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Pirates begin season by keeping opponents scoreless in 26 innings.
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School of Medicine awarded \$1.9 million grant for study

Effects of coronary bypass on brain studied

TERRA STEINBEISER
STAFF WRITER

Recently, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes awarded a \$1.9 million grant to both ECU and Wake Forest University to study the adverse effects of coronary

bypass surgery on the brain. Coronary bypass surgery is performed when a blockage occurs in the arteries surrounding the heart. The surgery is intended to improve the blood flow in the coronary arteries, insuring the heart muscle is getting the oxygen-rich blood it needs. Problems can arise when the heart is moved during surgery. The movement often causes plaque to dislodge from the sides of the arteries where it then travels upward and clogs the blood vessels in the brain.

Previous studies have shown that many people experience strokes, memory loss and even personality changes after undergoing bypass surgery because of such blood clots. "My husband was a very different man after his triple bypass," said Cloretta Thomas, 65, of Greenville. "I hope this research will help make it so that nobody ever has to get to know a loved one all over again like I did." Currently, there are two standard surgery procedures used to

perform heart bypass surgery. ECU was chosen to participate in the study because of the unusually large number of heart disease

patients in Eastern North Carolina, and because ECU uses one standard bypass surgery procedure while Wake Forest uses the other. "Even though we're in the same state, we have two different populations of patients," said Dr. Walter Chitwood, chairman of ECU's Department of Surgery. Three hundred patients at both universities will be studied to try to determine which of the procedures causes the least amount of damage to the brain and nervous system. "We're just trying to determine

the safest way to operate on patients," Chitwood said. Even though the study will take place over the course of three years, doctors at Wake Forest have already made some important discoveries. By making minor changes in the standard surgery technique, such as using less invasive instruments and moving the heart around less, a significant number of patients are experiencing fewer neurological problems during and after surgery.

Graduation speaker announced

William Friday to deliver spring address

PETER DAWYOT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

In gearing up for the 90th Spring Commencement, ECU has announced that the program will be hosted by William Friday, executive director of the William R. Kenan Charitable Trust and former president of the University of North Carolina system.

Friday will deliver the May 15 speech at Dowdy-Ficklen to more than 2,000 graduates and numerous members of the public.

Friday recently announced that he would retire from the Kenan foundation on June 30. The foundation, while under his control, has incorporated over \$420 million in assets to various areas and organizations. Friday also served as the head of the UNC system for 30 years.

Under his leadership, the foundation has launched and supported major educational initiatives such as the creation of the Kenan Institutes at four universities in the North Carolina system.

Playing during the dog days of winter



The grassy area in front of Jenkins is a popular place for students from the Tar River residential area to recreate with their pets.

PHOTO BY MIKE JACOBSEN

Faculty supports firing

Demarco dismisses former colleague's letter

PETER DAWYOT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Former colleagues of Sal Demarco from the department of Sal Demarco Clinical Science, sent a letter to the "Daily Reflector" expressing their support of Chancellor Eakin's decision to fire Demarco.

Demarco a former professor of ECU was fired in 1997 after numerous questionable events circulated about his abilities to perform his job properly. Demarco claims that numerous faculty members and Chancellor Eakin have shown a biased attitude toward his fight against Multiple Sclerosis (a disease which affects the nervous system).

In a letter sent to *The Daily Reflector*, fourteen former faculty

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Voice mail undergoes maintenance

Analysis prepares system for year 2000

KRISTY DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

The campus voice mail system received routine maintenance from telecommunications in various residence halls and office buildings last Thursday.

Edmond Bowers, telecommunications technician, sent out verbal announcements over the voice mail to inform the students and faculty that from 5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. there was a chance their voice mail would be unable to access.

Furthermore, Cotton and Jones posted signs at entrances to inform their residents about the work. All students and faculty weren't

affected by the services. "We were just working on the system," Bowers said. "Nothing was wrong with it, we were just making improve-

"...I use an answering machine instead. It is less complicated than the voice mail system,"

Elizabeth Hamer
Sophomore

ments. We are upgrading the software to make it compatible for the year 2000. The students will not even notice a difference."

Sophomore marketing major, Elizabeth Hayek, experienced



Freshman Lee Hinson checks his voice mail.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL SMITH

some difficulties during the maintenance because she was expecting a phone call.

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Spring Break alternative offered



15 students travel to Atlanta to help needy

DEVON WHITE
STAFF WRITER

A small number of students will get the chance to go to Atlanta to help make a difference in the lives of needy families through a special program known as Alternative Spring Break (ASB).

Only 15 out of the 75 ECU students that applied will be participating in ASB this semester. It places teams of college or high-school students in communities to engage in community service and

experience learning during the summer, fall, winter or Spring Break.

The objectives of ASB are to involve students in community based service projects and to give students the opportunity to learn about problems faced by mem-

"I think there is no better way to spend your spring break,"

Erin O'Boyle
Sophomore

bers of community. Students perform short-term projects for community agencies and learn about issues such as literacy, poverty, racism, hunger, homelessness and

the environment. "I think there is no better way to spend your spring break," said sophomore Erin O'Boyle, who will be participating in the Atlanta trip.

The trip to Atlanta consists of five days of community service. Students will visit the Atlanta Community Furniture Bank. The Furniture Bank is a non-profit agency that works with over 60 social service agencies to help furnish houses of needy families. By obtaining much needed furnishings, homeless people can keep their families together in a comfortable, safe environment.

Next, students will visit the Atlanta Community Food Bank, one of the five largest in the nation. The food bank is a non-

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news briefs

NC CHURCHES OPPOSE STATE LOTTERY THAT MANY MEMBERS SUPPORT

GREENSBORO (AP)—Establishing a state lottery may be the will of most North Carolinians, but it goes against the will of God, according to some church leaders.

In a 25-page report issued recently by Faith in Action, an ecumenical group, the Rev. Mark Sills says lotteries force people to put their faith not in God, but in luck. And luck, he says, is a false deity.

DUKE DOCTORS MARVEL AT HEPATITIS CURE FOR SICKLE CELL PATIENT

DURHAM (AP) — A patient released from Duke University Medical Center represents hope for the unknown number of people who may have caught a dangerous liver virus from blood transfusions intended to treat sickle cell anemia.

Huda Al-Saadi, 35, was returning to her home in United Arab Emirates Sunday. Doctors say she was successfully treated for hepatitis C despite her sickle cell anemia.



OFFICIALS TRY TO BURN OFF THE REMAINING FUEL OIL ON THE FREIGHTER

COOS BAY, Ore. (AP) — Demolition experts attempted to torch the remaining fuel from a heavily listing wreck on Sunday, estimating that 90 percent of the oil has been burned off the grounded freighter.

A helicopter dropped a fire accelerant on the ship Sunday afternoon to reignite one of the cargo holds of the New Carissa, which may have as much as 50,000 gallons of fuel oil remaining.

The practice was repeated several times throughout the afternoon, since the fire kept going out. The fire burned for about an hour, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Greg Folkins.



TWO DEAD, 37 INJURED IN THAILAND BUS ACCIDENT

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A Dutch tourist was among two people killed when a tour bus overturned Monday as the driver tried to pass a truck at high speed, police said. At least 37 people were hurt.

The dead foreigner was identified as Marcel de Hoog, 25, of the Netherlands, police Lt. Reungyoy Kham-in told The Associated Press by telephone. The other fatality was a Thai male crew member of the bus, he said.

30 PEOPLE KILLED, 14 INJURED IN CHINESE BUS EXPLOSION

BEIJING (AP) — At least 30 people were killed and 14 injured when a gas-powered public bus plunged over a 3-meter (10 foot) drop and exploded in the southwestern Chinese city of Chongqing, an official newspaper said.

The explosion Friday also injured "many" people in a minibus that was behind the bus, the Yangcheng Evening News said Saturday in a report seen Sunday in Beijing.

FOR THE NEWS SERVICE

Telecommunications

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"I was waiting for a phone call from my sister who was coming to see me from Pennsylvania and I had to be here when she called," she said. "That meant I either had to stay around and wait or make sure my roommate was going to be around, just in case."

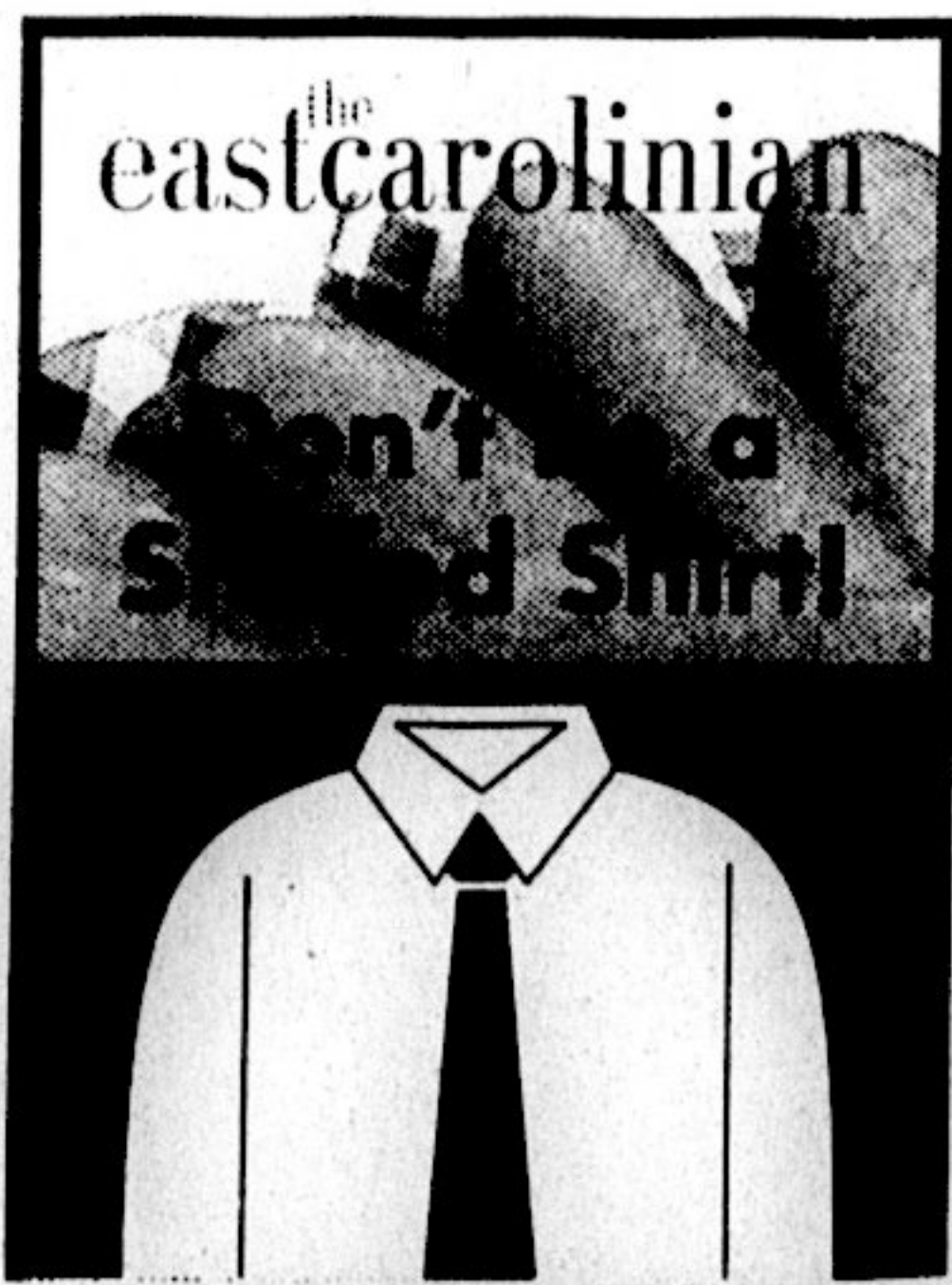
Sophomore Elizabeth Hamer said she would much rather use an answering machine instead of the voice mail service.

Hamer feels students often find using the voice mail system too complicated and in turn, decided to use an answering machine.

"I wasn't affected by the maintenance to the system because I use an answering machine instead," Hamer said. "It is less complicated than the voice mail system."

Bowers said this was just routine maintenance and he could not say for sure when, if anytime, it would happen again. However, telecommunications has plans set up if other problems should occur.

"We are required to notify seven days in advance if we are planning to do such work on the systems," he said.



members of Demarco asserted their support for Chancellor Richard Eakin's decision to terminate Demarco's employment. The letter also states that the faculty of the CSDI department want to work in an environment in which, "academic freedom is fostered in a constructive and collegial manner."

A portion of the letter reads, "The undersigned CSDI faculty strongly believe that this was a case of the administration responding to concerns of the majority of faculty within our department."

Demarco was stunned by the recent turn of events. He believes that the members of the faculty who signed the letter were pressured to do so by tenured members of the faculty.

"For your information, seven of the 14 faculty who signed the letter did not witness any of the alleged acts of misconduct," Demarco said. "Five of the 14 were present only during one of the incidents of misconduct. Only two of the 14 faculty were present during two of the alleged acts of misconduct."

According to Demarco, the one person who witnessed all acts which led to the dismissal of Demarco was Dr. Monica Hough. She was the only person in the department not to sign the letter of intent to back the Chancellor.

"Dr. Monica Hough was the only faculty member present during all three incidents," Demarco said. "She supported my accounts of what happened. The administration intimidated her not to testify on my behalf."

Hough, declined to comment on the the circumstances surrounding the case.

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Demarco has repeatedly said that he believes that the actions of the school have caused far more problems than he himself could have caused.

Richard Shine, Allied Health professor, thinks the claims concerning pressure from the tenured faculty are a bit far fetched.

"If that were true, the 14 individuals would not have signed the letter," Shine said. "This has unfortunately become a case of faculty versus faculty with the administration responding to the point."

After a university-wide faculty committee found no grounds to dismiss Demarco in 1997, Eakin overruled the decision.

"I am saddened that my faculty never treated me fairly as an American with a disability," Demarco said. "It is discouraging to me that the administration and the faculty choose not to work with me constructively, but rather choose to treat me with hostility."

