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Women's soccer heads to CAA tourney

TODAY'S WEATHER

Showers, high of 74 and a low of 48

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1999

60 days to go until 2000

NEWS BRIEFS

Two students were assaulted by three males on the sidewalk north of Joyner Library on Oct. 29 at 3 a.m. One sustained minor injuries and the other was transported to University Medical Center with serious head injuries.

All undergraduate students should plan to meet with their advisors this week.

Starting tomorrow and continuing through Nov. 7, students with 90 or more semester hours of credit who have applied for graduation or who are graduate or second degree students may register for Spring semester in the Registrar's Office, by phone or on the web.

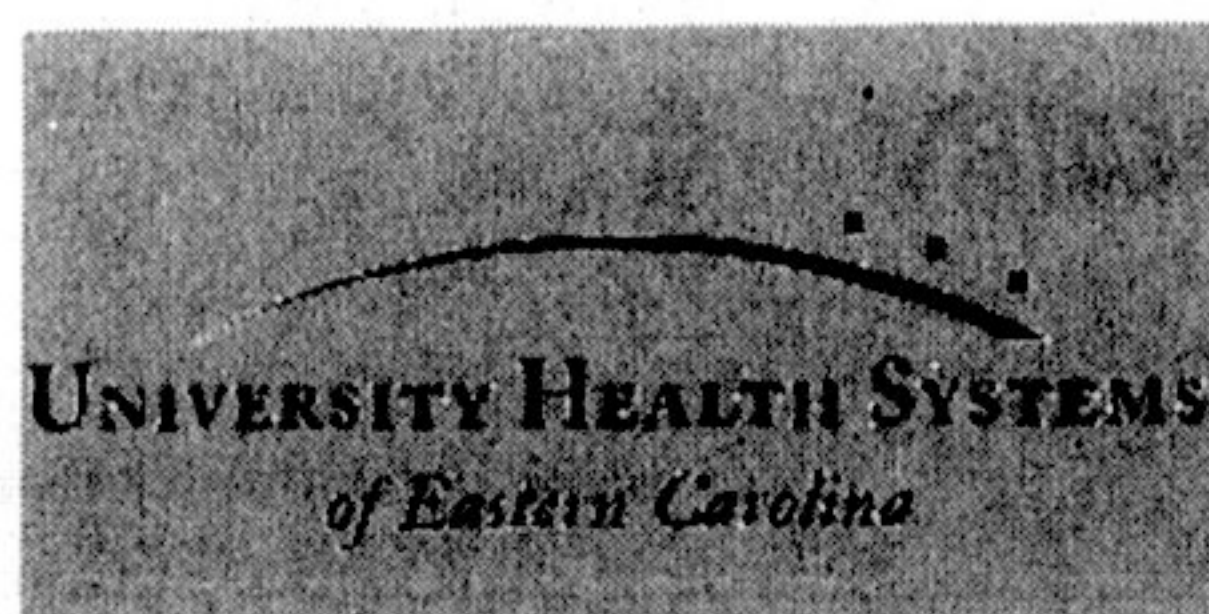
Today is election day. In this non-partisan municipal election, anyone who is registered in the city of Greenville is eligible to vote. The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

More than 50 organizations that employ university graduates from health-related study fields will participate at ECU's Health Career Day on Thursday, Nov. 4. The program will include opportunities for students to meet with prospective employers and will be held at the Belk Allied Health Building from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

ECU employee service awards will be presented today at 10 a.m. in the Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall Student Center. The program is held annually to recognize employees who have completed varying intervals of service years at ECU.

The Graduate and Professional School Fair will be held in Mendenhall Student Center on Thursday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will feature information about the post graduate programs available to ECU students. Law schools, veterinarian schools and pharmacy schools will be represented. All undergraduate and graduate students are invited.

The story of Don Juan, the character in Mozart's "Don Giovanni," will be presented Thursday, Nov. 4 at ECU by the Western Opera Theatre. The popular opera that originated in the 18th century combines comedy, intrigue, vengeance and tenderness to bring one of literature's oldest archetypes to life. The production will begin at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. Public tickets are \$36 at the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center or by calling 328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.



Bertie County leaders, physicians and University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina officials broke ground yesterday in Windsor for a new hospital which will be among the first in the nation built to the federal government's "critical access" specifications. University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina comprises five hospitals including Pitt County Memorial which serves as the teaching hospital for the ECU School of Medicine. A sixth hospital is under construction in Nags Head. UHSEC will lease the Bertie Memorial facility.

ONLINE SURVEY

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The results of last week's question:
Will you be celebrating Halloween downtown?
66% YES 33% NO

Knights of Pythias reach out to student flood victims



Knights of Pythias member Tim McLaurin signs a \$3,000 check while Dean of Student Development Kris Smith and Pythias member, ECU senior, Quintin Gilfus look on (photo by Emily Richardson).

Money to be given to working students

Terra Steinbeiser
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Knights of Pythias (K of P), a fraternal organization, presented a check for \$3,000 to Dr. Kris Smith, dean of Student Development. The money will be used to aid six or seven ECU students who were affected by Hurricane Floyd's flooding.

The five Pythias who traveled from Fayetteville to Greenville on Friday for the presentation of the check were John F. Lynch, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the Domain of NC, Gene Freeman, grand master at arms, Tim McLaurin, supreme inner guard for the Supreme Lodge of the World for the K of P, David Gilliland, grand secretary for the Domain of NC and Larry Burke, secretary for Cumberland Lodge #5 in Fayetteville. Quintin Gilfus, an ECU senior and member of Cumberland Lodge #5, was also in attendance.

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Student forum promotes cultural sensitivity

Problems, solutions discussed

Terra Steinbeiser
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

While race relations are often a touchy subject, approximately 75 students and faculty members gathered with enthusiasm to have a no-holds-barred discussion on how to improve and promote positive cultural awareness and sensitivity at ECU.

Last Wednesday evening, Na'im Akbar opened the Mi-

nority Student Coalition-sponsored discussion by stating the purpose of the forum.

"We need to recognize the increasing challenges that ECU faces in making all students feel like a member of the ECU family," Akbar said. "Better communication will lead to greater harmony and make this university the leader of promoting race relations and cultural sensitivity."

The 12-member forum panel was a showcase of diversity, made up of students from around the U.S. and the world, with different backgrounds and ideas about the best way to teach tolerance

and advocate positive race relations.

"America cannot afford to be racist," said panelist Adrian Cox. "We need to uncover racism where it lies and expose it."

Michelle Gottschalk, president of the panhellenic council, spoke of improving interactions between different social groups on campus.

"There is a very small percentage of minorities in the panhellenic council," Gottschalk said. "The fraternities on campus are more diverse than the sororities, but we still need to work together to promote diversity on

all parts of campus."

Jim Tomtania, a panelist from the country of Togo, encouraged students to be open-minded and to start with themselves in promoting cultural sensitivity.

"Go beyond conservatism and discover new horizons," Tomtania said. "Don't lose your identity, but don't use your group as a shell to hide behind either."

After some brief discussion and questions from the audience, Dr. Garrie Moore, vice chancellor of Student Life, thanked the panel and those who attended the forum and challenged them

to encourage other students and faculty members to attend future forums dealing with racial issues.

"I thought it was very good," said senior Ariana Vanvelzen, a psychology major who attended the forum. "I especially liked the question about how you reach those who don't want to be reached, because that's really the problem."

The next race forum will take place on Nov. 17, and the panel will be made up of faculty and staff members.

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Halloween spirits



ECU students celebrated All Hallow's Eve in downtown Greenville (photo by Emily Richardson).

Technology exposition displays various campus computer features

Faculty and staff have chance to shine

Carolyn Herold
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The Eighth Annual Technology Exposition was a great success. The Technology Exposition was a chance to let teachers and other faculty showcase the new and currently used technology with which they are enhancing the lives of all that attend ECU. The exposition was held on Thursday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Mendenhall Multipurpose Room.

The exposition featured 22 booths, covering a wide range of topics and services. The featured departments were: Academic Library Services, showing innovative new software; Anatomy, Cell Biology and Biochemistry; showing how they use the "Black-

board" program; Broadcasting, Librarianship and Educational Technology, showing Virtual Reality courses taught entirely online; CHSC, who put the "Blackboard" program to the ultimate test; the College of Arts and Sciences, who showcased ECU's virtual environment for learning, Construction Management, who showed multimedia applications in Construction Management, Family Medicine, showing community-based interdisciplinary training for Health Science students, the Foreign Language Department, featuring web-based foreign language learning, Housing, who showed the ins and outs of RezNet, the service that connects on-campus students with CIS in their dorm rooms, ITEC, running a demonstration of the "Blackboard" program's course information, Materials Management, showing how to access their website, and state term contract, the Music Department, featuring

Internet delivery of music content for instruction, Recreation and Leisure Studies, showing Psychophysiology and Biofeedback products, the Special Education Department, who showed assistive technology and devices and software for special educators, and CIS, who showed a MS Windows NT Server-based Application designed to centrally manage, support and maintain a distributed network of computers. CIS also had a booth distributing the Y2K update CDs, one showing the ECU student desktop, where students can view University records, register for classes, change their permanent address, get textbook information and perform time saving tasks via the web, and a booth featuring the IT Support Services.

All of the booths had computers up and running their featured software, as well as pamphlets explaining who they were and what their new software did.

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CRIME SCENE

October 28

Harassing Telephone Calls-A student in Jones Hall reported that he has been receiving 10-12 phone calls a day from a non-student in Virginia. The victim will attempt to file criminal charges.

Larceny-A student reported that someone stole money and other items from his room in Scott Hall.

Possession of Weapons & Marijuana-A student in Scott Hall was issued a campus appearance ticket for possession of weapons (several knives, brass knuckles) and marijuana on campus after officers responded to a complaint and conducted a consent search.

Auto Accident-A student backing out in the B-Lot at Brody in School of Medicine struck another student's vehicle.

Damage to Property-A student reported that unknown person(s) poured a white substance (believed to be sugar) into his gas tank while it was parked at the B-Lot at Brody SOM.

October 29

Driving While Impaired-A non-student was arrested for DWI after an officer observed him traveling without headlights on 4th & Reade Streets.

