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Student kidnapped and held at Motel 6

Victim robbed, later released unharmed

CORY SHEELER
NEWS EDITOR

An ECU student was kidnapped, robbed and held against his will at the Motel 6 this weekend. According to a Greenville Police Department report, Seth D. Campbell was held against his will by Eddy Robert Damilowski. Campbell was found in a coordinated effort by ECU police and Greenville police on June 18.

"Mr. Campbell reported that Mr. Damilowski asked for a ride to pick up his cousin's car," said Melissa Bartlett, public affairs coordinator. "When Mr. Campbell gave him a ride, Mr. Damilowski began threatening his life and asking for all of his money. Mr. Damilowski than told Mr. Campbell that he wanted to go to a friends house to pick up some drugs.

Damilowski is wanted for multiple charges.
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"Mr. Campbell proceeded to call his roommate and tell him that he was in trouble. The Greenville Police then found them at the Motel 6," Bartlett said.

Damilowski has eluded authorities, and according to Bartlett, has not been apprehended.

According to Bartlett, Damilowski has a history of asking people for rides and accosting them once he gains entrance to their car.

"He was arrested July 22, 1997 for the same type of thing," Bartlett said. "He's been doing the same type of thing for two summers now."

Damilowski was also arrested on June 13, 1999 for assaulting a police officer and possession of stolen property.

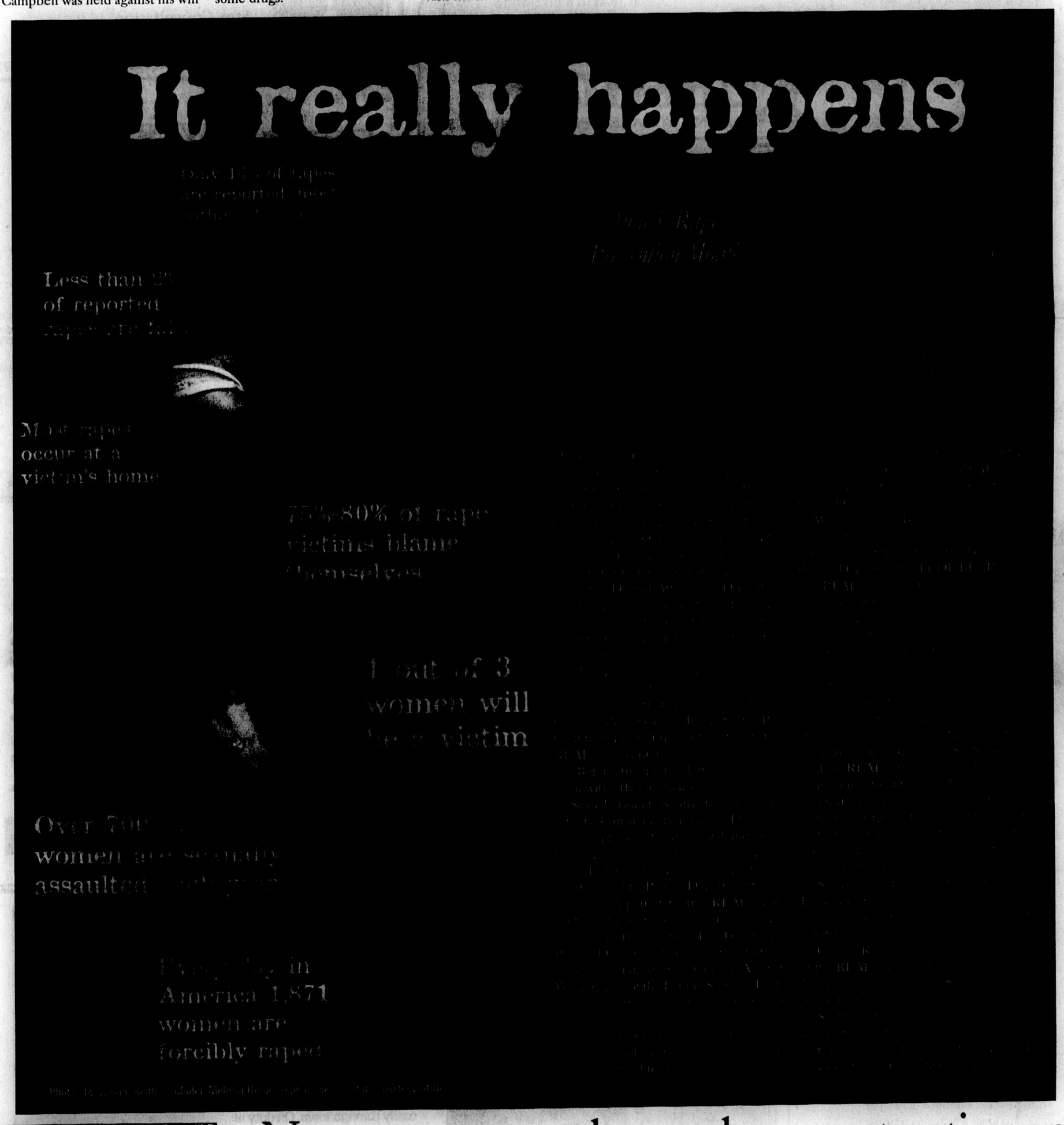
While Campbell was unavailable for comment, other students say they have been approached by a man, matching Damilowski's description and telling a similar story.

"He came to my door at eight in the morning," said Taylor Jones, sophomore. "He told me that he needed a ride to pick up his cousin's car. After I told him no, he asked if there was anyone else in the house that could help him and I told him no," Jones said.

Bartlett warns that students should be cautious of who they offer assistance to.

"What he's doing is getting people to drive him to drug houses. People are just trying to be good Samaritans and they end up becoming victims," Bartlett said.

Damilowski is described as six feet tall, 180 pounds. He is 28 years old, with brown hair and brown eyes.



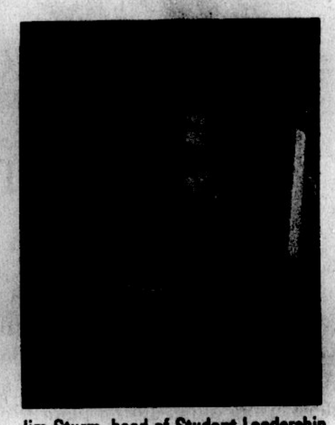
SLD offers new scholarship

Department expands program services

CORY SHEELER
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Leadership Development office offers ECU students a chance to enhance their leadership qualities and get a head start in the world after they graduate.

The Student Leadership Development office, which is a division of Student Life, offers a wide variety of programs to students and campus organizations to help them become better leaders. The office also helps students become more



Jim Sturm, head of Student Leadership Development.
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prepared for life after college.

Some of the programs include The Emerging Leaders Program, The Leadership Lecture Series, and The Leadership Corps. The office has added a new program this year entitled the Walter and Marie Williams Leadership Award Program.

"Walter Williams donated $25,000 for leadership," said Jim Sturm, director.

"It gave me a chance to basically develop a whole program of things I've always wanted to do."

Each freshmen selected for the

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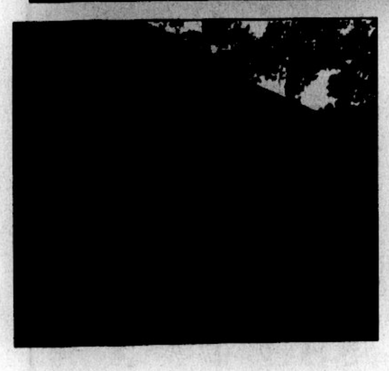

Student Health improvements pending.
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New state proposals speed up construction on campus

Funds slated for new buildings

BRIAN STORRINGS
STAFF WRITER

Proposals for new funding methods will create more construction at ECU.

"Rather than allocating capital money in the annual budget, the Legislature will instead put together a bond issuance for new construction that would cover construction for several years," said Bruce Flye, director of Facilities Planning, Design and Construction.

"This would include the construction of the Science and Technology building, the expansion of the Rivers building and a new building for Allied Health and Nursing on the Medical campus."

The cost for the Science and Technology building will be $58.6 million, according to Flye. The money for this construction will be through bonds, which will be paid off over time, rather than having all of the money up front as was previously done.

There will also be renovations of the Student Health Center and the Flannagan building as well as a new Strength and Conditioning Center.

"The construction of the Student Health Center will start sometime in the next forty-five days," Flye said.

"The cost will be $4.175 million, paid for by a bond liquidated by student fees."

"The new Strength and Construction Center for the Athletic Department will be started, which was funded mainly by $8.5 million in private donations," Flye said.

The reasons for the renovations of the Student Health Center are numerous, according to Kay Y. Wilkerson, director of the Student

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University home to variety of youth camps

Campers play basketball at the Student Recreation Center.

PHOTO BY MIKE JACOBSEN

Programs offer challenging experiences

KERRY PATE
STAFF WRITER

Summer school and freshmen orientation aren't the only activities ECU will be offering or supporting this summer.

ECU hosts a variety of programs for people of all ages with diverse interests and talents. Unlike the mass exodus of full-time students that occurs each summer at ECU, several thousand children, teens and adults arrive in Greenville from all over the country to spend a few hours, days, or weeks at ECU participating in a wide variety of summer camp programs and activities. The camps are designed to stimulate the mind, enhance musical skills, inspire leadership characteristics, and increase physical ability and stamina. The camps also provide a source of summer income and employment experience for staff members, many of whom are regular ECU students.

Sports related camps are: football, soccer, cheerleading, basketball, softball, baseball and a specialized youth program offered by the Recreational Services Department. Recreational Services offers three, two-week sessions of sports and activities for boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 12 for $155 per session. The camps run from 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday and offer activities such as ultimate frisbee, soccer and basketball. However, for a nominal fee of $15 per session, parents "can drop off their kids as early as 7 o'clock and pick them up as late as 6 o'clock", according to Brian Weingartz, director of Recreational Services for Youth Summer Sports Camp.

"Many of our kids are children of ECU faculty and staff employees and registration is still open," Weingartz said.

There are many academically oriented summer camps at ECU as well. Program such as Summer Ventures, Future Doctors and Ventures in Health Care Careers provide training in science and mathematics for career enhancement. According to Virginia Hardy, associate director of the Academic Support and Counseling Center, the premed program in Future Doctor's provides instruction in science courses designed to "make them [the participants] more competitive for medical school admission and prepare them for the MCAT".

For those with musical talent, the ECU School of Music offers several summer programs such as Band Camp, Guitar Camp, the Suzuki Institute and Choral Camp. According to Dr. Rhonda Fleming, director of ECU's Summer Choral Camp, the program is open to youths from 8th grade to recent high school graduates in the North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia areas. The experience culminates "in a free concert open to the public on Friday July 30th at 2pm in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall". The program is "also

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$90 million cleanup slated for Baltimore

BALTIMORE (AP) _ After a cleanup effort that consumed 10 years and about $90 million, AlliedSignal Inc. has permission to develop its old chemical plant site, 27 prime acres jutting into Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Company officials, and state and federal officials, gathered Monday at the site to talk about the cleanup and what it means to the waterfront.

The chromium that pollutes the site has been sealed in underground walls of clay and layers of plastic, making it safe for development in the view of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Jane Nishida, state secretary of the environment, said the AlliedSignal effort, carried out without state or federal aid, "is a success in preventing continued degradation of the environment while restoring a contaminated site to a useable property in a desirable location on the waterfront."

The plant processed chrome ore for 140 years before closing in 1985. Unknown quantities of chromium escaped from the plant and were washed into the soil, resulting in a constant stream of the dangerous heavy metal into the Baltimore Harbor.

To stop the pollution, the company dug trenches 60 feet or more to bedrock and filled them with three feet of clay. The area was sealed at the top with 15 acres of a multi-layer cap five feet thick. Extraction wells pump polluted water from the ground for processing at a treatment facility.

Recent EPA tests have not found any chromium flowing from the site.

Despite the EPA's seal of approval and the prime location, fears about possible future liability if pollution control measures fail may make it difficult for AlliedSignal to find a developer.

Baltimore City Solicitor Otho Thompson said last week the city should not take responsibility for roads or a public park on the land because it would be open to a future lawsuit if pollutants leak from the site.

C. William Struever, a developer of several projects along the harbor, said the city's position might make developers squeamish about environmental risks.

"This location is magnificent, fabulous," Struever said. "But the city's position makes it much tougher for the project to succeed."

Tom Crain, a spokesman for AlliedSignal, said the company is not worried about finding a developer.

"The land, which was unuseable at one time, is now a prime piece of property in one of the East Coast's most appealing cities," he said.

State and federal officials are also positive about the cleanup effort that AlliedSignal carried out under a 1982 consent decree.

"The AlliedSignal remediation at Baltimore Harbor has features that the EPA would like to see in many more cleanups across the country," said Timothy Fields, the director of EPA's site cleanup programs.

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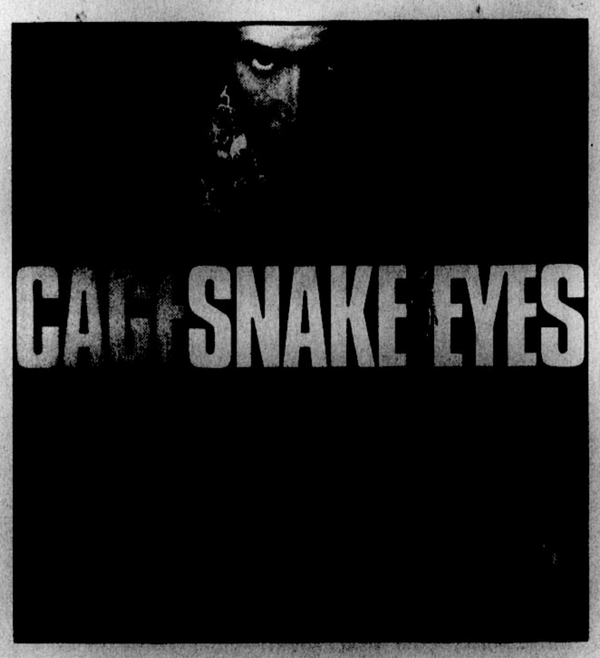

Snake Eyes Rated R
Atlantic City cop Rick Santoro is pretty happy with life. He has a wife and a mistress, gets his regular rake-offs, and walks easily through town. On duty at a prize-fight when a member of the government is killed, he soon has several leads. But he realizes he has to make a choice - turn the other way as he has in the past when the stakes weren't so high, or follow up the investigation and put his cosy lifestyle very much at risk.
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Court ordered to reconsider Lemmons's death sentence

GOLDSBORO, N.C. (AP) _ The U.S. Supreme Court, using a decision it made earlier this month, has ordered the state to reconsider the death sentence of a Wayne County man sentenced partially on the hearsay testimony of an accomplice.

The court told the state Supreme Court to reconsider the sentence of Edward Lemons, 26, who was convicted in August 1995 of the shooting deaths of Bobby Gene Stroud, 38, and Margaret Daniels Strickland, 35, both of Goldsboro. Testimony showed the murders were the result of a drug deal gone sour.

The court said the sentence should be reconsidered in light of its June 10 decision in Lilly vs. Virginia. In that case, justices limited the use of out-of-court statements by accomplices who admit to some wrongdoing but say the defendant played the primary role.

Neither of Lemons' accomplices testified against him. But statements they made to others were brought out during the sentencing phase of the trial.

Two Nato soldiers killed in explosion

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) _ Even as peacekeepers began building the foundations of peace in Kosovo, they couldn't escape the remains of war. Two NATO soldiers were killed in an explosion as they cleared ammunition from a deserted schoolhouse.

The British army's Gurkha soldiers were the first allied deaths since the peacekeepers entered Kosovo on June 12. But dozens of civilians already have died in similar explosions of land mines and booby traps since the peacekeepers began to take control.

Two civilians also were killed in Monday's blast, and another was injured. He was being treated in a British field hospital in Pristina. The explosion occurred in a school in the village of Negrovce, 30 kilometers (20 miles) west of Pristina.

British peacekeepers were investigating the cause of the blast, and withheld the names of the soldiers of the 69th Gurkha Field Squadron _ riflemen from Nepal attached to the British peacekeeping force _ pending notification of their relatives.

U.S. President Bill Clinton, visiting the former Yugoslav republic of Slovenia, telephoned British Prime Minister Tony Blair to offer his condolences, officials said.

In spite of the blast, peace appeared stronger than ever, with Albanian rebels pledging in a disarmament pact with NATO to lay down their arms. The deal came just hours after the last of the 40,000 Serb troops left Kosovo.

The 20,000 or so NATO-led KFOR troops now in Kosovo said they were moving beyond initial attempts to quell the violence and were beginning to look ahead by establishing security and laying the groundwork for democratic elections.

"Very soon, KFOR will be the only military security presence here. That is how it should be," peacekeeping chief Lt. Gen. Mike Jackson said Monday.

One day earlier, Jackson received both confirmation that the Yugoslav military had withdrawn its forces from Kosovo and a pledge from the Kosovo Liberation Army to disband, put down its weapons and join efforts to establish peace in Kosovo.

With the Serb forces' retreat confirmed, NATO officially ended its air campaign. And on Monday, the Belgrade government took a reciprocal step, asking parliament to end the state of war declared the day NATO launched its airstrikes, the state Tanjug news agency reported.

Since March 24, the state of war has banned men of military age from leaving the country, let the army take over key institutions and subjected the news media to censorship.

Still, reports of a media crackdown persisted. An umbrella group for Yugoslavia's fledgling independent radio and television broadcasters said the government was forcing stations replace their newscasts with those of the state-controlled networks.

Meanwhile, the KLA agreed to a broad demilitarization that will require them to leave their checkpoints and halt any military activity unless the peacekeepers approve it first.

Although they can keep their handguns, they agreed not to use explosives, to put remaining weapons in storage sites verified by NATO and to clear mine fields and booby traps within seven days.

Already, many in the rank and file seemed to be complying. Former fighters will apply for positions in municipal governments and on the police force, the KLA said.