Currently, Demarco has asked the Employment Securities Commission (ESC) to reconsider his case concerning whether or not Demarco should receive unemployment benefits. Demarco's attorney Al McSurely, said that the commission had made errors in the law in reaching its decision concerning the case.

"The petition is that they (the Commission) made a ruling that is 180 degrees opposite to their own legal precedents," said McSurely.

Demarco however, with no real gain to be received from the request has found himself fighting for the rights of others who are perhaps in similar situations as himself.

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crime scene

Sunday, Feb. 14

2:55 pm, Communicating Threats - A non-student threatened a student in a room in Slay Hall. The student did not want to press charges.

3:41 pm, Disorderly Conduct - A resident of White Hall was issued a campus appearance ticket after cursing at an officer and refusing to provide her identification to him.

Monday, Feb. 15

10:00 am, Damage to Property - A staff member reported damage to the left front bumper and headlight on a state vehicle parked east of Austin.

10:20 am, False Fire Alarm - Christopher Parker, student, of 406-D Scott Hall was served a crim-

inal summons for false fire alarm. The incident occurred on 2/12/99 at Belk Residence Hall. The summons was served at the Police Department.

10:30 am, Failure to Appear - Israel Acosta, student, of 142 Aycock Hall was arrested for failure to appear in court. The arrest took place at his residence.

2:36 pm, Larceny - A resident of Fleming Hall reported the larceny of her bicycle from the bike racks between Cotten and Fleming Halls.

2:52 pm, Simple Assault - A resident of Umstead Hall reported that he was pushed and threatened in the parking lot east of Umstead Hall.

3:20 pm - Simple Possession of Marijuana - A resident of Aycock Hall was issued a campus appearance ticket for possession of marijuana and alcohol. The charges

came after a consent search of the room. Three bottles of beer and a baggie with marijuana seeds were seized. 99-0113

3:38 pm, Damage to Property - A student reported that his vehicle had been scratched while parked in the commuter parking lot on College Hill Drive.

4:14 pm, Larceny - A resident of Garrett Hall reported that a male took money from him. The male stated he needed the money for a bus ticket.

4:50 pm, Larceny - A student reported the larceny of her license plate from her vehicle parked in the commuter parking lot north of Traffic Services.

10:15 pm, First Degree Trespass - Desedrick Monta Freeman, non-student, DOB 10/11/76, of 201-B Riverbluff Road, Greenville, NC was arrested for first degree trespass after roaming unescorted in Clement Hall.

He also refused to leave after being asked to leave by one of the residence hall staff. Mr. Freeman was banned from campus.

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The students will also visit Ansley Pavilion Nursing Home. Additionally, the students will visit Wonderland Gardens, a non-profit group that provides a variety of services for the metro Atlanta community targeting seniors, inner-city youth, at-risk youth and people with disabilities.

Finally, the students will visit Atlanta's Children's Shelter. The shelter maintains a day care for homeless children, and supports their families by providing social service resources for job training, transitional housing and coping with the unique issues of homelessness.

"I'm hoping to gain a positive experience from this trip and to bring back some knowledge that I did not already have," said junior Carrie Hewitt, who is also participating in the trip.

"It is a great feeling knowing that students want to volunteer for their spring break," said Jeff Novak, residence hall coordinator, who is heading this trip.

"My Alternative Spring Break trip was an experience where I received much more than I gave," Novak said.

"I'm hoping that this will interest many other students and get them to become involved with the program, Novak said.

For more information please contact Jeff Novak at 328-6144 or novakj@mail.ecu.edu.

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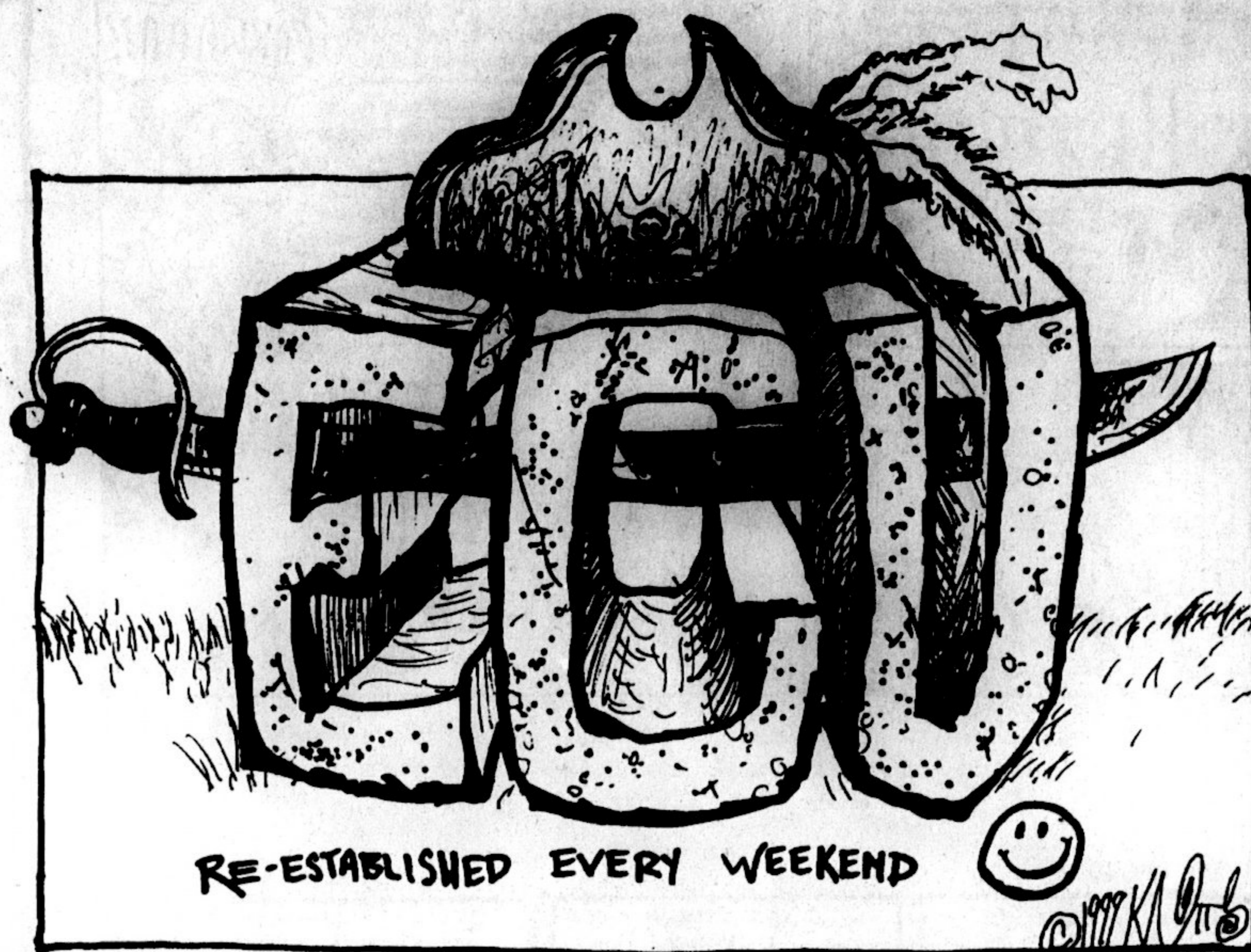
As most students gear up for a fun exhilarating week of action known as Spring Break a handful of ECU students will set off for a week in Atlanta, Georgia on a mission to make the lives of many needy people better.

They are opting for a non-traditional spring break experience. TEC feels that this is an excellent way for students to help others while also helping themselves. While they may not come back to campus with killer tans, they will bring back something more valuable, a real sense of accomplishment. Remember what your mother told you - "A friend in need is a friend indeed." These students will earn friendships and bring back memories that last far longer than blurry memories of Spring Break.

These students are joining thousands of other students across the country who work to fulfill dreams through projects such as Habitat for Humanity and the National Food Bank during spring break. While this event is full, there are many other ways students can use their Spring Break to help others. Students can contact Judy Baker at 328-6432 to find out other ways to volunteer their time during their time off from school.

Aside from the the sense of accomplishment that comes after volunteering for a good cause, volunteering also looks great on resume, especially during Spring Break.

Now, we know that not all of you are going to cancel your trips to Florida and sign up with the Red Cross, quit frankly, neither are most of us, but we are inspired to make time in our lives for a good cause. We hope you are too.



OPINION Columnist

Ryan Kennemur



Pizza delivery technology scary

"Since I don't want the establishment mad at me, let's call it Mama Joan's Pizza."

Howdy y'all! Did ya miss me? Sure ya did.

This week's column is going to be about the telephone. I was with my girlfriend last Saturday and we were planning on ordering a pizza. Since I don't want the establishment mad at me, let's call it Mama Joan's Pizza. I picked up the phone and dialed the number, and the girl working took my order just as one would expect.

What happened next frightens me more than any old hormone-crazed squirrel. I started to give her my phone number, but she stopped me with, "We already have it."

"Oh," I said. "Well do you want my name?"

She replied sternly with, "Sir, we already have all the information that we need. Your name, address, phone number ... it's all here."

"Um ... why do you have all that stuff already?" I asked sheepishly.

She immediately changed the subject with, "Did you want mushrooms on that?"

"Yes, but what I want to know is—"

"Okay sir, we'll call you when it's ready," she said as she hung up on me.

Now this really gets my goat, and it didn't take long for my girlfriend to realize that my goat had been gotten. I told her what had happened and she looked at me with the same expression that one would give a high school student that couldn't spell "cat." "Don't worry," she said. "There's nothing wrong with it. It's just so they can find out where you live and stuff."

I gazed at her, and though I love her dearly, I could not figure out why she was treating me like a child regarding this matter. It became blatantly obvious that she was one of "them." It would be difficult, but I would have to turn her in to the proper authorities

and get her deported. It would be the only way to save her.

But the pizza came, and it was great, and there was no noticeable poisonous toppings. I was still not convinced that there was something afoot. We turned on the television, and there were about a gazillion commercials about dialing 10-10-some-random-number. And what was worse, they all had old sitcom stars reprising their famous roles and pretending to really love the service. Yes, even Tony Danza!

Something's going on here, and I don't know what it is ... yet. I will do all I can to figure it out, so until I do, don't leave the house. Don't watch television. And for Tony Danza's sake, don't answer the phone. We need to show the world that we're not interested in their 10-10 crap!

Sorry about this column ... I need to cut back on the caffeine. Go ahead and use the phone and stuff. I was just kidding. It's not like there is someone out there that is going to kill you if you don't use their stupid phone serv ... AHHH ... click ... (dial tone).

OPINION Columnist

Christopher Coppedge

Wacky weather confuses senses

"Of course Mother Nature could be a big help to sick students everywhere and make up her mind about which season she wants."

This flu season has taken its toll on many students, including this columnist. Although most of the symptoms have since disappeared I still can feel the effects of the flu. Especially on my brain. I do not know exactly why it has affected my thought and memory so much, but school has become harder because of it. Also I'm not sure if it was the flu but I have become more lazy than usual. However I have figured out who and what is to blame for this terrible flu that many have experienced—Mother Nature and the weather.

Obviously Mother Nature has

had some problems recently on deciding what season it is. Being Feb. 1, I believe it is still supposed to be winter. However, judging by the recent weather it is mid-spring. Of course the weather seems to change at will on an hourly basis. Today is cold, tomorrow is hot. I cannot stand the fact that one day I can wear shorts and a T-shirt, but the next day I have to wear jeans, a sweater and a coat. Either that or in the morning I have to wear a coat and during the afternoon I'm sweating in a T-shirt. The weather is truly messed up.

I don't mind hot weather much, nor do I mind cold weather, but the constant change of day-to-day weather is making me crazy, as well as sick. I figure any day now the temperature will be around 100 degrees and the next day it will snow. This event would not surprise me one bit. You try for a tan one day and then go skiing the next. Of course this would probably lead to another strain of the flu bug. The worst result of the con-

stantly changing weather could mean having a tough time recovering from your sickness. I think I have had the flu for almost over two weeks. I have downgraded it from the flu to a cold now but I still have that stupid hacking dry cough. I'm not sure which is more annoying—being in class with someone constantly coughing, or being the one in class constantly coughing. I am ready to be fully over this cold or flu or whatever I have so I can actually wake up in the mornings and get to class on time. I think the flu just makes you tired and lazy, and if it's not the flu then I'm probably in big trouble. Of course Mother Nature could be a big help to sick students everywhere and make up her mind about which season she wants. It's time to pick a season and stick with it. Quit teasing us with spring and stick with winter for just a little while longer. Spring will come soon enough, when the time is right. In the meantime one season would help to keep us all a little bit healthier.

OPINION Columnist

Marville Sullivan



Proud Southerner defends her land

"Really I do not see what is so adherent about politeness and hospitality"

The South and its characteristics are seemingly always the target for scrutiny and ridicule. As a Southerner, although dismayed by most of the remarks that I hear and read, I usually just dismiss the demeaning comments as insolence and ignorance of what the South is and who Southerners really are. There comes a certain point though where the negative connotations must be reckoned with—not for revenge but rather for clarification.

One of the most annoying generalizations made is that Southern dialect is a sign of stupidity and/or slowness. This has to

be the most absurd notion that has been formed in regards to the South. To generalize someone's mental capability and aptitude based on an accent is absolutely asinine. It is interesting to note that Europeans find the Southern accent much more pleasant and dignified than other various American dialects. So, what's everyone else's problem?

Also, why are the Southern customs and ways of life so outrageous to newcomers? I really do not see what is so abhorrent about politeness and hospitality. We say grace and we say "ma'am"; is that really so offensive? It is understandable to be taken aback by Southern attitudes at first, but they stem from a unique and harmless socialization that occurs in many forms and on many levels. Tactfulness is a Southern virtue which some attain and some do not.

Of course, like any part of the country and its inhabitants, extremes exist, but also like any part of the country those extremes are the exception rather than the rule. There are admittedly facets

of the South that can prove to be irritating, but for some reason Southerners are bashed unashamedly. It's snobbery in the purest of forms, and it would be 100% politically incorrect to speak or think of any other group of people the same way.