Assault, Inflicting Serious Injury-Two students were assaulted by three males on the sidewalk north of Joyner library. One of the victims sustained minor injuries and the other, with serious head injuries, was transported to the University Medical Center.

Graduate fair to give students information; educational opportunities

Over 35 programs to be represented

Angela Harné
STAFF WRITER

Undergraduate schools may not face the choice of a career in the next four years, but will decide to pursue graduate school. The university hopes to make that selection process easier with their Second Annual Graduate and Professional School Fair.

Scheduled for Thursday from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Mendenhall Student Center Multi-Purpose Room, various schools will be represented.

According to Dr. Cheddar, senior associate dean for graduate school, many schools are interested in talking to students about their programs. Schools are looking for focused students who know what they want to do with their future. They are looking for students who will bring diversity to their campus.

"It's an excellent opportunity for students to meet with a variety of schools," said Max Poole, associate dean for the graduate school.

According to Poole, 35 programs will be represented at the fair.

"It's a great place for graduate and undergraduate students to make plans for their future," Poole said. "Plus it is a perfect chance for those with their masters' to inquire about doctoral degrees."

According to Cheddar, students should interact with representatives by asking questions and making sure they are on the right track.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students to talk to all sorts of schools," Cheddar said.

According to Poole, students should not be nervous about talking with graduate school representatives.

"Students should check out the web pages of schools that are coming so they will have a better feel for which schools they are interested in," Poole said.

"I urge students to come. It is a wonderful chance for freshmen and sophomores to scope out their options, and for juniors and seniors to settle down with their futures."

According to Poole, last year's graduate fair was successful.

"Last year the fair went wonderfully," Poole said. "We had over 400 students go through, and the representatives were very impressed with our focused, sincere students."

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"The Grand Lodge of N.C. K of P looked at the devastation and we wanted to help," McLaurin said. "We have \$3,000 we can use for benevolence, and we decided to help out some ECU students who are working their way through school."

McLaurin acknowledged the fact that there were many students affected by the flooding, but felt those working their way through college are in greater need.

"We just felt it was a good way to encourage those students to stay in college and to introduce them to our fraternal organization," McLaurin said.

Smith thanked the Knights after posing for a picture of the handing over of the check.

"This will go such a long way to help our students," she said.

The gift of the \$3,000 to ECU is in accordance to the K of P's principles. According to their web page, the Fraternal Order of the K of P is an organization that is interested in public affairs on the local, state, national and international levels, they seek to enhance the communities in which they live and they emphasize service as a means of happiness.

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Sports Writers Needed

James Mau.

Mau said he and Uhlfelder spoke with officials at the University of Delaware, one of the first universities in the country to implement a strong parental notification policy, about the success of their program.

Delaware, Mau said, instituted their policies before the federal government loosened its restrictions on divulging the contents of student judicial records to their parents through the federal Higher Education Act.

rules of the university governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance."

Tallahassee Regent Steve Uhlfelder had originally proposed establishing a single policy for all 10 state universities before concerns were raised about differences between them.

"[The Council of Student Affairs Vice Presidents] thought it was inadvisable for the board to adopt a 'one size fits all' solution," said State University System Vice Chancellor

ACROSS OTHER CAMPUSES

U. Florida—When to notify parents of underage students caught for alcohol or drug violations will likely be left up to individual universities rather than mandated through a statewide policy if a recommendation made by the Council of Presidents is adopted by the Board of Regents.

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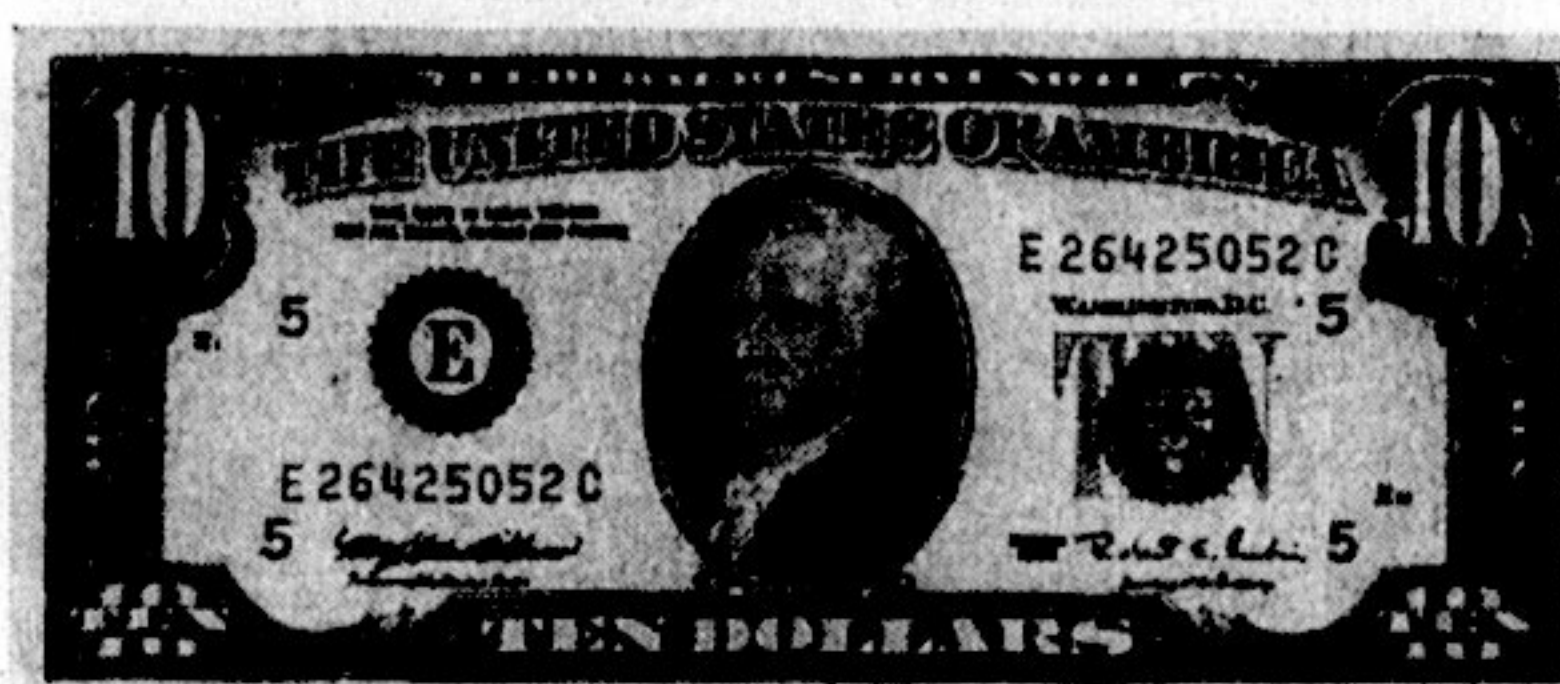
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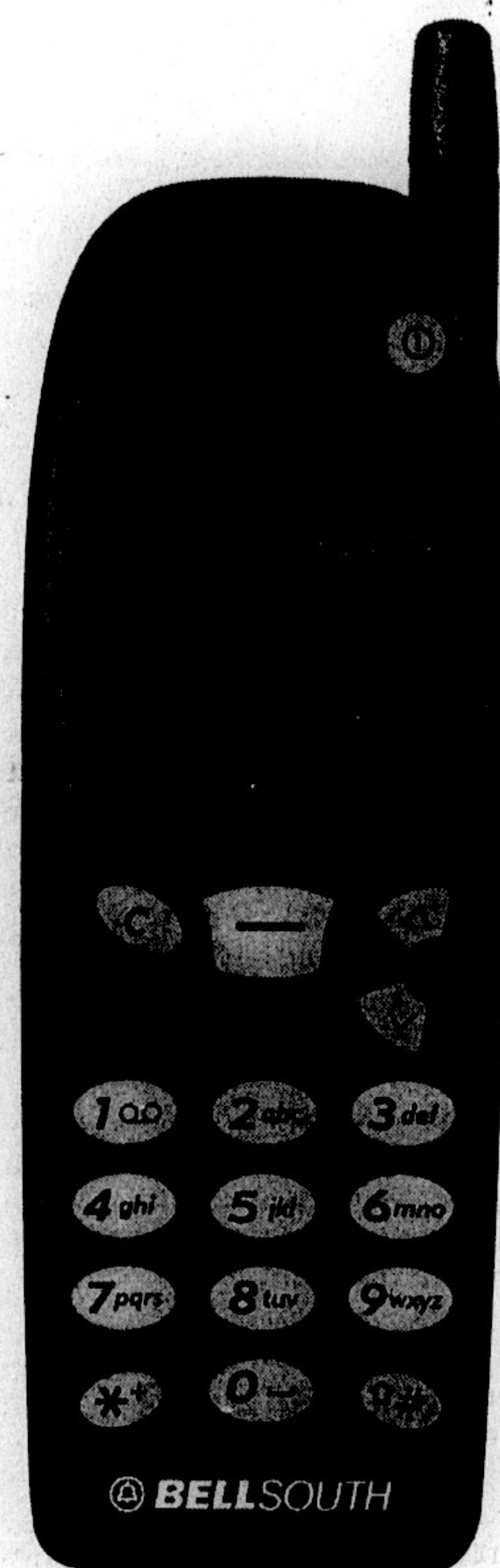
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OUR VIEW

Our government can do many things for us, though most of us do not realize it. When one votes, he or she is deciding which candidate will initiate roads to build, how high taxes will be raised and which emergency measures will be put into place.

Politics. Though many things come to mind, it is not a dirty word. Today is Election Day, the day when Americans nationwide exercise their greatest ability: the right to vote.

But what does this have to do with college students like us? Does it help our life any if we vote for a city council member or a county referendum?

We believe it does. Our government can do many things for us, though most of us do not realize it. When one votes, he or she is deciding which candidate will initiate roads to build, how high taxes will be raised and which emergency measures will be put into place.

A voter's influence can even reach ECU. The federal and state government are the parties who finance our school. The reason we lack a fencing team and larger parking lots is not always because the university administration doesn't want them. It might be that legislators were elected by middle-age and senior citizen voters and not by college students.

We realize that it is difficult to work, get assignments done and still find time to learn about which candidates support or oppose the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. Yet information is out there, and is easily accessible via your local news station or the Internet.

