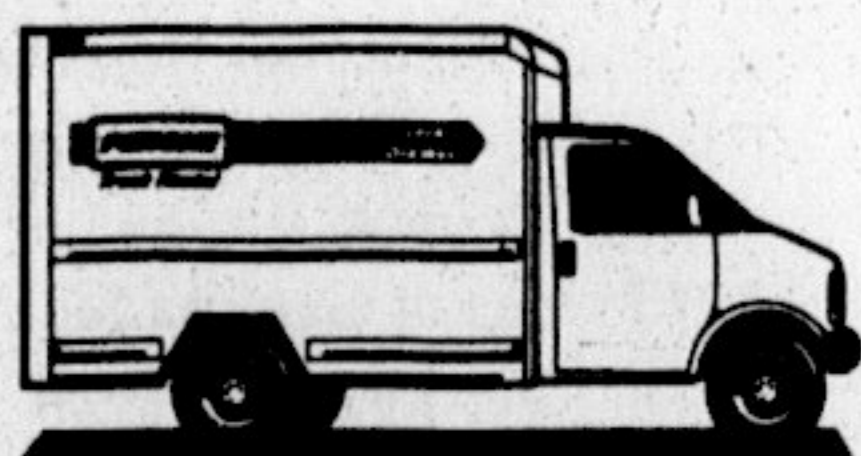
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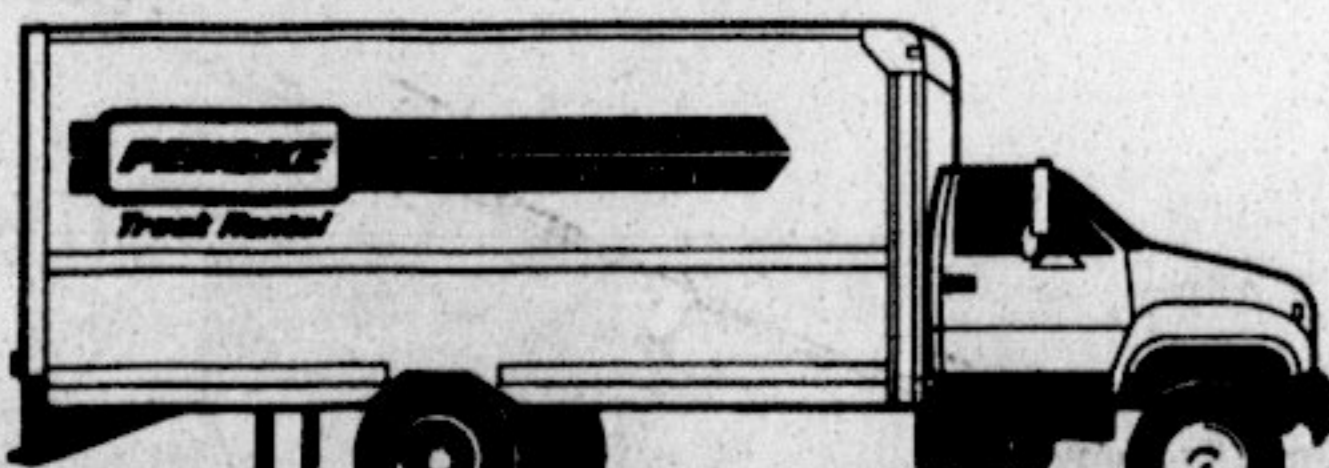
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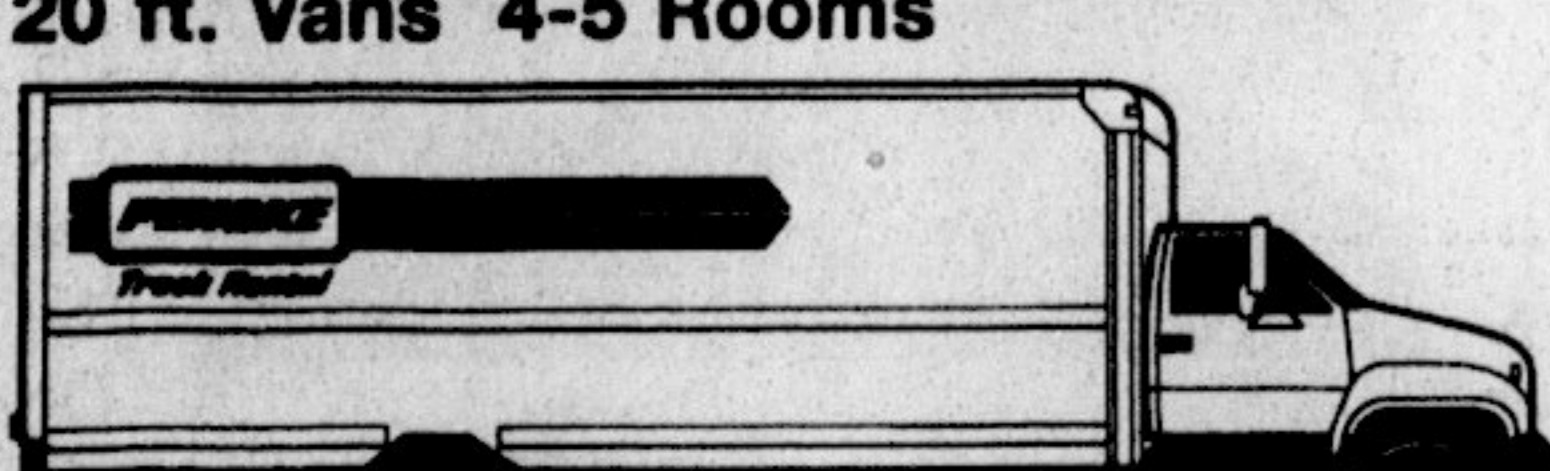
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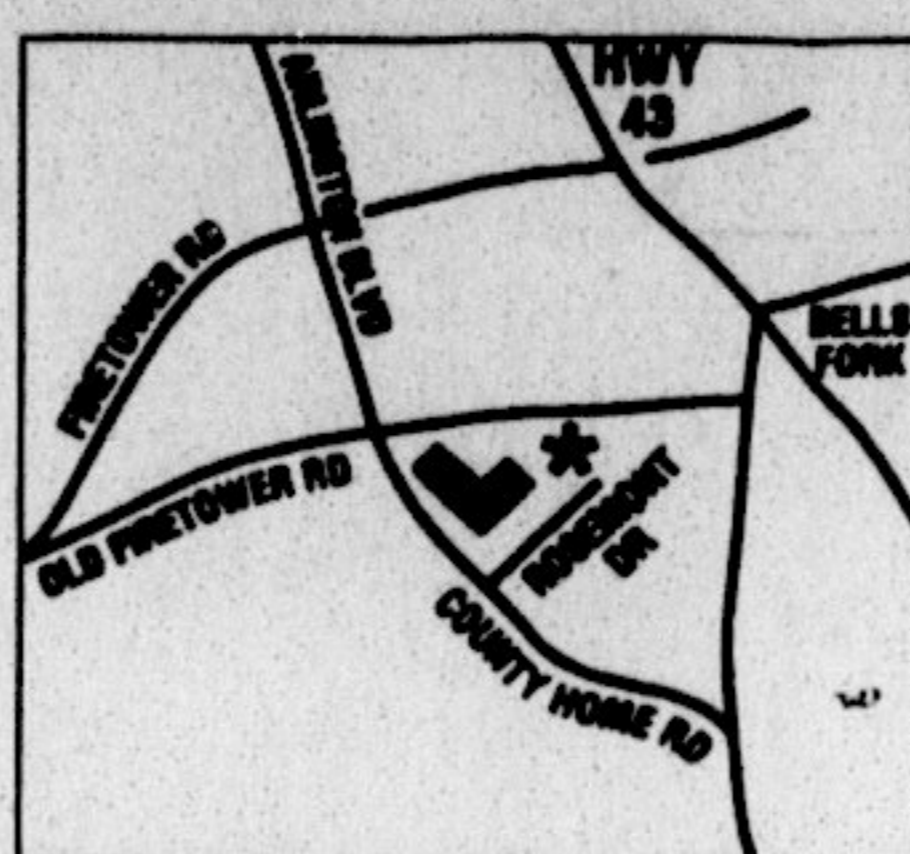
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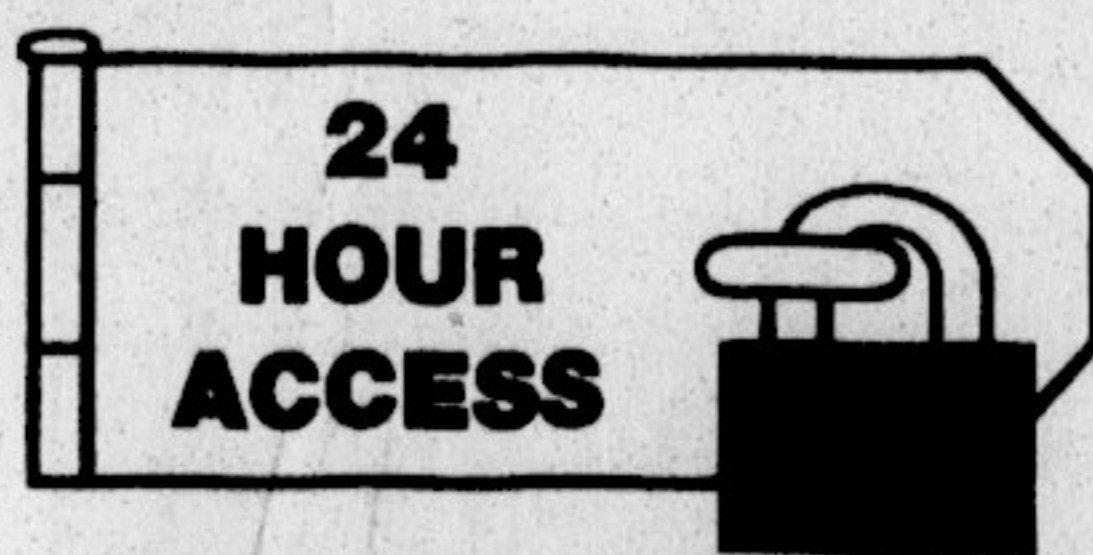
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Barefoot

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The Skids have deservedly hit the big time, going from playing at Greenville's much missed hole-in-the-wall, O'Rocks, to being signed to Geffen Records.

Prepare yourself for chicken thrown'. If you want a piece, you better stand up close. Also, that way you'll get the full effect of songs like "Daddy Was a Preacher, But Mama Was a Go-Go Girl" and "My House Has Wheels."

Barefoot is boasting one of its most interesting lineups in years, so be grateful and get out there and bump butts with the one you love (or want to).

Sorority

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Amber James, the sorority's vice president of service, said their efforts are appreciated.

"A lot of times you are the only caring person that some people come in contact with," she said. "They are always happy to see you."

With this combination of service, unity and fun, the sorority finds not only what they do helps better the community but also, that for some sisters, it helps better themselves.

"It makes you more aware of the real world and what goes on in the community ... You get to experience what is out there," James summed up.