Not all non-Southerners demean the South, and in fact, many people from different parts of the country that settle here for retirement and other reasons adore it. The benefits just outweigh any negatives that may exist. To scrutinize and patronize the South—especially if it is where you live—is just as backward in thinking as Southerners are assumed to be.

There has to be something better to pick on and complain about than the South. The whole mentality is about as old and worn-out as the Clinton scandal. Like most, I'm not hostile nor am I mad—I'm just Southern and I love every minute of it!

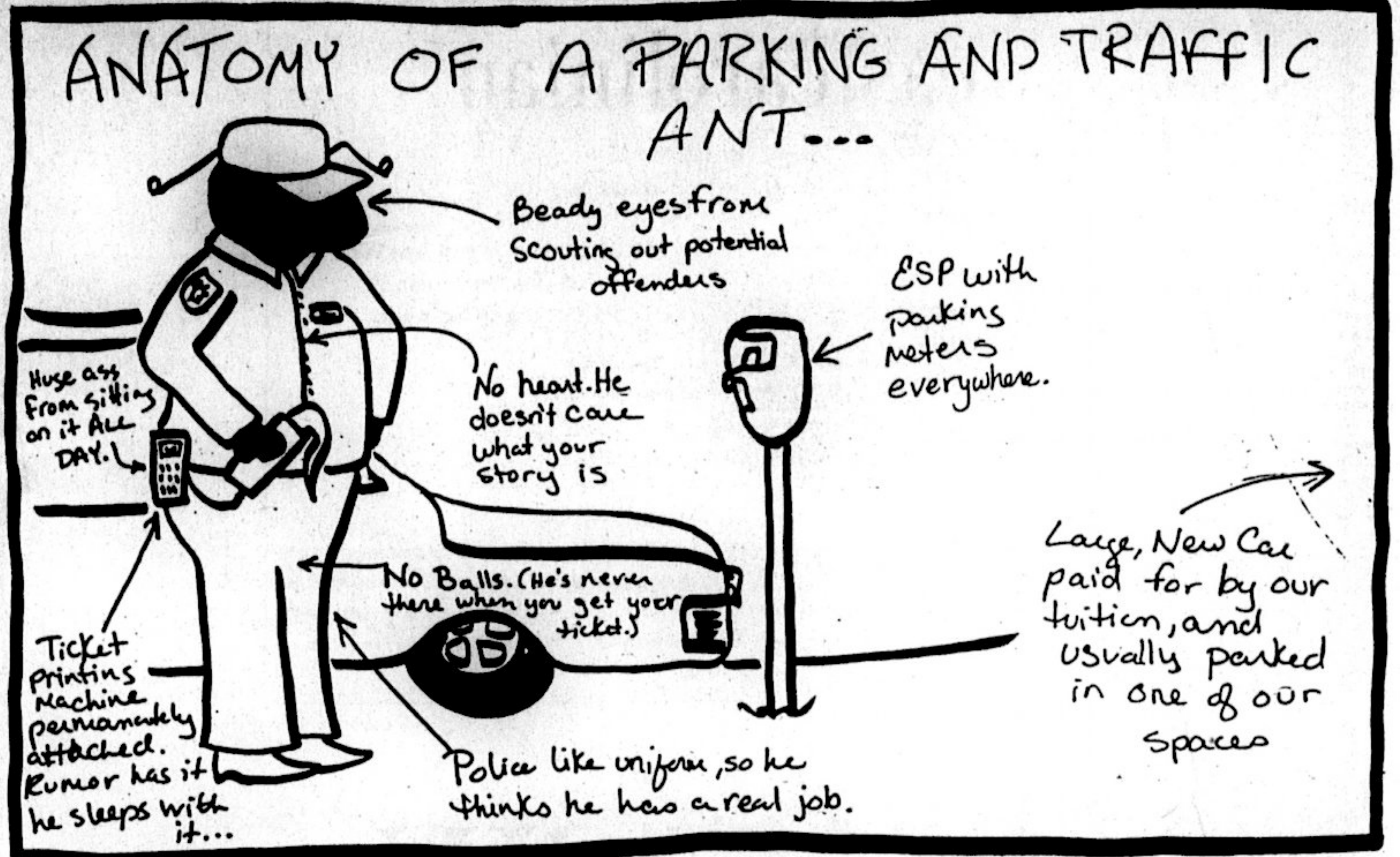
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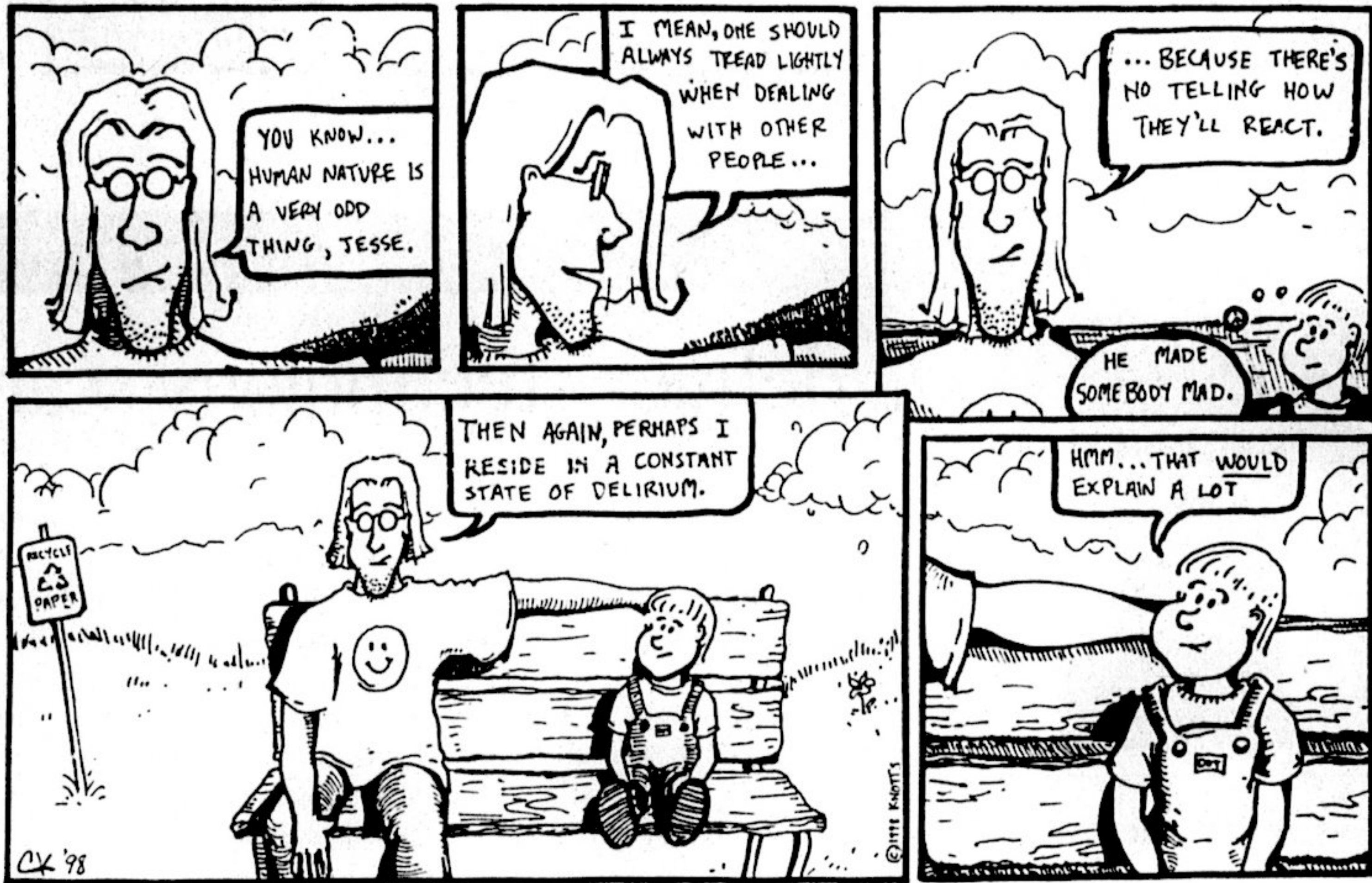
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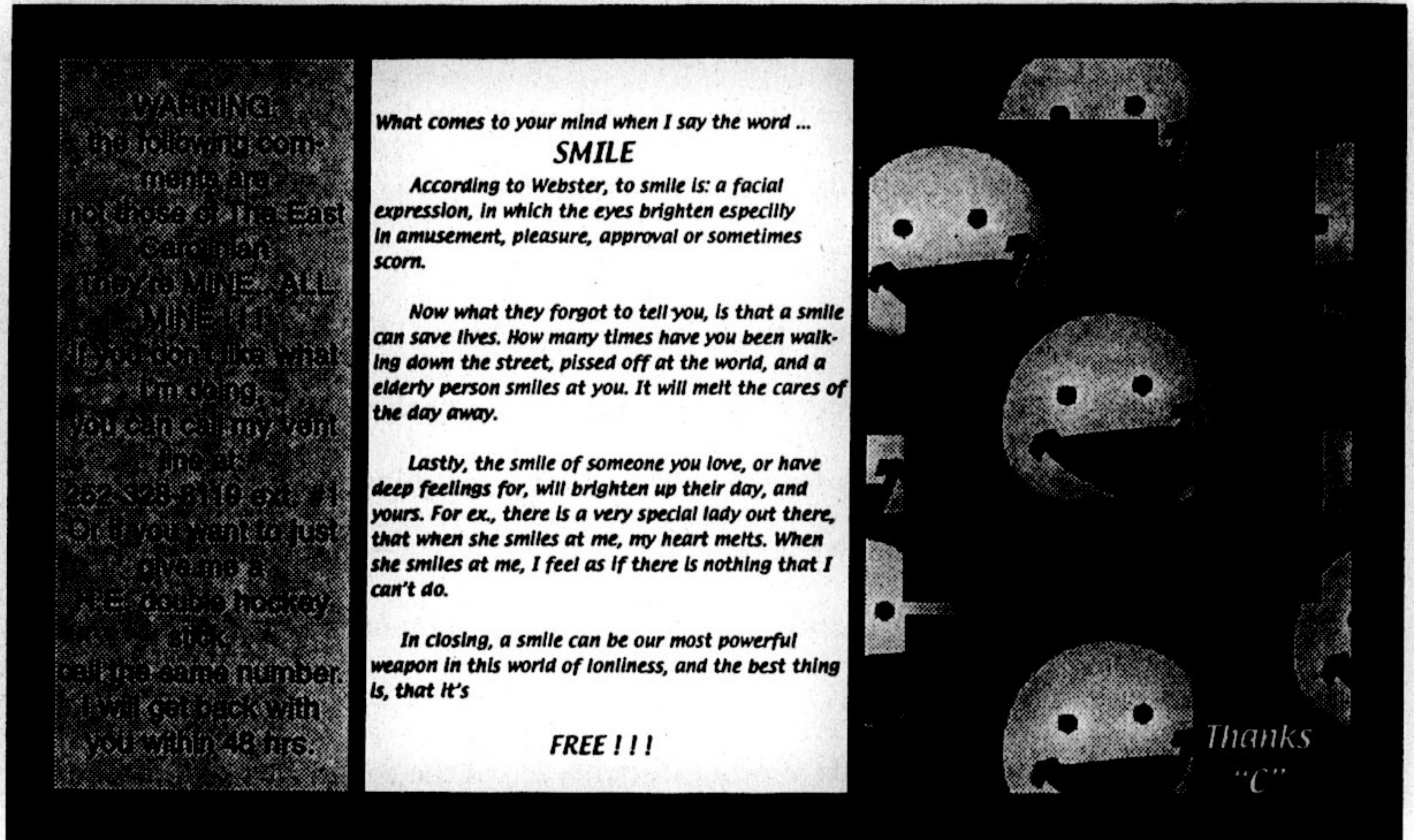
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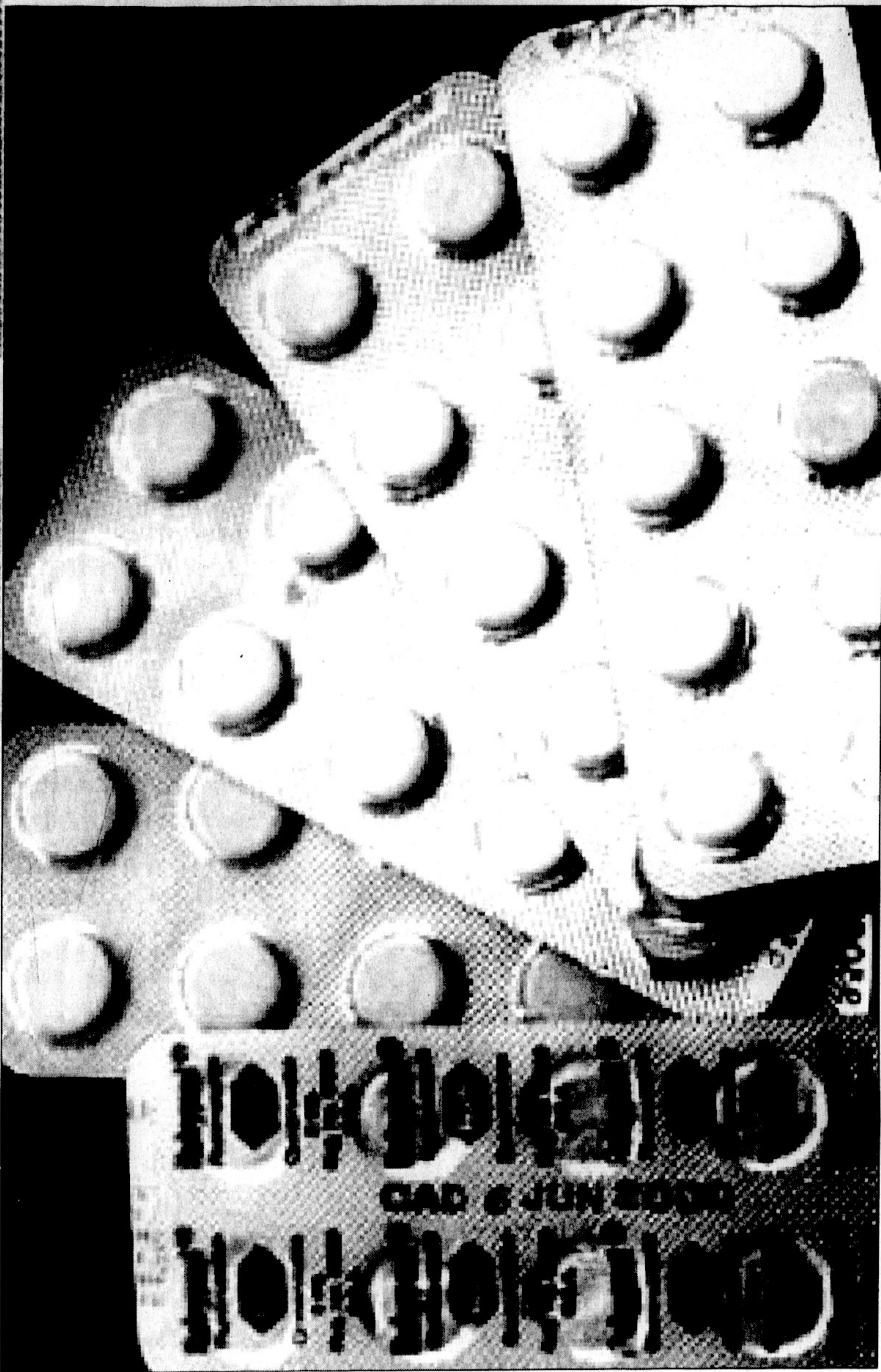
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Ecstasy growing in popularity on campus



The dangerous drug, Ecstasy, comes in the form of both liquid and pills and induces a state of relaxation.