Voting is a right, and every time an individual exercises that right, he or she is honoring the memory of the millions of brave men and women who died in support of this privilege. So go out and rock the vote.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Beware of evil apartment complex hijinks

Chris Sachs
OPINION WRITER

There is an evil in this universe and it has ebbed and flowed its way across eons of time and space, in search of the perfect location for it to take form and lash its coils of misery and sorrow across the back-sides of the meek and innocent. Hundreds become swept by its tractor beam into its sick womb every year, and thousands more have discovered the dark emptiness and never-ending carnage that ensues there.

This evil has no remorse, no compassion and no soul. So we have to take a stand now. It can no longer consume the weak and young for its pleasure. We must rise up and fight against this modern-day Satan. Its name is "Morningwood Apartments" (the name has been changed to protect the guilty) and it must be stopped.

I have a good friend that has been forced to move into Morningwood because of the hurricane, and when I asked him where he relocated to, he replied with a sneer and a shake of the head. He was not happy. He knew, just like I did, that the place sucks and he fought tooth and nail to not have to move in there. But compared to living in a piano crate and burning schoolbooks for heat, he had no choice. I asked him about the place and I got the same negative responses that I have been getting from people there for years. In fact, I have never gotten a positive word about Morningwood, ever. So after years of listening to everyone tell me how bad it is, I decided to check it out. Here are the findings of my exhaustive research.

If you don't already know, Morningwood is located in a flood zone between Evans Street and Charles Boulevard next to a set of railroad tracks—a perfect location

until you are actually able to enter Hell. The daily train makes as much noise and vibration as ... well ... a train.

The parking is as strict as a Catholic school nun and the speed bumps are the equivalent of driving over fallen telephone poles. Unless you own a Humvee, you better get ready to buy a new muffler system. You have to have a sticker in your window to park there, or in the guest slots, which are conveniently located far from where you need to be. Towing is quick and painless, until you have to pay the guy at the gas station in Wilson.

You have a choice between a downstairs apartment where the people upstairs are too loud, or a second floor apartment where the people downstairs are too loud. I have found only one apartment there that is free from the nightly noises of partying and mayhem, and that is at another apartment complex. The apartments come with three bedrooms at a ridiculous price, or three bedrooms plus one that is the size of a phone booth for another insane price. The average monthly rent for an apartment there is as much as a good divorce, but a divorce is better: you only get screwed once. The rent goes up every 10 minutes, but the increase goes to worthy causes. The latest is a security fence, which probably cost \$50,000 dollars, but the increase in rent over the years will probably pull in about a million.

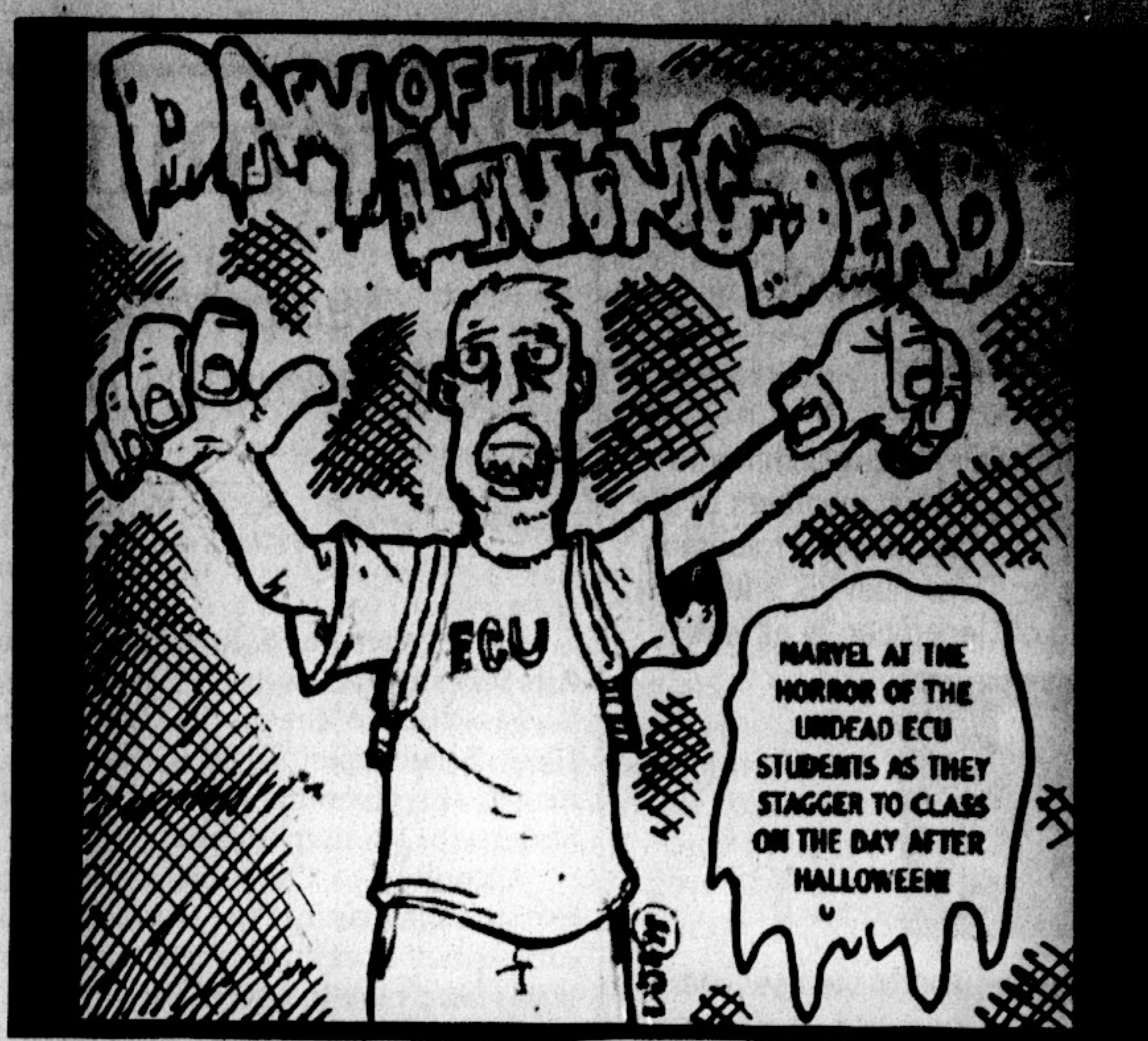
The construction is the basic quality you will find in Greenville. That is if you hire the Soviet Construction Company. The walls are so thin they have only one side, and sound travels so easily through them that when the people in apartment 101 are done having sex, the people in apartment 207 light cigarettes. Luckily the floors are thick so you can pound broomsticks at the loud upstairs neighbors, or stomp on the floor at the loud downstairs neighbors.

The complex offers many activities to help distract the tenants from how bad they are being hosed. There is a basketball court, which is either full or completely empty. Either way, you'll never get in a game. The weight room is adequate with a machine to tenant ratio of 1:12,000. At the peak times—which are whenever you are not in class—you will be forced to wait until you die to get on a machine. At that point rapid weight loss will occur and it will have served its purpose. The pool, when not filled to 200% capacity, has plenty of beautiful people to gaze at and flirt with but you can't ask any out because you are too broke from paying practically illegal amounts of rent. I think I saw a volleyball court once, but it looked like a badly constructed cat box with not enough litter.

The people at the managing office are Leona Helmsley clones: eager to take your money, but will be as mean as a snake on crack when you try to collect your deposit. I have heard stories about people trying to get their deposit back that would make your toenails curl. You lose hundreds if you forgot to clean the dust bunnies from behind the refrigerator and 409 the sidewalk. Make sure to read the fine print on your lease when you prepare to leave. In a nutshell it says, "deposit will be forfeited upon signing of lease."

Listen to my advice when I say that Morningwood is a rotten place to live. Tell new freshmen as they come in so that they will not fall prey to the deceptive ads and cool stereotype that the complex oozes. For those of you that are trapped there now, revolt and leave. Take off in the middle of the night. Sacrifice your deposit, because you wouldn't have gotten it back anyway. There are better places to live. It's up to you, people. Let's stop the insanity.

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OPINION COLUMN

Learn to take advantage of decision-making power

Marvelle Sullivan
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The term "window of opportunity" refers to the rare and brief moments that we are given in life to take advantage of or to do the right thing when confronted with a situation or decision. These windows seem never be open at a convenient time, because like most things, the easiest way to meet confrontation or opportunity is not the best way. This is the double-edged nature of life's windows.

Essentially, the easy way to handle a circumstance is to be a reactor and skirt the issues. For example, when we feel like we are driving toward a major change, whether it be graduation, moving away or developing strong feelings for another individual, it is natural to automatically hit the mental cruise control and decide not to think about it. This leads to a propensity to be the kind of person who consistently avoids rather than confronts both opportunities and adversities. At the same time, we shouldn't slam on the gas and drive a situation straight into oncoming traffic, but we definitely shouldn't let someone we don't know steer for us.

Learning to recognize and act when the windows

of opportunity are open is only achieved through a series of hard lessons, which conclude in the finding that once again a window is shut, and there is no turning back. We can't even pry them open again, and people spend lifetimes trying to get back the day when all their windows were wide open.

The effect of being passive and dismissing our open windows is not felt immediately. Rather, the pains of hindsight and an uncomfortable discontent result upon the realization that a career, academic or personal opportunity was right there for the taking, but a decision not to act was made so that the risk of failure, challenge or rejection would be avoided. Remember that deciding not to decide is still a major decision.

This is not to say that we should live like impulsive idiots, trying to fly out of any open window we see. However, we should be ready to assume direct responsibility for our life, especially while in college. A wise person once said that the greatest power in one's life is the power to determine one's own after. This power is contingent upon being proactive, making the harder choices and capitalizing on open windows rather than becoming a "runner" who always wonders what might have been.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Disqualification of Homecoming candidate based on precedent, not prejudice

Dear Editor,

I am writing in follow up to the Letter to the Editor in The East Carolinian on Tuesday, Oct. 26, written by Jonathan Cray, Homecoming candidate of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA). I'm sorry that Jonathan felt the treatment of the ECU SGA Student Homecoming Committee was unfair. Not all lessons in life are learned easily or without cost. We do, however, respect Jonathan's right to express his feelings but we want you to consider the committee's side of the decision.