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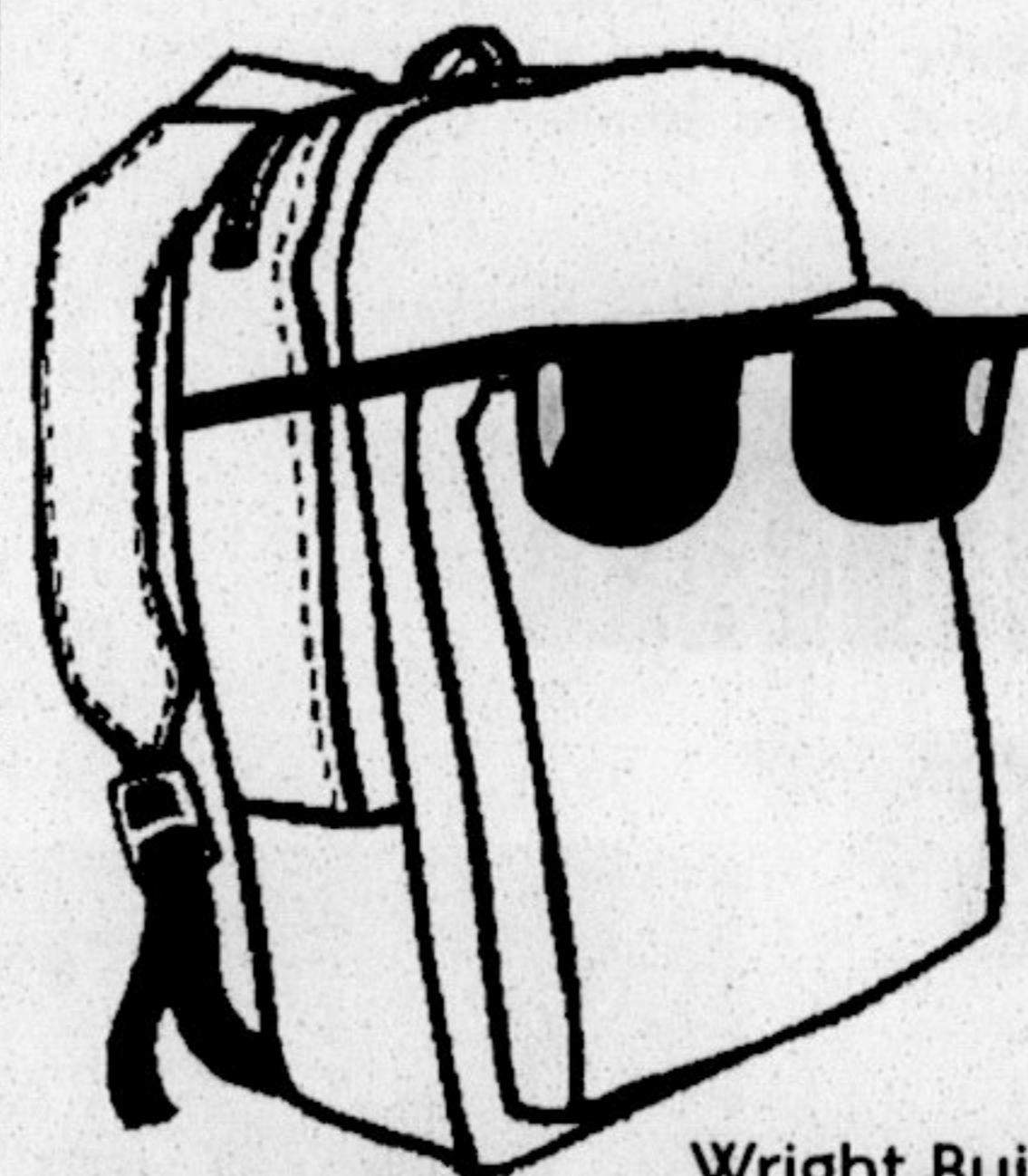


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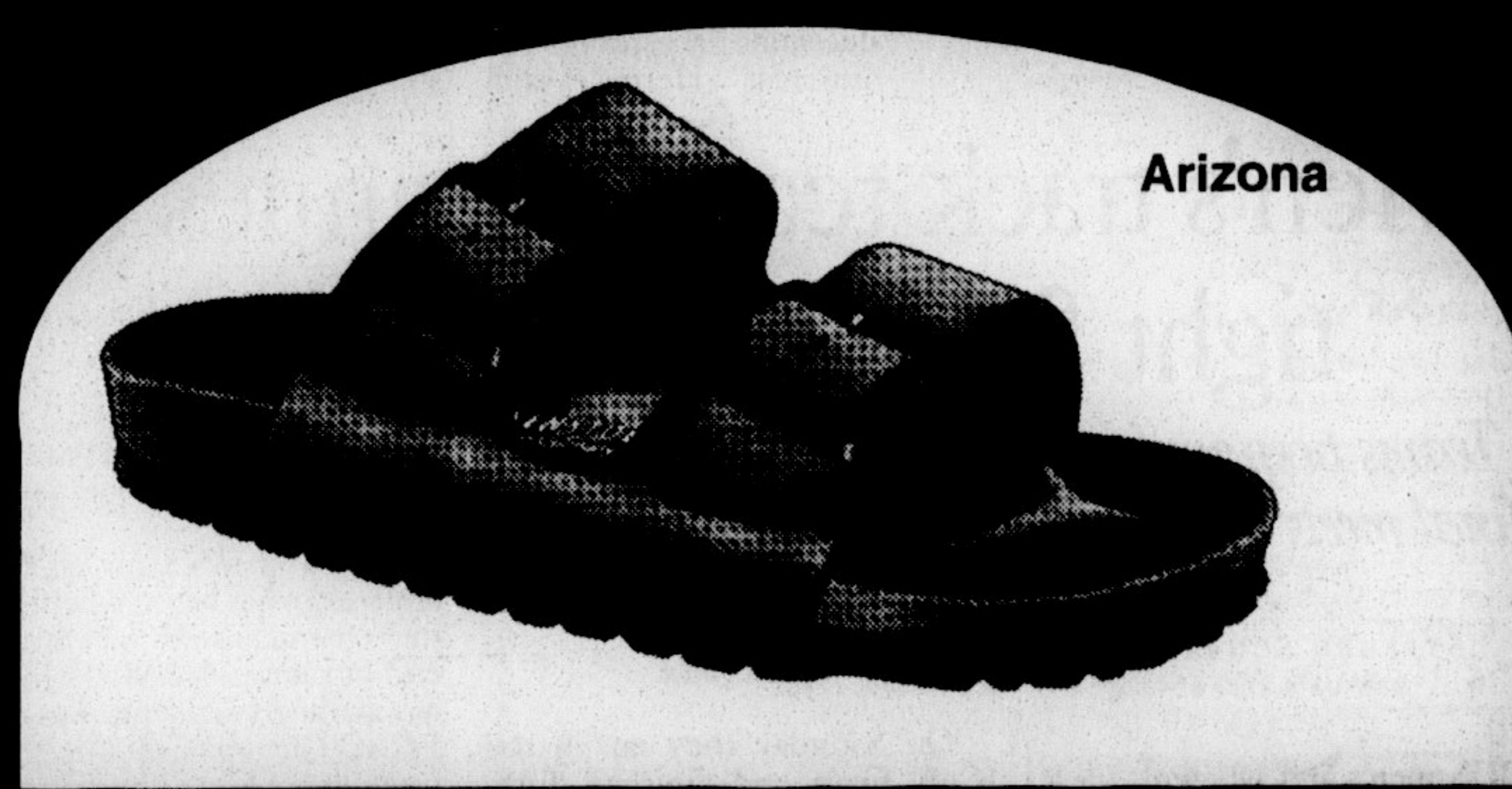
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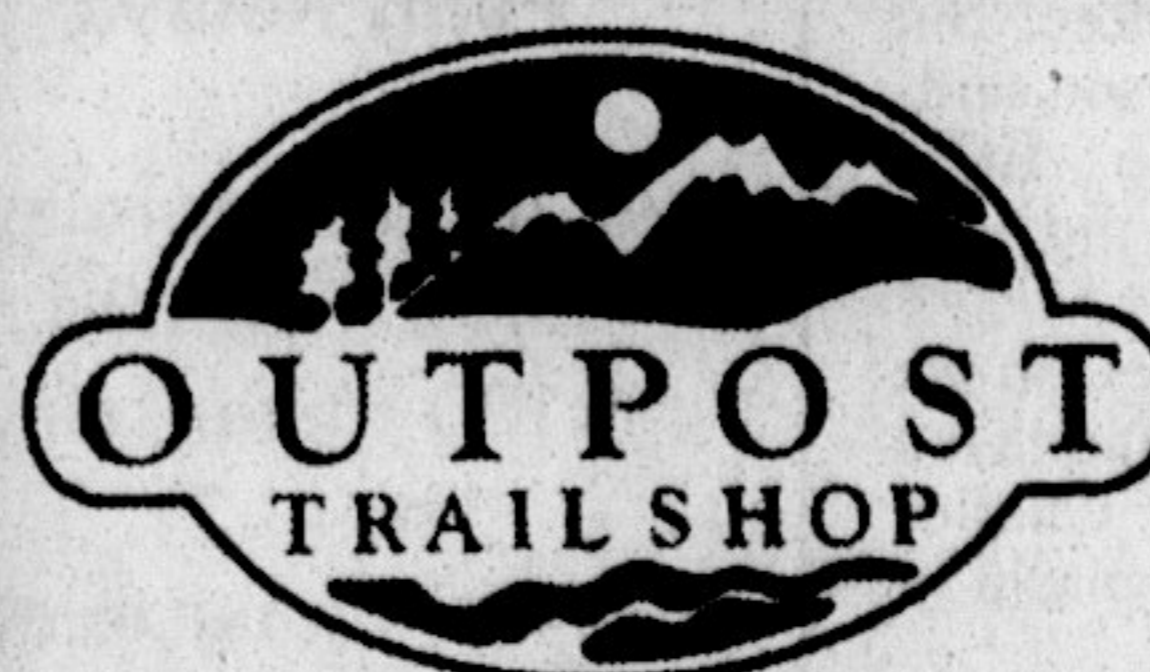
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Three coaching vacancies mean changes for 'basketball

New signees bring experience to program

TRACY M. LAUBACH
SPORTS EDITOR

Things are a-changin' in the world of Pirate basketball.

Within the past two weeks, ECU has lost women's basketball Head Coach Anne Donovan to the Philadelphia Rage, men's basketball Assistant Coach Lew Hill to Texas A&M, and announced Tuesday that men's basketball Assistant Coach Lane Odom has accepted a position with the coaching staff at UNC-Charlotte.

According to men's basketball Head Coach Joe Dooley, ECU was fortunate to have Hill and Odom for the time they were here.

"In this business, there is usually a three- or four-year period that people stay and then the time comes to move on," Dooley said. "Lew and Lane have both come across opportunities to be closer to their families and also to take on

new challenges."

Odom joined the Pirates in 1995 after five years on the coaching staff at the University of Alabama. He is a 1989 graduate of High Point University, where he played basketball for the Panthers.

The athletic department is in the process of hiring new coaches to fill the positions that are now vacant, and final decisions are expected to be made within the next few weeks.

Dooley said that his athletes are disappointed to lose these coaches but expects the necessary adjustments to run smoothly. "The guys understand that these kinds of things happen everywhere, not just here," Dooley said. "It will take some time to get used to the changes, but we will do that and move on."

Official practices for the men's basketball team will begin in October, but in the meantime, Dooley has been training his players on an individual basis. "We are allowed to have individual workouts in groups of three for two hours each week,"

Dooley said. "The guys are lifting a lot and getting ready for October."

On Tuesday, Evaldas Jocy became the fourth signee for the Pirates. Coming from Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff, Neb., Jocy is known as one of the top five junior college basketball prospects in the country. Averaging 16 points and 7.3 rebounds per game, he brings a 75 percent free throw

average along with a 40 percent average from the three-point line. Joining Jocy as first-time Pirates will be Kenyatta Brown of Brooklyn, N.Y., Brandon Hawkins of Morganton, N.C. and Tim Washington of Washington D.C.

Dooley has visited with each of the signees and is pleased with the experience they will bring to his program.

"All of the recruits are important, but the most important guys at this point are the ones that are already in our program," Dooley said. Among those returning to lead the Pirates on the court next season will be Alico Dunk, Garrett Blackwelder, Alphons van Ierland, Neil Punt and Stephen Branch.



Joe Dooley
HEAD COACH



Lane Odom, assistant men's basketball coach, announced his decision to resign on Tuesday and has accepted a position with UNCC. The ECU athletic department is in the process of finding replacements for the three coaching positions that have opened.