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Drug effects are not well-known by public

PHILLIP GILLES
STAFF WRITER

There are drugs at ECU which are gaining popularity, though knowledge about their effects may not be well known. The drugs known as ecstasy and liquid ecstasy both help to induce a deep state of relaxation and both have the potential to cause great harm.

"Liquid ecstasy, also known as GHB, was first synthesized in the '60s and wasn't made illegal until 1990," said Heather Zophy, director of Health Education at Health Services.

GHB (gamma hydroxybutyrate), though called liquid ecstasy, is very different from ecstasy. This drug appears as a clear liquid and is often mixed with other liquids to conceal its unpleasant metallic taste. Possession of "liquid E" was not illegal until individual states starting banning it in 1997, due to its alleged links to incidents of date rape.

"With GHB there is a potential for addiction," said Bob Morphet, counselor at the Center for Counseling and Student Development. "It induces a state of relaxation, similar to alcohol."

Liquid ecstasy triggers chemical reactions in the brain that increase the supply of both the neurotransmitter GABA and dopamine levels. It can be snorted, smoked, and injected into the body. Its effects can begin within five to 20 minutes of ingestion and can last one to three hours.

At low doses, relaxation occurs. When a medium amount is taken, a trance-like state is induced, that can sometimes be followed by amnesia. Those who choose to take GHB regularly or in unusually high doses may be in danger of a cardiac

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Heather Zophy
Director of Health Education

arrest or respiratory problems. Some high-dose users have been put into a sleep state so deep it has been mistaken for coma.

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Known as the Generation X "thrill pill", ecstasy has grown in popularity since the '80s. Ecstasy is

the hallucinogenic amphetamine MDMA. It was not a controlled substance until 1985, and is currently listed as a Schedule I controlled substance, along with liquid ecstasy. This classification means that they have no recognized legitimate uses and are illegal under all circumstances, like heroin, LSD and marijuana.

Ecstasy can be sold in powder, tablet and capsule form and can be inhaled, injected or swallowed. The most common form is tablets, which sells on the street for \$10 to \$30 per dose.

"This drug isn't as prevalent as alcohol or marijuana, but anyone could purchase it if they were looking for it in Greenville or at any other campus," Morphet said.

The effects of ecstasy induce feelings of increased confidence and relaxed arousal. Effects can begin within 30 minutes and can last four to six hours. People who use ecstasy can be characterized by a tense appearance, which includes clenched teeth, increased heart rate and increased blood pressure. MDMA can also cause confusion, severe depression and memory impairment.

The greatest danger of ecstasy and liquid ecstasy is that users who buy it do not really know what they are getting. Often impurities are contained in the drug which can lead to great health dangers. Users must also keep in mind that both drugs are usually imported, so it can be anyone's best guess what is really in the drug.

College budgets put squeeze on students wallets

Money's whereabouts baffle mind

ERICA SIKES
STAFF WRITER

FREE! During your college years, it becomes your favorite four-letter word. Many of us know from experience what it's like to hit rock bottom. We all wonder where all the money goes, and we want to know the best ways to make more. And there's got to be a better way to save money than to break up with someone right before the gift-giving holidays and wearing dirty underwear inside out.

It has been said that the best way to make money is to get an

"I spend most of my money on stupid things such as food, going out and so many other things."

Mary Beth Fleming
ECU student

honest job. Nude dancing, by the way, is not the most dignified way to support your habit for extravagant clothing.

Programs sponsored by the University such as the Co-op program and various job placement programs are offered to the finan-

cially challenged. Although the job placement programs are not needed, they help students find jobs within their area of study.

"It is, however, a good way to defray the costs of your education," said Mary Cauley, director of the Co-op program.

Finding a job that is related to your major has numerous benefits that include the hands-on experiences you get while in the process of paying for and supporting yourself through your education.

When students were asked to analyze their expenses, needs and

stupid things such as food, going out and so many other things," said Mary Beth Fleming, freshman. "I think that people just blow their money on small things that add up."

"I'm usually pretty good about spending my money, but it always seems to disappear any time I take an unnecessary trip to Target or Wal-Mart," said Melissa Tilley, sophomore. "I always get home \$30 short and nothing to show for it."

Students remain baffled as to where their money is going. Frequent trips to the grocery store,



Students stop at ATM machines to retrieve money before shopping at local stores.

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wants, they gave the most interesting responses. Puzzled, they tried to rationalize their expenses and splurging habits.

"I spend most of my money on

the department store and downtown suck away all of our money without us ever realizing it. The cost of living has also just increased,

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Intense controversy arises over death penalty in Texas

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) - Prosecutors portrayed Pablo Lucio Vasquez, convicted of killing and mutilating a 12-year-old boy, as the embodiment of evil and deserving of the death penalty.

"Evil exists in our community," said Joseph Orendain, prosecutor. "Evil exists in our society. The first thing you need to do is to identify that evil to understand it. You have to confront that evil and then you have to deal with that evil."

Orendain told jurors to keep the victim, David Cardenas, in mind when they decide whether the 21-year-old Vasquez deserves to die by injection or be in prison for life.

"You will never hear [Cardenas'] side of what happened that night," Orendain said.

"Pain, suffering, Pablo Lucio Vasquez... What about the pain of the family? What about the pain of David Cardenas?"

Cardenas' mother left the courtroom in tears during Orendain's statements, as she did during his closing arguments Tuesday.

In his remarks, defense attorney Daniel Reyes said Vasquez should not be punished for his mental problems, some of which Reyes said are genetic.

"If the answer to your special issues lead to Pablo Vasquez being put to death, then our society is going to be a society where eye for an eye is the rule of law, where tooth for a tooth is the rule of law, a society where vigilante justice is the law," he said.

Jurors began deliberating late Thursday afternoon. They stopped for the day around 10 p.m. and were sequestered overnight. Deliberations were to resume Friday.

A psychiatrist testified earlier Thursday that Vasquez was anti-

social and had contemplated suicide because he feared the death penalty.

"I know they're going to kill me, so I'd rather take my life," Vasquez told Diego Rodriguez Escobar during a September evaluation, the doctor testified.

Rodriguez, who determined that Vasquez was mentally ill but competent to stand trial, was the defense's first witness during the punishment phase of the Vasquez capital murder trial.

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People diagnosed as anti-social tend to be predatory in nature and are bound to repeat past mistakes, Rodriguez said during cross-examination by Orendain. It is a trait common to serial killers and mass murderers, he said. But the doctor added that he could not determine whether Vasquez is a continuing threat to society.

"We cannot predict violence in psychiatry," he said.

An academician also called by

defense attorneys testified Thursday afternoon that statistics show those convicted of capital murder like Vasquez have a low likelihood of committing future violent acts.

"The fact of the matter is murderers are usually your best behaved inmates and, when and if released, they are also your best behaved on parole," said Jonathan Sorensen, a criminal justice professor at the University of Texas-Pan American.

Earlier Thursday, Mancias denied a defense motion to declare a mistrial because of news reports by a television station.

Vasquez was convicted of killing Cardenas, whose body was found scalped and dismembered in a vacant field in Donna. The seventh-grader was killed the night of April 17-18 while partying with Vasquez and Andy Chapa, 15.

In his statement to authorities, Vasquez admitted hitting Cardenas with a metal pipe, cutting him with a knife and drinking the boy's blood. He said the devil and other voices told him to commit the murder.

Prosecutors have pointed to robbery as the motive for the vicious attack because the boy's jewelry was taken. However, the way in which Cardenas was killed and the timing of his death—April 17 and 18 are days that call for a human sacrifice on a "satanic calendar"—have stirred talk of occult activity in Donna.

Chapa will also be tried on capital murder charges as an adult. The maximum penalty he faces is a life sentence because he was a juvenile at the time of the killing. Six others are accused of helping to cover up the crime.

Company forecasts weather

WAYNE, Pa. (AP) - Predicting the weather a year from today in any city across the country? Nonsense, meteorologists say.

But Frederick Fox, a businessman turned self-proclaimed weather prophet, offers a money-back guarantee that it can be done and will provide Internet users the best time to get married, plan a ski trip or even sell raingear.

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Fox said the secret behind future forecasting is his company's use of about 100 years of historical data from the National Weather Service and a theory that everything, even weather, happens in

cycles. Mainstream meteorologist call his ideas way over the top. According to the American Meteorological Society, there is no verifiable skill that exists in forecasting day-to-day weather changes a season or even a month in advance.

The National Weather Service also maintains that accurate forecasts are possible only two weeks in advance when it comes to today's physics and technology, said Allan Eustis, industrial meteorologist for the National

Weather Service in Silver Spring, Md. "I don't think the guy is necessarily a heretic because there are cycles and different ways to look at things," Eustis said. "But would I buy it?"

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I'm sure you are all familiar with thrift shops such as Goodwill and Salvation Army. On a good day, you can find the same clothes sold in stores like American Eagle and the Gap for almost a third of the price. Todd Dining Hall also supplies those of us who hate to wash dishes with plastic utensils that work just as well as the fancy silverware.

So when you're looking to cut your budget, use your resources and think about what you are about to purchase. If you can't eat it, wear it or hang it on the Christmas tree, then you probably don't need it.

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Minton highlights game with no-hitter

Pirates pound ACC with defensive skills

BLAINE DENIUS
SENIOR WRITER

ACC scorekeepers had lots of free time over the weekend as the Pirates began the '99 season by keeping their opponents scoreless for 26 innings.

The Winn-Dixie Shoot-Out tournament held in Charleston, S.C. over the weekend started the Pirate baseball season and matched ECU against three strong competitors from the ACC. The Pirates opened the tournament Friday with an 8-3 loss to the University of North Carolina, followed by a 12-0 stomping of the University of Virginia on Saturday. ECU wrapped up the tournament Sunday with sophomore pitcher Foye Minton throwing a no-hit shutout to beat the Wolfpack of NC State 8-0.

"You couldn't ask for a better

game to round out the weekend," said Steve Salargo, senior left-fielder. "It's one of the best pitching performances I have ever seen in my career. When Foye [Minton] is on, he's on."

Minton threw 106 pitches while completing all nine innings of the game and was recently named one of "Collegiate Baseball's" players of the week. According to the ECU Sports Information Department, head coach Keith LeClair said he doesn't want a pitcher to throw that many pitches his first outing of the year, but Minton was "in the zone" and the defense was playing great.

Minton's no-hitter is only one of the many highlights from the Pirates' performance over the weekend. The Pirates played a total of 27 innings and only allowed runs during one inning throughout the entire tournament. ECU held a 2-0 lead early against UNC on Friday, but allowed eight runs in the bottom of the fourth as the Tarheels charged back into the game. Even though the Pirates dropped this first game, they held their opponents scoreless for the

remainder of the weekend. The defensive showing was outstanding for the Pirates, but the offensive side was equally strong producing a total of 23 runs.

"It was defense mainly," said Travis Thompson, senior pitcher. "We did it on defense and so we

"Coach [LeClair] told us to enjoy the win, but when you come to practice be ready to rock 'n' roll,"

Steve Salargo
Senior Left-Fielder

were pumped up on offense."

Pirate team members recovered quickly from the loss to UNC and prepared themselves for the tough games ahead by focusing on what goals they did accomplish.

"We looked at the positive instead of the negative," said John Williamson, sophomore outfielder.

"We outplayed Carolina. We played hard all day and just had one bad inning."

After the fourth inning against UNC, ECU was virtually flawless. The Pirates shut down the offense of the ACC and showed that defense will be the key to a successful season this year.

"Anytime you come out with two wins in a series against the ACC, you're doing well," Williamson said. "Anytime you can beat the Wolfpack it's great. If a no-hitter had to be against anyone, I'm glad it was them."

The Winn-Dixie tournament opened the '99 season and was the first opportunity for the Pirates to watch the 17 new members added to the team this year in action.

"The new guys did an awesome job," Thompson said. "There were great double-plays and great defense all around the field.



The Pirates' defense came out strong to defeat the Wolfpack after losing to the Tarheels

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Everyone bonded together working for one goal."

These first few games have answered many questions about the '99 Pirate baseball team and players are still enjoying the sweet taste of victory from this tournament. However, team members know that many games lie ahead on the road to the NCAA Championship in Omaha and they

must continue to work hard.