The committee's decision to disqualify Jonathan Cray was based on fairness, principle and precedent. First, it would not have been fair to the other 46 organizations and 52 candidates if we had allowed a candidate who had campaigned to continue to be considered.

Secondly, in the appeal process, Jonathan in fact, admitted to campaigning. Jonathan's defense is that he did not know the rules. As a matter of principle, if the campaigning had resulted in him being on the court, it would have been unfair to the 52 candidates who did not campaign. Examples of campaigning were gone over at the mandatory meeting on Monday, Oct. 4. In fact, this exact example was cited at the mandatory meeting as illegal campaigning. Jonathan

was not in attendance at that meeting, but a representative of NSSLHA was.

Finally, the committee made its decision based on precedent. In previous years, people who had campaigned in similar ways had been disqualified.

Jonathan made several references about the poor distribution of information. During the appeal process and in his letter he offered suggestions on how to improve the distribution process. We stated during the appeal that we would incorporate those suggestions into next year's process. The committee, however, did not feel that his suggestions absolved him or his organization's responsibility to follow the rules.

This information was distributed in many ways. We provided the packets in every registered student organization mailbox on Aug. 17, 1999 at the Student Leadership Development office in Mendenhall. At the same time, we sent a general announcement through PC Exchange to every faculty and staff member at ECU that is on the list. The packets were available for pickup at a number of locations in Mendenhall. Ads were run with the deadline information and where to pick up packets in TEC in every is-

sue of the paper through Sept. 17. After Hurricane Floyd, we ran an ad in TEC on Sept. 30 with all new deadline and meeting information times and dates.

We also sent out another general announcement to all faculty and staff with the new information. There were also flyers, posters and announcements on WZMB and our Web site. The members of the committee spoke at every major umbrella organization meeting.

We are sorry for your disqualification, Jonathan. You have handled the circumstances admirably up to this point. I'm truly sorry you failed to recognize that the committee made every effort to hear your side of the story in a very limited amount of time. We tried to understand the circumstances surrounding your appeal, but we are disappointed that you have failed to listen to and understand ours. Good luck and God bless you in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Sage Hunihan, Chair, 1999 ECU SGA Student Homecoming Committee

OPINION COLUMN

Student-teacher relationships vital

Demosthenes
opinion writer

Let us say, hypothetically, that a student enrolled here at ECU has done so with the intent of pursuing a higher education. Just hypothetically. It follows then that that person desires the best resources they can possible have including a nice campus, accessible library, useful textbooks and most importantly, wise and caring professors to assist

and guide them through their course of studies.

Being the human component of a student's collective education, the university professor is instrumental in keeping them focused and headed in the right direction. So, what happens when this key element is not performing at a high level? Unhappiness and frustration on the part of the student.

How many of you have walked

into a class on the first day only to hear something like, "Look to your left, then look to your right. One of you three is going to fail." My advice in this situation is to stand up and walk out right then because, like it or not, this professor doesn't want you in their class. The problem is that sometimes you can't postpone the class and there no other sections open so you are forced to deal with Dr. Poopypants

for five months.

How about the teacher who doesn't have discernible office hours because they are sincerely uninterested in dealing with students one on one. These individuals are the tumors of the educational system, causing problems in the flow of ideas. They have their research and teaching priorities reversed.

Of course this is a two-way street. It is the responsibility of both

the student and the professor to make the personal connection; that extra something that is lacking in a book or Internet course. Find your professor's office, visit him or her frequently and don't be afraid to ask questions and speak up in class. Don't miss your classes because once you do, it will become clear to the professor you are uninterested and their responsibility diminishes.

Don't make it easy on the professor; demand excellence and you

shall have it most of the time. There is nothing you can do about the bad apples except avoid them at all costs. If you are forced upon an unwilling teacher you can let the department head know how you feel at the end of the semester with a written letter. You won't believe the power of words. Be open and demanding, until we meet again.

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Causes for celebration Holidays

Christmas, annual Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Most members of the Roman Catholic Church and followers of Protestantism celebrate Christmas on December 25, and many celebrate on the evening of December 24 as well.



Chinese New Year, celebration of the new year in Chinese communities around the world. The date of the Chinese new year is determined by the lunar calendar, so festivities begin with the new cycle of the moon that falls between January 21 and February 19. Each year is named for one of 12 symbolic animals in sequence. The animals, in their sequential order, are the rat, ox, tiger, hare, dragon, serpent, horse, ram, monkey, rooster, dog and boar.



St. Valentine's Day probably derives from the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalis (February 15). The festival gradually became associated with the feast day (February 14) of two Roman martyrs, both named St. Valentine, who lived in the 3rd century. St. Valentine has traditionally been regarded as the patron saint of lovers.



April Fools Day, the first day of April. On this day it is customary in the United States and Western Europe to play jokes on people, causing them to believe some falsehood or to go on a fruitless errand.

Memorial Day, legal holiday, observed annually on the last Monday in May in most of the United States, in honor of the nation's armed services personnel killed in wartime. The holiday, originally called Decoration Day, is traditionally marked by parades, memorial speeches and ceremonies, and the decoration of graves with flowers and flags, hence the original name. Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868.

Halloween, holiday observed on the evening of October 31 in most areas of North America and in some areas of Western Europe. The holiday is symbolically associated with death and the supernatural. Halloween falls on the eve of All Saints' Day, also known as Allhallows or Hallowmas, a holy day in the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches. Originally a pagan festival of the dead, All Saints' Day was established by the Catholic Church in the 9th century to honor Christian saints. All Souls' Day, a holy day established by the Catholic Church in the 10th century, is also closely linked to Halloween.



Thanksgiving Day, legal holiday observed annually in the United States on the fourth Thursday of November. In Canada, Thanksgiving falls on the second Monday in October. Most people celebrate Thanksgiving by gathering with family or friends for a holiday feast. Thanksgiving was first celebrated by Pilgrims and Native Americans in colonial New England in the early 17th century. Its actual origin, however, probably traces to harvest festivals that have been traditional in many parts of the world since ancient times. Today Thanksgiving is mainly a celebration of domestic life, centered on the home and family.



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Performing Arts Series features Harry Belafonte

Musical artist given Greenville's city key

Susan Wright
FEATURES EDITOR

For 38 years, the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series at ECU has been bringing some of the world's finest artists to Greenville. Last Thursday, musician Harry Belafonte performed in Wright Auditorium, and he was also given the key to the city by Mayor Nancy Jenkins for his humanitarian efforts.

According to Carol Woodruff, marketing director for student unions, the Performing Arts Series has earned itself a prestigious reputation during the 38 years it has been here in Greenville.

"The Series has a history of bringing in the greats," Woodruff said.

Although the series is more commonly known for the classical talent, or the artists who specialize in fine arts performance, that it brings to ECU, there are also a variety of different types of talents invited to perform.

"We have expanded the kinds of artists that we bring in," Woodruff said. "Mr. Belafonte, although he's a classic, is more of a pop artist. We are trying to advance

the variety of our series. The series tends to run the gamut of operas, piano concerts and chamber groups. We usually bring in some plays or musicals and every now and then a pop artist like Mr. Belafonte."

The audience is composed of ECU students and staff, but also of community members in Greenville and all of Eastern North Carolina. 85 percent of the seats that are sold for every performance are bought by Series subscribers, and the other 15 percent, called individual tickets, are sold for each specific performance. About half of all of the shows sell out, and the other half sell about 90 percent of the tickets available. The auditorium is almost always full.

The audience is composed of people from all regions in North Carolina, people come from as far as Raleigh and Chapel Hill to the west and Havelock to the east. According to Woodruff, all of the people who come have a similar belief; the performers in the Series will be great. "One of things that is really exciting is the way that the audience has learned to trust the Series," Woodruff said. "They believe that we are going to be bringing in the best, and you can really sense their trust because they subscribe and attend frequently. They claim the Series as their own and they are really proud of it."

The series, in part, belongs to the audience and the subscribers. Every show, there is a "60 Second Survey" in the program for the audience to fill out. Their input



Belafonte accepts key to the city. (photo by Chriss Rodrigues)

is considered when the decision is made about which performers to bring to Greenville.

"We put a survey in every program and evaluate the program that night," Woodruff said. "We also ask them to evaluate the audience to request others who they would like to see perform in the future. We review those at every meeting and we take those into consideration. There are some things that we obviously

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'Tis the season... well almost

Jennifer Brown
STAFF WRITER

Before long, sidewalks will be cluttered with Santa's swinging bells, mistletoe will be hanging from every door and flashing lights will be sparkling all over the city. But Christmas is still over eight weeks away. So why does everyone start decorating and getting ready so early?

According to Marsha Fleenor, assistant manager of Hallmark, decorating for Hallmark stores starts in July.

"We always display our new Hallmark Ornament the third Saturday in July and that starts everything in full swing," Fleenor said. She said their merchandise arrives in the beginning of July and they really start displaying things in mid-September to early October. The crowds always want to start shopping early, especially for "limited time only" products that Hallmark carries.

However, according to a student survey, 72 percent of students surveyed said that stores do start putting out Christmas decorations too early. Eighty-three percent of the students said that stores should not put out Christmas merchandise before Thanksgiving and 94 percent said they should not put out decorations before Halloween. Then why do they? Why started the phenomena that we all know now as the "Christmas rush?"

Stores originally began advertising "Christmas shopping" in

1820. Then, in 1840 newspapers began creating separate sections for holiday advertisements and began featuring pictures of the new image of Santa Clause. In 1841, a shop in Philadelphia lured thousands of children in to see a life-size Santa Clause model. Today there are live Santa Clauses, Christmas tree decorating contests, wishing trees for underprivileged children, and several other types

of paraphernalia to draw in customers. So the shopping season kept getting pushed further and further back to accommodate all of the new attractions to see and do.

"We start putting out the Christmas merchandise around the first week in November and usually have all of it out by Thanksgiving," said Rodney Matthews, Belk store manager. The store's main buying season begins around the end of October.

Based on the student poll, 56 percent of the students interviewed said that they do not like shopping with crowds but only 33 percent buy their Christmas presents early. So even if most people do not like to deal with the crowds of people that start to accumulate after Thanksgiving, they still procrastinate and wait until the last minute to buy presents.