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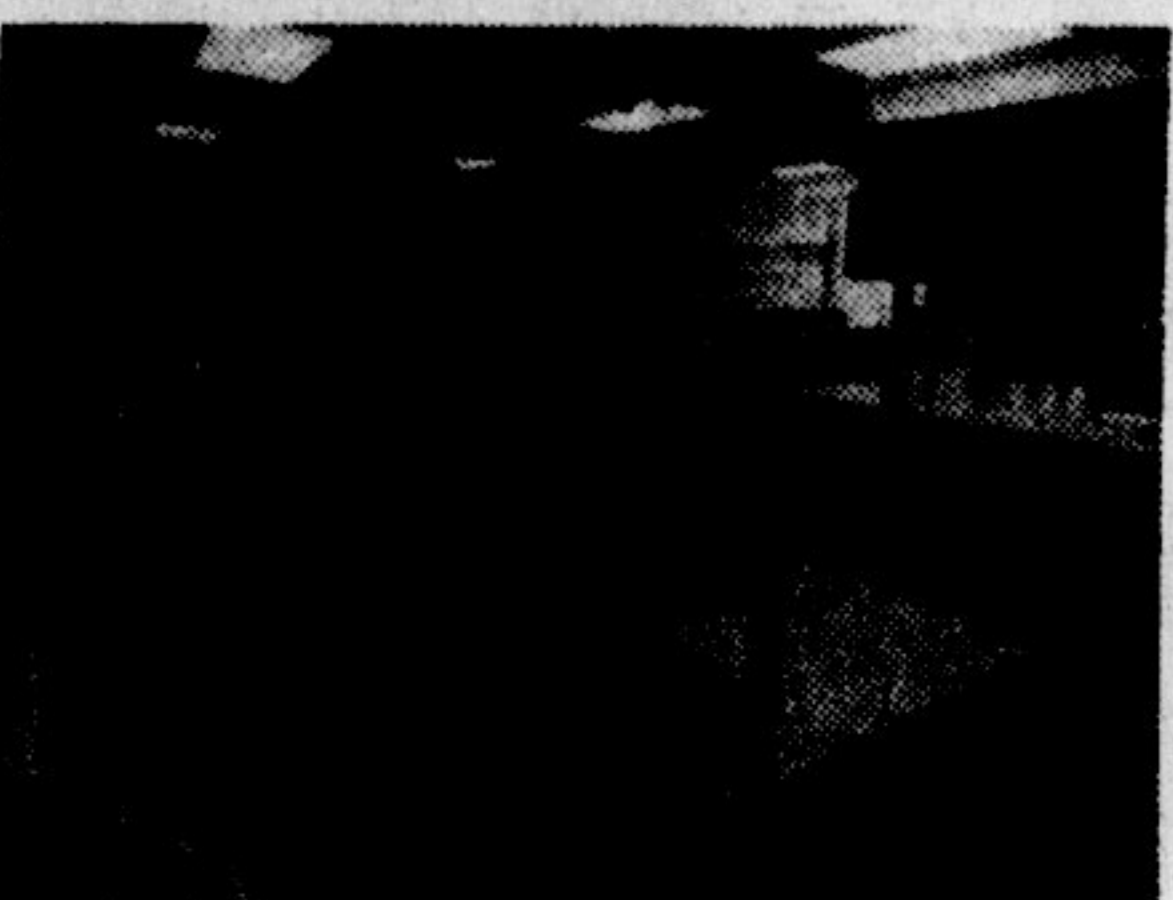
Joe Dooley
Head Basketball Coach

The Team Behind the Teams

Student trainers show commitment to ECU athletics

TRACY HAIR
STAFF WRITER

Behind every talented athlete is an athletic trainer who is as important to the athlete's performance as the athlete himself or herself. In fact, much of the athlete's performance is dependent upon the athletic trainer whose skills aid in preparing successful athletes for competition.



The Sports Medicine facilities are visited on a daily basis by athletes in need of treatment.

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Josh Herman, an ECU student athletic trainer, was recently selected as the recipient of a scholarship awarded by the National Athletic Trainer's Association (NATA). "We have to make a lot of decisions regarding the athletes," Herman said.



Athletes turn to their student trainers for both treatment to injuries and also therapy.

FILE PHOTO

don't or can't do all the things that need to be done. An athletic trainer needs to know how to handle a situation, especially one that's an emergency."

In order to be accepted into the athletic training program at ECU, which has only 32 slots at any given time, there are rigid standards to follow. Overall, a strict amount of discipline is mandatory. A student athletic trainer must juggle time for classes and the clinical aspect of the curriculum, which includes 800 hours of practical experience under a certified athletic trainer (ATC). These hours are divided among time spent with at least four different athletic teams while the student is in college.

"A lot of these hours are spent in the training room," Herman said. "Our schedule usually includes around 30 hours a week in training, and

"Our jobs range from teaching prevention of injuries and rehabilitation after surgery to counseling on the proper nutrition needed before games."

To be admitted to the sports medicine program at ECU, potential trainers must complete one year of service to the program. As these students commit themselves to athletes and their injuries the competition is tough, as only a limited number of trainers can be accepted into the program.

"I think the competitiveness is a good thing," Herman said. "We're put in an important position to help athletes, so there needs to be a way to weed out those who

we have to balance this with our classes. And while we're training with athletes, we may be told to leave practice and come back in a couple of hours just like the rest of the team."

According to Dr. Katie Walsh, ATC and director of the sports medicine and athletic training program of ECU, time management is the most necessary skill for anyone interested in this field.

"They must absolutely be self-motivated," Walsh said. "All of our students are very active and socially involved in things like fraternities, sororities and the National Guard. These activities, plus all the demands they're forced to meet in the curriculum, take exemplary time management skills."

Most of the student athletic trainers further their education after graduation by seeking a masters degree and becoming a certified athletic trainer after taking the NATA certification examination.

Though it's not required for a high school position, this degree is necessary for anyone who wishes to pursue a position with college, professional or elite teams.

"Five athletic trainers
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Criteria for acceptance into ECU's Sports Medicine program

1. CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.0 OR ABOVE
2. COMPLETION OF HLTH 2810 WITH A GRADE OF C OR BETTER
3. CURRENT CPR CERTIFICATION FROM AN APPROVED PROVIDER
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 - A. LEVEL 1 COMPETENCIES
 - B. NO VIOLATIONS OF THE NATA OR ECU SPORTS MEDICINE DIVISION CODE OF ETHICS
5. PASS IN HEALTH SCREENING/PHYSICAL EXAMINATION
6. FORMAL LETTER OF APPLICATION ON FILE
7. INTERVIEW WITH THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND FULL TIME ATHLETIC TRAINERS
8. EVALUATION OF RATING SHEET WHICH INCLUDES SCORES FROM INTERVIEWS, PRACTICAL HOURS LOGGED IN TRAINING ROOM, PREVIOUS COURSE WORK, AND GPA

Men's track team continues on right foot at Penn Relays

Teams prepare for final meets of season

STEPHEN SCHRAMM
SENIOR WRITER

ECU's men's and women's track teams entered the final stretch of their respective seasons focusing on whittling down their times and qualifying for the championship meets.

This weekend, the women rested up after the conference championship meet while the men competed in the prestigious Penn Relays.

The Penn Relays has been established as one of the world's largest meets. Over 18,000 competitors from 35 countries competed at the meet, which was held in Philadelphia's Franklin Field.

Overall, the Pirates followed their stunning CAA championship performance with a strong showing at the Penn Relays. They were not daunted by the scale of the meet and ran well. The Pirate 4x200 relay team of Titus Haygood, Darrick Ingram, Tyrone Dozier and Ramondo North placed fourth behind LSU, Arkansas and Florida. The 4x400 relay team of Ingram, Mike Miller, Von Johnson and Dozier finished ninth overall and missed the final on Friday.

"Freshman Von Johnson had a bad leg and that hurt us," said Bill Carson, head coach of men's track.

We haven't come close, but we're running well...

Bill Carson
Head Track Coach

On Saturday they ran in the IC4A finals and finished fifth. The stars of the meet were the Pirate 4x100 relay team of Haygood, Marcus Gladden, Chris Justice and North, who won the IC4A Championship with a time of 40.79.

"North is anchoring well and our 4x1, 4x2 and 4x4 teams are running well," Carson said.

The Pirates were scheduled to run in the Jesse Owens Classic this coming weekend; however, Carson decided to rest his team following the CAA meet and the Penn Relays. Next they will head to the Life College Invitational on May 10 and meet in Clemson, S.C. on May 16 before heading to the IC4A Championships in late May.

So far, none of the Pirates has qualified for the NCAA championship meet.

"We haven't come close, but we're running well," Carson said. This weekend the ECU women's track team did not compete.

"We had some injuries, so we decided to get healed up and take the week off," said Charles "Choo" Justice, head coach of women's track.

The Lady Pirates will head to George Mason University for a

meet on May 2 and to Atlanta for the Life College Invitational on May 9.

The women's team has several athletes who have qualified for the championship meets at the end of the season. Missy Johnson has qualified in the hurdles for the ECAC Championship on the last weekend in May. The 4x100 relay squad has also qualified for the ECAC meet.

"We're expecting several more kids to qualify in the coming weeks," Justice said. "We have a lot that are close but we've had so much bad weather that the conditions for qualifying haven't been there. Also we've run more relays, so the individual events haven't gotten much attention, but we're starting to focus more on the individual events now."



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Lady Pirate softball program looks to secure first-time

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Conference tournament to begin Friday

JIM PHELPS
STAFF WRITER

The ECU softball team is gearing up to head to Rock Hill, S.C., a neutral turf, on May 1-3 for the Big South Conference tournament.

The Lady Pirates have finished as the first runner-up in the conference for two consecutive years. The team recently closed their regular season with a record of 14-2; however, heading into the tournament, they don't underestimate any of their opponents.

"We took each team as if they were going to give us a run," said Jami Bendle, senior pitcher. Of all of the teams that will be competing for the title, Head Coach Tracey Kee expects Auburn to be among the most challenging to beat.

The team that has been the most challenging according to senior right fielder Dawn Conrad, would be Virginia. Teammate Jen

Halpern believes UMBC will be among the most challenging of teams in the tournament.

"Any of the six teams has a chance at winning the tournament, the conference is really equal," Conrad said.

One thing that has helped the Lady Pirates be successful this season is their ability to work together as a team.

"Everybody plays an important role, we feed off each other and help each other out," Bendle said.

While the team has been lead throughout the season by the strength of its pitching staff, success has come through the efforts of the team as a whole.

"No one specific person has been the team leader; each individual player steps up," Conrad said. "That is what makes us a good team. We are hoping to win the Big South and make it to the NCAA regionals."

This being their last year, it is especially important to the seniors to win the conference title and move on to the N C A A tournament.

In closing their athletic careers with the Lady Pirates, each hopes to be able to bid farewell with

a win that will go down in the books.

This being her first year on the team, Halpern says that playing for ECU is much different from playing in high school.

"There is more desire to win than there was in high school," Halpern said. "It would be really exciting to make it to the finals my first year."

If the team wins the conference championship it will host the MEAC champion. To make it to the NCAA regionals, they will need to win best out of three against the MEAC champion.

Qualifying to the NCAA tournament would be a first for the Lady Pirates. Perhaps this will be the season that will go down in history for the team.

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Chicago should give Pippen, Jackson more credit

Other team members, players overlooked



STEVE LOSEY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Chicago Bulls camp has been buzzing with rumors all season

long. As the NBA playoffs begin, many expect the Bulls to take another championship, but what will happen after that is anybody's guess. Michael Jordan has once again threatened to leave basketball for good after this season, and this time it's not for baseball.

Jordan has repeatedly said that he will not play for anybody except Chicago Bulls Head Coach Phil Jackson. The Bulls are not saying much regarding Jackson's future in Chicago.

Many forget that people besides Jordan contributed to all of their championship victories. The NBA is filled with talented players, and if Jordan was the only Bull who could play, the Bulls would be run over by the other

teams. A good head coach is necessary for a good team, something the Bulls management seems to have forgotten. Look at what Larry Bird has been able to do with the Indiana Pacers his rookie year.

Jackson has brought discipline to some of the rowdier Bulls, most notably Dennis Rodman. When he first came to the Bulls, Rodman showed everybody why he was called "Dennis the Menace." Thanks to Jackson's efforts to get him (relatively) under control, which included bonuses for good behavior, Rodman is a much more productive member of the Bulls.

The Bulls are also on the fence about where Scottie Pippen will play next year. There are rumors

that he will be traded to another team or not even signed at all.

For years, Pippen has been the unsung hero of Chicago. He has played solid basketball, providing well-rounded support for Jordan. When Jordan left to play baseball, Pippen stepped into Jordan's shoes rather well. Under Pippen, the Bulls went to the playoffs, though they weren't able to take the championship. Critics whined about Jordan's loss and blamed Pippen for the loss. The fact is, Pippen was the only person who kept the Bulls from sliding into the gutter.

Both Pippen and Jackson deserve more respect than they are getting. The two men have done a lot for the Bulls and should have a secure future there.

fast break

Buffum leaves Pack for grad school

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—North Carolina State junior reserve Luke Buffum is leaving the Wolfpack men's basketball program so he can pursue a graduate degree beginning this fall, the school announced. The 6-foot-8 forward played in 16 games this past season after an early foot injury. Buffum will graduate next month with a bachelor's degree and wants to pursue an advanced degree in physical therapy. Buffum is a three-time member of the Atlantic Coast Conference Honor Roll for athletes with grade-point averages of 3.0 or higher.