"Coach [LeClair] told us to enjoy the win, but when you come to practice be ready to rock 'n' roll," Salargo said. "We have to come out of the gates with the same intensity every ball game."

The Pirates' record now stands at 2-1 and they will play their home opener at Harrington Field Feb. 20 against Radford University.

Men's soccer program welcomes new head coach

O'Neill stands ready to accept challenge

MANDY REUTTER
STAFF WRITER

Pirate's soccer began spring season practice on Tuesday afternoon under the leadership of new head coach, Devin O'Neill.

O'Neill takes over for Will Wiberg who resigned his position after the 1998 fall season. Out of approximately 70 applicants, O'Neill was chosen for his competitive attitude and successful history with three previous collegiate programs.

"In the short-run our first priority is to be a great defensive team," said O'Neill. "Long-term goals are a conference championship and an established name in the region."

ECU is O'Neill's first head coaching position. Prior to arrival at Greenville, O'Neill served as assistant coach at Ohio State, Fresno State, and Lafayette College (Pa.). Success first began in O'Neill's introductory coaching position. He helped lead the Lafayette Leopards to back-to-back Patriot League championships, with a Sweet 16 appearance at the NCAA Tournament in 1995. While at Fresno State, the Bulldogs were 1996 WAC champions and even went as far as to reach the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament. His influence at Ohio State helped to guide the Buckeyes to a 1997 berth in the Big 10 Conference in addition to the league

Biography:

Name: Devin O'Neill
Position: Head men's soccer coach
Age: 29
Years Coaching: 5 1/2
Hometown: West Springfield, Mass.
Formal Education: Masters from Springfield (Mass.) College
Bachelor's from Middlebury (Vt.) College

Source: ECU Sports Information Department

semifinals last season.

Positive results are something that the Pirates are looking forward to achieving. Men's soccer over the past four years has played for an overall record of 19-56-2 (.253). CAA statistics report that in these same four years, ECU has won only four games and has lost 28, and three of their past four seasons have been spent in ninth respect they feel they deserve from their opponents, and are willing to work hard for it.

Pirates feel resentful after Monday night

Men's basketball blitzed in final road game

ERIC COUCH
SENIOR WRITER

The last time ECU went to Virginia to face the division leader, they returned having upset their opponent. Not this time.

CAA leader George Mason topped the Pirates' plans Monday night as ECU lost 87-68. This loss dropped ECU to a record of 12-12 and 6-8 in the conference.

GMU had two different players scoring 20 points and four players in double digits. Avery Carey of GMU set his season high with 20 points and forward George Evans also tacked on his own 20. GMU set a school record with 11 CAA wins and clinched a share of the CAA regular season title.

The Patriots were on fire all night and answered everything that the Pirates offered. The Pirates' leading scorer had a very tough night as GMU was able to hold Evaldas Jocy to five points 2-12 from the floor.

"Jocys had a rough night, which

we thought he probably would at some point in the season," head coach Joe Dooley said. "He has been playing so well all year that at some point you have to figure he's probably going to have a tough game."

According to Dooley, the story of the game was missed opportunities and turnovers. While the Patriots were out-rebounding the Pirates 41-29 they also forced 20 turnovers.

"We had opportunities to get back into it," Dooley said. "We climbed back within 10 late in the game, but we didn't score."

One bright spot for the Pirates Monday night was the shooting behind the three-point arc. As a team, ECU nailed 10 three-point baskets. Brandon Hawkins scored 15 points while going 5-7 from behind the three-point line.

Garrett Blackwelder scored 17 points to lead ECU in scoring, and Quincy Hall added 12 points.

"Our focus right now is to finish out our last two home games with two wins," Blackwelder said to the media on Monday.

On Saturday, arch rival UNC-Wilmington will come to Minges Coliseum. The Pirates will be looking for revenge for the January loss in Wilmington. The tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

Tennis teams off to strong beginning

Freshmen back up core of women's programs

MORGAN HEFNER
STAFF WRITER

The Pirates' new head coach Tom Morris, who is bringing his tennis background to both squads, is additionally bringing nothing but victories during the young tennis season.

After a successful career at Atlantic Christian, Tom Morris coached at Barton College for eight years before joining the Pirates.

Returning only two players from last year's squad, the Lady Pirates are packed with young talent this year, having six freshman on the team. This season will depend on how well the older players can bring the team together and incorporate the younger team members. The Lady Pirates are looking to improve their finish last year of sixth in the CAA Championship.

"This year will be a rebuilding season in many ways, although I expect it to be a solid year," Morris said. "I believe we will lay a solid foundation for the future with the hard work and commitment I have seen in this team so far.

"We had a productive fall sea-

son, both in terms of winning percentages and in improvement and we are looking to improve this spring."

In five straight set singles wins the Lady Pirates blanked an over-matched UNC-Asheville squad.

"The team played very well today," said Brian Jackson, assistant coach, after the match. "This is a good way to start the season."

The Lady Pirates faced Barton College next, and again, shut them out 9-0. A freshman doubles combination of Mary Elaine Knox and Stacie Sasser won a hard fought victory over the team of Griffin and Almond, 9-7.

"We played very well today in both individual and doubles matches," Morris said. "The hard work that this team has put into practices is beginning to show up in matches. Our freshman are playing solid tennis and we are looking forward to our next matches."

An important team leader is Catherine Morgan, the only senior on the team. She finished the fall season with an unprecedented 9-1 record, which increased her mental toughness for this season and made her tougher than ever to beat.

Another upperclassman in the top of the lineup is Asa Ellbring, a junior transfer from Augusta State. She is currently recovering from injuries, but is expected to be a force for the Lady Pirates.

The rest of the Lady's team is

comprised of six freshman: Meredith Spears, Andrea Terrill,

"I'm looking forward to see how the Pirates do against teams in the CAA, but I'm most excited about the matches against NC State,"

Tim McMichaels
Sophomore and Tennis Enthusiast

Mary Elaine Knox, Hrushida Kamthe, Stacie Sasser and Carolina Torres. Spears dropped only one match in the fall season and will find herself doing damage in the middle of the lineup. Additional depth will be added by the others as they get more experience.

The Pirates will take the courts again on Feb. 20 to face Mt. Olive.

ECU's men's team is on the same winning track. Hosting its first dual match of the season the men won over UNC-Asheville, 4-0. The doubles team of Derek Slate and Dustin Hall shut down the Bulldog team of Grimm and Molina, 8-0. Strong play continued into singles where the Pirates

dropped only one set.

"This was a good win for us. The guys fought hard and played well, considering it was their first match of the season," Morris said. "This team shows tremendous ability and talent. We are looking forward to an exciting season."

The '99 Pirates look to improve their 10-10 record and a sixth place finish in the CAA.

At the top of the lineup the Pirate's have a weapon that has beaten nationally ranked players. That weapon is Roope Kalajo. Other seniors include Kenny Kirby, Stephan Siebenbrunner and Derek Slate. Kirby boasts the best record on the team and Slate is changing his baseline game to serve-and-volley to improve his doubles skills.

The Pirates play eight home matches this season with two CAA matches at home which will give the Pirates a much needed advantage.

"I'm looking forward to see how the Pirates do against teams in the CAA, but I'm most excited about the matches against NC State," said Tim McMichaels, sophomore and tennis enthusiast.

The Pirates will face Barton College in their next match. Coach Morris is looking forward to playing Barton and said that it should not be as tough as last year.

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Parker saw 308 Wildcat football games, including a streak of 204 in a row between 1969 and 1989.

A 1962 graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College, Parker worked at

that school's department of public relations, and was sports publicity director for four years. Parker also worked as a sportswriter at The Charlotte Observer, the Statesville Record & Landmark and the Hickory Daily Record.

While not involved in day-to-day operations, Parker will become the school's sports archivist and continue part-time on history and statistical projects and help with the transition process. He will also be involved with a World War II book project and research.