As everyone knows, the main Christmas rush begins the day after Thanksgiving. Stores throw their biggest sales, thousands of people venture out onto the packed highways and into the malls and department stores to shop for bargains and special discounts. The student poll revealed that 56 percent of students do go shopping on that Friday.

"I start shopping after Thanksgiving and it usually takes me at least a week to get everything for Christmas," said freshman Deborah Keller.

She's not alone with the amount of time it takes her. Every student in the poll said it always took them more than one shopping trip to get everything and to find the perfect gifts.

J.C. Penney, however, is one store that goes against the norms of Christmas shopping. According to Randy Shoultz, the Store Manager, their biggest sale is on Nov. 6. This year that falls on a Monday.

"It was a tradition that was started about five years ago and it is for the entire chain of J.C. Penney stores," Shoultz said.

While several chain department stores have the most customers the day after Thanksgiving, that is not the case for most J.C. Penney stores.

"This sale is bigger for J.C. Penney than the day after Thanksgiving is as far as the amount of sales and customers," Shoultz said.

J.C. Penney started displaying Christmas merchandise two weeks ago and everything has to be completed by Nov. 1 in order to get ready for the Nov. 6 sale. That is the kick off for the shopping season and it goes strong all the way until Christmas for J.C. Penney.

Are all of the decorations and displays really necessary?

Sixty-one percent of the students polled said that Christmas was too commercialized. However, most students added in that although they thought it was too commercialized, they liked it that way.

Have a planned list written out of who you have to buy for, possible gift ideas and the stores that would carry those gifts. It might even be a good idea to separate the list into people you absolutely have to buy for, such as family and close friends, and then people you will buy for as long as money allows, such as coworkers and distant friends. That will help you to establish a budget and get an idea of what you can get now and what you should wait to buy. Above all, take extra precautions once the Christmas rush really kicks again against angry drivers, thieves, and people out to scam people.

Christmas will be here in just eight weeks, so it's time to start planning and getting organized now.

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Student interest in politics steadily declining

Involvement in government diminished since Reagan

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If someone were to ask you to name the senators of North Carolina, could you confidently answer? Would you have to think about it or would a blank stare come over your face as you think of a clever way of changing the subject?

Over the last two decades, there has been a distinct decline in the number of students who are actively involved in the politics of the world around them.

Recently, studies have shown that in the 1996 presidential elections, only 32 percent of young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 voted and in the 1998 congressional elections, less than 20 percent voted.

According to Dr. Richard Kearney, chair of the political science department, the 1960s and early '70s were a very challenging time for young people. It was a time where many were questioning the government and the issues that politicians were debating.

The draft during the Vietnam War affected many young people. It was around the late 1970s, early '80s when a diminish in students' political involvement took place.

"This was the era when Ronald Reagan became president, bringing about conservative politics," Kearney said. "Instead of seeking change, [conservative politicians] accepted the status quo. This doesn't engage students."



Students put more effort into studying and other pursuits than keeping up with the action in political events. (Photo by Chriss Rodrigues)

Some students believe that the government and its current issues do not pertain to them.

"The government is involved with health plans and social security reforms," said Brooke Allen, junior. "We don't worry about that because it doesn't apply to us right now."

"Why should we be informed?" said senior Danielle Custis. "We have no conflicts with our government like other countries—it pretty much runs itself."

Some people believe that if children grow up in an environment that doesn't focus on political issues, it's unlikely that they will seek it out on their own.

"If you're not brought up around it or exposed to it at an earlier age, you're more likely to find other things that interest you more," said sophomore Stacey Pinney.

According to political science professor Dr. Carl McCurley, people get drawn into politics when it involves something that affects them directly, and right now, life in the United States is pretty good.

"Political equality has come to people pretty easily for United States citizens," McCurley said. "In Africa, Asia and India, they had to work really hard for their political rights."

Although they seem far and wide in between, there are students who are interested in what the government has to offer.

"I find politics interesting," said senior Julie Wilson. "I like knowing how the government works and to know how the people who are running my city, state and country are doing things."

So how do we get more students more involved with their government? According to Kearney, to acquire change, one must gain knowledge.

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they would like to see perform in the future. We review those at every meeting and we take those into consideration. There are some things that we obviously can't accommodate here, but we do take all the requests into consideration."

The people behind the Series work hard to put on the best program they can for the people who attend the shows.

"We're committed to bringing the best artists," Woodruff said. "That could mean a classical artist or someone who is going to be a classic in another era. We are broadening the range of how we look at it. All of the shows satisfy a different need. Sometimes you want to hear an orchestral symphony and sometimes you want to hear a solo tenor. What makes this so exciting is the variety."

Greenville resident, Ted Kushnick, is a subscriber to the series, and he has enjoyed the past 20 years of performances.

"Definitely we love a show like Harry Belafonte, but we also very



Belafonte thanks the mayor in his own style (photo by Chriss Rodrigues).

much enjoy the symphonies," Kushnick said. "Opera does require translation, and it is great with the lights on the wall. We've enjoyed the solo artists like Tony Bennet. When he was here, he brought the house down."

The series has influenced Kushnick not only aesthetically, but also in his decision of where to live. "I retired down here, and part of the reason is because of the performances and concerts," Kushnick

said. "Not only these performances [in the Performing Arts Series], but also those from the school of music and the plays by the theatre department influenced our decision to stay."

The Performing Arts Series, as well as other fine arts events at the university, has enhanced the cultural opportunities for Eastern North Carolina. "The university as a whole is the bedrock of Greenville," said Jenkins. "Over the years, Greenville has offered such a variety of cultural experiences for the citizens of Greenville. This university is Greenville."

Mayor Jenkins is not alone in her belief that the university and what it offers is beneficial to Greenville residents.

"[The Performing Arts Series] is an opportunity for those of us here in Eastern North Carolina to have the best artists form all over the world on stage in Greenville," said Chancellor Eakin. "I feel that this performing arts series has been a wonderful addition for our cultural

efforts."

This performance, by Harry Belafonte, was unique because of the support by the Friends of the Series.

Friends of the Performing Arts Series have established an endowment to support the performing arts, said Bill Clutter, director of the Series. "Traditionally, they hold several receptions during the course of the year, and they helped sponsor this particular performance with ten thousand dollars."

After the performance, Belafonte was given a key to the city in a presentation by Mayor Nancy Jenkins.

"He was given the key to the city for his humanitarian efforts," Jenkins said. "He was friends with Eleanor Roosevelt, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King Jr. His resume just reads like the story of someone who is very special. Not only professionally, but also as a human being."

Since Mayor Jenkins been the mayor, she cannot remember the last person that was given a key. She

decides who is eligible to receive a key to the city, and she doesn't take giving them out lightly. "We [give out keys to the city], I hate to say sparingly, but some cities pass them out to everybody," said Jenkins. "We have decided that it has to be someone who is worthy, I hate to say it but it's the word, and who really should be given the key. I usually gives books or something of that nature [on special occasions], but a key seems a little more serious."

The Performing Arts Series will continue to bring some of the best performers to Greenville, but few will be recognized for their artistic merits as well as their humanitarian efforts like Belafonte was.

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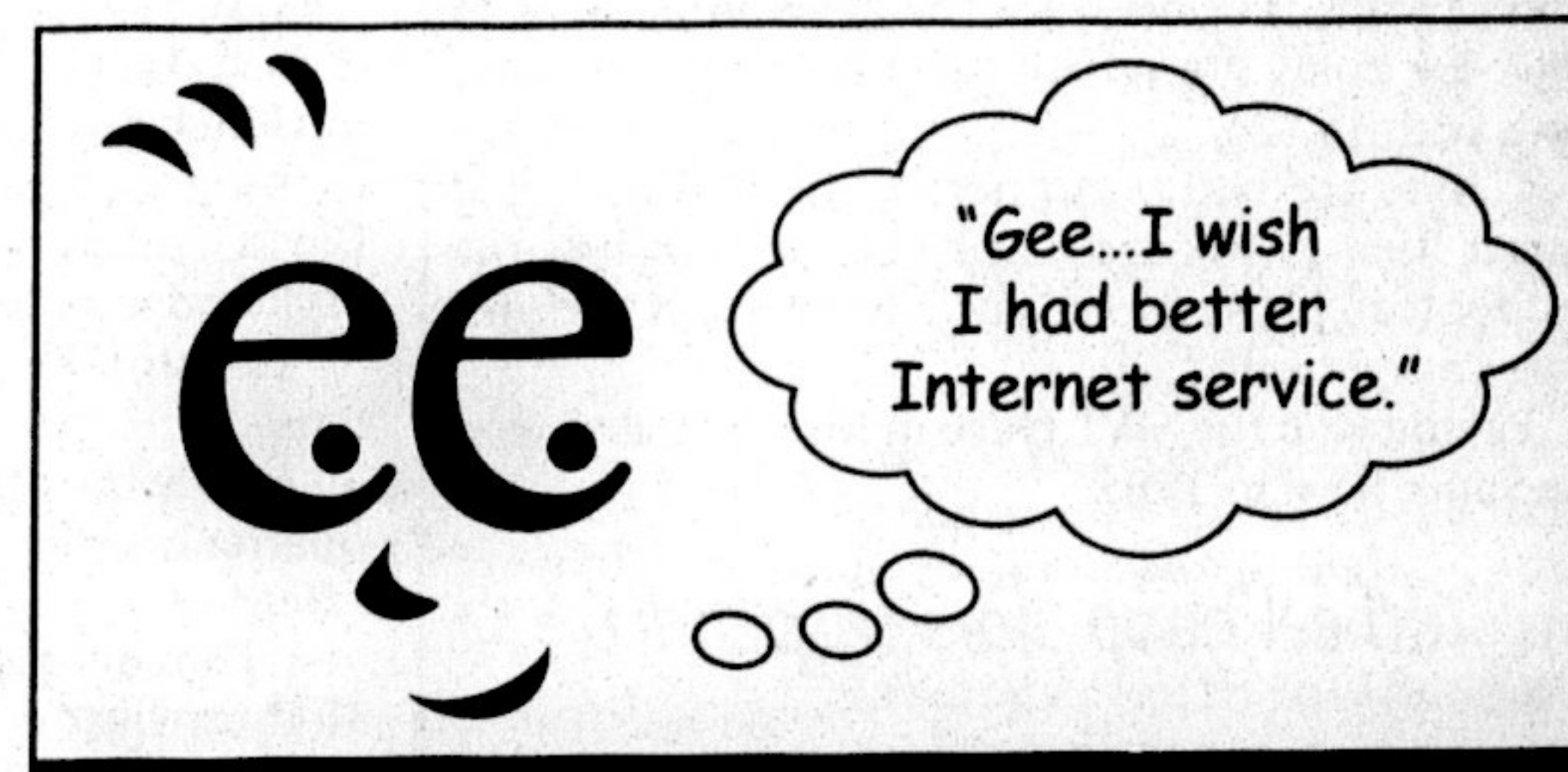
"It should begin with more civic education in high school," Kearney said. "Students should also take at least two political science courses in college."