"Luke has been a model student-athlete during his career at N.C. State," coach Herb Sendek said Monday. "His leadership and intensity will be sorely missed."

Buffum, from Beverly Hills, Calif., began his career as a non-scholarship athlete.

Bulls take win over Louisville Redbirds

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Greg

Blosser's second home run of the game lifted the Durham Bulls to a 6-5 victory over the Louisville Redbirds in 11 innings Monday night in the International League. Blosser, who also had a two-run homer in the Bulls' five-run first inning, hit the homer to lead off the 11th against Redbirds right-hander Frankie Rodriguez (0-1).

John Daniels (1-0) pitched a perfect 10th inning for the Bulls to record the win. Mark Eichhorn got his fourth save.

The Redbirds trailed 5-0 after the first inning following an RBI single by Steve Cox, Bubba Trammell's two-run homer and Blosser's two-run shot.

Louisville scored single runs in the first, third, fifth, sixth and eighth innings to come back and tie.

LaMarsh takes player-of-week award

GREENSBORO (AP)—Three hurlers shared pitcher-of-the-week honors in the Atlantic Coast Conference, while North Carolina's Chris LaMarsh received the conference player-of-the-week award. LaMarsh, a junior designated hitter from Wilmington, batted .440 with 11

hits—five of them home runs—and 20 RBIs as the Tar Heels went 5-1 last week. LaMarsh hit four of the home runs and generated 13 RBIs in two games against Campbell. The pitcher award went Monday to North Carolina's Kyle Snyder, Clemson's Ryan Mottl and Nick Stocks of Florida State.

Snyder, a sophomore from Sarasota, Fla., threw a five-hitter in a 4-0 complete-game shutout Friday over rival North Carolina State. Mottl, a sophomore from Florissant, Mo., gave up only four hits and pitched 8 1/3 innings in a 2-1 Tiger victory over Florida State. The freshman Stocks, from Tampa, Fla., struck out 16 batters and allowed one earned run in two victories, including a 7-2 FSU win over Clemson.

Indy tops Charlotte 4-1

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Roberto Petagine hit a two-run home run in the sixth inning as Indianapolis beat Charlotte 4-1 on Monday in the International League. Petagine's shot was part of a three-run inning for the Indians, including an RBI triple by Steve Gibraltar. Rodney Bolton (1-3) pitched the win, giving up one run on five hits over six innings. He struck out two and walked four. Chris Hammond (1-3) took the loss for Charlotte, giving up all four Indianapolis runs on eight hits. He struck out

seven and walked three. Todd Dunwoody drove in Charlotte's only run with an RBI double in the third inning.

Stanford tops Baseball America poll

DURHAM, N.C. (AP)—The Top 25 college baseball teams as determined by the staff of *Baseball America* magazine with records through April 26 (tie games are not included in records):

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Baseball seniors close college careers

Team prepares to send off free starters

PAUL KAPLAN
SENIOR WRITER

With the end of the Pirates Baseball season quickly approaching, five senior players are getting closer and closer to the end of their baseball careers here at ECU.

Of the five seniors leaving Harrington Field this spring two have CAA Player of the Week bids this season. Randy Rigsby picked one up earlier in the season on March 16, and Ryan Massimo grabbed the other on April 6. Massimo picked up his Player of the Week award after going 9-12 with seven RBIs and three runs scored in an ECU three game sweep against ODU.

Billy Benson has been on the team for all four of his years here at ECU but did not get a shot at the starting line-up until his



Billy Benson
FILE PHOTO

sophomore year when he started in eight games as the designated hitter. Now Benson is starting and has a season batting average of .304.

"I had to earn my spot," Benson said. "I was a role player for a couple of years, but I have gotten a chance to play a lot these past two."

"All of them have grown in their own way here at ECU; Rigsby has had an outstanding career," Assistant

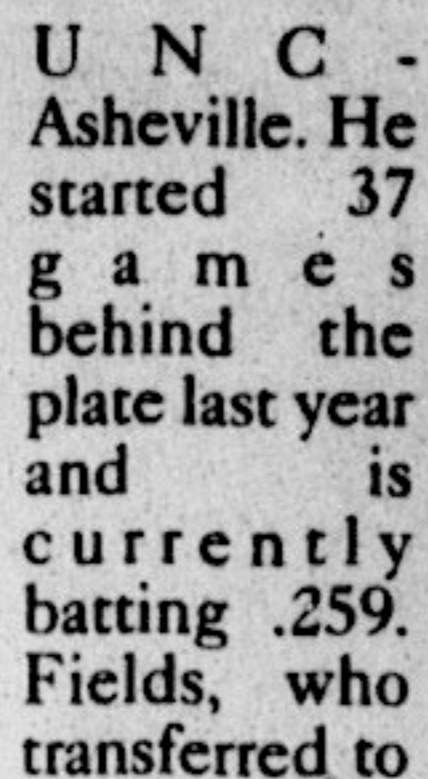


Brian Fields
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going on to playing baseball at the next level.

"I'm really not sure what his plans are, but I'm sure Rigsby would welcome any opportunity to get a chance to play," Mazey said.

Jason Colquitt and Brian Fields are also among those graduating. Colquitt transferred into ECU in his sophomore year after playing ball at



Randy Rigsby
FILE PHOTO

UNC - Asheville. He started 37 games behind the plate last year and is currently batting .259.

Fields, who transferred to ECU last year from N.C. State, had 14 starts and four complete games. This season he is 2-7 with eight starts. The Pirates currently hold an overall record of 23-24 with eight wins and 10 losses in the CAA.

"At times this season we have underachieved, but the tournament is coming around and we have a good chance of doing well, and hopefully getting into the regionals," Benson said.

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here at ECU are certified," Walsh said. "There's not one [ATC] in Pitt County high schools, and ECU is right here in the area offering degrees and certification. I would like to see the public become more aware of the importance of certified athletic trainers."

Both certified and student athletic trainers deserve recognition for their commitment to training and the beneficial services offered to athletes. While theirs is an extremely disciplined role to assume, they definitely reap awards.

"It really helps build character that stays with you out in the real world," Herman said.

OOPS!! WE GOOFED

In the Michael Jordan Golf Celebrity story that appeared in the April 28 issue, TEC reported that Charles Barkley will be playing in this year's tournament. Although Barkley has been invited to play, he has not confirmed that he will return. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this error.

Jamison takes quick leap toward career with pros

CHAPEL HILL (AP) — Antawn Jamison is convinced he's ready for pro basketball, and he'll be heading to the NBA with degree in hand.

The national player of the year said Monday he'll forgo his senior year at North Carolina, passing up a chance to become the Atlantic Coast Conference's career scoring leader to enter the NBA draft on June 24.

"When it was time to leave it was difficult to swallow because these three years have probably been the best three years of my life," Jamison said.

"It is a lot more difficult than I thought it would be."

The 6-foot-9 forward was joined at a news conference by coach Bill Guthridge, former coach Dean Smith, parents Albert and Kathy Jamison and several teammates.

"A big reason you are in coaching is you want what's best for your players," Guthridge said. "There aren't many that get this opportunity. So you are thrilled for him."

Jamison is the 13th player to declare early for the NBA draft, joining such players as Mike

Smith of Arizona, Paul Pierce of Kansas and Robert Traylor of Michigan. Among the 13 are two high school players.

Smith will advise underclassmen to turn pro if they're projected in the draft's top five. The former coach did most of the legwork for Jamison, calling at least 16 NBA teams to gauge interest. He likes what he heard.

Jamison, the school's first national player of the year since Michael Jordan in 1984, said he would get his college degree in African studies after two sessions of summer school, meaning he

will graduate two semesters ahead of his class.

"The most important thing for me is no matter what happens I have the opportunity to graduate this summer," he said.

"That was the most important thing about coming to school, to get a degree and maybe having a chance to play in the NBA. I am so close to getting them both at the same time it was an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

Jamison, the ACC player of the year, averaged 22.2 points and 10.5 rebounds this season. He became the first North Carolina

player since Billy Cunningham in 1964-65 to average a double-double.

He finished seventh on North Carolina's scoring list and fourth in rebounding. This year he set season marks for field goals and rebounds and was second in points in leading the Tar Heels to a 34-4 record and their second straight Final Four. North Carolina lost to Utah in the semifinals.

Jamison said there was no chance he would withdraw his name before the draft, even if the NBA owners lock out the players.

"I have made my decision and there's no turning back now," he said. "I am aware there could be a negative thing with the lockout but I'm willing to take that chance."

Guthridge said Vince Carter will decide within two weeks whether he'll also turn pro after his junior season. The last time North Carolina lost two players early to the NBA was in 1995, when Jerry Stackhouse and Rasheed Wallace left after their sophomore years.

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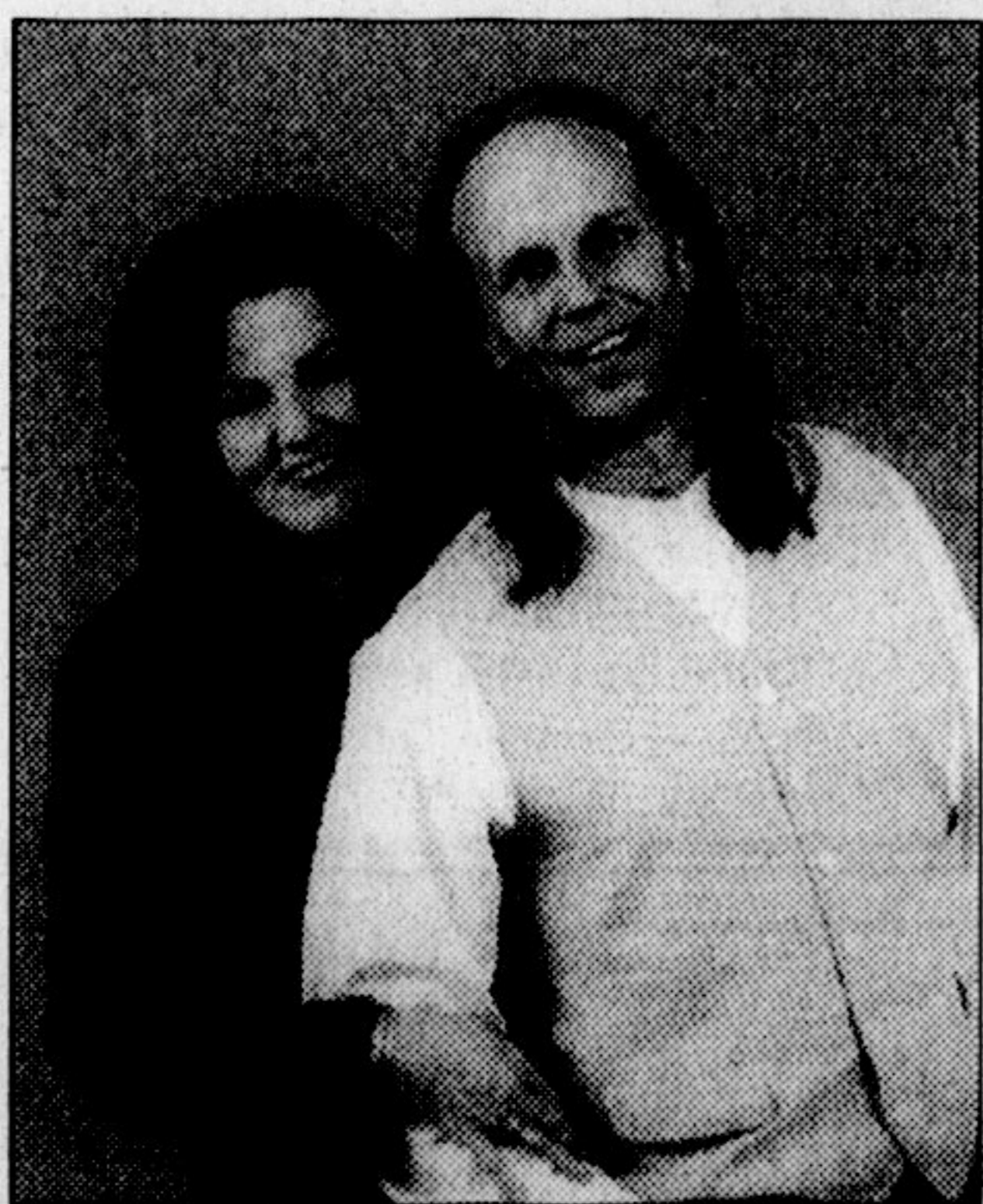
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Rugby team defeats University of Maryland to complete season

STAFF REPORTS

The East Carolina Rugby team finished off another successful semester with a convincing defeat of the University of Maryland Terrapins 31-0 on Saturday April 25. The game began under sunny skies and saw a determined Terrapin team use frequent Pirate penalties to keep ECU out of their try zone. ECU would put the mental mistakes behind them though and take a 7-0 lead into half-time after a late score by Matt Oathout and a conversion by Brian Best. The second half

would see quite a different Pirate squad which put the earlier mental mistakes behind them and dominate the bigger Maryland team. Using superior technique to offset the larger squad of Maryland, the Pirates ran off 24 second half points to put the finishing touches on an impressive victory.