"We received an order to return home and start a normal life with our families," KLA fighter Faik Reci, a teacher waiting for a ride home with his brother, said in Prizren, Kosovo's second-largest city.

The KLA regional commander there, known by his code name "Drini," gave German officers maps of minefields _ most near the Albanian border _ as required.

Sergio Vieira de Mello, the U.N. official who essentially becomes Kosovo's governor under the peace deal, had expressed concern Sunday that KLA activities could undermine his authority. But on Monday, he praised the agreement, and set about the work of building peace.

His tasks include getting electricity, water and other municipal services working again across Kosovo; re-establishing civilian courts and police forces and preparing for elections.

Vieira de Mello said one of his first acts would be to issue strict gun-control orders.

Student Leadership

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scholarship is nominated by a faculty member from their high school, and they receive $1,000 toward their education, as well as enrollment in the program.

"We've offered it to 25 students, and 23 accepted it," Sturm said, "and a lot of these people would not have come to ECU, but because of this opportunity, they decided to come here. It's helping us attract some top student leaders from around the area."

Sturm came to ECU in January 1997, after completing a graduate program at the University of Buffalo. While Sturm is excited about the potential that the Williams Scholarship program has, he has seen the most success in another program that his office conducts.

"The Chancellor's Leadership program is the biggest success so far," Sturm said. "It's mainly for sophomores and juniors who have been nominated by a faculty member. After they've applied for a spot, we select 60 people. They are then enrolled in the eight week program.

"They meet with successful ECU alumni and successful community members. The Chancellor presents one of the sessions; it's just a really neat program that helps with the development of professional skills."

Chancellor Richard Eakin thinks the program is a perfect fit for the Student Leadership Development's curriculum of programs.

"I had a chance this year to be part of the seminars," Eakin said.

"I was intrigued by the level of intelligence of the students. I was very impressed by the level of conversation that I was able to have with them."

Chancellor Eakin is also pleased with the performance of Sturm and the Student Leadership Development office.

"I think Jim Sturm is doing an incredibly fine job at ECU for our students," Eakin said. "He has brought the whole notion of leadership into a place at the university that I think it deserves."

Eakin is not the only one who thinks that Sturm's programs are a success. Many students have found these programs to be a benefit to their education.

"The many activities involving critical thinking and problem solving strengthened my ability to think critically, individually and as part of a group," said Janine Reynolds, freshman. "These skills will help me in the future," Reynolds said.

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Health Service.

"The new building will be designed to be an outpatient, student-oriented facility," Wilkerson said. "It will be more convenient and accessible for physically disabled students and will allow for more patient confidentiality with a paperless office. The construction will not interfere with student care, though there may be some inconvenience during construction."

"The proposal in the General Assembly is for the UNC system to issue limited obligation bonds for state appropriated-type projects that would issued as moral obligations of the state, but not full faith obligations, which require a vote of the citizens of the state," said Richard Brown, vice-chancellor for finance and Administration.

"What has been authorized to this point is $2.4 billion of bonds to support academic facilities in the UNC system, of which our share would be about $191 million."

Other plans for the future include renovations to Jones Residence Hall, a new dining hall on West Campus and a Parking Deck.

The reason for the new method of funding to speed up construction is the additional 48,000 students in the UNC system expected to enroll within the next ten years. ECU enrollment will be at least 25,000

Summer Camps

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open to teachers for certification renewal, " Fleming said.

Many of the camps participants will reside in campus residence halls that would otherwise remain vacant.

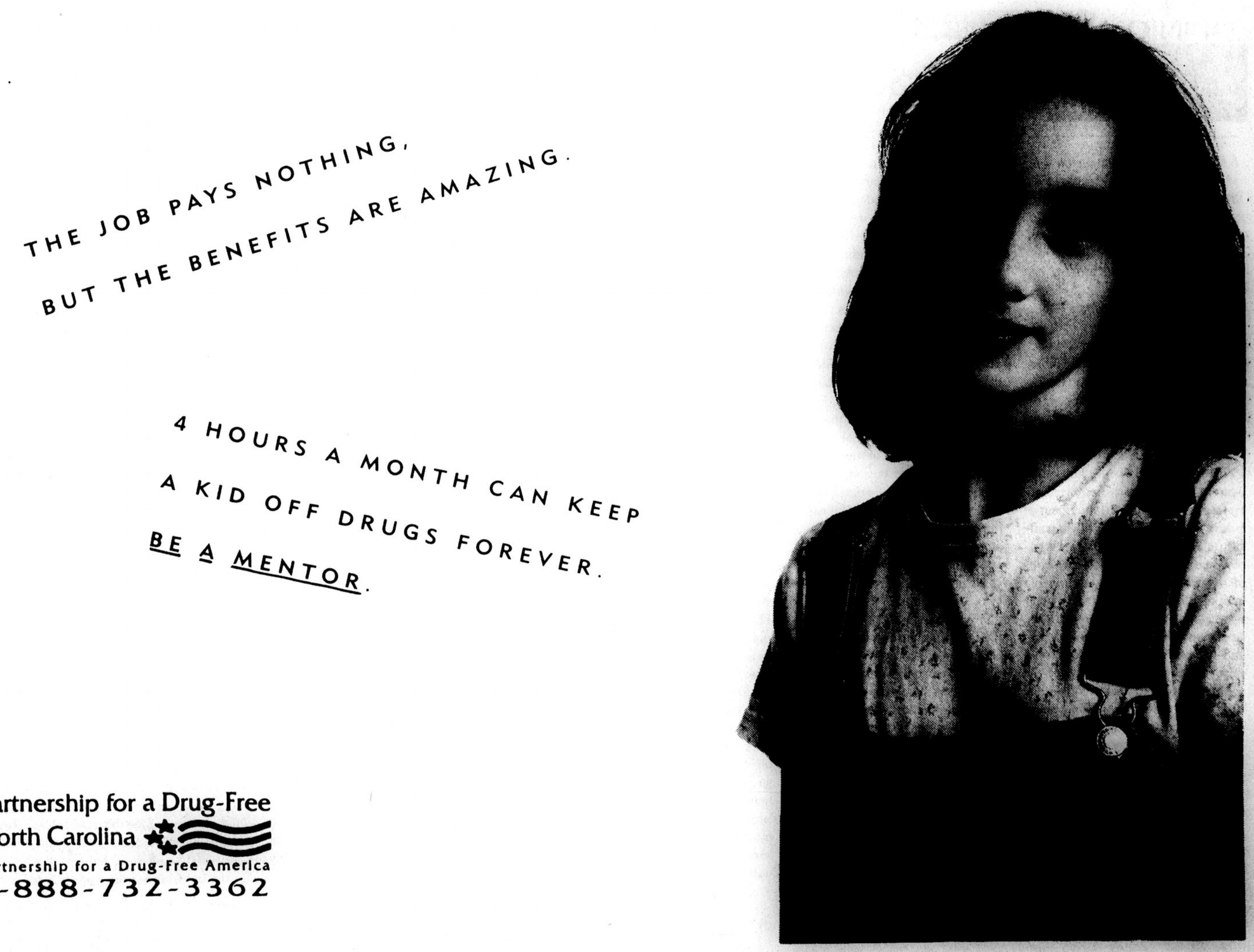
According to Amelie Brogden, ECU Neighborhood Service Manager, making housing and meals available for summer camp participants "helps to promote recruitment for prospective students." In addition, it "allows the university to fulfill its missions of public service and providing a safe, secure environment for learning," Brogden said.

A significant example of how the summer camps promote ECU recruitment is Tarrick Cox, Director of Legislator's School for Youth Leadership Development. The Legislator's School is one of several leadership summer camps at ECU along with Upward Bound and Project Excel. Cox attended the Legislator's School in 1988 and cited his experience as the primary reason he chose to attend ECU as an undergraduate student, eventually graduating from ECU in 1996.

According to Cox, "the basis of the school's leadership curriculum is The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Dr. Stephen R. Covey." There are two sessions of the Legislator's School. Session one is for rising 8th and 9th graders and session two is for high school students from grades 10 through 12.

"Participants are nominated by guidance counselors at their respective schools," Cox said. The 1997 interviews of Legislator's School participants were used to provide material contained in The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey (Dr. Covey's son). The program, and Cox specifically, are thanked in the Acknowledgements section on page 248 of the book. Cox believes the success of the program can be reflected in the feedback of proud parents.

"A lot of parents saw a big change in their child from the time they dropped them off," Cox said. Examples of parents' comments are "I've seen a different level of commitment in my child", "they are a lot more responsible and have a different attitude", "we communicate better as a family", "the skills you that you provided for my child have really made a difference not only personally but academically," Cox said.



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It is bad enough when the student fees are increased every year, but when the students do not have any input as to what those fees are used for, something needs to change.

As ECU prepares for the new budget year to begin, a lot of money is being used to construct new buildings and renovate of old ones.

While everyone enjoys progress, the price for such progress inevitably means more construction. It seems that everywhere you turn on campus, there are bright orange barrels and yellow tape warning us to stay away from a new construction site. Also, these projects that are being planned are funded with student fees. Because student fees are used to help finance some of these projects, we wonder why the students were not consulted as to which projects were slated for approval.

For instance, renovations to the Student Health Center will cost $4.1 million dollars. Perhaps the students would have rather had that much money allocated toward new dining halls. Maybe it would have been more feasible to take the money that students pay every semester and use it for the much debated, yet much needed parking deck. Although, the university plans to construct a new west campus dining hall and start renovations on Jones residence hall, these things will not be undertaken until the Student Health Center is renovated and the new Science and Technology building is completed.

The new Strength and Conditioning Center will cost an estimated $8.5 million, but it is being funded by private donations. Therefore, the Athletic Department is given the freedom of conducting their project in any way they see fit. That simply should not be the case with the Student Health Center, and any other projects the university decides to fund with student fees.

It is bad enough when the student fees are increased every year, but when the students do not have any input as to what those fees are used for, something needs to change.

OPINION

SCOTT WILKINS

Everyone seeks release

Even though we may be here at ECU for the summer, and we may be taking classes, we can still seek a release.

Well, Monday was the first day of summer. Ah, cool breezes, warm sunshine, and blazing hot temperatures. Oh wait, it was cool and rainy. No bother, summer will return shortly. If you are reading this, chances are you decided to stay around campus for the summer. If you are staff, you probably didn't have much of a choice. Yet if you are a student already, or a incoming freshman here for orientation and you are reading this then you are just as crazy as me for choosing to hang around campus this summer.

Personally, I needed to get caught up on some classes so I could graduate reasonably close to on time. Some are here just because the thought of chilling with mom and dad for the summer sent you screaming. Second Session for Summer begins Thursday and I find myself saying, "Why am I still here? Drop the class before the session begins and go to the beach!" Then reality hits and I realize that I am here to catch up and that running to the beach isn't going to put a diploma in my hand. That is unless I decide to do the Sally Struthers "TV/VCR repair" thing that I see on TV. Of course, seeing how I can't even figure out my toaster oven, TV/VCR repair may not be the best choice for me. Yet I digress.

The point is that even though we may be here at ECU for the summer, and we may be taking classes, we can still seek a release. Escape to the beach with your significant other or just go by yourself. The waves are therapeutic. Just watch out for seagulls. Or, if you're not really a beach lover find a friend and a tent and head to the mountains. Ride up to Washington, DC and discover the Nations' Capital. Or ride to Washington, NC. Just don't stay cooped up inside and bore yourself to death with "The Young and the Restless" and reruns of "Charles of Charge". Maybe your release is a good book. Maybe it is watching your favorite movie. Anyone ever heard of The Towering Inferno? It's my personal favorite. I don't recommend finding release in a carton of Ben & Jerry's Chunky Monkey. It may be good, but it puts on the pounds. However, I see nothing wrong with finding release in a frosty.

Enjoy the summer, and to the freshman and their parents, welcome to ECU.

OPINION

MICHAEL EDWARDS

Just say no to wigs

I still have a picture of one of my friends standing in front of one of the living room walls in a towel — the whole wall was made of beer cans.

I must admit, it has been a while since I've lived in Greenville...more than 20 years according to my diploma. It seems like the trees were much smaller on campus back then. I know there were a lot less people back then (all over the world in fact).

I lived in a little white house on Eastern street with two other guys. It had a fireplace in the garage below made from stolen bricks and a Ping-Pong table made from stolen plywood. I still have a picture of one of my friends standing in front of one of the living room walls in a towel — the whole wall was made of beer cans. The house is still there, and it looks really nice. Beer cans now lie in the yard and the street. It seems to me that if people are responsible enough to drink they would be responsible enough to throw their trash away or recycle like intelligent people.

The dang rents have gone through the roof since I left! I was paying my fair share — $25 a month — and we still had to mow our own lawn! Now, the apartment that I live in is nearly $400 a month, and it doesn't even have a Ping-Pong table.

Greenville is such a beautiful town. I don't remember it being so attractive. Perhaps the season and the people have a lot to do with it. I have met some of the friendliest people since I've been back. Perhaps I've learned something in the past few years — walking with my head up, greeting folks with a smile, and not taking life too seriously. The only attitudes that I've run into are ECU Attitudes — I like to call them "Spirit". I suppose there is just a little "pirate" in all of us. Even the folks in the cafeteria are friendly; they smile as they take your money. Back when I was here in my past life, we staged a huge boycott on the main yard because our cafeteria food stunk! We all called it the Ptomaine Hilton. We must have made our point because they've got much better food, now, everywhere you look is a cafeteria. No wonder so many people are overweight...

I'm disappointed with the downtown area though. You used to be able to shop downtown. Now, it seems you can only drink and nibble. Shopkeepers should know that when people drink, they want to shop – haven't they heard of symbiotic relationships? The shops that are downtown don't seem to inviting to the "average" shopper. The first place that I ever had a job was Bissette's drug store. Now, Bissette's (board) Store is a wig shop! Why did they put a board over the word "drug"? Is this a new city ordinance? Maybe if they'd leave the (board) word alone, some folks would wonder in just to check it out. Not that wigs are a bad thing, mind you, some people can't do without them them. I've never dated anyone with a wig, I wouldn't be interested. It would freak me out if it came off at the wrong time — like breakfast. Bissette's used to be the breakfast spot downtown — 25 cents for a cup of coffee! How things have changed! A wig shop man...

What's with the city traffic engineers cutting street parking in half! You used to be able to park your car on either side of the strees that branch off Fifth Street -- that was when ECU only had 12,000 students! Now, you might as well leave your car in Hoboken and get a bike because you ain't going to find a parking space in town after 8 p.m.

Speaking of Fifth Street, what the heck are those round things in front of the Fine Arts Building across from the Sig-Ep house of ill-repute? Those things aren't "art" are they? It looks like some sort of tiny landing pads for something. This place isn't gone to... I mean, there hasn't been a sighting since I left,has there? The only sightings I can remember back when men were men and women were women were during those late night panty raids at Umstead, but I guess things like that don't happen here anymore. Maybe one of those late night downtown revelers should put together a wig raid. Wigs might look rather bizarre hanging on the wall.

OPINION

SUSAN WRIGHT

Celebrate those you love

There is nothing that a little love can't make beautiful.

Last Sunday was Father's Day, and if you celebrated it, it was a time to spend with your family. Hallmark has attempted to take all of the significance out of simple little holidays like Valentine's Day and Father's Day and turn them into over commercialized spending frenzies, but we must strive to preserve the true meaning and beauty of these holidays. The little holidays are the most easily forgotten, but we can be a little creative and make them special.

Sometimes, poverty strikes and it seems as if the holiday must pass without celebration. This is a falsehood because even in the most dire circumstances, one can celebrate his or her loved ones. College student are notorious for their shortages of funds (occasionally so severe that they choose to use candles to illuminate their home instead of conventional electricity), but also for their creativity. Who else but a college student would take the time to figure out that warm beer funneled directly into the mouth is one of the quickest ways to get drunk? Maybe that same college student could apply some of that infinite supply of creative juices to create something special for a loved one to make their day. A card that is handmade will always bring a light to your parents' eyes. Remember kindergarten when you made the most misshapen drawing and said that it was a family portrait? Your mom stuck that picture on the fridge so fast the paint ran, and she smothered you in a hug. Cheap, but creative, can be great.

Cooking is always a winner when it comes to making a day special. Whether cakes, cookies, or manicotti are your specialties, if you say that you made it for someone you love, they will swear up and down that it is the best that they have ever eaten. They will rave even if it is burnt to a crisp and the sweet tea has two pounds of sugar in a gallon. Believe me, I have been in both cases and I know. Just show a little love in your kitchen expertise, and your loved one's day will be bright and sunny.

There is nothing that a little love can't make beautiful. Family is something that we all should hold near and dear, whether it is our biological family or our friends here at school. Celebrate those who you love, and never let an opportunity pass to show them how you feel. Whether poverty or a lack of Julia Child expertise is your vice, utilize the skills that you have and make that emotion show. Share the warm fuzzies!

features

Understanding Chinese Business

Faculty members embark on trip to gain cultural insight

KEVIN BRITTON
STAFF WRITER

Faculty members from East Carolina's School of Business visited China this month in an attempt to gain an understanding of business and cultural diversity.

Funding for the trip was supplied by an alumnus who wanted the faculty to learn more about a culture very different from our own, and who feels that China has the potential to become one of the up and coming financial powers in a global economy.

In order to be selected, each faculty member had to submit a written proposal as to how they would anticipate using information learned on the trip in their respected departments. The selected group consisted of Ernest Uhr (Dean of the School of Business), Richard Kerns, Robert Schellenberger, Laura Eakins (Decision Sciences), Doug Schneider, Rick Niswander (Accounting), Stan Eakins (Finance), Tope Bello, Michael Harris, Roy Simerly (Management), and Robert Frankel (Marketing).

They were there for two weeks and visited various parts of China, including Hong Kong, Canton, Shanghai, Gui Lin and Beijing.

"There is a significant difference from Hong Kong to the mainland," Dean Uhr said.