Another way to know more about what's going on is to pay attention to what's happening in the world. Kearney suggests that students should read the New York Times and the Washington Post for world news and for state news to read the Raleigh News and Observer.

"Politics does affect our lives," Kearney said.

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Sweetness dies at 45



Former Chicago Bears running back Walter Payton died at his suburban Chicago home, Monday. He was 45.

Payton suffered from primary sclerosing cholangitis, a condition that affects the liver. Payton was on a liver transplant waiting list for the past nine months.

Payton was drafted by the Bears in 1975 out of Jackson State. He played for the Bears from 1975 to 1987. He holds the record for most career rushing yards with 16,726.

"There are better runners than Walter," said former Bears head coach, Mike Ditka, "but he's the best football player I ever saw. To me that's the ultimate compliment."

Payton won the MVP twice in his career and won the Super Bowl in 1985.

Tarheel hoop stars suspended

Guards Ed Cota and Terrence Newby were suspended from the UNC basketball team following an altercation early Monday morning. Cota and Newby surrendered to UNC campus police after a warrant for their arrests was issued.

The pair are charged with three counts of assault inflicting serious injury and two counts of simple assault. The charges are misdemeanors.

The altercation came during Chapel Hill's Halloween celebration on Franklin Street.

Slow start dooms Rams in clash of Titans

Quick starts had made the St. Louis Rams the NFL's last undefeated team. On Sunday, they couldn't get going fast enough. Steve McNair, playing his first game in six weeks following back surgery, threw for two touchdowns and ran for another as the Tennessee Titans held on for a 24-21 victory over the Rams in an unlikely clash of this year's NFL powers. The Titans (6-1) outscored the Rams 21-0 in the first 14 minutes—more points than St. Louis (6-1) had given up in any game this season.

"We wanted to see how they would react being down," said Titans safety Blaine Bishop. "They hadn't been down all year, blowing everybody out. They came back out fighting in the second half. Hats off to them. They came back, but we did enough to win."

Kurt Warner, whose two fumbles led to two first-quarter touchdowns, rallied St. Louis by throwing three touchdown passes in the second half. With no timeouts, Warner needed nine plays to get the Rams to the Titans' 19 with time running out. St. Louis ran Jeff Wilkins out to try a 38-yard field goal, but his kick missed wide right with five seconds left. The Rams thought they would get one more chance thanks to a flag. But officials ruled that Titans linebacker Terry Killens had been blocked into Wilkins by Mike Gruttadauria.

Browns' prayer silences Saints

With time running out on what looked like their eighth consecutive loss, the Cleveland Browns were desperate. They were also armed. The combination added up to the first victory for the first-year expansion team and a shocking sixth straight loss for the New Orleans Saints. Tim Couch, who already had thrown two scoring passes, completed a desperation 56-yard touchdown heave to Kevin Johnson with no time on the clock Sunday for a 21-16 victory.

Moore, 24, killed in horrifying CART crash

Greg Moore was killed Sunday in the season-ending CART race when he lost control of his car at 220 mph and crashed into a wall, spinning wildly and slamming into the ground several times. The 24-year-old Canadian, a budding star in the open-wheel circuit, was airlifted to a hospital and declared dead of massive head injuries about an hour after the wreck at California Speedway. He almost missed the race after he hurt his hand when a car hit him Saturday while he was riding a scooter in the paddock area. Moore was the second driver in the CART FedEx Series to die this year. Moore lost control of his car coming off Turn 2 on that lap in virtually the same spot. Television replays showed the Reynard-Mercedes skidded onto the infield grass, became airborne and crashed hard into a retaining wall, with Moore apparently striking his head on the concrete. The car then broke into pieces, with the open-cockpit driver's compartment spinning and hitting the ground several times before coming to a halt.

Moore was declared dead at Loma Linda Medical Center after resuscitation efforts failed, said Dr. Steve Olvey, director of medical affairs for CART.

Pirates beat Cougars 19-3

Defense shuts down Houston rushing attack

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

On Saturday, the Pirates overcame soggy conditions, a sticky defense and strong rushing attack to beat the Houston Cougars 19-3.

"We found a different way to win this week. That is what good teams will do," said head coach Steve Logan. "It was a gratifying victory as they had a tough defense that really shut us down in the second half. No one had any offense, but our defense just happened to be better than theirs."

The Pirates took the lead in the first quarter on a 36-yard touchdown pass from David Garrard to Keith Stokes. Garrard scored in the second, running untouched into the end zone from 11 yards out. The Pirate offense would be shut out for the rest of the game.

"We were able to recognize most of their formations and get in the places we needed to be," said Houston linebacker Wayne Rogers. "We kept them from running and passing for the most part all day, but David Garrard still made plays. He is a great quarterback and very tough to bring down."

Houston held the Pirates to 223 yards of total offense.

While the offense was shut down from the second quarter on, the Pirate defense bottled up the Cougar offense.

"They're a good defensive football team," said Houston head coach Kim Helton. "We knew that when they came in here."

The Pirates held the Cougars' feared rushing game to only 147 yards.

"Shutting down Sanford was huge," said head coach Steve Logan, "It was a tremendous effort on our

part. He is as good a running back as there is in the conference and one of the best in the country. For us to hold him below was a testament to what [Defensive Coordinator] Tim Rose is doing on that side of the ball."

Ketric Sanford rushed for 72 yards on 20 carries while teammate, Mike Green gained 72 yards on only eight carries.

"As well as our defense played today, theirs played much better," said Houston lineman Adriano Belli. "It was horrible."

The Pirates held a 13-3 lead for much of the game. In the fourth quarter, Anthony Adams picked off a Jason McKinley pass and ran it 55 yards back for a touchdown.

"We told the defense a long time ago that if they did not give up long plays and were on the field long enough, they would get the big play," Logan said. "That's what happened here today."

The Pirates picked off the Cougars three times on the afternoon. Kevin Monroe grabbed two interceptions and Adams snatched the third.

Despite the big plays by the Pirate secondary, the Cougars were able to move the ball through the air with some success. Houston racked up 216 passing yards. Houston's Orlando Iglesias caught 12 passes for 130 yards.

"We were able to move the ball most of the day," Iglesias said, "but once we got to their side of the field, we shot ourselves in the foot. We either had a holding penalty or we would turn the ball over."

Both teams lost over 100 yards due to penalties. ECU was penalized 11 times for 107 yards while the Cougars were flagged 10 times for 117 yards.

The game saw five blocked kicks. The Cougars blocked two ECU extra points and a field goal, while the Pirates blocked two Houston field goal attempts.

"I thought two good teams played," Helton said.

"We got more penalties than they did and it was a close game. Obviously very disappointing in the domination of the kicking game, we had two field goals blocked, which is not like us," Helton said.

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Houston's Orlando Iglesias had 130 receiving yards Saturday (AP photo).

Pirate Notes

Kicking woes

ECU kicker Kevin Miller did not travel with the team to Houston for Saturday's game. Miller did not play due to a pulled quad muscle while warming up before the Tulane game.

In Miller's absence, Brantley Rivers returned to the lineup to handle kickoffs while punter Andrew Bayes took over the field goal duties.

The blocked extra point in the second quarter marked the first time the Pirates have failed to convert on a PAT this season.

Bayes, the nation's leading punter, kicked a career-long 78-yard punt. Bayes has four punts of longer than 70 yards this season.

Home field advantage

ECU's win was the third win by a visiting team in the three game series between the two teams.

ECU beat Houston 28-27 in 1997. The Cougars topped the Pirates 34-31 in Greenville in 1998. ECU leads the series 2-1.

Stokes' hard luck

In the second half, ECU's Keith Stokes had an 80-yard punt return called back because of a penalty. It was the third time this season Stokes has had a return called back. Against Army, Stokes returned two punts for apparent scores before they were called back. Stokes has still not returned a punt for a touchdown this season.

Don't throw to Monroe

ECU cornerback, Kevin Monroe netted two interceptions Saturday. Monroe tied his career record for interceptions in a game. He picked off two against Houston in 1998. Of his seven career interceptions, four have come against Houston.

Women's soccer loses to Wake Forest; beats State

Lady pirates first ever win against ACC team

Tiffany Waters
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The women's soccer team came up with a 2-0 loss to number 11 nationally ranked Wake Forest University and a 1-0 win to North Carolina State University in overtime this weekend to record their first ever win against an ACC team.

"They are the best team we've played all year," said Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth. "They really took it to us in the first half."

The Demon Deacons came out strong and never gave up. In the 20:00 minute, forward Joline Charlton shot a goal from 15 yards out off a pass from Emily Taggart to give WFU a 1-0 lead.

"I think the second half we showed we can play with any team no matter rank," said junior forward Kim Sandhoff.

It took WFU only six minutes to give themselves an insurance goal when Stacy Roek connected on a header from Lindsey Griffin's corner kick.

"The way we possessed and did well against an ACC team showed we can beat any team," said Senior Defender Dana Durbin. "It gave us

confidence going into the CAA tournament."

The women tried to come back in the second half but the Deacon defense was just too strong for the pirates to handle. "Basically what happened is we didn't play to our potential," said Erin Cann, junior midfielder.

In goal for ECU, senior goalkeeper Amy Horton recorded nine saves and two allowed goals to keep ECU close. WFU's Erin Regan (77 minutes) and Beth Klein (13 minutes) combined for three saves with no goals allowed.