Best led all scorers with two tries and three conversions while Kendall Jones and Carl Brienzi each added scores. The second game of the day saw another ECU victory as the second team of the Pirates beat the Terrapin second squad 24-0. The two easy

victories came as a surprise to the ECU team.

"Yeah, we were surprised," said club president Brad Palmer. "Maryland is traditionally a very strong team. Fro the team to perform the way it did today says a lot about the program we have here."

The Pirate rugby team was happy to end with a victory to cap a nearly flawless season. The season had such highlights as winning the twentieth annual St. Patrick's Day tournament in Savannah, GA and seeing many new players step up and fill gaps for injured players.

"We were all pretty healthy all year but when we did have injuries, the young players performed up to the same level as many of our veteran players," Palmer said.

The Pirates are looking forward to the summer off before a tough fall season, but the team will be ready, according to team captain Robert Manning.

"We are anxious for the fall due to some unfinished business with UNC-Chapel Hill and will be working hard to make next season even better than this one," said Manning.

State tops Carolina in 11-inning baseball contest

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP)—Jake Weber hit a grand slam in the top of the 11th inning to propel North Carolina State to a 9-4 win over North Carolina.

The win Sunday helped the Wolfpack (31-18, 10-8 Atlantic Coast Conference) avert a three-game sweep by the Tar Heels (32-17, 12-8) in the weekend series.

North Carolina shortstop Brian Roberts set

a conference record with his 51st stolen base of the season. Roberts also tied Chad Holbrook for the school record with 98 career stolen bases.

The game was tied 3-3 after nine innings and each team added a run in the 10th to tie it at 4-4.

In the top of the 11th, Andy Ferguson and Josh Ballard led off with walks off reliever

Ryan Earey. Michael Horney relieved Earey but Brian Ward hit a grounder that was misplayed by Roberts to load the bases before Weber cracked a home run over the left-field fence. The Pack added an insurance run later in the inning for a 9-4 lead.

Bubba Scarce shut out the Tar Heels in the 11th to earn the win. Earey took the loss for North Carolina.

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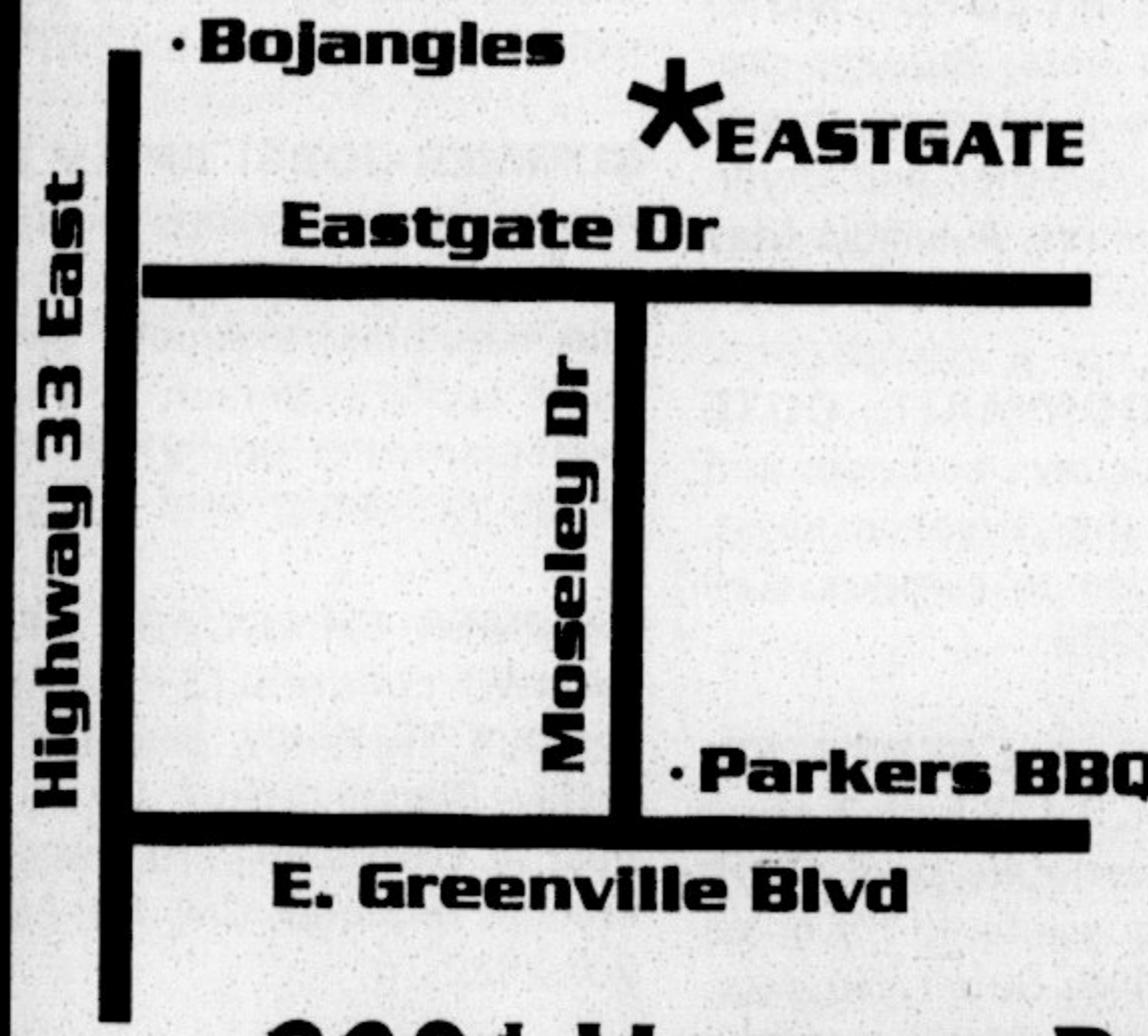
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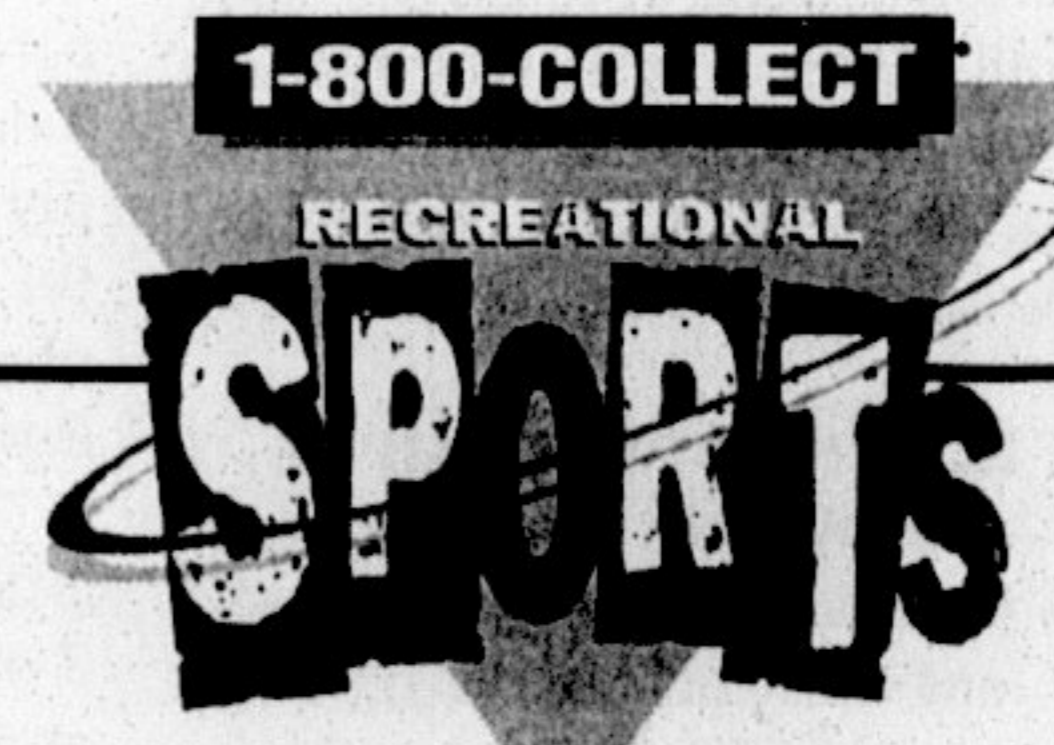
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GREEK PERSONALS

ALPHA OMICRON PI would like to invite any girls interested in rush next year to a lemonade social. For more information call 754-0955.

AMANDA WILLIAMS - CONGRATULATIONS on your graduation. You've been a great big sis! I'll miss you! Good luck. Love, Marvella

GAMMA SIGMA SIGMA, we had a blast last Friday at the social. Next time, we will leave the dogs in the yard. Thanks, Alpha Sigma Phi

CHI OMEGA SOFTBALL TEAM - you girls are awesome. Congrats on your three wins and good luck in the tournament. Love, your Chi Omega sisters

PI KAPPA ALPHA would like to congratulate this years winners. Third: Mary Stallings 2nd: Allison Greenwood and 1998's Greek Goddess: Cristina Wichtrich

THANKS TO RICHARD ROGERS for all of his hard work and dedication in making this year's Greek Goddess such a great success. Your brothers at Pi Kappa Alpha

PI KAPPA ALPHA would like to thank all the contestants who participated in Greek Goddess. The event was a great success. Thanks girls, you all did great.

KAPPA ALPHA, DELTA SIGMA, and Alpha Omicron Pi, thanks for the fun night last Thursday. We all had a great time. Love, Alpha Delta Pi

A HUGE THANK YOU goes to the following fraternities for all their support with our towel contest: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Phi Beta Sigma, and Pi Lambda Phi. We love you guys! Love, the sisters of Pi Delta

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE new sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha! We love you! Love, your sisters

ALPHA PHI WOULD LIKE to congratulate our softball, soccer, and water-polo teams on their victories last week. We are proud of you all! Keep it up!

ORDER OF OMEGA MEETING is today at 6:00PM in The Underground. All members must attend. Also, Order of Omega social is tonight. Details TBA at the meeting tonight.

ALPHA OMICRON PI would like to wish Lori Murphy the best on her engagement! You are the best and we love you!

PHI KAPPA TAU, thank you so much for the pre-downtown last Thursday. We had such a great time. Love, the sisters and new members of Sigma Sigma Sigma

THE SISTERS OF ALPHA PHI would like to thank Aaron Givens for coaching our softball team this season. We appreciate all of your help and support.

CONGRATULATIONS ALPHA PHI on your win at softball last week! Thanks for a great game. Love, the sisters of Pi Delta

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL of our seniors who are graduating. We are so proud of you. Love, your sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi

ALPHA OMICRON PI wants to give a sincere Thanks! to Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma, and Alpha Delta Pi for our social last Thursday. We had a blast.

DELTA SIGMA PHI, the social last Friday was a blast. It was great to see you guys again. Can't wait to do it again soon. Love the sisters and new members of Sigma Sigma Sigma

THETA CHI...THANK YOU for the social Thursday night. It was a blast as usual! Love, the sisters of Alpha Phi

THANK YOU TO BILL BLECHA, Kendall Jones, and Antonio Raynor for representing us in the towel contest. You guys did a great job! Love, the sisters of Pi Delta

THANKS FOR A GREAT weekend, Player's Club #6. You are the bomb. Yours sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi

TO THE NEW MEMBERS of Sigma Sigma Sigma: you guys are doing a great job and we love you. Love, the sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma

THE BIG SISTERS IN Alpha Phi would like to thank our new sisters for a wonderful time Thursday night. You guys really showed us a great time!