"In Hong Kong, every Chinese sign has an English translation, and most people spoke at least some English. It wasn't that way on the mainland."

Upon arriving in China, some very real differences from home became apparent.

"One of the big things that strikes you immediately, from the moment you enter China till the moment you leave, is the air pollution," Rick Niswander said.

"The water pollution is very bad as well. They're doing things to improve it, but they have a long way to go."

The group visited the Great Wall, the Summer Palace, and the Forbidden City.

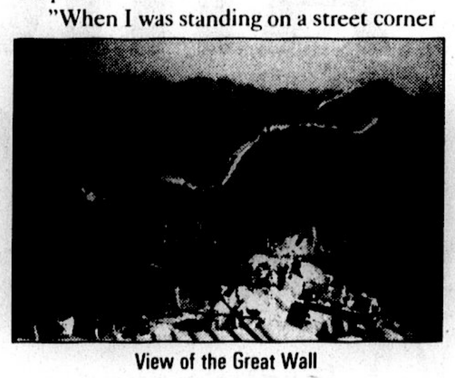
"The historical sites...are pretty much what one would expect from all the photographs," Schneider said, "but there is nothing like actually visiting these places." Sightseeing and gaining impressions of the culture and people were a large part of the visit, but it was not all fun and games. Some days consisted of breakfast at six a.m., a flight at seven, meetings and tours all day and finally dinner at around ten p.m.

"It was important for us to see how the people lived, as opposed to just a business point of view."

Rick Niswander
Accounting Faculty

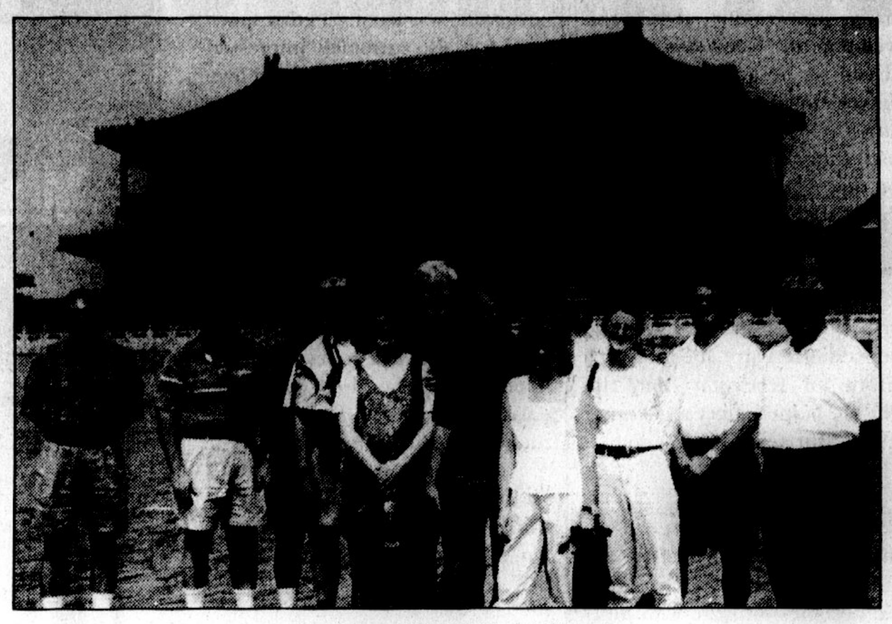
The trip took place shortly after the NATO bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Kosovo. There were some concerns that the bombing would taint the tour, but from all accounts the people were friendly and helpful.

"When I was standing on a street corner in Tienamen Square a young Chinese woman, about twenty years old, asked if she could practice her English by talking with me," Schneider said.



View of the Great Wall
PHOTO BY DR. RICK NISWANDER

"The younger generation is very much immersed in western culture and dress, far more than the older generation. All throughout China McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken are present. Coke and Pepsi Products are everywhere as well."



Faculty from ECU visit historic China
PHOTO BY DR. RICK NISWANDER

China is state-run, but some small independent businesses are starting to open up.

"It was interesting to see some of the smaller store fronts that wouldn't have been there ten years ago," Niswander said.

"It's like there's this pent up entrepreneurial need."

"There is clearly more affluence than there was before," said Dean Uhr, who had been to China on an ECU sponsored trip around fourteen years ago, "but it is a mistake to think there isn't still a lot of government control."

"It was important for us to see how the people lived, as opposed to just a business point of view," Niswander said.

"We as Americans are extremely spoiled in many ways... Whereas a student here at ECU may have a one thousand square foot apartment and find it very small, there may be as many as three generations of Chinese living in a three hundred square foot room, not too much bigger than one of our dorm rooms."

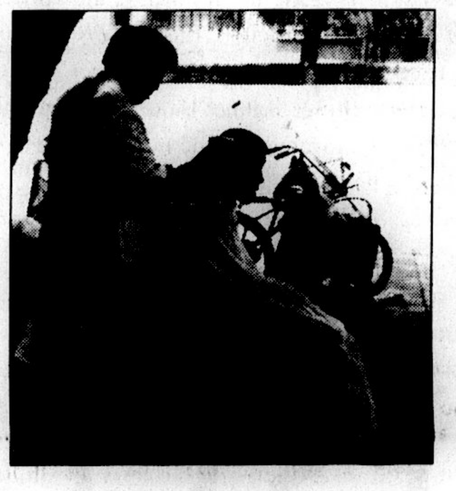
"You can't imagine what it's like to live in a country that defines a small city as one that only has five million people," Uhr said.

On the business level, they may seem very inefficient compared to the US because it seems that there are many more people involved than are necessary.

"There are a billion and a quarter people in China," Niswander said.

"They have to do something."

"One of the things that I enjoyed most about this trip to China was seeing an American who graduated with an MBA from ECU in the '70's," Uhr said. "He is now a general manager of a plant there in the People's Republic of China."



Outdoor barber shop in China
PHOTO BY DR. RICK NISWANDER

Notting Hill perfectly cast

Accidental romance has classic charm

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FEATURES EDITOR

According to movie advertisements, "this year the Force is with Notting Hill." Though I wouldn't compare it to Star Wars, I definitely think Notting Hill is one of the best romantic comedies I've ever seen.

It's a story of a superstar, Anna Scott (Julia Roberts) whose picture is plastered everywhere around the world. While visiting London, she ventures to the district Notting Hill. There she finds an endless array of shops, including a travel book shop run by William Thacker (Hugh Grant). It seems like love at first sight, and despite the obstacles of Anna's hectic career, the two manage to hit it off. Roberts seems a bit humble for her character, but its a refreshing touch. Grant's character, however, is very believable. He is just an average Joe. While their meeting circumstances could really happen to "non-famous" people, its highly unlikely.

"I love Julia Roberts' movies; the part she plays in Notting Hill is so true of her real life," said sophomore, Tanya Walken. FYI: Julia Roberts is the highest paid actress ever at $20 million per movie.

The casting is perfect, and each character balances out one another. The cast member that steals the show is Williams' dirty but hilarious roommate Spike (Rhys Ifans). In one scene, Spike can't find any clean clothes (which doesn't surprise me), so he goes through Williams' things and puts on a wet suit, goggles and all. I

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Local band records live CD at Peasants

Mike Corrado Band performing at Peasants
PHOTO BY ROBIN VUCHNICH

Mike Corrado Band puts on a good show

KATIE WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

If you didn't see the Mike Corrado Band last Tuesday night at Peasants, you definitely missed a great show put on by five great guys!

The band had a live CD recording at Peasants both Monday and Tuesday night. This CD will be released in late July, and fans will have the opportunity to buy it when the band comes to the Attic on July 23.

Before the band took the stage, I had the pleasure of meeting Mike Corrado as well as the other band members. With Joe Yankel playing the saxophone, Gary Wooten on guitar, David Gerichten bassist, percussionist Lamont Sydnor, and special guest Adrianne Duke you've got a group of talented musicians as well as amazing young men. The group met at Camp LeJune in Jacksonville, NC where three of the five were marines. All of the members of the band were very excited to be performing in Greenville again.

"I just love Greenville. Everybody's so cool," said lead singer Mike Corrado.

If you've ever seen the band play before you know that they are great entertainers. They were laid back and fun off the stage and even more exciting to watch on stage. They really knew how to get the crowd going. They opened up with a couple of songs and then introduced each band member to the audience. Saxophone player Joe Yankel definitely stole the show. I was fascinated by how well he played the crowd. Not only is he an

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Southern Party plans for succession

Organizers already registered with FEC

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) _ Six score and 18 years ago, their forefathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in secession and dedicated to the proposition that states are sovereign and not beholden to a central government.

Now, the philosophical heirs to the Confederate States of America are making another go at it.

Organizers of the Southern Party have registered with the Federal Election Commission and with the secretaries of state in Florida, Georgia, Texas and Virginia. By August, the party hopes to be established in all 11 states of the old Confederacy and the border states of Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Oklahoma and West Virginia.

The short-term goal is to get candidates elected to state and local offices. The long-term objective, which troubles independent political observers even though they doubt it will ever happen: Send enough party members to Congress to push for a separate Southern nation.

Wasn't that settled in the Civil War? Not in the view of the Southern Party.

"The shotgun wedding forced upon the South at Appomattox has reached a dead end, and it is time to initiate a political divorce for the good of all parties concerned," declares the group's Web site.

Those who believe that such talk is the very heart of sedition are the victims of 130 years of Yankee propaganda _ and of a poor understanding of the U.S. Constitution, says national committee chairman George Kalas.

"Lincoln once said that a house divided would not stand," Kalas says. "Lincoln was wrong. A house

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Croc Hunter educates from Down Under

Steve Erwin catches prime time by the tail

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FEATURES EDITOR

Steve Irwin and reptilian friend.
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Every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday the Animal Planet airs "Crocodile Hunter" hosted by Steve Irwin and his side kick, Terri who is his wife.

If you are a channel surfer, you definitely know about Steve. He is the crazy guy who is always wrestling, relocating, and running for his life from dangerous creatures. He is the Director of the Australia Zoo in Queensland, Australia, where he is an expert on local wildlife, particularly reptiles.

The son of naturalists Bob and Lyn Irwin, Steve has spent his entire life studying, living and working with animals. By the time he was nine, his dad had taught him how to jump in and catch crocodiles in the rivers of North Queensland. Together, Steve and his father can boast that every crocodile at the Australia Zoo (over 150) was either caught with their own hands or bred and raised at the zoo.

Today, Steve has an international following, and he and Terri (the more sensible one) travel together to help educate the pubic about the responsibility we all have to the natural world including reptiles.

"I love that show!" exclaims sophomore Amy Miller.

"It keeps me on the edge of my seat."

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divided will stand. It's called a duplex."

Kalas, a Houstonian who filed the party's Texas papers in March, says there's popular support for the idea of a new Confederacy. But is he just whistling "Dixie"?

Since 1992, the Southern Focus Polls from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have asked whether the South would be better off as a separate nation, if that could be achieved without bloodshed. Between 8 percent and 16 percent of Southerners have agreed at any given time, and up to 9 percent of non-Southerners have accepted the premise.

Twenty years ago, John Shelton Reed, the author, historian and sociologist whose department oversees the polling, predicted the time was coming when Southerners would again seek autonomy. His reasoning: Those who actually fought the

Civil War were all dead; America's role in the world was becoming less clear following Vietnam, and the South was "finally ridding itself of the incubus of white supremacy."

"Although I'm pleased to have my prophecy validated, I'm personally ambivalent about this development," Reed says.

Even so, he adds, "I certainly believe that any group that's telling the 'federals' to mind their constitutional business is doing a good thing."

Separatist movements are nothing new. Groups of native Hawaiians have been pushing for a return to sovereignty in recent years, and the Alaskan Independence Party, founded on a platform of secession from the lower 48, helped elect a governor in 1990. But a Southern nation?

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Most students watch "Crocodile Hunter" more for entertainment than for educational purposes. Even though Steve is highly trained and knows what he is doing, more often than not he sounds like a complete idiot.

Senior Brandon Lawn's favorite quote from Steve is, "We're gonna sneak up on him mate."

My personal favorite is when he is talking to his komodo dragons (he often talks to the animals) and in reference to their mating says, "hey you feisty girls, would you like me to catch you three a mate?"

If you log onto the Animal Planet web site, you can catch a glimpse of "Crocodile Hunter's" Danger Videos!, which offer rare sightings of Super Steve in action as he becomes intimate with lurking creatures. You can view such hot topics as the angry komodo dragon chases Steve up a tree, Steve swims in the shark tank, a bearded dragon lunges at Steve and a python takes a chunk out of Steve.

"The funniest episode is the one where the snake takes a bite out of Steve's nose," said senior Matthew Cochrane.

Whether Steve and Terri are observing the fury of the mother crocodile as they try to take her eggs or swimming in shark infested water, the two blatantly put themselves in the path of danger. I guess that's why we like their show so much.

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awesome sax player but quite a dancer as well. However, none of the band's antics would be possible without the roar of the fans. From girls screaming to guys playing the maracas in the audience, everyone was having a great time.

I was also extremely impressed with how good they sounded live. Junior Rachele Shiffler, who got to see the band play at Monday night's 'invitation only' show, said, "They were awesome! I've seen them play a lot, but this was definitely the best!"

The songs the band chose to record on their live CD are all awesome! They also added a few musical interludes that were incredible. When I talked to percussionist Lamont Sydnor about the CD, he had this to say:

"We love Greenville. We want to say 'thank you' to the fans for being so supportive. This is your CD and we hope you enjoy it."

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guess you have to see the movie in order to get the full effect, but I promise you won't stop laughing at him.

"I usually don't like romantic comedies but Spike made the movie worth while," said Scott Curtis, junior.

While most students enjoyed the movie, there are some who will never like romantic comedies.

"My girlfriend dragged me to the movie theater, and just like I thought, it sucked," said Brent Laws, sophomore.

"All the girls sitting around me were crying (typical)."

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Sports Briefs

- The Bomb Squad women's intramural basketball championship team captured the 2nd annual Pepsi 5-on-5 Basketball national Championship title in Los Angeles, CA, where they outlasted nine other regional champions. The tournament finals were played in the famed Forum, home on the NBA's LA Lakers.

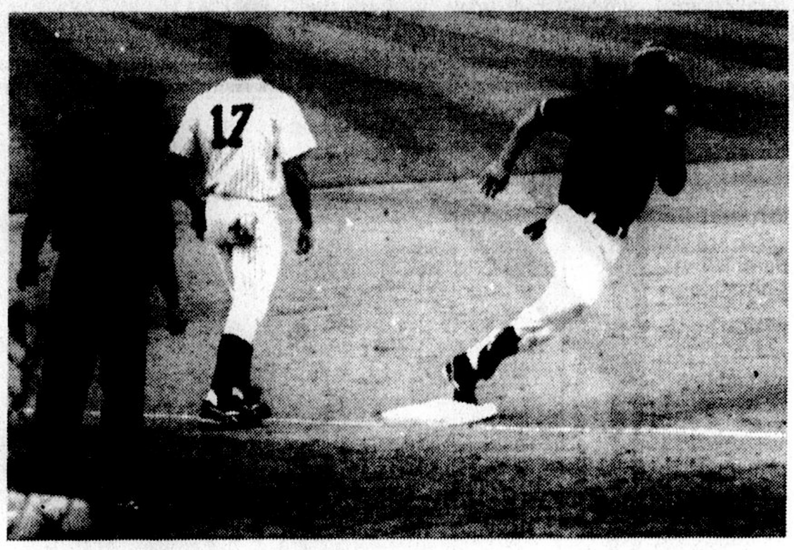
- The Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Classic starts up Friday, June 25th and lasts until Sunday.

Tickets are $10 for the tournament and $50 for the celebrity skins game, a private match between Jordan, actor Joe Pecsi, football great Jerry Rice, and soap opera star Alex Hyde-White. All proceeds go toward the support of NC Ronald McDonald Houses. Tickets can be bought by calling (252)355-3222

- Pirates Football will hold a youth camp for people from the age 13 to rising seniors. 350 to 400 kids have already registered including 14 high school teams from as far away as Virginia and South Carolina. The four day, three night camp will teach kids fundamentals of football as well as allow for scrimmage games during the night between the teams visiting.

- After a record-breaking season with the Pirates track team, Lawrence Ward was named the Colonial Athletic Association Rookie of the Year.

Salargo named TEC Athlete of the Year



Salargo rounds the bases.

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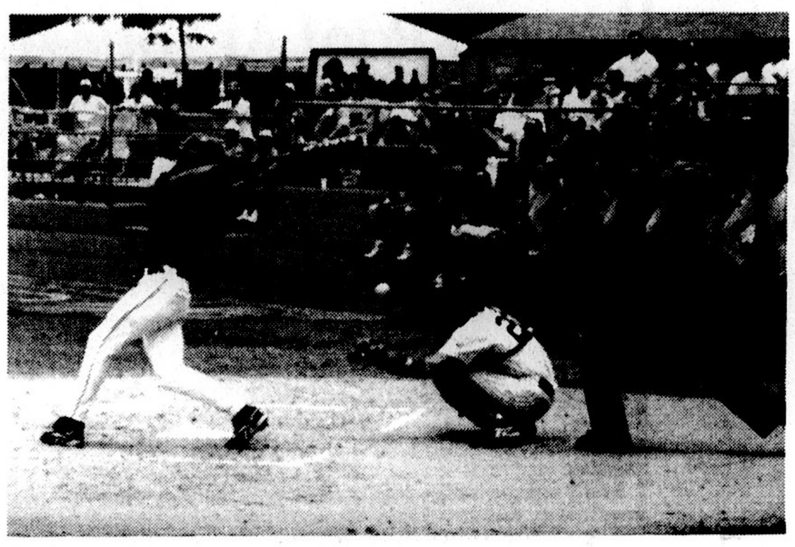

Another powerful hit by Salargo.

PHOTO BY PAUL WRIGHT

Baseball player honored for outstanding achievements

PETER DAWYOT
SPORTS EDITOR

After fierce competition for the award as well as anchoring his team through the season, outfielder Steve Salargo was named as TEC Athlete of the Year.