"I thought the first half we

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Lady Pirates aim high



Women's soccer heads to CAA tourney

Tiffany Waters
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The CAA Women's Soccer Tournament begins today at 3 p.m. in Virginia at the Virginia Beach Sportsplex and ends Sunday with the championship game at 1:30 p.m. Many wonder who will face who and who is expected to go all the way.

"We are in very balanced conference. The number seven seed could win the tournament," said ECU Women's Soccer Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth.

Expecting to hold the first and second seed positions are the College of William and Mary and James

Madison University.

"They are both good teams, Donnenwirth said. "Regardless if they win the [CAA] Tournament, both should be in the NCAA Tournament." W and M will look to Missy Wycinsky, who has 13 goals for the season, and Jordan Krieger, who has 10 goals for the season, to lead the way through the tournament.

"Missy Wycinsky is probably the best scorer in the conference, Donnenwirth said. JMU will look to their great team speed to guide them through the tournament. The third seed is set in stone—ECU has clinched the position.

"We have to believe we can win," Donnenwirth said. To lead the Pirates, Donnenwirth is looking for his backs to continue to keep up the strong defense. Senior goal-

keeper Amy Horton and junior forward Kim Sandhoff are expected to play key parts in the games as well. ECU is currently ranked in the Southeastern region.

"I think the SE region is the most difficult region," Donnenwirth said.

With five goals for the year, Erin Cann is expected to excel during the tournament.

Fighting for the fourth and fifth seeds are the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and George Mason University. UNCW's Christy Timbers will lead the Seahawk offense with three goals. If UNCW fin-

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played extremely well," Donnenwirth said. "Our team is playing through a lot of fatigue, but we fought hard all day today."

The women finished the season with a record breaking win against NCSU. The pirates finished the season 11-4-1 to set a school record for the most school wins as well as beating NCSU 1-0 in their first ever win against the Atlantic Coast Conference.

ECU dominated the first half outshooting the wolfpack 10-3, but we're unable to convert a goal. The wolfpack came out strong the second half outshooting the pirates 6-1 as the game remained scoreless.

With the game still tied the pirates went into sudden death overtime. "This one against State definitely gives us the confidence we need going into the tournament," Horton said.

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The pirates dominated the extra period knocking off two shots in the first three minutes before Sandhoff knocked in her seventh goal of the season off a pass from Sophomore Midfielder Kelly Gray.

In goal for ECU, Horton recorded the complete game shutout with three saves and no goals allowed. NCSU Gretchen Lear recorded six saves and one allowed goal.

The win clenched the pirates a third seed in the CAA Championships. The pirates will now take on the task of winning the CAA Conference Championship which begins Wednesday at the Virginia Beach SportsPlex.

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LADY PIRATES

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ishes fourth, it will be thier best finish of the year. GMU is expected to pull through with thier strong attack play. Katy Robertson and Jamie Ricker, combining for 27 goals, are expected to run the GMU offense.

Clinching the sixth seed is Old Dominion University.

"They are going to be very physical," Donnenwirth said. "They are going to try to force mistakes." Key play for ODU will come from Jessalyn Martin, Kristin Murray and Jen Henley, who have combined for 10 goals this season.

"I think we're going to come out all fired up and win," said ECU's junior mid fielder Erin Cann. ODU is expected to come out strong and get really physical.

"We have our hopes set on winning the tournament, and I think we can," Cann said. ODU is a very athletic team and that will aid them in the tournament.

"I expect it to be tough," Horton said. "Every game is going to be tough from here on out."

The University of Richmond and American University are fighting for the seventh and eighth seeds in the tournament. Richmond, who was 21st nationally earlier in the season and is currently seventh in the Mid-Atlantic Region, plans to be a factor in tournament.

"American's Montiff will be a key factor for them," Donnenwirth said. "She is a possible rookie of the year candidate. AU is a very young team, but they are very dangerous," Donnenwirth also commented.

Pulling up the end is Virginia Commonwealth University in the ninth seed. VCU has not won a game yet this season, but that doesn't count them out for doing well in the tournament. Goalkeeper Lindy Brown and forward Shana Virgil will be leaders for the VCU team.

Overall the tournament looks to be very competitive and anyone could win.

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Men's soccer falls to William & Mary, American

Pirates close home season

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ECU's men's soccer team had a tough week of competition at home against William & Mary and American University.

Last Wednesday, William & Mary defeated the Pirates in a 4-1 victory. Getting a head start, William & Mary scored the first goal of the game in the fifth minute. A penalty kick brought the score to 2-0 before half time.

"We played tough. We had a few minor lapses and a rough start," said Nate Douglas.

The Pirates fought back during the second half recording eleven shots equal to the number of William & Mary's. Scoring his first goal of the season, Greg Hoffman scored during the 59th minute. This goal was made after Nick Errato's shot rebounded off the crossbar. The game ended with two more goals made by the Tribe.

"We gave a good effort; we had a couple of let downs. William & Mary are a very good team," said Brett Waxer.

Freshmen R.J. Marvinney held the goalkeeper position for the en-

tire game. Marvinney tallied three saves and four goals allowed.

The Pirates battled American University at home on Saturday. Up by two goals in the first half, ECU was not able to hold their lead. Even with the Pirates early lead, American University outshot ECU 16-5. A pass from the right side by Hoffman allowed A.J. Gray to score in the fourteenth minute. Charlie Joyner scored the second goal after heading a cross by Nate Douglas in the 33rd minute.

"We played well enough to win. We wanted to win badly. We wanted to win the ball, but it was like we couldn't control ourselves," Nate Douglas said. American University scored during the second half in the 66th minute. Douglas increased the lead when he scored in the 79th minute.

The Eagles came back into the game and scored two goals in the last five minutes, causing overtime. American University scored in the 104th minute to win the game.

"We played well, we just didn't get the results. We could have won either way," said Dino Stambolitis.

The Pirates finished their 1999 season with this loss. They will be back in action at North Carolina State University on Wednesday, November 3 at 2:30 p.m.

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EARLY REGISTRATION

Terminal Locations (open at 8:00 am - November 8-12)

TERMINAL #	LOCATION
School of Allied Health	
1	Room 102 Annex 1/CSDI Office
2	Room 310/BIOS
3	Room 306/OCCT Office
4	Annex 3/PHE Office
5	Room 308/CLSC/HIMA Office
6	Room 312/REHB Office
7	Annex 6/PA Office
School of Art	
1-2	Burroughs Wellcome Senior Gallery - Jenkins Fine Arts Ctr.
School of Business	
1	GCB 3209
2	GCB 3411
3	GCB 3414
4	GCB 3420
5	GCB 3105
6	GCB 3203
School of Education	
1	102A Speight
2	109 Speight
3	122 Speight
4	137 Speight
5-6	203 Speight
7	230 Speight
8	2318 GCB
9	357 Flanagan
10	102 Joyner East
School of Health & Human Performance	
1	MC 171
2	MC 177
3	MC 174
4	Christenbury Gym 204
School of Human and Environmental Sciences	
1	HESC 130 (Rivers Bldg.)
2	Hesc 150 (Rivers Bldg.)
3	Hesc 152 (Rivers Bldg.)
4	Hesc 148 (Rivers Bldg.)
School of Industry and Technology	
1	Flanagan 105
2	Rawl 343
3	Rawl 327
4	Rawl 139
5	Wright Annex 307

TERMINAL #	LOCATION
School of Music	
1-4	Fletcher 102
5	Fletcher 119
School of Social Work	
1	Ragsdale 102
2-3	Ragsdale 104A&B
School of Nursing	
1-3	Nursing 108 (Rivers Bldg.)
4	Nursing 132 (Rivers Bldg.)
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES	
Anthropology Department	
1	Brewster A-214
Biology Department	
1-2	BN-108
3	BN-108E
4	BN-108A
Chemistry Department	
1	Flanagan 204
Communication Department	
1	Erwin 113
Economics Department	
1	Brewster A-427 & A-429
English Department	
1	GCB 2201
2-3	GCB 2201
Foreign Languages and Literature Department	
1	FL&L Reception Area
2	GCB 3324
3	GCB 2003
Geography Department	
1	Brewster A-227
2	Brewster A-229
Geology Department	
1	Graham 101

TERMINAL #	LOCATION
History Department	
1	Brewster A-310
2	Brewster A-311
3	Brewster A-316
Mathematics Department	
1-4	Austin 129
Philosophy Department	
1	Brewster A-327
Physics	
1	Howell Complex N-209
Political Science Department	
1	Brewster A-126
2	Brewster A-129
Psychology Department	
1-3	Rawl 104
Sociology Department	
1	Brewster A-411
2	Brewster A-414
Theatre & Dance Department	
1	Messick 106
Undergraduate Studies	
1-5	BB101
6-7	BA102-ATP only
8-11	BB103
12-16	BA113
Registrar's Office	
1-4	Whichard 100
5-6	Whichard 101
7-8	Whichard 102
9-10	Whichard 104
11-12	Whichard 105
Honors Program	
1-2	GCB 2026

Please check locations for time of terminal access.

PERSONALS

DEAR BRUFFY, I know you cheated on me with Biff. I hope you rot! Eat that death!

THE CARD Post. Report #343.1. Suka Inn. The following 5 questions were faxed 9:30am 10/25 with request for answers available for this publication...or confirmation the moderator would not be able to respond: (1) What is your definition of the word forum? (2) Do you recognize the forum as the foundation of democracy & education? (3) Where would one get training to be a moderator of a forum? (4) How are the questions for the Chamber's Forum resourced? (5) After the forum...are all the questions prepared for/before...asked&un-asked...available for publication...before and/or after?/With checking back (3:30pm)...assistant verified answers are not yet available for Pre-forum report. Check back here for a pre-forum report...tomorrow! Prosper 'n Live Long. Tom Drew.

THE SISTERS of Delta Zeta all had a really good time during the homecoming thanks everyone.

SIGMA ALPHA Epsilon- I wrote on you. You wrote on me something dirty they'll never see. We had fun with SAE. Love Alpha Phi.