PI DELTA WISHES TO extend a very special thank you to the individuals who either attended, participated in, or judged our Wild 'N Crazy Towel Contest. We appreciate all your support! Love, the sisters

ALPHA OMICRON PI is having a lemonade social tomorrow for any girls interested in rush for next year. If you need a ride, call 757-0769.

ALPHA PHI, IT WAS great to spend time with your guys at the Boy's & Girl's Club last week. Can't wait to see you guys again soon. Love, Sigma Sigma Sigma

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CHOOSING A MAJOR OR A Career Workshop: Tuesday 3:30-5:00. The Center for Counseling and Student Development is offering the following workshop April 28th. If interested, call the Center at 328-6661.

BECOMING A SUCCESSFUL Student Workshop-Test-Anxiety: Wednesday 11:00-12:00. The Center for Counseling and Student Development is offering this workshop April 29th. If you are interested in this workshop, call 328-6661.

BECOMING A SUCCESSFUL Student Workshop-Test-Anxiety: Thurs-

day 3:30-4:30. The Center for Counseling and Student Development is offering this workshop April 30th. If you are interested in this workshop, call the Center at 328-6661.

STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP: Thursday 3:30-5:00. The Center for Counseling and Student Development is offering the following workshop April 23rd. If you are interested, call 328-6661.

GAMMA BETA PHI will meet Tuesday, April 28 in Mendenhall Room 244 at 5:30 PM.

AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION will hold Officer Elections at the general meeting on Wednesday, April 29th at 2:00 p.m. in GCB 1024. Intersted in running for office? Be there! All majors welcome to attend. Free Papa John's Pizzal! Come see what we're doing!

SCHOOL OF MUSIC EVENTS TUE., APRIL 28— SENIOR RECITAL— Patrick Kirby, horn, A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 7:00 P.M.

WED., APRIL 29— HORN ENSEMBLE, Mary Burroughs, Director, A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 7:00 P.M.

WED., APRIL 29— GRADUATE RECITAL, Manuela Rebeggiani, piano, A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 9:00 P.M.

THURS., APRIL 30— TROMBONE ENSEMBLE, George Broussard, Director, A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 8:00 P.M.

FRI., MAY 1— SENIOR RECITAL, Whitney-Cole Kleinschuster, mezzo-soprano, A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 7:00 P.M.

FRI., MAY 1— GRADUATE RECITAL, Clarissa Severo DeBorba, percussion, A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 9:00 P.M.

SAT., MAY 2— ECU TUBA/EUPHONIUM ENSEMBLE, Jeff Jarvis, Conductor, A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 7:00 P.M.

SUN., MAY 3— GRADUATE RECITAL, Jacqueline Huguet, piano, A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 4:00 P.M.

SUN., MAY 3— JUNIOR RECITAL, Nathan L. Smith, guitar, A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 7:00 P.M.

SUN., MAY 3— JUNIOR RECITAL, Leslie Higgerson, violin, A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 9:00 P.M.

MON., MAY 4— FACULTY RECITAL, Jeffrey Bair, saxophone, A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 8:00 P.M.

MON., MAY 4— STUDENT RECITAL, Carrie Maud Burkert, viola, Immanuel Baptist Church, Elm Street, 5:30 P.M.

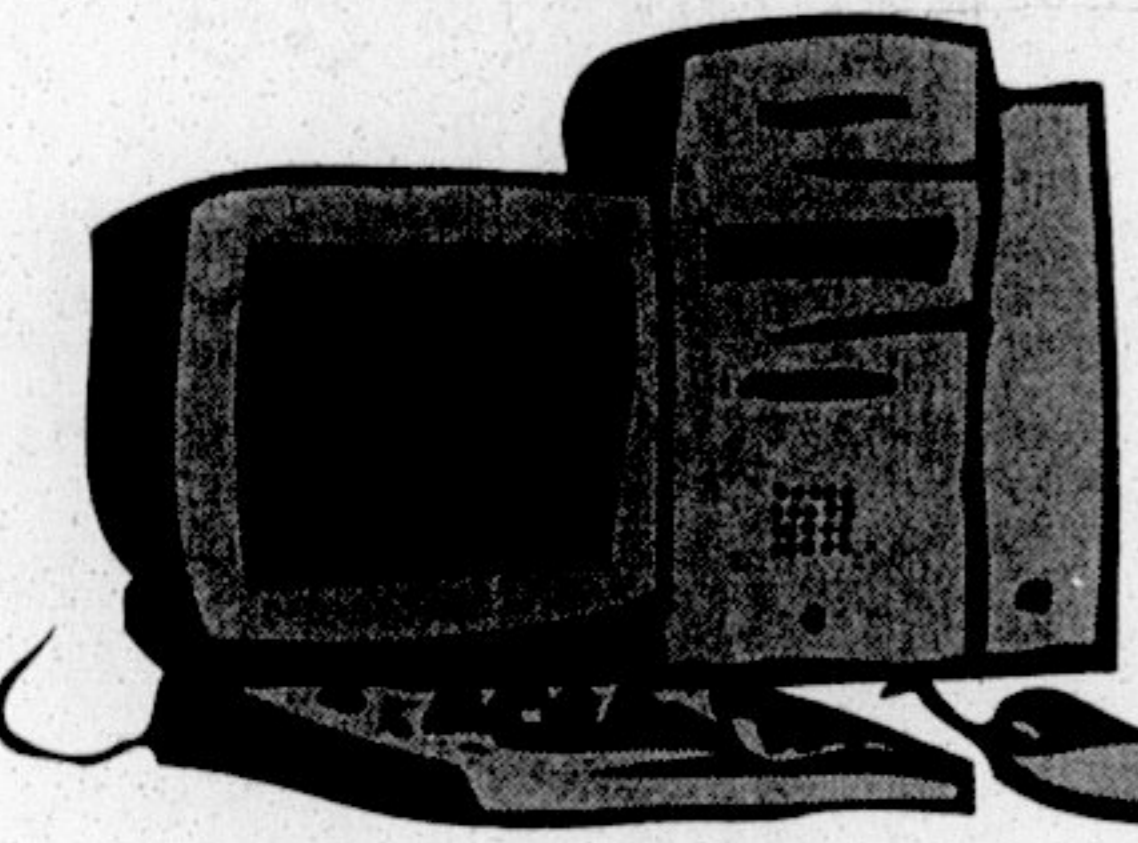
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Should East Carolina University Students Be Required To Purchase Computers?

We Need Student Opinions.

A University Committee has been formed to investigate the concept of requiring students to own their own computers. We need student input. If you are a student, please take a few minutes to answer the following questions.

A. As of this semester your class standing: (please circle one)
Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
Graduate Student

B. Major Field of Study:

C. Do you currently own a computer? (please circle your response)
Yes (if yes, please skip questions D and E)
No

D. Are you considering purchasing a computer within the next academic year? (please circle your response)
Yes
No

E. Do you have regular access to a computer other than use in a University computer lab? (please circle your response)
Yes
No

F. Do you presently use the computer labs on campus? (please circle your response)
Yes
No

G. Do you presently use a computer for your classwork? (please circle your response)
Yes
No

H. How frequently do you use a computer for your classwork? (please circle your response)
Very frequently
Moderately frequent
Slightly frequent
Slightly infrequent
Moderately infrequent
Very infrequent

I. How frequently are computers used to deliver instruction in your classes? (please circle your response)
Very frequently
Moderately frequent
Slightly frequent
Slightly infrequent
Moderately infrequent
Very infrequent

J. What type of programs do you use on the computer? Please check all of the different software programs you currently use. Then using a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 representing infrequent use and 5 representing frequent use rate each of the software programs you use.

I use	Programs/Applications	Rate of use
___	Word processing	___
___	Email	___
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___	Graphic arts software	___
___	ECU database	___
___	Others; _____	___

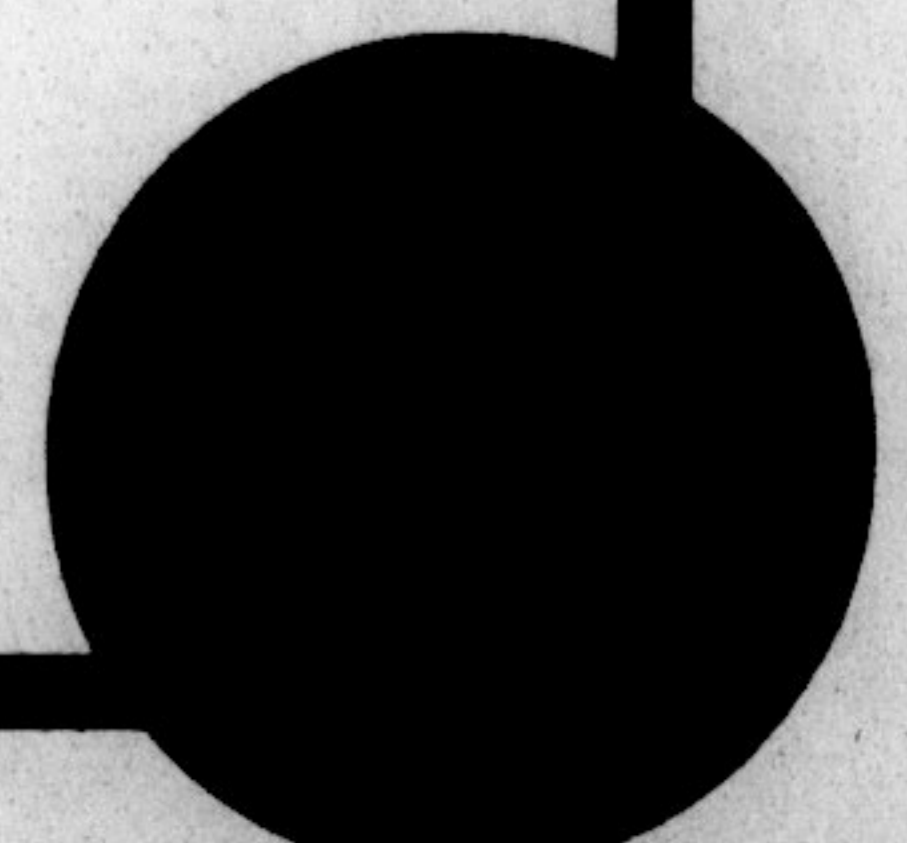
K. As a student please select one of the following statements that best represents your opinion on this topic. (please circle your response)

1. Student should be required to own a computer when they enter East Carolina University.
2. Students should not be required to own a computer.
3. Students should be encouraged rather than required to purchase a computer.
4. Students should be required to purchase a computer when they reach Junior year.
5. Students should be required to purchase a computer when they reach their Junior year, only if required by their department.