This year will go down as an eventful year in Salargo's life. In 1999, Salargo capped off a season with ECU winning the Colonial Championship and going to the NCAA birth. At the same time, he personally took part in the Major League Baseball draft, where he was selected by the Baltimore Orioles as the 607th overall pick.

The Wilson native may have ended his college career, but he certainly will not be forgotten with all of the records the he now owns. The left fielder racked up records for career hits at ECU(301),games played (223),at bats(862),doubles(54),and runs scored(198).

Combining his career records with the many single season records which he holds, he attracted attention from many other recognized sports associations. Salargo was named to the second-team All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

Salargo's numerous single season records including games played(62),at bats(244),doubles(20),RBI(77),and runs scored(70) all helped Salargo in his draft campaign.

Associate Athletic Director, Henry VanSant, saw Salargo to be one of the top Pirates baseball players ever.

"He was a great outfielder who practically rewrote ECU's baseball book," VanSant said.

Salargo has already moved past ECU. Salargo's mother said that he has already begun play with a minor league farm team for the Orioles in Bluefield, West Virginia.

Salargo said that once he left ECU, he went to Sarasota, Florida for an Orioles mini-camp. There his mother shocked him when she told him that he won All-American honors.

"We were talking on the phone one night when she told me that I had won," Salargo said.

"I was really surprised and honored with receiving the award."

After a few weeks in Florida, he headed to the Bluefield Orioles for an advanced rookie ball league, and he is there currently. Salargo said that the change has not been that difficult thanks to the training he was put through with Pirates head baseball coach, Keith LeClair.

"The strategy is a little more fast paced, every one here is a good ball player. Some are at another level than ECU's, but otherwise it is pretty much the same as what coach Leclair did. It's not much different," Salargo said.

With Salargo gone, it is up to others to pick up the pace and continue to excel. Salargo said that many players should be expected to step up in the upcoming year.

"Players like Jeremy Schumacher and John Williamson are incredible ball players who I think will be looked to lead the team," Salargo said.

"It doesn't take one guy to be a leader but every one pulling together."

Women's tennis team recruits top-ranked player

Kohl ranked fifth in state

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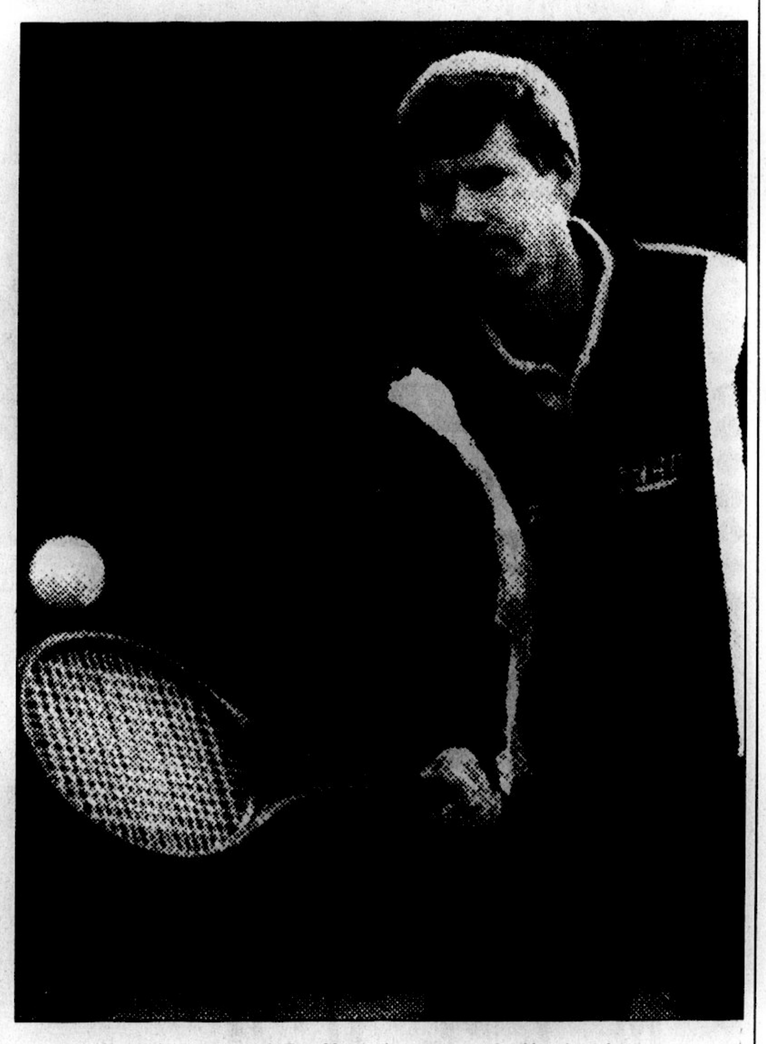

Women's tennis coach Tom Morris demonstrates backhand to players.

FILE PHOTO

ECU's women's tennis team hopes to take a slice out of the competition with the addition of one of North Carolina's top prospects.

Emily Kohl, a native of Wilmington, NC, is one of the states top-rated juniors. She is ranked 5th in the state by the USTA and ranked 45th in the Southern region.

Kohl amassed an individual record of 45-4 overall and 31-0 in conference play over her three years of varsity play at her high school in Wilmington, John T. Hoggard High.

Tom Morris, head coach of the ECU women's tennis program, hopes she will have a big impact on the school's program.

"We feel fortunate to have Emily join us as she gives us a lot more depth than we had last year," Morris said.

"She will help us to solidify our top six players and add to our team depth. Overall, we think that Emily will be a good player for us who will look to make an immediate impact this fall."

Kohl, who has faced many top players in the state, has been ranked among some of the toughest competitors in the state. Coaches from both high school and colleges have been awed by her ability to play off the ball. Kohl's high school tennis coach Jeff Holcomb said that she really proved to have have an impact on the tennis program at her high school.

"Emily is exactly what a coach

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Dallas Stars win Stanley Cup

Victory tainted by controversy

BUFFALO, New York (AP) — The NHL got what it wanted most: a competitive, entertaining and dramatic Stanley Cup finals. It also got what it needed least: a possibly tainted title.

Brett Hull's rebound goal at 14:51 of the third overtime gave the Dallas Stars a cup-clinching 2-1 victory over the Buffalo Sabres early Sunday morning and ended the second-longest Stanley Cup finals game ever.

It also started the biggest Cup controversy in years. Several Sabres said the Game 6 finish will haunt them and, they said, the National Hockey League for years because Hull's left skate was in the goal crease before he shot.

"I believe everybody will remember this as the Stanley Cup that was never won in 1999," the Sabres' Joe Juneau said. "It was given away to a good team, but the goal was not a legal goal."

With both teams nearing exhaustion in a game that was 23 seconds away from becoming the longest in Stanley Cup finals history, goaltender Dominik Hasek sprawled to play Mike Modano's shot.

Hasek stopped the puck, but the rebound bounced out to Hull during a furious scramble at the goal

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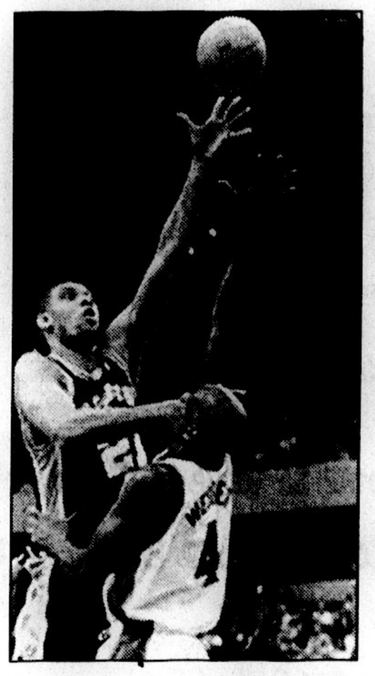
Knicks win Game 3, prevent sweep

Houston catapults team to victory



Duncan was stopped by the Knicks defense.

NEW YORK (Ticker) — Put away the brooms and postpone the parade plans.

Allan Houston upstaged Tim Duncan and shot the New York Knicks back into the NBA Finals.

Allan Houston matched his playoff his first playoff career high to 34 for the points Knicks to a crucial 89-81 victory over the San Antonio Spurs, who had their NBA playoff record 12-game winning streak snapped.

"Allan Houston was incredible," Duncan said."He played a great game throughout."

"He was a pain in the neck," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. The Knicks had been dominated by Duncan in two losses in San Antonio but found a way to shut him down the fourth quarter. The 7-foot superstar finished with 20 points and 12 rebounds but was 0-of-4 in the final period.

"They were a little more aggressive," said Duncan, the first two games. "They didn't let me get to the middle as much as I have before. But I missed some shots that I usually hit."

Houston came out firing and never stopped, saddling the Spurs' guards with early foul trouble and finishing 10-of-24 from the field. He scored 13 points in the first quarter, when New York bolted to a 14-point lead. He was the offense in the third period, scoring 12 of his team's 16 points. And when the Spurs pulled within four down the stretch, Houston hit a 20-footer for an 83-77 lead with three minutes remaining and the Knicks led by at least six thereafter. He tied his post season high

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Cup

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Hull's first shot also was [illegible], but he poked at the puck again and slipped it into the net.

Game over. Controversy beginning.

Players can play a puck in the crease, but only if it arrives there before they do.

"I don't know if we'll ever be able to put this behind us for the rest of our lives," Jay McKee of the Sabres said. "This is what we all dreamed to do and the situation to be in and, now, it's gone."

The debate isn't. NHL officials supervisor Bryan Lewis said Hull's goal counted because he maintained possession of the puck from the time he played it beyond the crease.

"A puck that rebounds off the goalie, the goal post, an opposing player is not deemed to be a change of possession," Lewis said. "Therefore, Hull would be deemed to be in control of the puck, allowed to shoot and score a goal, even though the one foot would be in the crease in advance of the puck."

Still, the rules application seemed to violate the spirit of the NHL's no-tolerance policy on goal crease violations.

So many games were delayed this season for video reviews, and enough goals were wiped out by crease infractions, that the NHL's Board of Governors could vote as early as this week to relax the rule. NHL commissioner Gary Bettman hinted strongly he wants the rule relaxed.

Harry Sinden of the Boston Bruins said the topic created so much debate at last week's general managers meetings that if any GM didn't know how to curse, he does now.

The rule interpretation creates yet again the perception that the NHL often governs itself by the seat of the pants rather than a set of rules. Sabres coach Lindy Ruff wasn't convinced the goal was reviewed by the video replay judge and other NHL officials, although Lewis said it was.

"I really think that if we had scored a goal like that, it would have been called back," Juneau said. "I think because it was a goal that gave them the Stanley Cup, everybody jumped on the ice and they were afraid to make the call."

Still, there is no dispute the Stars are worthy champions. The Stars and the 1994 New York Rangers are the only teams in the 1990s to win the regular-season Presidents' Trophy and Stanley Cup in the same season.

Knicks

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set in Game One of the Eastern Conference semi-finals against Atlanta.

"I hope to be a pain in the neck and unstoppable," Houston said. "If I'm not, that's how I think. And sometimes you're going to have good nights. I just want to be consistent. I don't want to have 30-point nights and then go down and have 10 or whatever."

Latrell Sprewell scored 24 points and Larry Johnson added 16 and strong defense for the Knicks, who never trailed but never seemed secure with the lead, either. New York had solid ball movement, got to the foul line and gave Sprewell and Houston some help, which it had not done in the first two games.

Houston made all 12 of his free throw attempts. The Knicks made 23-of-30 foul shots and had 17 assists on 31 baskets.

Houston said. "I think we did a much better job of just playing together, driving the ball, kicking it to the open man."

It was another gutty performance by the Knicks, who made Marcus Camby a surprise starter at center and endured yet another injury, this one a sprained medial capsule in the left knee of reserve guard Chris Childs, who did return with a leg wrap.

"I think any team starts with belief and trust," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "Belief in themselves as individuals, belief in their teammates, belief in their coaching staff and then trust in those same areas. I think it's any good team's foundation, those two things."

David Robinson scored a 1999 playoff high 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Spurs, who lost on the road for the first time in seven post season games. San Antonio fell to 43-7 since a 6-8 start had not lost anywhere since a Game Two home setback to Minnesota in the first round on May 11.

"Our team just absolutely hates to lose," Robinson said. "We take it personally when we lose. We always respond well after a loss, always. So this is something all of us have to go back and get ourselves reset and just come back out and be more focused."

Game Four is Wednesday at New York.

Tennis

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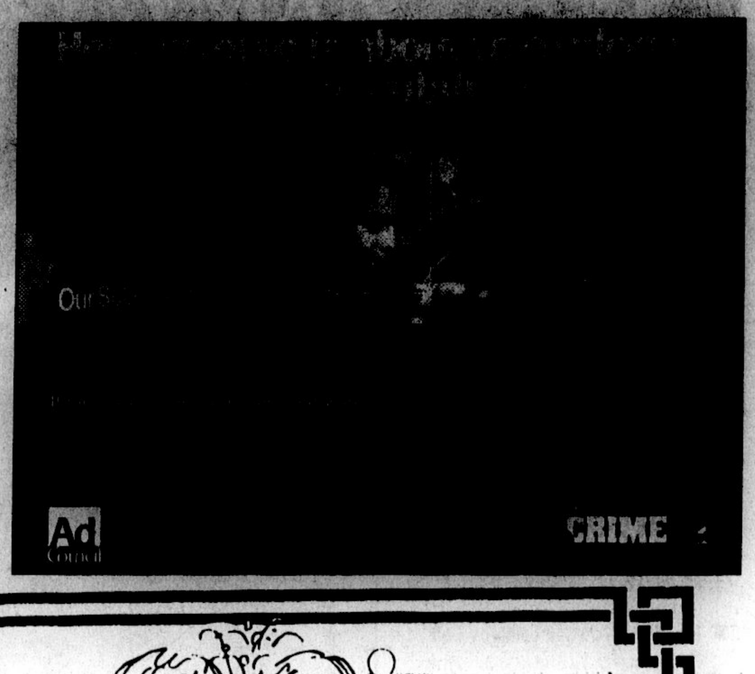
looks for in a tennis player," Holcomb said. "She has great on-court skills with a great leadership attitude towards her teammates."

Kohl's talent had been recognized even before she moved to North Carolina. Before joining Hoggard High, Kohl spent her freshman year at Roncalli High School in Wisconsin, where she played No.1 singles on the 1996 private school state team.

After maturing and moving to Wilmington, Kohl continued to excel, going 21-3 in regional and state playoffs and advancing to state singles semi-finals in both her junior and senior years.



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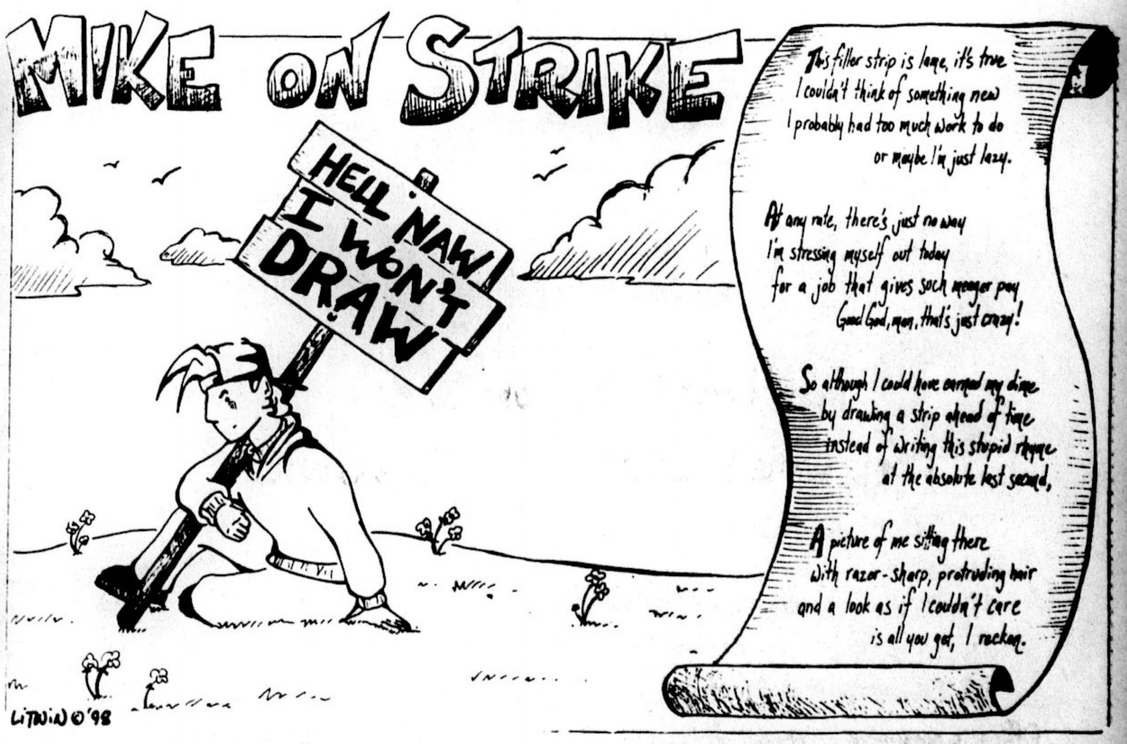

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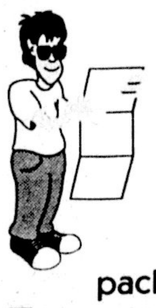

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Chatting with the Chancellor

ANISA GHRAIRI
STAFF WRITER

Richard Eakin has been chancellor of East Carolina University since March of 1987. Prior to ECU, Eakin was employed at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. It was then that the president at Bowling Green made him aware of the opening chancellor position and encouraged him to apply. Chancellor Eakin is from New Castle, PA, and attended Geneva College, a private liberal arts college in Beaver Falls, PA. From there he went on to graduate school at Washington State in Pullman, WA, where he received a masters and doctorate in mathematics. During college Eakin met his wife, JoAnn, and they have been married for 39 years. The Eakin's have two children, Matthew and Maridy.