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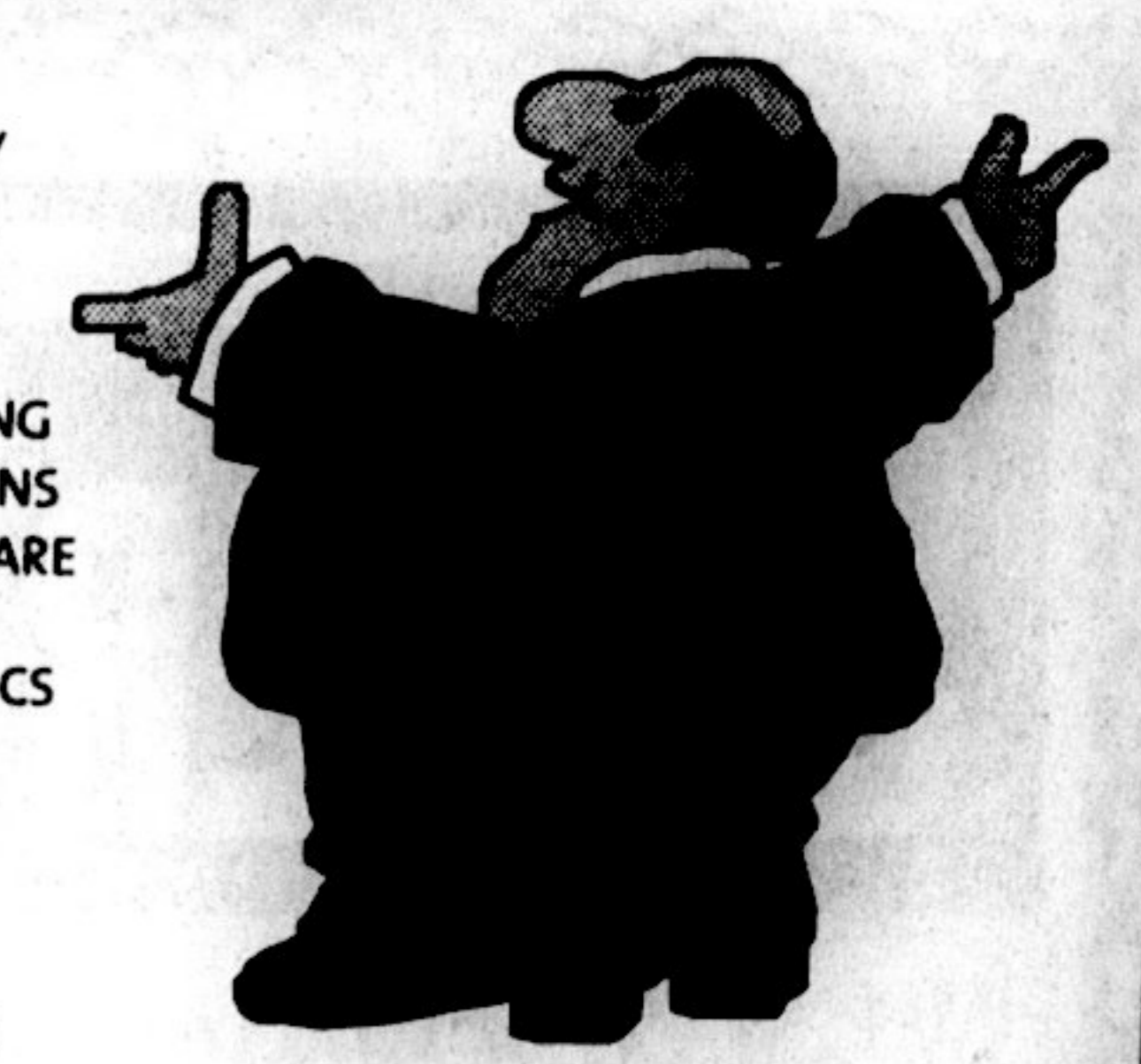
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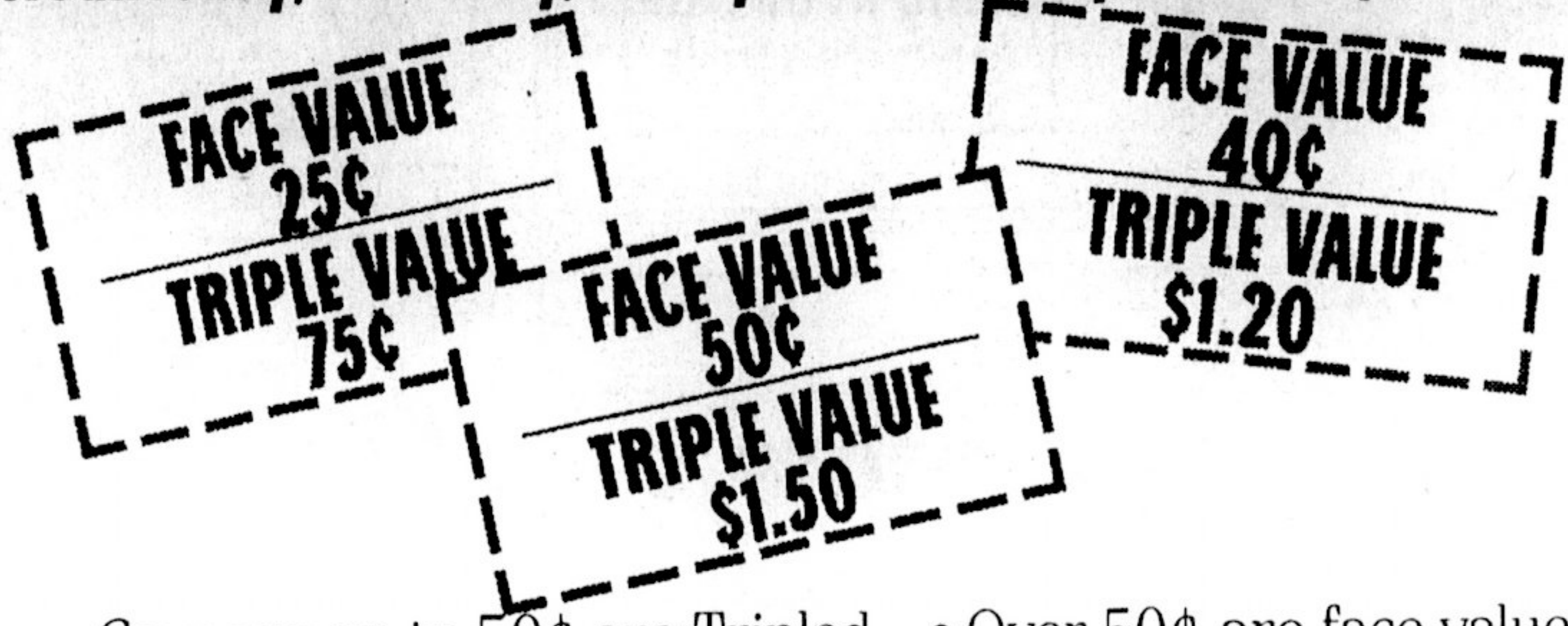
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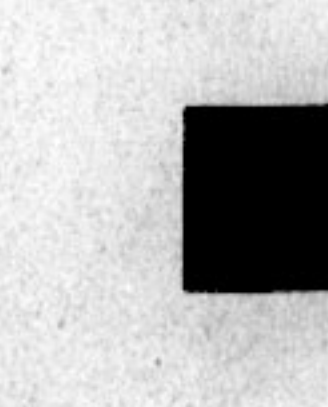
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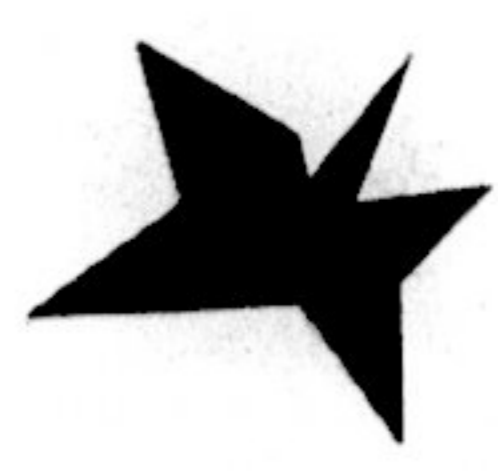
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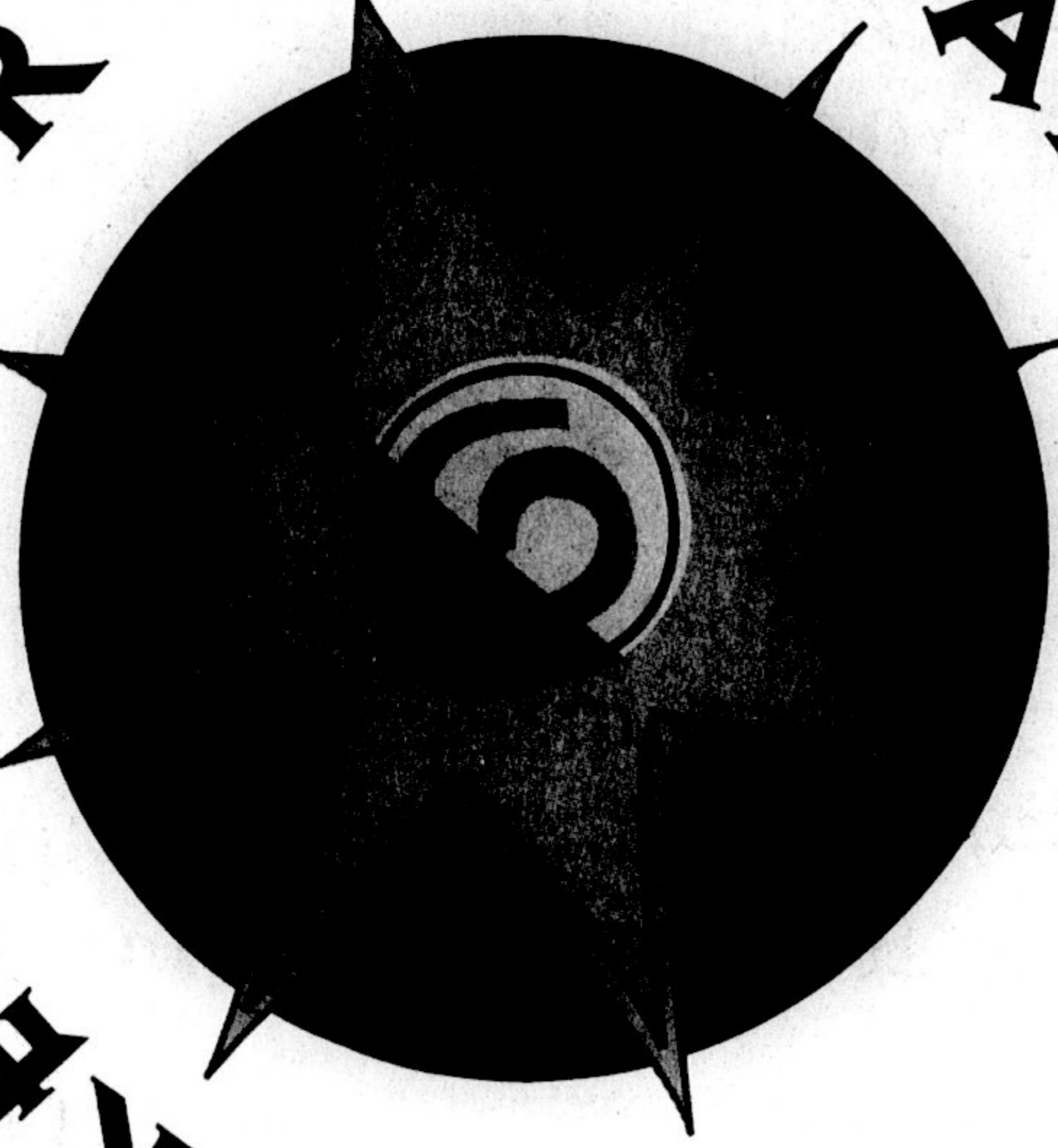
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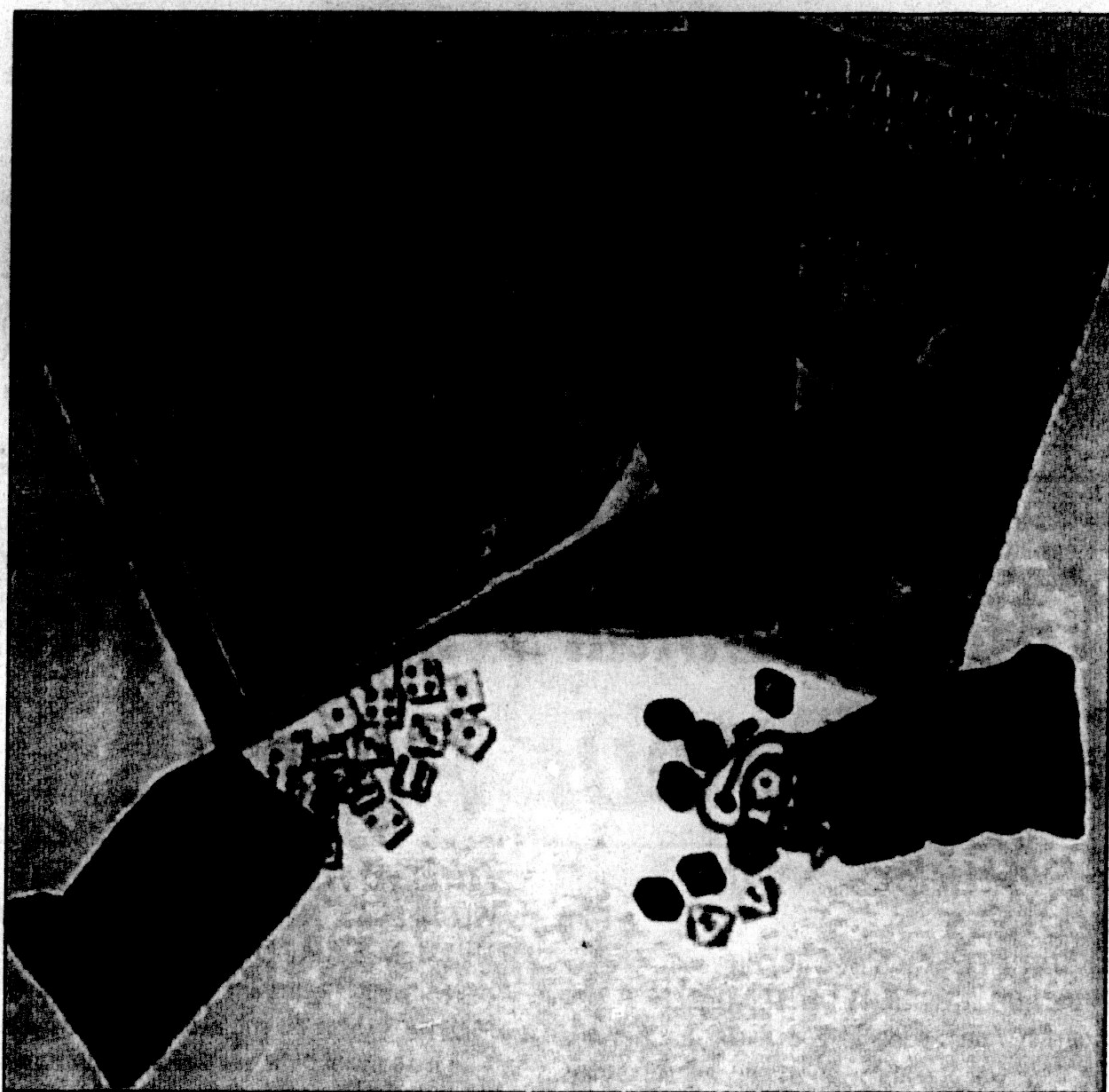
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D. Miccah Smith
Fountainhead Editor

High on a desert plain littered with scrap metal, bones and broken glass, a figure hunches against a biting wind. Weaponless, she's locked in combat with a tall, muscular man whose face is shielded behind a protective mask. Without a word he lunges at her, drawing a sword from a scabbard on his belt.

Her only hope for survival is in the roll of the dice. Welcome to the world of modern role-playing. No longer the pastime of black-clad teenagers whose trademarks were bad grades and worried parents, role-playing has exploded into a creative, lucrative industry that gives ordinary people with imaginations the chance to have extraordinary adventures.

Games can be played anywhere, at any time, and without the aid of any technology more advanced than the common pencil. All players need is a designated "game master" ("GM" for short), a book of rules and suggestions for the game they're playing, some dice, pencils and paper.

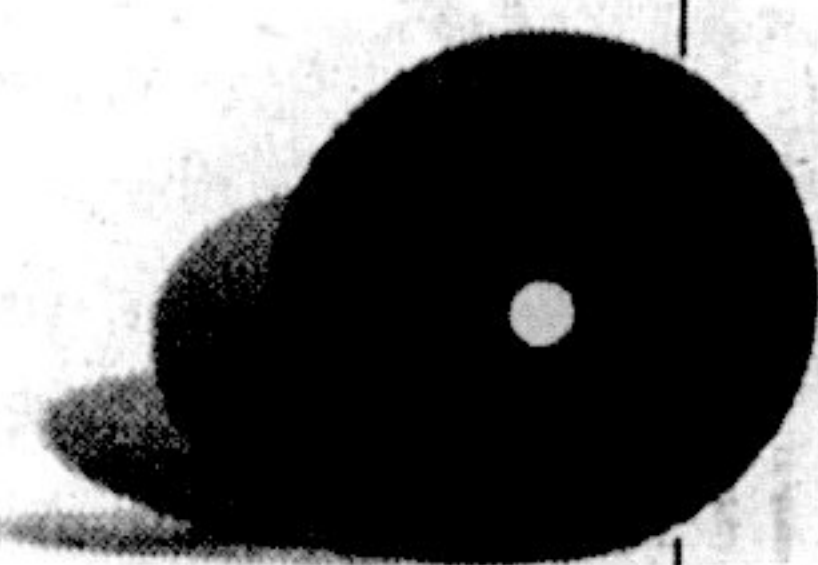
One of the most popular role-playing styles is called "table-top gaming." Players rely on books to guide the creation of characters who have unique strengths, weaknesses and personalities. The "GM" narrates a scenario of his or her own creation, complete with pitfalls and battle sequences, and the players, who are

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Role-Playing

In the world of fantasy, anything can happen

Trinket: a cheap, badly made item



CD Review

"Shakespeare in Love": dream on...



Movie Review

Everybody knows some guy who's got this poster in his room



Video Review

The Cassatt String Quartet makes beautiful music tonight



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CD Review

Ryan Kennemur
Senior Writer
Trinket



A lot of people have come to me and asked why I always review CDs that rate highly on the Ryan Scale. The answer is...I don't know. Thus, I have decided to appease the masses and review a CD that I feel has no bearing on American society, or even Ethiopian society. Trinket is a Georgia band that is the self-proclaimed "classic rock band for the 21st century." To tell you the truth, an ideal that Trinket's promotional team obviously isn't too fond of, this disk has nothing close to classic rock about it. How could it be, being as they describe themselves as a mixture of U2 and Jane's Addiction, which is like mixing acids and bases...only this time, there's no explosion. Just a bunch of loud guitars (with cheesy effects) and trite lyrics. The opening track, "Unbehaved", is not so bad, save for a few little whiny vocals. The chorus sounds pretty cool, until you sit down and read the lyrics. "Wait for the change in the unafraid/What comes next from the unbehaved." I've really tried to find a deeper message, but the latter sentence totally throws off any chance of that. The next song, "Bruised Violet Days", though it uses a Beatles chord, is the beginning of the end. It starts with a

Hole-ish riff that leads to nowhere, prompting the vocals to come in and kill the song even more with microphone effects a la Cher's new song. The next few songs sound like they are trying desperately to be the late-great Refreshments, especially the song "Throwaway Culture", which I kind of like for that reason. But the lyric, which coincidentally is the band's staple lyric on their press release, "And I won't apologize that I can't be defined," is just bothersome to me. I'll give you a definition, guys. "Good", which is defined in the Ryan dictionary as "not your music." The remainder of the disk is pretty crummy as well. There are a couple of bright flickers along the way, such as hard-to-detest "Burgundy Shine", an acoustic, harmony-driven ballad that sounds like it would be more suitable for a Third Eye Blind album. This is pure teen-pop, and it was a good idea for them to include it on the album. Someone may actually buy it, now. And the song "Haunt Pallenberg", which refers to Keith Richards' flame Anita Pallenberg, is one of the best Oasis songs that they never wrote. Soaring guitars and background Rolling Stoney "hoo-hoos" make it a fairly interesting listen. This song alone accounts for two points on the Ryan Scale. Just for the record, Trinket isn't horrible, just a little half-baked. They just need to consider music and figure out which direction they want to go with it. So far, the half-rock and half teen-beat just doesn't work. And you know something's up when one of the best things the press release says about the band is, "Their lyrics are delivered with startling clarity." If I were Trinket, on the next album, I'd be vying for something more like, "Their music is good."