Other comments: _____

Thanks for taking the time with this survey. The results will be compiled and sent to the committee. Please return this survey to:

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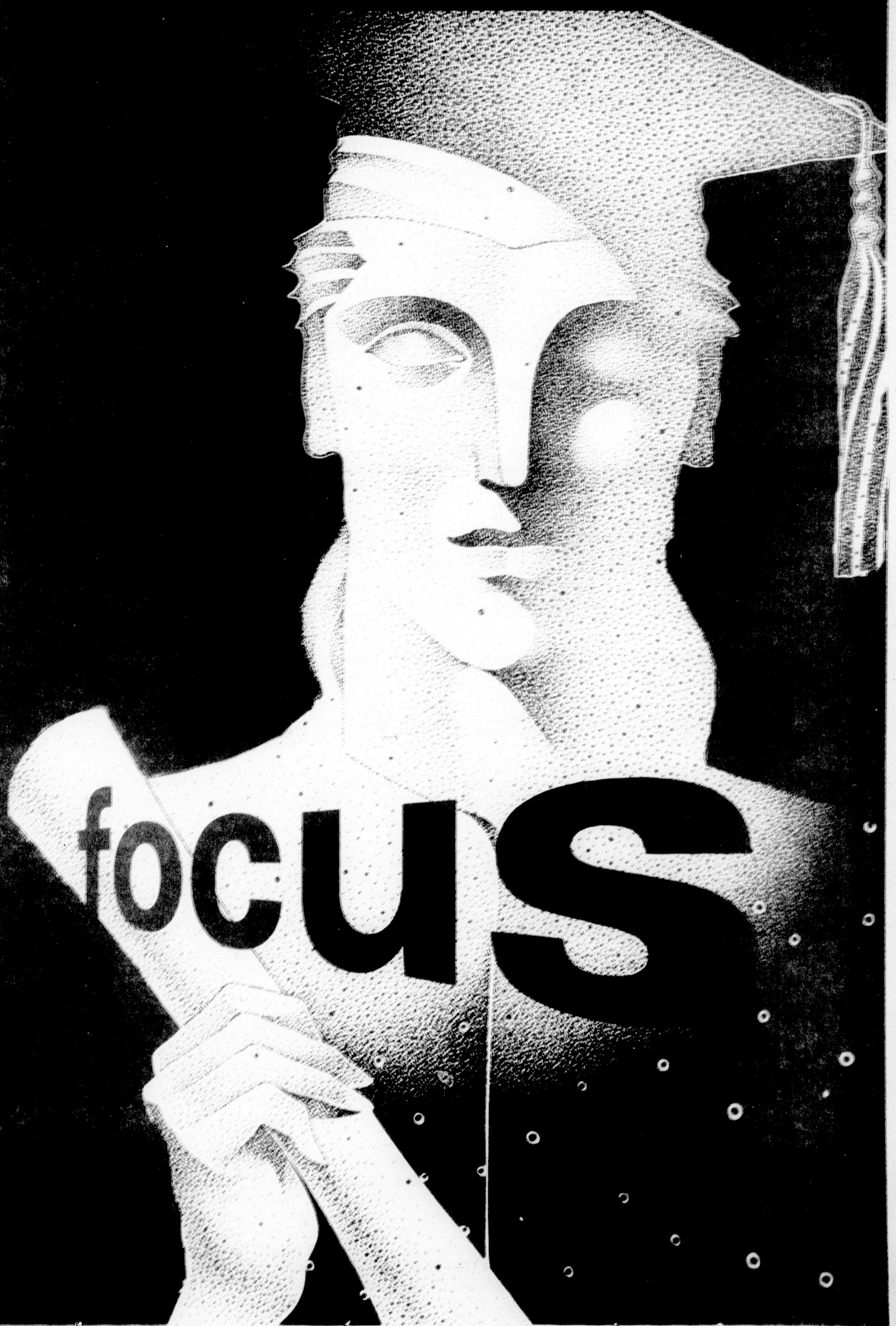
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Career Services prepares grads for work world

Counselors help with workshops, contacts

SCOTT SMITH
FOCUS SECTION WRITER

Each year, students graduate and go searching for jobs. For many, that search begins right here on campus at Career Services.

Career Services offer workshops on such things as preparing for the job interview, resume writing and business etiquette. Counselors also help students who are graduating make contacts with employers.

"We can help them facilitate connections with employers," said Margie Swartout, assistant director of Career Services.

According to Swartout, students should start looking for a job during their senior year. "We do encourage students to start looking and making contacts with employers during their last academic year," Swartout said. "They can also register with us and be enrolled in our database." To register with Career Services you must attend an

orientation registration meeting at the Career Services building during your last academic year.

The Career Services database has information on jobs and is constantly updated with new openings. Students who register will receive a newsletter which has information about workshops and various employers. It also has the schedule of career days and interview schedules which organizes.

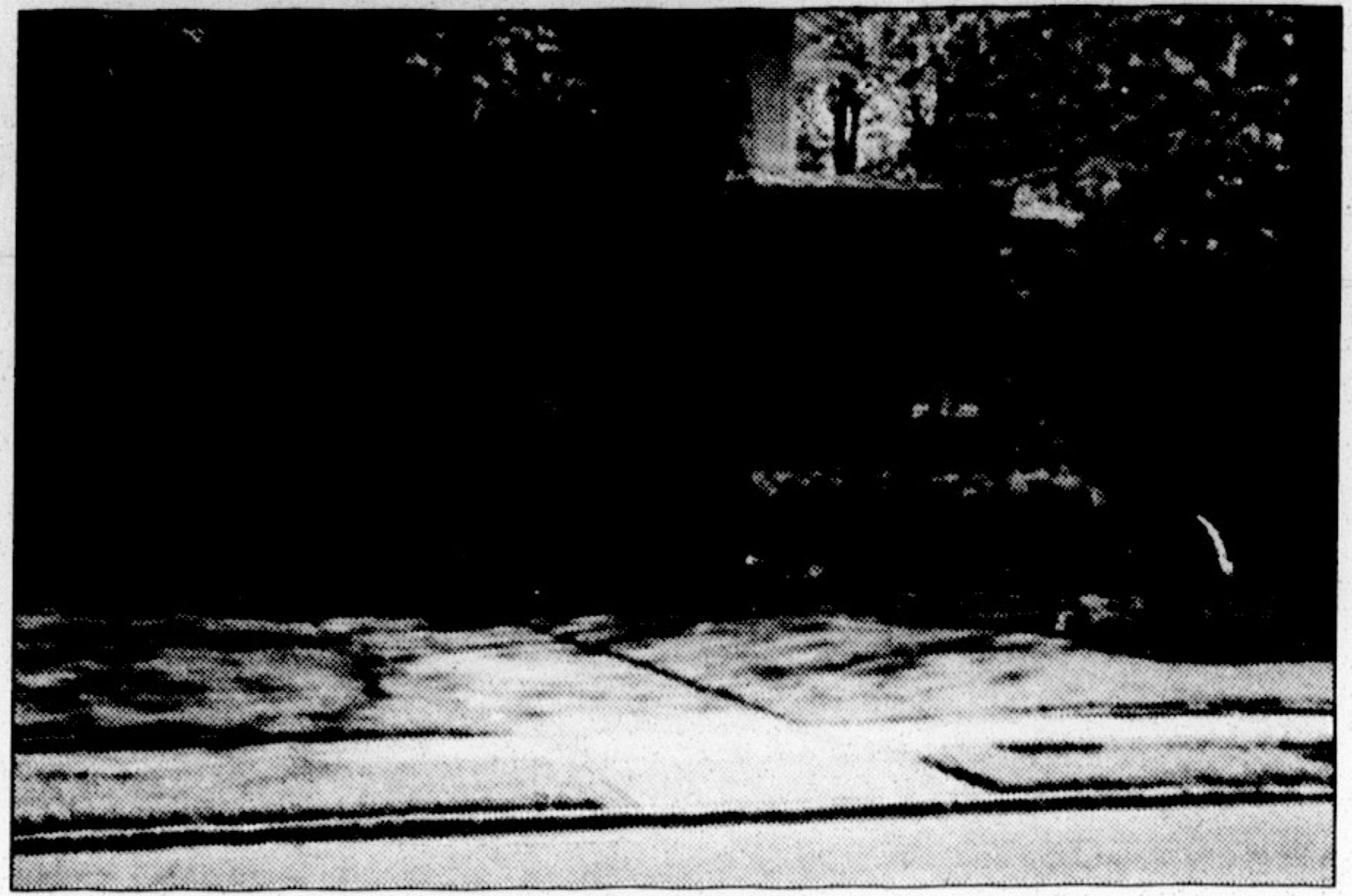
"We receive hundreds of jobs every week and the entire list is posted within our building," Swartout said. Job listings that can be found at Career Services range from banking to multimedia jobs. If you have a major, Career Services most likely has a job listing in that field. At Career Services there is a room with all types of job information from company

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Career Services building
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statistics, job openings, and basic company information. There is also information supplied by employers on what they expect from an applicant. This information helps prepare students for an interview. An interview room is provided where students can practice taking an interview. The interview can be taped upon request so students can see the way they presented themselves throughout the interview.

The Internet is also a good way to look for a job or to do research on jobs.

"The Internet is a very important tool to use," Swartout said. "We are also doing a workshop on Internet job searching."

Many companies post their jobs

openings and the qualifications needed on their web sites. This is becoming more common because it is the cheapest way to advertise job openings. A database of information can be found in a special SIGI computer that is located at Career Services.

You can visit Career Services for more "information anytime during the week.

"We also have career advisement meetings by appointment with students who have questions of any kind," Swartout said.

For an up-to-date schedule of workshops and things going on at Career Services, visit them online at <http://www1.ecu.edu/studlife/career/index.htm>.

Travel Abroad allows students to work, see world

Alternative lets students choose country, adventure

LAKISHA SOUTHERN
FOCUS SECTION WRITER

Jackie Oliver, 22, has an undergraduate degree from ECU in communication and a minor in Spanish. He also has no experience

and no plans for future employment.

Many ECU students are familiar with this situation and find themselves anxious about post-graduation employment. But the Travel Abroad program, sponsored by the International Studies department, may be an exciting alternative for jobless graduates, like Oliver. Oliver has now outlined

a plan, with the help of International Studies, to travel to Costa Rica to work and study.

"I'm really excited about this opportunity and I realize that many students are not as fortunate to travel to a foreign country," Oliver said.

According to advisers in the international studies office, the program has been a big help to students who travel instead of entering the work force. Dr. Linda McGowan, an ECU sociology professor and international studies adviser, said that opportunities vary from from one country to another. "I basically deal with students who want to travel and work abroad, and the Travel Abroad Program gives students legal permission to work in another country."

Not all post-graduation plans include the inevitable party or vacation, followed by the endless search for employment. For many the Travel Abroad program may be an exciting alternative to the hustle and bustle of the 9-5 world most students enter after graduation.

"This program is through

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International Educational Exchange and Council Travel both offer fares for students to choose from when scheduling an overseas

flight. The free magazine also includes a toll-free number and a web site address for further information like student discounts and tourist attractions for the various countries.

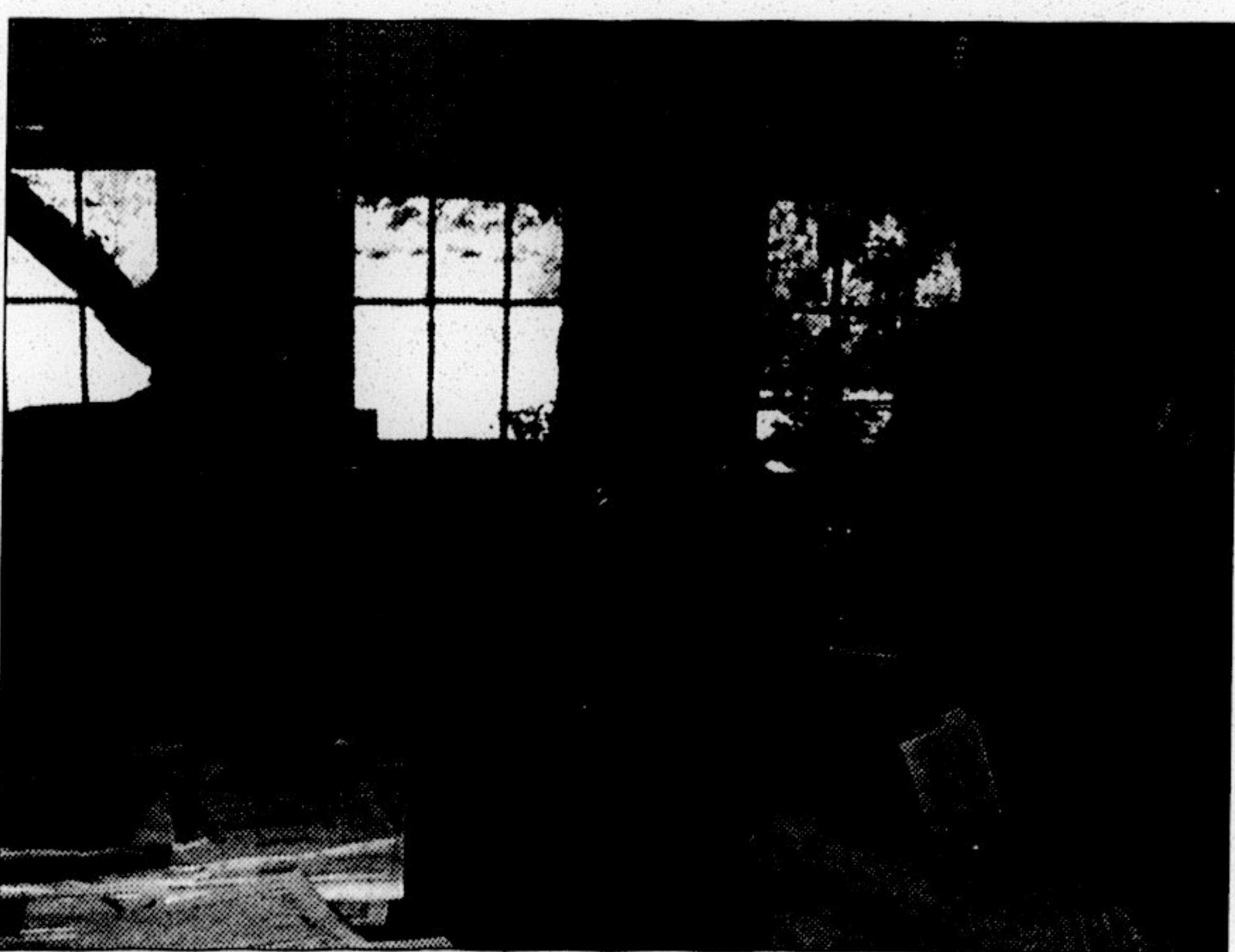
Also included in Student Travels magazine are free identification card applications and rail passes for European countries. One of the more popular rail passes, the Eurail Pass, ranges in cost from \$522 for 15 consecutive days to \$1,468 for three months.