Here is a chance to get to know your chancellor a little more.

The East Carolinian: What do you think ECU offers incoming freshmen?

Eakin: " I think ECU offers students a wonderful opportunity for a total college experience. We have a rich curriculum, as well as out of class experiences, whether it be recreational, social, or cultural; all designed to help us become total human beings. We also have a sense of community, which I think attracts a lot of people to ECU."

TEC: Did you ever live in the dorms? What dorm(s) do you like the best here and why?

Eakin: " I lived in the dorms all four years of college. The dorms I like best are Cotten, Fleming and Jarvis because of their historical significance and their distinguished architecture."

TEC: What is your favorite spot on campus?

Eakin: " I like the mall and the copula, but I admire the architecture of the newer buildings like Joyner Library and the Sonic Plaza, the Recreation Center and Todd Dining Hall."

TEC: Do you ever eat on campus? Where do you go?

Eakin: "We sometimes hold luncheons on campus catered by the school, but usually I go to Todd Dining Hall or the Wright Place and get a sandwich, an apple and a soda."

TEC: What is your favorite sport, as a viewer or participant?

Eakin: " I like to watch basketball and play golf."

FYI- Chancellor Eakin played basketball in college.

TEC: What advice can you give to incoming freshmen?

Eakin: " As you arrive to East Carolina University be attentive to your surroundings, realize you have to work harder and more is expected out of you as an individual. You need to take responsibility for doing your own work. If you adopt these attitudes and are willing to work hard than success is obvious."

Night classes offer campus parking problems

Safety still big concern for students

AMY WAGNER
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SENIOR WRITERS

Night classes begin at 6:30 p.m. Most run until 9:30 p.m. and sometimes even longer. Some students have said that they are concerned about safely getting to their car in the dark after class.

According to Shirley Bazemore, Parking and Traffic Control officer, there are [parking] lots that are not open to students until 6:30 p.m. such as the lot next to Rawl, where many night classes are held.

"These are private parking lots," Bazemore said. "If they have a registered vehicle, they can park there."

But there are other places to park before 6:30 p.m to avoid being tardy to class.

According to Bazemore, all registered cars except freshmen can park in the Brewster staff lot and in the lot behind Speight after 4 p.m. All other lots open at 5 or 7 p.m. If students' cars are not university registered, or are parked there before these times, then they might receive a ticket. Bazemore said that ticketing goes on from 5:30 a.m. to midnight.

Students who have night classes said they feel that this puts their safety in jeopardy.

"Even though the parking lots are pretty well lit, I still don't like it when I have to walk to my car alone after class," said LaToya Washington, a senior majoring in business.

Bruce Flye, director of Facilities Planning, says that there are no plans to move parking closer to night-class locations.

"But measures have been taken to improve lighting and install new emergency call boxes," Flye said.

According to Flye, the new Reade Street lot will have additional technological safety measures.

"[The Reade Street lot] will have the best lighting as of yet and will be equipped with security cameras," Flye said.

Richard Brown, vice chancellor for Administration and Finance, said that safety is a top priority for ECU, and that the campus is very safe.

Some students agree and said they do not fear for their safety on campus after dark.

"I know it's not the best idea, but I walk around campus alone after dark often enough, and I've never felt unsafe," said

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Financial aid helps fund college careers

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BRIAN P. STORRINGS
STAFF WRITER

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One senior, when asked what he would have liked to know about financial aid said, "I wish I had applied for it sooner."

The process for obtaining aid is first you must complete a FAFSA—Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and list ECU as one of your school options.

Sharon Roberts consults Senior Brian Lake

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If you have any questions about financial aid, you can call the Office of Financial Aid at 252-328-6610 or visit during their office hours Monday—Friday from 10am-5pm.

UCAID helps university develop Internet 2

Option developed as high-speed successor to internet

ANISA GHRAIRI
STAFF WRITER

East Carolina University has teamed up with the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development (UCAID) to help in the development of Internet 2.

UCAID is a collaboration of mainly universities; 146 hold membership including N.C. State, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University and Wake Forest University as well as other universities across the nation, industries and government offices. It is an effort to build a high speed successor to the Internet which has become too busy and slow in moving large amounts of data that will benefit science and research. It is not an attempt to replace the existing Internet, but merely allow scientists, medical students, etc. to share vast amounts of data, collaborate easier across broad distances and run complex equipment by remote. ECU, who is one of UCAID's newest members, had to submit an application to be approved by a review board. Jeffrey Huskamp, East Carolina's chief information officer, said joining UCAID will bring about many advantages. "It will increase our ban with the Internet, upgrade the 10 megabytes the computers have now to 45 or possibly 150 megabytes, and help students by accessing other universities more quickly," Huskamp said.

Students at ECU will be able to exchange data vials with other universities like the research library at the University of California at Berkeley. This is made possible by NCLIVE, the UNC systems' libraries. ECU will help with network research like telemedicine. At the Center for Telemedicine, part of East Carolina's medical school, students can access lab analysis and receive medical information quicker and easier.

There are, however, some restrictions when using Internet 2. If you want to send information or a message, you have to have someone who is a member of UCAID (like ECU) send it for you. You can not be just anywhere and retrieve information.

"Universities who join UCAID to be a part of Internet 2 want to have better Internet activities and better Internet access," Huskamp said.

Virtual classroom slated to be ready for fall

Courses will soon be available online

TERRA STEINBEISER
STAFF WRITER

Everyone with access to the Internet will now able to complete ECU courses on-line.

According to Dr. David Watkins, special assistant to the VCAA for information resources, ECU Virtual University will include virtual classrooms, exams, financial services, library research and office visits with professors.

Watkins said that the option should be up and running next fall, but there is "no guarantee because they have to tie all the loose ends." He also said that there are already a lot of class supplements up and running.

"We're actually hoping to get it ready before fall semester so that professors will have enough time to become familiar with the program and get their information up before classes actually start," said Watkins.

Watkins said he did not know exactly how many classes will be available through the Virtual University.

"It depends on how many faculty members want to get involved and how students respond to it," said Watkins.

ECU is planning to purchase a license to use a program called CourseInfo from Blackboard, Inc. CourseInfo will help standardize on-line courses and "help to simplify things," said Watkins. It will also provide a template for instructors who feel less than confident about their computer capabilities.

Other colleges in the University of North Carolina System already have some of these capabilities, including NC State.

"I take an on-line class right in my dorm room," said Cameron Schwartz, NC State freshman. "It's not any easier than a regular class that you actually attend, but it is more convenient."

Some non-traditional students are very excited about the Virtual University.

"I'd love to take classes on-line," said Cindy Targy, a non-traditional student and mother of two. " I feel out of place in some of my classes because I'm so much older than the other students."

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Disability Services lends support

Department offers aid to disabled students

KRISTY DANIEL
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Being away from home is a challenge, but imagine if that challenge was compounded by a disability.

The university offers a great deal of support and services to help in aiding these disabled students. Much of the support and aid comes from the Department for Disability Support Services.

ECU is home to around 365 disabled students. According to Liz Shilliday, associate director for the Department for Disability Support Services, "It is not a requirement for the disabled students to let the university know they are disabled when enrolling. Therefore, we only know the number of students who are disabled that have come to us for support, and not the total number."

The Department for Disability Support Services offers services such as mobility training for the blind or visually impaired and interpreting services and Portable Telecommunication Devices for the deaf. Hearing impaired students are provided with sign language interpreters and the visually impaired are provided with things such as books on tape and items in larger print.

In addition to Disability Support Services, the university also offers four handicap accessible dorms and six handicap accessible dining halls. ECU Transit has eight handicap accessible busses and one van.

According to Housing Services, the handicap accessible dorms have special doors that open with a remote control that only disabled students who live in that dorm have.

Renovations to many of the dorms and other campus buildings are underway to make ECU a more handicap accessible university.

Beginning last year, ECU started to renovate dorms and campus buildings by adding elevators. Jarvis Hall's renovations will start this year. Once renovations are complete, Jarvis will be equipped with an elevator.

According to Bruce Flye, director of Facilities Planning, Jones Hall is the next dorm in line to have an elevator installed.

The Austin Building and Rawl Annex are two campus buildings that have recently been under construction. Rawl is complete, but Austin is still not finished.

ECU Transit has eight of their 18 busses available for the use of disabled students. They are equipped with lifts for access to the bus. Although all the busses are not accessible, they eventually will be.

"The last five busses we have bought have been accessible," said Joey Weathington, director of ECU Transit.

"When we replace the old buses with new ones, they will also be accessible," Each bus driver has been trained in how to help disabled students get on the bus.

"When they are hired, and later in each semester, they have training. And, last semester it was in conjunction with

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Campus dining offers wide selection

Seven locations ensure large mealtime variety

ANISA GHRAIRI
STAFF WRITER

You're running late and you're hungry, but you don't have enough time to get to your favorite fast food restaurant before your next class. So, take time to stop and enjoy campus dining.

There are seven dining spots located conveniently throughout campus which offer a variety of foods. There are two dining halls—Todd, which is located on College Hill, and Mendenhall on West campus. Both are all-you-can-eat dining halls that serve breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, and brunch and dinner on the weekends.

You can choose anything from hot entrees and salads to made-to-order sandwiches and numerous desserts. In addition to these, the dining halls offer a cereal station for those of you who do not feel like eating dinner for dinner.

If you do not have time to sit down and eat a meal you can go to one of the other five dining spots. If you are on Central campus then you have two options, The Wright Place and Croatan.

The Croatan is located in the heart of the academic area of campus, and is an a la carte cafe open for breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday.

For breakfast they have biscuit sandwiches, bagels and an assortment of packaged pastries and muffins. For lunch they have sandwiches, fries and quesadillas, just to name a few options. The Wright Place located next to the Student Stores is the most frequented dining spot. It is an a la carte cafe open for breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night dining Monday through Friday, and on Saturday for breakfast and lunch. "Beverages are our top selling item at 15 percent of all food and drinks sold on campus followed closely by pizza," said Frank Salamon, Director of University Dining Services.

If you're on College Hill and want something quick to eat then go to The Galley which is located in Jones Hall. It is an a la carte cafe that serves during breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night hours seven days a week. Located on West campus, The Spot, like The Galley, is an a la carte cafe and operates during

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John Eddings snacks at Mendenhall.
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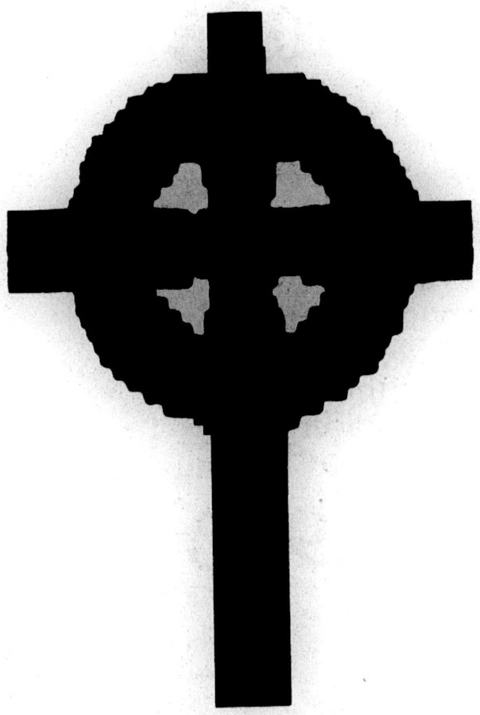

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Student Health extends services

University 'doctor's office' offers all routine care

SHANA WOODWARD
STAFF WRITER

ECU's Student Health Services is not only a health care center, but an excellent resource for education and assistance in all areas of personal health.

Located between Fleming Science Building and Joyner Library, the Student Health Office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

"We are open like a doctor's office, and do all routine care from treating sore throats to giving immunizations," said Heather Zophy, director of health education.

"You may be seen by calling and making an appointment, or by using urgent care if you don't have an appointment and need to be seen immediately. For example, if you sprain your ankle and can't walk, come to the office and we get you to a doctor."

According to sources at Student Health Services, making an appointment to see a doctor is not difficult, and can be done one or two days in advance unless it is flu season and many people are sick.

Student Health Services also has a pharmacy located in the building which allows prescriptions and over- the-counter medications to be purchased quickly and inexpensively.

"Access is convenient and fees are less than private offices, but we have good care as well," said Linda Sanderson, physician extender.

Mental health is another service provided by the Student Health Office. This department has two staff psychologists who students may make an appointment with through Mental Health Services which is located in the same building as Student Health.

"We work closely with the counseling center, and we see students that are going through serious problems," said Jane Ross, staff psychologist.

"We are not here for the students who are going through the normal stresses of college life, they should be referred to the Student Counseling Center, but instead we see those who have exceeded the point of functioning normally. Loss of appetite, bipolarism, and other health problems which are on the more serious end of the spectrum are what we see."

Student Health Services is a great way to learn how to prevent health care problems, and maintain a strong and healthy personal and physical life. According to Zophy, Student Health furnishes information and treatment through pamphlets, and the health care providers on such subjects as nutrition, eating disorders, pregnancy and sexually-transmitted diseases.

"One of our goals is to provide education," Zophy said.

"Not only are we taking care of students, but educating them on how to prevent problems and use the health care system.

Student employment offered on campus

Numerous locations need students willing to work

BRIAN P. STORRINGS
STAFF WRITER

If you want to work, the jobs are here. There are many places on campus where you can find jobs that will fit your schedule. The key is knowing how to get these jobs.

At the Mendenhall Student Center, job postings are on a bulletin board outside the Business Affairs Office on the second floor. Applications are there for you to fill out and drop in the box next to the bulletin board. " There are 55-65 students employed at the Center every year," said Stephen Gray, Associate Director of The Mendenhall Student Center,

"Jobs range from graphic artists and bowl-

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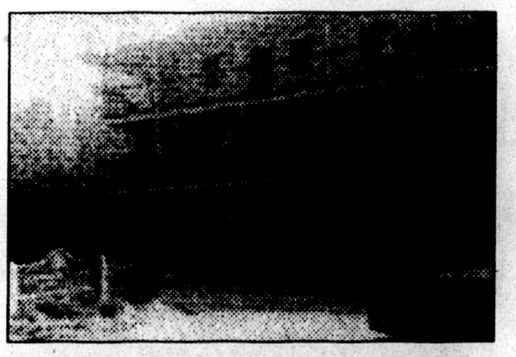

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the same hours. Both offer foods like pizza, grilled cheese, french fries and salads. Those who work out at the Student Recreation Center can visit Center Court, an a la carte juice and snack bar. Center Court offers anything from power bars, to fruit and fruit smoothies. For the students' convenience, ECU offers meal plans and declining balances for those who want to have a limit on how much they spend and who don't want to carry cash on campus.

"Whether you live on campus or not, there are advantages to owning a meal plan or having a declining balance, cost savings and convenience." said Salamon.

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the Disability Services to aid the students," Weathington said.

Minges Coliseum and Williams Arena are also handicap accessible.

"When the new level of the stadium was built, ramps were added for the disabled, as well as elevators, to allow them to get up to the new level," Flye said. "Williams Arena has some accessible seats and when the new addition on the north side of the football field is done, there will be additional seating for the disabled."

"I am very proud of where the university is with its accessibility on the campus," Shilliday said

Employment

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ing alley attendants, to office assistants and technical staff. Each job posting contains a complete description of the position, as well as a pay rate. Each department screens its own staff, but you must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.25, have a class schedule which fits what the position needs and be in good academic standing."

Students can also work is the Student Store. Applications for these jobs are found in the main office next to the Student Store.

"Ask the receptionist for an application and fill it out," said Wanda Scarboro, Director of the Student Store.

"Your employment will be based on your class schedule, but each department supervisor in the store does its own interviewing and hiring. The Store employs 25- 28 students a year, and many students who are hired as freshmen stay for all four years."

Another possibility for employment is with ECU Transit. You must apply at the Transit Office located in the basement of Mendenhall.

"In order to be a driver with Transit Services, you must have a good driving record and pass a drug screen," said Dean Wheeler, Director of Transit Services. While driving routes and hours are signed up by seniority, there are hours available from 6 am to midnight, with more hours on weekends. You must also have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 to qualify."

There are many other employment opportunities for students. The key is to look around and ask.