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Video Review

Kubrick's horror masterpiece is a classic

Patrick McMahon
Staff Writer
The Shining

From the demented and enigmatic mind of director Stanley Kubrick comes the warped and cinematic film, "The Shining." The combination of Jack Nicholson's acting and Kubrick's direction hit me like a glancing blow to the groin. You think at first that it didn't really do anything, but after a brief moment it drops you to your knees. The movie gets at you from the very beginning with horrendous psychic visions from Danny and the eerie manner in which Nicholson's character Jack Torrance creeps into insanity. Using cityscape and mountain settings, the scenery awed me from the



very beginning. The quick changing and effortless transition from day to day and month to month work well with the excellent script. The dialogue, however, begins to take on an old, stale odor; leaving the viewer in a half laugh and a half-agitated groan at the script's campiness. The character of Danny was outstandingly portrayed, even though at times the kid's over-acting tended to be a bit much. The scene where the character talked with the cook about the "shining" was probably one of the calmest, yet spookiest parts of the film. Comic relief in the film was provided in a unique way from the character of Wendy. As the stereotypical ignorant, weak and powerless

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The Cassatt String Quartet returns



The quartet will perform tonight as part of their ECU residency

Mohamed Hussein
Senior Writer

Tonight one of America's most distinguished string ensembles, the Cassatt String Quartet, will perform in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall as part of a residency at the ECU School of Music.

The group will be staying in Greenville throughout the week of Feb. 15-21 presenting master classes, seminars and sectional rehearsals with ECU music majors and Pitt County Schools.

This will be the ensemble's second stay at ECU, much to the excitement of the School of Music.

"It's incredible!" said Carroll Dashiell Jr., director of Jazz Studies in the School of Music. "This is a great opportunity to interchange musical ideas and concepts between students and faculty."

The ensemble, whose name is derived from that of American Impressionist painter Mary Cassatt, is originally from Manhattan but has performed extensively all over the world. Previous performance venues include New York's Carnegie Hall, Paris' Theatre des Champs-Elysees and the Maeda Hall in Tokyo. The group has also performed on radio stations such as WGBH, WQXR and WNYC out of New York, as well as Radio France.

"The quartet is terrific and they are truly enjoyable to listen to," said Jeff Jarvis, chairman of the Instrumental Department of the School of Music. The four members of the group are violinists Muneko Otani and Jennifer Leshower, violist Michiko Oshima and cellist Kelley Mikkelsen.

The group has won numerous awards including a Tanglewood Chamber Music Fellowship, the

Wardwell Chamber Music Fellowship at Yale, first prizes at the Fischhoff and Coleman Chamber Music Competitions, and two top prizes at the Banff International Quartet Competition.

The quartet has a residency at ECU, meaning that they come to the campus twice a year to engage in teaching and performing.

"We are fortunate to have them as residents for two years now," Dashiell said.

Tonight's three-part performance will feature works by Haydn, Beethoven and Borodin.

The Cassatt Quartet has recorded for a number of major labels such as Phillips Classics, CRI and New World.

"This should be a wonderful performance," said Jarvis.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the School of Music at 328-6851.

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female protagonist, Wendy made the film funny, something which it dearly lacked. Her simple, yet stunning performance was absolutely outstanding. She made the character come alive as a ditz but she also gave that ditz relevance. With her performance, the character of the female "damsel in distress" was to be forever changed. Her presence was admirable.

The movie has a nice plot build-up that is steady without being overly fast or choppy. Jack's slow descent

into psychotic behavior wrapped me up in his madness while at the same time advancing the storyline with excellent precision.

There was one part of the movie that left me disappointed, though. The ending was realistic, yet not dramatic. The utter simplicity and quickness left me in a confused, surrealistic state of disbelief. Leaving Jack alive and only the cook dead was no fun at all. Even the wife, Wendy, was able to get away. Where is the fun in that? The only gore in the movie came from Jack and

Danny's flashbacks to the previous caretaker's exploits. Granted, gore is not necessarily needed in a film to build suspense, but a little blood and guts at the hand of Jack could help. In all, the movie was entertaining and captivating, and only the ending left me angry and wanting more. Under different circumstances, maybe the movie would not have become a favorite of mine but Jack Nicholson's performance was just too good. He pushed the movie from mediocrity to an instant classic.

Restaurant That's good eatin'!

Ryan Kennemur
Professional Eater
Finelli's Cafe

As a professional journalist, I feel that it is my obligation to get out there in the real world and experience things firsthand. This, in my opinion, is the only way to be truthful with the information that I am reporting. So, you can imagine my excitement when I found out that my newest assignment was to review the new Italian restaurant in town. I grabbed a date (my girlfriend, so it's not like she had a choice) and scooted on over.

When you walk into Finelli's Cafe, located at 2905 E. 5th Street, you get overtaken by the aromas of an array of spices common to most Italian eateries. Looking around, you see an obvious pastel motif. The dining area is small, with about 14 tables of various sizes, so I suggest you get there before 5 p.m. for dinner.

The menu is overflowing with items that are appealing to each of the five senses, with the exception of hearing...unless you count the crunch of the never-ending garlic bread basket. The appetizers are around \$5 and include the soup of the day (in my case, spicy southwestern bean soup that was out of this world) and fried calamari strips, just to name a couple.

Finelli's is the home of the best lasagna I have ever eaten, for a reasonable \$8.75, and it comes with a salad and all the garlic bread you

can eat. Other pastas include cheese ravioli, linguine with clam sauce, and a special create-your-own-pasta, which allows you to choose one of four types of noodles and one type of sauce for \$6.95, with extra toppings (such as grilled chicken and shrimp) for about \$2 extra.

Also on the menu is seafood, which is mainly a catch of the day, (it was grilled Mahi-Mahi when I was there). And if surf isn't your thing, then you may be interested in the turf entree, which is an 8-oz. Filet Mignon for \$14.75, a luxury that isn't easily afforded by college kids, but always a crowd pleaser.

If you are in the mood for something a little lighter, Finelli's also boasts an enormous list of sandwiches, from the college favorite steak and cheese to a grilled cheese sandwich with four types of cheeses. These range from \$5.75 to \$7.50 in price.

The service was absolutely impeccable. Our waiter was fantastic. He made us feel like we were the only customers in the restaurant, which coincidentally we were, but I feel like he would have done so anyway.

Finelli's Cafe is a welcome addition to the Greenville restaurant community. If you want the taste of Villa Roma, but without the outlandish prices, I highly recommend it. Also, don't skip dessert. The Tiramisu was outstanding. As I said in the beginning, the dining area is small (which accounts for the loss of a half-point) so get there early.

Actually, this is one reporter who wouldn't mind the wait.

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Message In A Bottle PG-13
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My Favorite Martian PG-13
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Patch Adams PG-13
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Saving Private Ryan R
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Shakespeare In Love R
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She's All That PG-13
Daily: 12:50, 2:55, 5:00, 7:05, 9:15
Simply Irresistible PG-13
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The Prince Of Egypt PG
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Varsity Blues R
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You've Got Mail PG
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At First Sight PG-13
Daily: 7:00, 9:45
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Stepmom PG-13
Daily: 7:05, 9:35
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The Thin Red Line R
Daily: 9:15
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Unconditional Love R
Daily: 7:00, 9:30
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Enemy Of The State R
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The Water Boy PG-13
Daily: 7:15, 9:20
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Free Time

18 Thursday

-Cassatt String Quartet at 8 p.m. in A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall

19 Friday

-Jazz at Night at 8 p.m. in the MSC Great Room

20 Saturday

-Family Fare: The Adventures of Corduroy at 2 p.m. in Wright Auditorium

23 Tuesday

-Travel-Adventure Film Series: "Peru-The Mysterious Journey", at 4 and 7:30 p.m. in Hendrix theatre. Theme dinner at 6 p.m. in the MSC Great Room

-Symphonic Band & Concert Band at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium



Movie

Shakespeare In Love good, not great



D. Miccah Smith
Fountainhead Editor
"Shakespeare in Love"

OK, let me start off by saying that nobody in Renaissance England ever looked this good. Having voiced my opinion on this matter, I can feel more secure now in assuring you that this movie is cute, funny, visually delightful and altogether transparent. I can't imagine why this movie is one of the most talked-about of the year. Gwyneth Paltrow, in her role as a meek and beautiful noblewoman in love with a dashing young Will Shakespeare, does not exactly stretch her acting ability to its limits.

Joseph Fiennes makes a realistic, if overly handsome, Shakespeare, albeit in the most surreal of surroundings. And Ben Affleck in tights is just mmmmm good. So anyway, this noblewoman falls in love with Shakespeare's poetry. Naturally she's engaged to an insensitive aristocrat and during the course of events she ends up falling for Shakespeare. So she hatches a



Paltrow and Fiennes share a stolen romance in "Shakespeare in Love".

scheme to get a role in his new play, "Romeo and Juliet", if it kills her.

I approved; the only two people in the country with perfect teeth belong together.

You wouldn't believe what part she gets in the play even if I tell you, which I won't. I'll just say that the andro-erotic scenes in

which a mustachioed Paltrow and a nearly femininely beautiful Fiennes kiss backstage are worth the \$6.50 by themselves. Sumptuous costumes, like that of a lead-ened-faced Queen Elizabeth, encrusted with velvet and jewels to the point of

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horoscopes

ARIES:

(March 21-April 20)

Tact and foresight will further your career goals. Hard work will pay off sooner than you think. Your family life is changing, a bit more rapidly than you are comfortable with, but the change will be for the good. Express your ideas.

TAURUS:

(April 21 - May 21)

If you've been feeling depressed, ride it out and the feeling will be replaced with the urgency to accomplish tasks you've been putting off for some time. You are full of energy, even aggression, don't overdue it though.

GEMINI:

(May 22 - June 21)

Try to stay centered, because all those around you are in quite a funk. Co-workers are grumpy and your mate wants to squabble. This tension will continue to drain your energy until you take time out for you - pamper yourself and buy something special.

CANCER:

(June 22 - July 23)

It's a pretty uneventful week, don't expect much from those close to you. Resolve financial questions for long and short term investments, easing a loved one's mind. You will accomplish more than expected, despite opposition from a foe.

LEO:

(July 24- August 23)

You are on top of the world both emotionally and physically. Take advantage of the high energy to convince those around you about an idea you've been toying with for sometime. You are surrounded by love, so show you appreciate it. The pace at work is hectic.

VIRGO:

(August 24 - September 23)

Many demands will be made on your time. Watch out just where you spend your energies and with who. Share any dreams with your mate - you are able to read each other's mind. Your evenings are made for romance. Expect a battle of wills in the workplace.

LIBRA:

(September 24 - October 23)

A few authoritarian types may get in your way, so pursue independent projects. Your financial outlook is on the upswing. Pressures at work will probably ease up, and your cheerful mood contagious. Share the passion and romance with your lover.

SCORPIO:

(October 24 - November 22)

Be sure to think before you speak, or you may come off sounding like an opinionated pain in the neck. Take it easy if you're feeling washed out, the flu may be coming on. There's nothing happening at work that can't wait until tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS:

(November 23 - December 21)

This may not be the best time to interact with others. You and your sweetheart experience a clash of egos, so play it cool. If confused about your motives, wait until you are seeing things more clearly to sort out the situation. A vacation is a great idea.

CAPRICORN:

(December 22 - January 20)

The people around you need your help just when you want to hide out and get your own act together, try to at least listen to their problems. Play it cool with colleagues who may

demand a confrontation. Any tensions from earlier in the week seem to be gone for good.