"The Travel Abroad Program is really an excellent opportunity that is not very popular at ECU right now, but hopefully in the future, it will be," McGowan said.

International Studies and it is not a job placement agency which is more expensive," McGowan said.

International Studies offers literature, located in their office and in Joyner Library. The office also offers a free magazine entitled Student Travels, available each semester to help students plan their overseas adventure. McGowan also suggests students use the free 1998 Work Abroad application printed in each issue. Students are asked on the application to provide an e-mail address and all information regarding the flight and country they have chosen.

Traveling abroad for a semester costs the same as in-state tuition at most universities, according to Student Travels. The Council on



Dr. Linda McGowan, an ECU sociology professor and international studies adviser talks with a student.

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Graduate school offers more education

Over 2000 grad students attend ECU

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Although graduation signals the end of classes and exams, for many

students it also signifies the beginning of the next step on the academic ladder: graduate school.

For some ECU students, that means another one or two years in Greenville. For those of you thinking of moving to Chapel Hill or Raleigh to get a graduate degree,

you might want to head over to the graduate school office located in 131 Ragsdale and see what ECU's graduate school has to offer.

With an enrollment of 2,815 students including 303 pursuing Ph.D.s through the School of Medicine, the graduate school at

ECU is currently ranked third in the state behind UNC-CH and N.C. State respectively. The medical school consistently places among the top teaching hospitals in the country and continues to increase in both enrollment and caliber of instruction as more

professors are drawn to Greenville and ECU from all over the country and the world.

ECU offers more than 60 degrees at the master's and post-master's level. Degrees are offered through 10 professional schools as

Applications can be picked up from the Graduate School office in Ragsdale Hall or on the Internet at www.research.ecu.edu/grad.

Computers, engineering, medical work hot careers; manufacturing cooling down

Computer engineers salaries highest

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For today's college graduate, the path to a successful career begins with computers. Most hot careers involve computers. While jobs in other industries such as manufacturing are on the decline, computer jobs are plentiful.

According to the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, computer jobs offer the possibility of advancement, high starting salary, benefits and personal fulfillment.

"Computer engineering and computer accounting are two very hot careers right now," said Judy Davis, assistant credential secretary with ECU's Career Services. "Basically any career that involves computers is hot right now."

The hottest fields for college graduates include engineering, accounting, computer science, education, medicine and health sciences. At ECU, majors offered that involve some sort of computer technology include education, occupational therapy, industrial technology and business. According to ECU's Career Services, these fields show up in a list of the most popular majors at ECU.

Even more specifically, there are hot careers within each field. *U.S. News and World Report* reported that in the field of accounting, a business evaluator is in great demand and has the possibility of advancement. In engineering, a computer engineer has the highest starting salary out there right now. In the field of health care, a physician's assistant is second only to a computer engineer in starting salary and is in great demand.

Hot and cold careers can also be broken down into gender categories as well. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, men are rapidly

acquiring jobs in the fields of engineering and computer science. On the other hand, women are rapidly taking jobs in the fields of education and health science.

According to the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, health care will account for almost one-fifth of all job growth until the year 2005. Another profession, personnel supply services, or temporary agencies, will be adding 1.3 million jobs by the year 2005. In addition, business health and education will account for 70 percent growth by the year 2005. This directly relates to graduates of ECU, according to a survey done by Career Services.

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assistant credential secretary with ECU's Career Services

"The top four careers entered by graduates were education/non-profit organization, health care, merchandising services and government," said Lamar Bell, assistant director of language arts for Career Services.

Most of the careers that are currently cold are manufacturing careers such as factory and assembly line workers. This is because products are no longer being manufactured by hand and machines are taking over. According to the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, the manufacturing industry will lose 1.3 million jobs by the year 2005.

Other career fields that are cold right now are the fields that were highly in demand 10 years ago and are seriously competitive right now. Careers such as physical and occupational therapy, geriatrics and science.

"One of the most competitive careers today is occupational therapy," Bell said, "while business careers, on the other hand, are in great demand."

More information can be found at ECU's Career Services Center on the corner of Fifth Street and Jarvis Street just outside of campus.

Web address for
Occupational Outlook Handbook
<http://stats.bls.gov/ocohome.htm>

Fastest growing occupations covered in the 1998-99 Occupational Outlook Handbook, 1996-2002

(Numbers in thousands of jobs)

Occupation	Employment change, 1996-2006		Most significant source of training
	Number	Percent	
Database administrators, computer support specialists, and all other computer scientists	249	118	Bachelor's degree
Computer engineers	235	109	Bachelor's degree
Systems analysts	520	103	Bachelor's degree
Personal and home care aides	171	85	Short-term on-the-job training
Physical and corrective therapy assistants and aides	66	79	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Home health aides	378	76	Short-term on-the-job training
Medical assistants	166	74	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Desktop publishing specialists	22	74	Long-term on-the-job training
Physical therapists	81	71	Bachelor's degree
Occupational therapy assistants and aides	11	69	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Paralegals	76	68	Associate's degree
Occupational therapists	38	66	Bachelor's degree
Teachers, special education	241	59	Bachelor's degree
Human services workers	98	55	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Data processing equipment repairers	42	52	Postsecondary vocational training
Medical records technicians	44	51	Associate's degree
Speech-language pathologists and audiologists	44	51	Master's degree
Dental hygienists	64	48	Associate's degree
Physician assistants	30	47	Bachelor's degree
Respiratory therapists	37	46	Associate's degree
Adjustment clerks	183	46	Short-term on-the-job training
Engineering, science, and computer systems managers	155	45	Work experience plus bachelor's and/or higher degree
Emergency medical technicians	67	45	Postsecondary vocational training
Bill and account collectors	112	42	Short-term on-the-job training
Residential counselors	74	41	Bachelor's degree
Instructors and coaches, sports and physical training	123	41	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Securities and financial services sales workers	100	38	Bachelor's degree

Source: URL: <http://stats.bls.gov/oohtable1.htm>

Correction

In the April 23 issue of Focus "Scholarships" the wrong byline ran with the article "Soccer player says perks come at a price." The byline should have read Andrew Moroney instead of Rebecca Glenn. TEC regrets any inconvenience.

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Dr. Paul Tschetter
Associate Dean of the Graduate School

well as the School of Medicine, which offers Ph.D.s in eight disciplines.

According to Dr. Paul Tschetter, associate dean of the graduate school, the first step in applying to the graduate program is to talk to the chair of the department to which you want to apply.

"We [ECU] use a self-managed application for admission to the graduate school," Tschetter said.

With a self-managed application process, the student is responsible for gathering all requirements for admission, including transcripts and letters of reference. It is up to the applicant to make sure all the various pieces of the application arrive in the graduate office by the deadline. The deadline for regular admission is June 15 for the fall semester and Oct. 15 for the spring semester. Some schools such as the School of Art have earlier deadlines.

Applications can be picked up from the graduate office or downloaded off the Internet from

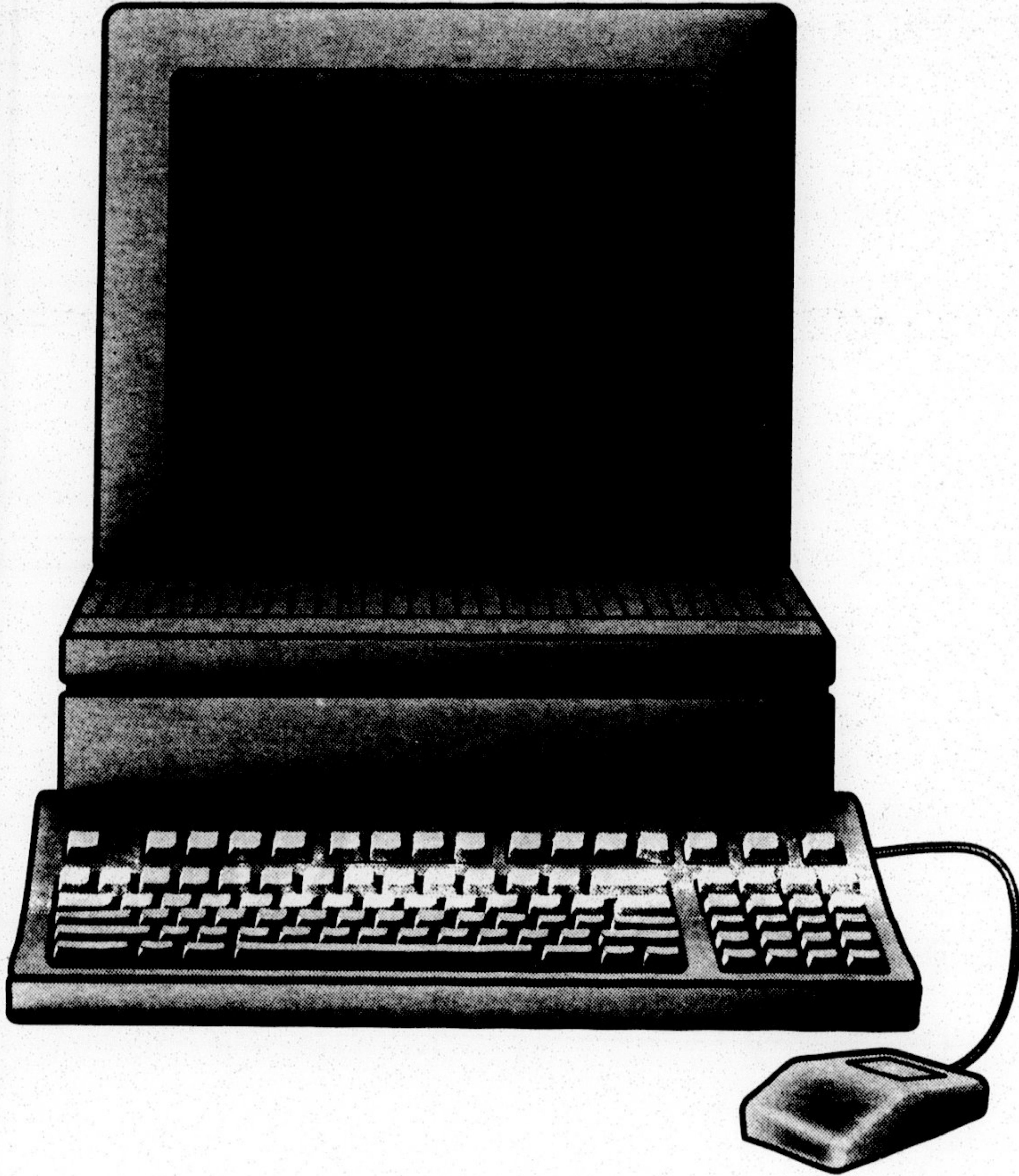
(<http://www.research.ecu.edu/grad>).

The graduate office works with the various academic departments in choosing qualified applicants. For each school, the requirements differ, although all have basic standards for admission which include a baccalaureate degree, preferably in the subject in which the applicant plans to pursue a degree. Some schools will make exceptions if the student agrees to take remedial classes. A senior year GPA of 3.0 or an overall GPA of 2.5 and a satisfactory score on the GRE are also required.

For most programs, the admission standard is much more competitive. Students from universities worldwide apply to programs at ECU.

"Business, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy are always very competitive," Tschetter said. "Psychology and maritime history are also very popular majors here."

There is still time to apply for the fall semester. Anyone interested in applying, should come by Ragsdale 131 or contact the chair of the department for the school to which you want to apply.



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