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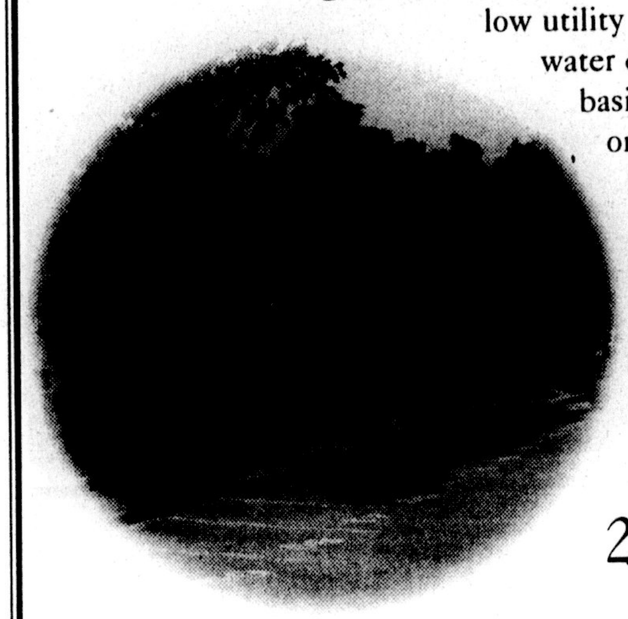

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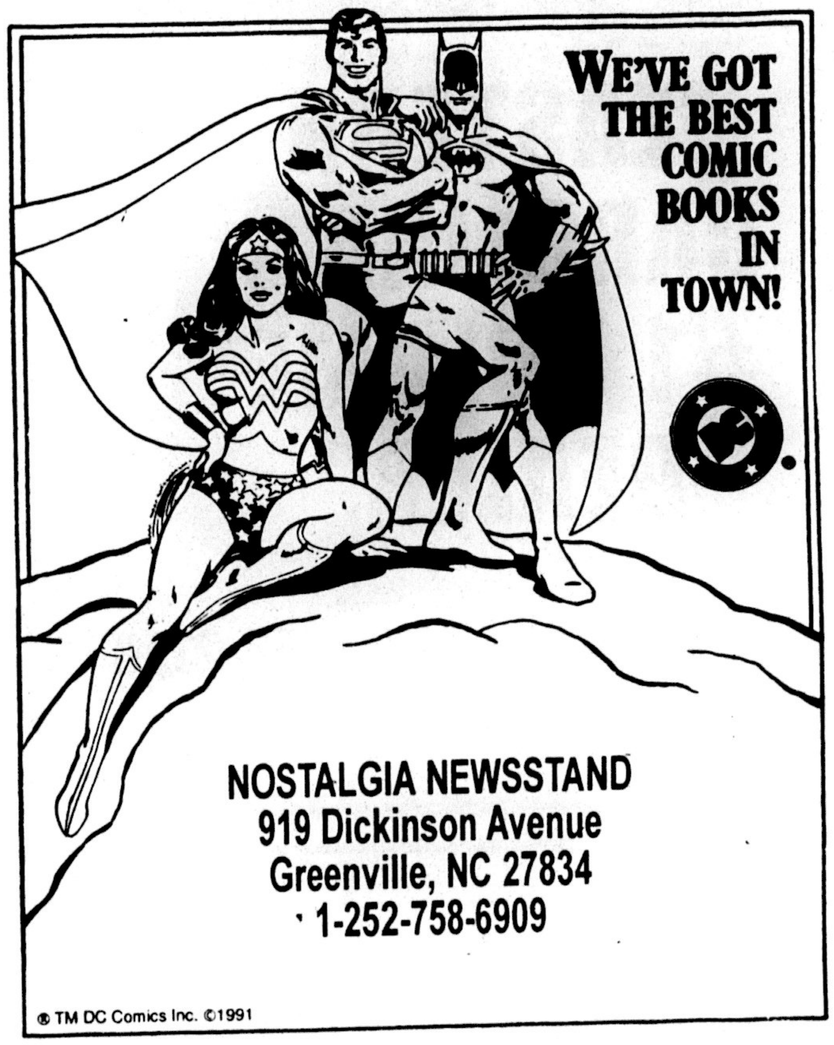

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- 300-400 off-campus students are first-year traditional aged freshmen.
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- 21% of undergraduate non-traditional students are minorities.
- 59% of non-traditional students at ECU are between 25-30 years old.
- Over 65 undergraduate students are over 50 years old.

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Safety

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"I know it's not the best idea, but I walk around campus alone after dark often enough, and I've never felt unsafe," said Rachel Jenu, freshman.

Not everyone is so optimistic.

"I hate walking to my car after class at 9:30," said Chrissy Buckley, sophomore. "They need to do something before someone gets hurt."

Brown said he feels that students also have a responsibility to themselves for their own safety.

"The real key to safety is personal responsibility and people acting responsibly," Brown said. "If you look at police records you notice most accounts of crime occur after midnight and alcohol is involved."

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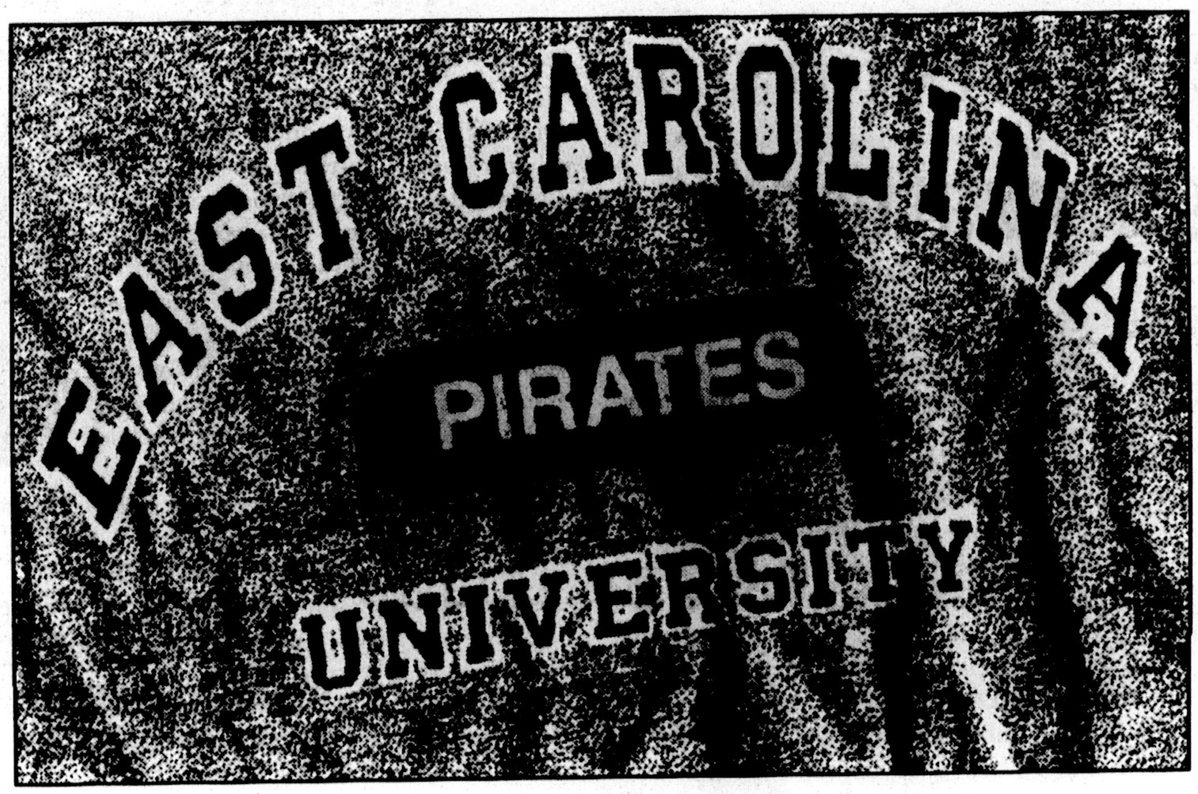

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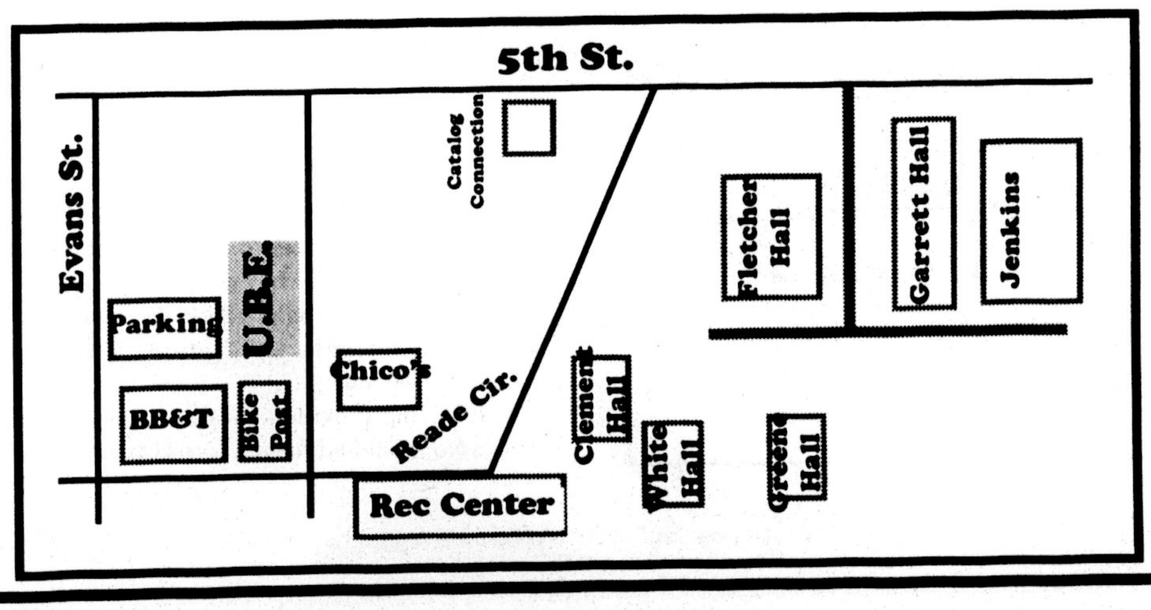

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One of ECU's latest addition to the list of over 200 organizations is the Bridge Club. The club consists of students and professors, who recently posed with their new shirts.

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University offers 200 organizations

Development office helps students find their niche

STEVE DAVIDSON
STAFF WRITER

There are over two hundred student organizations at ECU with a wide variety of different groups. Every member of the campus community can become involved in a organization with their own special interests.

The Student Leadership Development Office, located in 109 Mendenhall Student Center, in cooperation with many university organizations, provide students with practical, real-life, social experiences that complement their traditional classroom education.

In keeping with this mission, the SLDO provides assistance to the individual student wanting to become involved in the planning, management and evaluation of programs and organizational activities geared towards meeting the wide variety of student needs and interests represented on campus.

"The many organizations provide students with the chance to meet new friends and establish lifelong relationships," said Robert Sturms, Director of the SLDO.

In his office students can submit an interest card detailing their personal goals and information. The card will then be forwarded by the SLDO to the organization of the student's choice. The organization will contact the student with further membership information, including requirements, meeting times and places.

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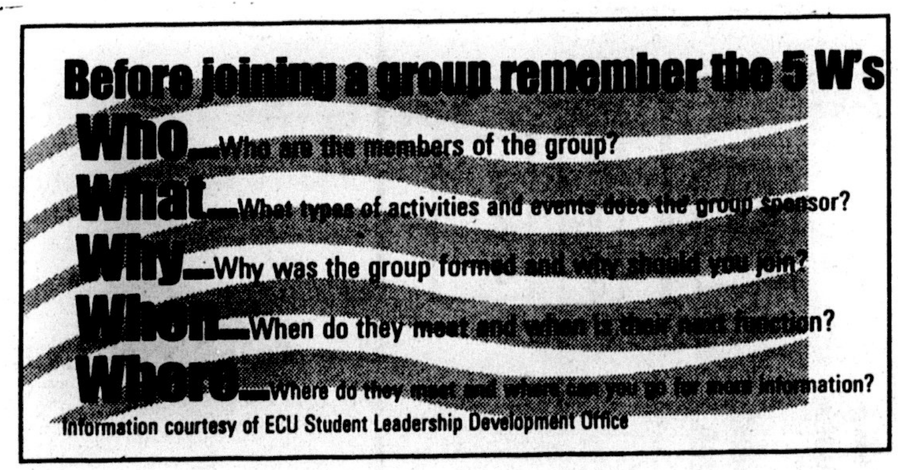


Tips to make your dorm room more livable

Contact roommate before moving day

FRANK HENDRICKS
STAFF WRITER

One of the most important things to do when moving into the dorms is to customize your room. Personalizing your room establishes your college identity.

If you already know your roommate, that is a great start. Get together and brainstorm. If you don't know who you will live with yet, it doesn't hurt to call him/her. It is very important to bring all of the necessities that a home would have.

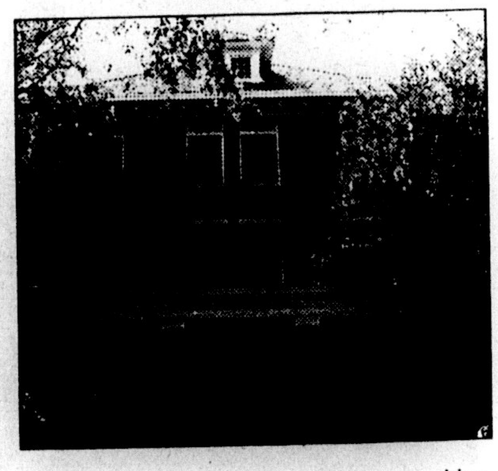
"I remember my first day of my freshman year," senior Cory Phoenix said.

"I was playing this Pearl Jam song really loud while I moved in. Some guy came by and asked me about it and we were friends all semester."

Jason Spivey, president of Garret Hall, says that video games are considered another way to meet people.

"Just leave your door open while you're playing," Spivey said. "People you never knew will stop by and take a look."

Leaving your door open seems to be a general idea throughout campus. Part of making your dorm room more livable is to find friends to live the dorm life with you.



Cotton Hall has on-campus housing opportunities.

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Once you get the friends, you have to find a place for them to sit.

"There was this one room where everyone hung out, I mean like ten people at a time," sophomore Mike

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Study abroad programs offered

McGowan assists students in achieving travel goal

NINA M. DRY
FEATURES EDITOR

Imagine yourself in a whole new world with new faces, beautiful places and exotic scenery. ECU has made this possible for students who study in other countries through the International Studies Program.

"ECU has provided various opportunities [to students] for the last 25 years," said Linda McGowan, overseas opportunities coordinator.

According to McGowan, approximately 30-35 students participate in the ECU exchanges each year. Some go for one semester while others go for the full year.

A lot of preparation goes into studying abroad. McGowan said she encourages students to begin the thought process at least eight to nine months in advance.

Once it has been decided that the student is ready to go abroad, McGowan holds information and advising sessions.

"I explain the options students have when they study, work and travel abroad," McGowan said.

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College budgets puts squeeze on students

Whereabouts of money baffles many minds

ERICA SIKES
STAFF WRITER

FREE! During your college years, this becomes your favorite four-letter word.

Many of us know from experience what it's like to hit financial rock bottom. We all wonder where all the money goes, and we want to know the best ways to make more. 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 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 financially challenged. Although the job placement programs are not need-based, 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 wants, they gave the most interesting responses. Puzzled, they tried to rationalize their expenses and splurging habits.

"I spend most of my money on 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, the department store and downtown, suck away all of our money without us ever realizing it. The cost of living has also just increased, which leads to the conclusion that no matter how much the average college student saves, they may never be able to keep up with the Jones'.

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.

Top 10 list of what students spend their money on

1. Clothes
2. Groceries
3. Rent
4. Recreational activities movies, restaurants, .
5. Boyfriends/girlfriends
6. Tuition
7. Books for school
8. Going downtown
9. Alcoholic beverages
10. Laundry

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Different departments throughout the university sponsor honors programs, and numerous service organizations that contribute charitably not only to the ECU community, but also to the city of Greenville and surrounding areas as well. Other special interest groups range from those with military concerns, to those interested in animism, the belief in the existence of spirit and soul. There are also music groups, both large and small, religious organizations, and the popular social fraternities, the Greeks.

Whatever your tastes, there is something for everyone. So take your time, don't feel pressured into joining any group, make lots of friends and most of all enjoy yourself.

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Thorsby said.

"The guy had couches and all kinds of cool stuff, so it was just somewhere to go and chill."

If you need furniture for your new room, don't assume that you have to bring it with you. A love seat can be purchased for around $20 at local thrift stores. If you have all the cool stuff though, you run the risk of being the one with ten people in your room. A key to having a great dorm room is creativity. Sure, you can only do so much with a 12' by 12' room, but you would be surprised what you could accomplish with a little ingenuity and creativity.

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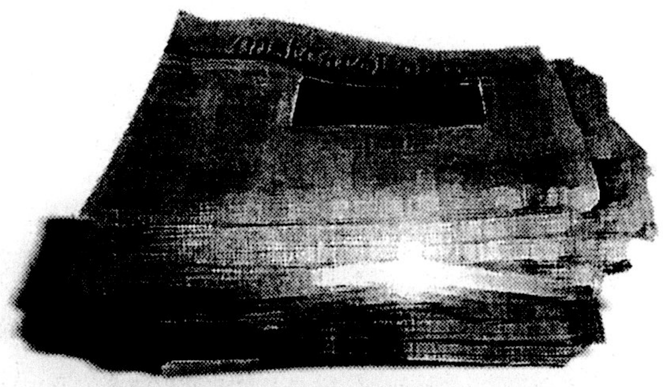

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DANIEL KETCHUM
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For the scholar and historian, one of the hidden treasures of ECU is the Special Collections section of Joyner Library. Here, for those willing to do a bit of digging, there exists a wide array of materials encompassing a variety of interests and needs.

The Special Collections are divided into four main areas. The first of these is the Manuscript Collection, which contains letters, diaries, photographs and numerous other items with great research potential. The Manuscript Collection concentrates on four things, the first being materials from or related to North Carolina (the North Carolina Collection on the third floor of Joyner is a part of Special Collections).

The second part of the Manuscript Collection is composed of military papers. According to Donald R. Lennon of Special Collections, the large number of naval papers in this collection are, "the largest repository outside the military." There is also a considerable amount of material in this section related to the U.S. Civil War.

A third area of interest covered by this collection are materials accumulated by the tobacco industry and its employees. These include documents from many different parts of the world, 'such as China and Rhodesia, where this industry has had a presence.

The fourth category in the Manuscript Collection is missionary records. These materials come from all over the world, and include records returned from Africa, South America and the Orient.

Material destined for the Manuscript Collection must first be carefully organized, itemized and protected against deterioration. It can arrive at the offices in boxes, cases, bags or in one case, even a barrel.

The archivist must sort through the documents, organizing them as best he or she can (since they are rarely in any sort of order). The scheme used is usually either topical or more frequently

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Students balance college experience with family life

Couples speak out on married life

BROOKE POTTS
STAFF WRITER

How many times have you said, "I think this could be the one!" Daily? Twice? Never?

Often, we toss around phrases like this without them ever coming true. But among the student population at ECU are many students who have said this and meant it. Not only do these couples commit their time to their schoolwork, but also have to dealing with the pressures of being married.