PANHHELLENIC WOULD like to congratulate these sisters of the week. Alpha Phi; Arrington Baysden and Jen Bumpass. Sigma Sigma Sigma; Gabrielle Kantrowitz and Meghan Wakefield, Alpha Xi Delta; Kim Mouca and Lauren Carrier; Chi Omega; Dana Her- ring and Lori Brantley, Alpha Omicron Pi; Allison Meconi and Sadie Cox, Delta Zeta; Sara Belskie and Brigitte Isles, Pi Delta; Meredith Doultry and Angela Bidings, Alpha Delta Pi; Sandy Jan- kins, Shanna Moore and Jenny Sang- er, Gamma Sigma Sigma; Heather Casey and Zeta Tau Alpha the big sis- ters and new members.

CONGRATULATIONS TO the new- ly elected Executive Council of Zeta Tau Alpha: President Melissa Forshaw VPI; Marie Davis, VPII; Sarah Hawley, VPIII; Lauren Biconish, Secretary; Jen Scott, Treasurer; Susan Lloverre, Ritu- al; Erica Griswold, Historian; Megan Guthrie, Panhellenic Delegate; Leigh Ann Atkins. Love your sisters.

DELTA ZETA would like to thank The- ta Chi for the social last Thursday. We all had a really great time. Thanks guys.

PI DELTA Thanks for the Halloween treats! Have a great week! Love your sister sorority.

ANNA MARIE- Congrats on your Del- ta Sigma Phi lavalier! We love you! Your Zeta Tau Alpha sisters.

THETA CHI, Thanks for such an awe- some time. Game night was great! Looking forward to the next one. Love the sisters of Alpha Omicron.

ORDER OF Omega would like to con- gratulate it's new initiates Jackie Wright, Missy Bennett, Jessica Dow- dy, Ashley Grickis, Melissa Hoover, Tina Justice, Jennie Lamount, Colleen McCool, Allison Meconi, Amy Moore, Kim Lewis, Jamie McKeen, Angie Bol- linger, Brea Egbert, Summer Greer, Ka- trina Munday, Lindsay Reese, Emily Holtz, Shelly Stock, Stephanie Wilson, Paige Clark, Emily Dehart, Denise Evans, April Herring, Michelle Page, Amy Short, Kelly Andrus and Tina Overbee.

ORDER OF Omega meeting Tuesday November 2nd at 6:00 in the Under- ground. Attendance is mandatory.

DELTA ZETA would like to thank Phi Kappa Psi for joining us last Wednes- day for dinner.

THE PLEDGES of Gamma Sigma Sig- ma would like to say we've had a great time getting to know our big sisters and we love you guys.

DELTA SIGMA Phi- Thanks for the cookout! It was lots of fun! Good job on the Haunted House! Love Zeta Tau Alpha.

OTHER

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LOST CAMERA on Stencil Dr., near flood waters maybe. Was in a pink and black shoulder case. If found please contact Heather at 757-1372.

HUMBLE YOUR professor at the Sig- ma Tau Delta spelling bee. For a meag- er \$1 per word you can test your pro- fessor's spelling abilities. Date is Nov. 11, location is Joyner East Rm 201. See posted flyers for more information.

SUPPLIES FOR Flood Victims. The Wesley Foundation at ECU has re- ceived numerous items from students at Elon College and members of sev- eral United Methodist Churches in the Burlington area. Supplies include: food items, school supplies, linens, blan- kets, towels, and cleaning supplies. Come by the Methodist Student Cen- ter between 10:00am-3:00pm, Mon- day through Thursday. Located at the corner of 5th and Holly Streets, across from Garret Hall. Call 758-2030 for more information or email wesleye- cu@esn.net.

GAMMA BETA Phi Society will meet Thursday, November 4th at 5pm in Mendenhall Social Rm. http://www.ecu.edu/org/gbp/

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Sports Director Needed

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October

21st, 28th, November 4th at 8:00 pm each night at 401 South Holly Street (Corner of 4th & Holly)

Off Campus? Need Ride or just more info? Call Shaun 561-8137
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For a good time call the ECU Student Union Hotline at: **252.328.6004** or bookmark our web site at: **www.ecu.edu/student union**

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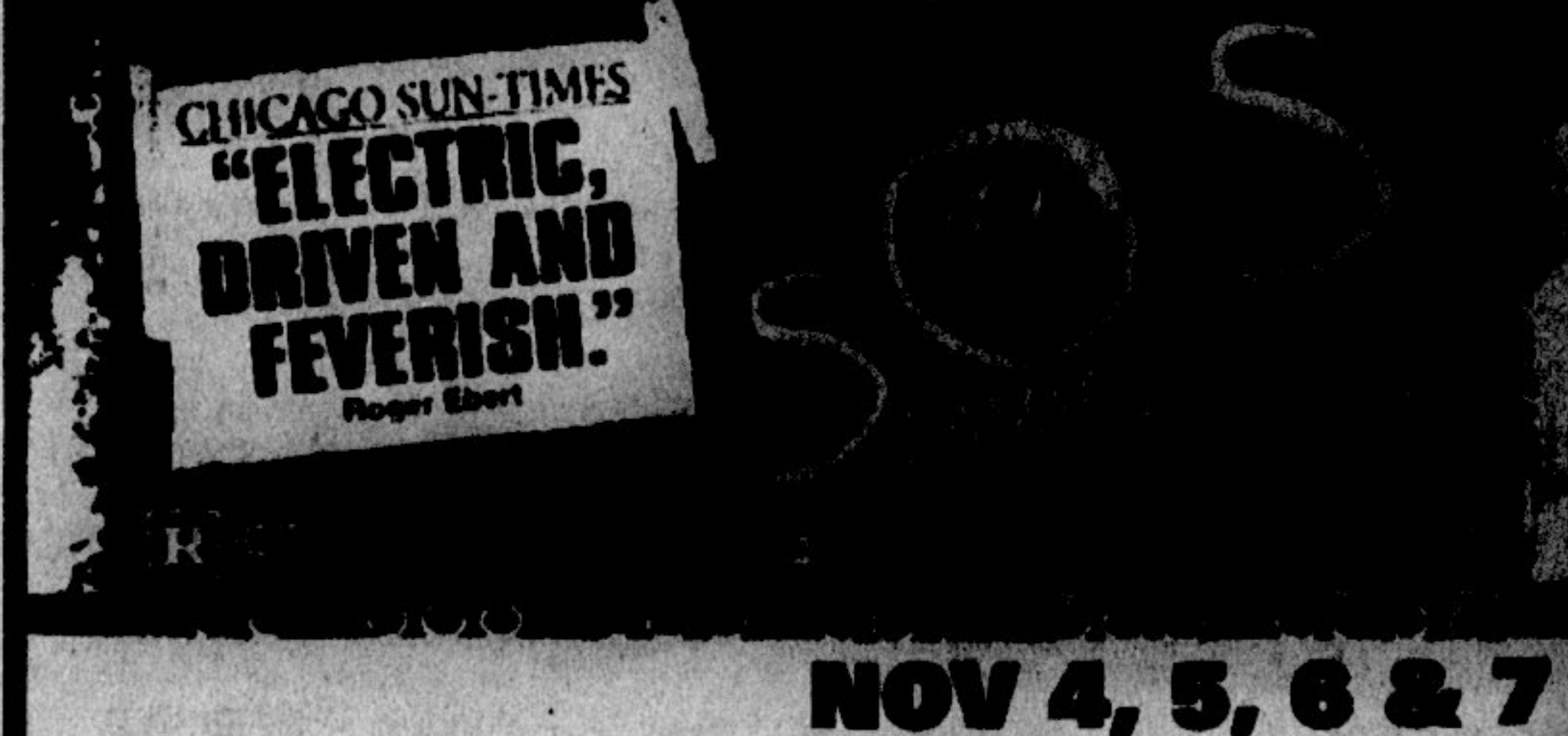
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NOV 3 & 4



BLOCKBUSTER
Thur Sat @ 7:30pm & Sun @ 3:00pm



NOV 4, 5, 6 & 7



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Wicked Wednesday
Mercury Cinema: Life is Beautiful
7:30pm / Hendrix

Thirsty Thursday
Blockbuster Film: Summer of Sam
7:30pm / Hendrix
Mercury Cinema: Life is Beautiful
10pm / Hendrix

Fabulous Friday
Blockbuster Film: Summer of Sam
7:30pm / Hendrix

Sensational Saturday
Blockbuster Film: Summer of Sam
7:30pm / Hendrix
Pirate Underground: Open Mic Night
10pm / MSC Pirate Underground

Super Sunday
Blockbuster Film: Summer of Sam
3pm / Hendrix

Wicked Wednesday
Mercury Cinema: Very Bad Things
7:30pm / Hendrix

movie Reviews

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (PG-13)
It's 1938. The ebullient, playful Guido comes to town. He works as a waiter under his uncle's eye, an elegant man who is also a Jew. Guido falls for Dora, a schoolteacher, whom he calls "princess" and courts by popping up at unexpected times. She dumps her fiancé to choose Guido. The film jumps ahead to the last months of the war. Nora and Guido have a child, Giesue, and when Guido and the lad are shipped to a concentration camp, Dora voluntarily follows. Although the men and women in the camp are separated and a child is in mortal peril, Guido finds ways to communicate with Dora, to hide Giesue, and to convince him this is an elaborate game, a special contest to win a tank.

SUMMER OF SAM (R)
All of the events of the infamous New York City summer of '77 (mainly, but not excluded to, the Son of Sam killings) are seen mostly through the eyes of Vinny, a philandering Bronx hairdresser. Until that summer, Vinny sees himself as king of the old neighborhood—he's a disco king, drives a nice car, has the respect of his old buddies, and is married to a beautiful woman who seemingly doesn't know of his affairs. However, during that important summer, his world slowly falls apart. Two things happen early on that will permanently change his life. First, he believes he had a near fatal run-in with the Son of Sam while "partied" with his wife's cousin. Next, his old friend Ritchie returns to the old neighborhood as, of all things, a punk rocker. As the events of that summer slowly unfold, Vinny ultimately loses his wife, his job, and the respect of his old buddies. The movie concludes with Vinny's betrayal of Ritchie, whom the other neighborhood buddies suspect is the Son of Sam.

VERY BAD THINGS (R)
A group of friends head to Las Vegas for a bachelor party, only things go wrong and a woman is killed. Soon, the bodies are piling up and the friends find themselves turning against one another as the cover builds.