AQUARIUS:

(January 21 - February 19)

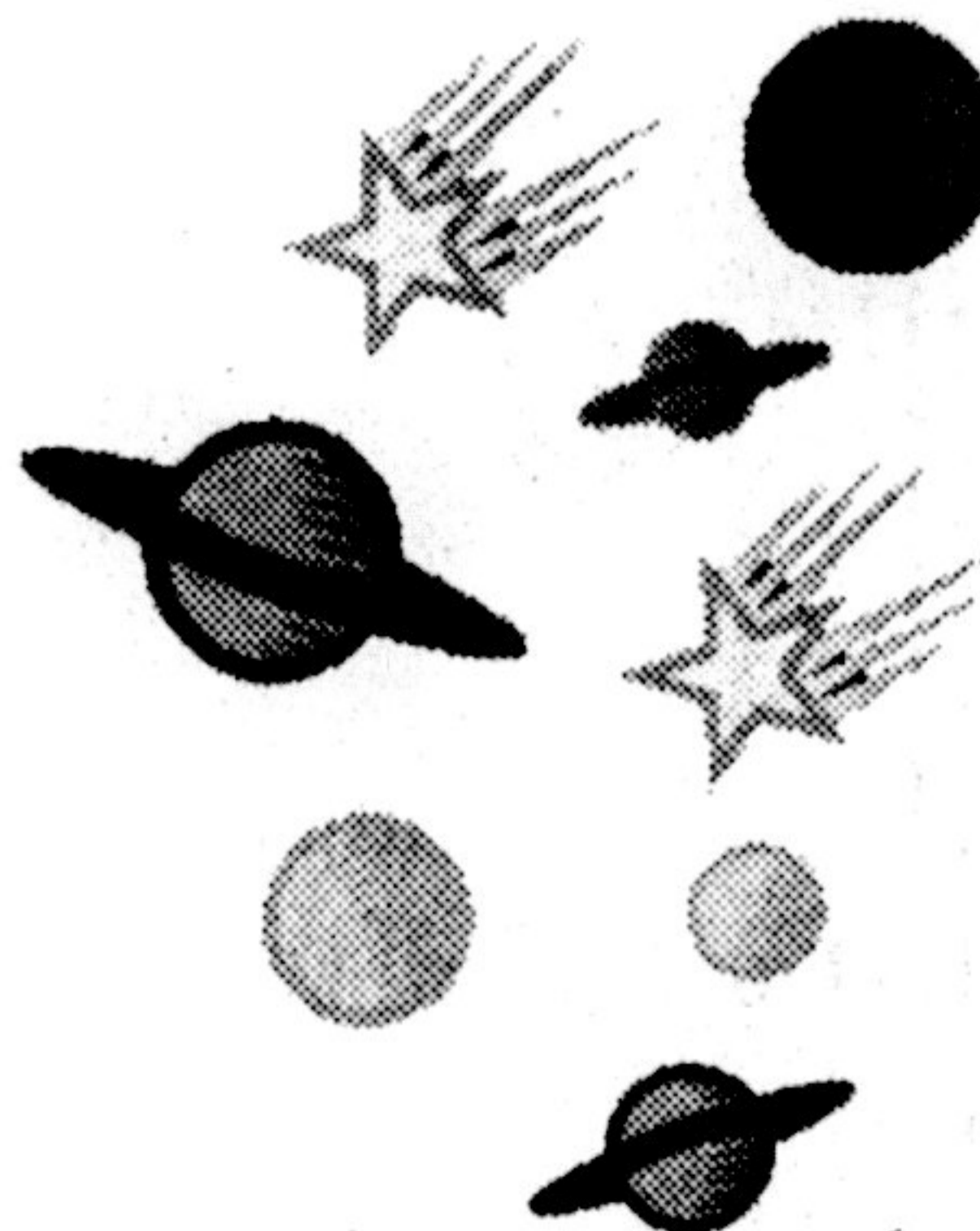
A friend with problems may need to talk. Laughter in this situation will be the best medicine. A co-worker is looking for a fight, so try to keep a low profile and don't be a target. Make sure to think before you speak, your bluntness may land you in trouble.

PISCES:

(February 20 - March 20)

This week promises to be full of fun, laughter and friendship. All you need to do is be yourself. You may be feeling that everything is against you at work - the obstacles are only temporary. If you accept a new challenge, you can increase your income.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:
You prosper in your home life while cementing your closest bonds. You learn from the past and have great hopes for the future, even though you tend to be indecisive and somewhat insecure at times. You have very real dreams which help you understand what is presently happening.



Things to Do Downtown

18 Thursday

Live Jazz at Staccato's
99-X Cancer Benefit at The Attic featuring The Flies and Slipjoint
King Monkey at Peasant's (\$10 cover for all the brew and music you can consume)

19 Friday

Unsung Authority, Until Today, Prayer for Cleansing & Spazms at Backdoor
Local 420 with Method 51 at The Attic
Viperhouse at Peasant's

20 Saturday

Crimescene 13 at Backdoor
Kiss Army at The Attic
Percy Hill at Peasant's

21 Sunday

Open Mic night at Peasant's Cafe
Groove Riders at The Courtyard Tavern

23 Tuesday

Studio 54 night at the Attic

24 Wednesday

Comedy Zone at The Attic



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Band Preview



Peasant's
February 18

Billing themselves as "super-charged modern reggae", John Brown's Body has made a good impression on Rolling Stone with their smoothly styled dub. I guess "modern" means "lots of electronic effects", but that didn't interfere with my enjoyment of their latest album, *Among Them*. It's listenable and lyrically well-written, and this is an honest opinion from someone who isn't even into reggae! Check out *All Time*, their 1997 debut.



The Attic
February 20

Percy Hill: Once, as a small child, I owned a tape of movie themes. One of them was a disco version of the "Star Wars" main theme. That's what the first song off their new album, *Color in Bloom*, sounds like. And it just keeps getting better. They use the classic Beastie

Boys wah-wah chicka-chicka guitar and the trademark jam-band funky organ, but with a smooth-jazz feel. I guess they have to be classified as "jam band", since their songs go up to 11 minutes in length, but don't let the category fool you. They've already got three albums to their credit: *Setting the Boat Adrift*, *Straight on 'Til Morning* and *Double Feature*.

American ODDITIES

New book documents horror dates

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) Norma at first figured it was just a sign of affection when her date kept nuzzling her cheek as they danced. Then she realized his more practical motive: He was leaning close to spit tobacco juice into a Styrofoam cup he held in the hand he'd draped over her shoulder. Some of the brown spittle had dripped onto her white silk blouse.

That's one of 55 stories found in "Dates From Hell (And a Few Moments Made in Heaven)," a 179-page, \$7.95 paperback book that might be the perfect Valentine's Day gift to make sure your significant other appreciates that all those awful evenings are a thing of the past. And those without romantic plans for Sunday can take comfort they are not alone on the front lines of dating, said Mike Harris, co-author of the book along with Victoria

Jackson.

People of all ages sent their dating disaster tales to the authors' Web site, reachable at www.dates-fromhell.com. So plentiful are the tales of angst that the authors are gathering anecdotes for a sequel. "Victoria and I expected them to be in their teens or 20s. We had not really thought about the fact that many people are divorced or widowed. It doesn't get any better or easier the second time around," said Harris, a cartoonist, illustrator and writer in nearby Franklin, Tenn. He told of Rosie, a divorced Oregon woman in her 50s who met a man through an Internet chat room and agreed to see him at a coffee bar. He claimed he was a trim 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighed 180 pounds, a non-drinker and non-smoker with wavy

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brown hair. When a man spoke to her at the coffee bar "every fiber of her body was screaming 'don't let this be him,'" Harris said. The man was several inches shorter, 70 or 80 pounds heavier and if he ever had brown wavy hair, it was gone. He also smelled of booze and cigarette smoke.

While she tried to formulate a polite excuse to depart, he invited her to move in with him because: "I just hate being on my own since they released me from the institution." The book was published by Cumberland House Publishing last fall. The publishing house would not release sales figures but were near the end of the first printing. While the book focuses on hellish dates, there are four success stories--the title's "A Few Moments Made in Heaven."

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inspiring nausea add to the movie's believability. There is no beauty in this solid, painted, affected creature, only the power of the State. Likewise, Fiennes' loose shirt and scuffed leather jerkin and Paltrow's virginal cake-icing dresses lend them an air of carefree immortality. My one real complaint about the film is the uncomfortable familiarity of extreme-

The book also includes black-and-white illustrations by Harris, pre-blind date questionnaires and an Excuse-O-Meter with suggestions on how to get out of a second date, such as: "I'm sorry, but I'm in the witness protection program and the feds are making me move again."

The authors got the idea for the book after Ms. Jackson met Harris, who had drawn a not-very-flattering caricature of her for a magazine. She thought it was funny.

Ms. Jackson, a former director of the Federal Reserve Board, is president and chief executive of DSS/ProDiesel, Inc., a parts remanufacturing and distribution company in Nashville.

"We started talking about relationships and laughing at each others' dates," Harris said. "The dates are awful at the time, but they can look really funny in the rearview mirror."

ly famous and influential historical characters. Shakespeare is a lovelorn man-child, caught up in a romance that is by turns bizarre and silly; Queen Elizabeth herself is just a "deus ex machina", whose rapier wit saves Shakespeare's arse more than once, and who acts at the whim of the script.

"Shakespeare in Love" is exactly how you'd expect it to be: charming, but not quite award material.

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kept unaware of the consequences of their actions, manipulate their characters by ad-libbing and making decisions. Dice-rolls usually decide how well a character does in combat with an enemy.

Senior computer science major and "GM" Robbie Proseus enjoys the opportunity to be creative while controlling the basic plot of a game.

"It's something you grow with," he said. "I'm into actually telling a story and creating a mood. My current goal is to scare the hell out of my players." Role-playing has come a long way since the 80s, when players were considered young Satanists at worst, unpleasantly odd at best. But sleek styling, edgy artwork, user-friendliness and character flexibility have given this underground activity a new credibility in the 90s.

Dungeons and Dragons still dominates the local market, selling the best of all games in stock at Hungate's craft supply store in the Plaza mall.

Freshman Lori Mears first began playing the controversial and widely popular game in high school.

"My parents disapproved of it," she said. "They freaked. They thought I was trying to join some kind of Satanist cult."

Role-players like Mears are used to being misunderstood by now.

"Nobody understands what it's about

and they think it's our way of trying to be evil, when we're really just having fun," she explained.

Junior Lisa O'Donnell also encourages an open-minded approach.

"There are disturbed, freaky people who get involved in role-playing," she said. "But it's not the fault of role-playing itself."

O'Donnell sees role-playing as more than a way to pass time. "[It's] right up there with writing and other creative arts," she said.

Role-playing continues to gain popularity in spite of the negativity surrounding it, and the sheer number of people who enjoy it are all finding they have the same thing in common. That thing, according to sophomore Kevin Treadway, is a simple desire for something more exciting than conventional entertainment.

"People like to think....It allows you to take an active part in a story," he said. "You get to explore worlds you otherwise would never have a chance to explore."

In these new worlds streetwise angels duke it out with tricky demons, futuristic cyborgs battle feudal lords, one-armed waitresses from New York encounter giant alien crabs, and anything, from the wonderful to the horrible, can happen.

"It's really just an interesting form of theater," said Mears.

Most role-players would agree.

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weekly top hits

15. Boo Radleys
"Kingsize"

14. MXPX
"Never Learn"

13. Unbelievable
Truth
"Settle Down"

12. Orgy
"Blue Monday"

11. Better Than Ezra
"All the Stars"

10. Hipbone
"Radius"

9. Soul Coughing
"Rolling"

8. John Spencer
Blues Explosion
"Torture"

7. Lagwagon
"May 16"

6. Ani DiFranco
"Angry Anymore"

5. Cropduster
"Trevor Trailer Trash"

4. Fun Lovin'
Criminals
"Love Unlimited"

3. Jump Little
Children
"Come Clean"

2. Cowboy Mouth
"Whatcha Gonna Do"

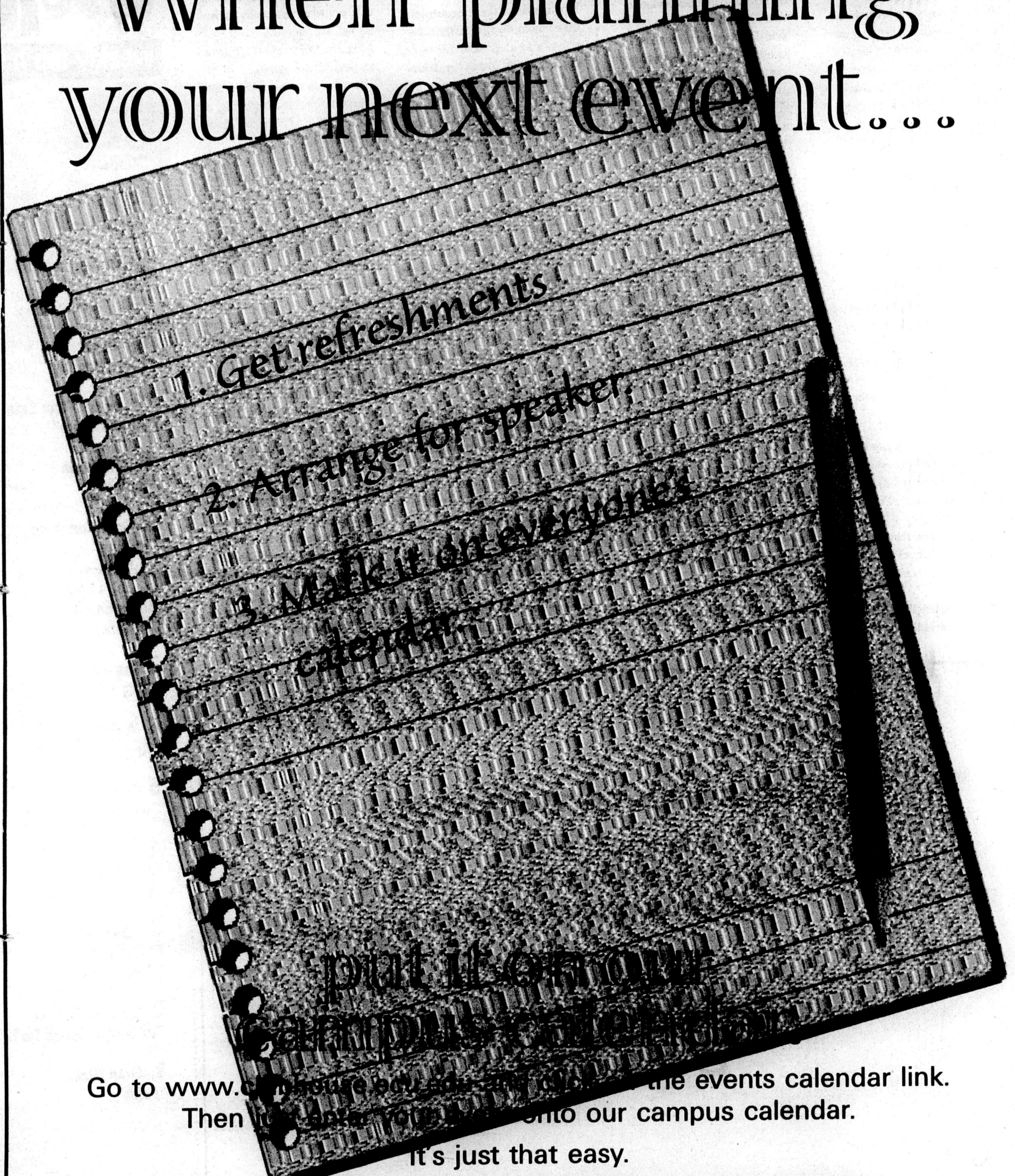
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