Devotion to a spouse and trying to make time for school keeps these students busy, but overall the pleasures of being married outweigh the negative aspects.

The following three couples all have unique situations, but face similar challenges. Kelly Bumpass, a graduate student who is finishing his degree, feels that he made the right decision to get married while still in school. "I wouldn't trade it for the world," Bumpass said.

According to Bumpass, he appreciates the security of having his wife Dora at home when he gets in. And the financial security that his wife's job provides takes pressure off of him as he finishes his degree.

He also realizes that there are some drawbacks to balancing his time. "Sometimes I can get overwhelmed with school and work, and then she feels neglected," Bumpass said.

"I basically have to slow down and try not to do too much."

He advises students who are thinking about getting married and going to school at the same time to carefully consider the additional responsibilities that married life will bring. Not only do you have to consider the impact of your decisions on your own life, but on your spouse's as well.

Unlike single ECU students, he has to think about the future not just in terms of school, but of long-range consequences.

"You're living a life outside of school, at the same time that you are in school," Bumpass said.

"You have to get your priorities straight to make it work."

Other married students face similar situations. Junior Jeff Ellis and his wife Roberta have been married since August and have a baby girl. They also feel the pressures of balancing home and school.

"When you love someone and are committed to them, you can work through anything," Roberta said.

This way, they don't have to worry about finding time to see one another or have to experience the apprehension of being single and dating.

One of the keys to their relationship is understanding and support. Jeff realizes the difficulties Roberta has in caring for the baby, and Roberta encourages him as he tries to finish school and support the family.

Looking back, the decision to marry and start a family definitely caused a major change in Jeff's life.

"I really had to grow up overnight," Jeff said.

Jeff decided to put his family first, even if it meant putting school lower on his list of priorities. Even though sometimes it is difficult, he doesn't give up. "It's definitely worth it," Jeff said.

Another couple, Don and Martina Froning, have to deal with a particularly unique situation. Don is a graduate student, while his wife still lives in Hawaii, where they met. They have been married for nearly two years, and Don has been going to school here in Greenville since the fall. Due to the separation, he is trying to finish school as quickly as possible and resume his life in Hawaii.

The couple is also trying to buy land for a home and deal with finances, and the distance between them creates additional frustration that most couples don't have to deal with.

Overall, all three of these couples share the same feeling. Being married and going to school is difficult and creates a lot of extra responsibilities, but if you are committed to one another and willing to work hard at both, it is all worthwhile.

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"I [also] spend time with students in the application process."

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"[Participating in the exchange program] gives students a different view of the world," McGowan said. "It also allows students to look at their own country in a different perspective."

Samantha Dunn, an English major, received the opportunity to study abroad at the Manchester University in England. She was initially introduced to International Studies when her older sister participated in the program. According to Dunn, her experiences there were very interesting.

The major language differences that she encountered were found primarily in the British slang.

"Their slang words were quite different than ours," Dunn said.

For instance, when the British say that a man was "pissed", they mean he was intoxicated.

A few other cultural diversities from the American way of life that Dunn recognized were in the educational system.

"The classes were very different," Dunn said. "I only went to class on Mondays and Tuesdays and had the rest of the week to myself."

Although Dunn only attended one semester, she was able to interact with students of other cultures as well as the British. She had three roommates: one German, one Polish and one African.

When asked if they would opt to study abroad, the opinions of students varied.

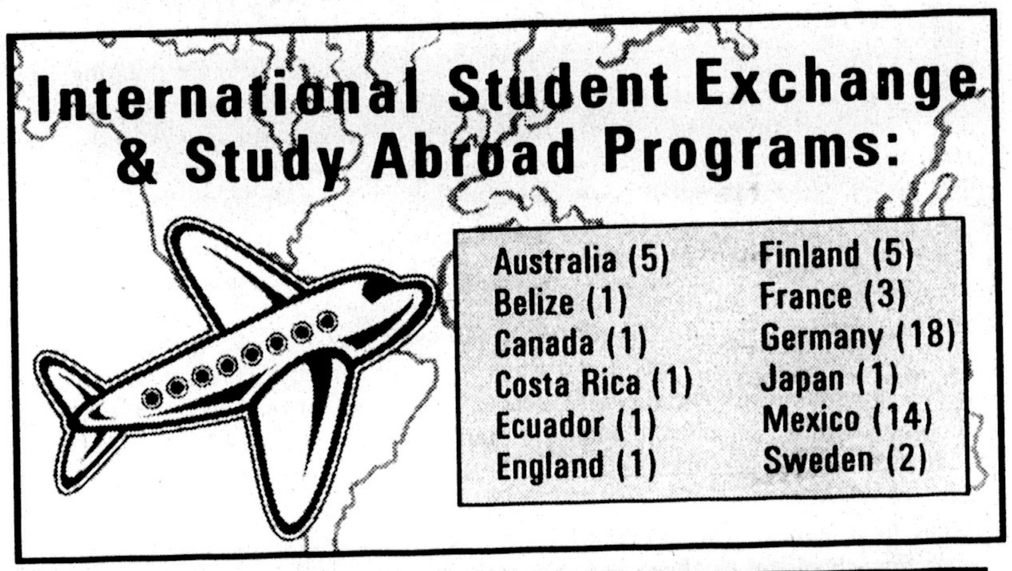
"It would be weird being in a strange place where I wouldn't know anyone and all the unfamiliar surroundings," said Cindy Horrell, freshman.

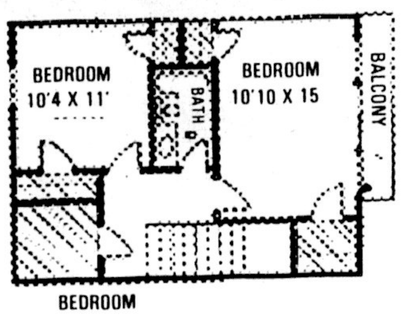
Other students seemed enthused at the idea of studying in another country.

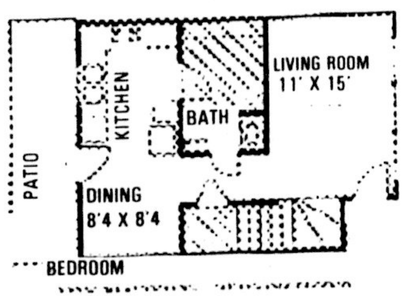
"I would try it out for a semester just to get the experience," said Vinny Cardillo, graduate student.

"I think it would be an awesome experience," said Robin Skipper, Junior.

Any students interested in studying abroad or participating in the ECU exchange program should contact Linda McGowan at the Office of International Affairs at 328-1937.







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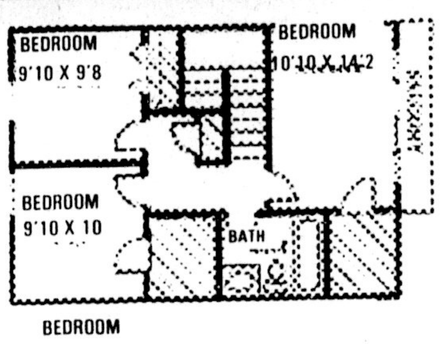

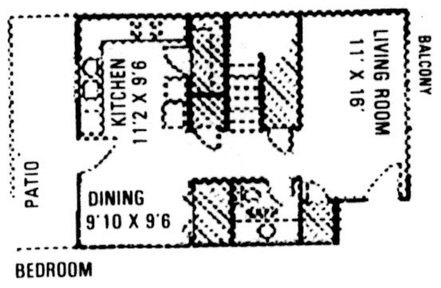

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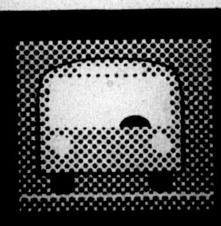

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The next section of Special Collections is the University Archives. Records and memorabilia of ECU from its early years to the present day are stored here. There are business office records, yearbooks, photographs and other objects reflecting the day-to-day operations of this university, as well as the activities of some of its previous students and faculty. For those wishing to do research in either the Manuscript Collection or the University Archives, it will be necessary to use the card catalog in the manuscript room, since most of this material is not yet in the computer catalog.

The third section of Special Collections is the Rare Book Collection which, while small at present, is growing again thanks to contributions from the Friends of the Library. Books are found about maritime architecture (and maritime studies in general) as well as travel accounts of the 18th and 19th centuries. In addition, there are a number of works relating to slavery, many published before 1865.

The fourth section is the Hoover Collection, which is a vast assortment of items relating to international communism and radicals.

"It is an accumulation of published material dealing with communism by both the left and the right," Lennon said.

The Special Collections of Joyner Library are generally an underused but very valuable resource that will provide pleasant surprises for those who choose to make use of them.

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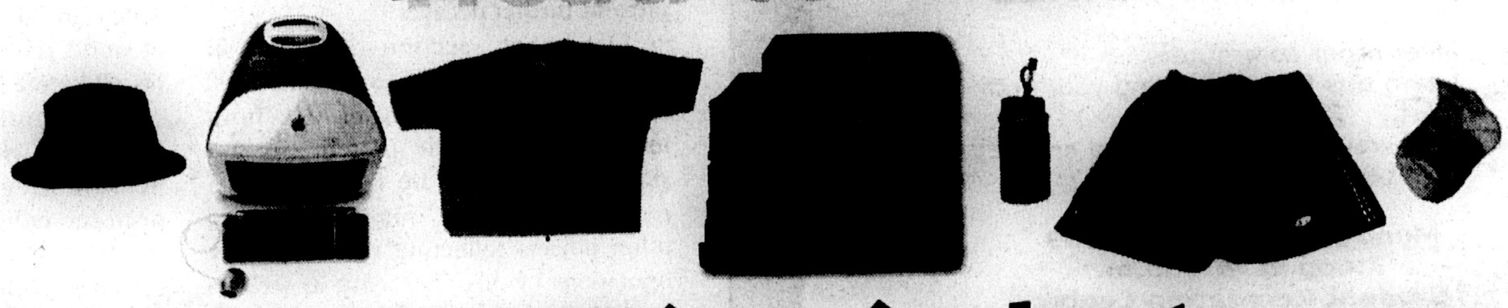

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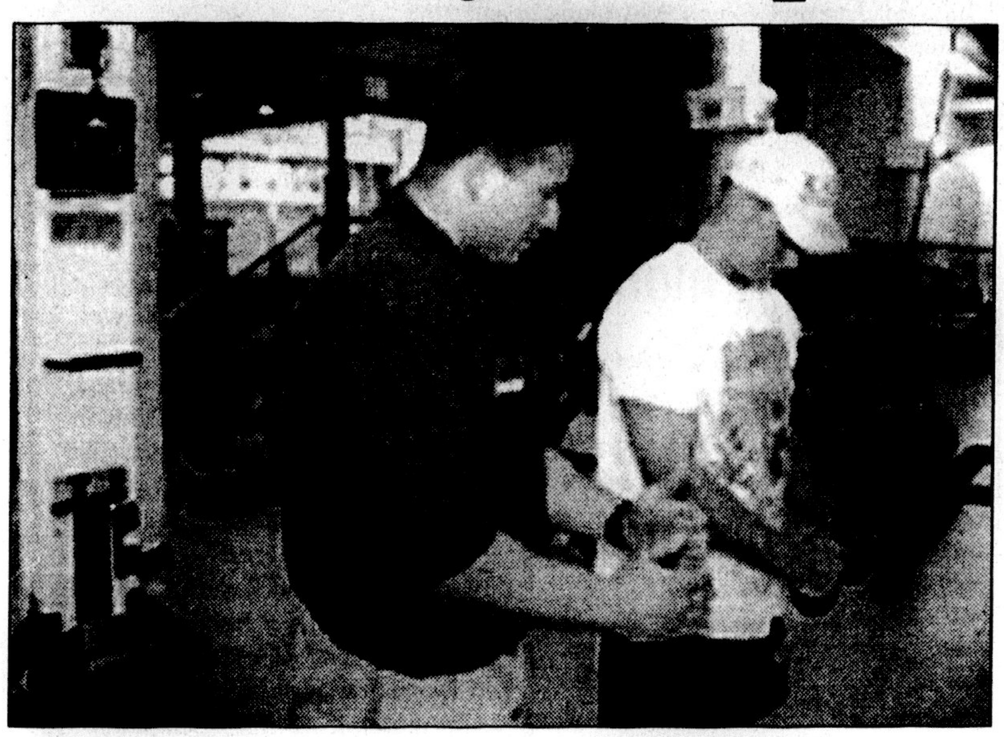

Student Rec Center offers professional assistance for weightlifting equipment.

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Student Rec Center offers something for everyone

STEVE DAVIDSON
STAFF WRITER

The Student Recreation Center at ECU boasts outstanding recreational and fitness facilities for keeping your body tuned up.

The SRC is committed to providing quality recreational opportunities for the ECU community. To meet the diverse needs and interests of students, faculty and staff, a comprehensive and innovative recreational program has been developed.

A variety of options exist to enhance interests, knowledge and behaviors. They promote healthy lifestyles, positive human relationships, productive leadership skills, responsible attitudes, sportsmanship and fair play.

The basketball courts provide students with the opportunity to exercise as well as enhance their athletic skills.

"I enjoy coming to the SRC every day," sophomore John Evans said.

"The activities offered here are great for handling the stress of classes."

The weight lifting and fitness area, the most widely used area of the SRC, offers treadmills, exercise bikes, stair climbers, nautilus equipment and free weights. If assistance is needed the fitness area is staffed during normal operating hours.

"My friends and I come three times a week," junior Kelli Held said.

"It keeps us in great shape."

For those who enjoy a more relaxed workout atmosphere, the swimming pool can be both cool and refreshing. There is also a state-of-the-art indoor track for

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Professors serve as guest coaches for Pirates

Student Athletes pick guest coaches

TRAVIS BARKLEY
SENIOR WRITER

When ECU plays a home game there are usually a couple of extra coaches on the sidelines.

Several faculty members are selected as guest coaches for selected home events in football, volleyball and both men's and women's basketball.

The program is administered by the student development office of the Athletics Department as a way for professors to see what a student athlete goes through in practice and on game days.

Chris Hargrave works in the student development office and hosts the faculty members participating in the program. Hargrave says the professors chosen for the program are selected by athletes.

"Students nominate a teacher they feel close to," Hargrave said.

"They have to be attending their class at this semester. It's a way for the athletes to say thank you."

According to Hargrave, professors take this chance to experience competing Pirates up close.

"Upperclassmen usually get first choice," Hargrave said. "Sometimes they (the teachers) say no, but most of them are willing when asked."

There are usually two or three coaches selected for every home game in football. In basketball and volleyball, guest coaches are selected only for home conference games.

Broadcast communications professor, James Rees, has participated in the program several times, one was last year during ECU's home football game against Army on October 3.

"I've done it twice for football and once for basketball," Rees said.

"It's really a moving schedule. It's a schedule that keeps you busy and it's a very enjoyable schedule."

For football games, guest coaches visit practice on Friday afternoon then tour the weight and training rooms in the sports medicine building. After practice they tour the football office and meet the rest of the coaches.

"It all culminates with a nice visit to Coach Logan," Rees said.

"You go into his office and you get to talk with him and ask any questions you might have."

From there they go to Todd Dining Hall where they eat dinner with the team. On game day, the guest coaches arrive a couple of hours before game time for lunch and a tour of the press box. After

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Guest Coaches Schedule of Activities for Football

Friday:

Arrive to watch Practice at 3:30
Tour athletic facilities
Meet coaching staff
Dinner with team at Todd Dining Hall

Saturday:

Tour of press box/lunch
two hours before kickoff
Watch warm-ups from field
Locker room for pregame speech
Watch game from field level
Post game press conference

ECU professor joins the football coaching squad.

PHOTO BY KIM MCCUMBER

Smart and efficient on and off the fields

Student Athletes earn scholar awards

KRISTY DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The ECU Athletic Department named and honored its outstanding student-athletes at the annual PCS Phosphate Breakfast of Champions on April 17, 1999.

The breakfast was a part of the 16th annual Great Pirate Purple/Gold Pigskin Pig-out.

The breakfast was held at the Greenville Country Club.

Isonette Polonius was named ECU Outstanding Female Student-Athlete and Justin England was named as the ECU Outstanding Male Student-Athlete for the 1998-99 season.

Along with Polonius and England, the PCS Phosphate All-Academic Team was also honored at the breakfast.

The awards given to the female and male scholar-athletes of the year include an athletic grant-in-aid, which is sponsored by PCS Phosphate.

The scholar-athletes were chosen based on their academic and athletic achievement, leadership qualities and service to the university and community.

Polonius, a senior softball "All-American," is a native of Curacao, Netherlands Antilles. This season was her final season performing for the Lady Pirates.

According to sports information, Polonius ranks in the top two of every ECU offensive category in the softball record book, including the top position in home runs, RBI's and doubles.

"This award really lets people see and learn what we are all about," Polonius said.

In 1998, she was a first team College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-America selection. Polonius carries a 3.875 GPA in business management.

"I am so honored in winning this award. It is a great award to be nominated for and win," Polonius said. "I must say I have to thank my mother for all of her support during my playing here in the United States."

More recently, the Lady Pirate's third baseman was named the Big South Conference softball Player of the Week, announced by ECU's sports information department on May 4,1999. Polonius, who has received this honor four times this year, helped the Pirates to a record of 3-1 that week to clinch the Big South regular season title and a first place seed in the Big South Tournament which was held May 7-9 in Rock Hill, S.C.. The pirates won and went on to play the Arizona Wildcats in the first round of the NCAA's tournament in Arizona.

England, a junior and native of Apex, N.C., earned the title of male scholar-athlete with his strong determination in cross country and his 3.512 GPA in exercise physiology.

"It is a honor to win such a prestigious award. It is nice to know that hard work is noticed," England said. "I have to thank my coaches, teammates and parents for the honor of wining this award."

Last fall England earned All-Colonial Athletic Association honors with a ninth place finish individually. He also qualified for the NCAA Region III Championships when his 25th place finish gained him all-district. England also won the 1998 state title.

"This is great for Justin because he is an outstanding young man. This is good recognition for the team," said Leonard Klepack, men's cross country coach.

According to Coach Klepack, England is a role model. He stresses the importance of academics that Coach Klepack feels many other athletes do not focus on.

"It is the way he does things, his actions. They are what influences everyone. He has a good character and he handles himself very well," Klepack said.

Following the tradition of successful Pirate Academics is Cliff Godwin, who has been named to the 1999 GTE Academic First Team All-District III baseball team as a designated hitter, announced May 18, 1999 by the GTE-Academic All-America selection committee. First team selections from each region will now be put on the national ballot for a chance to earn Academic All-American status.

A native of Snow Hill, N.C., Godwin has played in 43 games for the Pirate baseball team this season, including starting 22 as designated hitter and 11 times as catcher. The

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Scholor Awards

Isonette Polonius
softball
Hometown: Curacao, Netherlands Antilles
Major: Business Management
GPA: 3.875
Position: 3rd base
Records: Leads in home runs, RBI's, doubles

Justin England
men's cross country
Hometown: Apex
Major: Exercise Physiology
GPA: 3.512
Awards: 1998 NC state title

Cliff Godwin
baseball
Hometown: Snow Hill, N.C.
Major: Business Administration
GPA: 3.95
Position: hitter and catcher
Awards: 1999 GTE Academic First Team All-District III

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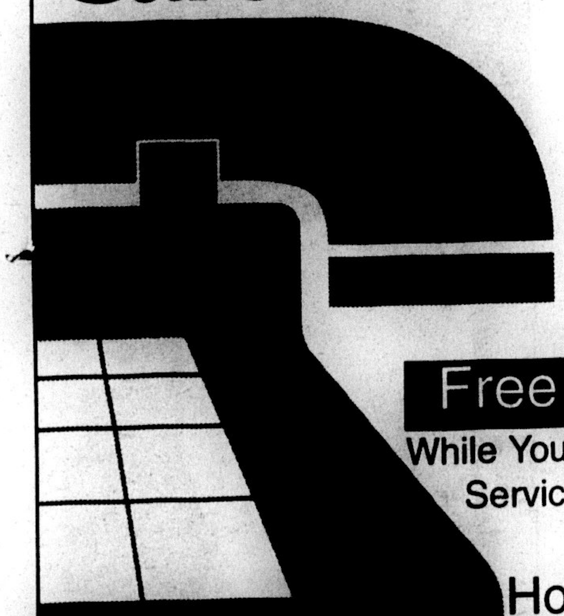

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Pure Gold team shows love for game

The "Pure Gold" Dance team supports the Pirates' basketball team during halftime at Minges Coliseum.

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Dance team supports Pirate basketball

JASON LATOUR
STAFF WRITER

When thinking of the term 'student athlete,' some general perceptions come to mind. Many of us think of the 250-pound linebacker or the wiry 6-foot-6 shooting guard. What most of us don't realize, however, is that we may be sitting next to a different kind of student athlete in class everyday.

These athletes commit their life to just as much practice, give just as much effort and have just as much love for their sport as any all-american power forward. Ladies and gentlemen, we are speaking of none other than your ECU Pure Gold dance team.

Along with the usual stress of college life, these girls commit an average of 15 hours a week to practice, not to mention

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walkers and runners, and racquetball and squash courts for competition between friends. For those with a desire for a extreme challenge, the climbing wall puts both strength and endurance to the test.

The Club Sports program offers students the chance to participate in athletic events against students from other universities, while the Intramural program allows competition between students at ECU. The SRC also offers an Adventure Program, where participants enjoy backpacking, camping and kayaking. Both weekend and one-day trips are offered, for a small fee, to several nearby outdoor recreational areas.

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hitting .252 with three homers and 17 RBI while adding 21 runs and seven doubles.

Godwin is a business administration major and earned the honor by carrying a 3.95 GPA into the spring semester. He is one of three players from the CAA—along with shortstop Tim Hummel of ODU and outfielder Chris Clarke of William & Mary—to be named to the first team.

The selection for All-District honors is open to student athletes who reached sophomore status and played in at least 50 percent of all the team's games while maintaining at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. District III is comprised of all Division I schools in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

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lunch, they are taken inside the locker room for pregame preparations and they are then allowed to run onto the field with the players.

Guest coaches have the option of watching the game from the sidelines or up in the press box. After the game they are taken to the post game press conference as well as Logan's press conference on Monday.

"They treat you like a million bucks and make you feel like you're really part of the program," Rees said. Hargrave called the program a good learning experience for the teachers who participate.

"It's a good experience for them," Hargrave said.

"It's a good chance for them to see their students outside of class and it forms a positive relationship between academics and the Athletic Department."

Rees says he now has a much better understanding of what athletes go through both athletically and academically. "I heartily recommend it to anybody who ever gets the opportunity," Rees said.

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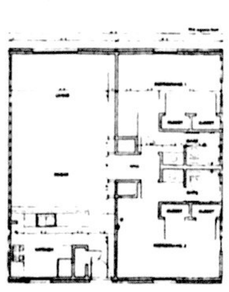

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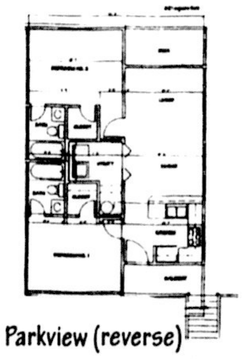

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Welcome, new Pirate fans

Promising season highlights year

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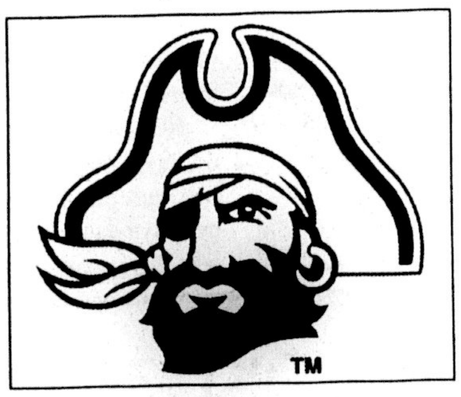
You applied to several schools and weren't sure where to go? Honestly, did you choose ECU when you found out about our 1999 football schedule?

I cannot blame you and I really envy the newest edition of all incoming Pirate fans for several reasons.

While some veteran Pirate fans like myselves have had to remember the 1998-99 Pirate athletics for its lackluster home schedules, now we will have promising seasons with breathtaking opponents ahead of us.

Football and basketball suffered from home schedules that lacked the punch of other schools. Because of this dearth of widely known opponents, attendance suffered at home games. In the case of football, it wasn't entirely our fault.



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In the spring of 1998, the University of Kentucky backed out of their game in Greenville slated for September. This cost Pirate fans a chance to see UK quarterback Tim Couch, Heisman contender and eventual first pick in the NFL Draft. Instead of the Wildcats, we got to see the Pirates post a shutout against the hapless UAB.

ECU's football schedule was played with giddy anticipation for the 1999 season. Pirate fans knew Miami, Duke and West Virginia were on the docket for next year and that the 1999 season would be capped by NC State's first trip to Greenville.

The big games in the Pirate's future did not take away from the present ones. The 1998 Pirate football season saw the team go 6-5, the emergence of the option offense and the development of quarterbacks David Gerrard and Bobby Weaver. It saw Roderick Coleman continue to work his way up the draft board, the opening of the upper deck at Ficklin and the largest crowd for an ECU home game in a win over Army.

Pirate basketball came and went quietly. Home games were played in front of meager crowds despite the exciting young talent the team had. Newcomers Evaldas Jocys and Brandon Hawkins sparked the Pirates to a 13-14 season. The small crowds were brought on by a home schedule that included out of conference foes such as Francis Marion and the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

After a season with low attendance and concluding with yet another first round exit in the CAA tournament, changes were made. Head coach Joe Dooley stepped down and former Drexel coach Bill Herrion stepped in.

Herrion's arrival and possibly a better home schedule combined with new recruits like Travis Holocomb-Faye could make the 1999-2000 season more memorable than the last one. Replacing Alico Dunk, the only senior of last year, Holocomb-Faye, a 6-1, 175-pound product of R.J. Reynolds High School, was signed as a highly regarded point guard, averaging 16 points, six rebounds and eight assists per game in his last year of high school.

While the men went through this season without much fanfare, the women had a seasons worth of memories in one weekend.

The Pirates were the sixth seed heading into the CAA Women's Tournament in Richmond. The Pirates posted upset victories over George Mason and Richmond en route to the finals. The Pirates fell to the heavily favored Old Dominion in a close game.

As spring rolled around, basketball ended and Pirate baseball and softball began to take center stage. The Pirates have led the conference for most of the season but finished second

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a few hours of weight lifting. Furthermore, they sacrifice many weekend evenings to perform at basketball games. All of this is done for the pure love of performing for your enjoyment. No scholarships, free books or free meals are provided as incentives for these hard-working athletes.

"Sure, it takes up a lot of my free time," freshman Jessica Mauch said.

"But I couldn't imagine it not being a part of my life, it is very much worth the effort."

In order to make the team, the girls must try out. One tryout is held during the fall and one in spring. They are judged heavily on the criteria of basic dance techniques in jazz, funk and cheer dance. They are also judged on their attitudes.

"Few people realize the effort and ability that goes into being a dancer," coach Amy Graham said.

"Most of these girls have been dancing for years. They all have some prior background in dance or cheer teams."

Once selected to the team, the girls then begin to prepare for the National Cheer Association summer camp. A good performance at the camp is a key factor because it is one of the two ways to qualify for the National Cheer Association championship held every April. Hoping to improve from a disappointing 13th place at last year's championship, the team has already qualified by finishing with an impressive second place at the camp this year.

"We are pretty pleased with the showing at the camp," Graham said.

"We are right now shooting to make a top 10 finish at the national finals."

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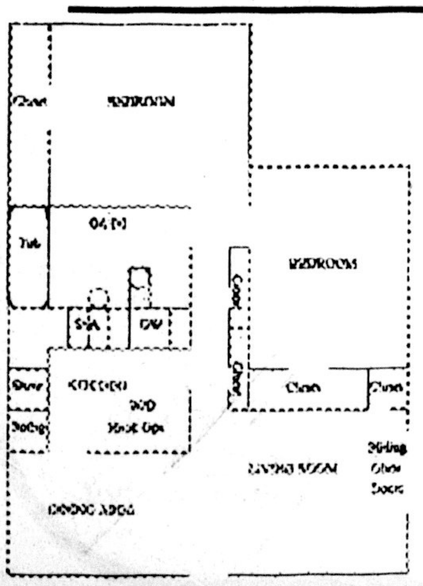

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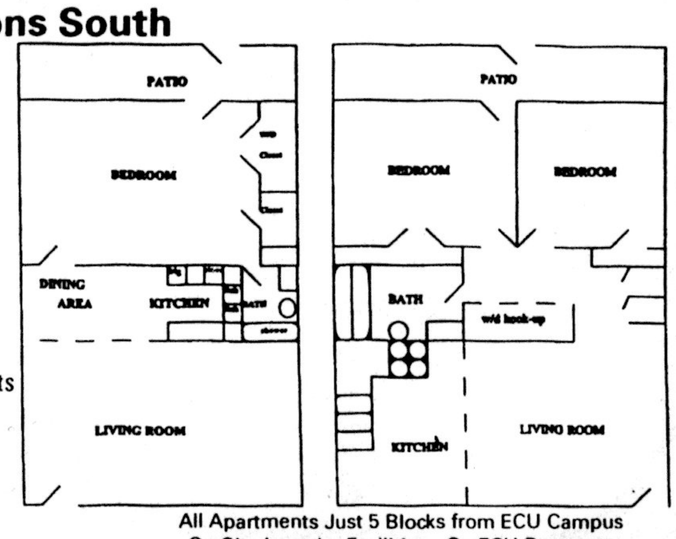

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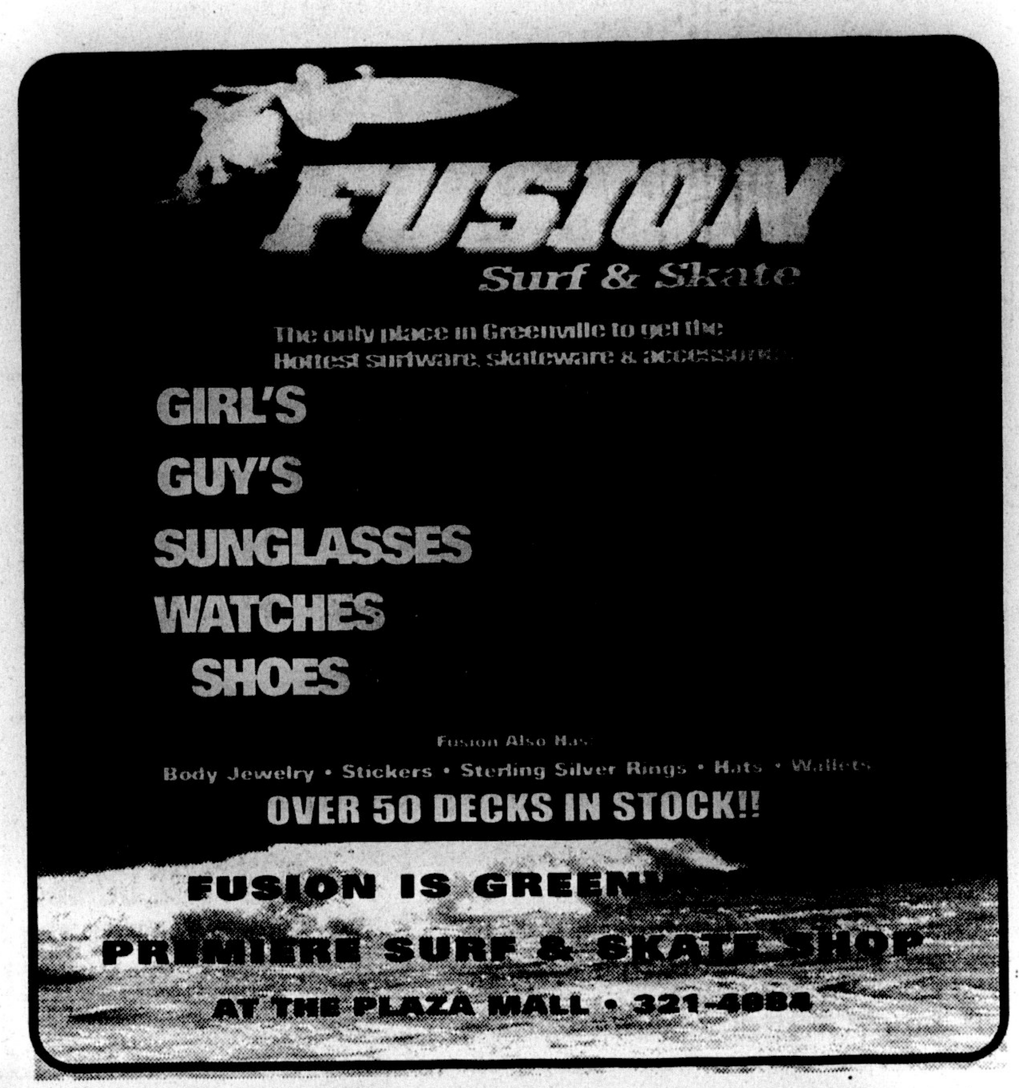
during regular season after losing two out of three on the road against rival UNC-Wilmington. During their successful games the Pirates beat in-state foes Wake Forest and UNC-CH in front of huge crowds at Harrington field. Not to mention the nation's number one Miami who had to put up with the defeat in their own stadium. The ECU crowd supported the Pirates in nearby Kinston where the Pirates managed to win the CAA conference title in a record-breaking final over Old Dominion. The team had been ranked in the top 25 for a number of weeks and secured an NCAA Tournament bid with the 21-15 victory over ODU. The Louisiana State Regional series will be remembered by many as unlucky but still with pride. The Pirates showed they had the potential to beat everybody but their luck ran out in the 'Box' at Baton Rouge.

Breaking the school record by one, the Lady Pirates won the Big South Tournament championship title over Coastal Carolina and clinched the conference's automatic berth in the NCAA tournament. The team (50-18) took on the top-seeded host University of Arizona Wildcats in the first round of the NCAA Regionals and finished their successful season.

Being a Pirate fan over the last year has been fun. The present might not have had all of the glory and winning that a fan desires, however most Pirate teams did not experience heavy loses and will come back strong this year. Stronger schedules and more experience should make the 1999-2000 Pirate athletics memorable, especially to you, the newest edition of Pirate fans.



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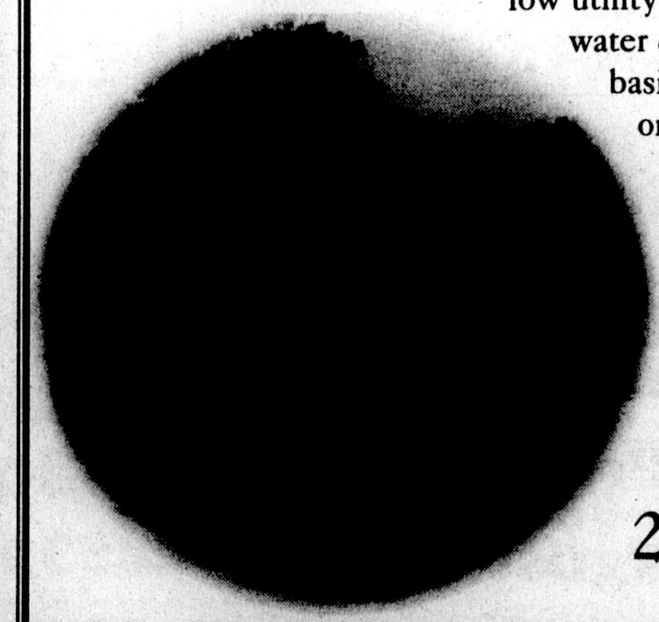

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